



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

# Open House

Sunday, January 30  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*Tour St. Cletus School and meet our dedicated faculty.*

*Workshops will be available in our Art, Technology, Music and Spanish classes.*

*View our students Invention, Consumer, History & Science Fair projects*



## St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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- Staff certified by the State and Archdiocese
- Daily religion class, community service projects at all grade levels and regular Mass and prayer services
- Full-time art, music, PE, resource and technology teachers
- Half-day and full-day pre-school for 3 and 4 year olds (2, 3, and 5 day programs)
- Half-day and full-day kindergarten
- Two classrooms at every grade level
- Before and after school childcare
- Band, Choir and Scouting programs in addition to Technology, Ceramics, Math and Science Clubs
- No cut interscholastic sports in grades 5-8 and intramural soccer in grades K-4
- Spanish classes offered for pre-school through eighth grade
- Technology integrated into daily activities with classes in computers and Smart Boards at every grade level
- Dedicated science lab and technology learning center plus library with more than 6,000 books



## Mass Intentions for the Week of January 31 - February 6, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Linda Bagal, Doretta Mucha
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Rekash
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Michael Maly, Thomas Lihosit, Karen Gorak
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Nan Rettig, Lawrence Viecei
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Nan Rettig John Kollar, John Sullivan, Matilde Santarromana
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Emilia & Marco Rattin, Lester Buczek Mary Ricciardone and Calandriello Family Rose Mary Ptak, Jean Dunworth, Lorraine Dillon, Tony Troyner George Benrus, John Vaci, Mary Jo Stefanski Purgatorial Society



Throats will be blessed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, February 3, the Feast of St. Blasé, and after all Masses next weekend, February 5/6.



### WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, February 5/6, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catholic Schools Week  
Monday: St. John Bosco  
Wednesday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
Groundhog Day  
Thursday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; Blessing of  
Throats; Chinese New Year 4709  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: St. Agatha; First Saturday



Please remember our sick in your prayers: John Harden, Edward Labny, Mary Alice Gregorchuk, Harry Fisher, John Kilker, Chester Wojcik, Joan Luckey, Donald Cuttill, Laura McDonnell, 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 Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to

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



**Georgia Popp,**  
wife of George

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.*

*Amen*

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

### ***FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2011***

*In 1925, the great “Mahatma” Gandhi published a book: an autobiography entitled, “The Story of My Experiments with Truth.” The closing words of that book are these: “I must reduce myself to zero. So long as a man does not, of his own free will, put himself last among his fellow creatures, there is no salvation for him. Ahimsa (non-violent respect for all creatures) is the farthest limit of humility.”*

*The revolution that Gandhi brought about in his native India was not aimed simply at political independence from Britain, but also at the removal of injustice and prejudice in the human soul. He was a deeply spiritual man, and it was a spiritual revolution that he sought to bring: the kind of revolution that brings peace to the heart and soul of everyone alive. For this reason, Gandhi always began his war on injustice at his own door. He gave great attention to his diet, as this affects our health and influences our passions and moods. He was a great lover of exercise and of long walks, for the same reason. He said that self-indulgence is the great destroyer of men and women. “In trying to enjoy the pleasures of sense, we lose in the end even our capacity for enjoyment.”*

*In learning to overcome self and selfish ways, Gandhi also discovered the hardest truth of all, namely, that suffering is an important and even necessary part of human life. In his struggles with opponents, he said, “I have found that appeal to reason does not answer where prejudices are age-long...Reason has to be strengthened by suffering, and suffering opens the eyes of understanding.” Self-denial, therefore, and a willingness to suffer for the sake of goodness and truth—these virtues constitute the true revolution in human life: not the conquest of territories, not the vanquishing of enemies, but the bringing of peace through personal commitment and at personal cost.*

*It was said of Alexander the Great that he wept at the end of his campaigns “because there were no more worlds left to conquer.” But that is not true. Greed, dishonesty, and injustice are always with us, and the revolution in the human heart is always needed.*

