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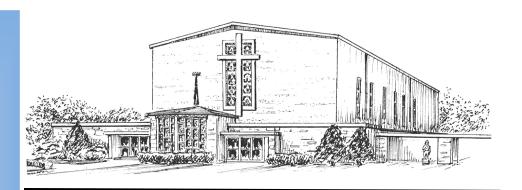
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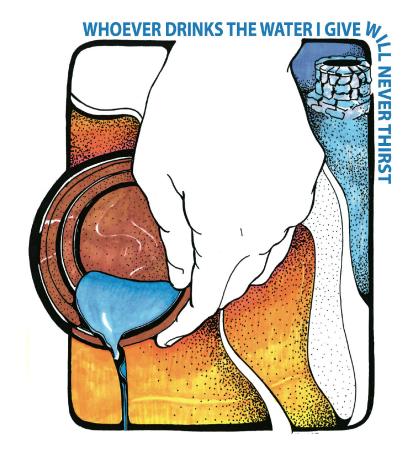
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Third Sunday of Lent





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## Mass Intentions for the Week of March 28 - April 3, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention: Tony Montenegro & Pedro Bautizta		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Andrew J. Jaskierski Lenten Evening Mass		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Karen Carroll		
Friday	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Nan Rettig, Gene Kennedy Lenten Prayer Service		
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Frank Wojcik, John Keating Ed Smithy, Georgia Popp, Anna Pleszka, Elwyn Seifert		
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Pam Conrad-Special Intention, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Lester Buczek, Josef Linsmaier, Gene Kennedy Mary Ricciardone and Calandriello Family, John McTigue, Luczak Family Special Intention: Tony Montenegro & Pedro Bautizta, Barney Radice George Benrus, Rosa Frasca DiSimone, Patricia McKillip, Isabella Leone (Special Int.) Purgatorial Society		

# WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, April 2/3, 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.

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Joanne Mader, Leah Ennesser, Calandriello, John Harden, Mary Alice Gregorchuk, Harry Fisher, Chester Wojcik, Donald Cuttill, Laura McDonnell, Dick 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.





#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, April 4, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

## St. Cletus Parish Welcomes

Benjamin Lucas Frisbie,
son of Jason & Nicole (Roy) Frisbie
Jake Anthony Blasco,
son of Tony & Vanessa (Van Donk) Blasco
Ryan James Carolan,
son of Andrew & Elizabeth (Blaine) Carolan
Zahra Marie Haraldsen,
daughter of Tim Haraldsen and Marie Serrano
Kailee Ann Kazmierski,
daughter of Andrew & Theresa (Johnson) Kazmierski
Margaret Constance Kiley,
daughter of Dennis & Stephanie (Guthrie) Kiley

...to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

# NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Few people need reminding that the resources of our small planet are limited. We can no longer plunder them at will, without a thought for the future. In particular, there have been many warnings about erosion of the earth's supply of oil and many appeals to limit the use of private cars in order to reduce pollution of the atmosphere and conserve the supply of oil-based products. It is only more recently that we have begun to hear claims that it is water that should be our main concern—not only because the water available for human consumption is limited and the number of people drawing upon it ever-increasing, but also because water is absolutely vital to life of every kind. No water—no life; the equation is as stark as that.

Water is basic in a way that other natural resources are not. That is why the people of the Bible, just like every other group throughout the course of human history show immense concern for their water supply. Today's first reading describes how Moses was faced with open rebellion over this very issue. The people felt they would be better off back in Egypt as slaves than be "tormented with thirst" in the desert.

As we turn to the gospel, the theme of water reappears. We find Jesus asking the Samaritan woman for a drink but then telling her—no doubt to her utter amazement—that he is able to offer her something more: "living water" he calls it. And he goes on to say something still more extraordinary—that whoever drinks of the water he has to offer will "never be thirsty again," and it will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. Later in the gospel, it becomes clear that what Jesus is offering under the symbol of water is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. Byhis death on Calvary, he will release the Holy Spirit like a flood upon all humanity. That Spirit will be more refreshing, more life-giving than any ordinary water could ever be, and will ultimately lead to eternal life.

