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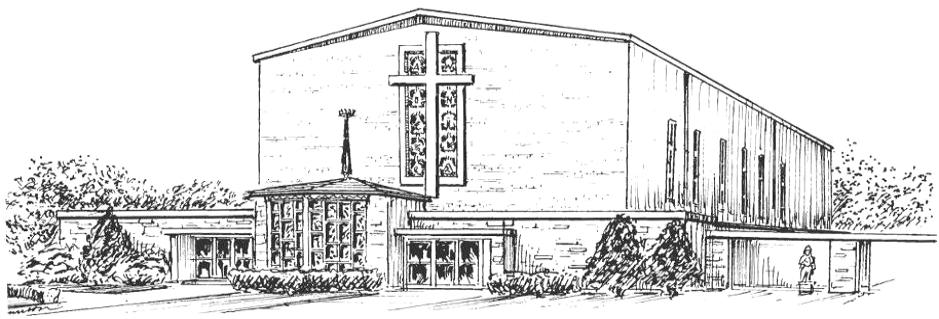
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December 26, 2010

Feast of the Holy Family

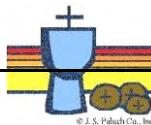


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Mass Intentions for the Week of December 27, 2010 - January 2, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Mary McDonnell, Helen Letrick
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Ronald Polivka
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Agnes & Al Hinton, Frank Wojcik, Charles Wesley
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Henry & James Meske
Friday New Year's Eve	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Lattal, George Benrus
Saturday New Year's Day	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Henry & James Meske Purgatorial Society
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Howard Madsen, Linda Felice, Lester Buczek Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family Eugene Sorrentino, Danny Ford Purgatorial Society St. Cletus Parishioners



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



Robert Clements,
father of Robin Olszewski



Thomas Gallagher,
brother of John



James Curtin,
husband of Joan



Shantanu Kumar



Siddarth Kumar



Joseph Rekash,
husband of Laura

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Laura McDonnell, 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.

**2011 PARISH CALENDARS
WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN JANUARY.**

Please call the rectory office (708-352-6209).

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- ▶ **PLEASE NOTE!**
- ▶ ...the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, December 27. The office will re-open Tuesday, December 28, at 9:00 a.m.
- ▶  On Friday, New Year's Eve, December 31, the office will be CLOSED and Saturday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2011. The office will re-open on Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.
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NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 2010

The Christmas story recalls the fact that Mary and Joseph were unable to find a room at the inn. Instead, Jesus was born in a lowly stable; his companions were the ox and the ass and his cradle a manger. The Messiah, long-awaited by the Jewish people as a King, is born into poverty and instability. Shortly after his birth, to escape the persecution of Herod, Joseph is prompted in a dream by an angel to find safety and security. God sends a messenger to protect his family. The picture of Joseph leading the donkey carrying Mary and the child, Jesus, is very familiar and a beautiful picture of a family struggling against the power of evil and violence in search of safety.

Both the gospel and the first reading emphasize God's love for the vulnerable, whether it's a child or an older person. In biblical times, nomadic people who were constantly moving from pasture to pasture might have been tempted to abandon the weakest and oldest members of their families. The first reading shows how it is God's wish that the elderly have a special place in the family and are respected as "encyclopedias of wisdom." (Pope John Paul II)

The flight to Egypt is a reminder that many centuries before this journey, Joseph (of the coat of many colors) was taken to the court of Pharaoh as a slave. It was later that Moses, who was called by God, would lead the Jewish people from slavery to the Promised Land in the great journey of the Exodus. Indeed, the return of the holy family to Nazareth recalls the journey from slavery to freedom. Jesus will be the "New Moses" who will free his people from the slavery of sin and give the promise of eternal life through death and resurrection.

