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April 3, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Lent



LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

-Blaise Pascal



All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 4 - April 10, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Helen White, Renee Saban
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Lenten Evening Mass
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph & Kay Klemak
Friday	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	George Benrus, Andrew L. Jaskierski, Josephine & Anton Kuchta Lenten Prayer Service
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mary Goodfriend Henry & James Meske, Georgia Popp, Anna Pleszka, Dorothy Vance, Raymond J. Lindquist
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Lester Buczek, Michael & Elizabeth Wazny Craig Londowski Josephine Sorrentino Timothy Benrus, Sophie Egielski, Kadlec Family, Karen Marie Wilson, Frank Kwak, Joseph Brousil Purgatorial Society



Please remember our sick in your prayers: 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...



Patricia McKillip,
mother of Margaret Bentley

Luis Padilla,
father of Pat Fernandez

Joseph Lewandowski,
son of Lawrence and Debra Lewandowski

Peter Pryor,
father of Dawn and Tina Pryor

PARISH LENTEN FORGIVENESS SERVICE

St. Cletus 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.



St. Cletus Parish Welcomes

Trinitee Jalise McCoy,
daughter of Richard and Tracie (Abron) McCoy

Trinton J'Arieron Scales,
son of Tommie L. Scales and Tracie Abron

Carson David Turner,
son of Shane and Kristine (Jones) Turner

Grace Ann Turner,
daughter of Shane and Kristine (Jones) Turner

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

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2011

The Abbe Peyramale was parish priest of Lourdes in 1858 when the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette Soubirous began. A good and kindly man, Peyramale could be formidable and stern as well. When the young girl, Soubirous, began to knock on his door and tell him about a lady appearing in a grotto near the river, Peyramale, very understandably, decided that a stern and formidable attitude on his part would not go amiss. If this young girl was playing tricks or suffering from delusions, a sharp dose of severity from the parish priest may well bring her to her senses. It was a wise and sensible course of action. Bernadette, however, was unmoved by the harsh reception at the priest's door.

One day, knocking on his door, Bernadette brought the message that the lady wanted a church to be built. The parish priest became very angry and upset at such a request. How was he supposed to respond to this? Anxious at upsetting her priest, Bernadette, nevertheless, persisted. "Father, I wasn't asked to make you believe it; I was just asked to tell you." In the end, Peyramale did believe it, and what moved him to faith, to acceptance, was the persevering simplicity and honesty of Bernadette. He became her champion and her defender. The light dawned for him through the honesty and integrity of young Bernadette.

Bernadette's witness is a vital part of the story of Lourdes, but in her own sober and humble way, Bernadette was well aware of the importance of human freedom. Nobody can be forced to believe. We should not try to make people believe. Our response is a matter for ourselves. The task of the witness, of the messenger, is to give the message. "I wasn't asked to make you believe it; I was just asked to tell you."

When Jesus cured the man born blind, he demonstrated that he has come from God, as a light into the world, as a light to scatter the darkness. As a true messenger, he spoke openly and clearly by his words, his deeds, and his character. To the newly-cured beggar man Jesus said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Tell me who he is," the man replied, "so that I may believe." Here is the vocation of the church in a simple sentence. It is to tell the world about Jesus of Nazareth, the light of the world. Yet Jesus knows that many people will not accept him, that many will actively oppose him. As Saint John says, he came as a light, but many would not accept him, because their deeds were dark.

The Pharisees especially opposed Jesus, because in seeing his popularity, preaching, and healing powers, they saw not a sign of goodness, but a threat to their own position and influence. There is none so blind as they who will not see. They REFUSE to see the goodness of Jesus. It would upset their scheme of things. They commit themselves to the dark.

By contrast, the Christians of Ephesus are encouraged to commit themselves to the light. In his letter, Saint Paul makes them well aware of the darkness of this world and tells them it can be filled with foul language, promiscuity, and all kinds of dissolute behavior. He tells the Christian to show up the folly of such behavior, not by attacking it, but by the contrast of a good life. If we live in the light, we will become light, he tells us.