The same idea appears just as powerfully in the second reading. Paul, writing to the Christian community in Rome, reminds them that "what proves God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners." It's his death that enables us to look forward in hope to sharing in God's glory. And this hope, Paul insists, is not going to disappoint us, because—and these are his exact words—"the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us." The Holy Spirit, the love which binds Father and Son in perfect unity, is poured out upon us tiny creatures. How can we hear Paul talking about God's love being poured into our hearts without thinking of a great river overflowing its banks and sweeping across the surrounding countryside? As it does, so it brings new life into existence; it transforms the landscape, and it makes all things new.

This season of Lent is meant not only as a time of preparation for Easter but also a time of preparation for the sacrament of baptism, or in the case of those already baptized, of renewing our baptismal commitment. Today's readings, especially the passage of St. Paul, give us a new way of looking at baptism. When a person is baptized, it is like a giant river being diverted to flow in a new direction, but this time the river is the Holy Spirit, God's own boundless love, and it is diverted so as to course into the heart of the newly baptized. The Holy Spirit comes to us to free us from sin but also to stay with us at the center of our being. His presence transforms us, makes us the sons and daughters of God, and leads us step-by-step towards that eternal glory where all our deepest yearnings will be satisfied. And so, in the fullest sense of the words, we shall never thirst again.

We may, as I mentioned at the outset, be living in an age where there's danger of water being in short supply, but there'll never be a time when the Holy Spirit is in short supply. God is always waiting to pour his love into our hearts. Whatever we undertake in the way of Lenten exercises will be of value in the measure that they open us up to receive the flood waters of God's love.

Lenten Blessings,

Father Bob Pastor



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

# SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2011 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST SCRUTINY Your life bears examination

Today we celebrate the first of three "scrutinies": powerful ancient rites to heal and

strengthen those who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They comprise four parts: silent prayer, intercessions, a prayer of exorcism, and a laying on of hands. While the scrutinies are for the Elect, they are also an opportunity for each of us to examine, or scrutinize, our own lives in light of the gospel. The story of the Samaritan woman at the well encourages us to consider for ourselves, "What am I thirsting for? Where am I looking for refreshment? How can I tap into that infinite well of blessing Jesus talked about? What's keeping me from doing so?"

TODAY'S READINGS: Excels 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

"Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty."

#### Monday, March 28 Lenten WEEKDAY Children should be seen and heard

Jesus loves the little children, according to the Sunday school song. But, sadly, the world loves them less. Children the world over are routinely neglected, abused, underfed, and undereducated by their adult stewards. When it comes to little girls, the statistics are alarmingly higher. "More girls have been killed in the last 50 years, precisely because they were girls, than men were killed in all the battles of the 20th century," say the Pulitzer Prize-winning authors of Half the Sky. Naaman the general once took the advice of a child slave he'd kidnapped from an enemy and was cured of leprosy. Spend timing loving—and listening to—a child today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30
"The Arameans on one of their mids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel."

Tuesday, March 29 Lenten WEEKDAY
Greed is definitely not good

In the 1987 movie Wall Street corporate deal-maker Gordon Gekko gives a speech in which he says that "Greed is . . . good. Greed is right. Greed works." Looking back from the perspective of the Wall Street crash of several years ago, we can see where that kind of thinking leads. Greed is one of the seven deadly sins for a reason. It can wreak tremendous destruction in personal lives as well as in society and the natural environment. Saint Thomas Aquinas said of greed that it was a "sin against God, just as all mortal sins, in as much as man condemns things eternal for the sake of temporal things." Take time for a quick internal evaluation to make sure your own "desire to acquire" is under control.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 3443; Matthew 18:21-35
"Seizing bim by the throat, he said, Pay what you owe."

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 LENTEN WEEKDAY Know the rules

As teenagers many of us had regular disagreements with our parents. Much of what we wanted earned their thumbs down. When they said no, we'd lay on our oh-so-logical arguments like a budding lawyer. Sometimes our whining wore them down, and they'd say, "Oh, all right. Do what you want." And then came a strange and terrifying letdown. On the one hand was the "Yes! I got my way," but on the other was the fear that perhaps the

oldsters had not only given in but given up on us. Lent reminds us that the "rules" of religion are not to keep us in line and get on God's good side but rather to serve as concrete guidance. God will never cut us loose to drift away without him.

