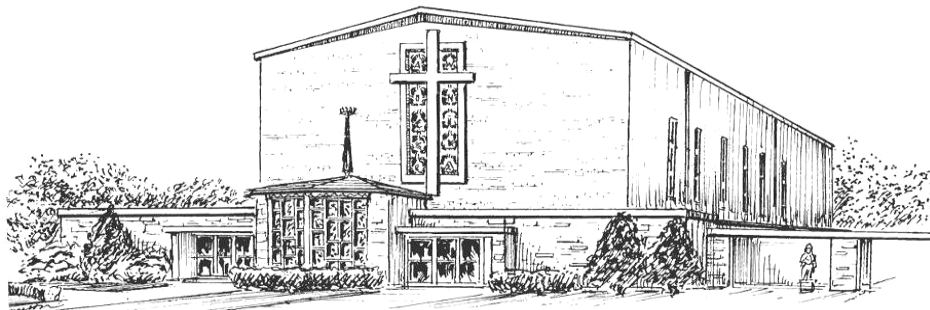


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Mass Intentions for the Week of December 13 - December 19, 2010

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Kigin
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Marge Cirrincione, John Sexton
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Grabowski Family, Rudy Poropat
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Marie Ann Locke, Al Cooke, Jennie Harkabus
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Edward Vonesh, Erik Geyer, Monica Chauske, Sam & Maria Scopelliti
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Ronald O'Keefe Special Intention for Falk & Gordon Families, Ruth Ann Taylor, Erin Potts, Rose Delaloye, Mary & Stanley Michniak, Ann Zern
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Theresia and Günter Linsmaier, Debbie Sipek, Belfonte Pieri, Lester Buczek George Matthews Nault Florence Straka, Michael Arpaia, Norma Evans, Josephine Sorrentino Jack O'Donnell, Ken Herzog, Maureen Fahy, Sandy & John Fisher, Kalembe Family, Timothy Benrus, Jennie Harkabus, Alberta & Antonia Chrabaszcz Purgatorial Society



A Warm Welcome to
Our Newly Registered
Parishioners

Please welcome...Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Collins and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Lynch and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McMahon and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Rossel. If you attend St. Cletus but have not yet registered, please consider the commitment of parish membership.



***Please Welcome to
Our Parish Family...***

Edward Joseph Agnello,
son of Marc & Jaime (Johnson) Agnello

Isabella Kathleen Modugno,
daughter of Rocco & Kelly (Young) Modugno

Leah Elizabeth Koziol,
daughter of Peter & Maria (Guzman) Koziol

Katherine Sophia Rus,
daughter of Martin & Kamila (Siemruch) Rus

May God's Love Always Bless Them.



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Joan Workman, Dick Radom, Rosa Battista,
Idolina Montano, Wei Wu, Sue Kremer,
Gail Pankow-Locker Kathryn Super-Wilson,
Lydia Ciaglia, Cindy Bringle, Sherry Sumner,
Maeva Bishop, Rebecca Mueller, Joshua Thomas, Jr.,
Leslie Imholt, Loretta Pavlik, Katie Meyer,
Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling,
Dominic Cairo, Rajamma Thomas, Joe Saban,
Ola Maveety, Jean Weekley, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf,
Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who
are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to
attend Mass.

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



Marie J. Pileggi,
mother of Anthony Pileggi



Joseph Curtin,
husband of Joan

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



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2010

Arak is a spirits drink, something akin to vodka, and made by the Arabs. As a body-warming and mind numbing drink, it became the friend and companion of a young, Scottish soldier during the dark days of war in 1942. Fighting with the “Desert Rats” in North Africa, against the great German General, Erwin Rommel, that young soldier felt that his world was coming to an end. The “Africa Cores” of the German army had the Allies on the run, and victory for Britain looked very unlikely. News coming from home was equally bleak, as towns and cities suffered constant bombing from the raids of Goering’s Luftwaffe. It was a bad time, with no light or hope on earth’s horizon. The soldier sought refuge in the bottle. Arak became his comfort in sorrow.

“That will kill you,” a fellow soldier warned him. He did not care. And kill him it did. One morning his fellow soldier woke up in his sleeping bag on the desert sand and found the young Scot, who was dead beside him. He had found his exit from life, a life too hard to live. To Scot, the desert sand, the burning sun, and the vast and empty sky all spoke of the end of hope, and we cannot live without hope. And so he died. Yet his companion and many like him lived to see a better day, a change of fortune, and the promise of peaceful times.

