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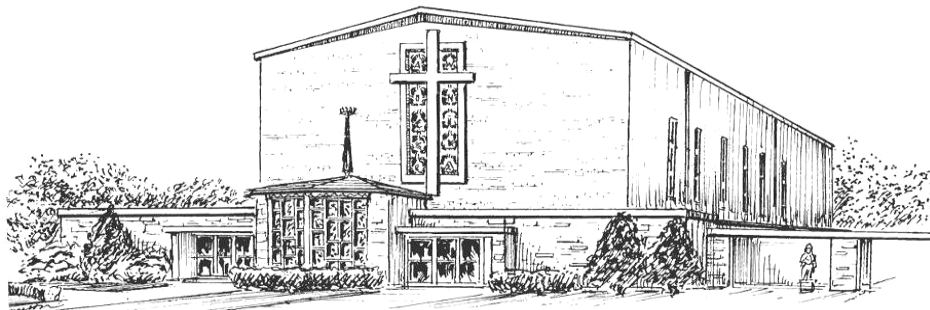
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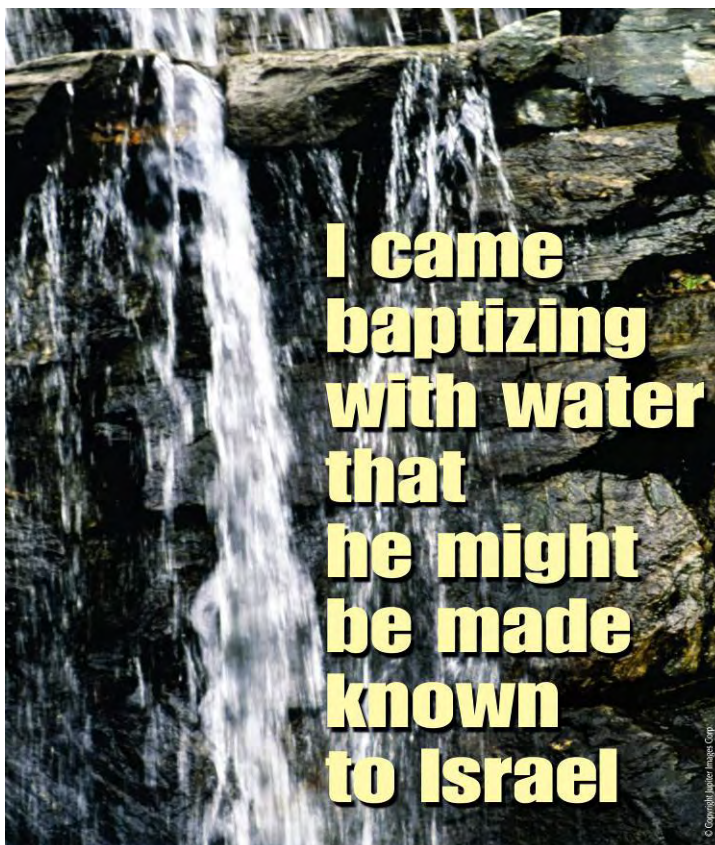
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January 16, 2011

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



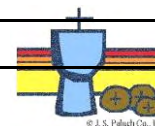
All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

## Mass Intentions for the Week of January 17 - January 23, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio, Joseph Viecei
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Jozef Slowik, Stanley Waliszewski Family, John Wagner
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ricciardone and Calandriello Family
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Rudy Ness, Special Intention for Laura Brooks
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Evelyn B. Lawson, Frank Muscarello, Adeline Kulikowski
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, Joseph Schuch, Sr. Emilio Durante Dr. Robert Locke, Roseann Lodato, Ann Rowe George Benrus, Dorothy Flores, Sheila Nash, Donald Tuohey All Souls in Purgatory



A Warm Welcome to Our  
Newly Registered Parishioners

Please welcome...Barbara Bauleo and Family,  
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Blasco and Family, Mr. & Mrs.  
Alan Garant and Family, Kerrina McElderry and  
Rose Sunny, Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. McGuire and  
Family, Mr. & Mrs. Robert McLane and Family,  
Richard Mercer, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Parrino and  
Family, Mr. & Mrs. James Quilter and Family,  
Cynthia L. Saldana and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas  
Mr. & Mrs. John Story and Family, Gladys Vací, and  
Barbara Zlotowicz to our parish family.

if you attend St. Cletus but have not yet  
registered, please consider the commitment of  
parish membership.



