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Mass Intentions for the Week of May 9 - May 15, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Viececi, Harold Benson
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Richard Kohl, Frank Wojcik
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Robert Pignataro
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Kigin, Jozef & James Slowik
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus Erin Potts, Georgia Popp, Dorothy Vance, Raymond J. Lindquist, Joseph Lewandowski
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Anna Pleszka, Howard Madsen Bryan Farler Gary Galecki, Karen Marie Wilson, Marian F. Murphy Timothy Benrus, Marilyn Pavils Purgatorial Society



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Jack Crotty, Rose Pasquale, Dale Gurney, 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.



JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH BLESSED MARY

The month of May Honors our Blessed Mother Mary...
Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary:

When: Every Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Where: Cry Room in church

Time: 12:00 Noon—12:30 p.m.

Any questions, contact Patti Boland at (708) 482-7768.



St. Cletus Parish Welcomes

Alejandro Duron González,
son of Alejandro Duron Pérez
& Bertha Alicia González

Ethan Tyler Hodak,
son of John & Sara (Hamilton) Hodak

Fátima González Molina,
daughter of Francisco González & Guadalupe Molina

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day
Tuesday: St. Damien Joseph de Veuster
of Moloka'i
Thursday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus;
St. Pancras
Friday: Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday: St. Matthias; Armed Forces Day

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.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER 2011

The cathedral of St. Bavo in Gent, Belgium, is home to the fifteenth century altar panel; “The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb.” As people crowd around the work, gazing in wonder at the beautiful art by Jan Van Eyck, eyes are drawn to the central panel. At the center is an altar on which stands a young lamb and next to it a chalice. A spear has pierced the side of the lamb. Blood flows into the chalice from the wound. Around the altar which stands in a fertile garden, angels bow in adoration worshipping and singing praise to the lamb. In front of the altar there is a fountain from which pours water. It runs in streams and waters the garden. Flowers bloom and medicinal herbs grow in abundance. Around the altar are gathered pilgrims, penitents, preachers, priests, bishops, popes, and many saints who have dedicated their lives to Christ. The people of God—in all their diversity—gather to praise Christ who gave his life for his people. Christ is the Paschal Lamb who offered his life as a ransom for all. It is a medieval scene of the communion of saints who offer praise and thanksgiving.

Today many tourists travel to visit this wonderful piece of art. What feeling does the picture evoke in the hearts of those who gather around it? Maybe it renews faith in God’s victory of Easter.

The altar piece vividly portrays the message conveyed by the First Letter of Peter. It celebrates the paschal lamb who gave his life so that all people may have their sins forgiven, be healed of hurt and suffering, and share in eternal life. The scene depicts the fact that God has no favorites by showing the diversity of people who gather to praise Christ. Rich and poor, priest and laity, and saint and sinner gather to worship. The fountain represents the water of life that is given at baptism. Water, as a gift from God, also gives life to the medicinal herbs, which bring relief in suffering. The blood, which comes from the side of the lamb, is the blood of Christ received in communion. Through baptism and Eucharist the life of the faithful is nourished and strengthened. The medieval scene shows the sacraments and the way in which they nourish the life of the Christian. The disciples on the road to Emmaus recognize Christ at the breaking of bread; he gives them new sight and understanding. The scene reminds those who observe it that Christian faith is a total gift from God. The response that follows is a feeling of awe and a hymn of thanksgiving.

The pilgrims who gather at the altar are those who have walked to Santiago de Compostela. Their journey may have lasted many months as they travelled from different parts of Europe. Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, their pilgrimage would have meant days of joy and burning hearts, moments of faith, and hope in Christ. It would have also involved difficult days of travel when feet were sore and painful. Nights of cold and danger must have been endured, when many must have wondered why they had undertaken the pilgrimage. The comfort and encouragement of other pilgrims must have been important.

Christian discipleship is a daily pilgrimage. Most people do not undertake a physical journey to Compostela or Jerusalem but make a journey of faith by remaining faithful to Christ and continuing to love their neighbor and their family in the midst of everyday life. This love is revealed in small but significant gestures, daily tasks at home, the washing and care of the sick, or a word of encouragement to those who struggle. Like pilgrims, by noticing the difficulty and struggle of others, each moment can become an opportunity to respond and show love.

