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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 18 - April 24, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Erik Geyer
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Georgia Popp
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mary Ann Terpening, Jozef & James Slowik, Floyd Corbo, Ruth Wandtke, George O'Connell, Frank Staniszewski Lenten Evening Mass
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Celebration of the Lord's Passion (enacted by teens) followed by Communion
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	<p>HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</p> <p>Parish Priests' Intentions</p> <p>Morrissey Hall Spanish Mass</p>

Triduum



The Sacred Triduum refers to the three days before Easter. They include Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper and Christ's Passion and approaching crucifixion. Good Friday is a solemn time in which we remember the suffering death on the cross of Jesus Christ. On Holy Saturday we observe the Easter Vigil and anticipate Christ's triumphant resurrection from the dead. The Sacred Triduum is the apex of our liturgical year, and its glorious fulfillment. Let us observe these days as a special time of prayer and meditation.



St. Cletus Parish Welcomes

Jorge Najera Calderon

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



Nicole Krystyniak & David Abraham

Adam Tybor & Kelly Hartigan

Karina Velazques & Juan Luis Jimenez



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Dale Gurney, 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...



Rosemary Patricia Cowhey,
mother of Dennis Cowhey



Notes from Father Bob

PALM SUNDAY 2011

It was a quiet Sunday morning. Orange juice and coffee were on the kitchen table. The kitchen itself was dark and secluded, being situated on the far side of the house, away from the rising sun. Outside, the day was bright and sunny, with a clear sky, but in the kitchen there was nothing to disturb the early morning shadows. In the cool darkness a man sat sipping his juice, slowly waking up to the day. Suddenly a blazing light burst into the room and blinded the seated figure. The light was so bright that the man could see nothing at all. What had happened? Where had this light come from? How had it penetrated his inner sanctum of darkness and cool?

As he turned to face the light, the answer to all his questions became clear. The sun in the east was shining on the window of a house at the rear of his property and reflecting dazzlingly into his dark and secluded den, now bathing it in brilliant light. The sun had invaded and illuminated his dark and shadowy kitchen. Yes, the sun is a light that darkness cannot overpower. Every day the sun, rising, bathes the whole world in light and seeks out with its bright rays every dark and secluded corner of the earth.

The sun is so bright and powerful it is no wonder that many ancient peoples thought of it as a God. In the Christian tradition, we use the image of the sun as a sign of God. A Christian hymn speaks of Jesus as "the sun of ransomed earth." Jesus speaks of himself as "the light of the world," and at his birth, the scriptures say, "the rising sun has come to visit us." The hymn of the early church, quoted by Saint Paul today, also uses language reminiscent of the action of the sun, rising, setting, and rising again. Jesus, in the heavens, came down to earth and descended even further, into the darkness of suffering and death. Then out of the darkness of the tomb, he was raised to the highest place in all creation, as the risen Lord.

Like the sun rising, Jesus sheds his light upon all humankind, and his life is our hope and healing. The risen Lord lives forever; his risen life overcame all darkness and every depth of misery and despair. He shines for all to see. His light seeks out the hidden places of the human heart and the dark stories of tragic lives. Jesus knows these places, has walked these roads, and has suffered these torments. What good to us is a God who doesn't care? What use to us is a God who does not know? What kind of God is a God who only looks on?

The passion story of Jesus that we read today is also the story of all human life in every age. Through the sufferings of Jesus, we see the darkness of the world. Jesus was unjustly treated, wrongly accused, spat upon, laughed at, interrogated, tied up, tortured, condemned, led to execution, stripped of everything, nailed, left to die, buried and forgotten. These things happen to people everyday in every age. The darkness can seem impenetrable, its evil incurable. But it is not so.

Jesus, rising in glory, shines a light so bright that nothing can quench it. That light reflects in the hearts and minds and faces of every good person, and by reflection, enters the dark and hidden places of human sadness and suffering. The risen Jesus is given a name, Saint Paul tells us today. It is a name above all other names. That name is "Lord." As the apostle Thomas said on seeing Jesus in the upper room, "My Lord and my God." This name means that evil will not triumph, and no one shall be lost forever. God's love is for all that he has made.