Please remember our sick in your prayers:  
Chester Wojcik, Joan Luckey, Donald Cuttill,  
Laura McDonnell, Joan Workman, Dick Radom,  
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 Matesevác. 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...**

*Stella Kalous,*  
mother of Sandy Marchese

*Rosa Battista*

*Adeline Kulikowski,*  
mother of Gerald Kulikowski and Arlene Moles

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



In observance of Martin Luther  
King, Jr., the rectory office will be  
closed Monday, January 17.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 18, at  
9:00 a.m.

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

### ***SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2011***

*The Jews have always had mixed feelings about being God's "Chosen People." The Psalms reveal the depth and variety of exchange that took place between them and God. Every human emotion is displayed. Is God on our side? Why doesn't he show himself more? Why doesn't he get off our backs? What a good God he is! This flavor of intimacy and concern continues in modern Jewish writing, often with humor and wit. Two things remain clear in the Jewish vision down through the ages. One is that we cannot get away from God. The other is that God demands commitment. This is what being chosen by God means. Our modern western ideas of being chosen are wishy-washy by comparison. Advertising suggests it is a matter of luck or fate. "It could be you," proclaims the advertisements for the Power Ball and Lotteries. Many companies send out unsolicited but ornate envelopes informing us that we have been specially chosen to receive a prize. Keep in mind, there is usually some condition attached that lurks in the small print. Being chosen is linked to the idea of reward rather than responsibility. Unfortunately, this expectation can affect the most important choices in our lives. Partners may choose to marry for what they expect to receive rather than for what they might give. Or, the commitment required to live with another person day after day, in sickness and health, proves too much of a demand, and they run away.*

*God's choosing presents a much clearer picture. A special relationship is established with the chosen one, and it is that relationship which empowers the chosen to carry out the assignment that goes with the act of election. In Isaiah, the nature of the relationship is defined first of all as that of a servant, but it is a special sort of servant. It is the servant who is honored in the eyes of his Lord and who has God himself as his strength. Through the servant God is glorified, a theme explored at length in John's gospel during the farewell discourse of Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper. Thus energized by God, the servant will not only reconcile the people of Israel but will be a light for all nations so that salvation may be offered to all. Similarly, Paul, in the first line of his greeting to the church in Corinth, refers to the fact that he has been appointed by God to be an apostle. He, too, has been chosen, and his assignment is that of an apostle, to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Again, John's account of the beginning of Jesus' public life puts the accent on his special election through the descent of the Spirit. Just as the Spirit hovered over the waters in the first creation, so the spirit now comes down upon Jesus, is an instrument of God's new creation. Jesus will take away the sins of the world and in turn will baptize with the Spirit—his assignment as the chosen one of God.*

*We, too, are the chosen ones of God. In baptism the Holy Spirit descends on us and makes us the sharers in God's own life. Our responsibility as chosen ones is to take up the assignments we have just heard of in the life of Jesus, in the life of Paul, and in the life of the servant disciple. We are called to take away the sins of the world, to be apostles, and to be the light of the nations, bringing salvation to the ends of the earth: all daunting tasks. We may be forgiven for trying to flee them or off-load them on to those we consider to be especially trained for the purpose: the clergy and religious. But through our baptism, we are each called to make unique contributions to these assignments. It helps if we can see how in turn they have been communicated to us. As we have received, so shall we give. How have we been enlightened? What brings clear vision and understanding into our lives? What has our experience of forgiveness been? Have we really forgiven others or allowed ourselves to be truly forgiven? Finally, how have we received the good news? What words or images moved or still move us? It is through our own experience of God that God will communicate his presence to others.*