*When the Apostle Paul established the Christian community in Corinth, it was not long before internal problems erupted, and people began to vie with one another for status and self-importance. Paul has to write to them and point out how foolish they are to think and behave in this way. Boasting, he says, is such a foolish thing. No one in the world has got anything to boast about to God. No one has got any reason to get “on a high horse.” As the Church’s funeral liturgy so aptly puts it, “We brought nothing into this world, and we shall take nothing out of it.” All we have, all we are, is pure gift from God. We should see ourselves like that, and we should behave ourselves like that.*

*If we do have a boast, it is a boast that the whole world can share in—namely, to be part of Jesus Christ, the Lord. For in the Son of God made man, we have all the wisdom, all the virtue, all the holiness, and all the freedom we could ever want. Let that be our boast! Yes, in Jesus, the Lord, we have the man of the Beatitudes, the man of the great, revolutionary wisdom: the man who was first and who made himself last of all, and least of all. Jesus, the man “who was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.” But God raised him high.*

*This Jesus, this humble carpenter from Nazareth, sat on a hillside and spoke to the world about revolution. He took this world as we know it, and he turned it upside down. He did not overturn governments or powers. He did not alter systems or societies—at least not politically. Nor did he boss people. No. He blessed them. “Blessed are you,” he said.*

*When you open your eyes and see the world differently; when you open your heart and receive the world differently; when you open your mind and think of the world differently; then YOU will change, and the world will be different, and the kingdom of God will appear. The Beatitudes are not simply lovely words to be framed and put on a wall. They are a practice for our daily lives. They are wisdom, virtue, holiness and freedom. Now that is something to boast about!*

*Blessed in Christ Jesus,  
Father Bob*





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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### This isn't all there is

In the 1960s Peggy Lee sang a sad little ballad whose chorus asked, "Is that all there is?" when facing disappointment in life or love. Jesus, in the Beatitudes, honestly confronts a similar helpless, hopeless feeling one might experience when—after trying with all one's strength to live with charity and integrity—one is rejected or ignored. The temptation is to give in and do what everyone else is doing in seeking an elusive "happiness." Jesus says, "That is *not* all there is." Jesus' "Blesseds" or "Happy's" remind us that the importance of one's turn on earth is not only a matter of success or failure. It is the beginning of an eternal life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12*

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 31 FEAST OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

### This is your vocation calling

When we hear the word *vocation* today, many of us think of ordained ministry or vowed religious life. But that's too narrow. The fact is each of us has a calling that, if heeded, would make the best use of our particular set of gifts and talents. If we have not spent much time discerning what that is, however, then our lives are not as significant or effective as they were meant to be. In honor of Saint John Bosco (1815-1888), a pioneer in vocational training, take some time to ask yourself, "Who am I called to be?" The book *A Sacred Voice Is Calling* by John Neafsey is a good place to start.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20*

*"Time would fail me to tell . . . of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms . . ."*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

### Believe in the power of the healer

Jesus' power to heal did not make him merely another traveling wonder-worker or miracle man. His power came from God, and afflicted people were healed because they had faith in the healer. They believed he was the Son of God. His miracles, though, also show his human side. While his ability to cure diseases and even bring people back from death revealed his divinity, it frequently involved—literally—a human touch. Hurt comes in many forms: physical, emotional, spiritual. So does healing. Don't hesitate to turn to Jesus and ask for help; he will hear you and, in his wisdom, respond to your faith with a healing touch.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43*

*"Do not fear; only believe."*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### Respect your elders

Shortly after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple in Jerusalem according to Jewish custom. There they encountered Simeon and Anna, two prophets and elders of the community. Their role is significant, not only because of what they say to the young family but because of how the church remembers them year after year. Simeon and Anna are not only persons of our biblical past but also the wisdom figures of today who help us to see how God is present in our lives and encourage us to live in this truth. On this feast day, take time to be present to the elders who are lights in your life, the Annas and

