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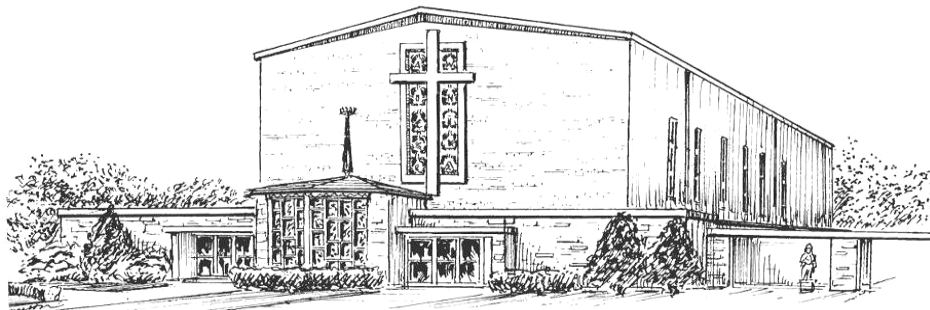
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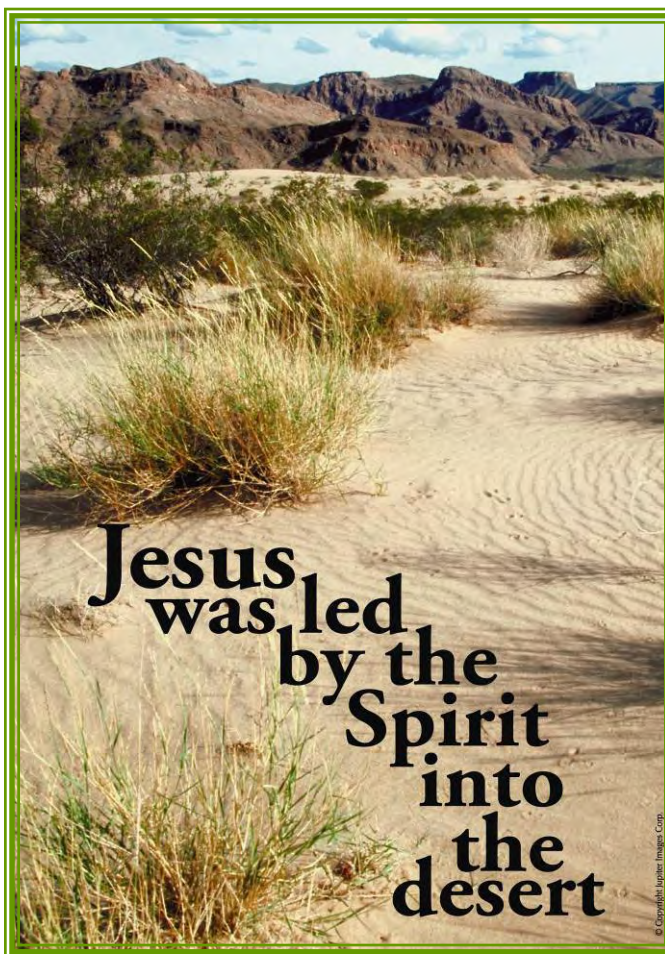
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March 13, 2011

First Sunday of Lent



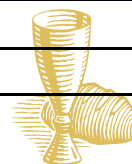
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Mass Intentions for the Week of March 14 - March 20, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Viecele, Elsie J. Wagner, Marilyn Cunningham
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Frank Wojcik Lenten Evening Mass
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Walter & Marcie Johnston, Catherine Battle, Joseph Morris, Nicholas Murphy, Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, John McTigue
Friday	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Lenten Prayer Service
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Danny McGinley, Georgia Popp, Roseann Lodato, Karen Marie Wilson
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Adelward Niederhofer Walter Maveety Henry & James Meske, Edgar Fey Mae & Alexander McCurdy, George Benrus, Liam Connors, William Garske Purgatorial Society



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Leah Ennesser, 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.



**Be merciful,
Lord,
for we have
sinned**

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 God's gift of forgiveness.



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.