*Called, together, to be the present day apostles,*

*Father Bob*  
Pastor





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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Remains of the day

The Gospel of John tells us that the Spirit came down and remained on Jesus. The wording is no accident. At one point or another each of us likely has had a powerful spiritual experience, a genuine “moment of connection” with the divine. Without diminishing the beauty and significance of such experiences, a single “peak experience” does not a spiritual life make. It is the day-in, day-out commitment to *practice* one’s faith that will create a deeply rooted spirituality. The Holy Spirit not only *descended* on Jesus, it *remained* with him. The results were evident in Jesus’ life, and can be in ours as well.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34*

*“He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one . . .”*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 17 FEAST OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

### Fend off unwelcome guests

The time: around 300 A.D. The place: the Egyptian desert, where Saint Anthony has gone to seek a life of solitude, simplicity, and contemplation. Wearing only a sheepskin, he’s finished his day’s work of mat weaving and has just eaten some bread and water, his only meal of the day. It’s night—his favorite time to pray. Because he is so focused on God, demonic spirits come to him in visions to distract him. Whenever this happens, Anthony fends off the temptation by saying: “If God gave you power over me, come quickly, for I’m ready for you. But if Satan sent you, you had better scatter, for I am a servant of Jesus the Conqueror.” Anthony knew when to submit to God and when to stand up to evil, and so should we.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22*

*“He himself is subject to weakness.”*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

### United in Christ

Today is the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which has been celebrated every year at this time since 1908. This year’s theme is: “One in the Apostles’ Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of the Bread, and Prayer.” Inspired by the spirit of unity in the early church, the theme calls us to remember all that we share as Christians. Not for theologians only, this week of prayer for unity can be expressed in many areas of our lives. We might use this week to pray for and work toward a more inclusive perspective. Consider this thought from Episcopalian priest and promoter of unity Richard Bower: “The call to simplicity and freedom for Christians is the call to move from achievement-oriented spirituality to a life centered on a shared vision of relatedness to people and things, a relatedness of gentleness, or compassion, of belonging to one another.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28*

*“God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake.”*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

### Expand the borders of your compassion

For many Catholics it is not a priority to find common ground with other Christians and to remain in loving and respectful relationships with people of all faiths. That’s regrettable because only mutual respect and knowledge of one another’s religious values and traditions can get us beyond suspicion of those who are “not like us.” Confronted by the needs of others, includ-

ing sinners, lepers, and those who were seriously ill, Jesus saw beyond the religious restrictions of his ancestors and brought healing, forgiveness, and empowerment at all times. To overlook human suffering for the sake of religious tradition is nothing less than a sad disease of the heart.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6*

*“Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath?”*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

### FEAST OF FABIAN, POPE; SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

#### Two for one

As we continue to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we remember two saints—one a pope and one a soldier—who gave their lives because of their belief in Christ. Pope Fabian worked to bring together the many Christian communities in the early church of the third century during a period of great persecution by the Roman Empire. According to tradition, Sebastian was a soldier in the Roman empire who promoted the Christian faith even while working for an emperor who was persecuting Christians. Both Fabian and Sebastian give witness to the fact that laboring on behalf of the Christian faith community is worth our efforts and our lives. In what way can you support and encourage your faith community this day?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12*

*“Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”*

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

### Stand and deliver when you hear your name called

How many times have you heard the gospel reading in church begin with: “Jesus said to his disciples . . .”? We imagine Christ talking to a group of his followers gathered around him, but he’s talking to us, too. What is it to be a disciple? Jesus called his first disciples by name, called them to learn from him, and to go forth to preach and heal. That’s what it means to be a disciple: to respond to Christ personally, hear his words and take them to heart, and spread the good news he brings in word and deed.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19*

*“He . . . called to him those whom he wanted.”*

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 FEAST OF VINCENT, DEACON, MARTYR