Simeons whose gifts of experience, wisdom, and insight encourage us on our journey.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32*

*"The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple."*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

### It's more blessed to give

Why did Jesus instruct his disciples to take absolutely nothing with them—no money, food, extra clothing—when he sent them out to share the Good News? It might be that our possessions have a way of clouding our vision and diluting our absolute reliance on God. Only when life is stripped down to its essentials do we see clearly how dependent we are as creatures upon our Creator. Much as we need to live in a world with material possessions, let's do everything in our power to make sure they do not end up possessing us! A simple way to strengthen our spiritual freedom is to cultivate the regular practice of giving stuff away. Let go of something today!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13*

*"He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff."*

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 WORLD CANCER DAY

### Be an angel

No one has to tell us there's a need for a World Cancer Day. One and a half million new cases were diagnosed in the U.S. in 2010. Cancer has gone from being the "big C" (a diagnosis doctors didn't think appropriate to share directly with their patients) to becoming a fact of life and ongoing treatment in many families. So be an angel: Get involved. Do a fundraising walk or write a check. Help a neighbor bear the burden of endless medical appointments with a lift, a meal, some clean laundry. Start an "angels" group in your parish. Together we can find compassion, and—let's hope—a cure.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29*

*"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."*

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 FEAST OF AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

### Torture is intolerable

The details of Saint Agatha's life are not for the faint of heart. Born in Sicily during the third-century Christian persecutions, Agatha was continuously harassed and abused for her religious convictions. She was imprisoned in a brothel, but when she refused to serve customers she was sent to jail, where she was repeatedly beaten and mutilated. She finally succumbed to death after being rolled over hot coals. Not surprisingly Agatha is the patron of torture victims. The church condemns torture as contrary to the Christian tenets of respect for life and human dignity. In honor of Saint Agatha and the countless victims of torture through the centuries, take time today to review the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' online instruction: "Torture is a Moral Issue: A Catholic Study Guide" at <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/stoptorture/>.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34*

*"As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them."*

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## 2011 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS

**“...seek first the kingdom of God...” (Matthew 6:33)**

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2011 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Please respond generously.

**The Appeal supports parish ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults in economically disadvantaged communities.** It is also one of the largest philanthropic sources of financial support for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. The Appeal also funds services that are of great help to other ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “...seek first the kingdom of God...” (Matthew 6:33). Jesus taught that we are not to worry about the things of this world. Rather, we are to seek the kingdom of God and the Father will reward us. God provides all that we have and all that we are. Stewardship, in part, is the recognition of God’s gifts and the obligation to return a significant portion of our gifts to assist in his work. Our gifts to our parish, to our Archdiocese and the Church throughout the world are given in gratitude for what God has given us. A gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to provide education, services, and ministry to thousands within and outside of our Archdiocese.

Also, when our parish reaches its goal of \$103,000 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider making a significant pledge to the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal.

## Youth Ministry News!

### PARENT/TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY SOCIAL

**Tonight, 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.

### ATTENTION ALL MISSION TRIP TEENS AND PARENTS!

Please come to Room 201 on Tuesday, February 1, in the Education Building, at 6:00 p.m., for a brief informational meeting. Fannie May Candy bars will be distributed for fundraising at this time. I look forward to beginning this journey together! Call (708) 215-5419 or email [kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com) with any questions.

*Kristen Maxwell*  
Youth Ministry

### ATTENTION...LEISURE LOAFERS!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 3, at 1:00 p.m., in Morrissey Hall. Please plan on attending and do bring a friend. Come enjoy a fun afternoon. Cake, coffee and good entertainment by our friend John Poda is on the agenda. Hope to see you there!

*Alice Katzmarek*



### HOLY NAME MEETING

Join us on Friday, February 4, 8:00 p.m., in Room 98 in the Education Building. Main topic of discussion will be the annual pancake breakfast to be held on Palm Sunday, April 13. New members are always welcome. Dues are \$5 for one year. Refreshments will be served. Look forward to seeing everyone!