Just as the sun shines on honest and dishonest men alike, so, too, it is with the resurrection of Jesus. It shines for all. It shines on those who believe in the Lord, on those who do not believe, on those who are not able to believe, and on those who refuse to believe. The light of Christ, reflected in our humble lives, may yet shine on many a dark corner and bring light and hope to many a darkened life.

It was a quiet Sunday morning when light burst out from a darkened tomb.

*Light of Christ,
Fr. Bob
Pastor*



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

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Something to be passionate about

If I said, "I'm going to church to get a palm today," folks would nod. And if I said, "I'm going for the passion," people might look quizzical at first but eventually assume I want to hear today's long gospel reading. In religious terms, *passion* makes us think of the suffering and pain of Jesus in his last hours. But *passion* also means a profound and intense act of love so total and shattering that it moves the beloved to say to the lover, "I am yours." Isn't this what Jesus does? Keep that in mind as we walk with Jesus: how he hands himself over, how he abandons his rightful equality with God, if only he can win us, save us, love us. That is passion.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27; 66 or 27:11-54 (38)*

"My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!"

MONDAY, APRIL 18 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Get your priorities right

It was so over the top! What possessed Mary of Bethany to waste expensive oil to wash someone's feet and then—imagine!—allow her locks of hair to flow freely from her head covering and be used to dry a person's feet? "Scandalous" doesn't even come close to describing Mary's actions. For Jesus, however, that word didn't even come to mind. He saw the deep love and care Mary had for him, and he alone knew the fate he awaited. While not advocating disregard for people who are poor or squandering precious resources, Jesus reminds us about other important values, ones Mary so thoroughly illustrated. Don't be afraid to give in to abundant generosity, reckless hope, and head-over-heels love like Mary and like Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257)*

"You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Don't fail to find God

One of the lessons of Holy Week is that God draws grace and goodness out of any situation—even one that to us looks like a complete failure. God uses all of what is—every person's strength and weakness; every experience; encounter; accident; war or act of kindness; natural beauty or disaster—to make visible God's love and sustaining presence in the world. The psalmist put it this way: "For darkness is as light" to God. The message of Holy Week is one for the entire year. Make a habit of looking for the ways God redeems our "failures." See how grace abounds.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)*

"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

An animated response to betrayal

At one time or another most of us have the bitter experience of being betrayed by someone we thought we could trust. How can we handle it? Walt Disney might serve as an inspiration. Betrayed by a production studio early in his brilliant career as a cartoonist, Disney was left to work in a rodent-infested garage. He made a pet of one of the mice and soon enough he had created Mickey Mouse. He rose above betrayal, and you can, too. Remember that Jesus also was betrayed at the end of his earthly life but rose from the experience. Every setback contains the seeds of a new beginning.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259)*

"Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do God's work

The Liturgy of the Word tonight draws on memories of two meals: the rushed meal of the Exodus and the Last Supper, which Saint Paul recognizes as the *new* Passover. Yet, interestingly, the Gospel of John's account does not focus on the meal. Rather we have this shocking scene of Jesus—Master and Lord—washing the feet of his friends like a slave. In a way, that *is* Eucharist, but Eucharist in action. Jesus makes the servant's work the master's work and hands it on as *our* work. The word *liturgy* means the "work of the people." Our liturgy must go beyond participating in the Mass to doing Jesus' work of love and service.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-*

26; John 13:1-15 (39)

"As I have done for you, you should also do."

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Make some sacrifices

Caiaaphas, the high priest at the time of Jesus' Passion, was the one who recommended that Jesus be offered up to the Romans for the sake of the nation ("Better that one man should die rather than the people"). A high priest's role was to administer sacrifices on the nation's behalf, so perhaps Caiaaphas believed he was doing the right thing. Yet contrast his actions with Jesus, who the author of the Letter to the Hebrews also deems a high priest. Jesus did not pass on the saving sacrifice to another. He freely offered himself for the sake of the people. He was "pierced for our offenses," to use Isaiah's words and "by his stripes we were healed." As Christians we are called to make sacrifices but never ones Jesus hasn't already endured.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;*

John 18:1-19:42 (40)

"Pilate answered, '...Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.'"