TODAY'S READINGS: Denteronony 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
"What other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as
this entire law that I am setting before you taday?"

Thursday, March 31 Discover something about demonology?

Gospel accounts of demonic possessions, and of Jesus casting out such demons, are quite common. Should these stories be taken literally or perhaps as descriptions of symptoms of diseases that were as yet unidentified in biblical times? There is no clear-cut theological answer, but the questions continue to intrigue—so much so that the Discovery Channel has gained Vatican cooperation in an effort to recreate stories of demonic possession based on cases investigated by the Catholic Church. Perhaps this series can spark some thoughtful discussion about an often misrepresented phenomenon.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
"He was casting out a demon that was mute... the one who had
been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed."

# FRIDAY, APRIL 1 LENTEN WEEKDAY Get a line on Lent

In parks and gardens and other places where there are no sidewalks, people make their own (invariably straight) paths, which urban and landscape designers call "lines of desire." In many ways our very lives are "lines of desire": We are continually moving toward what we want or what we think will fill a need or longing. Lent is a good time to reflect on the path we are on, our own line of desire. We might begin by asking ourselves, "What is my one, true desire? Am I heading in that direction, or have I veered off somehow? Am I now wandering around in the desert? What are the fears that keep me off my path? What can I do to correct my course?"

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
"The ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them,
but transgressors stumble in them."

# SATURDAY, APRIL 2 FEAST OF FRANCIS OF PAOIA, HERMIT Compose yourself!

What the world needs now is another saint. Care to apply for the position? Saint Francis of Paola did. His parents couldn't have children for a long time. After praying to Saint Francis of Assisi they had three, naming the first after their patron. This son became a hermit, founder of a religious community, prophet, miracle worker, mind reader, and hero of the oppressed. Francis stood up to kings and restored peace in times of conflict—which just goes to show that "hermits" are mightily engaged with the world around them. Franz Liszt wrote a piano score around his exploits. Choose the way of humility and become a work of art!

Today's readings: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
"All who humble themselves will be exalted."

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#### Dear Parishioners,

Your pastor, Father Robert J. Clark, will be participating in the Periodic Review of Priestly Ministry as required by the Archdiocesan Policy. Each priest is to participate in this process approximately every five years.

This process was designed by the staff of the Office of Ministerial Evaluation in consultation with Cardinal George, the Episcopal Vicars, and priests currently ministering in local parishes. Above all, this is an opportunity to express gratitude for all that this priest has accomplished and also to offer helpful suggestions regarding directions for future ministry for him and for this parish.

Father Clark, the parish staff and leadership have generated lists of parishioners who will be asked to formally participate in the process by completing a Survey Form. If you do not receive a letter to this effect and a Form, and would like to participate, please contact Kathleen Leggdas, Director of the Office of Ministerial Evaluation, to request a Survey. You may call 1-312-534-5268 to make your request or do so by e-mail: **ome@archchicago.org**.

Information that you provide through the Survey will be treated confidentially. At the completion of the Review an overview of the results will be published in the Bulletin.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to provide constructive information regarding what you value and what you see as areas for growth.

# Words in the Roman Missal, Third Edition

Some of the words used in the new translation of the Mass may be unfamiliar to some Catholics. The following list of definitions may help to increase your understanding of the rich theology that underlies these texts.

**Abasement:** The lowering of one of higher rank. Jesus abased himself in that, though he was God, he lowered himself and became a human being so that he might save us from our sins (see Phil 2:6-11).

Adoption: In Baptism, the Holy Spirit transforms us into children of the Father, thereby making us his adopted sons and daughters in the likeness of his eternal Son (see Eph 1:3-6). In this way, the faithful are made "partakers in the divine nature (cf. 2 Pt 1:4) by uniting them in a living union with the only Son, the Savior" (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], no. 1129). In the sacraments, we become the sons and daughters of God by adoption through Christ Jesus.

Angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, thrones and dominions: Spiritual, personal, and immortal creatures, with intelligence and free will, who glorify God and serve him as messengers of his saving plan. Traditionally, the choirs of angels have been divided into various ranks, including archangels, cherubim, seraphim, thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers (see Col 1:16).

Chalice: From the Latin word "calix" meaning "cup" (see Ps 116:13; Mt 20:22; 1 Cor 10:16). The use of this term in the Liturgy points to the chalice's function as a particular kind of cup and indicates the uniqueness of what it contains, the very Blood of Christ.

