


SAINT CLETUS PARISH

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Mass Intentions for the Week of March 7 - March 13, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Lucente
ASH Wednesday 	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	} (Ashes to be distributed at all Masses) } School Mass } Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes } Spanish Mass
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Ulfing, Thomas Lihosit
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Patricia Costello, Frank Mamolella
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Chester Yobe, John David Katrenak, Roy J. Lane, Sr., Joseph Rekash, Kadlec Family, Georgia Popp, Tecla Kwak
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Lester Buczek, Alfreda Woods Tom Kigin, Mark, Mary, John & Joseph Wisniewski, Ola Maveety (Special Intention) Jack Lewis Ken Herzog, George Benrus, Sophie Egieski Purgatorial Society



Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, Monday, March 7, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continues during the day until 6:15 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



This Wednesday, March 9, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at all Liturgies. Our Mass schedule is 6:30, 8:00, 9:00 a.m. (School Mass), 6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. (Spanish). A Prayer Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Church.



Wedding Banns

Amy Pierce

&

James Summers



Reminder: Turn your clocks ahead one hour **next** weekend, March 13.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Ruth Calandriello, John Harden, Mary Alice Gregorchuk, Harry Fisher, Chester Wojcik, Donald Cuttill, Laura McDonnell, Dick Radom, Idolina Montano, Wei Wu, Sue Kremer, Gail Pankow-Locker, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Lydia Ciaglia, Sherry Sumner, Maeva Bishop, Rebecca Mueller, Joshua Thomas, Jr., Leslie Imholt, Loretta Pavlik, Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling, Dominic Cairo, Rajamma Thomas, Joe Saban, Ola Maveety, Jean Weekley, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lent 2011 is quickly approaching as we prepare for its beginning this coming Ash Wednesday. Ashes are an important reminder that the next forty days are about prayer, fasting and doing good works in anticipation of the glory of Easter.

During these next several weeks of Lent, we introduce and reflect on the changes in language that will occur in the Liturgy with the introduction of the third edition of the "New Roman Missal." These changes will be introduced into the liturgy beginning the first Sunday of Advent 2011. To prepare and become comfortable with these changes in language, we will begin examining a different aspect of the Roman Missal each week during Lent. This week, I would like to reflect on the history of the Roman Missal.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

Adapted from an article by Paul Turner and presented by (Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions) 415 Michigan Ave., NE Suite 70, Washington, D.C. 20017 www.fdlc.org

"The Sacramentary, or Roman Missal, is the bound book of the official presider's prayers we most commonly see placed on the altar or being held by a server during Mass, and it will soon be changing. While the truths of our faith are ageless, liturgical books continually evolve to serve God's people for all time."

"The Sacramentary, or Roman Missal that we currently use is the English translation of the Latin Missale Romanum. Prior to the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), the Roman Missal contained the readings and prayers of the Mass bound together in a single volume. Now the Scripture readings are bound separately in a Lectionary, and the presider's prayers are bound in the Sacramentary."

"The Missale Romanum contains all of the prayers of the Mass in their official Latin version. While rich in history, the original Latin prayers are not always as ancient as they seem. Many prayers have been edited over time for the sake of theological precision or linguistic grace. Other prayers have been written more recently, some even since the Second Vatican Council."

"The Roman Missal, like every liturgical book used in the Catholic Church, is first published entirely in Latin. For centuries, Latin had been the preferred language not only of the church but also in scholarship, politics, philosophy, science, and the arts. The Second Vatican Council maintained the church's preference for the Latin language but also allowed for 'a more extended use of the mother tongue within the Mass' (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 54). The results of this have been overwhelmingly positive. The use of the vernacular, the common language of the people, has helped us to pray with more understanding and to deepen spiritual connections between the liturgy and everyday life."

"While the church allowed for the use of the vernacular language, the prayers themselves still needed to be translated from the original Latin to English. The first edition of the English-language Sacramentary was published in 1974. Nearly 30 years later, Pope John Paul II (who himself participated as a young bishop in the Second Vatican Council) issued the Missal that we will use in our parishes in the near future. Promulgated in 2000 and first available in Latin in 2002, there are few changes in the Latin texts of the new Missal. However, because of new principles of translation, the changes for English-speaking parishes throughout the world will be noticeable."