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 HOLY SATURDAY; THE VIGIL OF EASTER

New beginnings in the night

With the celebration of Easter, Christians enter the basic mysteries of their faith: the final victory of love over sin and death. It's nothing less than the re-creation of the world. New life is everywhere, and the readings proclaimed at the Easter Vigil tonight sound like a litany of new beginnings and second chances. "God created the heavens and the earth," Genesis says. The Lord tells Isaiah to tell the people: "I will renew with you the everlasting covenant," and Ezekiel chimes in, "I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you." In his Letter to the Romans Saint Paul says, "We know that our old self was crucified with him." Finally the best good news of all: "He has been raised from the dead." How will your life be made new this Easter season?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10 (41)*

"God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good."

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Capture the Lenten Spirit in Prayer

Sunday, April 17



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

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

Monday, April 18

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.

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.

Friday, April 22 - Good Friday

10:00 a.m. Living Stations of the Cross, Via Crucis (Stations in Spanish) Parking Lot and Parish Grounds — ALL ARE WELCOME

11:30 a.m. "Last Words"/Las Siete Palabras of Jesus (in Spanish) in Morrissey Hall

1:00 p.m. Adoration of the Cross/Adoración de la Cruz (in Spanish) in Morrissey Hall

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Living Stations presented by parish teens followed by Communion Service

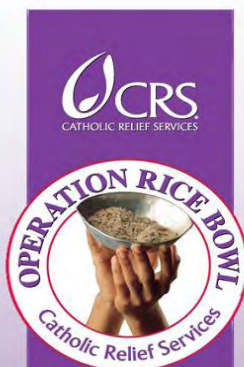
Saturday, April 23

12:00 p.m. Blessing of Food Baskets (Morrissey Hall)

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

Sunday, April 24 - Easter Sunday

Masses - 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Morrissey Hall), and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)



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Give with Operation
Rice Bowl this Lent!

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CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK.

✠✠✠ Liturgical Participation ✠✠✠

The celebration of Mass is an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. In the Mass, the Church is joined to the action of Christ. We are joined to this divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at "the center of the whole of Christian life" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [GIRM], no. 16), is initiated not by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the Body of the risen Christ. The Liturgy is designed to bring about in all those who make up the worshipping assembly a "participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity" (GIRM, no. 18). To the extent that we are able to participate in this way, the work of redemption becomes personally effective for each of us. By such participation we make the actions and prayers of the Liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ's redeeming act and perfect worship.

"In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people of God's own possession and a royal priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the priest but also together with him, and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration. . . . Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by a participating together at the Lord's table" (GIRM, nos. 95, 96).

The participation of each person in the Liturgy is important. Each person needs to do his or her part.

ORDAINED MINISTRIES IN THE LITURGY

Bishops and priests are called to act in the Liturgy in the very person of Christ, on behalf of his people, pronouncing the most sacred prayers of our faith, presiding over the celebration of the sacred mysteries, explaining God's

Word and feeding God's People on the Body and Blood of Christ. A bishop has the added responsibility of being the chief shepherd, the principal liturgist of his diocese in his role as the successor of the Apostles. By God's grace others are ordained to the ministry of deacon. In the celebration of the Mass deacons proclaim the Gospel, occasionally preach the homily, and assist the bishop and priest in exercising their sacred duties.

OTHER LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

In addition to the ordained ministries, some roles in the Liturgy are exercised by lay people who place their time and talent at the service of the liturgical assembly as acolytes (altar servers), lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir members, instrumentalists, leaders of song, and ushers. Others contribute their time and talent to planning and organizing the Liturgy; to keeping the church and the vestments, vessels, and appointments clean and well ordered; or to providing decorations that reflect the spirit of the liturgical feast or season.