### Suffering and joy go hand in hand

The story of Saint Vincent (d. 304) is one of unflappable calm while being tortured—hard to believe, and even harder to emulate. Yet Vincent and others like him who suffered greatly during their lives have much to teach us. We learn acceptance: As Henri Nouwen noted in *Can You Drink the Cup?*, joy and sorrow are inextricably mixed, and one cannot be experienced without the other. We become more compassionate: As we tether our suffering to the cross of Christ, we bind ourselves more closely to the love of God and to our fellow human beings. And we discover ourselves: As that old sage Anonymous observed, “Adversity introduces one to oneself.” The consolations of suffering are available to all; which will you accept?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21*

*“How much more will the blood of Christ . . . purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!”*

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## St Cletus School Open House

**Join us Sunday, January 30 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and discover the hundreds of ways our school is putting faith in our future**

Come learn about our school's rich tradition of excellence in service, faith formation, and quality education.

Workshops will be available during the Open House in our Art, Music, Spanish and Technology classes.

St. Cletus offers a comprehensive education for children from 3 years of age through eighth grade.

**700 W. 55th St.  
La Grange, IL 60525**

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**Pre-register online at  
[www.stcletusschool.com](http://www.stcletusschool.com)  
or call 708-352-4820**

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**Walk-ins are welcome**

The Preschoolers of St. Cletus celebrated Christmas with the story of the Nativity. The program was in Morrissey Hall on December 16, 2010. The children were very excited to have their families present as they told the story of the Birth of Jesus. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!



One of the nicest ways we, as a parish and school, supported each other during the holiday season was the participation of the St. Cletus Student Body in the coordination and collection of the Christmas Food Baskets. Our eighth graders, Class of 2011, were responsible in helping to organize this drive. Each classroom received a list of nonperishable food items to collect for those in need. Over a period of two weeks the students then brought in these goods to their respective homerooms. Not only were food items contributed but monetary donations as well. The eighth graders then went periodically to the homeroom to organize the baskets, and finally, pick those up for final distribution before their Christmas break. I want to congratulate the class on their efforts. They were focused, helpful, and committed to doing this task well. Not only did they realize the value of this project, but they accomplished it well, and learned about the Christmas spirit of giving.

*Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Rotunno*

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity, enabling us to have 175+ bags ready for our January food distribution. Once again we ask your help as we restock our shelves and begin making up bags for our next distribution. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- At this time we are short on our staples, including dry pinto beans, pasta, pasta sauce, tomatoes, boxed side dishes, canned fruit, macaroni & cheese, and cereal.
- We are also low on our “extras”. Some favorites include coffee, powdered or evaporated milk, juice, crackers or cookies, all sizes of diapers, toiletries, laundry detergent and dish washing soap.
- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated. Please remember to check expiration dates to avoid out of date goods. **Also, we have recently received food items such as bread, cookies, crackers, condiments, spices, etc. which have been opened and partially used. These are not suitable items to donate to our food pantry, since we cannot pass them on to our clients.**
- These items can be dropped off in the designated food bins located in Madonna della Strada shrine in the Church vestibule. You can bring them when you come to Mass over the weekend, or daily, from 7:45a.m-4:00 p.m.

Thanks again for your faithfulness in supporting this much needed and appreciated outreach. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 215-5418 or [mford@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mford@stcletusparish.com).

### PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

**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. in St. Cletus Education Building (Room 201). Join us to 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. If you need further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

**JOB SUPPORT GROUP WORKSHOP- INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK** (ICN) invites you to join us when the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange will again host a five-week job support workshop beginning Tuesday evening, January 25, from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. The church is located at 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter on Ashland Avenue and take the stairs to the lower level, Room G-9. This workshop is designed for all who are interested in career transition, whether you have lost your job or are looking for a new one and, even college graduates looking for your first job. Sessions will help you put together a job search strategy and specifically cover resume preparation, interviewing techniques, how to network and use the social networking sites. This workshop is open to all and there is no fee for attending. We hope you will join us! For further information, please call FPCLG's church office at (708) 354-0771.