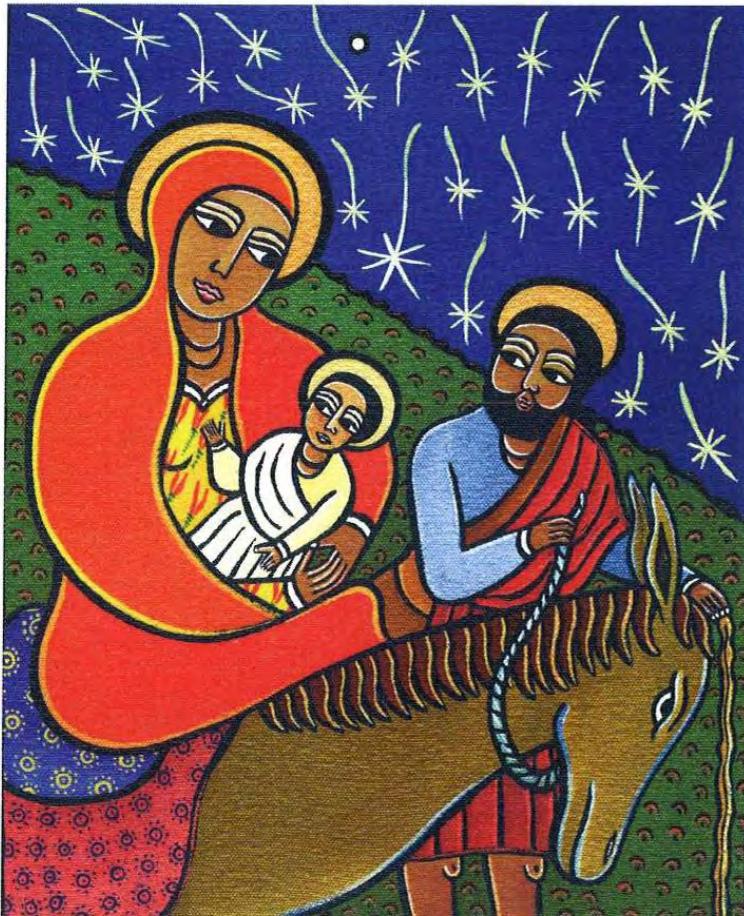
In many ways, families in war-torn parts of our world experience the same flight into Egypt. It may be to escape persecution and violence. Refugees and asylum seekers, knocking on the door of Europe, America and the developed world, share in the common humanity of the family of God. As we witness their pain and sadness, the words of St. Paul ring in our ears: "Be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience." The orphan, the widow, the poor, and the stranger have a special place in God's love. As Pope John Paul II said in the context of the Year of Jubilee, "if we recall that Jesus came to 'preach the good news to the poor', how can we fail to lay greater emphasis on the Church's preferential option for the poor and outcast?" This plea goes out to us and our governments and surely asks us to reflect on how our systems deal with asylum seekers. They must be treated with respect and their cases be examined in the light of justice and charity. Closer to home, the flight into Egypt will prompt us to think of families, usually women and children, seeking safety from domestic violence.

How sensitive is our parish community to all these issues and to the needs of the most vulnerable, especially children and the elderly? May the Feast of the Holy Family remind us of the gift and innocence of all our children. As a Church, improvements in policy regarding child protection have been needed and are being fully implemented. The aim is to protect children from violence and make the Church a place where the protection of the weakest is evident. And then there are the elderly, who deserve a privileged place in the community. God chooses each person in a special and unique way. The message of Christ is that the commandment of love must be visible and active in each family and every community, touching into the lives of each of us from the moment of conception to the day the Lord calls us to himself.

May our Families Experience the Peace of the Holy Family Always,

*Father Bob
Pastor*

Feast of the Holy Family



Prayer for the New Year

God our Father,
we come to you as the year ends,
and thank you for all its blessings:
[Name God's greatest gifts to you this past year.]

As we begin 2011, we lay these hopes before you:

[Name what you'd like to see this year.]
You who care for the vast universe,
as well as for our household needs,
only you know which of these will be best for us.

Help us to enter the year,
like the Holy Family,
with trust in your plan and confidence
that, like any loving parent,
you will give us what we most need
and help us to bring good out
of any suffering.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, December 26, 2010 The Family—a School of Love

Today's Readings: Sirach 3:2–7, 12–14; Colossians 3:12–21; Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23. The first thing we must understand is that a *holy* family isn't a *perfect* family. Today's Gospel corrects any delusions about Jesus' family being the conventional perfect model. If a sentimental writer were describing his childhood, the family would stay pleasantly secure in a cozy cottage. Jesus would chat amiably with the animals and perform a miracle whenever Mary or Joseph needed help. *Presto!* A clean kitchen or a full water jug.

Instead, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph share the dismal lot of harried refugees across the centuries: a hasty departure, a fearful journey, exile in a land where the language, foods, and customs are foreign. Even their return home is overshadowed

by the reigning tyrant. If Herod had been mean and brutal, might his son be like his father?

By being part of a *truly human* family, not an idealized one, Jesus blesses our own families, with all their messy grit. He shows us that the family—not the classroom, church, or retreat house—is the primary school of love and forgiveness. In ways that are charming, foolish, or violent, families make mistakes. They are sometimes innocent victims of oppression, like Herod's. None of that seems to bother Jesus. He could have become human and lived his earthly life in a palace, synagogue, or military post. Instead, he came to a struggling family, with all the graces and scars that entails. Thanks be to God!