The scene from the altar panel evokes the awe and wonder of the events of Easter. They can never be fully comprehended or described by words. Perhaps the artist is able to grasp the mystery more fully? These events can only be enjoyed. To grow in the capacity to praise and give thanks to God is the most important aspect of the Christian life. It recognizes that the message of Christ is a total gift to each one of us. The healing of Christ transforms each person to grow in holiness. Each moment presents the opportunity to become holy and grow in love.

*Easter Blessings and Prayers,
Father Bob
Pastor*

Take Five for Faith



Daily renewal for busy Catholics

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

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHER'S DAY

Start spreading the news

The disciples were so excited when they realized they had seen the risen Christ that they dashed back home, walking seven miles at dusk, to tell the others the good news. Good news is difficult to contain—it's meant to be shared. Just ask mothers, whom we honor today, how hard it was to keep the secret of their pregnancy, and then how fast the news spread once their babies were born. Bringing new life into the world ranks as one of the most thrilling experiences there is. But without question the most astounding, awesome event we all experience is the good news that Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Go tell it on the mountain.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46)*

"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

MONDAY, MAY 9

EASTER WEEKDAY

For everything there is a season

In order to bring something new into the world something about the old has to change. Prospective parents give up a lot of freedom when they invite a child into their family. To move to a new place you have to surrender the old one. When Jesus inaugurated "the way, the truth, and the life" in his ministry, it threatened business-as-usual for the contented synagogue-goers around him. They feared the destruction of the old practices and didn't cheerfully anticipate the arrival of the new. Change is always intimidating. Pray for the grace to make room for the new.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273)*

"This Jesus the Nazorean will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us."

TUESDAY, MAY 10

FEAST OF DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I, PRIEST

Have a wide-eyed view

Just as Mother Teresa had her critics, so also Father Damien was maligned after his death. It was novelist Robert Louis Stevenson, however, who visited the island leper colony where Damien ministered in 1889 and set the record straight. When a Honolulu pastor publicly called Damien a "coarse, dirty man" whose leprosy should be attributed to his "carelessness," Stevenson rebutted: "You are one of those who have an eye for faults and failures; that you take a pleasure to find and publish them; and that, having found them, you make haste to forget the virtues and the real success which had alone introduced them to your knowledge. It is a dangerous frame of mind." Not all are called to Damien's heroism, but every Christian must reject a narrow-mindedness that sees only the faults and failures of others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274)*

"Lord, do not hold this sin against them"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

EASTER WEEKDAY

Hang out the welcome mat

Christians who define their faith in limiting terms—"who's out and who's in," for example—appear to have missed the memo from Christ that all are welcome at his table. Too often throughout history, and today as well, a desire for "religious purity" ends up hurting a lot of people who don't fit the mold. Avoid exclusionary ideology; remember that everyone else doesn't have to be wrong for you to be right with God.

Christ is bigger than that, and we can be, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275)*

"I will not reject anyone who comes to me."

THURSDAY, MAY 12

EASTER WEEKDAY

What do you say to that?

Catechesis is one of the essential ministries of the church. We do it formally, for example, in religious education classes and the Rite of Christian Initiation and informally through daily interactions with others—our children, neighbors, and coworkers. It can, however, be discouraging work. Fortunately Saint Augustine offers some advice, especially for those times when we are feeling ineffective. First, we are not as terrible as we think we are; second, we must persist; and third, we must do the best we can and *let God speak through us*—because in truth God is doing the teaching. We are merely God's instrument. What would your day be like if you thought God was speaking through you? What would you say? What *wouldn't* you say?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276)*

"They shall all be taught by God."

