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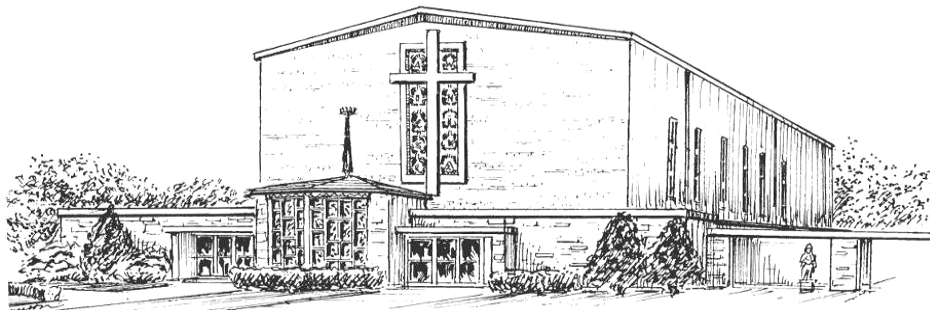
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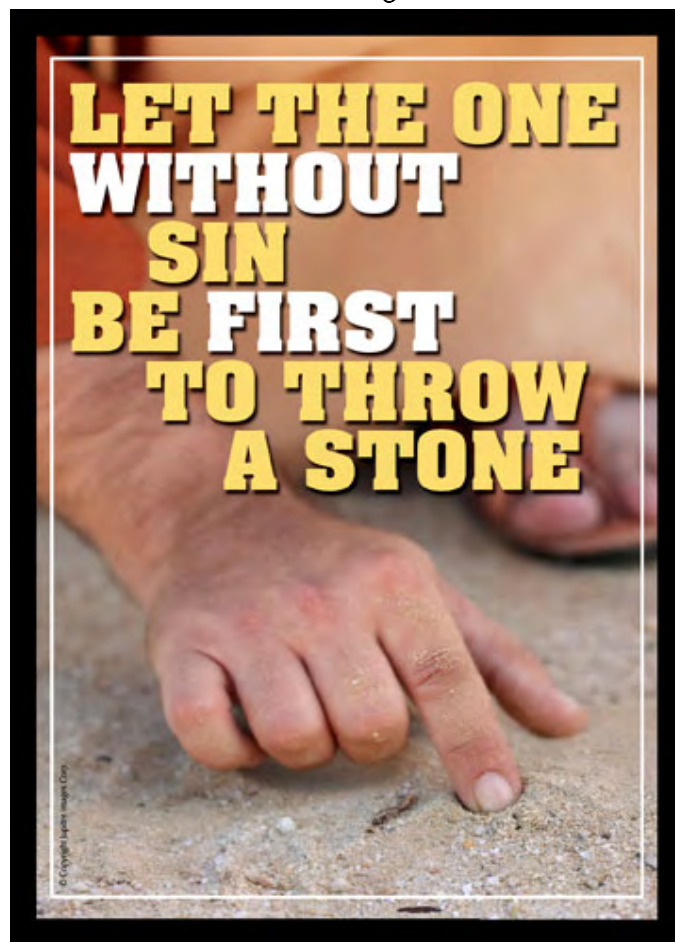
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March 21, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Lent



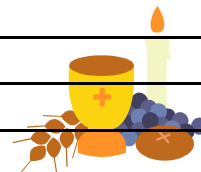
All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of March 22 - March 28, 2010**

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Skowron Family
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Erik Geyer, Felipe Nava
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus Sandy & John Fisher, John Cirone, Eugene E. Donaj
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Ashley Zuffrano Ronald Polivka Sue Schiller, Michael Arpaia, Barney Radice Jerry Pietras, Timothy Benrus All Priest's Intentions



LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION...PLEASE CHECK THE MINISTERS' ROOM BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Steven Blazek, Adrienne Wellenc, Joe Saban, Ola Maveety, Rosemary Sylvester, Mike Lotito, Harry Fisher, Jean Weekley, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf, Dolores Duda, Betty Jo Boden, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, Therese Wess, Scott May, Denise Kuchta, Anna Ciszek, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Sister Arlene Gibson, Marilyn Matesevac, and Ruth Calandriello. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
- Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Friday: Abstinence