This variety of offices and roles is desirable and should be maintained. It is desirable that individuals function in roles of service at Mass. For example, if a deacon is present, the priest celebrant or a concelebrant should not read the Gospel. The lector should not take on the role of a server or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. A wide variety of services needs to be performed, and it is preferable that different individuals exercise those services so that the talents and gifts God has placed within the Christian community are fully used and that these roles of service are not monopolized by a few.

Those engaged in liturgical roles need to be well prepared for those roles and to know how to carry them out with reverence, dignity, and understanding. Receiving the proper preparation requires a further gift of time on the part of the person being prepared as well as on the part of those in the parish responsible for the training of liturgical ministers. Finally, the practical task of assigning individuals to particular Masses and organizing the distribution of roles is another indispensable element in the fabric of well-ordered liturgical ministry in a parish.

All the baptized need to understand that part of their duty regarding the Liturgy is to accept some responsibility for the Liturgy, to place themselves and

their God-given talents at the service of the liturgical community whenever possible. Whether one brings up the gifts at the Presentation; reads the Word of God; assists with the distribution of Communion and brings the Eucharist to those unable to be present at Mass; serves at the altar; provides music that augments the joy, solemnity, and festivity of the celebration; or serves the assembled community as an usher, he or she is contributing to the worship of the community and fulfilling the responsibility that comes with Baptism.

Not all members of the parish community will have the time, energy, strength, or ability to serve in these roles. However, individuals must be careful not to excuse themselves too easily. What is important is that all understand that the celebration of Liturgy is not just the responsibility of the pastor, although he is delegated by the bishop to oversee the liturgical life of the parish. Pastors need the help of people who are serious about living out their baptismal right and responsibility to worship.

THE ROLE OF THE BAPTIZED

This catalog of specialized roles might give the impression that those who are not exercising one of these roles are free to sit back passively and simply let the Liturgy happen around them. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those who come together for Liturgy do not have the luxury of acting as spectators, waiting for all to be done for them. “Full, conscious, and active participation” in the Liturgy (as commended by the Second Vatican Council) is not only their right but also their duty and their responsibility. That responsibility includes full engagement throughout the liturgical celebration. The baptized faithful who form the congregation are called to join in praise and thanksgiving in song and spoken word, to listen attentively to God’s Word, and to exercise their baptismal priesthood in prayer for the Church, the world, and all in need during the General Intercessions.

In the Liturgy of the Eucharist the baptized faithful join their prayer to that of the priest celebrant, offering Christ the Victim, “not only by means of the hands of the priest but also together with him,” and offer themselves as well (GIRM, no. 95). Their participation culminates

in the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the sacrament that unites them more fully with Christ their Head and with one another. We need to be aware, therefore, that “participation” does not refer primarily to external activity or function during the celebration of Mass; rather, it refers to a deeply spiritual, interior participation of mind and heart, filled with devotion and penetrating the very depths of the mysteries we celebrate.

In their sincere efforts to participate, those present minister to the priest celebrant, to others who serve in liturgical roles, and to one another. Their attention and active engagement in the celebration can draw from the priest celebrant and the other ministers the best they have to offer. Their enthusiastic song and verbal responses made with conviction can encourage others to sing and respond; their very presence at the celebration of Mass when so many other enticing options might have been chosen instead supports and reinforces others who have made the same choice.

The Liturgy, then, is about the action of God’s own people, each with different offices and roles. When we play our roles in the Liturgy with our bodies, minds, and hearts fully engaged, we make to God a perfect sacrifice of praise.

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I WILL NOT DENY YOU

Don't let the familiar words of the Palm Sunday readings slip by...listen carefully and find a character in the story that you identify with in order to make the readings come alive. Within all of the Gospel's drama, you may find that Peter is the character whose words and actions seem closest to your own.

At first, the joyful exuberance of Jesus' ride into Jerusalem leads into the quiet moment at table with Jesus at the last supper. Peter experiences the cheers of the crowd and is strengthened by Jesus' presence. In those moments we too might echo Peter's statement, "though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be."

Have you ever felt as if you were riding in glory with Jesus after a retreat or powerful prayer experience just like the Palm Sunday ride into Jerusalem? Those moments of life should be savored and remembered because they strengthen us for the challenges ahead.

