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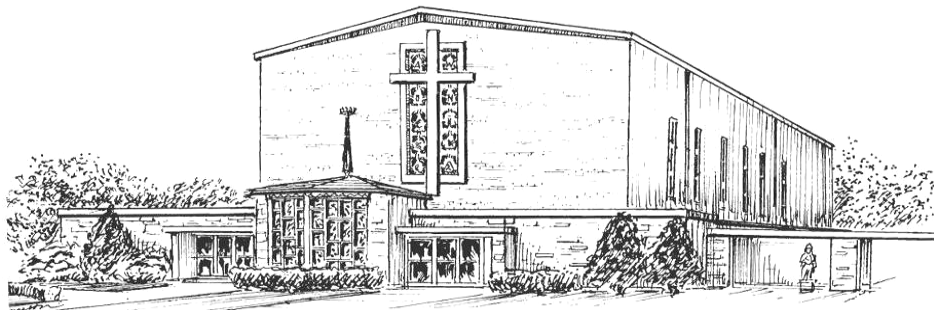
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Easter Sunday



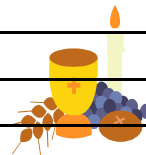
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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 25 - May 1, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Angelo Cumbo, Domenica Frasco, Michael Maly, Irene Rose
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Apolinia Zagrodnik, Josephine Kokaisl
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	John & Elise Wagner, Steve Grzelinski, Jr.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Loretta Bleau
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Katherine Vonesh, Alice Vonesh Ed Smithy, Georgia Popp
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Emilia & Marco Rattin, Paulina Slobodnik, Leona Staniszewski, Gene Kennedy Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Anna Pleskza, Joseph Lewandowski Tony Montenegro & Pedro Bautizta-Special Intention, Margaret Kapa George Benrus, Adeline Kulikowski, Rosa Frasca DeSimone Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Rose Pasquale, 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 pray for those who have died and their families:



Jolana Arway,
mother of Mary

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.

Wedding Banns

Nicole Krystyniak & David Abraham

Adam Tybor & Kelly Hartigan



St. Cletus Parish Welcomes

Andrew Robert Dixon,
son of Peter & Jennifer (Golm) Dixon

Bruce Wayne-Cseve Leach,
son of Aaron & Alida (Liernas) Leach

Ellen Marie Parrino,
daughter of Brian & Elizabeth (Durso) Parrino

Mollie Rose Ryan,
daughter of Tim & Jamie (Duffy) Ryan

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



The facilities will be closed Monday, April 25, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
The church will remain open until 4:00 p.m.



The Pere Lachaise cemetery in Paris is the final resting place for famous people of modern times: writers, poets, musicians, and singers. The whole gamut of human celebrity and notoriety is there, from Edith Piaf to Bizet and Chopin. The cemetery attracts many visitors. Some are just the idly curious who want to see the names of the rich and famous. But others are real devotees who come to honor and remember their heroes—to leave a flower or a book of verse at the grave of Oscar Wilde or to paint graffiti on the headstone of Jim Morrison. These fans come out of love and gratitude, because their own lives have been marked and influenced in some way by the words and work of these famous people.

Perhaps it was in this same spirit that, before dawn on that first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb of Jesus. She had witnessed his suffering; she had been present at the cross when he breathed his last. Her life had been profoundly changed for the better by this man—the gospel tells us that Jesus had cast seven demons out of Mary. He had set her free, and she had reason enough to love him. So she came to honor him, perhaps to prepare his body, perhaps simply because in her love she could not let go and just needed to be near her Lord.

When she saw that first sign of resurrection—the stone which had been rolled away—she did not understand. The two disciples whom she hurried to tell ran to the scene. The Beloved Disciple (John) was hesitant to enter the tomb. Typically, Peter went straight in, and although he saw further signs of the resurrection—the folded burial cloths—he, too, did not understand. It is only when John sees—really sees—that he makes that leap of faith and believes.