Amy Pierce and James Summers

&

Katherine Barrett and Gerald Murphy

**Please remember our recently deceased and
their families in your prayers...**



Roseann J. O'Brien

Margarito Rodriguez,

husband of Fidelia

**May God grant them eternal rest.
Amen.**

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2011

At the beginning of the American Civil War in 1861, a young Union soldier wrote a letter to his wife as he prepared to go into battle. He spoke of the happiness he had found in marrying her and the joy of their life together. He considered the danger of his present situation and the strong possibility that he might very soon lose his life and say goodbye to this beautiful world. Faced with the threat of death, he expressed a fond farewell to his lovely bride and companion and concluded his letter with these words: "And dear Sarah, when my last breath escapes me on the battlefield, it will whisper your name." A few days later, he was killed in action.

This impulse in us to write farewell letters—letters of love to our dear ones when we are faced with death—is very strong. Our love is stronger than death, and should we die, our words will reach our loved ones, and death will not be able to deny or to destroy such love.

Less than a hundred years after the American Civil War, other soldiers in another theatre of war set themselves to write letters of farewell and tenderness to loved ones left behind. As the great flotilla of the Normandy invasion fleet crossed over the choppy waters of the English Channel, on D-Day, 6th June 1944, many men wrote their final letters to families, wives and sweethearts to say goodbye and send their love before they disembarked to enter the jaws of hell. So many of them met their end immediately, and their bodies littered the beaches of northern France. Their last moments may have been in the noise and smoke and darkness of battle, but their last thoughts and final messages were of light and love and a longing for home. Yes, love is stronger than death.

In the days of long ago, the writer of Genesis considered these great antagonists: love and death. He was familiar with all their struggles and sought to tell their story in a way that was faithful to his experience.

The message of God's love could be seen in his creation. This beautiful world is created out of love for us. It is a tremendous gift of God, and it is given to us: a Garden of Eden. But the beauty is marred and the joy is edged with sorrow, because of death. Death comes as the end. Not only death but also the grievous sorrow, the spiritual death that comes wherever evil raises its ugly head: the serpent of sin that creeps in everywhere to destroy the peace and harmony of life. In the story of Adam and Eve, the ancient writer seeks to depict the history of humankind and the story of human unkindness—the story of evil. This evil touches every one of us in our lives, whether as affliction, circumstance, history or personal temptation. Everyone must fight with the devil. We see in others "the evil that men do," and we feel in ourselves the terrible possibility of falling into such evil, too.

Jesus, in his life, in his personal story and in his innermost self, was not spared the torment that temptation brings. His forty days in the wilderness bring him face-to-face with the evil one. His responses, when tested, give us a blueprint for wise and holy living. We do not live on bread alone, he says. We are spiritual beings, and we must live a spiritual life. We must not tempt God, he says, but must take responsibility for the conduct of our lives. We must worship God alone, he says, and not sell our souls to the devil.

In reviewing all of this, Saint Paul paints a great drama of Adam and Jesus: Adam, the man who fell from grace and who swamped the whole world in sin; Jesus, the man who was raised on a Cross and raised higher than the earth, and who raised all of us up with him to heaven.

As Jesus faces his own death and yields his spirit on the cross as his dying breath escapes him, it whispers our name. His love is stronger than death, and his resurrection promises us life. This is God's "love letter" to us, written on a cross, sealed in blood, and opened in the resurrection. It is a letter to be read to the entire world: "Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death."

*Lenten Prayers,
Father Bob
Pastor*



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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; RITE OF ELECTION

An election everybody wins

Now is the time to become aware of your parish's catechumens or candidates. Assure them that you are walking with them all through the season. At the Easter Vigil the assembly will witness their baptism into the Lord. Make your own Lent come alive by making room in your daily prayer for these people who are making such profound choices to orient themselves toward the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Ask them to pray for you. Let the joy of being a companion brighten your own journey as well as theirs. They are soon to be your sisters and brothers in Christ. Recognize today that you have a role to play to provide encouragement and example to the elect on their path toward the Paschal Mystery.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11*

"One man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all."