*Dan Gibbons*



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 30, 2011**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

- Matthew 5:3



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The sixth-graders of St. Cletus School have just completed and exhibited their Consumer Fair projects. The project requires students to develop an hypothesis regarding the preference of consumers for one brand of a product over two other brands.

To research and develop data to either prove or disprove their hypothesis, each student conducts a taste test of three brands of his/her product among classmates. After the taste test, data is compiled along with information about which product is the best buy.

The Consumer Fair culminated in wonderful exhibit boards of the students' work. The boards were then displayed at the St. Cletus School Open House in honor of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 30. The Consumer Fair is something of a "warm-up" for the seventh-grade History Fair and the eighth-grade Science Fair.

*Mrs. Pat Dalsin*



**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. Our Open House for Catholic Schools Week will be on Sunday, January 30, 2011, beginning with 9:30 a.m. Mass at Church and continuing in our education building right after Mass until 12:30 p.m. Please join us! You may call the school office at (708) 352-4820 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. if you have questions or would like to make an appointment to visit our school.

**St. Cletus School**  
ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

**ANNUAL FUND DRIVE UPDATE**

We are pleased to report that the Annual Fund Drive is almost half way to our goal of \$70,000. These funds are already getting put to use to support the students and mission of St. Cletus School.

**OUR PARISH, OUR SCHOOL**

We are asking for your support to keep faith-filled education at St. Cletus School as affordable and accessible as possible for all families.

Please consider donating to the 2010-11 campaign. Envelopes can be mailed back to the School or returned in a collection basket at Mass.

Thank you for your support.

*Elizabeth A Goellner* *Chris P McLean*  
Elizabeth Goellner and Chris McLean  
Annual Fund Chairs

**PLEDGE TRACKER**

\$70,000
\$60,000
\$50,000
\$40,000
\$30,000
\$20,000
\$10,000
\$0

\$31,000

No matter the size,  
EVERY GIFT  
IS APPRECIATED.  
EVERY GIFT  
MATTERS.  
EVERY GIFT  
HELPS A CHILD.



**Come out and support a great cause**  
**St. Cletus "Girls" Alumni Game**  
**Fri 2/4 7 p.m.**

**Sat 2/5 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament**  
**Sat 2/5 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Sun 2/6 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament**  
**Sun 2/6 11 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**\*\*Concessions, raffles, T-shirt sales\*\***

**All proceeds from the weekend will be  
donated to**

**Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation**

**In Erin's name**

## CARDINAL ROYALE DONATION OPPORTUNITY!!



The "Instant Wine Cellar" will be one of our Live Auction items at this year's Cardinal Royale Spring Gala on Saturday, March 19, at Bella Banquets in Countryside. The winner will receive an instant "cellar-stock" of wine!

This is not just any wine collection; it is a Community wine collection. If you are not able to make it to the event, here is your opportunity to not only donate, but to be a part of this community contribution that will be enjoyed by the winner for many private, family and friend gatherings to come.

Our goal is 100 Bottles of wine, each with a value of at least \$20. Bottles can be dropped off at the Mulcrone's at 1210 South Stone Avenue (right across from school) or a tag can be purchased for \$20 after Masses in the church vestibule the weekend of February 12/13 and February 19/20. The tag, bearing your Family Name, will then be secured to a bottle.

Contact Karen Mulcrone at [Auction@stcletusparish.com](mailto:Auction@stcletusparish.com) or (708) 579-5859 with any questions or to schedule an alternative drop off location.

## CABARET/PIANO BAR NIGHT

The Fine Arts Series Fundraiser "Cabaret" will be coming to St. Cletus on Friday, February 25. Come spend an evening being entertained by musicians Tony Kidonakis and Jeff Snyder as they turn Morrissey Hall into a rockin' piano bar. Requests will be taken and everyone will find themselves singing along! Your ticket includes beverages and hors d'oeuvres as well as the unforgettable musical entertainment. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door, and are available after Masses on February 5/6, or can be reserved at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com).