Clemency: The loving kindness, compassion, or mercy that God shows to sinners.

Communion: Our fellowship and union with Jesus and other baptized Christians in the Church, which has its source and summit in the celebration of the Eucharist. By receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, we are united to him and one another as members of his Body.

Consecration: The dedication of a thing or person to divine service by a prayer or blessing. In the Mass, "consecration" also refers to the words spoken by the priest whereby the bread and wine are transformed into the risen Body and Blood of Jesus.

Consubstantial: The belief, articulated in the Nicene Creed, about the relationship of the Father and the Son: that "in the Father and with the Father, the Son is one and the same God" (CCC, no. 262).

Contrite: To be repentant within one's heart and mind for sins committed and to resolve not to sin again.

Covenant: A solemn agreement between human beings, between God and a human being, or between God and a people involving mutual commitments or promises. In the Old Testament, God made a covenant with the Jewish people. Jesus, through his death and Resurrection, made a new covenant with the whole of humanity. One enters into this new covenant through faith and Baptism.

**Damnation:** Eternal separation from God's love caused by dying in mortal sin without repentance.

**Godhead:** The mystery of one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Homage:** The honor, respect, and reverence due to another. Homage is especially due to God, for he is eternal, all good, all holy, and all loving.

Implore: To plead, beseech, or ask with humility. This is an example of the self-deprecatory language in the *Roman Missal* that helps to express our dependence on God. We humbly beg the Father to hear and answer our prayers, for we ask them in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus.

Incarnation: The Son of God assumed human nature and became man by being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Jesus is true God and true man. As man, the Son of God obtained our salvation. The use of this term in the Nicene Creed indicates that Jesus' birth has a significance beyond that of any other human birth.

**Ineffable:** That which cannot be conceived or expressed fully (see 1 Cor 2:6-9). One cannot, for example, adequately describe in concepts and words the mystery of the Trinity or the mystery of the Incarnation.

**Infusion:** The Holy Spirit is poured into the hearts and souls of believers, and so they are filled, or infused, with grace.

Intercessor: One who makes a petition on behalf of others. Our unique intercessor is Jesus Christ, who intercedes on our behalf with the Father (see Rom 8:34). The priest at Mass acting in the person of Christ intercedes on behalf of the whole Church.

**Justification:** The gracious action by which God frees us from sin and makes us holy and righteous before him.

Lord, God of Hosts: From the word "sabaoth," hosts are the invisible powers that work at God's command over heaven and earth.

Mediator: One who unites or reconciles separate or opposing parties. Thus, Jesus Christ is the "one mediator between God and the human race" (1 Tm 2:5). Through his sacrificial offering he has become high priest and unique mediator who has gained for us access to the Father through the Holy Spirit.

Merit: The reward that God promises and gives to those who love him and who by his grace perform good works. One cannot earn justification or eternal life; they are the free gifts of God. Rather our merit is from God through Christ in the Holy Spirit. The Father freely justifies us in Christ through the indwelling of the Spirit; and Christians, by the same Holy Spirit, are empowered to do good works of love and justice. In cooperating with the Holy Spirit, the faithful receive further grace and thus, in Christ, cooperate in the work of their salvation.

Oblation: A gift or sacrifice offered to God.

Only-Begotten Son: This title "signifies the unique and eternal relationship of Jesus Christ to God his Father: he is the only Son of the Father (cf. Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18); he is God himself (cf. Jn 1:1)" (CCC, no. 454). Jesus is the Son of God not by adoption but by nature.

Paschal: Referring to Christ's work of redemption accomplished through his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus destroyed our death and restored us to life. The Paschal Mystery is celebrated and made present in the Liturgy so that we can obtain the fruit of Jesus' death and Resurrection, that is, the forgiveness of our sins and the new life of the Holy Spirit.

Patriarchs: Title given to the venerable ancestors or "fathers" of the Semitic peoples, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who received God's promise of election.

**Precursor:** One who comes before as a herald. John the Baptist is the precursor of Jesus.

**Provident grace:** The free and undeserved gift that God gives us as he protects and governs all creation.

Redemption: Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer because he frees us from our sin through his sacrificial death on the Cross.