The words of Isaiah would have been very appropriate then. “Let the wilderness and the dry lands exult; let the wasteland rejoice and boom.” Yes, a total transformation had occurred. The fortunes of Israel were changed when the exile to Babylon was over, and the people could return home—just as the tide of war also turned and “desert rats” could go home. What had looked like disaster had now turned to glory—the glory of going home.

In the days of the early Church, James, “the brother of the Lord,” wrote a letter to all the Jewish converts to Christ to encourage them to persevere and to be patient in times of hardship. Think of the farmer, he says. He knows what he has planted in the ground. He knows what power is in the seed to emerge and flourish and bear fruit. But he has to wait for the spring rain and then the autumn harvest. For a long time, there is no sign of life; it is buried in the earth. Then the miracle happens. The earth breaks open to reveal the new life and to give us food and fruit and flower.

Life is like that, says James. We must wait patiently and not lose hope. Rather, we must help each other to hope. So James goes on to give another example. Think of the prophets of old, how much they put their hope in God and were patient in times of trial. He did not need to think very far back. Think of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist in his prison was a man in chains and in confusion. His forceful preaching had been stopped in “mid-shout” and his career curtailed. Detained in Herod’s dungeon, his wide world and even wider vision of the coming Messiah had shrunk to the size of his prison cell. He is caught in the narrows, his drive diminished, and his voice silenced. Then he hears of Jesus and of the voice reclaimed—for you cannot silence God’s word. John sends the question so he can know, “Are you the one?” The answer is not a simple “yes,” because so short an answer leaves too much unsaid. We need to see. So Jesus sends John a vision, a picture of the truth. “Tell John what you see and hear.” Lives are being healed, and the word is being spoken. “Do not lose faith in me!”

John can persevere, right to the end. His life is not in vain. His patience is not pointless. They point to the power of goodness and love, for which he is prepared to suffer for the sake of others. Sin and selfishness have no such powers. They witness to nothing; they merely fade away.

We are not immune to the troubles of this world or to the agonies that cause people to despair. But the seed of hope has been planted in us, and our hope is bright. Then let us give to others what God has given to us: a reason to rejoice.

*Advent Hope, Peace and Love,
Father Bob
Pastor*

Third Sunday of Advent



Blessing for the Crèche

O God,
 you who sent your Son
 into an ordinary family
 and redeemed all humans
 by making him one of us,
 we ask you to bless
 these figures in our crèche,
 figures we have cherished
 and collected over time.
 May they remind us
 of his life with us:
 lived among parents,
 cows, sheep, and shepherds.
 Let them be signs
 of your love for us
 as we prepare to celebrate your Son's birth.
 We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Sunday, December 12, 2010 Patience or Paralysis?

Today's Readings: Isaiah 35:1–6a; 10; James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–11. The first week of Advent we pondered *light*; the second, *peace*. This week we consider *patience*. Like any virtue, it's multidimensional. We tell children counting the days until Christmas to be patient; at the same time we berate ourselves for not finishing the cards, baking, or shopping. We are rightly impatient with some things: injustice, lies, greed. But with others, it's wise to wait.

How does this puzzling virtue work in today's scriptures? John the Baptist's question to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" (Matthew 11:3), suggests a man at the end of his rope. The dungeon must have felt dark, damp, and dangerous for John to express such yearning. In the desert blaze, he sounded certain—no shadows there! Now, he may be wondering how long he can last.

So, too, with the farmer in James. Today, headlines shout, "Farmers Lose Hope." The news describes tragedies as family farms collapse.

The message of hope for both figures is the same: the Lord is near. In small increments and growth gradual as a seed's, God comes. Around us we see the signs: people leave hospitals healthier, damaged hearts are repaired or wounds treated. Teachers and therapists bring good news. Many learn to see beyond personal blind spots. What turns paralysis to patience? A force outside ourselves, God who makes deserts bloom and protects seeds through winter. So on this Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as *Gaudete* (Rejoicing) Sunday, we can quietly rejoice in patience.