"Translation is an art. A simple glance at any dictionary shows the multiple definitions that exist for any one word within any one language. The translations currently in use, based on the principles of dynamic equivalency, have helped generations of Catholics pray in their own language. The issuance of the third edition of the Roman Missal reflects a new understanding of translation principles known as formal equivalency. The desire is to provide a more beautiful and more exacting language of prayer. The goal, for those who pray as members of the body of Christ, is that prayer be 'to the greater Glory of God (Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam).'"

As we begin our Lenten journey, we thank God for the working of the Holy Spirit as we continue to better understand and grow in our ability to pray more meaningfully and effectively each day. You will continue to hear more about the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal over the next several weeks of Lent.

Lenten Prayers and Blessings,

Father Bob

Pastor

CAPTURE THE LENTEN SPIRIT IN PRAYER

During the Lenten season, we will offer a variety of prayer services and worship opportunities to enrich your journey.

- Each Wednesday, there will be a 6:30 p.m. Mass throughout Lent
- On Fridays, there will be unique prayerful services beginning with Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 11 in church at 7:00 pm.
- On the first Monday of each month (including this Monday, March 7) we will offer Eucharistic Adoration, concluding at 6:15 p.m. with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction.
- On Tuesday, April 12 we will offer a Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m. Finally, our Holy Week schedule is listed below:

Holy Thursday	Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Silent Adoration	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	Passion of the Lord	3:00 p.m.
	Living Stations and Communion Service	7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil		7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	Masses at 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (in Morrissey Hall), and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)	

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for spiritual nourishment during this most holy season.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14-years-old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by all this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to ones needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

PARISH LENTEN FORGIVENESS SERVICE

Please note that St. Cletus's Parish Forgiveness Service will be held on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity.

PRAYERS AND ACTIONS TO HELP YOU OBSERVE LENT IN 2011

BLESSING FOR A MEAL

Gracious God, bless our Lenten meal –
 the food we eat, the words we share.
 Bless all of us gathered here with simplicity of heart,
 and moderation in all things.
 Give us a thirst for the living water of your Spirit.
 Fill us with the hunger for your justice.
 May we who are baptized raise our voices on behalf
 of those who hunger in our world.
 We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

ACTION

During Lent, consider eating a simple meal one day a week. Contribute the money you save by putting it into your Rice Bowl.

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We are still a little ways away from meeting our goal of packing 200 bags for our March 10 food distribution. Although all in-date non-perishables are greatly appreciated, our most needed items at this time include pasta (spaghetti and assorted noodles), pasta sauce, canned tomatoes/sauce, boxed side dishes, canned chili, canned meat, cereal, crackers, juice, paper goods, and diapers. Thank you!

I'd also like to offer a special word of appreciation to our volunteers, who so faithfully stock the shelves, pack the bags, shop for supplemental groceries, help on the day of distribution, and do whatever it takes to keep up with the need. This is an on going ministry, which requires many, many helping hands as well as the generous food and monetary donations of parishioners and friends in the community. THANK YOU from me and all those we serve!

Reminder: On the 4th Wednesday of each month, St. Cletus sends a group of 10-15 volunteers to the Greater Chicago Food Depository to work and earn credit for us. At these sessions, we earn \$15 worth of food per volunteer. This is a great financial help, since the Food Pantry has been purchasing quality food items from the GCFD each month to supplement our parishioner/friend food donations. We are in need of volunteers for our next date, Wednesday, March 23, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Please look at your calendar to see if you might be able to join us. If you are interested, please e-mail Dawn McMillin, who coordinates our volunteers: dawnmcmillin@gmail.com or contact me at (708) 215-5418. Thank you!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Our faith community will once again join millions of U.S. Catholics by participating in Operation Rice Bowl, the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. Just as we celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays, we can use Operation Rice Bowl throughout Lent as a way to “break bread” together with family and loved ones. We join in the traditional practices of Lent and **pray** as a community, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **give** concrete assistance to those most in need, while we **learn** about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.