***Please pray for those who have died and their families:***

† *Marion Powers,*  
former long-time teacher at St. Cletus

† *Thomas Dillon,*  
brother in-law of Shirley Hullinger

***May the Lord grant them eternal rest.  
Amen.***



**Wedding Banns**

*Erika Guadalupe Gutiérrez Rodríguez*  
&  
*Jaime Hernández*

*Kristin Corbett & Michael Kennedy*

*Rachel Benkert & Thomas Wenzl*

## **NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2010**

*For the Jews in Jesus' time, the Mosaic Law was very clear. For example, a woman caught committing adultery was to be stoned to death. Judgment and punishment dominated over forgiveness and mercy. Due to the patriarchal nature of the society, the same punishment did not apply to the man because the woman was seen as inferior and treated as the possession of the man. This understanding of relationships between men and women is scandalous to us today but sadly still reflects the attitudes of some men towards women. Jesus' action towards the woman is dramatic and turns the custom of the Law upside-down.*

*Jesus forgives the sin of the woman and tells those who surround her not to judge her in the old way. She is to be given a new start and told not to sin again. In his action towards her, Jesus affirms and restores her dignity. He makes a statement about the equality of woman and man in this action. He also places the focus on forgiveness and mercy, not judgment. If we combine this story with the answer to the question, "How many times must I forgive my brother"; we hear Jesus saying, "not seven times but seventy-seven times". This is an infinite number and shows that forgiveness is always waiting as a gift from God. The newness of life offered to the repentant sinner is a cause for celebration and for this reason we have the sacrament of reconciliation.*

*The Church has always recognized that we cannot judge other persons; that is to be left to God. For this reason, while we can name certain actions as wrong, no one, not even the priest, can judge the fault or culpability of the person who does the wrong. The Church has always taught that mortal sin or being totally cut off from God can only occur when a person freely and with knowledge commits a seriously wrong action. The mystery of the other person means that no-one, except God, can see the freedom or knowledge of the other person. We cannot say that any particular person does not enjoy God's love and is totally alienated from God, in hell. This choice is a possibility because we are free, but God can judge that inner freedom.*

*Newspaper reports constantly detail the most horrific crimes, including child abuse, murder and violence of various kinds. There are many crimes which cause outrage and provoke angry reactions. While we must name these actions as wrong and protect people and especially children from harm, at the same time we cannot make the judgment about any person's relationship with God. They may be ill, mad, inadequate in human development or not acting freely. It is for God to judge. In justice and to protect others we may send some people to prison or to a hospital, but there is still a duty for the Christian community to care and pray for them.*

*Judgment is rife in society today – especially of those with criminal convictions. The Gospel is a reminder that we must be careful about labeling people or deciding how they stand before God. Wrong and bad actions must be condemned but people are complex. The Christian is called to remember that repentance and conversion are possible through God's grace.*

### **STATUES COVERED IN PURPLE**

*You will notice that all the statues in the church are covered in purple cloth this week. There is an old tradition in the Church that from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent until our Easter celebration all religious images are covered in the church so we can concentrate on the passion and death of our Lord which leads us to the great celebration of our redemption at Easter. Let us use these last days of our Lenten journey to reflect on the sacrifice of that was made for us by Christ that lead to our reconciliation with the Father. These days are opportunities for deep reflection, prayer and conversion of our hearts as true disciples called to reflect Christ to others in our daily lives.*

*Lenten Prayers,  
Father Bob  
Pastor*

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop

Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

March 8, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Once again, there is legislation in Springfield that would violate personal conscience by forcing everyone to pay for the killing of the unborn with public money.

The so-called "Reproductive Health and Access Act" has been re-introduced in the Illinois General Assembly as House Bill 6205. You may recall last year's version of this legislation, which sought to undermine healthcare workers' rights of conscience, nullify the existing regulations of abortion, publicly fund abortions and mandate comprehensive sex education. I had hoped that last year's widespread public opposition, and the inability of the proponents to advance their legislation to a vote, would dissuade policy makers from again proposing such an extreme and out of touch position.

This year's legislation has been amended so that its most egregious demand is the use of public money to pay for all "reproductive health services." These services include abortion, emergency contraception without pregnancy testing, and in-vitro fertilization for all Medicaid recipients, people on state health insurance plans, and any other programs providing state "medical assistance." If this legislation becomes law, money you send to state government to meet the shared needs of society will instead be used to fund abortion and emergency contraception without pregnancy testing. At the very least, to add this kind of expense to the budget now is irresponsible.