FRIDAY, MAY 13

EASTER WEEKDAY

Breathe life, not death, into your words

The power of speech is not to be underestimated. It can bring life, and it can bring death. For God, "breathing" words results in life: water, animals, human beings, mercy, and compassion! Mary followed in God's footsteps with a single word on her part that resulted in her bearing the Christ child in the world. On the other hand some of our words can be death-dealing. Saul, a persecutor of Jesus' followers before his conversion, "breathed murderous threats" that resulted in much fear, injury, and death. How will you use your power of speech to nurture life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277)*

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

SATURDAY, MAY 14

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Some are called . . . later

Matthias was chosen by the remaining 11 apostles to replace Judas following the latter's betrayal of Jesus. Perhaps he could be thought of as the patron saint of later vocations. All are called by Jesus to bear fruit, and there are many ways to do so. But some fruit just takes a little longer than another to ripen. Those who come to consecrated religious life later rather than earlier bring with them a wealth of life experience. Older vocations are a blessing for the church and the people of God. Consider your own options and keep all those thinking about religious life in your prayers.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564)*

"It was . . . I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit . . ."

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Erin

The Potts family invites you to join in the celebration of Erin's 20th Birthday by donating blood in her memory.

Erin received many transfusions throughout her three years of treatment for Ewing's sarcoma.

Consider the positive impact your generosity will have on the many individuals who are in need of the gift to life. Please, light their paths through your participation in our annual blood drive.



ERIN'S MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE 2011



**Sunday, May 15, 2011
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**St Cletus Parish - Morrissey Hall
600 W 55th Street
La Grange, IL 60525**

**To schedule an appointment, please call:
Mary Potts 708-352-1282 or visit www.lifesource.org.**

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED. WALK-INS WELCOME!

PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION • EAT WELL • STAY HYDRATED • BRING ID
Please bring ID with you on the day of your blood donation. Proper ID is required to donate blood. A LifeSource or military ID, driver's license, or employee badge with picture and full name are all approved forms of ID. Birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor's full name will also be accepted.



Praying with Body, Mind, and Voice



In the celebration of Mass we raise our hearts and minds to God. We are creatures of body as well as spirit, so our prayer is not confined to our minds and hearts. It is expressed by our bodies as well. When our bodies are engaged in our prayer, we pray with our whole person. Using our entire being in prayer helps us to pray with greater attentiveness.

During Mass we assume different postures—standing, kneeling, sitting—and we are also invited to make a variety of gestures. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and, when done with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass.

STANDING

Standing is a sign of respect and honor, so we stand as the celebrant who represents Christ enters and leaves the assembly. From the earliest days of the Church, this posture has been understood as the stance of those who have risen with Christ and seek the things that are above. When we stand for prayer, we assume our full stature before God, not in pride but in humble gratitude for the marvelous things God has done in creating and redeeming each one of us. By Baptism we have been given a share in the life of God, and the posture of standing is an acknowledgment of this wonderful gift. We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel, which recounts the words and deeds of the Lord. The bishops of the United States have chosen standing as the posture to be observed for the reception of Communion.

KNEELING

In the early Church, kneeling signified penance. So thoroughly was kneeling identified with penance that the early Christians were forbidden to kneel on Sundays and during the Easter season, when the prevailing spirit of the Liturgy was one of joy and thanksgiving. In the Middle Ages kneeling came to signify homage, and more recently this posture has come to signify adoration, especially before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is for this reason that the bishops of this country have chosen the posture of kneeling for the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

SITTING

Sitting is the posture of listening and meditation, so the congregation sits for the pre-Gospel readings and the homily and may also sit for the period of meditation following Communion. All should strive to assume a seated posture during the Mass that is attentive rather than merely at rest.

PROCESSIONS

Every procession in the Liturgy is a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. The Mass begins with the procession of the priest and ministers to the altar. The Book of the Gospels is carried in procession to the ambo. The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward to the altar. Members of the assembly come forward in procession—eagerly, attentively, and devoutly—to receive Holy Communion. We who believe in Christ are moving in time toward that moment when we will leave this world and enter into the joy of the Lord in the eternal Kingdom he has prepared for us.

MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

We begin and end Mass by marking ourselves with the Sign of the Cross. Because it was by his death on the Cross that Christ redeemed humankind, we trace the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts at the beginning of the Gospel, praying that the Word of God may be always in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. The cross reminds us in a physical way of the Paschal Mystery we celebrate: the death and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

BOWING

Bowing signifies reverence, respect, and gratitude. In the Creed we bow at the words that commemorate the Incarnation. We also bow as a sign of reverence before we receive Communion. The priest and other ministers bow to the altar, a symbol of Christ, when entering or leaving the sanctuary. As a sign of respect and reverence even in our speech, we bow our heads at the name of Jesus, at the mention of the Three Persons of the Trinity,

at the name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and at the name of the saint whose particular feast or memorial is being observed (see GIRM, no. 275).