We cannot make people be good, just as we cannot make people believe. But we can "tell" of the goodness of life by living in goodness ourselves. People follow example, and if the example reveals a happy person, people will want to follow.

When the early morning light creeps in at the window, it invites us to begin a new day. Every morning we are called to live in the light, both physically and spiritually. Saint Paul quotes to us an early Christian hymn: "Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

When the light of Christ shines on a person, that person becomes light itself, a pure and simple witness to the brightness and beauty of God; as Bernadette was long ago. Here is the vocation of a Christian—to bear witness to the light. "I cannot make you believe it, I was just asked to tell you."

Lenten Light,

Fr. Bob

Pastor



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

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Look beyond appearances

One of the more charming stories in scripture is about the prophet Samuel's search for the future king of Israel. Jesse of Bethlehem trots out all his candidate-sons except the actual future monarch, David. With God helping him every step of the way, Samuel sees through to the one who would be king. When in the gospels Jesus restored the sight of a man born blind, the Pharisees dithered about what it all meant, but the man saw who Jesus really was: the Messiah. Spiritual insight reveals the deeper presence of God. Where are you finding that presence this Lent?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9 13-17, 34-38 (31)*

"Man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

MONDAY, APRIL 4

FEAST OF ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Give it up to God

Does the Internet have a patron saint? You bet it does: Isidore of Seville, who also looks out for computer technicians and school-children. A poor student in the beginning, Isidore gave the problem over to God and became one of the most educated people of the sixth century. A champion of learning, he not only required seminaries in every diocese of Hispania but also wrote a dictionary, an encyclopedia, and several histories. He noted: "When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. All spiritual growth comes from reading and reflection." Curl up with a good book—or a Kindle—today!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244)*

"For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered."

TUESDAY, APRIL 5 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Put on your walking shoes

When was the last time you took a walk? If it has been a while, consider this a reminder that walking has much to commend it! There are the well-documented physical benefits of course—weight loss and improved health, to name two—but walking offers powerful spiritual rewards as well. Something about the rhythm of breathing and movement quiets and clears the mind. Before we know it we are free of the repetitive, unhelpful thought patterns that usually clog our brains. We become open to new ideas and fresh perspectives. Often a profound sense of optimism sets in. A good walk also can induce prayer. The benefits of walking have been known for thousands of years. Saint Augustine summed it up best when he wrote, "*Solvitur ambulando*": "It is solved by walking."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezra 4:7-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245)*

"Take up your mat and walk."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Do you get the message?

Before any gospel was written, the apostles preached a nugget of faith we call the *kerygma*—the "proclamation": *Jesus Christ, in fulfillment of scripture, was sent by God. He preached the coming of the Kingdom of God, died, was buried, rose from the dead, and was raised to God's right hand in heaven. Faith in this good news will bring you salvation.* It takes us these six weeks of Lent to absorb this heady message and what it means to be baptized into Christ. We may even have the privilege of accompanying those who will be bap-

tized at the Easter Vigil. We enter the season and the heart of the Good News with fresh eyes and ears, as if the daffodils sprouting around us had never been seen before, as if Jesus were the new beauty and new fragrance in the air.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246)*

"For just as the Father . . . gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes."

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 FEAST OF JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST
Thank those who help inform faith

John Baptist de La Salle (1651-1719) dedicated much of his life to the education of the poor children of France and is considered founder of the first Catholic schools. His enterprise met opposition from some ecclesiastical authorities who resisted his many innovations. Nevertheless, de La Salle and his brothers succeeded in creating a network of quality schools. Want some numbers? These days some 6,000 Lasallian Brothers and 75,000 lay and religious colleagues serve as teachers, counselors, and guides to 900,000 students in more than 1,000 educational institutions in 84 countries. Religious education steps to the forefront during Lent. Support your local parish or Catholic school education staff and let them know you appreciate their efforts on behalf of the faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247)*

"There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony he gives . . . is true."