MONDAY, MARCH 14 LENTEN WEEKDAY

A value-added tradition

Scripture's dramatic account of the Final Judgment includes powerful statements about the importance of caring for those who are weak, ill, imprisoned—values that are at the core of all Christian social ethics. Over the centuries great movements for human progress and compassion have been inspired by these fundamental Christian values. Western Christianity's shortcomings are frequently on display, as perhaps they should be. But let's not forget the great Christian charitable tradition, which has done so much good for so many. Find a way to make your own contribution to charitable works: From Catholic Charities to Catholic Worker houses, the options are many.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46*

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

TUESDAY, MARCH 15 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Listen for the living Word

How many times have we heard the phrase the Word of God? Why so much emphasis on what God is saying? What's the difference between this word and any other good word we might hear or say? Scripture tells us that God's Word isn't only an utterance or a form of communication. God's Word is also God's very self! When we hear God's Word, read it, and meditate on it, we are engaging not with some distant word but a present, living word. We are engaging with God, and the very act of listening to the Word of God affects us, nourishes us, challenges us, seeps into our very being. Listen to God's Word to you this day. It can come anywhere—scripture, nature, work, people, and more!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15*

"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 LENTEN WEEKDAY

It's time to know God's love

Psalm 51 is often part of Lenten liturgies. In Latin it's called the *Misereatur* from its first words, "Have mercy." The Mass often reminds us of our sinfulness, but it's critical that we also keep an eye fixed on God's mercy. An Old Testament word, *hesed*—often translated as "mercy"—is really something more. It's God's loving-kindness, God's commitment to the promises of the covenant. Pope John Paul II said this covenant was "on God's

part, a gift and a grace. . . a love that gives, love more powerful than betrayal, grace stronger than sin." Psalm 51 reminds us that in Lent we not only seek God but awaken to the staggering truth that God is committed to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32*

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions" (King James Version).

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Finders are keepers

One characteristic all saints have in common is their ability to make the transition from seeking to finding. Their senses were no more powerful than ours, yet somehow they were able to perceive God's goodness in every aspect of their lives—even, and perhaps especially, in the most difficult times. Someone once wrote: "Anyone in a state of seeking can never be happy. Only those who are constantly finding are fulfilled. And finding is not something that happens to us; it is something we do." Today is a good day to begin finding all the gifts we have been given, all the open doors we have previously failed to notice. All it takes is the decision to do so. Decide to become a finder today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Esther 4:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12*

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

FEAST OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Embrace the grand thing

"Baptism is the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New." This statement doesn't diss Hebrew scripture but salutes the power of baptism to turn the page of our lives in dramatic fashion. Saint Cyril of Jerusalem wrote those words as a young priest. He was deemed so learned that he was put in charge of preparing candidates for baptism, a sacred trust. "Water is a grand thing," he noted. Grace comes by way of water because of its central role in so many biblical stories. Follow the water: from Creation through Noah and Moses, Joshua and Elijah and Elisha, all the way to Jesus and his disciples. Water is the instrument of grace!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26*

"Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked . . . and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live?"

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Talk is cheap

Throughout the Holy Land from Galilee to Jerusalem you'll find churches commemorating scenes from the life of Jesus, Mary his mother, John the Baptist, even apostles and Hebrew prophets. But only in his hometown of Nazareth do you find a humble church dedicated to Saint Joseph, husband of Mary. Joseph is used to being the silent partner in salvation history. He never says a word in the gospels. But this righteous man is honored as the foster father of all who need a trustworthy dad to lean on. We might do the same: talk less, give more.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a*

"Hoping against hope, he believed . . . Therefore his faith was reckoned to him as righteousness."

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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
- A Lenten Prayer Service will be held in church on Friday at 7:00 p.m.
- On the first Monday of each month 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.

A TIME OF HOPE AND RENEWAL



You will not find many Catholics who could say that Lent is their “favorite time of year.” In fact, most American Catholics shy away from the simplicity, somber colors, reflective readings, and music that we experience in our parishes during this time of year, yet this new Season of Lent is a time of hope and renewal. The readings for today may offer only a discussion on sin and temptation at first glance, though a deeper examination unpacks the compassion of a forgiving God who loves us unconditionally. It’s hard not to feel hopeful about that!

Throughout Lent we are asked to open ourselves to God through practices of prayer, fasting and Almsgiving. Why not begin today by prayerfully re-reading the Gospel (Mt 4:1-11) and reflecting on its meaning in your life? Praying the Scriptures is a way to renew your faith and strengthen your relationship with God.