GENUFLECTING

As a sign of adoration, we genuflect by bringing our right knee to the floor. Many people also make the Sign of the Cross as they bend their knee. Traditionally, Catholics genuflect on entering and leaving church if the Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary of the Church. The priest and deacon genuflect to the tabernacle on entering and leaving the sanctuary. The priest also genuflects in adoration after he shows the Body and Blood of Christ to the people after the consecration and again before inviting the people to Holy Communion.

ORANS

The priest frequently uses this ancient prayer posture, extending his hands to his sides, slightly elevated. *Orans* means “praying.” Early Christian art frequently depicts the saints and others standing in this posture, offering their prayers and surrendering themselves, with hands uplifted to the Lord, in a gesture that echoes Christ’s outstretched arms as he offered himself on the Cross.

PROSTRATING

In this rarely used posture, an individual lays full-length on the floor, face to the ground. A posture of deep humility, it signifies our willingness to share in Christ’s death so as to share in his Resurrection (see Rom 6). It is used at the beginning of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday and also during the Litany of the Saints in the Rite of Ordination, when those to be ordained deacons, priests, and bishops prostrate themselves in humble prayer and submission to Christ.

SINGING

“By its very nature song has both an individual and a communal dimension. Thus, it is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Sing to the Lord*, no. 2). As we raise our voices as one in the prayers, dialogues, and chants of the Mass, most especially in the Eucharistic

Prayer, as well as the other hymns and songs, we each lend our individual voices to the great hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Triune God.

PRAYING IN UNISON

In the Mass, the worshiping assembly prays in one voice, speaking or singing together the words of the prayers. By saying the same words at the same time, we act as what we truly are—one Body united in Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

BEING SILENT

“Silence in the Liturgy allows the community to reflect on what it has heard and experienced, and to open its heart to the mystery celebrated” (*Sing to the Lord*, no. 118). We gather in silence, taking time to separate ourselves from the concerns of the world and enter into the sacred action. We reflect on the readings in silence. We may take time for silent reflection and prayer after Holy Communion. These times of silence are not merely times when nothing happens; rather, they are opportunities for us to enter more deeply in what God is doing in the Mass, and, like Mary, to keep “all these things, reflecting on them” in our hearts (Lk 2:19).

CONCLUSION

The Church sees in these common postures and gestures both a symbol of the unity of those who have come together to worship and also a means of fostering that unity. We are not free to change these postures to suit our own individual piety, for the Church makes it clear that our unity of posture and gesture is an expression of our participation in the one Body formed by the baptized with Christ, our head. When we stand, kneel, sit, bow, and sign ourselves in common action, we give unambiguous witness that we are indeed the Body of Christ, united in body, mind, and voice.

REFERENCE

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Christ Our Light!

3rd Sunday of Easter – May 8, 2011

Can you remember a similar feeling like these two Emmaus Disciples: *were not our hearts burning within us?* Can you recall a time when a conversation seared your inner listening and left you with a burning desire to hear more, to do something with the new awareness within you? This is an encounter with the Lord. Allow me the opportunity to suggest that such a time is how a connection to Christ occurs.

A holy rite on Holy Thursday is the washing of the feet, reminding us of Jesus' attitude toward his cherished ones. How inspiring this gesture becomes when we see the layers of meaning. Whenever someone is lost, anxious, confused, out-of-sorts with life, my suggestion is: *wash some feet*. Even if our concerns are legitimate and need significant attention, placing our anxieties on hold while focusing on another's needs puts us in a listening mode. Becoming present to the plight of another connects us to Christ.

A few years ago I read of a Dad who followed a winter-routine with his son. The first Saturday of each winter month father and son would buy a dozen pair of kid's gloves or mittens. The two of them would travel to that area of the City where homeless people with children would be and gave the gloves and some food. Father and son would then go to breakfast themselves and talk. The son saw a world he did not know; the son saw a world within himself he did not know. He met the Risen Christ in and through the poor. His heart was burning within; this young child was never the same!