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Be yourself

Wouldn't it be nice if all life's lessons came in neatly wrapped packages with cheerful colors and warm invitations to grow and become more fully ourselves? Sometimes that happens, but more often than not these important lessons come through the edges and frictions of life. It might be the person we deemed obnoxious or whom we dismissed completely. Or it might be the friend who has decided to improve themselves by eating healthier or working out, which we take as a judgment on our own lifestyle. Instead of criticizing or reacting because we feel judged perhaps we can see a small opening, a rough but nonetheless sincere invitation to become more fully ourselves.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)*

"Neither did they count on a recompense of holiness nor discern the innocent souls' reward."

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Dare we fiddle with tradition?

As Teyve reminds us in *Fiddler on the Roof*, there is something to be said for tradition. At the same time there needs to be room for innovation as well, lest rich traditions become ossified museum pieces. When it came to the Jewish traditions of his time, Jesus was a radical trailblazer, much to the distress of the community's deeply entrenched leadership. A living faith such as Christianity must seek anew with every generation the proper mix of tradition and change. Be part of the conversation in your own faith community by getting involved, listening and learning from others, and letting your own voice be heard.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249)*

"So the Pharisees answered them, 'Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?'"

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Capture the Lenten Spirit in Prayer



Monday, April 4

On the first Monday of each month we offer Eucharistic Adoration, concluding at 6:15 p.m. with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction.

Wednesday, April 6

6:30 p.m. Lenten Mass

Friday, April 8

2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Respect Life/Benediction and Rosary with Msgr. Philip Reilly

Saturday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Retreat in Spanish (Morrissey Hall)

Monday, April 11



7:00 p.m. Evening of Reflection presented by Rev. Thomas R. McCarthy, O.S.A.
President St. Rita High School

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 p.m. Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, April 13

6:30 p.m. Lenten Mass

Friday, April 15

2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

Sunday, April 17



4:00 p.m. Victorious, Eternal, Light: a Jazz Passion

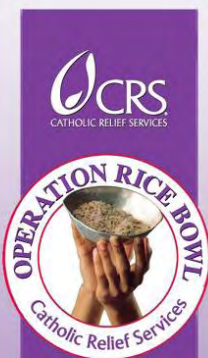
A St. Cletus Fine Arts Series Presentation. Admission is free.

Wednesday, April 20

6:30 p.m. Lenten Mass

Thursday, April 21 - Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Silent Adoration until 11:00 p.m.



**WE ARE
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FOR ALL
NATIONS**

Pray, Fast, Learn and
Give with Operation
Rice Bowl this Lent!

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Hearing the Word of God



When the Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself is speaking to his people and Christ, present in his own word, is proclaiming the Gospel. (GIRM, n.29) These words from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal set before us a profound truth. When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel. (GIRM, no. 29) These words from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal set before us a profound truth that we need to ponder and make our own.

The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear, for they not only give us information, they are the vehicle God uses to reveal himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us and the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of his Body. What is more, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. The Word of God proclaimed at Mass is 'efficacious' that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, it also helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own lives.

How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to that Word as it is proclaimed. Following each reading we express our gratitude for this gift with the words '*Thanks be to God*' or, in the case of the Gospel, '*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,*' and it is appropriate that a brief period of silence be observed to allow for personal reflection. Following the first reading we sing the Responsorial Psalm, a meditation on God's word through the inspired words of one of the psalms from the psalter, the Bible's prayer book.