So many of us feel powerless to address the shocking poverty that affects two-thirds of the world's population, as more than 35,000 children die every day for reasons that stem directly from their poverty. Locally, we see the damaging impact that unemployment, underemployment, physical and mental illness/disabilities, and cuts in public assistance have on families and the poor. The cry for definitive action is deafening. Operation Rice Bowl presents us with the opportunity to actively help those less fortunate, both locally and internationally.

United as one faith community-from the youngest to the oldest, across all ministries-let us put into action this year's Operation Rice Bowl theme: “We are Disciple's for all nations.” Caring for our brothers and sisters wherever they live, is the responsibility of all faithful followers of Jesus.

Our School and Religious Ed students have already begun their participation in this Lenten project, by helping to assemble the Rice Bowl packets, which we will distribute next weekend when we celebrate the first Sunday in Lent. Be sure to take one home and begin the simple yet powerful Lenten practice of Prayer, Fasting, Learning, and Almsgiving. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

Interfaith Community Partners is holding a volunteer training session. The session will be on Sunday, March 13, from 12:15-3:15 p.m., at a location to be determined. 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.



St. Cletus Youth Ministry
New Faith Formation Program for High School Teens

September 2011 - May 2012

Cost: \$125

Registration: -In person after all Masses March 12 and 13

-Forms are available on our website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth and can be returned to the rectory or RE office.

*Please contact Kristen Maxwell at (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

Outline of Program

***Two Sunday afternoons/early evenings *per month* consisting of:**

- One small group faith formation/discussion in the home of catechists/advisors
- One large group faith formation/discussion at St. Cletus or another location

***Service opportunities will be incorporated into these sessions. Additional projects will also be available. Some examples include: Parish Giving Tree, Crop Walk, Souper Bowl of Caring, Feed My Starving Children, Chicago Food Depository, etc.**

Optional

-Informal drop-ins will take place on scheduled weekday evenings from 5:30pm – 8:00pm.

-Retreats: *Freshman/Sophomore overnight
 *Junior/Senior Kairos

-Social Events: *Church League Basketball
 *Ski trip
 *Other activities planned by teens

-Teen Masses: *Sundays before or after a small or large group session

-Summer Mission Trips will continue to be offered. We are taking 22 teens to Pennsylvania from July 31– August 5, 2011!

-Extended Events: *Upcoming possibilities include World Youth Day Chicago – August 20 – 21, 2011 and National Catholic Youth Conference – Indianapolis November 2011.

Youth Ministry News!

CONFIRMATION 2011

This weekend on Sunday, March 6, at a 2:00 p.m. Liturgy, our Year II high school candidates celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Paprocki, their families, friends, advisors and sponsors who represent the larger Christian community. We congratulate these confirmandi, who have spent the past two years preparing for the reception of the sacrament. We welcome them into a deeper and fuller participation of our faith community and pray that all our lives will be renewed by the special gifts of the Holy Spirit.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the Year II Confirmation Advisors who helped prepare our confirmandi. They are: Rob Brown, Lisa Dombro, Beatrice and Jim Farmer, Fran Darley, Katie and Sean Frisbie, Judy and Jeff Fuller, Donna Gacek, Mary Carol Tlusty, Mary O'Heron, Barb Pristo, and Maggie and Paul Stepuszek. Also, special thanks to Emily Balch and Barb Keane, our Confirmation reception coordinator, and all of those who assisted in making this day special.

Amy Cranny

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 12/ 13: YOUTH MINISTRY WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED AT ALL MASSES!

- We will be selling Fannie May Candy bars before and after all Masses as our main fundraiser for our summer mission trip to Pennsylvania.
- We will begin registration for our new program, which starts in September.
- Visit us in the church vestibule!

PRO LABORE DEI SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday morning March 12, members of our Teen Advisory Board are meeting in Room 213 of the Education building to make lunches for the needy in the Robbins community. Then we will be joining a group to deliver them. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kristen Maxwell at (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com.

PRAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Our first gathering went very well! Thank you to everyone who participated. We will meet again on Friday, March 18, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 200 of the Education Building. Our prayer and reflection will center upon the virtue of compassion. Contact Kristen Maxwell at (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions. Please join us! All are welcome!