Peter's next move in this drama seems shameful, and yet he reacts in a way that feels completely human. Peter is approached by people who question his relationship with Jesus and three times Peter says, "I do not know the man." Does Peter's reply sound familiar to you?

Life is full of ups and downs and inevitably there comes a time of conflict when our faith is shaken. Has someone you know questioned you after reading a story of abuse in the Church? Do you know people who say that the Church is out-of-touch with modern society? Do these confrontations shake your faith?

What does it take to stand your ground and proclaim your faith in the midst of controversy? In moments of doubt, say a silent prayer to the Holy Spirit for strength and your reply will always proclaim the truth and be grounded in love.

"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 stateside or 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: _____



IT'S TODAY IN MORRISSEY HALL!

The annual Holy Name Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday, April 17, from approximately 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, in Morrissey Hall in the Education Building. Cost: Adults/\$5 and Children/\$2. Join us for a great breakfast. Tickets are available at the door. Hope to see you there!

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian Community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

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](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth) Contact Kristen Maxwell at kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419 with any questions.

FANNIE MAY MISSION TRIP CANDY SALES AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND!

To defray the cost of our trip, we are selling candy bars once again for \$1 after all Palm Sunday Masses!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE – INDIANAPOLIS NOVEMBER 17-19, 2011

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes keynote addresses, concurrent and workshop sessions addressing a wide variety of topics. There are also opportunities for liturgy, reconciliation, prayer and worship, recreation and special activities such as concerts, exhibits, and the interactive thematic park. Cost for the event is \$400. Learn more about it on the website <http://ncyc.nfcym.org>. Contact Kristen Maxwell at kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com/youth or (708) 215-5419 by Tuesday, April 26, if you are interested.

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry Advisor

SOCIAL CONCERNS

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Thank you for so generously answering our call for help in filling our shelves for the April food distribution! We do have a good beginning as we work towards restocking our shelves for the May Food Pantry, but when we serve 200+ client families each month, we need to continuously replenish our staples. All in-date non perishables are greatly appreciated, but here is our current list of most needed items: canned meats, boxed side dishes, tomatoes/tomato sauce, coffee, juice, cooking oil, mayonnaise and other condiments, cereal, paper products, and all sizes of diapers. Please drop off your donations in the food bins located in the Madonna Della Strada Shrine in the church vestibule. Again, thank you for faithfully adding food pantry items to your regular grocery lists!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

SOCIAL CONCERNS CONT:**PALM SUNDAY — YOUR ATTITUDE MUST BE CHRIST'S**

We hear in sacred scripture this weekend how Christ redeemed us not by a one-time small gift, but by becoming one of us and giving His whole self even unto death on a Cross. Through our support of Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services gives more than short term assistance to poor countries; it establishes long term, person-focused, sustainable programs that provide better opportunities for each individual, and it remains in communities to help these efforts succeed. This week's journey with our ORB calendar focuses on people in need in communities here in the United States. Please continue to pray for all those who struggle with hunger and poverty in our own area.

Note: If you did not bring in your rice bowl filled with your Lenten almsgiving donations today, please bring it in this week when you attend Holy Week services. Thank you!

Do you know?

- While 75 percent of Operation Rice Bowl contributions support CRS' programs around the world, 25 percent remains in the United States to fund local diocesan hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.
- In the Archdiocese of Chicago, a portion of local Operation Rice Bowl funds support the Southwest Chicago Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS). PADS provides food, clothing, and support to help the homeless find permanent places to live.

25% of the ORB funds St. Cletus collects may be used in support of our own community food pantry.