The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word. The readings from the Old Testament tell us of God's promises and his preparation of his people for the coming of his Son; the epistles and other pre-Gospel New Testament readings offer the reflections of St. Paul and other contemporaries of the Lord on the life and message of Christ; in the Acts of the Apostles we have a history of the early Church. We believe that all Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Church has always given special honor to the Gospel because in the Gospel we have not simply the preparation for and prefiguring of Christ, nor reflections on his message, but the words and deeds of Christ himself. The proclamation of the Gospel is surrounded with marks of respect and honor: the Gospel is read by an ordained minister, the deacon, or, when no deacon is present, by a priest; the Book of the Gospels is carried aloft with honor in the entrance procession and placed on the altar until the Gospel reading to show the unity of Scripture and Eucharist, of the table of the Word and the table of the Christ's body and blood; just before the Gospel is read the Gospel book is carried in procession to the ambo to the accompaniment of an acclamation sung by the people; it may be incensed before the reading and is kissed at its conclusion; finally, all stand as the Gospel is proclaimed. Through this posture and through the honor paid to the book containing the Gospel, the Church pays homage to Christ who is present in his Word and who proclaims his Gospel.

What then must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The *General Instruction* tells us that *all must listen with reverence to the readings from God's word. (GIRM, no. 29)* and it provides that those who read the Scriptures must be *truly suited to perform this function and should receive careful preparation, so that the faithful by listening to the readings from the sacred texts may develop in their hearts a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture. (GIRM, no. 101)*

The key word in all of this is *listening*. We are called to *listen* attentively as the reader, deacon or

priest proclaims God's Word. Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette. Rather, taking our cue from the *General Instruction* itself, we should *listen* as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it *is* God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to 'keep up,' to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Pope John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. He encourages *those who take part in the Eucharist, priest, ministers and faithful ... to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the Word of God which will be proclaimed* and adds that if we do not, *it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the Word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect.* (n. 40) In this way we till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.



NOT AS MAN SEES DOES GOD SEE

Samuel 16:7

Did you ever wonder why Jesus chose the people who were rejected by society to be the ones to proclaim him as Lord? Last week it was a Samaritan woman and today a man born blind, both were ostracized by their community, yet Jesus inspires them to tell their world that he is the Lord. In today's Gospel (John 9:1-41) Jesus admits that he is shaking the foundations of a judgmental society when he says that he came into this world so that "those who do see might become blind."

Have you ever felt dismissed or rejected because of the way you look or speak? When was the last time you judged someone on their appearance?

In the first reading in (1 Samuel 16:7-13) God calls Samuel to anoint an unlikely youth to be the king and leader of his people. This is surprising to us because we often dismiss the young as uninformed or unimportant, especially those who look and dress differently. After all, how is a church-going adult to feel about a teenager with multiple body piercings and tattoos? Don't they dress that way because they want to be held apart from the rest of society? Do we justify our negative attitude by saying they look that way because they don't want to be loved?

The scriptures today challenge us to a more loving behavior when we hear, "man sees the appearances, but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Sm 16:7) This week, watch for the young people around you. Talk to someone who looks different and find the things that you hold in common. How does this young person express his/her spirituality? What are the dreams and desires that he/she holds for the future? Be the image of our loving, accepting Jesus for a young person this week.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FAIR—MAY 22, 2011
MORRISSEY HALL — 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



REGISTRATION IS AN EASY 3-STEP PROCESS:

For returning families:

- * **Verify the pre-printed family form**
- * **Complete the emergency and volunteer information**
- * **Pay a deposit fee**

If you are enrolling a new child this year:

- * **Please bring with you a copy of your child's baptismal certificate
(this is required at TIME of registration)**
- * **Complete registration, emergency and volunteer forms**
- * **Pay a deposit fee**

Questions? Contact the RE Office at (708) 352-2383

Sister Pat McKee

Director of Religious Education

Youth Ministry Update!

2011 – 2012 TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION REMINDER

Don't forget to register for our new program beginning in September! All high school teens are invited and encouraged to participate! Forms and information are available on our parish website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Contact Kristen Maxwell at kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419 with any questions.