2011 LIFE NIGHT YOUTH RALLY AND MASS

On Sunday, March 13, from 2:30–7:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Snows (4810 S. Leamington Ave, Chicago), the Archdiocese of Chicago's Chastity Education Initiative is sponsoring a youth rally which will include Mass, Reconciliation, music, and national speaker Jason Evert. Jason will be giving witness to why our present relationships shape our future life. Admission is free. Contact Kristen Maxwell at (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com for more information.

Kristen Maxwell

Coordinator of Youth Ministry



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for 2011-2012 will not be mailed out. We are planning a Registration Fair for Sunday, March 22, 2011.

Sr. Pat McKee
Director of Religious Education

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS EVENT. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.



Thank you for all your support for the 2011 Cardinal Royale and Spring Auction! The St. Cletus community is extremely supportive of St. Cletus school and we appreciate all you do! We really hope you plan on attending this parish event in support of the school.

Invitations, RSVP cards, sponsor and donor forms can be found on the Auction website: www.stcletusschool.com/auction. RSVPs are due by March 9 to the school office—Attention: Cathy Kane—and donations and sponsorships are due to the school office as soon as possible—Attention: Karen Mulcrone. Remember to pre-purchase the charitable gaming chips to avoid paying sales tax the night of the event.

There are some great auction items, including a trip to Boston to see the Cubs battle the Red Sox, a flight on a WWII Grumman TBF Avenger, private dinner with Father Bob, Cubs/White Sox/Blackhawk tickets, vacation homes in Hilton Head/Timber Ridge, and the Community Wine Cellar with a Dan Hurley original wine rack to name just a few.

As they say in Vegas - You gotta play to win! Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and in the school office all week long. Lady Luck will be on your side as you vie for 3 - 1st prizes- \$1000 tuition credit or cash equivalent; 2nd prize of an iPad, or a 32" LG HDTV donated by Saints and Sinners Audio Video and Lighting as the 3rd prize.

The community wine cellar has attracted the attention of many potential buyers – and it isn't too late to make your contribution! Contact Marty or Karen Mulcrone at (708) 579-5859, e-mail auction@stcletusparish.com or drop off a bottle worth \$20 or more at 1210 South Stone.

It is a great day to be a Cardinal!

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR IN THEIR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS?

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK (ICN) invites you to a very interesting panel discussion on this very timely topic. Join us on Thursday, March 17, 7:00 p.m., at St. John of the Cross Parish Center in Western Springs. Panelists will include employer representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield, PNC Bank, Pure Circle USA Inc, plus a Senior Search Executive from the executive search firm, Bloom Gross and Associates. Our panel will host a lively discussion on what they like to see from candidates during an interview; they will also field questions from the audience. Invite your friends and join us for an interactive discussion on a topic that will be of benefit to all job seekers. Networking opportunities will follow the panel discussion. Enhance your job search and make some great new networking connections within our community. This program is open to all and there is no fee to attend.

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org

 An advertisement for Manna Gift Cards for Education. It features a blue background with a yellow starburst graphic. The text reads: "Manna Gift Cards for Education For this program vendors sell gift cards to us at a percent discount. We then sell them at face value. Half of the proceeds helps our school the rest you can apply to tuition at St. Cletus or ANY public/private high school or college! Cash and Carry After Mass March 12 & 13 For more Information or to order online visit <http://www.stcletusparish.com/school/fundraising/manna>".


BUNCO Party Fundraiser, sponsored by St. Barbara CCW, will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2:00-4:00 pm, in St. Barbara Parish Center, 4015 Prairie, Brookfield (north of Ogden, across from the church). Handicapped accessible/ample parking. Tickets are \$5 for Bunco, prizes, coffee & cake. For tickets, call Marie at (708) 387-7065 or purchase at door.



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

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011
NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Listen to Jesus? Indeed!

People in the construction business know that before you start building anything you have to figure out what kind of ground you have to work with. Only after that's done can you know the right foundation to use to produce a solid structure. Being a disciple of Jesus follows much the same pattern. In fact, Jesus makes the same comparison himself, saying that the one who builds on solid ground is like the person who both hears his words and *acts on them*. Think about some of the most important things you believe about God and Jesus. Then ask yourself: How can I put these beliefs into action?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32; Romans 3:21-25, 28; Matthew 7:21-27*

"Everyone . . . who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."