The first reading tells us that Jesus did not appear to everyone after his resurrection—only to those whom God had chosen—only to those who were his disciples, who could really see the signs—only, you might say, to those who truly loved him. It is these people who had a real encounter with the Risen Lord—those who “ate and drank with him after his resurrection.” They were the ones who had their lives totally turned around by this man, to the point where Peter says that they are more than friends, more than fans, but ordered to be witnesses to the resurrection.

Why are we here today? Surely not to be like the curious tourists at Pere Lachaise, here to pay our respects to the memory of a man whom we admire. Perhaps, like Mary, we simply want to express our love of Jesus, like the fans who visit their hero’s grave. John stood at the edge of the tomb, not daring to enter. Is that us? Are we reluctant to go any further with our faith, perhaps afraid of where it might lead? Perhaps we are like Peter—oblivious to the signs of God’s presence, to the signs of the resurrection in our own lives.

Eventually, John, Mary and Peter do move on from their grief and confusion. John “sees and believes.” Mary recognizes the Lord in the garden when he speaks her name. Peter moves from confusion and ignorance to fearless faith and witness. Where do we stand? As Christians we are not just distant admirers or grateful fans. Paul tells us: “We have been brought back to true life with Christ.” Through our baptism, we actually share his journey through death to new life. And so like Peter, we seek to be witnesses, witnesses to what he has done for us. By faith, we acknowledge his resurrection, we continue to eat and drink with him, and we hope to share in his glory. But if we are to be credible witnesses, we need to have that first-hand encounter with the risen Lord; we need to see the signs of his presence in our lives, as John, Mary and Peter did. We can only bear witness to what we have personally experienced. If we love Christ—if we follow his way of love—then he will lead us to see and believe. He will enable us to become powerful witnesses to his resurrection—and to our own, to the glory which awaits all those who put their trust in him.

He is risen! Alleluia!

*Fr. Bob
Pastor*

"THANK YOU," FR. CHARLES WATKINS

Fr. Charles is scheduled to complete his term as Associate Pastor of St. Cletus Parish as of June 30, 2011. Cardinal George has granted Fr. Charles a temporary leave of absence from May 1, 2011 until June 30, 2011 for health reasons before his next assignment.

Fr. Charles came to St. Cletus five years ago when I began my term as pastor. He came to us with a wealth of experience in both the medical field and in ministry. I am very grateful for his past five years of service to this parish community and for his help and support.

Fr. Charles has contributed many things to the growth of our parish life over the past five years, especially, the creation and development of our Compassionate Care Ministry. His willingness to organize, train ministers, and develop leadership within this ministry has personally touched hundreds of our parish members and their families who have had to cope with the loss and grief of a loved one. This has had a powerful impact on this parish, and we thank Fr. Charles for his dedication to this important pastoral ministry.

I invite the entire parish to express our gratitude and thanks to Fr. Charles by attending the 11:00 AM Mass on May 1, 2011 as Fr. Charles prepares for his departure from the parish. Fr. Charles will be the main celebrant assisted by Fr. Edgar, Deacon Jesús Casas, Fr. Ron, and me. The Mass will be followed by a reception in his honor immediately following in the Kindergarten Room of the Education Building just across from the side doors of the church. Please mark your calendars for May 1, 2011 at 11:00 AM, and come participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving for his dedicated service to this faith community.

On behalf of the entire faith community of St. Cletus Parish may we wish you, Fr. Charles, good health and happiness as you continue to serve God's people in your ministry. You will remain in all of our prayers and thoughts daily.

Blessings and Grateful Love Always,

Fr. Bob

Pastor



As most of you may know, I am approaching the end of my five-year assignment here at St. Cletus as one of your associate pastors. The Personnel Board expects that at the end of this term of service that the priest will seek a new assignment or else be extended for a period of time at his current parish. Since I have been asked to exercise this option and move on, I will be leaving St. Cletus for a new assignment. However, due to a number of health issues that have plagued me over this past year, Cardinal George has approved a personal leave of absence so that I may appropriately address these issues and ready myself for a new assignment. Therefore, as of May 1, 2011, I will be leaving St. Cletus to make use of this time for my personal benefit. Since I will not be returning to St. Cletus, I wish you all a fond farewell and ask that you keep me and all our priests in your prayers. These five years with you have been memorable, and I will carry you all in my heart for years to come.