**Temporal:** What pertains to this world of time and history, as opposed to what pertains to God, such as our new life in Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Venerate: To show devotion and respect to holy things and people. Catholics venerate relics and saints. Veneration must be clearly distinguished from adoration and worship, both of which pertain solely to the Trinity and Jesus as the Son of God.

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# Capture the Lenten Spirit in Prayer





While we are still sinners Christ died for us.

-Romans 5:8

#### A MODEL FOR EVANGELIZATION



Is there anyone at Mass today who has not heard the story of the "woman at the well" (John 4:5-42)? The story is so familiar we often forget to listen carefully to the Word of God to determine what message it has for us today. In this year of *Catholics Come Home*® it's easy to relate the end of this passage to our evangelization efforts:

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified.

The events of this Gospel story provide every Catholic with a successful model of evangelization: a woman steps close to Jesus, he speaks to her with love and helps her to see the truth, she tells others, and they believe based on her testimony. The message for us resides in this question, "Can you imagine yourself following the pattern of this woman in your life today?"

The first part of this model is knowing and loving Jesus. Just as the Samaritan woman encountered Jesus in person and spent time with him, we must allow ourselves the time to be in his presence of Jesus. Lent provides a perfect opportunity to spend more time in prayer in order to create a stronger bond with Jesus. One inspiration for daily prayer came from an elderly priest, who told of his pattern for prayer. He said that he dedicated a minimum of 20 minutes every day to pray and the first 10 minutes were sitting still and simply letting God to love him.

It's impossible to be silent about someone we love, we must tell others. The stories of Catholics who returned to the practice of the faith often include the story of how a trusted friend or family member spoke about their faith, which in turn sparked a desire inside the listener.

So, learn from the woman at the well and go out and spread the Good News!

#### **CREDO Corner**

The CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities for adults) Committee will highlight each month local opportunities for spiritual education and enrichment. St. Mary's in Riverside is hosting a speaker series during Lent. The presentations are on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00cpm. Two of the presentations will occur after the publication date of this column: March 30, 2011: Father Bill Burton – a Franciscan Priest of the Sacred Heart Province. April 6, 2011: Father Francis Hoffman (aka Father Rocky) – Executive Director of Relevant Radio and author of the "Question and Answer Column" in *The Catholic Answer Magazine*. See http://www.stmaryriverside.orgBell%20March%2020.pdf page 6 for more information.

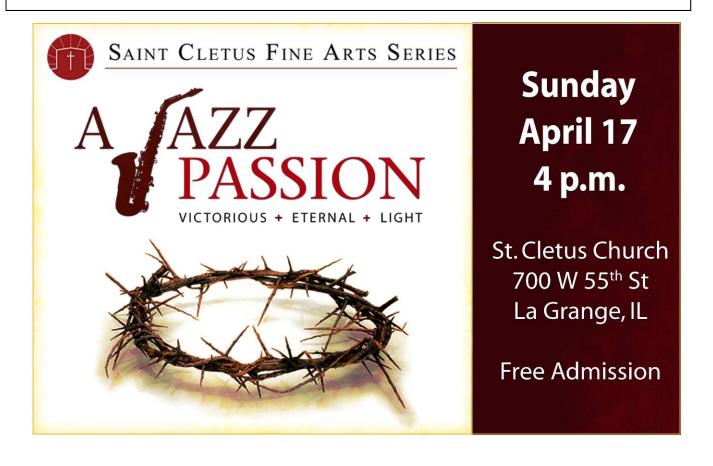
1. The Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien is offering **Remember Me: A Seder Meal** by Father Bob Colaresi, O.Carm., and Sister Jane Schlosser, R.S.M.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011 or Thursday, April 21, 2011 6:00-9:30 p.m. 6:00-9:30 p.m.