TEEN HOSTED MASS AND SOCIAL

This Sunday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. junior high students and teens are invited to celebrate Mass together in the church. Families are invited too! All are welcome to join us for a social afterwards in either Morrissey Hall or Room 201 of the Education Building.

“A CLEAN HEART” – TEEN LENTEN PRAYER

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

FANNIE MAY MISSION TRIP CANDY SALES

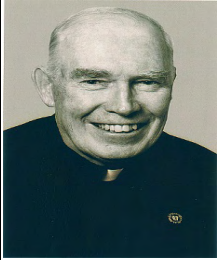
THANK YOU to everyone who supported our candy sales after Masses in March. We earned more than \$2,200. We still have more money to raise! **We will be selling candy again on Palm Sunday weekend, April 16/17 after all Masses!**

PRAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

We will meet again Friday, April 15, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 200 of the Education Building. Our prayer and reflection will center upon the virtue of forgiveness during this Lenten season. Please join us! All are welcome!

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry Advisor



MSGR. PHILIP REILLY WILL BE AT SAINT CLETUS ON FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 8, AT 7:00.

He will be here to conduct:

Exposition of Holy Eucharist

Benediction

Rosary for Life

Then from 7:30-9:00 p.m. a talk on...

Roots of the Culture of Death and Restoring a Culture of Life"

Saturday morning (April 9) he will celebrate 8:00 Holy Mass at Old St Patrick's Church downtown. After Mass he will lead the group in a peaceful, prayerful 3-block walk to the abortion clinic on Washington Blvd to pray the Rosary. He will then conduct a workshop in Room 201, of our Education Building, from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Monsignor 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. He is incredibly convincing to choose life. For the past 40 years Msgr. Reilly has traveled the world over, praying in front of abortion clinics, teaching others the spirituality of the Helpers and the purpose and the manner on conducting a prayer vigil, prayerful presence, sidewalk counseling, post abortion healing, etc. He is supported by Bishops and Cardinals internationally.

For more information, see the Respect Life Bulletin Board on the East wall in the Foyer.



Rev. Thomas R. McCarthy, O.S.A. C.V.

Please join Fr. Thomas McCarthy on Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m., as he presents an *Evening of Reflection* in church. Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A. is an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director and parish mission preacher.

He is a native of the South Side of Chicago, and grew up in St. Adrian Parish in Marquette Park. He received his elementary school education at St. Adrian School and high school education at St. Rita of Cascia High School. He graduated from Villanova University with a B.A. in Communication Arts. He also has a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Lewis University.

Fr. Tom entered the Midwest Province of the Augustinian Order in 1987. After completing his novitiate he attended Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree. In 1993 he made his solemn vows as an Augustinian Friar and in 1994 he was ordained to the priesthood.

Fr. Tom did a pastoral internship at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish in Grosse Pointe Park, MI. He also taught theology at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox.

Fr. Tom has been at St. Rita of Cascia High School since 1994, first as a Campus Minister and teacher, then as President and Principal. He is currently President of St. Rita of Cascia High School and is also the Vocation Director for the Midwest Augustinian Province.

CREDO Corner

(Continuing Religious Education Opportunities for adults)

BEGIN HOLY WEEK WITH A MINI-RETREAT

On Monday April 18, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., join the CREDO Committee for a mini-retreat at the start of Holy Week. The retreat will begin in the school kindergarten with the viewing of the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. After the movie, a brief period of meditation will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction in the Church.

As Monica Miller states in her book *The Theology of The Passion of the Christ*, the movie “is a religious meditation ... and functions as an icon ... intended to stimulate, arouse, and provoke faith .. and a response to the person of Christ and his mission of redemption. The Passion has little or no character or plot development for a reason. It functions like a Christian religious painting. The Passion’s religious depth, its sharp theological focus, its solemnity, make it a kind of religious ritual put to film.” “ *The Passion* has the power to bring the viewer to a deeper awareness of the sacrifice of Christ and His great love for mankind to have endured such suffering.” The movie “has the ability to deepen, even awaken faith.”

