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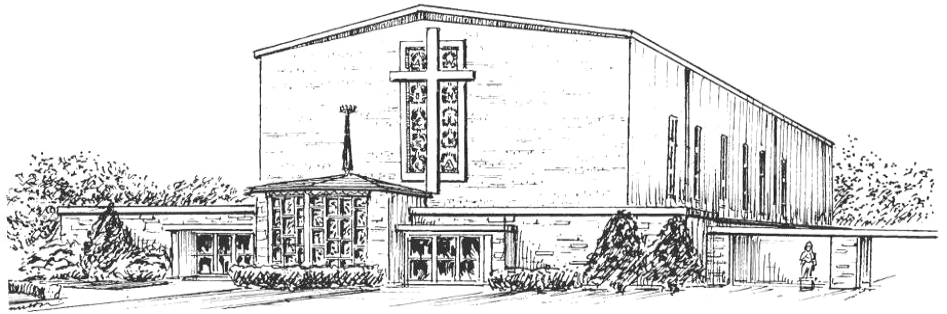
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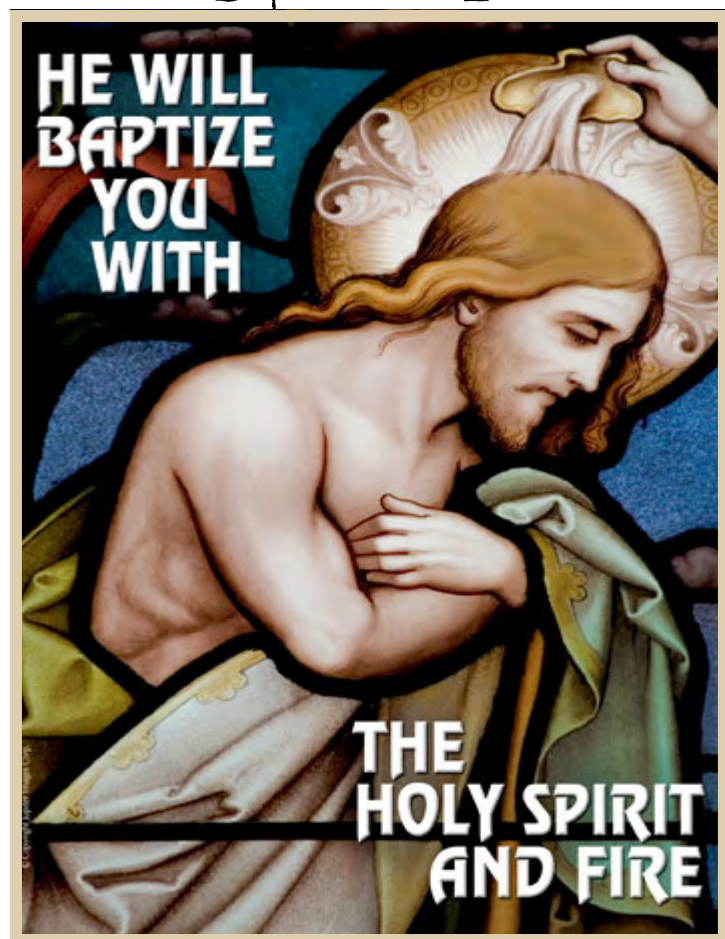
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January 9, 2011

Baptism of the Lord



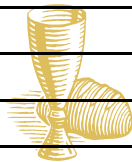
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Mass Intentions for the Week of January 10 - January 16, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Barbara McDonnell
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Peter Wojtalewicz, Roy J. Lane, Sr.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	David Sredzinski
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Arthur Payette
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Lester Buczek, David A. Nasharr, Harry & Rose Glowinski Purgatorial Society Gary Galecki, Joe & Carol Stuart Timothy Benrus Purgatorial Society



ATTENTION! LECTORS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION...

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SCHEDULE
QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE BASKET IN THE
MINISTER'S ROOM THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9.
THANK YOU!

Paulette Bolton
DIRECTOR OF LITURGY



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Joan Luckey, Stella Kalous, Donald Cuttill,
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 Matesevack. Also pray
for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are
homebound and unable to attend Mass.

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A LECTOR OR MINISTER OF COMMUNION TRAINING SESSIONS: CHOOSE 1

LECTOR:

Monday, January 10, and Wednesday, January 12 @
6:30-7:15 p.m. in Church.

MINISTER OF COMMUNION:

Monday, January 10, and Wednesday, January 12 @
7:15-8:15 p.m. in Church.