House Bill 6205 violates the conscientious objection of many citizens. In 1844, Abraham Lincoln broke with his own party, the often anti-Catholic Whigs, and proposed: "Resolved, that the guarantee of the rights of conscience, as found in our Constitution, is most sacred and inviolable, and one that belongs no less to the Catholic, than to the Protestant; and that all attempts to abridge or interfere with these rights, either of Catholic or Protestant, directly or indirectly, have our decided disapprobation, and shall ever have our most effective opposition." Lincoln's position is as valid today as it was last year and in 1844. The tax dollars of Catholics and many other conscientious people must not be used to subsidize the taking of innocent human life.

Accordingly, I again ask you to make your voice heard in Springfield. Please contact your elected representatives this week and urge them to oppose House Bill 6205. If your representative indicates that they oppose the legislation please thank them.

To find out the identity and contact information of your state representative in Springfield, go to Legislator Lookup at [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov) or call the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312-368-1066. Thank you and God bless you. May the season of Lent bring all of us closer to the mercy of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
Archbishop of Chicago



INVEST JUST FIVE MINUTES A DAY,  
AND YOUR FAITH WILL DEEPEN AND  
GROW—A DAY AT A TIME.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Here's a little secret

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once observed: "If we could read the secret history of our enemies we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility." While we cannot always know or understand the circumstances of our enemies' lives, we are nevertheless called to forgive them, as Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery—and every other sinner he encountered. To know the secret lives of others is really God's purview. Yet, because God forgives everyone (ourselves included!), who are we to hold a grudge?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11*

*"Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."*

## MONDAY, MARCH 22

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Take a shine to it

Few words in the English language have as many positive connotations as *light*. Pull out your dictionary and see for yourself: "radiance or illumination," "daybreak or dawn," "a person who is an outstanding leader—a leading light," "a gleam or sparkle, as in the eyes," "to brighten with animation or joy," "spiritual illumination or awareness." We begin to see the wisdom of describing Jesus as the light of the world, the one who brings the light of life. That's good news to brighten any day. Let it brighten yours!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; John 8:12-20*

*"Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness."*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 23

### FEAST OF TORIBIO DE MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

#### Downwardly mobile

Born in 1538 in Spain, Saint Toribio was a professor and well-known judge. His leadership qualities, however, attracted attention and led to an unexpected development: appointment as archbishop of the far-flung territory of colonial Peru. Though he asked to be excused from the task, he nonetheless set off for the New World, where he roamed the vast diocese, teaching, bringing the sacraments, building churches and hospitals, and learning the many languages of the native people he served—and whom he tried to protect from abuses at the hands of the *conquistadores*. If you ever feel called to forsake prestige for service, accept the challenge with gratitude and enthusiasm.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30*

*"The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?'"*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Let Lent work

"You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." These words provoked intense controversy when Jesus said them because his hearers—who *already* believed in him—didn't consider themselves unfree! People who are addicted often have no awareness of their disease. They think everyone else has the same compulsions and desires as they do. Often it takes a serious shock, even an intervention, to help

the person see the truth and start heading toward freedom. If we are allowing Lent to do its work of shedding light, of holding our lives against the plumb-line of the gospel, we may at first feel sad or shocked or afraid of what we find, but on the other side is freedom. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42*

*"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples."*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25

### SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

#### God's favor rests on you

How do you get God's favor? Start by becoming "full of grace." It's not as unlikely as it sounds. *Grace* means divine help. If we rely on God and not on people and things—all of which are passing—we're as good as there. When our reliance is truly on God there won't be room for those nagging second thoughts. Imagine a life free of anxiety, fear, doubt, and moral paralysis! That was the life Mary of Nazareth knew, trusting every day that the divine promises to her would be fulfilled. Go on: Take a daily step farther into grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38*

*"The angel said to her, 'Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you.'"*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 26

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Don't take sides

Jeremiah and the prophets often spoke out against the injustices of their day, be they injustices against God or the people. Sometimes we can identify with those who are oppressed because we've had experiences of being oppressed. And, as uncomfortable as it may be to consider, sometimes we can identify with the oppressors. It can be we who denounce, who enact revenge, who pick up stones against others. This Lent, be conscious that Jesus invites us to know the full truth about ourselves and take concrete steps—small ones and big ones—to be reconciled with ourselves, with others, and with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42*

*"O Lord of hosts . . . you see the heart and the mind."*

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Let's reframe the question

People often ask why the Jewish leaders didn't believe in Jesus. A gospel story gives us one explanation: to do so would have brought destruction down on them from the Romans. The empire tolerated the Jewish religion, but they weren't going to allow a new religion. So for the leaders it was either eliminate Jesus or lose the nation. Hmm . . . not exactly a win-win calculation. What impossible situations have presented themselves to you? Lent is a good time to reframe the questions you face, and with the help of prayer and scripture find just and life-giving solutions.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56*

*"If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation."*

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**CAPTURE THE LENTEN SPIRIT IN PRAYER  
AND ATTEND THE FOLLOWING LENTEN SERVICES**

There will be a 6:45 P.M. Mass *every Wednesday* throughout Lent...