Come join us for an evening to contemplate the sacrifice Christ made for us and then spend some time in His presence. It will be the perfect way to start Holy Week.

Due to the graphic nature of the film, this event will be limited to adults only.

FINE ARTS SERIES EVENTS – NOT TO BE MISSED!

The St. Cletus Fine Arts Series has two upcoming events that you won’t want to miss! On Saturday, April 30, we will host the Chicago Choral Artists at 7:30 p.m. This is a professional chorus that performs throughout Chicagoland and contains a couple of our parishioners! As this concert is part of their subscription series, tickets will be \$20 each and can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.chicagochoralartists.org.

On Palm Sunday, we will have the privilege of experiencing the telling of the Passion story through the medium of jazz music in “Victorious, Eternal Light: A Jazz Passion.” If you’ve been to the Jazz Nativity, this is a larger version of the same professional band, joined by some of the area’s top vocalists. This piece was newly composed in 2010; St. Cletus will host the 4th-ever performance of this new work. Chicagoland jazz legends including Bobby Lewis, Jerry Coleman, John Blane, Tim Coffman, Andy Tecson, Ken Jandes, Mark Olen, Jerry DiMuzio and Stewart Miller join forces with Bob Bowker and members of the Lakeside Singers (an all-professional choir) to create music that is truly stirring.

On a personal note, I have to say that of all of the projects I’ve been involved with over the past few years, the Jazz Passion has been the most inspiring to me, both from a musical and spiritual perspective. Conducting this ensemble is a dream; presenting the story of Christ’s passion in such a unique and powerful way is truly awesome. We are incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to experience this performance – free of charge – right here at St. Cletus. I encourage you to set aside one hour and join us on Sunday, April 17th at 4:00 p.m. It will be time well spent musically and spiritually.

Justin Sisul,
Director of Music





SAINT CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES

A JAZZ PASSION

VICTORIOUS + ETERNAL + LIGHT

Sunday, April 17 at 4pm

St. Cletus Church
700 W 55th St., La Grange, IL

No Admission Charge



LIBRETTO BY
PASTOR DAVID G. ABRAHAMSON

ORIGINAL MUSIC COMPOSED BY
BOBBY LEWIS, BOBBY SCHIFF
AND ANDY TECSON

BOB BOWKER AS JESUS

SOLO AND VOCAL QUARTET
DANIEL RILEY, DAWN HOLT
LAUBER, GAYLE BISESI AND
DAVID MOLNAR

CHOIR
BEVERLY COLEMAN AND
LAKESIDE SINGERS ANGEL
BARRETTE, LISA BOWKER,
MELISSA SMITHSON, DAN
MACDONALD, ANDY DISTEL AND
JON NEGUS

CONDUCTED BY
JUSTIN SISUL

BAND INCLUDES
BOBBY LEWIS, BOBBY SCHIFF,
ANDY TECSON, KEN JANDES,
STEWART MILLER, JERRY
COLEMAN, GERALDO
DEOLIVEIRA, MARK OLEN, JERRY
DEMUZIO, TIM COFFMAN, JOHN
BLANE AND PAT FERRERI

STAGING AND DESIGN BY
LAURA ABRAHAMSON AND
JANICE POHL

SOUND BY MARK JANDES

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

OPERATION RICE BOWL

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT — SEE AS GOD SEES

In today's Gospel, Jesus recognizes the blind man as one who has been made in God's image and likeness. Jesus demonstrated God's goodness to all by healing the blind man. By giving to Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we support health programs in Honduras and around the world, which continue the healing work of Jesus and demonstrate God's love for all of our human family. This week's ORB calendar begins with Reina Matilde Vasquez's personal story of how Catholic Relief Services superior healthcare program in Honduras literally saved her life; Reina now is an active volunteer as CRS continues to provide care and hope to other families facing health care crises. Following the calendar suggestions day by day will concretely enhance your Lenten prayer, fasting, almsgiving and education about our global community and the challenges of poverty in third world countries.