As a Lector **or** Minister of Communion, you may
select preferred Mass and weekend availability.
Won't you consider serving your parish in the
liturgy? You are needed.

Thank You.

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy

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



James Zaccagnini



Robert Joseph Ryan, Jr.,
brother of Joan O'Brien



Lilia Cristobal Hernandez,
wife of Serafin



John Emil Viaci,
husband of Gladys

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 2011

The nature of the creation of the universe continues to fascinate the human mind. The big bang theory may have superseded the poetic description found in Genesis, yet there are striking similarities between the two accounts. At first sight, it seems hard to reconcile the modern claims of random chance in the creation of life to the picture in Genesis of an all-seeing God directing the stages of evolutionary development. But there may be more similarities than we think. The idea of God as an unmoved mover or a necessarily existent and intelligent director of the universe owes more to Greek philosophy than to the Scriptures. In the Scriptures, the driving force behind creation is God's Spirit hovering over the waters. And elsewhere in the Scriptures, we know Jesus himself will refer to the Spirit as being as free as the wind, blowing where it wills. When we look each day at the creation that surrounds us, what strikes us first is not its uniformity or simplicity and certainly not its intelligibility. What amazes is its sheer abundance and variety, much of it to no seeming purpose and yet, offering us a breathtaking panorama we naturally imitate in our own myriad and sometimes mad moments of human creativity. There is risk involved. There is always the possibility of death, destruction, and despair. Yet nothing remains outside the kingdom of God's love.

The Acts of the Apostles are the gospel of the Holy Spirit. Firstly, Peter and then Paul appear as the main agents of the Spirit at work in the world of the early churches. They are examples of the true disciples, followers of Christ who are open to the Spirit and led by him in ways they do not expect. For Peter, this meant particularly that he had to come to a new understanding of who was meant to receive the good news and what conditions should be imposed on those receiving it. He had to discover that Jesus was the Lord of all. The watershed in this discovery was his great vision of a sheet being lowered from heaven with God's instruction to kill and eat of the animals on the sheet. The moral of the vision was not just that the followers of Christ were no longer to be bound by the dietary restrictions of Jewish Law. The vision symbolized the universality of Christ's salvific mission. Peter recognized that Christ himself was only empowered to take up and accomplish his mission through the power of the Spirit. It was through this anointing by the Spirit at his baptism that Jesus was inspired to go about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. What we see Peter and the other apostles doing after their experience of receiving the Spirit at Pentecost is exactly the same. They, too, are given the confidence to go about doing good and healing those in need.

By baptism, we, too, are anointed by the Spirit. This means that we are inspired to follow in the footsteps of Peter in the living out of Christ's message. We, too, may need to make breakthroughs in our understanding of that message as we go through life. It is not a message that is given in a fixed package in advance. It is a message that unfolds more and more as we allow ourselves to be guided by the Spirit, and, again, the Spirit may lead us down uncharted paths. But if we want to check whether the underlying direction of the Spirit is active within us, we need only look again at the examples offered us by Peter and Paul. Are we conveyors of the good news of peace? Are we unifiers and reconcilers, or do we drive others apart? Are we healers? Have we gotten in touch with that inner power that can bring about healing and renewal in the lives of others? The Church has always been involved in the service of healing, whether spiritual or physical. Many Christians give themselves to the healing professions under the Spirit's inspiration, but through the power of baptism, we are called to heal each other through the little acts of daily care. Finally, when we look at our lives, do we, like Jesus, go around doing good? Is the world a better place for our presence in it? When we are touched by the Spirit, we are all able to be life-giving performers in the great dance of creation.

*Anointed in the Spirit,
Father Bob
Pastor*

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



Praising Water

God our Father,
on this feast of Jesus' baptism,
we thank you for water,
for how it shines in seas,
a silver ribbon in rivers,
mirroring the sky in lakes.
We thank you for making it
to quench our thirst,
for the comfort of hot baths,
and for clean, fresh laundry.
We remember today
our own Baptism,
when we were washed
in your grace, in a new way of seeing,
and in the friendship of your family.
Help us honor this calling
and remain true to you.
We ask this through the same Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 9, 2011 Beloved Child

Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Acts 10:34–38; Matthew 3:13–17. Scholars say that the dramatic elements in today's Gospel story—the sky opening, the voice of God, the descent of the dove—are common to spiritual experiences in many religious traditions. What does this story tell us about the unique role of Jesus, our Lord and Savior?