**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS**, a network of trained volunteers providing transportation and support for independent living for older adults, is holding a volunteer training session on Sunday, January 30, from 12:15-3:15 p.m., at the Congregation of St. Joseph, 1515 W Ogden, La Grange Park. All interested persons who want to serve older adults through visitation, assisted transportation, or telephone reassurance are welcome. Lunch will be served. To register or for more information, call (708) 579-8929.

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns



The St. Cletus Women's Club Tea was held on December 11, 2010 at the La Grange Country Club and was a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season. In addition to the many hats, gloves, slippers, and socks donated by those who attended, the Women's Club also collected a total amount of \$4,450. Listed below is how the donations were divided:

\$2,800	St. Vincent De Paul Society
\$1,450	St. Cletus Parish
\$ 200	Sarcoma Alliance in memory of Erin Potts

Thank you to Karen Ziemba and the children's choir for their delightful performance. Many thanks to St. Cletus parishioners and staff for their generosity and support of our annual event!



## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Please join us for our annual brunch on January 21, at 9:30 a.m. at St. John of the Cross Parish in Western Springs. The cost is \$5.

For more information, please call Alice Katzmarek at (708) 352-7054 or Mary White at (708) 246-0340.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Mary White*



## MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATES!

Our Parish Children's Choir continues to grow in size and spirit - and is always welcoming new members! The choir is open to students of St. Cletus School or St. Cletus Religious Education students in grades 3-6. We rehearse on Thursdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. To join us or to request more information, please contact the director, Mrs. Karen Ziemba, at (708) 233-0577 or [kziemba@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kziemba@stcletusparish.com).

**Save the Date** for our next Fine Arts Series Event - Cabaret! On Friday, February 25, beginning at 7:30 p.m., plan to join us for an unforgettable evening of music, and you will find yourself singing along all night long. This is the only fundraiser we have for the Fine Arts Series, and we look forward to your support and attendance. More information will be available shortly, but mark your calendars for a night you won't want to miss!

*Justin Sisul*  
Music Director



## ROE VS WADE - 2011

January 22nd is the 38th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, when the Supreme Court legalized abortion at any stage. Today 4,400 babies are killed each day by abortion. That is *one million, six hundred, six thousand* each year (1,606,000)! ***An American Holocaust!***

In the message from Our Holy Father, he says: "As you, your Bishops, and great numbers of the faithful from throughout the United States gather at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to pray for an end to the tragedy of abortion in your country, I assure you of my spiritual closeness and my sharing in your concern for the continuing holocaust of innocent human lives. This anniversary of the decision which effectively legalized abortion on demand in the United States is a call to people of good will to reflect seriously on the devastating consequences of that step." Now is the time for recommitment to the building of a culture of absolute respect for life from conception to natural death."

You can join the **Vigil Mass For Life** brought to you **LIVE** from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. at 6:00 p.m., Sunday evening, January 23, over the Eternal Word Television Network **EWTN**...Comcast Cable Channel 119.

Then on Monday, January 24, at 10:00 a.m., CST, **EWTN** brings you **LIVE** and complete coverage of the most important pro-life event of the year, the annual **March for Life**.

You'll be a part of it all, from interviews with participants from across the U.S., including preeminent, pro-life speakers. Then follow the March for Life procession up Constitution Avenue, and join the **Rally for Life** at the National Mall.

*Wayne & Marianne Hamilton*

Coordinators, St. Cletus Parish Committee  
for Respect Life Activities

*Men and women were created for something great, for infinity...the desire for a more meaningful life is a sign that God created us and that we hear His imprint. God is life, and that is why every creature reaches out towards life. Because human beings are made in the image of God, we do this in a unique and special way. We reach out for love, joy and peace.*

*-Pope Benedict XVI, "Message for World Youth Day"(2011)*



## **Youth Ministry News!**

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

Next Sunday, January 23 is a large group gathering for all Year I and II high school confirmation candidates. This program will be from 7–8:15 p.m. in Morrissey Hall. All Year II Candidates should also turn in their permission slips for the overnight retreat and their Confirmation Information Sheets, listing their chosen Confirmation names. Both of these forms are due on January 23. Any questions, contact Amy Cranny at (708) 215-5419.