This Week at Home

Monday, December 27

Feast of Saint John

Today's feast honors the writer of the Gospel according to John, who is also the disciple to whom Jesus entrusted his mother as he hung on the cross (John 19:26–27). In the light of this action and yesterday's feast, find something wonderful to compliment or encourage in every family member. Be creative; look hard; thank each for his or her role. Today's Readings: 1 John 1:1–4; John 20:1a, 2–8.

Tuesday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Today we remember the children slaughtered by King Herod in a futile attempt to kill Jesus. Read their story in today's Gospel. Then consider: Where does the murder of the innocents continue today? Where do wars victimize children? What circumstances or policies continue their poverty? If you are able, make a donation to a local shelter for battered women and their children or an international fund such as Catholic Relief Services (<http://crs.org/>). If money is tight after the holidays, go to The Hunger Site: <http://www.thehungersite.com/clickToGive/home.faces?siteId=1>. One click will trigger a sponsor's donation and costs you nothing. Today's Readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13–18.

Wednesday, December 29

Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket

This famous saint was murdered in 1170 at Canterbury Cathedral. After a youthful friendship with King Henry II of England, the king recognized Thomas's skills and made him his chancellor. When Henry wanted more power over the Church, he made Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury. But Thomas, as Archbishop, upheld the Church's authority, even knowing this would mark the end of their friendship. Henry raged against Thomas to his loyal barons and they murdered the Archbishop in his cathedral. People immediately venerated Thomas for his belief that there is a higher authority

than the state. Henry fasted and did penance for his shameful act, and Becket's tomb became an important shrine for pilgrims. In fact, just such a pilgrimage prompts the storytelling in Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:3–11; Luke 2:22–35.

Thursday, December 30

Stress Relievers

If your family is tired from all the Christmas festivities, do something different together. Small things done together with love make the Lord present. They needn't be expensive: sledding or skating and hot chocolate, a library visit for a book read aloud or a movie seen together, a walk at sunset to watch the first stars come out, extra snuggle time before bed. Children may remember these experiences more than toys. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:12–17; Luke 2:36–40.

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Look back over 2010 prayerfully. Review your calendar from the past year, month by month, noting highs and lows, appointments kept, and the time given in service. (Yes, driving grandma or the kids to the doctor counts.) Thank God for special gifts, for all that you did—and all that you were for others. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:18–21; John 1:1–18.

Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

To honor Jesus' mother today, look at the ways different cultures portray her in art. It's remarkable to see her as a citizen of the world: wearing a kimono or kente cloth, holding her child in the various styles of women around the world. You may wish to use a book like Michael O'Neill McGrath's *Blessed Art Thou* (Franklin Park, IL: World Library, 2004), or another book about Mary from your local library, or view images on a Web site such as The Asian Christian Art Association: www.asianchristianart.org. As you do this, play a favorite Marian hymn or sing one used in your parish. Today's Readings: Numbers 6:22–27; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:16–21.



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2010 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Embrace your poor relations

On the walls of the North American headquarters of the Divine Word Missionaries there is a painting from China that depicts the Holy Family living as Chinese peasants. What's especially interesting is that the painting shows them to be *poor*. In their small hut some paint is peeling from the walls, clothes are patched here and there, the table has seen better days. While Saint Joseph was probably not desperately poor, he and his family belonged to the vast majority of people who were outside the small elite who controlled most of the wealth and pulled the strings in ancient Palestine. So when Jesus talked about bringing good news to the poor, he was talking about a whole lot of people, including his own family. In imitation of Christ, what can you do to uplift the poor in your own family and beyond?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

Feel the love

Pop quiz time: Name the seven sacraments. Good! You probably got them all—Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Anointing, Reconciliation, and Holy Orders. But have you ever thought of a *person* as a sacrament? You will if you think of Jesus. Among all the gospels, the Gospel of John celebrates Jesus Christ as the sacrament of God's salvation. The word *sacrament* has its roots in the Latin word meaning "to consecrate"—to make holy, to make close to God. For John, Jesus Christ is the fullest expression and revelation of divine love. It is Jesus' presence that makes the sacraments what they are and releases the love of God into the world. Can you make your life more sacramental, not only through participation in the formal sacraments but also by showing more love?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8*