The Gospel tells of Jesus alone praying and fasting in the desert, hungry, exhausted and being tempted by the devil. When were you at the moment of lost hope in your life and where did you find strength to resist temptation and move forward? In the last lines we hear that Jesus finds strength and hope in a loving relationship with God. As Baptized Catholics we can also claim our place as sons and daughters of God the Father and through God’s love we can overcome all of life’s challenges. You are sons and daughters of God! Let someone know the joy you feel!

The goal for all evangelization efforts is to strengthen our connection to God and then share it with others. Throughout the Catholics Come Home evangelization efforts we heard stories of Catholics who had been away from the Church and one person invited them to know more about God’s love. With a simple invitation like, “come with me to Mass” or “join me in one of my Bible Study sessions” a life was changed and another person came back to the Church. Who do you know that needs a sense of hope and God’s strength? Who can you invite this week?

✠✠✠ Embracing Change in the Liturgy ✠✠✠

For many people, change does not come easy. Change requires us to stop doing things a certain way in order to do something else. Many people find comfort in familiar routines and known ways of acting. Change interrupts those familiar routines. But change is also an opportunity to stop and reflect on what we are doing and to come to a better understanding of God, who does not change.

Why does the Church change the Liturgy?

In its Liturgy, the Church always attempts to follow the “norm of the holy Fathers.” This effort “requires not only the preservation of what our immediate forebears have handed on to us, but also an understanding and a more profound pondering of the Church’s entire past. . . . this broader view allows us to see how the Holy Spirit endows the People of God with a marvelous fidelity in preserving the unalterable deposit of faith, even though there is a very great variety of prayers and rites” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 9).

The Liturgy must, therefore, always celebrate and make present the Paschal Sacrifice of Christ—his saving Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. However, over time, it may become necessary to make certain changes, such as adding prayers for recently canonized saints and adding texts that reflect the needs that the People of God wish to bring to God in prayer. The third edition of the *Roman Missal* makes such additions and provides a fresh translation of the Latin texts of the existing content of the *Missal*.

Who decides that the Liturgy should change?

Pope John Paul II approved the promulgation of the third edition of the *Missale Romanum*, the Latin text, on April 20, 2000. The final Latin edition of the revised text was published in March 2002. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments was responsible for preparing the text. The Congregation is the Vatican office that the pope has charged with overseeing all matters related to the Liturgy and the sacraments. Any changes in the words of the sacramental formulas—the essential words in the celebration of each of the sacraments (either in Latin or in vernacular translations)—must be approved by the Holy Father personally. In addition, church law also gives to conferences

of bishops (such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) as well as individual bishops certain responsibilities with regard to the Liturgy.

What exactly is changing?

The structure of the Mass (the order of the elements, the actions of the priest celebrant, and so forth) remains unchanged in the new edition of the *Roman Missal*. However, the translation of the prayer texts will change to more closely reflect the original Latin texts. In some cases, new options for prayers may be available, and some old options may no longer be present.

Will the changes be noticeable?

In the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, almost every prayer in the Mass—those spoken by the priest and those spoken by the people—has been retranslated from the Latin to English. Some prayers now recited by memory will need to be relearned, and the familiar language of many prayers recited by the priest will change.

In preparing the new translation, the translators were asked to make the English texts conform more closely to the Latin originals and to retain traditional theological vocabulary that communicates important concepts of the faith. The language that the faithful will hear and pray is more formal and somewhat more complex than the language of ordinary conversation. It conveys rich theological concepts and retains biblical language and images.

How can I prepare for the change?

There are many ways in which you can prepare for the changes in the Mass:

- ✠ Make a conscious effort to participate more fully in the Mass each Sunday and holy day.
- ✠ Take advantage of any special catechetical sessions offered by your parish or diocese.
- ✠ Visit the *Roman Missal* Web site (www.usccb.org/romanmissal) to study the new texts and to learn more about the changes.
- ✠ Read the new texts of the people’s parts at Mass. Begin to study them so that you will be able to pray them well when the new *Roman Missal* is implemented.
- ✠ Pray for a renewal of love for the Liturgy in your parish and in the Church.

What difference will these changes make in my parish?

Some of the differences will be obvious immediately. We will have to learn new musical settings for the various parts of the Mass. We will learn new words for common prayers, such as the Creed. Those of us who began saying the Mass prayers by heart long ago will need to rely on printed texts again, at least for a while. In the early months of the transition, we may find it more challenging to pray with one voice as people adjust to the new texts and gradually commit them to their hearts.