### **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! **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](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth). Call (708) 215-5419 or email [kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.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](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth) and must be returned to Kristen Maxwell by **this Tuesday, January 18**. Call (708) 215-5419 or email [kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com) with any questions.

*Kristen Maxwell*  
Youth Ministry



**SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP (SCSG) MINISTRY**  
**For singles in their mid 40-s thru 50's**  
**January/February Events**

**Starved Rock**

Saturday, January 29

Eagle Watching - alternate bad weather date is February 5.

**Music and Dancing**

Saturday, February 5

Rolling Lanes, 6301 Joliet Rd., Countryside...Time TBA

**UIC Flames Basketball**

Saturday, February 19

Flames vs. Butler at UIC Pavilion - 1:00 p.m.

Our planning meeting is the first Monday of every month at Panera Bread, 435 La Grange Road, La Grange Park at 7:00 p.m. You can contact us at [singlesadmin@gmail.com](mailto:singlesadmin@gmail.com).

Please visit our website for more information [www.suburbancatholicsingles.blogspot.com](http://www.suburbancatholicsingles.blogspot.com).



**Callings: Finding and Following an Authentic Voice**, a lecture and workshop with Gregg Levoy, is on Friday night, January 21, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 22, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Gain a new or renewed sense of direction and possibilities. The cost is \$100 and includes lunch. Friday only is \$35/Saturday only \$75. Co-sponsored with St. Francis Xavier Parishioners of SFX should register with Sue Matthews at (708) 352-0168 or email [smatthews@sfx-lg.org](mailto:smatthews@sfx-lg.org).

**VOCATIONS**

Today we pray with the psalmist, "Here I am Lord; I come to do your will." To find out more about a vocation to the priesthood, contact Fr. Brian Welter at (312) 534-8298 or at [bwelter@archchicago.org](mailto:bwelter@archchicago.org).

For information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at (312) 534-5240 or [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org). See our website at [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com).

**FOR PEACE IN MEXICO**

As you know, Mexico is suffering a tremendous wave of violence that is affecting families and innocent people. Our Mexican neighbors are living in a world of chaos of crime and violence. God is being lost. It is only *God* who can change people's hearts. It is only *God* who can help them and help the innocents who are suffering the consequences of these crimes.

We know the power of prayer and know that God is our only hope to change the world. For that reason our Hispanic Praying Group have united and every night are saying a Hail Mary for peace in Mexico.

For the sake of the lives of millions of Mexicans, *The Hispanic Prayer Group* invites you to join us and say a **Hail Mary every evening at 9:00 p.m. for peace in Mexico**. We ask you to please, in the sanctuary of your home, join us as God's family and unite in prayer for our neighbors in Mexico.

Please invite family and friends to join us, and in the sanctuary of their home, say a Hail Mary every evening at 9:00 p.m. for peace in Mexico. Please remember every evening at 9:00 p.m.

*Jesús Casas*

The Hispanic Prayer Group

**CRAFTERS WANTED** for the *SPRING FLING CRAFT SHOW AND BAKE SALE* to be held on Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Barbara Parish Center, 4015 Prairie Avenue in Brookfield. Spaces are 9 feet wide by 8 feet deep and are \$25; tables to rent are 8 feet wide by 2 feet deep and cost \$10; and electric hook up is \$5. No vendors please. Call Jenny at (708) 485-1962 for an application.

## **IRA Charitable Gifts are *BACK IN BUSINESS***

Congress has recently re-authorized legislation that allows you to make charitable gifts from your IRA accounts during 2010 and 2011 without incurring income tax on the withdrawal.

The IRA Rollover provides you with an excellent opportunity to make a gift during your lifetime from an asset that would be subject to multiple levels of taxation if it remained in your taxable estate.

**Because Congress acted so late in 2010 to pass this legislation, you can make a gift from your IRA until January 31, 2011 and still elect for it to count as a gift and as your minimum required distribution for 2010.** To take advantage of this opportunity for tax year 2011, you must act by December 31, 2011.