God Bless...and Goodbye!

Fr. Charles Watkins



Easter Prayer

God our Father, who raised your Son from the dead, help us to understand, we beg you, that we will conquer our own death and rise with Jesus today when we live with you in brotherly love.

We ask you this grace through Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose for our lives.



CHRIST OUR LIGHT!

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2011

He is Risen! The news of the day and the news of the centuries! We sing “Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler, Christ Jesus Lord and Redeemer.” Here lies the message for each person and each people, for all humanity. Today we are asked to renounce evil and to claim the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – the connection in living humanely. Fr. Louis Cameli has written about 21st century ways to “connect”:

We live in a world that prides itself on the many possibilities of connection that are available. With computers and e-mail and i-pods and cell phones, we have various forms of electronic connection. With a worldwide network of air travel, we can go around the world and connect with countless destinations. With the globalization of the economy, we are tightly connected as producers and consumers. On a more personal level, an unprecedented level of sexual freedom allows for multiple ‘easy’ connections for those who so choose.

Still, despite all these new connections and possibilities of connection, we are paradoxically more isolated than ever in humanity’s history. Electronic media connects us but also leaves us alone behind a screen or with a cell phone in hand. Air travel enables us to go around the world and connect with destinations, but we do so always in the shadow of the threat of terrorism that can destroy us. A global market connects us, but a profit-driven economy still divides the rich from the poor. Abundant sexual liberties allow us to ‘hook up’ indiscriminately, but we find genuine, sustaining, intimacy more daunting than ever.

For most of us, the strongest sense of connection resides in our home. To be ‘at home’, really and truly, is to be connected – spouses with each other, parents with children; with our history and with our future, and with our local community. Home is connection.

The **Catholics Come Home®** evangelization initiative invites, welcomes, and accompanies people to connect to the very source of life itself, the Risen Christ. This longing-for-connection manifests God’s life in us. We remain free and can accept or reject Him. When we accept this ultimate connection, the living-giving Reality, the proximate connections fall into place. And we have life in its abundance! Rejoice in this life within you – Accept that He is Risen for you! Pray: Christ, be our light!

-Rev. Msgr. Rich Hynes

These Easter series of eight articles offer stories of connection to the Risen Christ

Msgr. Rich Hynes, a priest for 39 years, serves the Archdiocese of Chicago as Director of the Department of Parish Life & Formation. His previous Archdiocesan assignments include Pastor-St. John of the Cross (Western Springs), Associate Pastor-St Martin de Porres (Chicago), St. Athanasius (Evanston), St. James (Arlington Heights), and Spiritual Director at the St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University.

✠✠✠ Liturgy and Life

At its heart, the Eucharist is a sacrament of communion, bringing us closer to God and to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. If we live the fruits of the Eucharist in our daily lives, we will fill our families and our communities with the life-giving qualities that the Liturgy brings: hospitality, concern for the poor and vulnerable, self-offering, and thanksgiving.

An ancient saying in the Church reads "*lex orandi, lex credendi*," meaning that the law of prayer is the law of faith. More loosely: as we pray, so we believe. To that we might add *lex vivendi*, meaning that as we pray, so we believe, and so we live. In the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, the bishops and translators have taken great care to ensure that the prayers accurately and fully reflect the mysteries of our faith. Thus, the words that we pray in each liturgical celebration will help to form and strengthen our understanding of the faith.

However, if the effects of the Liturgy stop at the doors of the church, we have not made our prayer and our faith part of our law of living. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that the Eucharist helps us to grow in union with Christ, avoid sin, increase in charity, strengthen communion with our brothers and sisters, and recognize Christ in the poorest and most vulnerable members of society (see CCC, nos. 1391-1397). But what does that mean in daily life?