But these surface differences will give way to deeper and more significant changes. If we use the time of preparation well, we will make the changes with a deeper understanding of the Liturgy and a renewed reverence for and appreciation of the Mass. We will hear the prayers with new ears and with new hearts. Our Liturgy will be filled with new life and new spirit as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ made present for us.

Where can I turn for help in understanding these changes?

The first stop for catechesis and formation regarding these changes is your parish and diocese. All the faithful are encouraged to take advantage of parish efforts. You can attend catechetical sessions, read articles in the parish bulletin or newsletter or the diocesan newspaper, listen closely to homilies that help explain the changes, and come early to Mass to practice new musical settings for the prayers.

In addition, many dioceses, schools, universities, and retreat centers will offer programs to help people understand and appreciate the new translation. You can take advantage of these programs where possible.

The official Web site for the third edition of the *Roman Missal* is found at www.usccb.org/romanmissal. A variety of resources will be posted that may help you.

Catholic publishers and national organizations will publish many resources, in print and online, to help you negotiate this time of change. Check out your parish book rack or your local Catholic bookstore to see what is available.

What if I don't like the new translation?

For most people, the unfamiliar is always uncomfortable, at least at first. The more familiar the old is, the more challenging it may be to accept and embrace the new. It is completely normal to feel uncomfortable as you begin studying and reading the new texts. Taking steps to become more familiar

with the texts can help a great deal. At the same time, be open to the possibility that you will find things to appreciate in the rich language of the new texts. The more you read them and study them and pray them, the more familiar and comfortable they will become and the more you will appreciate the theological depth they convey.

Taking the time to learn more about your faith, including the Mass and Scripture, can help you appreciate the new texts more fully. Using the catechetical opportunities made available by your parish and diocese can help you overcome concerns about the changes.

Finally, you can take your concerns to God in prayer. Pray for a deeper understanding of the meaning of these texts and for an open heart to grow in communion with the Church.

What can I do to make the process of change a good one for my parish?

Everyone has a role to play in preparing to use the new translations:

- ✱ Study the new texts with an open heart and an open mind so that you will be ready to use them in the Liturgy.
- ✱ Take advantage of opportunities to learn more about the new texts by attending catechetical programs and reading articles about the new texts.
- ✱ Offer to assist your pastor or parish director of religious education in preparing parish catechetical events.
- ✱ If you are a parent, teach your children the new prayers and help them to understand the changes. Encourage them to participate in the Mass fully and to learn more about their faith.
- ✱ Be very intentional about celebrating the Liturgy each Sunday and holy day. Arrive on time (or a bit early). Pray and sing with attentiveness. Stay focused on the action of the Liturgy rather than letting your mind wander. Hold the Sacrament of the Eucharist in great reverence. Finally, give thanks to God in your heart for so great a gift.

Times of change are always a challenge. But from this challenge can come a deeper appreciation of who we are as the Body of Christ, gathering to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord.

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Cardinal Corner

News from the St. Cletus School Board

Faith, Family, *Future*



St. Cletus School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for making the 2nd quarter honor roll at St. Cletus School:

Honor roll:

7th grade: Celia Alejandre, Jack Dahill, Ivana Escobedo, Peter Garvey, Marina Gonzalez, Claire Hinckley, John Hurley, Brendan Jacobs, Ryan Kelly, Megan Kern, Mark Laghi, Jonathan Levitske, Thomas Nelson, Dominic Riccione, Cullen Sheridan, Sebastian Valdes

8th grade: Amy Burke, Daniella DeLaurentis, Katie Figura, Matthew Flach, Michael Grace, Katherine Lively, Blaze Nacker, Kacie Ryan, Grace Severino

High honor roll:

7th grade: Jocelyn Arciniegas, Emma Decker, Ian Farnan, Andrew Hubona, Thomas Lombardo, Karoline Orloff, Amanda Sadowski

8th grade: John Fatora, Caroline Hurley, Michael Krecek, Oliver Martinez, Robert Morales, Kirby Muldoon, Joseph Okkema, Samuel Okkema, Jill Poretta, Charles Schramka, Michaela Walsh

Graduate News

Congratulations to the following St. Cletus students who were named to their high school honor rolls.