**HOSANNA!**

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, April 18	6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-98 C MH	EPIC Movie (Passion of the Christ) Adoration & Benediction Men's Basketball
Tuesday, April 19	4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	S-105 MH	Communion Pictures Boys' Church League
Wednesday, April 20	3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	MH C C S-102 MH	Track Pictures Lenten Mass Living Stations Practice RCIA Girls' Church League
Thursday, April 21	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C C	Holy Thursday School Prayer Holy Thursday Service
Friday, April 22	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Parking Lot MH MH C C	Living Stations of the Cross/Hispanic Min "Last Words"/Hispanic Ministry Adoration of the Cross/Hispanic Ministry Passion of the Lord Passion of the Lord-Living Stations
Saturday, April 23	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon 7:00 p.m.	C C MH C	RCIA Confessions RCIA Practice for Easter Vigil Blessing of Easter Baskets Holy Saturday Vigil
Sunday, April 24	See Mass Intentions 11:15 a.m.	C MH	Easter Sunday Masses Easter Sunday Mass
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement



ST. CLETUS BAZAAR

Saturday, April 30th

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Sunday, May 1st

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Morrissey Hall

For more information contact us at 708-352-4820
or bazaar@stcletusparish.com.

Classic Party Rental in Mc Cook has donated
three 48 foot trailers full of new and used items.
Proceeds from sales will benefit St. Cletus School.
You'll find a wide selection of:

Chairs, Dishes, Glassware,
Flatware, Serving Pieces, Linens
...and much more!



St. Cletus



The next book is

A Circle of Friends

by Maeve Binchy

We will meet to discuss it on

Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.

(Room 102)

Questions? Email:

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**ST. CLETUS PARISH
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
July 1, 2010 Through February 28, 2011**

For the eight month period ended February 28, 2011, the Parish has maintained a positive operating margin, despite reductions in revenues, such as Sunday and Holy Day collections, school tuition, and fees. Below are highlights as to what has occurred so far this year.

- Parish Ministries are growing as we continue our efforts to energize, involve and reach out to the parish community. Although there is an expense, the results have been encouraging. For example, there has been growth in the new teen youth ministry programs, social concerns, compassionate care, fine arts music series, adult bible studies, prayer and reflection opportunities all due to your generosity.
- Weekly Sunday collections decreased approximately \$37,000 through February, as compared to budget or an average decrease of \$1,057 per week from July 2010 through February 2011.
- Christmas collections were \$191,000; approximately \$19,000 under budget.
- Operating expenses through February 28, 2011 have increased for the Church due to higher health insurance costs, repairs and maintenance of buildings and grounds, and various new expenditures to benefit the Church, such as; a floor scrubber, parking lot and building security enhancements, long-range planning, and technology needs.
- School enrollment is strong at 431 students; however, revenue is down slightly due to uncollected tuition and fundraising shortfalls. To compensate, a withdrawal of \$73,000 was made from the school's Education Endowment Fund.
- The school sustained flood damage in excess of \$88,000 in 2010. We received \$81,000 in insurance reimbursements. There is an additional \$7,000 pending reimbursement.
- Operating expenses for the school have been increasing, particularly in the areas of salaries, benefits, textbooks, and technology. These expenditures have been reviewed in detail to ensure fiscal responsibility.
- There has been an increase in the fair market value of our parish investments of \$132,870, less a \$75,000 distribution. There has also been an increase in our school endowment of \$75,833, offset by a \$73,000 endowment withdrawal. The Parish, as a whole, is performing better than budget by approximately \$34,000.

Fr. Bob
Pastor

Parish Contribution Direct Debit Authorization

I authorize St. Cletus Parish and First National Bank of La Grange to debit my account (as described below) with pre-authorized payments on my behalf. This authorization will remain in effect until revoked by me in written form and received by St. Cletus Parish. I understand that in such a case that a debit is necessary to my account, I agree that the treatment of such a withdrawal order shall be the same as if it were signed or otherwise personally authorized by me. If such an item were to be dishonored, with or without cause, I shall not hold St. Cletus or the bank responsible for any such liability.

Name as it appears on account _____

Parishioner Name if different from above _____

Envelope # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Name of Your Bank _____

ABA Routing Number _____ **Account Number** _____

Account Type Checking _____ Savings _____

Amount of Contribution _____

Date(s) Contribution(s) Debited 5th of month _____ and /or 20th of month _____

Or, the first business day after should the above dates fall on a weekend/bank holiday.

By signing this agreement, I agree to the stated terms as described above:

Signature of **Account Holder (s)** _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Please attach a voided check.

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