LIVING A LIFE OF PRAYER

Our prayer lives should not be limited to a single hour on Sunday mornings. In fact, the richer our prayer lives are throughout the week, the more fully we will be able to enter into the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Here are some ways to make your daily life more prayerful:

- ✠ Try attending daily Mass at least once a week. Your parish may have an early morning Mass, or a church near your job may offer a lunchtime Mass.
- ✠ Stop in a church before or after work or on your lunch hour for fifteen minutes of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

- ✠ Make it a practice to say grace before every meal—even if you are eating in the car.
- ✠ Schedule time for family prayer at least once a week. This prayer can be as simple as saying the Our Father or a decade of the Rosary together.
- ✠ Take time during the week to read or listen to the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The readings are available online (in print and audio) at www.usccb.org/nab.
- ✠ Begin your day with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to God, offering your day to him.
- ✠ End your day with an examination of conscience, looking at your successes and failures in what you have done or what you have failed to do. If you are aware of serious sin, receive the Sacrament of Penance before you receive Holy Communion again.

LIVING A LIFE OF LOVING SERVICE

Celebrating the eucharistic Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion should strengthen us to conform our lives more closely to the example of Christ. As Jesus knelt before his Apostles to wash their feet (see Jn 13), giving them an example of humble service, so must we who bear the name Christian live our lives in service to our brothers and sisters.

To help us in this endeavor, Church Tradition has identified works of mercy. These fourteen practices demand great sacrifice and generosity, but they also draw us more deeply into conformity with the Lord. Focusing on one of these works each week may be a practical way to integrate them into our personal, family, and parish lives.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- ✠ Feeding the hungry
- ✠ Sheltering the homeless
- ✠ Clothing the naked
- ✠ Visiting the sick
- ✠ Visiting the imprisoned
- ✠ Giving drink to the thirsty
- ✠ Burying the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ✠ Converting sinners
- ✠ Instructing the ignorant
- ✠ Advising the doubtful
- ✠ Comforting the sorrowful
- ✠ Bearing wrongs patiently
- ✠ Forgiving injuries
- ✠ Praying for the living and dead

Our parishes and civil communities offer numerous opportunities to live out these works, from assisting with religious education classes or volunteering at a food bank to encouraging our legislators to put forward policies that protect the life and dignity of each person. As we grow in conformity to Christ, we see more clearly that all people are made in the image and likeness of God (see Gn 1:26) and so have an inherent value and dignity. By helping to build a more just and compassionate society, we act as Christ's Body in the world.

IT ALL COMES BACK TO THE EUCHARIST

Living the Christian life is not easy. "What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ . . . preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage" (CCC, no. 1392).

And so, each Sunday, we return to the eucharistic table, bringing all our efforts of the previous week, the good and the bad, the successes and the failures, the

joys and the sorrows. We gather with our brothers and sisters in the Lord and, together with our priest, we join these efforts to the perfect sacrifice of Christ, asking that God will receive what we offer back to him in humble thanksgiving. The *Catechism* explains it as follows:

The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. (CCC, no. 1368)

Then, strengthened by Holy Communion, we are once again sent forth into the world to glorify the Lord in our lives.

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A FINE ARTS SERIES EVENT

The St. Cletus Fine Arts series has an upcoming event 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 includes 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.

Justin Sisul
Director of Music

Take Five for Faith

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grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2011 SOLEMNITY OF EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Make it known

The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is the defining one of our faith. It is the reason we gather to break bread every week. It's the reason we love our neighbor, feed the poor, work for justice, and struggle to forgive our enemies. Each of us has a defining story as well; an encounter or experience that reveals our highest selves, our deepest compassion or originality, our incomparable imagination or sense of humor. It's the story that demonstrates most clearly and profoundly who we really are. Jesus "made himself known" in the breaking of the bread. How do you make yourself known? What is your defining story? If you have children, what are theirs? What about your parents or grandparents? Make telling these stories part of your Easter celebration.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-35 (42)

"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

MONDAY, APRIL 25

SOLEMNITY OF MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The testimony of the tombs

Can tombs talk? One particular empty tomb has been eloquent for the past 20 centuries. Other tombs seem to be expressive as well, or we wouldn't have cemeteries, mausoleums, and memorials to the honored dead in every city. The holy city of Jerusalem is encircled by vast stretches of grave sites, including the tomb of David that can be visited today, as it was in the time of the apostles. Nearby is the humbler grave of Oskar Schindler, the savior of thousands of Holocaust-era Jews. He asked to be buried in Jerusalem: "My children are here." Even in death our witness will remain eloquent.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261)

"I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day."