This Week at Home



Monday, December 13

Memorial of Saint Lucy

This young girl was persecuted and killed for her faith in Sicily in 303. Her name in Latin, *Lucia*, means “light,” and in the northern hemisphere, where winter days are so short, many people decorate with colored lights. Throughout the world, Lucy is patron saint of people with eye diseases. Today, light a candle and thank God for the gift of sight. Then pray that, through the intercession of Saint Lucy, we might each bring the light of Christ into the world. Today’s readings: Numbers 24:2–7, 15–17a; Matthew 21:23–27.

Tuesday, December 14

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross

When he was 25, John (1542–1591), a Carmelite friar, was chosen by Saint Teresa of Avila to lead a reform movement among Carmelite men, like the one she had begun with her community of nuns. But some did not want the order reformed. John’s famous work *Dark Night of the Soul* explains a poem he composed while imprisoned by his fellow friars. It describes the soul’s mystical path toward union with God as a time marked by periods of darkness that are spiritually fruitful and lead to light. John has inspired many through his profound mystical life and theology. Today’s readings: Zephaniah 3:1–2, 9–13; Matthew 21:28–32.

Wednesday, December 15

A Word of Hope

In today’s Gospel, as in Sunday’s, John the Baptist, imprisoned, asks for a sign of hope. John must have treasured Jesus’ response. The assurance that the sick were healed and the blind could see must have brightened John’s grim prison cell. You, too, must know someone desperate for good news. Who is lonely, grieving, unemployed, ill, or depressed? Is a spouse, sibling, or child having difficulties? Today, be the person who offers encouraging words to them. Today’s readings: Isaiah 45:6b–8, 18, 21b–25; Luke 7:18b–23.

Thursday, December 16

Bursting into Song

Much of the pre-Christmas advertising is child-centered: buy this toy or game! Ads show us lots of darling toddlers dressed in red and green velvet. In contrast, today’s First Reading speaks to the childless. Barrenness was a curse in Jewish culture of that time, yet the prophet tells the barren that they will be blessed in spite of their situation. God’s blessing will overcome any human stigma. In prayer today, ask for the grace to be a blessing to someone who may feel stigmatized. Today’s readings: Isaiah 54:1–10; Luke 7:24–30.

Friday, December 17

Las Posadas

During the nine days before Christmas, many Spanish-speaking Catholics reenact Joseph and Mary’s search for lodging. Costumed figures walk through the neighborhood (Mary sometimes riding a donkey), knocking at doors, and are refused entrance. At the last place they are welcomed, and a party with piñatas begins. How might we be closing or opening our homes to Christ’s birth this year? Today’s readings: Genesis 49:2, 8–10; Matthew 1:1–17.

Saturday, December 18

Keeping Perspective

As the pressure mounts to buy more perfectly suited gifts, remember how G. K. Chesterton, who died in 1936, once observed that we complain because our Christmas stocking isn’t full, but forget to thank God that we have a leg to put in it. Discuss with family or friends: How many good things do we already have? How many of those were bought in stores? How might this insight affect our Christmas purchasing? Today’s readings: Jeremiah 23:5–8; Matthew 1:18–25.



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Keeping the Seasons
Reproducibles for Advent-Christmas 2010–2011



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS SHARE IN THE CARE SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, December 11/12, we will have the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. **Aging religious need your help!** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports basic necessities such as prescription drugs and nursing care. Please give generously to today's second collection.



REMINDER!

Please remember to place your Giving Tree gifts in the Madonna della Strada chapel in the church vestibule this weekend with the tag **securely attached** to the package. If you have more than one package for the same person, please attach a gift tag indicating his/her name and family number, to make sure all gifts go to the correct person. The gifts will be organized for delivery after the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 12. Thank you to all who are so generous!!!

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 is the date to bring the **food baskets to Morrissey Hall between 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Please arrange with a friend or family member to bring in your food basket, if you are going to be out of town. We ask that you securely attach the food basket tag to your package. If your food is in more than one container, please mark the containers 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc. This will be a big help in our organization process. The teens in our Confirmation Program and other volunteers will be on hand to help carry the baskets from your car. Also, a suggestion: Laundry Baskets make excellent containers for the food...and are useful to our recipients all year long. Thank you for your generosity!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Youth Ministry Update!