- 2. This Passover meal weaves the Jewish roots of our own tradition into a remarkable drama of history, theology, culture and prayer. The celebration of Eucharist within the Seder Meal offers a profound experience of what it must have been like at the Seder Meal where Jesus shared the Passover meal with his friends the day before he suffered. (Cost: \$45 Register by April 11. Please note: arrival no later the 5:45 p.m.)
- 3. Monsignor Kenneth Velo will be the speaker for the Lenten Mission at St Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale, April 3-6 at 7:00 p.m.. The title of the mission is "A Time of Grace and Growth." More information can be found at http://www.sij.net/bulletin/03132011/3-13-11/html/3-13-11.html on page 12.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe continues to make progress in its effort to support spiritual renewal and growth in areas formerly under Soviet control. Newly acquired religious and individual freedoms however, have challenged the Church in providing essential pastoral needs for the people of this region.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe funds seminary formation, parish maintenance and scholarships to students for graduate education. These students, both religious and lay people, have already begun to make an impact on those living in this vast geographic and ethnically diverse area.

Your generous support of this collection will sustain the confidence and hope which our brothers and sisters in Central and Eastern Europe have come to experience since the fall of communism. On behalf of those who are in need, thank you for fostering the faith of future generations in this region of the world.

May Our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones as we strive to live with a deep sense of solidarity for the needs of others within our parishes, our Archdiocese, and throughout the Universal Church. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

Francis Cardinal George

Archbishop of Chicago

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe supports the essential and unmet pastoral needs of the church of the region. Poor Clare nuns in Poland received a central heating system through your previous generosity. Without the heat, the sisters had been falling ill frequently in the long, cold Eastern European winters, affecting their ministry of prayer. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe where **great needs remain**. Visit **www.usccb.org/nationalcollections** to learn more about the important projects funded by the Collection. Envelopes are available in the pews.

#### SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

#### **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

#### Third Week of Lent — The Lord Shows Us Another Way

When the Israelites felt that they were out of options in the desert and pleaded to God for help, God answered their prayers. Your support of Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl provides options to workers in Senegal and throughout the world. With CRS' support, workers can access small loans to establish businesses so that they can provide for their families. Everyone has the right to work! This week, follow your Operation Rice Bowl Home Calendar Guide, to learn more about the microfinance projects CRS established to help some of the poorest families to access credit to start their own businesses. Then they are able to earn an income and save money for long-term needs, such as medical care and education. On Friday, experience a Sengalese meal by preparing and sharing this week's featured recipe.

#### Do you know?

- Senegal, with a population of 14 million people, epitomizes West African culture. The music scene here is world-famous, the beaches are sugary, and the people are known for their friendly nature.
- But Senegal faces its share of challenges, including massive unemployment, a simmering separatist movement, and a population dependent on agriculture. Collectively, these factors help explain why, despite a stable democratic government and relative prosperity, Senegal remains one of the poorest countries in the world.
- Since establishing itself in Senegal in 1960, CRS works to improve the lives of the nation's poor, preserving the dignity of the people and helping them realize their full potential.
- The CRS microfinance program is only one of many, including food security, natural resource management, local institutional development, health (specifically HIV and AIDS), income generation, peace building, and rehabilitation to create a sustainable environment for development.
- There is an informative video on Senegal at **ORB.CRS.ORG**, which you won't want to miss!

This week's Catholic Social Teaching focus: Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. All workers have the right to fair wages, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions.

#### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Most needed items at this time include jelly, dry pinto beans, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned fruit, boxed side dishes, macaroni & cheese, crackers, cereal, coffee, paper goods, all sizes of diapers, laundry and dish soap. Please add one or more of these items (or any non-perishable) to your weekly grocery list, and drop your off your donations in the designated bins in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass over the weekend, or daily, 7:45 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.. Thank you for your continuing support of this community outreach!

\*\*\*A special word of appreciation to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education students, who spearheaded the Good Neighbors Food Drive, in response to Jesus' call to feed the hungry. They worked hard collecting, sorting, boxing, and delivering the donations to the Food Pantry door! Thanks to all who so generously organized and contributed to this most successful event.