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

SOLEMNITY OF TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Rise up from sorrow

Easter is a season of joy, but it's not always joyous for everyone. Perhaps a loved one has recently died or the anniversary of their death is at hand. How do you handle death and sorrow at a time of new life and joy? Mary Magdalene grieved mightily at the tomb of Jesus, but he helped her let go of his earthly life, which had already given way to his resurrected life. With eyes of faith we, too, can begin to let go of the earthly presence of a loved one, trusting that they also live on in the loving presence of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262)

"Jesus said to her, 'Stop holding on to me.'"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

SOLEMNITY OF WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Bread is to be shared

A retreat director, preaching on the story of Emmaus, told this story about recognizing Christ in our midst, anywhere and in anyone. It had been a long day and the first-graders were running their teacher ragged. The dismissal bell rang and the children sped out the door, grabbed the lunch bag that would contain the only real food they'd have for that day, and headed home. The teacher shepherded them out then sat wearily on the curb watching them go. A child waiting for her big brother to walk her home watched the teacher, then wandered over. She sat beside her and carefully opened her lunch bag. She unwrapped the sandwich and, with her small hands, broke it in two. She looked up at the teacher and handed her half. "I get tired and hungry after school, too. Here."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263)

"He took bread, said the blessing . . . and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him."

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

SOLEMNITY OF THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Happy Alleluia!

In virtually all liturgies during Easter, the refrain of the responsorial psalm may be replaced by *Alleluia*! For Christians it has become Easter word, so much so that in the Polish language, for example, rather than "Happy Easter" the people declare "Happy Alleluia!" During Lent we fast not only from food but from the exultant joy of this word, keeping silent, letting it build within. Then, at the Easter vigil, the *Alleluia* bursts forth! Before the gospel the deacon sings *Alleluia*! for the first time in six weeks, in an elaborate melody, three times, each time in a higher key, and each time repeated by the assembly. Sing *Alleluia* today in and out of the shower! Shout it! Listen to Handel's setting in the *Messiah*. Wish someone "Happy Alleluia!"

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264)

"You are witnesses of these things."

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

SOLEMNITY OF FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Reject nothing that is true and holy

Folks over 50 may recall childhood acts like trying to teach your Protestant pals the rosary in hopes that they wouldn't suffer hellfire. Many have stopped worrying about other Christians but may have lingering doubts about a Jewish neighbor, Muslim friend, or Hindu doctor. The Vatican II document *Nostra Aetate (On the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions)* affirms our common destiny in God. "The Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions . . . Let Christians, while witnessing to their own faith and way of life, acknowledge, preserve, and encourage the spiritual and moral truths found among non-Christians" (no. 2).

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265)

"There is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

SOLEMNITY OF SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Have ears to hear

It has been said that the most important part of the Mass is the dismissal. After an hour of singing, listening, reflecting, praying, and receiving the body and blood of Christ, we are to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Unfortunately, many a Sunday we walk out the doors of the church as if nothing happened. The new translation of the Roman Missal, which will be used at Mass beginning on the First Sunday of Advent this year, offers a golden opportunity to revisit the mysteries of the Mass and enrich our experience. As we listen with "new ears," perhaps we will be transformed, inspired, and unable to resist going out to "love and serve the Lord!"

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266)

"It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard."

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SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

OPERATION RICE BOWL— ALLELUIA!

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Like Mary Magdalene, share Jesus' life with all those around you by telling someone you know about what happened at Church this weekend. In addition, tell people about the work that Catholic Relief Services is doing on our behalf throughout the world, and invite them to become a part of this work by contributing to Operation Rice Bowl. Thank you for your participation this Lenten season! Visit the Catholic Relief Services website, CRS.Org/act to continue to learn more about how you personally can fight global hunger, poverty and other injustices.