*Justin Sisul* - Music Director

## EVANGELIZATION – OUR CONNECTION WITH THE WORLD: STEWARDSHIP, CREATIVITY, WORK



Many people think that a spiritual life is in conflict or in contradiction to a life in the world. For some spiritualities, that may be the case. In the community of discipleship of Jesus and in the connection with that community in the Church, there is no contradiction between a spiritual life and a life in the world. In fact, faith defines and strengthens believers' connection with the world.

In John's Gospel, Jesus prays for his disciples. He anticipates his departure from the world and their continued presence in the world. He addresses his heavenly Father and says: I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one...As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. (John 17:15, 18)

A faith commitment lived out in the Church defines and strengthens believers' relationship and connection to the world by giving believers a purpose or mission in the world. Believers are sent, as Jesus was sent. They exercise stewardship or responsibility for the world. This stewardship extends, of course, to the physical resources upon which we depend for sustaining life on this planet, our ecological responsibility. Beyond that, stewardship involves a responsibility for the specifically human ecology embedded in the political order and the quest for justice and peace.

Believers are also connected to the world by their sharing in the creative energy of the creator through their work for the world's transformation. Again, this includes not only the physical dimensions of earthly existence but also the cultivation of art and beauty and the creation of a more humane world through work, the labor of our hands and minds.

In and through the Church as a community of faithful disciples of Jesus, believers find themselves more intensely connected and committed to the fate of the earth on which they dwell in all its physical and human dimensions.

(This article is one in a series of reflections on evangelization from Rev. Louis Cameli for Catholics Come Home Chicago 2010-2011.)

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

When you go grocery shopping this week, please don't forget to pick up an item or two for the Food Pantry. All in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off in the designated food bins in the Church vestibule when you come to church on the weekend, or daily from 7:45 AM-4:00 PM. At this time our most needed staples include pasta (both spaghetti & other noodles), macaroni & cheese, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, dry pinto beans, boxed side dishes, canned meat, and cereal. Our most needed extras include diapers, juice, coffee, tea, cooking oil, crackers, laundry detergent, toiletries and dish soap. Each family we serve receives an "extra" or two in their pre-packed bags, as well as a choice of one or two items from our "extra" table. Also, please keep those large brown paper grocery bags coming! A big THANK YOU to all who continue to respond so generously to our pantry needs.

**GOOD NEWS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY!** We recently received a check for \$1,231.90 from Church World Services, who sponsors the La Grange/Western Springs CROP Walk each Fall. Once again, many thanks to all who participated in the walk last October, especially the Freshman Confirmation Candidates, and to those who sponsored a walker. Each of the local pantries also received a generous check. Working together, we can more effectively fight hunger in our community.

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns





# CABARET



AN EVENING OF WINE AND SONG

A BENEFIT FOR THE ST. CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES

## DATE

Friday, February 25

7:30 p.m. Doors Open

8:00 p.m. Entertainment Begins

## ADMISSION

\$35 in Advance, \$40 at the Door

includes Entertainment, Wine and Hors d'œuvres

Plan to join us for an unforgettable evening of music. Tony Kidonakis and Jeff Synder will perform an interactive sing-along show. They'll take requests and sing your favorite songs, everyone leaves singing and smiling. This is only fundraiser we have for the Fine Arts Series, and we look forward to your support and attendance.

## EPIC IN THE AFTERNOON

The Monday night EPIC class, which started January 24, is very well attended. Some people have asked if there could be an afternoon session EPIC. The CREDO committee would be able to offer a second section on Wednesday afternoons from 3-5:00 p.m. but need a few more people for the section. If you wanted to attend EPIC but could not do so on Monday nights, let us know if you would like to enroll in the Wednesday afternoon section. Class will probably begin February 9 if enough people sign up. The class costs \$10 and the book for the class is \$30.