A prime place of connection to Christ surfaces in listening to the poor and watching those serving the poor. When all of us are disturbed by the poverty around us, then the voice of the poor will have been heard; the voice of Christ will impel us toward love.

The Catholic Charities Collection today is an important way for Catholics to serve those in need. And I challenge you reading this article (part of a series of articles on connection to Christ): Parents & Grandparents, introduce your (grand)children to Christ; connect them to those in need. Find a way for your loved ones to see the face of Christ in the hungry or homeless or ill or imprisoned or thirsty or naked!

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.



Lord of life, we are grateful for the gift of Mothers who were chosen by You for us: who have shared with us not only life but a multitude of gifts and talents. Our Mothers were our first examples of selfless givers, let us learn from their example and apply it to our life with Christ, as a good steward of Christ.

Youth Ministry Update!

CONFIRMATION

Next weekend on Saturday, May 14, our parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation again. Our freshmen will be confirmed at a special 10:00 a.m. Mass and the eighth graders will be receiving the sacrament at a 2:00 p.m. Mass. Bishop Rassas will be presiding. Please remember our young men and women in your prayers as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

WENDY'S NIGHT

This Tuesday, May 10, from 5:00–8:00 p.m., Wendy's (9941 W. 55th St.) will be donating 15% of all of its sales to St. Cletus Youth Ministry to pay for the remaining cost of our mission trip. (We are a little short on gas money!) Please consider dining at Wendy's with your family or friends that evening!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

We will meet next Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the Education Building. We will begin to plan social and service events for the summer and the next school year.

TEEN HOSTED MASS AND SOCIAL

On Sunday, May 22, at 5:00 p.m., junior high students and teens are invited to celebrate Mass together in the church. Join us for pizza afterwards in Room 201 of the Education Building. Families are welcome at this Mass, too! Please contact Kristen Maxwell at (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com if you are interested in planning liturgies or being a greeter, lector, musician, or Eucharistic Minister.

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.

WANTED: ADULT CHAPERONES FOR MISSION TRIP

We are looking for enthusiastic adults over 25 to chaperone our trip to Mon Valley, Pennsylvania from July 31–August 5! Please contact Kristen Maxwell at (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com for more information.

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry Advisor



Archdiocese of Chicago
Mother's Day Appeal

Please give generously to the Mother's Day Appeal this weekend, May 7/8. Envelopes are available in the pews.

MOTHERHOOD

All mothers are working mothers.

—Anonymous



REMINDER FOR TODAY!

The St. Cletus committee for Respect Life activities is hosting its twentieth annual Mother's Day Baby Shower and Carnation Sale. Place your baby gifts in the BASKETS in the church vestibule. Donations will be distributed to needy mothers in our own Parish community and to the Catholic Charities sponsored Centers.

Stop by the tables in the foyer to buy your Mother's Day Carnation for only \$1.

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton, Coordinators
St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life.

ST. CLETUS SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY

Sorry, I got ahead of myself! Last weekend's Canticle referenced the Post Office Food Drive as if it had already taken place. Actually, it will take place **next** Saturday, May 14. We are looking forward to receiving many donations...and I know I will have good news to report and much appreciation to express **after** the drive occurs. Thanks for understanding my goof up.

As we approach our May 12 monthly distribution, the most needed extra items include diapers (especially the larger sizes 4-6), coffee, laundry detergent, crackers, dish detergent, cooking oil, and juice. Other items we are low on include canned fruit, jelly, cereal, boxed side dishes, condiments, and salad dressing. However, all in-date non perishables are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

This year Catholic Relief Services invited us to pray with our families and faith communities; fast in solidarity with those who hunger; learn more about our global community and the challenges of poverty in Haiti, Indonesia, Senegal, Honduras, Kenya, and the United States; and give sacrificial contributions to those in need. Thank you to all who participated in the Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Almsgiving project. Your generosity helped raise \$3,000* towards the Catholic Relief Services efforts in the countries mentioned above. Let us continue to remember in our prayers all those who struggle in poverty.