Even in more ordinary circumstances, Jesus remained attuned to the source of that experience: God his Father. Whether he was engaged in hot debate, confronting hideous disease, or teaching in the marketplace, Jesus didn't forget that voice, that spectacular affirmation. He acted always as God's beloved child. Furthermore, he saw everyone else through that same lens—no matter how cantankerous, sick, or foolish they were.

Do we? When doing dishes or driving, do we remember we are precious? When confronting a crisis, do we carry

into it the same qualities that have gotten us this far: our courage, strength, or skill? When we're angry, mistaken, rejected, exhausted, ill, betrayed, depressed, unemployed, or told we're worthless, does that sense of affirmation rise up within?

What God said to Jesus, God says to us: "you are my beloved child. I am pleased with you." That should matter more than all the applause or awards in the world. In turn, we should hear that same description of everyone we meet. Baptism was a pivotal point for Jesus: he emerged from it energized and inspired for his public ministry. Even in the long desert days, he must have heard the echoes of that voice. When we're tempted to focus on the criticisms, we could turn instead with joy to that life-giving affirmation.



This Week and Looking Ahead to Ordinary Time

Monday, January 10 Remembering Baptism

Take time to savor yesterday's feast. At a family meal, place a bowl of water on the table, and tell the story of each person's Baptism. Then invite everyone to pass the water around, signing themselves or each other with the cross. Discuss what this sign means: We belong to Christ forever. We are signed in water with the seal of our faith, marked for his service. Today's Readings: Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1: 14-20.

The Season of Ordinary Time

Christmas season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and we enter Ordinary Time. The word *ordinary* comes from *ordinal*, which means numbered. In Ordinary Time, the weeks are numbered: second week, third week, and so forth. Ordinary Time runs 34 weeks in all, during two different periods: from Monday, January 10, through Tuesday, March 8 (before Ash Wednesday), and then from Monday following Pentecost until just before the First Sunday of Advent, next November 27. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter we celebrate special aspects of the mystery of Christ. In Ordinary Time we reflect on the mystery of God and life in Christ in its entirety. On certain Sundays of Ordinary Time we celebrate some of the great mysteries of the faith: the solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity, of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (following Pentecost), and of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (the last Sunday of the year). During each week of Ordinary Time we are drawn into prophecies, letters, and stories about Jesus, which reveal the many layers of our relationship with God.

Ordinary Time, Winter: Special Days Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

From January 18 to 25 we will join with our Protestant brothers and sisters to pray that we "may all be one" (John 17:21).

The feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul marks the end of this observance on January 25.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

On February 2 we hear the beautiful story of Mary and Joseph presenting their newborn son in the temple. There they meet two wise old people, Simeon and Anna, who are guided by the Holy Spirit to recognize that the child Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:32). Because of this emphasis on Christ as "a light for revelation," people have traditionally brought candles to church to be blessed on this day and then used them in their homes during the year. For this reason, the day was once called "Candlemas."

Blessing of Throats, Optional Memorial of Saint Blase

On February 3, in many churches, throats will be blessed as we remember this early Christian martyr (d. 316), said to have cured a boy with a fish bone caught in his throat.

Nourishing Family Faith

In spite of busy family schedules, try to gather for dinner together as often as you can manage. Open and close with prayer, blessing not only the food, but the stories of each person's day. You might try this Tuscan minestrone soup:

1 15 oz. can white kidney beans, 1 Tbsp. olive oil, ½ cup chopped onion, ½ cup chopped carrots, ½ cup chopped celery, 1 clove minced garlic, 8 cups chicken or vegetable broth, 1 sprig of rosemary, 1 cup peeled and diced potatoes, 2-3 sliced zucchini (about 3 cups), 1 large chopped tomato (about 1 cup), a sprinkling of basil.

In a large pot, sauté onions, carrots, and celery in the oil until tender. Stir in garlic; 30 seconds later add broth, drained beans, and rosemary. Bring the soup to a boil, then reduce to a simmer for 45 minutes. Stir in the potatoes; cook 15 minutes more. Add zucchini and tomato; cover and simmer 10 more minutes. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and basil.