To qualify:

- You must be age 70 ½ or older at the time of gift.
- Transfers must be made directly from a traditional IRA account by your plan provider to ST. CLETUS PARISH. Funds that are withdrawn by you and then contributed do NOT qualify. Gifts from 401k, 403b, SEP and other plans do not qualify.
- Your plan administrator may make the check out to ST. CLETUS PARISH and mail the check to you. But you must postmark the check to us by January 31, 2011 for this tax year, or December 31, 2011 for the 2011 tax year.
- Gifts must be outright. Distributions to donor-advised funds, certain supporting organizations, or life-income arrangements such as charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities are not allowed.

Benefits – Qualified charitable distributions:

- Can total up to \$100,000;
- Are not included in your gross income for federal income tax purposes on your IRS Form 1040 (no charitable deduction is available, however);

**Example:** Suppose John has \$500,000 in an IRA and he also wants to contribute \$25,000 to ST. CLETUS PARISH. He can authorize the administrator of his IRA to transfer \$25,000 to the parish. The \$25,000 distribution to ST. CLETUS PARISH will not be subject to tax and will be counted toward his annual minimum required distribution.

Rich Goode, of the Archdiocese, can provide a sample letter of instruction that you can send to your IRA plan provider. For more information, please feel free to call Rich at 312/534-7848.

***REMEMBER, 2010 Charitable IRA distributions can be made until  
January 31, 2011***

### Sunday Collection - January 9, 2011

**Total Active Registered Families 2,717**

Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used - this week 728  
 % of registered families 28%

Amount Collected

\$23,237 Envelope Users  
 2,632 Loose Checks/Cash  
 Automatic Debit  
**\$25,869 Total**

**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,250**  
**Over (under) Budget (\$1,381)**

**This Fiscal Year @ 01/09/11**

Actual Sunday Collections \$730,422  
 Budgeted Sunday Collections 763,000  
 YTD Over (Under) than budget \$ (32,578)

Consider an extra \$2 or \$3 to help meet the weekly budget. Your generosity is always appreciated.

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, January 17	<b>Facilities Closed...</b>	<b>Martin Luther</b>	<b>King Day</b>
Tuesday, January 18	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-102 MH	Book Club Boy's Church League
Wednesday, January 19	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB S-98 MH	Mission Ladies Compassionate Care Ministry Boy's Church League
Thursday, January 20	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C S-Music S-213 S-Music S-102 MH	School Mass Children's Choir SVDP Chancel Choir AA Boy's Church League
Friday, January 21	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-207	Spanish Choir Practice Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, January 22	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	S-200 & 201 CV CV	Employment Ministry MANNA Respect Life Committee
Sunday, January 23	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV CV S-102 MH S-200 MH	Respect Life Committee MANNA RCIA Conf. Parent/Sponsor Meeting Natural Family Planning Class Youth Ministry
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.)
	Mike Pusatera
<i>Adult Faith Formation:</i>	Gary Lewis
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Jim Matthews
	Ed Burke
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Paulette Bolton
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Silvia Casas
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Louis Lopez
	Dick Ford
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Peggy Meidell
	Julie Lenz
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Fr. Edgar Rodriguez
<i>Parish Life:</i>	

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

#### OFFICERS

<i>Pastor:</i>	Fr. Bob Clark
<i>Principal:</i>	Terri Langellier
<i>Chairperson:</i>	Tim O'Brien
<i>Vice Chairperson:</i>	Luke Sheridan
<i>Secretary:</i>	Jeanne Kelly
<i>Athl. Association President:</i>	Amy Grace
<i>FSA President:</i>	Deborah Kemmer
<i>PPC Rep:</i>	Marty Mulcrone
<i>Tech. Committee Rep:</i>	Mark Staelgrave
<i>Marketing:</i>	Heather Alpe
	Bridget Garvey
<i>Finance:</i>	Ed Burke
	Bob Gray
<i>Alumni:</i>	Cathy Hinckley
<i>Policy &amp; Planning:</i>	Jim Krecek
<i>Recruitment &amp; Retention:</i>	Mary Schramka