Note: If you have not yet returned your Rice Bowl, please bring it to the rectory office or return at church next weekend. Thanks again for your generosity!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

To all those who support our pantry - parishioners, friends in the community, and food pantry volunteers- *May the Joy and Promise of Easter brighten your heart, as you so generously brighten the lives of our Food Pantry families!* Thank you for continuing to add food pantry items to your grocery list. Some of our greatest needs at this time include canned meat/chicken, chili, stew, boxed potatoes, cereal, crackers, condiments (salad dressing, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, etc.), coffee, juice, paper goods and diapers. All in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated!

INVISIBLE CHILDREN BOOK COLLECTION

Marie Johnson-Dahl would like to thank everyone for their participation in her book drive for Invisible Children and Better World Books. Her goal for the book drive was to collect 75 boxes of books and, due to overwhelming support, she has successfully collected over 115 boxes – nearly 5,000 books. The collected books will be shipped to the Better World Books headquarters where they will then be sold online. Profits will assist in the building of schools for children in Uganda who have been abducted by the rebel force. Thank you so much for all of your contributions!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

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.

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://nccy.nfcym.org>. Contact Kristen Maxwell at kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com/youth or (708) 215-5419 by **this Tuesday, April 26**, if you are interested.

MISSION TRIP MEETING

On Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 201 in the Education Building, teens who are attending the mission trip will meet to discuss finances and other preparations. Bring your music for the trip!

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry Advisor

PLEASE NOTE: The Mass Intention book for 2012 is open. Masses can be scheduled in the rectory office Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK (ICN)

... invites you to a free resume review and more. Join us on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00-11:00 a.m., at St. Cletus School (Room 201), 700 West 55th Street in La Grange. Have a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with a Human Resource or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is a terrific opportunity. Don't miss it! When you come, please use the flag pole entrance. There's more! Tom Tisa, a retired HR professional, is available to meet with you on an individual basis to discuss your job search plan and progress; to practice interviewing and to assist in any way that he can. You can reach Tom at (708) 467-0722.

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

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Providing transportation and support for independent living

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT:

- Volunteer Training: Sunday, May 1, at 12:00-3:00 p.m. Location TBD.
- Alex and Aldo's Benefit Night: Good food, fun and fellowship on Thursday, May 5.
- Caregiver Support Group: Meets May 6 at the Congregation of St. Joseph Ministry Center LGP.

For more information, please call ICP at (708) 579-8929.



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: _____

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord
Monday:	Easter Monday
Tuesday:	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday:	Easter Wednesday;
	Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday:	Easter Thursday
Friday:	Easter Friday; Arbor Day
Saturday:	Easter Saturday

"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.



"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.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY CELEBRATION!

Coffee and donuts will be served after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, April 26, by the Holy Name Society. The special occasion? It's the Feast Day of *St. Cletus*.

Past Presidents of the Holy Name Society will be honored at the Friday, May 6, annual dinner at Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant at 9200 Cermak Road in Broadview. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10. Bring an item for the raffle! Members should sign the list in the Ministers' Room.

Dan Gibbons



JAPAN RELIEF BAKE SALE

The St. Cletus second-grade class is having a bake sale to raise money for the victims of Japan's earthquake/tsunami. Please join us at the Bazaar on Sunday, May 1, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Delicious goodies will be sold for \$1.00 each. All donations will go to the American Red Cross.



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BAZAAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 & SUNDAY, MAY 1
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Classic Party Rentals, in McCook, has donated three 48 foot trailers full of new and used items to St. Cletus School. The items include, chairs, dishes, glassware, flatware, serving pieces, and linens, etc.

Do you like to entertain? Are you hosting a Bridal Shower, Baby Shower, Communion, Graduation, Anniversary or Birthday Party? If you answered yes, this sale is for YOU!

100% of the profits from the sale benefit
St. Cletus School

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:

loriashe@aol.com



“LIVING OUR FRIENDSHIP, PASSING ON THE KEY”

Church Women United La Grange/Western Springs
Friday May 6, 2011

St. James Lutheran Church, 5129 Wolf Road, WS
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.- Celebration: 10:30 a.m.