Friday, March 26 Church	Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
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All Fridays in Lent Church	School Stations of the Cross	2:00 P.M.
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There will also be a Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 22	7:00 P.M.
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*ST. CLETUS PARISH SCHEDULE*

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**April 1**

7:00 P.M.	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Silent Adoration until 11:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M.	Spanish Mass in Morrissey Hall

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 2**

9:00 A.M.	Living Stations of the Cross, Via Crucis in parking lot
11:00 A.M.	"Last Words"/Las Siete Palabras of Jesus in Morrissey Hall
1:00 P.M.	Adoration of the Cross/Adoración de la Cruz (in Spanish) in Morrissey Hall
3:00 P.M.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 P.M.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (enacted by teens preparing for Confirmation) followed by Communion

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**April 3**

12:00 Noon	Blessing of Food Baskets in Morrissey Hall
7:00 P.M.	Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 4 - Mass Times**

7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M. (Spanish)

**NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK**

### Let the One Among You Who is Without Sin Be the First to Throw a Stone

In this week’s Gospel (John 8: 1-11) we are reminded that Jesus’ message was controversial in his time and we can still find the challenges in it today. Jesus came to change the laws that had become too rigid; religious laws of his time promoted a way of life that was empty of true faith because they had lost their connection to a living God. The old ways no longer made sense when life was now seen through a Gospel of love...loving God and loving neighbor.

Where the people were used to judging others and administering their own punishment, now Jesus was asking them to suspend judgment and love. Have you been challenged in this way throughout the Catholics Come Home evangelization efforts? We all have seen new people at Sunday Mass. Catholics are returning to the Church, some who have been away for more than a decade. It is not for us to judge why they have left or what they need to do to atone for the time they were away, Jesus calls us to simply love them...maybe a new behavior for us, but one that finds its source in the most basic belief of our faith, the Greatest Commandment.

Does this Gospel story hold up a mirror that reflects our faith lives? Are we performing empty actions that should instead keep us in touch with a living God? Do you fast in Lent or attend Mass just to fulfill an obligation or do those behaviors help you to hunger for God and to be nourished by worshipping in your parish community?

The life and teachings of Jesus are always alive and fresh. Jesus challenged the people of his time and he continues to challenge us today.

#### THE SCRUTINIES

After a period of intense spiritual preparation, our RCIA candidates and catechumens, enter into another time of reflection and preparation. On the 3, 4, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Scrutinies are celebrated. The rite is celebrated at the 9:30 A.M. Mass when the RCIA are present. The Gospels are from cycle A: the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus...

The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is. Let us continue to pray for our candidates.

*Paulette Bolton*  
Worship Ministry

#### Good Friday Ecumenical Service...

This Holy Week the *La Grange Ministerium* will sponsor a *Good Friday Ecumenical Service* hosted by the Second Baptist Church of La Grange on Washington. As St. Cletus Parish is a member of this organization we urge you to consider supporting this effort and to receive blessings and grace for attending. There will be prayer, music, and Scripture with reflections based on “The Cross Speaks.” Please make every effort to support this important community event. Join us at 12 Noon on Good Friday morning as we worship the Lord in His Passion.

Easter Blessings,  
*Fr. Charles*





## Operation Rice Bowl

### FIFTH WEEK OF LENT – THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life. Our prayer, fasting, learning, and giving with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl opens paths to new life for our brothers and sisters in need. You will see evidence of these paths as you read the story of Ato Teklu Hadgu, a farmer in Ethiopia. **Reminder...**We ask that you return your filled rice bowls when you come to church next weekend for Palm Sunday Mass. School families may return rice bowls to the school on the last day before Easter vacation. Thank you.