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Keeping the Seasons
Reproducible for Advent-Christmas 2010-2011



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Remember where you came from

In his birth (Christmas), his adoration by the Magi (Epiphany), and the coming of the Spirit upon him (Baptism of the Lord) Jesus is revealed to be the Son of God. These significant events in Jesus' life are so closely tied that the Eastern Orthodox Church observes the coming of the Magi and the Lord's baptism on the same day. In the same way our own births and baptism signal that we are children of God and followers of Christ. As a new year begins, find ways to reconnect with your family of faith and make daily choices that reveal your divine heritage.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17*

"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Don't look back

What's the difference between deep determination and sheer stubbornness? Sometimes they are hard to tell apart. One helpful tool in decision-making is to reflect on our motives. If they involve helping others as well as ourselves, then perhaps our determination is a good thing. If they are all about defending our turf at all costs, stubbornness is likely calling the shots. When John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus set forth on his public ministry, calling disciples to his side. He never looked back. His resolute faith and determination, even when he knew that it would lead to crucifixion, is one of Christ's most striking and admirable qualities. Some decisions in life—the really central ones—call for total commitment.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20*

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

No strangers among us

Of all the lessons Jesus tried to teach us, the one that is perhaps hardest to believe—and therefore easiest to forget—is that we are all one. Jesus reminded us of this truth a number of times, most notably when he declared, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40). Take a few minutes today to reflect on what life would be like if you knew, with as much certainty as you know your own name, that there are no strangers among us; we are all one; united through Christ. What would be different? How would you act toward yourself? Toward others?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28*

"For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Make prayer a priority

Packed in between casting out demons, preaching, and healing, Jesus gets up early and goes out to a place where he could be alone with God. During Vocation Awareness Week, when we are trying to do our part to encourage young people to become engaged in church ministry, we must also remind them and model for them that all ministry rests on a foundation of regular prayer—"down time" for the refreshment of the spirit. Our culture admires a good work ethic, but a life poured out for oth-

ers must be balanced with a good "prayer ethic," a quiet slowing down to breathe in the Spirit, to hear the still, small voice of God. Even Jesus needed his prayer time.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39*

"In the morning . . . he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

FEAST OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Listen up! Read up!

"Did you hear me?" our mothers would say when we weren't quick to respond. There's often a gap between hearing and obeying of course. Future bishop Hilary started out a fourth-century pagan, that is, a believer in many gods. Through patient studies he became convinced first of the need for good works, then in the reality of one God, and finally, after reading the New Testament, in the truth of Christ. It is said that he literally read himself into faith. And he responded to what he was hearing. Spend five minutes a day with the Bible and be surprised at what you hear.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45*

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Don't pass up rest stops

Scripture speaks of *rest* in a number of ways. There's the rest God took on the seventh day of creation. Then there's the rest the Israelites experienced in the Promised Land after their long Exodus. There's also the rest Christians hope to enjoy in heaven. While we move through our pilgrimage on earth toward our final rest, we need times for rest on this journey as well. Rest is good for the body, the soul, and the mind. Like God's rest on the seventh day after the work of creation, rest is blessed and holy. Take some time for small Sabbaths in your life. To quiet your mind, suspend everyday cares, pray, read for pleasure, stay off your computer, sleep, or just do nothing at all.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12*

"Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Answer yes

All the vocation stories of all time can be summarized in a single word: Yes. Yes, I will be open to an adventure with God. Yes, I will dare the unimaginable. One of the most stunning vocation stories is that of a teenager, a young woman from humble origins who said yes to God and became not only a mother but a bearer of God to the world. Mary's yes probably seemed absurd, at first even to herself, for she said, "How can this be?" Like Mary we are called to hang in there with God's calling in our lives, even when it seems as if God has no idea what God is doing! Ponder and pray in these moments as Mary did, and be open to whatever new adventure awaits you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17*

"The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword."

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Register after all masses on Jan. 8 and 9, 2011 in the church vestibule
Cost is \$40 (includes study kit); check or cash

First class is on January 24, 2011

For more information

Visit the registration table in the church vestibule on Jan. 8 or 9, 2011

or

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About Steve Weidenkopf

Steve Weidenkopf has a gift for making Catholic Church history come alive for any audience. He currently serves as a lecturer in Church History for the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College.



Our identity as Catholics means that we are the inheritors of the deeds of holy men and women who for 2,000 years have built a great civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Church history is not just the recitation of popes, people, places, and events; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. This story is, in fact, our story; this is our family. If we know our past, and how we fit into the story, we will be better prepared to face whatever may come in the future.

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"This is Catholic history as it should be written, with Christ always at the center, and all the Popes featured and listed, and the great saints and the Doctors of the Church honored."

—Warren H. Carroll, Founder, Christendom College

Detail of Epic Timeline Chart

Adult Faith Formation...