MONDAY, MARCH 7 FEAST OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS
You belong to Christ

"I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian." As she waited to be taken to prison and ultimately her martyrdom in third-century Africa, Saint Perpetua tried to explain to her father the depth of her faith in Christ. She didn't only have faith; she had allowed that experience of Christ to transform her whole life such that she hardly knew herself except in Christ. She strove to see all things, even her own suffering and impending death, with the eyes of faith, hope, and love. Each of us encounters our own moments of struggle and suffering, and at times we can barely muster a good thought, let alone faith. In these moments let us remember who we are in Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Tobit 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mark 12:1-12*

"Have you not read this scripture: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?"

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
Two sides of the same coin

One of Jesus' most controversial—and cryptic—statements was his response to a trick question. Asked, "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" his reply was: "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." Over the centuries some Christians have come to think Christ was teaching faithfulness to political leaders as well as to God, while others have believed the very same words clearly state the opposite: the gulf between loyalty to God and earthly political power. Jesus, however, was not giving a civics lesson. The Roman coin in his hand served as a prop for something larger: to speak the truth in the face of hypocrisy and deception.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17*

"Teacher, we know that you . . . teach the way of God in accordance with truth."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 ASH WEDNESDAY
Lent: A season of joy?

Thank God! Lent at last! If that's an unlikely comment, it shouldn't be. "Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed," says a Lenten prayer. What makes Lent joyful is that it gives focus to vague notions of "doing better" or "getting serious about faith." A framed motto on a pastor's desk shows a kid's wagon and the words "Lord, I need a push." Lent gives that concrete shove we need toward almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. And

during Lent we're not on our own. We're shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow pilgrims, a community of home-bound prodigals, all needing and capable of giving each other a gentle push in the right direction. Springtime and welcome home! What is more joyful than that?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18*

"As we work together . . . we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain."

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
One size fits all

In 1971 Catholic peace activist Eileen Egan coined the term "seamless garment" to describe Catholic reverence for life across the spectrum of contemporary issues—abortion, capital punishment, and euthanasia—but Egan also included militarism and social and economic injustice. "The protection of life," said Egan, "is a seamless garment. You can't protect some life and not others." Later, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* ("Gospel of Life") gave the seamless garment image and the consistent ethic of life for which it stands wider visibility. The garment is as fitting today as it was several decades ago. Try it on yourself!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25*

"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then."

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
A fast guide to Lent

At summers' end long-suffering baseball fans in Chicago invariably exclaim, "Wait until next year!" Many Catholics say the same thing at the end of every Lent. Despite years of practice and our best intentions, sustaining a 40-day season of "fast" remains elusive. Perhaps that is because we miss the point of fasting. It is far more than a means of self-control or a way to deprive ourselves. To receive the spiritual benefits of fasting, we have to go beyond simply giving up a regular hearty meal because it's Lent, and genuinely, compassionately remember and pray for those whose diets are inadequate 365 days a year. Deep reflection and prayer are what give a fast its significance. Try them. Don't wait until next year.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15*

"Is such the fast that I choose . . . to share your bread with the hungry?"

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
Who will you be tomorrow?

Jesus calls all of us to repent—and be quick about it, advises Pope Gregory the Great, who died on this day in 604. "God, who promised pardon to every repentant sinner, has not promised us tomorrow," writes Gregory in *Be Friends of God*. Today is a "day for conversion," says Gregory. But wait, don't get comfortable. Even if you've repented today, you need to be watchful and in full conversion mode tomorrow. Why? "Because," Gregory counsels, "even if we know what kind of person we are today, we do not know what we will be tomorrow. Nobody must rejoice in the security of their own good deeds." Blessings in your continued conversion.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32*

"I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

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ADULT SCRIPTURE & FAITH SHARING

Share the scriptures and our faith with one another as we reflect on the gospel readings we will hear proclaimed at the following Sunday's Mass. Thursday evenings at the rectory, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Facilitator: Bobbie Nye, (773) 586-0636, or bobbie5@prodigy.net.
St. Rene Goupil-6340 South New England Avenue-Chicago, IL 60638