Fenwick High School:

Second Honors: Quinn Collins, Clare Madden, Anne Kennedy, Meagan Finucane, Margaret Franklin, John Lawler, Martin Bruce

First Honors: Kelsey Kelliher, Angelo Cavalieri, Brian Franklin, Kathleen Kages, Matthew Farmer, Meghan Flannery, James Krecek, Kathleen Lawler, Kerrigan Flannery, Shannon Flannery

Immaculate Conception Honor Roll 1st Honors: Amber Loveshe

St. Laurence B Honor Roll: Joseph Busta

Brother Rice B Honor Roll: Conor McLaughlin

St. Ignatius:

First Honors: Chelsea Barker, John Doyle, Andrew Troy

Second Honors: Francis Nix

Honors with Distinction: Michael Marshall

Benet Academy

First Honors: Stephen Hubona

Second Honors: Madeleine Elser

Join us for Tot Time!

Families with children ages two to four are invited to join us for *Tot Time*, a parent and child activity where parents and caregivers have the opportunity to mingle and learn more about our school's Early Childhood program.

We are hosting *Tot Time* several mornings this spring: March 15, April 19 from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

You are all welcome to join in a fun-filled activity time in the St. Cletus School Library. Park on Stone Avenue and enter through the Apply door. Snacks will be provided.

St. Cletus School offers half-day and full-day 3-year old and 4-year old preschool programs, as well as half-day and full-day kindergarten. All are welcome to attend one, two or all of the free *Tot Time* activities. Siblings are welcome as well.



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 St. Cletus community 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, and the Community Wine Cellar with a 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 Masses this weekend 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's a great day to be a Cardinal!

Religious Education Bible Study



Knock-knock. Who's there? Blue. Blue who? Don't cry! You can come to PandaMania this summer. Register Now for our 5th year of Bible School. The fun begins on Monday, June 20. The cost is \$30 per child. Registration forms and more information are available in the Religious Education Office or on-line.

NEEDED – Adventure Leaders and helpers from 6th Grade to 100 years old willing to help our young adventurer's Explore God's World during the week of June 20, from 8:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Call Sr. Pat or Holly at (708) 352-2383 or email to re@stcletusparish.com.

Sr. Pat McKee

Director of Religious Education



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS EVENT.

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

Sr. Pat McKee

Director of Religious Education

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>

Some of our Cash and Carry Offerings

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

September 2011 - May 2012

Cost: \$125

Registration: -In person after all Masses this weekend

-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 5:30-8:00pm.

-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!

THIS WEEKEND—YOUTH MINISTRY IS BEING HIGHLIGHTED AT ALL MASSES!

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

TEEN DROP-IN

This Tuesday, March 15, any time between 5:30-8:00 p.m., teens are invited to “drop in” Room 200 of the Education Building. Bring your friends, games, iPods, homework, etc. This is non-structured time to hang out with others! Pizza will be served. All are welcome!

PRAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Our first gathering went very well! Thank you to everyone who participated. We will meet again **this 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. Please join us! All are welcome!

MISSION TRIP MEETING

On Tuesday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m., all teens who are going to Pennsylvania are asked to meet in Room 200 of the Education Building to get to know each other and prepare for our mission. Bring your candy money if you haven't turned it in yet!

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

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry



ERIN POTTS INVITATIONAL

On behalf of the 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams, we would like to say **THANK YOU**. Whether you watched a game, bought a T-shirt, had lunch, supported lime green day at school, or donated time or concessions toward the event, **THANK YOU**.

We were able to raise more than \$6,500 for **BEAR NECESSITIES PEDIATRIC CANCER FOUNDATION**, with money still coming in.

If you are interested in donating, please send a check to **St. Cletus School Attn: Erin Potts Invitational**. Checks can be made out directly to **Bear Necessities** or **St. Cletus**. We will be happy to forward checks for you.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

-Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Thursday:	St. Patrick
Friday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

“Through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all.” How is God calling you to share the life of Christ with others? If you are open to discerning a call to the priesthood, consider attending the **Exploring Priesthood Weekend** Retreat (formerly called Ministry Weekend) on April 8-10, at Mundelein Seminary. If you are college age or older, have thought about priesthood, and would like to experience a weekend at Mundelein Seminary, contact Fr. Brian Welter at (312) 534-8298 or bwelter@archchicago.org. For more information, go to www.ChicagoPriest.com.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

OPERATION RICE BOWL: "WE ARE DISCIPLES FOR ALL NATIONS."