"The life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Innocents lost

Babies are all they were. No more than toddlers at best. Yet they were the first martyrs of Christianity, losing their lives for Jesus. The slaughter of the innocent ones remains a great scandal repeated throughout history. They are called "collateral damage": people in the wrong place at the wrong time. Not the primary target, just a regrettable loss on the margins. But they are more than that to the mothers who lose them, the families who mourn them. There are no accidental or unintentional deaths in an act of violence. If we sow death, we reap it. The culture of death is something Pope John Paul II warned us about. We can't say we didn't know.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18*

"[Herod] killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

FEAST OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

Walk the walk

Thomas Becket began his career by serving in the household of Theobald, archbishop of Canterbury. He performed his duties so

well that he was soon named archdeacon. King Henry II appointed him chancellor of England and later, after Theobald's death, archbishop. Thomas was not ordained at the time. After his ordination, he resigned as chancellor and worked to uphold the separation of church and crown, much to the surprise and anger of the king, who eventually encouraged Becket's murder. Thomas Becket excelled at everything he did, especially discipleship. He lived and died a true servant of God. Follow in his footsteps.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35*

"Whoever says, 'I abide in him,' ought to walk just as he walked."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Hang onto the Christmas presence

Christmas isn't over yet. Maybe the tree is still around, shedding its needles, or the blinking lights remain to mark the season. Surely those late Christmas cards will continue to arrive from your procrastinating friends. Liturgically speaking, we're still within the octave of the feast. Some occasions are wonderful enough to last eight whole days, so don't rush it. Savor this graced time like the prophet Anna, who remained in the Temple after encountering the baby Jesus with his parents. She kept talking about the event long after they'd gone, sharing the good news. What part of Christmas is too good to put away?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40*

"There was also a prophet, Anna . . . She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 FEAST OF SYLVESTER I, POPE

Do you have a moment?

Little is known of Pope Sylvester (d. 335) other than that he built a lot of churches and managed to get along pretty well with the powers that be. In his case it meant being on good terms with Emperor Constantine, who had ended the formal persecution of Christians. The phrase "in the world but not of it" might be a fair description of this man. Perhaps one of our New Year's resolutions can be to strive to do the same: Do your best to preserve something of a sense of detachment even as you go about the everyday material concerns of existence. A few moments of daily prayer and reflection can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18*

"He was in the world . . . yet the world did not know him."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

The New Year brings new life

We begin the new year in the glow of the Christmas season of new life. Our focus today, however, is not so much on the child Jesus in the manger but on his mother, Mary. We bring to mind and heart the woman who said yes: Yes to being the Mother of God. Yes to becoming a vehicle for God to become incarnate in the world. It is fitting to honor Mary and walk with her as we enter resolutely or perhaps quietly into the new year. How does God call us to be bearers of Christ? How are we to be like a mother who says yes to caring for the gift of new life? We can start with offering Christ and all others the fullness of our love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;*

Luke 2:16-21

"The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you."

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Youth Ministry Update!

SURVEY: The Future of St. Cletus Youth Ministry

How can we as a parish encourage our youth to know and experience our Catholic faith during their high school years and beyond? As you have heard, our youth ministry program is going to be changing next year when Confirmation takes place solely in eighth grade. NOW, we have an exciting opportunity to plan for our parish teens' ongoing faith development! During the **first three weeks of January**, two online surveys will be posted – one for eighth graders/teens (young adults are welcome to participate too) and one for parents. Please take the time to share your thoughts and feelings with us! Your input matters! On Sunday January 30, at 6:00pm, we will gather in Morrissey Hall to discuss the results. Look for the surveys on our website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Call (708) 215-5419 or email kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

MISSION TRIP TO MON VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA JULY 31 – AUGUST 5, 2011

We're excited to be going on another mission trip with YouthWorks again this summer! Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Limited spaces are available. Once all of our spots are filled, we will be gathering together to prepare for our trip. Adult chaperones are needed. Information can be found on our parish website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Permission slips and \$100 non-refundable deposits made payable to St. Cletus Youth Ministry must be returned to Kristen Maxwell by January 14. Call (708) 215-5419 or email kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

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 1:00pm 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.fmsc.org. Any teen is welcome and encouraged to join us. If you would like to bring an item to donate to the facility, FMSC is asking for printing paper, hair ties/binders, paper towels, toilet paper, kitchen sized/large trash bags, and AA batteries. We will be departing from the St. Cletus parking lot at 5:00pm and will return at approximately 8:15pm. 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



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT ST CLETUS PARISH!



Women's Club officers greet guests at their annual Tea at the La Grange Country Club on December 11. From left are Michelle Annella, Mary DeGroot, and President Sheila Benson.