ALPINE VALLEY SKI TRIP EAST TROY, WISCONSIN SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011

Grab your friends and come skiing or snowboarding with us! We will be leaving from the St. Cletus parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and will return at approximately midnight. Information can be found on our parish website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Permission slips, liability forms, and fees must be returned to Kristen Maxwell by January 7. Call (708) 215-5419 or email kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN SCHAUMBURG, IL TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011

Instead of meeting this month, our Teen Advisory Board will be participating in a service project to help alleviate global poverty. We will be packaging vitamin and nutrient enriched meals that are shipped to the poor in nearly 70 countries around the world. Learn more at www.fmssc.org.

Any teen is welcome and encouraged to join us. We will be departing from the St. Cletus parking lot at 5:00 p.m. and we will return at approximately 8:15 p.m.. Permission slips can be found on our parish website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth and must be returned to Kristen Maxwell by January 18. Call (708) 215-5419 or email kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

Kristen Maxwell
Youth Ministry

Advent Labyrinth Walk

Please join us on Tuesday, December 14, from 7:30-9:00 p.m., in Morrissey Hall to pray and walk the labyrinth as you reflect upon your life and spiritual journey. Stay as little or as long as you want—let the Spirit lead you.

Take Five for Faith



Daily renewal for busy Catholics

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

See for yourself

When John the Baptist sends his disciples to Jesus to ask if he is the Messiah, Jesus doesn't give them a direct answer but suggests they look at what they see and evaluate for themselves: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. If someone as close to Jesus as John had to ask, we can forgive ourselves if at times we wonder about Jesus' saving power in our own lives. Like the disciples of John, we're challenged to figure out for ourselves by examining the evidence—in scripture, in prayer, and in our lives and the lives of loved ones. Jesus doesn't force himself on us; he trusts we have the smarts to see for ourselves.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11*

"Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see.'"

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

FEAST OF LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR

The eyes have it

Nobody sees God and lives to tell about it. That's a vision reserved for eternity but risky for those still embedded in time. The ancient prophet Balaam in the Book of Numbers sees the divine vision and falls to his knees (the right response!) but keeps his eyes open. Evidently he's a man who likes to live dangerously, but perhaps prophets get used to dancing on the knife's edge of revealed truth. Saint Lucy, another fearless seer, had her eyes gouged out by a torturer; according to legend, she then boldly put them back in. One who sees God's truth cannot have that taken away! Pray for clear sight.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27*

"The oracle of one . . . who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, but with eyes uncovered."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

FEAST OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Now is not the time to quit

In the 16th century Juan de Yepes was determined to leave the Carmelite order for the more rigorous Carthusians. Teresa of Avila persuaded him to stick with the Carmelites and reform them instead. A great mystic, John was not endeared to his community as a result of his efforts. Imprisoned and persecuted, he died earning his title as a man of the cross and following in the footsteps of Jesus. The one who came this close to quitting became a revered icon for steadfastness and faith even through dark nights of doubt. One of John's many mystical insights: "Love effects a likeness between the lover and the loved." Love what you wish to become.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32*

"'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Go and do likewise

While in prison John the Baptist sent a couple of his disciples to Jesus with a question: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Why wasn't John sure? Perhaps because he had been hearing stories of Jesus' deeds of compassion and mercy, not of the righteous judgment he was expecting from a bona-fide Messiah. In response Jesus simply pointed to what had been going on because of him—"the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them." Of these signs, Christ

says, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard." Those words went out not only to John's disciples but also to us. Broadcast some Good News today by being a source of comfort and consolation to someone who is sick, physically challenged, poor, or disillusioned.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23*

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Peace to God's people

Peace is the gift Jesus brings to us with his birth. Without Jesus, there is no peace for Christians. And what do Christians mean by *peace*? In biblical times peace, from the Hebrew *shalom* and the Greek *eirene*, signified well-being, wholeness, completeness, harmony, or serenity. So without Christ's gift of peace, we are incomplete, unwell, filled with disquiet, or, as Saint Augustine described the situation, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee, O Lord." The peace of Christ be with you!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30*