Do you know:

- Honduras, the second largest country in Central America, is rich in natural beauty, with vast mountainous areas, fertile plateaus, river valleys and coastal plains.
- Honduras is struggling to overcome a violent past marked by wars and coups, military and authoritarian regimes, and the exploitative dictates of foreign companies. With two-thirds of its 7.4 million people living in poverty, Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the Americas.
- Many Hondurans face the threats of disease, malnutrition, infant and maternal mortality, and access to potable water. Their national health care system is unable to meet the needs of a majority of Hondurans, resulting in inadequate medical care.
- The CRS Health, Education, Water and Sanitation Programs strengthen communities and partner organizations through participation, advocacy and leadership. The program specifically focuses on child health care, safe motherhood, HIV and AIDS, water and sanitation, education, and response to health emergencies.
- You can learn more about CRS and their presence in Honduras, at **ORB.CRS.ORG**.

THIS WEEK'S CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FOCUS: Human beings are not only sacred, but social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE!

Our goal for the April 14 food distribution is to have 250 bags. *THANK YOU* to our great volunteer team, who have already packed more than half of those needed. Also, thanks to the generous parishioners and friends of the parish, who faithfully remember the Food Pantry clients as they do their own grocery shopping, and to those who volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository for our benefit. A special word of appreciation to the Highlands Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church of Western Springs, two congregations who continue to collect and deliver donated groceries to us monthly. We are also grateful to the Girl Scouts Prairie Flower Service Unit, Junior Girl Scout Troop 51117 (St. Cletus School 4th graders), and the Daisy Troop from 7th Avenue School, for their food collections & donations.

Currently, our most needed items include pasta sauce, cereal, dry pinto beans, canned chili, canned tomatoes/sauce, pancake mix, macaroni & cheese, coffee, juice, and all sizes of diapers. However, we appreciate all non perishable items with current dates. Thanks, again, for the inspiring team effort that keeps this ministry strong.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

CARDINAL PURSUIT: Come join the St. Cletus Athletic Association on April 9, at 7:00 p.m., in Morrissey Hall as they host their annual knowledge as you compete in an 80's themed trivia night. So dig those Chuck Taylors out of the closet, put your banana clip in your hair, and squeeze into those old Guess jeans. Gather your team of 8-10 players, and come join the fun for only \$10 per person. \$5 mulligans will be sold at the event. For more information, please contact Robin Bourjaily at (708) 579-5495.

**IN A JOB SEARCH?
Make NETWORKING a Priority!**

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK (ICN) invites you to join us for a supportive evening of networking in a new format, in a new location; on Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker, Ann Marie Calisto will open the meeting. She will give us insight into two critical skills that are important to have during your career transition: Creative Thinking and Presentation Skills. Employers value people who bring new ideas to solve old problems. This session is about identifying the roadblocks and guidelines to generate ideas that are the basis of creative thinking. Ann Marie will also cover the skills needed to appear confident and credible when you present yourself and your great ideas. Following this presentation, meet with other job seekers and exchange contacts and leads that could be very helpful in your job search. Bring copies of your networking handbills and resume to share with others. Bring a friend and join us at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 S. Ashland Avenue. Please enter on Ashland Avenue, take the stairs down to the lower level, Room G9. This program is open to all and there is no charge for attending. For further information on ICN job search support programs, please visit our website: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

**“Coming Home to Christ”
Mayslake Ministries**

A retreat for all military men and women. This retreat is a place of respite, healing and also addresses Post Traumatic Spiritual Stress. This retreat is open to anyone who has served in the military. Save the date: May 20-22, 2011. Please contact Mayslake Ministries at (630) 268-9000.