REFLECTIONS ON THE COMING SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m.; February 23 - April 13, 2011. All are welcome!
St. Julie Billiart Parish-7399 West 159th St.-Tinley Park, IL 60477-(708) 429-6767

CATHOLICISM 101

The sessions will meet on Wednesdays, beginning March 2, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus rectory. For a full schedule and registration, go to: <http://stalphonsuschgo.org/Cath101.html.org>, or contact: corino@aol.com.
St. Alphonsus-1429 West Wellington Avenue-Chicago, IL 60657-(773) 525-0709

INFORMATION SESSION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNULMENT OF A MARRIAGE

Thursday March 24, 2011, 7:00-9:00 p.m. No registration required.
Most Holy Redeemer Parish Hall (NW corner of 96th and Millard Avenue, Evergreen Park, IL). For further information, contact Steve Ligda or Winnie at (708) 636-7862

CATHOLICS COME HOME OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 1 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Notre Dame de Chicago-1335 W. Harrison-Chicago, IL 60607-Ph. (312) 243-7400

LANDINGS

A Paulist Ministry for Welcoming Returning Catholics. Landings is a ministry of compassionate listening, a safe harbor for returning Catholics to land as they discern their future with the Church. Meetings will be held once a week during Lent. Check our website for updates on exact dates and times: www.oldstmarys.com, or contact Maryann Cushing, Pastoral Associate: (312) 922-3444, ext. 25.
Old St. Mary's Church-1500 S. Michigan Avenue-Chicago, IL 60605



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the *Sacrament of Anointing* after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on *Sunday, March 27, 2011*. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament. A reception will follow in Room 98, of the Education Building. Questions? Call Dolores Wouk in the Ministry of Care Office at (708) 215-5407.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Join us on Tuesday, March 8, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., at Bakers Square (942 S. La Grange Rd.) 10% of the event sales will be donated to *Church Women United*. We hope to see you there!

Mary White

COMING SOON: Book Drive for Invisible Children

One of our high school parishioners, Marie Johnson-Dahl, is organizing a used book drive to benefit **Invisible Children**, a non-profit organization working to rescue the children who have been abducted into Uganda's rebel army, and to provide them with education and mentors. Marie has already collected 40 boxes towards her 75 box goal. Look for full details regarding the types of books needed and collection dates in next weekend's Canticle. Further information about this organization is on their website: www.invisiblechildren.com.

Sunday Collection – February 27, 2011			
Total Active Registered Families 2,730			
<u>Collection Statistics</u>		<u>Amount Collected</u>	
# of envelopes used - this week	657		
% of registered families	24%	\$21,286	Envelope Users
		2,615	Loose Checks/Cash
		<u>7,741</u>	Automatic Debit
Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,250		\$31,642	Total
Over (under) Budget	\$4,392		
This Fiscal Year @ 02/27/11			
Actual Sunday Collections	\$915,985		
<u>Budgeted Sunday Collections</u>	<u>953,750</u>		
YTD Over (Under) than budget	(\$37,765)		
“What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?”			(Ps 116:12)

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, March 7	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:15 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C C S-98 S-200 MH MH	Adoration & Benediction Spanish Adoration EPIC Athletic Association Meeting Girls’ Church League Mens’ Basketball
Tuesday, March 8	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-201 S-207 S-213	Confirmation Advisor Meeting PreCana Pastoral Care Commission
Wednesday, March 9	See Mass schedule 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	C C RB S-200	Distribution of Ashes School Masses Mission Ladies Baptism Prep
Thursday, March 10	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.	S-Music CV S-Music S-Music S-102 MH	Children’s Choir Food Pantry Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Meeting Boys’ Church League
Friday, March 11	2:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C S-Music C S-207	Stations of the Cross Spanish Choir Practice Stations of the Cross Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, March 12	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	S-213 CV CV	YM Teen Service Project YM Candy Bar Sale/Registration MANNA
Sunday, March 13	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	CV CV S-207 & 213 S-102	YM Candy Bar Sale/Registration MANNA Hispanic Ministry/English Classes/GED 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
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	TBA
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Dawn Dion
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Marty Mulcrone (School) 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
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Peggy Meidell Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

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 & Planning:</i>	Jim Krecek
<i>Recruitment & Retention:</i>	Mary Schramka