If you want to register for the Wednesday afternoon section of EPIC, please e-mail Deb Blecic at [dblecic@hotmail.com](mailto:dblecic@hotmail.com) or call Rose Adamec at (708) 485-6956 by 5:00 p.m. on Monday January 31.

## 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.

*Deacon Jesús Casas*

## Sunday Collection - January 23, 2011

**Total Active Registered Families 2,728**

### Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used - this week 701  
% of registered families 26%

### Amount Collected

\$21,175 Envelope Users  
2,645 Loose Checks/Cash  
7,631 Automatic Debit  
**\$31,451 Total**

**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,250**

**Over (under) Budget \$4,201**

### **This Fiscal Year @ 01/23/11**

Actual Sunday Collections \$785,443  
Budgeted Sunday Collections 817,500  
YTD Over (Under) than budget \$ (32,057)



### **Heads Up!**

Please take extra care walking in and out of church this time of year. With cold and icy weather, floors and sidewalks tend to be slick.



Tuesday,  
February 2, 2011

The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.

~Patrick Young



CONGREGATION OF

*St. Joseph*

## **Programs at The Well**

**The Spirit of Men** is a contemporary spirituality group for men facilitated by Phil Jackson on six Mondays, February 7 thru March 14, from 7–9:00 p.m. Explore spiritual practices and habits that lead to meaning and purpose. Phil Jackson is a spiritual director for Mayslake Ministries and Old St. Pat's Church and a father of four. The cost is \$20 per session or \$100 for the entire six-part series.

**Leadership Program: Building the Cooperative Learning Organization: The Art and Practice of Dialogue; Giving and Receiving Feedback** explores the universal values and principles of effective leadership. Pat Bombard, BVM, D.Min., will facilitate the program to be held on Fridays, February 25, March 4, 25 and April 15 from 7:30-9:00 a.m. Co-sponsored by DePaul University, the cost is \$20 for one (includes a continental breakfast) or \$75 for all four sessions.

**Taste of Reiki, Gi Gong, Yoga, T'Ai Chi Chih** is designed to introduce you to mind-body-spirit modalities that will nourish your whole self. It will be held on Saturday, February 26 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Treat yourself to this enjoyable, healing, prayerful and energizing experience. Bring a bag lunch. The cost is \$45. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

The Well is located at 1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park. To register, please call (708) 482-5048 or visit the website at [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org).



WEEK AT A GLANCE			
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, January 31	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-98 MH	EPIC Class Men's Basketball
Tuesday, February 1	10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C S-201 S-Library S-200 S-213 MH	School Mass : Teacher Appreciation Day Youth Mission Trip Meeting Tech Committee Meeting Social Concerns RE Board Meeting Boy's Church League
Wednesday, February 2	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB MH S-200 S-201 MH	Mission Ladies Market Day Worship Ministry RE Catechist Formation Boy's Church League
Thursday, February 3	1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH S-Music S-Music S-Music S-102 MH	Leisure Loafers Children's Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Meeting Boy's Church League
Friday, February 4	2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	MH-Lobby MH S-Music S-207 S-98	MANNA Erin Potts Invitational Spanish Choir Practice Hispanic Ministry Bible Class Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, February 5	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	MH CV CV	Erin Potts Invitational Fine Arts Fundraiser Welcome Sunday
Sunday, February 6	7:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	C CV CV S-207 & 213 S-102 MH S-200	Blessing of Throats at all Masses Fine Arts Fundraiser Welcome Sunday Hispanic Ministry/English Classes/GED RCIA Erin Potts Invitational Natural Family Planning Class
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

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### ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Robert E. Coulter Jr., American Legion Post 1941, located at 900 S. La Grange Road, in La Grange,** invites you to their 24th annual Spaghetti Dinner on February 11. Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, desert, and beverage will be served from 4-8:00 p.m. plus entertainment. All this for \$7/Adults, \$3/Children ages 4-12 and children under 3 and under are free.

### 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

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### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

#### OFFICERS

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