First Week of Lent — Journeying Through the Desert

As we enter the desert of Lent together, Jesus shows us that to live fully the life God has given us, we must obey His Commandments and follow the Holy Spirit. Just as we are called to care for the gift of our eternal life, we are also called to care for the gift of God's creation. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl supports agriculture programs in Haiti and around the world that teach farmers effective and ecologically sensitive growing methods which allow them to get the most out of their land while preserving it for future generations.

Our participation in Operation Rice Bowl ensures that Catholic Relief Services can continue to give assistance to the needy in more than 100 countries. This year 75% of our gifts will go to development projects in five featured countries: Haiti, Indonesia, Senegal, Honduras and Kenya. 25% of our gifts remain in our diocese and support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts, including the St. Cletus Community Food Pantry.

Be sure to pick up a Rice Bowl as you leave Church today. Included is an activity/reflection calendar, which will enhance your Lenten observations at home. Filled bowls can be returned to Church by Palm Sunday. Thank you.

Do you know?

- Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. More than 2/3rds of Haitians live on less than \$1.00 per day.
- 58% of the 9.2 million people who live in Haiti are undernourished. 80 % live in poverty. Only 58% have access to safe drinking water. The Male/Female adult literacy rate (age 15 and above) is 54.8%/51.2%.
- 66% of Haitians are farmers, supporting their families from the fruits of the earth.
- Catholic Relief Services began work in Haiti in 1954, responding to massive loss of lives and the physical destruction caused by Hurricane Hazel. Since then CRS Haiti has grown to include both emergency relief activities and long-term development work.
- You can learn much more about Haiti and the amazing work done by CRS, in conjunction with their partner agencies and the people of Haiti, by consulting your Rice Bowl calendar and visiting their website: www.orb.crs.org.

THIS WEEK'S CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FOCUS:

Care for God's Creation: We are called to be good stewards of the Earth, a gift that God has entrusted to us. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan; it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thanks for the overwhelming response to our requests for the March 10 food distribution. Currently, our most urgent needs include jelly, pasta (spaghetti & other assorted noodles), pasta sauce, canned meat, boxed side dishes, dry pinto beans, extras such as crackers, juice, coffee, laundry detergent, dish soap, & cooking oil. We greatly appreciate your adding food pantry items to your grocery list!

ATTENTION: Donate your gently used books!

Be sure to consult today's insert for details regarding the book collection one of our high school teens, Marie Johnson-Dahl, is conducting on behalf of **Invisible Children**.

This non-profit organization is dedicated to rescuing and helping children who have been abducted and forced to serve in Uganda's rebel army. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Sunday Collection – March 6, 2011**Total Active Registered Families 2,728**Collection StatisticsAmount Collected# of envelopes used - this week 729
% of registered families 27%\$26,965 Envelope Users
2,345 Loose Checks/Cash
Automatic Debit**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,250****\$29,310 Total****Over (under) Budget \$2,060****This Fiscal Year @ 03/06/11**

Actual Sunday Collections \$945,295

Budgeted Sunday Collections 981,000

YTD Over (Under) than budget (\$35,705)

“He who lives in me and I in him will produce abundantly.” (John 15:17)**Those who take a step in faith and follow the principles of stewardship experience great spiritual rewards.****WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, March 14	7:00 p.m. 8:15 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-98 MH MH	EPIC Class Girls' Church League Men's Basketball
Tuesday, March 15	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-200 S-102	Teen Drop-In Book Club
Wednesday, March 16	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB C S-102	Mission Ladies Lenten Mass RCIA
Thursday, March 17	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music S-102	Children's Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Meeting
Friday, March 18	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-200 MH Lobby C S-Music C S-207	Parents of Teens Prayer Group MANNA Stations of the Cross Spanish Choir Practice Lenten Prayer Service Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, March 19	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	CV MH	Book Drive/Social Concerns Girls' Church League
Sunday, March 20	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	CV S-207 & 213 S-102	Book Drive/Social Concerns 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