There are many ministries at St. Cletus parish. In 2011, a different ministry will be explained each month. In January, the focus will be on the education ministries which include childhood education (the parish school, religious education) and adult education. We will begin this weekend by highlighting the adult faith formation ministries.

The Rite of Christen Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which non-Catholic adults may convert to Catholicism, and adults who are baptized Catholics may complete the sacraments by receiving Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Modeled after the way the early Christians took in converts, the process starts in October with a number of inquiry sessions. Those individuals desiring to proceed meet on approximately every other Wednesday night for 90 minutes to hear and discuss both the basic beliefs of the Church as well as issues of personal interest and concern about being a Catholic. In addition on most Sundays the group attends the 9:30AM Mass, and is dismissed to discuss the Gospel. The process culminates at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Being involved in this Ministry as a sponsor or a Team Member provides a unique opportunity to “re-learn” our faith from an adult perspective, as well as to see adults embrace an unanticipated change in their lives involving a new and rich personal spiritual experience.

If you are interested in being part of the RCIA ministry please stop by and talk to Brad Markham or Sr. Pat McGee.

The Pre-Cana (marriage preparation) program at St Cletus consists of two sessions, each about 2 ½ hours long. The program is designed not to have right or wrong answers but to make the engaged couple aware of all situations and experiences that come with being married, and to give the couple time to discuss the best methods for them to handle these situations. The classes are either held in the home of the teaching couple or at the school. Prerequisite training consists of a 6 hour seminar offered by the diocese. There are presently two couples teaching alternate groups and a third couple would be welcomed. Would you like to join Mike and Tricia Pusatera, Albert and Lorraine Walter in this ministry?

Baptism Preparation couples wishing to have their infant baptized at St. Cletus must attend a baptism preparation class. This one-hour class is offered monthly, usually on a Wednesday night in the St. Cletus education building. The classes include a video, readings, and discussion. If you enjoy meeting and talking with new parents, but don't have much time to spare, you could easily lead this course.

Interested? You may sit in on one of these classes before deciding whether you'd like to volunteer to lead it. There are presently two couples in this ministry and we are looking for another couple to join us. Talk to Jim and Cathy Hinckley or Jerry and Dawn Mitchell for more details.

Continuing Religious Education Opportunities (CREDO) is the newest adult faith formation group. This group hopes to expand the number of opportunities available for adult parishioners to learn more about their faith. Last year the group coordinated the successful Bible Timeline class. This year CREDO will be offering the EPIC class, which covers church history from the end of the Bible until present day. CREDO also hopes to establish a website clearinghouse on the St. Cletus website to publicize adult faith opportunities both at St. Cletus and surrounding parishes.

Deb Bleicic, Colleen Hagen, Rose Adamec, and Jerry Mitchell are looking for new members to join us. Also, if you know of an event at another parish or institution that you think is appropriate for the website clearinghouse, or if you have suggestions for programs here at St. Cletus please let us know.

Dr. Colleen Hagen

Youth Ministry News!

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! From now until January 21, two online surveys are posted – one for eighth graders/teens and one for parents/adult parishioners. All are welcome to complete the survey! Hard copies and copies in Spanish are available in the rectory. Please take the time to share your thoughts and feelings with us! Your input matters! Look for the surveys on our website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Call (708) 215-5419 or email kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

PARENT/TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY SOCIAL

On Sunday January 30, at 6:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall, parents and teens (eighth grade and older) are invited to discuss the results of our survey - the future of SC youth ministry. Come for prayer, pizza, and fun! All are welcome! Call (708) 215-5419 or email kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

LAST CHANCE - 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 **THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**. Call (708) 215-5419 or email kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - Feed My Starving Children, Schaumburg - 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.fmcs.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 5:00 p.m. and 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

FREE RESUME REVIEW /JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK invites you to a free resume review and job search counseling session on Saturday, January 22, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at St. Cletus Education Building (Room 201), 700 West 55th Street in La Grange. Join us and have a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with a Human Resource, Search or other related professional for job search assistance, resume review or strategy. This could be just the lift your job search needs to be successful! We hope to see you. Please use the flagpole entrance. Interfaith Career Network (INC) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES

GIVING TREE

2010 was a difficult time financially for many of us. However, the year ended on a hopeful note for the 425 families (a total of 1887 individuals), who were grateful recipients of Christmas gifts and/or food baskets during our Advent Giving Tree Project this year. That hope and good will was shared by the myriad of parishioners and people in our community who participated in the project by taking and filling gift and/or food basket requests from the trees; by volunteering countless hours to help in the necessary preparation, organization, and distribution of the beautifully wrapped and carefully selected gifts and food items; by offering financial assistance to make sure everyone who registered for the program was remembered; by spreading the word in our community about this project to ensure support even beyond that of our faithful parishioners; or by praying for the struggling families we serve, and for the stamina and health of our volunteers. Thank you to all – organizations, groups and individuals, from grade school students to retired older adults – who contributed in any way to the overwhelming success of this year's Giving Tree Project. The workings of the Holy Spirit were most apparent in every step along the way! This outreach program continues to give an inspiring perspective to our Advent and Christmas Season, as we continue to be filled with awe, humility, and gratitude as ambassadors of this caring parish. May the same Spirit who guided us in this project continue to dwell among us all during a Blessed New Year!

Mary Beth Ford and Maureen Soldat

FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Food Pantry in 2010. Recognizing that almost everyone was negatively impacted by the economic downturn, you can be proud that our Food Pantry continued to meet the need, because of the St. Cletus parishioners' ongoing positive response to Jesus' call to help the less fortunate and to see Him in the faces of those we serve. Your concern and generosity was apparent every month with your food donations and monetary contributions...you are the foundation of this outreach!

We are grateful, too, for the donations and sponsored food drives from so many community schools, organizations and businesses. I am compiling a list of these agencies to publish in a future Canticle. Lastly, our food pantry could not operate without the many hours of service provided by our volunteers. THANK YOU for your dedication in sorting and shelving groceries, packing bags, carrying them to church to set up for the monthly food distribution, donating hours of service to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which helps pay for food we order from them each month, and most especially for representing St. Cletus Parish as you serve our clients. As Jesus would say "Well-done, good and faithful servant!" With the continued support of donors and volunteers, in 2011 we will strive to keep our shelves stocked, to adequately serve those who come to us for help.

SEVERAL REMINDERS:

- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated, especially the items on each week's "most needed at this time" list. This week we are very low on dry pinto beans, cereal, meals in a can/box, juice, coffee, and all sizes of diapers.
- Remember to check expiration dates to avoid out-of-date goods.
- Contributions can be dropped off in the designated bins in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass on the weekend, and daily from 7:45 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- Full-size brown paper grocery bags are also needed and can be dropped off in the food bins. Our next food distribution will be on Thursday, January 13, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Church vestibule.

Thanks, again!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Sunday Collection

Total Active Registered Families 2,713

Collection Statistics

Amount Collected

# of envelopes used - this week	721	12/26/10	01/02/11	
% of registered families	27%	\$15,295	\$21,791	Envelope Users
		2,112	<u>3,121</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
		<u>7,636</u>		Automatic debit
Weekly Collection Budget = \$	27,250	\$25,043	\$24,912	
Weekly (Under) Over Budget		(\$2,207)	(\$2,338)	

This Fiscal Year @ 01/02/11

Actual Sunday Collections	\$704,553
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>735,750</u>
(Under) Over than Budgeted	\$ (31,197)

Your additional \$2 to \$5 really helps the parish reach the weekly budgeted goals.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event
Monday, January 10	7:00 p.m. 6:30-7:15 p.m. 7:15-8:15 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-200 C C MH	Athletic Association Meeting Lector Training Minister of Communion Training Men's Basketball
Tuesday, January 11	7:00 p.m.	C MH	RE First Reconciliation followed by RE Reception
Wednesday, January 12	9:00 a.m. 6:30-7:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15-8.15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB C S-102 C S-200 MH	Mission ladies Lector Training RCIA Minister of Communion Training Baptism Prep Class Boy's Church League
Thursday, January 13	2:00-3:30 P.M. 6:30-8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH Lobby CV S-Music S-Music S-Music RB MH	MANNA Food Pantry Children's Choir Practice Contemporary Choir Practice Chancel Choir AA Closed Meeting Boy's Church League
Friday, January 14	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-207	Spanish Choir Practice Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, January 15			
Sunday, January 16	9:30 a.m.	S-102	RCIA
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

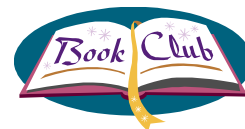
Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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

St. Cletus



The next book is

The Art of Racing in the Rain
by Garth Stein

We will meet to discuss it on...

Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.
Room 102 in the Education Building

Questions? Email: loriashe@aol.com