#### WE STILL NEED YOUR BOOKS!

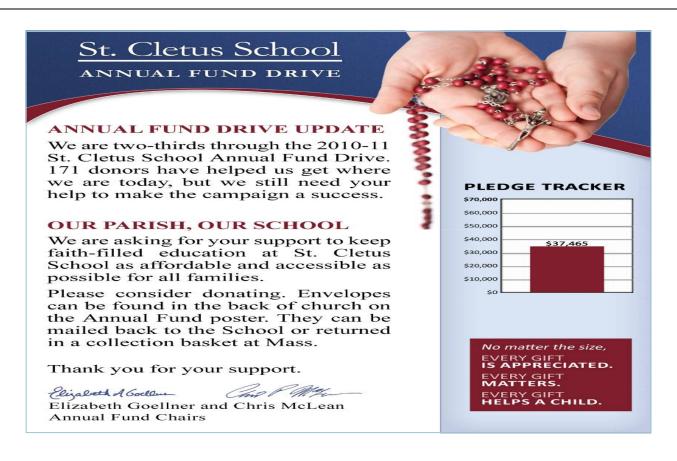
There is still time to help the children of Uganda by donating your gently used books to *Invisible Children*, a non-profit organization working to help children, who have been abducted and forced to serve in Uganda's rebel army.

*Invisible Children* is partnering with Better World Books and the collected books will be sold. The profits will go towards building schools for the formerly abducted children.

Thank you for dropping your donations in one of the designated bins located in the Church vestibule, through April 1. (Sorry, no encyclopedias, magazines, or books in poor condition!)

## Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns



# Youth Ministry Update!

#### TEEN HOSTED MASS AND SOCIAL

Next Sunday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m., junior high students and teens are invited to celebrate Mass together in the church. All are welcome to join us for a social afterwards in either Morrissey Hall or Room 201 of the Education Building. Please contact Kristen Maxwell at (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com if you are interested in planning liturgies or being a greeter, lector, musician, or Eucharistic Minister.

#### "A CLEAN HEART" LENTEN PRAYER

On Tuesday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 201 of the Education Building, all teens are invited to an evening of creative prayer and reflection. Bring your friends!

## Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry Advisor

# MSGR. PHILIP REILLY WILL BE AT ST. CLETUS FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Msgr. Philip Reilly will be at St. Cletus Friday evening, April 8. His presentation, "Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Rosary for Life," will begin at 7:00 p.m. with some silent time and closing Benediction to follow. Then from 7:30-9:00 p.m., Msgr. will speak to us about "The Spirituality of the Helpers" and the purpose and manner of conducting Helpers' prayer vigils.

Msgr. Reilly is the founder of the international apostolate "HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS." He is a joyful, humorous, and powerful story teller with a great story to tell. He is incredibly convincing, inviting all to defend life through prayer, fasting, and being part of the living body of Christ. Msgr. Reilly has traveled the world over, praying in front of abortion clinics while teaching the spirituality of the Helpers and the purpose and manner of conducting a prayer vigil, prayerful presence, sidewalk counseling, post abortion healing, etc. He is supported by Bishops and Cardinals internationally. See the Respect Life Bulletin Board for more information.

## Sunday Collection - March 20, 2011

**Total Active Registered Families** 2,747

<u>Collection Statistics</u> <u>Amount Collected</u>

# of envelopes used - this week 669

% of registered families 24% \$21,108 Envelope Users

2,700 Loose Checks/Cash 3,105 Automatic Debit

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,250 \$26,913 Total

Over (under) Budget (\$337)

This Fiscal Year @ 03/20/11

Actual Sunday Collections \$ 997,463 <u>Budgeted Sunday Collections</u> \$1,035,500 YTD Over (Under) than budget (\$38,037)

"We follow your will and put our hope in you...Everything that we achieve is the result of what you do."

(Isaiah 26:8-12)

WEEK AT A GLANCE					
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event		
Monday, March 28	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-98 S-201 MH	EPIC Class Athletic Association Meeting Men's Basketball		
Tuesday, March 29	9:00 a.m.	С	School Mass		
Wednesday, March 30	9:00 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	RB S-102 C MH	Mission Ladies EPIC Class Lenten Evening Mass Girls' Church League		
Thursday, March 31	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	School S-Music S-Music S-Music S-102	Children's Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Closed Meeting		
Friday, April 1	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	School S-Music C S-207 S-98	Spanish Choir Practice Lenten Prayer Service-Stations of Cross Hispanic Ministry Bible Class Holy Name Society Meeting		
Saturday, April 2	5:00 p.m.	CV	Welcome Sunday		
Sunday, April 3	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	CV S-207 & 213 S-102 C MH or S-201	Welcome Sunday Hispanic Ministry/English Classes/GED RCIA Teen Mas♥ followed by Teen Social		
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

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