“FOR THOSE WHO WAIT”

A support group for all parents, spouses, and/or family members of those military members stationed overseas. Please contact Mayslake Ministries at (630) 268-9000 or call Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974.



LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER OUR SOLDIERS

St. Cletus wants to keep in prayer those who are currently serving in the military. If you would like their name listed in the Canticle, please tear off the bottom portion of this page and place it in the collection basket. All names will appear every week. If you would like more information, please call Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974.

SOLDIER'S NAME: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

CURRENT BASE: _____

La Grange Ministerium Presents Community-wide
I Will Redeem You with an Outstretched Arm

Good Friday Service



Live painting during service
- Caleb Baker, artist

April 22 • 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
La Grange Christian Assembly
5707 Wolf Road, La Grange, IL 60525
www.lagrangechurch.net



50th Golden Wedding Anniversary

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, August 28, at 3:00 p.m. at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 N. Harlem Avenue in Niles.

Couples married in 1961 interested in attending this celebration should contact the rectory office, (708) 352-6209.

For further information, call the Family Ministries Office at (312) 534-8351 or visit our website www.familyministries.org.

MISERICORDIA



CANDY DAYS

Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30

Please volunteer two hours of your time to make a difference for more than 600 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

To volunteer call Tessa 773-273-2768, email candydays@misericordia.com, or go to www.misericordia.org.

To make a \$5 donation TEXT "MIS" to 25383.

Thank you!

Mission Ladies...

Spring is here, time to clean out your closets and junk rooms. Remember to donate your unwanted cotton and eyelet fabric, dolls, yarn, lace, and ribbon to St. Cletus Mission Ladies. You get rid of "old stuff" and help the Mission ladies. "Such a Deal."

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
-Psalm 23:1*

Sunday Collection – March 27, 2011

Total Active Registered Families 2,753

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used - this week 642
% of registered families 23%

Amount Collected

\$19,357	Envelope Users
2,464	Loose Checks/Cash
<u>4,636</u>	Automatic Debit
\$26,457	Total

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,250
Over (under) Budget (\$793)

This Fiscal Year @ 03/27/11

Actual Sunday Collections	\$1,023,920
<u>Budgeted Sunday Collections</u>	<u>\$1,062,750</u>
YTD Over (Under) than budget	(\$38,830)

*"If everyone would take only according to his needs and would leave the surplus to the needy, no one would be rich, no one poor, and no one in misery."
-St. Basil*

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, April 4	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C C S-200 S-98 MH	Adoration and Benediction Spanish Adoration Hispanic Ministry Rosary EPIC Class Men's Basketball
Tuesday, April 5	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-207 S-Library S-200 S-201 S-213	Confirmation Advisors Meeting Tech Committee Meeting SVDP Teen Advisory Board RE Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 6	9:00 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	RB S-102 MH C S-200 S-201 MH	Mission Ladies EPIC Class Market Day Lenten Evening Mass Worship Ministry RE Catechist Formation Girls' Church League
Thursday, April 7	9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	C MH S-Music S-Music S-Music S-102	School Mass Leisure Loafers Children's Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Meeting
Friday, April 8	2:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C MH Lobby S-Music C S-207	Stations of the Cross MANNA—Cash and Carry Spanish Choir Practice Msgr. Reilly: Benediction & Rosary Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, April 9	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	MH S-201 CV CV	Spanish Lenten Retreat Respect Life Counseling & Prayer Session Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Worship Ministry
Sunday, April 10	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV CV S-102 MH S-200 MH	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Worship Ministry RCIA 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat Cardinal Pursuit Natural Family Planning Class
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH

Come to the Parish Center (5005 Wolf Rd.,) for our Second Annual Lenten **Fish Fry**.

First Seating, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Second Seating, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Help send our Crossroads teens on summer work tours by eating a Friday night dinner prepared and sponsored by the Men's Club.

Cost: \$6/Kids under ten

\$9/Seniors

\$12/Adults

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).

EUCCHARISTIC 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