### Do you know...

- Rich in natural beauty, ancient history and cultural diversity, Ethiopia is also one of the world's poorest countries. Landlocked in the Horn of Africa, the country is home to a dense population of 76 million people.
- Most Ethiopians are farmers or herders struggling to feed their families due to the country's recurring droughts and famines. CRS works side by side with Ethiopians in need, helping them to escape poverty by increasing their food supplies and improving their ability to withstand disasters.
- CRS has been working in Ethiopia since 1958. One of CRS' largest country programs, with 123 employees, CRS Ethiopia implements program activities in nine of Ethiopia's 10 regions, directly benefiting more than 589,000 Ethiopians without regard to religion or ethnicity.
- By working closely with local partners, including the Ethiopian Catholic Church, CRS leverages a powerful network across the country that supports service delivery in both urban and rural areas. Key program areas include water and sanitation, emergency preparedness and recovery, agriculture and livelihoods, including microfinance, and HIV and AIDS. Visit [www.crs.org/Ethiopia](http://www.crs.org/Ethiopia) for further details of these programs.

Catholic Social Teaching Focus for this week: **Rights and Responsibilities.** Every person has basic rights including the right to life, food, water, and shelter, and the responsibility to support the rights of others.

### FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who brought in donations for our March 11 distribution. Because of your generosity we were able to provide supplemental groceries to 190+ families. Your support continues to put smiles on the faces and hope in the hearts of our clients. Also, special thanks to Kathleen Rupert, moderator of the Early Act Club at Gurrie Middle School, a junior branch of the Rotary Club, for working with club members to organize a food drive again this year, benefiting our Pantry. We are fortunate to have such caring neighbors supporting this outreach!

*Mary Beth Ford*

Social Concerns





St. Cletus Parish  
March 21, 2010

**TODAY** there is a blood drive in Morrissey Hall from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Walk-ins are welcomed! The need is great so do a wonderful community service - and **DONATE BLOOD TODAY!**

*Clare Slowik*  
Parish Nurse



**ST. CLETUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST!  
SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

The Holy Name Society is holding their annual “*Walter Klimcke*” *Pancake Breakfast* on Palm Sunday, March 28, from 7:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M., in Morrissey Hall. Tickets are \$5 for Adults & \$3 for children for a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, and juice. **Tickets may be purchased this weekend in the church vestibule.** Tickets may also be purchased the day of at the door. Please come and support our Holy Name Society.

*Dan Gibbons*

### *Religious Education Update!*

The fifth grade religious education students are still collecting “Pop Tops” from cans. So far this year we have collected 33 pounds of pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House. We have been doing this project for three years now and have collected, over the three years time, 110 pounds of pop tops from cans of all sizes. WOW! That is unbelievable. The Ronald McDonald House is grateful and very appreciative of our work. The fifth grade students and their catechists would like to say, “Thank You” to all of you who have added to our outstanding total.

Please keep saving your pop tops and donating them to us in the Religious Education Office. The Ronald McDonald House uses the monies collected to pay for the heating and cooling of the McDonald House associated with Loyola University. Thank you.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of dock hands from 6th grade to 100 years-old willing to help our young explorer’s *Explore God’s World* during the week of June 21 from 9:00 A.M. `til Noon. Dust off your waders and call (708) 352-2383 or you can email me at **pkahl@stcletusparish.com**. Join us - and get ready to **ROCK THE DOCK!**

*Pat Kahl*  
Director of Religious Education



**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

St. Cletus School offers a full-day preschool as well as 3 and 4 year-old half-day preschool, a half-day or full-day kindergarten option, and an average class size of 23 students in grades 1-8. Our well-rounded educational program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computers as part of the student’s schedule. Junior Great Books, Student Council, boy and girl scouts, athletic programs, band, choir and before and after care programs are available. if your child is beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

Please call the school office at (708) 352-4820 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until Noon if you have questions or would like to make an appointment to visit our school. Come “*Discover St. Cletus!*”

*Jalene Hillgoth*  
Principal

**Sunday Collection**

**Total Active Registered Families 2,534**

Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used - this week 689

% of registered families 27%

Amount Collected

\$22,715 Envelope Users  
1,949 Loose Checks/Cash

**March 14, 2010 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750**

**\$24,663**

**Weekly (Under) Over Budget (\$2,087)**

**This Fiscal Year @ 3/14/10**

Actual Sunday Collections \$993,770

Budgeted Sunday Collections 989,750

(Under) Over than Budgeted \$ 4,020

*Thank you for your continued generous support. Your extra two to three dollars helps the parish meet our weekly budgeted needs.*