"My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

ADVENT WEEKDAY

O come all ye faithful

At the French monastery of Fleury in the Middle Ages, as Christmas neared, the abbot and other monks in descending order of rank would say a series of prayers and give each member of the community a gift. These prayers became known as the "O Antiphons"—*O* because they all start with that one-letter word and *antiphon* because the monks sang them back and forth. The church still prays them during the eight days before Christmas. Each one names a title for the Messiah and also refers to a prophecy about the Messiah from the Book of Isaiah. As those monks knew long ago, the gift-giving of Christmas echoes the greatest gift of all: "O Wisdom, O holy Word of God . . . Come and show your people the way to salvation."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17*

"Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Light a fire under yourself

As the dawn of Jesus' birth in our lives draws near, we call to mind a powerful image from the Book of Exodus in which God appears to Moses in a burning bush. In this image we find a window through which to view our own lives as people consumed by the love of God yet still bearing the leaves and branches that make us uniquely ourselves. In the O Antiphon for this day we celebrate "O Adonai, O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain." Our God comes to set the world on fire with love and compassion, justice and peace. May we be bearers of God's fire to all we encounter this day.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25*

"And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2010

CHRISTMAS EVE:

2:00PM...CHURCH
 2:15PM...MORRISSEY HALL
 3:30PM...CHURCH
 3:45PM...MORRISSEY HALL
 5:30PM...CHURCH
 7:00PM...CHURCH-SPANISH
 10:30PM...CHURCH

ACCOMPANIMENT:

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
 HISPANIC CHOIR
 CHANCEL CHOIR

CHRISTMAS DAY:

7:00AM...CHURCH
 8:00AM...CHURCH
 9:30AM...CHURCH
 11:00AM...CHURCH
 12:30PM ...CHURCH

**ACCOMPANIMENT:**

ORGAN/CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 CHANCEL CHOIR
 CONTEMPORARY CHOIR
 HISPANIC CHOIR

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

8:00AM...CHURCH

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

(Not a holy day of obligation)
 8:00AM & 5:00PM

Buying Gift cards?



Gift Cards for Education

- Order online through the Parish or School website.
- Use one of our Cash and Carry days

Morrissey Hall
 2-3:15pm
 Dec. 3, 10, 16

After Mass
 Dec. 18 & 19

**MARY AND MARTHA**

Reminder: We hope you have been saving little items for the Briar Place residents Christmas packages. We will be putting our gift bags together in the Rectory Basement **Friday, December 17**, at 9:00 a.m. Small items e.g. lotions, shampoo, combs, tooth brushes, toothpaste, denture cleaner, deodorant, playing cards, small books, and jewelry are needed. We usually assemble 70 bags. Please drop off your donations at the rectory. Thank you for your kindness.

Mary White

Sunday Collection

Total Active Registered Families 2,706

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used - this week 741
 % of registered families 27%

Amount Collected

\$26,573	Envelope Users
<u>2,542</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
\$29,115	

December 5, 2010 Budgeted Collection = \$27,250

Weekly (Under) Over Budget \$1,865

This Fiscal Year @ 12/05/10

Actual Sunday Collections	\$601,883
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>626,750</u>
(Under) Over than Budgeted	\$ (24,867)

“Do not turn your back on the needy, but share everything with your brother and call nothing your own. For if you have what is eternal in common, how much more should have what is transient.”

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event
Monday, December 13	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C S-102 MH	Parish Forgiveness Service CREDO Adult Faith Group Men's BB
Tuesday, December 14	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH MH	Labyrinth Boy's Church League
Wednesday, December 15	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH S-102	Band Concert RCIA
Thursday, December 16	2:00-3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH Lobby S-Music S-Music S-213 C S-Music RB MH	MANNA Children's Choir Contemporary Choir SVDP Christmas Novena Chancel Choir AA Meeting Boy's Church League
Friday, December 17	9:00 a.m. 1:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB C S-Music C S-207	Mary & Martha Group School Mass Spanish Choir Practice Christmas Novena Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, December 18	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV C	MANNA Cash & Carry Christmas Novena
Sunday, December 19	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon 7:00 p.m.	MH CV S-102 S-Tech Center C	Food Baskets MANNA Cash & Carry RCIA Open Tech Lab Christmas Novena
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

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

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You are cordially invited to our Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Service

The upcoming days hold many expectations, emotions, and experiences. Please be with us during this very important time of the year for a special time of remembrance, and to light your candle.

Family and friends are most welcome.

*Saturday, December 18, 2010
2:00 p.m.*

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