Salad Lunch: 11:45 a.m. - Cost: \$7

Luncheon Reservations Required by Monday, May 2

Please call: Mary White, (708) 246-0340

www.churchwomen.org

BAZAR DE LA ESCUELA DE SAN CLETO

Sabano. 30 de Abril y Domingo 1° de Mayo
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Classic Party Rentals, en McCook, a donado tres trailers de 48 pies llanos de cosas nuevas y usadas a la Escuela de San Cleto. Los artículos incluyen, sillas, platos, cristalería, cubiertos, piezas para servicio, manteles, etc.

Te gusta entretener? Estas organizando una Despedida de Soltera, Baby Shower, Comunion, Graduacion, Aniversario o Fiesta de Cumpleaños? Si has contestado si, esta venta es para TI!

100% de las ganancias de esta venta beneficiaran a la
Escuela de San Cleto



Visitation Parish

779 S. York Rd., Elmhurst, IL
Invites you to receive the extraordinary
graces of Jesus' Mercy.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (MAY 1, 2011)

(Fr. Matthew Pratscher presiding)
1:30 p.m.

Confession (5 priests), Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 p.m.

Incensing of the Blessed Sacrament and Opening Prayer
Gospel reading and Divine Mercy homily
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Divine Mercy,
Blessing with the Relic of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
Benediction
Blessing of religious objects

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
will NOT be celebrated during the afternoon service.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN NEW ORLEANS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Single women, 18-30, who would like to do significant volunteer work, might consider the St. Joseph Worker program in New Orleans. Sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Joseph Workers serve people in poorer communities who also are still suffering consequences of Hurricane Katrina. The congregation provides successful applicants with room and board and a stipend for personal needs, and it places them for ten months (August-June) in healthcare, education, advocacy, social services, spirituality or community organizing positions serving diverse communities. Integrating values of justice, leadership, spirituality, community living and living simply, the St. Joseph Worker program also provides mentoring, spiritual development and leadership training. Contact Sister Jackie Schmitz, CSJ, at jschmitz@csjoseph.org to request an application. The Sisters of St. Joseph have served New Orleans people for more than a century. They created the St. Joseph Worker program two years ago because the need for community rehabilitation following Hurricane Katrina is still so great.

PROGRAM AT THE WELL

Sacred Universe Intensive 1 is an introductory class facilitated by Bridget Spurduto that is sure to provide an insight of the God of the Universe, the God "within." theGod who is closer to us than we might dare to imagine. It will be held on Tuesday, May 10, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 11, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.-1:30-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$75. To register call (708) 482-5048, or visit the website at www.csjthewell.org. The Well is located at 1515 W. Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park.

JOY WITH NO END

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
The whole world keep high triumph
and all that is therein;
Let all things in creation
their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

—John Mason Neale



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!

Sunday Collection – April 10, 2011

Total Active Registered Families 2,749

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used - this week 688
% of registered families 25%

Amount Collected

\$23,712 Envelope Users
2,365 Loose Checks/Cash
1,935 Automatic Debit
\$28,012 Total

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,250

Over (under) Budget \$762

This Fiscal Year @ 04/10/11

Actual Sunday Collections \$1,083,216
Budgeted Sunday Collections \$1,117,250
YTD Over (Under) than budget (\$34,034)

Thank you for your Mass participation and your generous contributions.

**Fr. Bob
Pastor**



“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.” Psalm 118:1

The collection amount for Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011 is not available due to the early printing of the Canticle this week.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, April 25	Facilities Closed.....		
Tuesday, April 26	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV S-201	St. Cletus Feast Day/Donuts & Coffee Confirmation Advisor Meeting
Wednesday, April 27	9:00 a.m.	RB	Mission Ladies
Thursday, April 28	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	S-Music S-213 S-Music S-200	Contemporary Choir SVPD Chancel Choir AA Closed Meeting
Friday, April 29	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-207	Spanish Choir Practice Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, April 30	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-200-201-207- 208-213 } MH C	Employment Ministry Resume Review St. Cletus School Bazaar Fine Arts Concert/Chicago Choral
Sunday, May 1	11:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	C & S-98 S-207 & 213 MH S-200	Fr. Charles Mass of Thanksgiving + Reception Hispanic Ministry/English Classes/GED St. Cletus School Bazaar Natural Family Planning Class
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).

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

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