Father Bob, Dr. Colleen Hagen, and Father Edgar chat during the Women's Club Tea.



Entertainment was provided by the St. Cletus School Children's Choir singing Christmas Carols at the annual Women's Club Tea... →



GIVING TREE PROJECT...



Mary Beth Ford, Director of Social Concerns, and one of her helpers are dwarfed by a mountain of gifts donated by our generous parishioners.



Many bikes were part of the gift parade being checked by Maureen Soldat, (pictured right).



St. Cletus School's elementary program offers: (a) 3 and 4-year-old, full-day preschool, (b) half-day preschool options, (c) half-and full-day Kindergarten classes, and (d) an average class size of 22 students in grades 1-8. In addition to a strong educational curriculum guided by Illinois State Educational standards, our well-rounded program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and modern technology equipment in our classrooms and technology learning center to further enhance the student school experience. Daily religion classes, service hours, and regular school Masses also help our students to develop into mature, responsible young adults. Other opportunities available at St. Cletus School are Junior Great Books, our Student Council, Scouting (for boys and girls), athletic programs, band, choir, and before-and after-care programs.

If your child is just beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- Currently enrolled school families began re-registering for the 2011-2012 school year on December 8, 2010.
- After January 7, registration will begin for registered St. Cletus parishioners.
- Open registration for the general public will begin January 24, 2011.
- Our Open House for Catholic Schools Week will be on Sunday, January 30, 2011, beginning with 9:30 AM Mass at Church and continuing in our education building right after Mass until 12:30 PM. Please join us!

Feel free to call the school office at (708) 352-4820 between 7:00 AM and 3:15 PM if you have questions or would like to make an appointment to visit our school.

St. Cletus School is a great place to be! Stop by to learn more!

Mrs. Terri Langellier
Principal



Attention! St. Cletus Alumnae

Girls, we are looking for St. Cletus grads that would be interested in participating in an alumnae tournament or game to open up the

2nd Annual Erin Potts Invitational Friday 2/4 Evening times to be determined

Cost \$20/person includes T shirt
All proceeds will be donated to the
Sarcoma Alliance in Erin's name

Please email me with team info. If you don't have a team and would like to participate, we can find a team to place you on. We are looking for girls of any age, whether a recent graduate of St. Cletus or someone that graduated a "few" years back, we would love to have you! Please come out for a night of fun and support this great cause!

Sue Lovett Rejdukowski, St. Cletus class of 1983
6/8th Grade Volleyball Coach
SueRej@sbcglobal.net
C: (708) 334-0237

Sunday Collection

Total Active Registered Families
2,706
Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used - this week	741		
% of registered families	27%	\$21,398	
		<u>3,194</u>	
		\$24,592	

Amount Collected

 Envelope Users
 Loose Checks/Cash

December 12, 2010Budgeted Collection = \$27,250

 Weekly (Under) Over Budget **(\$2,658)**
This Fiscal Year @ 12/12/10

Actual Sunday Collections	\$626,476
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>654,000</u>
(Under) Over than Budgeted	\$ (27,524)

St. Paul's reminder to be thankful is a great way to end the year. The good steward is always thankful. We recognize that we are God's people and everything we have is a gift from God. When we fill our hearts with gratitude we can stop striving for more and start appreciating and sharing the gifts we have already been given.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event
Monday, December 27	Facilities Closed		
Tuesday, December 28			
Wednesday, December 29	9:00 p.m.	MH	Boy's Church League
Thursday, December 30	8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-102 MH	AA Meeting Boy's Church League
Friday, December 31	Facilities Closed		
Saturday, January 1, 2011	Facilities Closed		
Sunday, January 2, 2011			
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE EARLY CANTICLE DEADLINE OUR COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 19 WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT WEEK'S CANTICLE.

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).

EUCARISTIC 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.

CONFESIONS

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Ed Burke
<i>Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Joe Bamberger
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Xavier Polanski
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
<i>Worship Ministry:</i>	Colleen Hagen
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Justin Sisul
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	TBA
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Dawn Dion
<i>Adult Faith Formation:</i>	Marty Mulcrone (School)
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	George Pach (Rel. Ed.)
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Mike Pusatera
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Gary Lewis
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Jim Matthews
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Ed Burke
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Paulette Bolton
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Silvia Casas
	Louis Lopez
	Dick Ford
	Peggy Meidell
	Julie Lenz
	Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

WINTER REMINDER



As inclement winter weather approaches, please remember to use caution in our parking lot and walkways on the parish grounds.



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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