*Fr. Bob Clark*  
Pastor

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, March 22	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C S-98	Parish Forgiveness Service Bible Study
Tuesday, March 23	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-213 RB	Compassionate Care Ministry Parish Pastoral Council
Wednesday, March 24	9:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	RB C MH	Mission Ladies Lenten Mass School Spring Play
Thursday, March 25	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music S-Music MH S-213	Children's Choir Youth Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir School Spring Play AA Meeting
Friday, March 26	2:15 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	M-Lobby C S-Music S-207 C	MANNA School Stations of the Cross Hispanic Ministry Choir Hispanic Ministry Bible Class Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 27	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	MH CV	School Easter Egg Hunt Operation Ricebowl, YM Candy & Pancake Ticket Sale
Sunday, March 28	7:00 a.m. - 12 Noon 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	MH CV S-213 S-200	HNS Pancake Breakfast Operation Ricebowl, YM Candy Hispanic Ministry/English Classes RCIA
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

**MADONNA DELLA STRADA SHRINE**

By virtue of our baptism we are called to serve the needs of the poor. St. Cletus Parish has always answered that call with great charity of heart. This shrine continues to inspire our parish in its outreach to all of God’s children but especially those who are in need.

Anyone still wishing to contribute a gift may contact the rectory. Many gave in memory of a loved one or in the name of their families. Please remember that your intentions will always be remembered by this faith community in our thoughts and prayers. A donation of \$500 or more to our social concerns ministry in the name of a loved one or themselves will be remembered on the plaque of donors in the shrine area.

**Walking with God in the Sacred Universe – Part I**

This introductory class provides insight into the God of the Universe, who is closer to us than we might dare to imagine. It is offered at The Well, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., in La Grange Park, on Monday through Wednesday, April 26 – 28, from 9:30 A.M.– 2:30 P.M. Father John Surette, SJ, and Bridget Spurduto, facilitators, promise that the story of creation will come alive and bring new theological understanding and meaning into your life. The cost is \$75. To register, visit [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048.

**SOMETHING NEW**

“See, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). All during this Lenten season, the scriptures have revealed the truth of these words, proclaimed in today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah. We have heard about a bush in the desert aflame but not consumed. We have listened to a parable about a father, the depth of whose love for his prodigal son was almost inconceivable. Today, instead of condemning a woman caught in the act of adultery and joining in stoning her to death, the Lord Jesus sends her on her way, away from what would have been certain death, admonishing her to sin no more. Indeed, God has been doing something new in our midst. Even when we are trapped in sin, with no perceivable way out, we are offered forgiveness when we turn to the Lord with repentant hearts. Let us remember that God has done something new in the heart of each of us.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Next weekend, the teen advisory board will be selling Fannie May chocolate bars for \$1 each to raise funds for their summer mission trip. The Fannie May bars come in the following flavors: milk chocolate, dark chocolate, almonds, peanut butter and caramel.

Thank you for supporting this important cause!

*Amy Cranny*  
Youth Ministry

St. Cletus



The next book is

**The Cellist of Sarajevo**  
by Steven Galloway

We will meet to discuss it on...

**Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 P.M.**  
in the Religious Ed Room  
(enter at flag pole door)

Questions? Email: [loriashe@aol.com](mailto:loriashe@aol.com)



*Golden Wedding Anniversary*

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 N. Harlem Avenue, Niles.

Couples married in 1960 interested in attending this celebration should contact the parish office (708-352-6209) to register.

For further information, call the Family Ministries Office at (312) 534-8351 or visit the website at [www.familyministries.org](http://www.familyministries.org).

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

### MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,  
11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

### BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (708-352-6209)

### WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

### HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (708-215-5407).

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Monday of the Month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

*Hispanic Adoration* continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

### CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45pm.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS  
(708) 352-6209

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Rita F. Mayer
<i>Vice - Chairperson:</i>	Jim Ryva
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Xavier Polanski
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
<i>Worship Ministry:</i>	Colleen Hagen Justin Sisul
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	Joe Bamberger
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Rita F. Mayer Dawn Dion
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Anne Babirak, (School) George Pach (Rel. Ed.)
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Stuart Heyes Xavier Polanski
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Ed Burke Tom Finucane
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Jolene Hillgoth
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Silvia Casas Ignacio Saavedra
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Dick Ford Jim Ryva
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Julie Lenz
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Lori Ashe Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

### JOYFUL AGAIN!

(Introspective Worship for Widowed persons.)

Come join us for a weekend especially designed to help you reflect on and recognize new direction for your life while still treasuring memories of your loved one.

**Where:** Our Lady of Victory Parish  
5212 W. Agatite, Chicago

**When:** April 24/25

(Private overnight accommodations and off-the-street parking available)

For more information contact us at Joyful Again!  
Phone: 708) 354-7211 or email [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).  
Early registration is encouraged.