*Note: If you have not yet returned your rice bowl, it can still be dropped off in the school or rectory office.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

LEVERAGE THE POWER OF LINKEDIN TO ACCELERATE YOUR JOB SEARCH

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) invites you to learn about LinkedIn on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 pm. LinkedIn is a valuable business networking tool that enables job seekers and business professionals to expand their business and professional contacts. This informative program will provide both new and experienced users valuable insights on how LinkedIn can open new business opportunities:

1. Learn what LinkedIn is and why you need to use it.
2. Understand making connections and invitations.
3. Learn how to "ask" your network for introductions.
4. Get a grip on groups – what they are, how to use.
5. Learn the difference between invitations and introductions.
6. Learn the answer to "How can I find...?"

This program is open to all and there is no fee for attending. Please join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. For further information on ICN job support programs, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

St. Cletus is preparing to celebrate our 60th Anniversary and Independence Day Weekend with fantastic music and a spirit of community. On Sunday, July 3, we invite you to join us for an outdoor Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a band concert at 7:00 p.m.

Last year we were blessed to host this event after a six-year hiatus, and it was a wonderful success. We are excited to welcome back Mr. Ed. Ward as conductor of this astounding concert. You are welcome to set up your picnic blankets and lawn chairs prior to the Mass and stay the entire night for this Ravinia-style evening - bring your own picnic dinner and plan to enjoy the music until dusk. Family members of all ages are sure to enjoy the music (mostly patriotic and well-know American music) and the atmosphere. There will also be fun, games and activities for the kids. Hot dogs, popcorn, water, pop, and some dessert items will be sold with proceeds to benefit future parish community events. After the concert, enjoy the La Grange Country Club fireworks from the parish lawn.

We hope to see you July 3 as we celebrate Our Family of Faith!

-St. Cletus Parish Pastoral Council



60th
Anniversary

3rd^{of} JULY
CELEBRATION

ST. CLETUS PARISH GROUNDS

5 P.M. MASS 7 P.M. CONCERT


OUTDOOR MASS FOLLOWED BY "RAVINIA-STYLE" CONCERT.
REFRESHMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.



St Cletus
60th
Anniversary

10th Annual St. Cletus School

Cardinal Open Golf Outing



Friday June 24th

1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

**Gleneagles Country Club
Lemont, IL**

The golf outing is open to all men and women of St. Cletus, and their friends and families.

Join us for 18 holes of golf with cart, snacks, beverages on the course and a buffet dinner with open bar.

Any questions? Contact Steve Jasinski, Event Chair
golfouting@stcletusparish.com



PANCAKE BREAKFAST **Mark Your Calendar!**

Boy Scout Troop 19 is hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast on May 22, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the American Legion Hall, Post 1941, located at 900 S. LaGrange Road. Cost is \$6 per ticket and includes pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Tickets are available at the door.



DISHES TO DOLLARS \$\$ ***SCHOOL FUNDRAISER IS A BIG SUCCESS!***

Three volunteers take a break in plush office chairs outside Morrissey Hall on Saturday, April 30. Three 48-foot-long trailers filled with dishes, glasses, flatware, linens, banquet supplies, and various Miscellaneous items (including chairs) were donated to St. Cletus School by *Classic Party Rentals* in McCook.

Among the many volunteer workers at the two-day sale were Mary Delaney, Terri Langellier, and Maureen Soldat.

(photo by Jim Matthews)

Sunday Collection – May 1, 2011

Total Active Registered Families 2,751
Collection Statistics

of envelopes used - this week 649
 % of registered families 24%

Amount Collected

\$22,248 Envelope Users
 2,212 Loose Checks/Cash
 2,548 Automatic Debit
\$27,008 Total

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,250
Over (under) Budget (\$242)

This Fiscal Year @ 05/01/11

Actual Sunday Collections \$1,165,093
 Budgeted Sunday Collections \$1,199,000
 YTD Over (Under) than budget (\$33,907)

*Thank you, your generous Easter donations
 have totaled \$100,000. Thanks for helping
 attain our budget goals for the Parish.
 Blessings, Fr. Bob*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, May 9	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C C C S-98	School Mass Altar Server Training Liturgical Ministers' Training EPIC Class
Tuesday, May 10	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	C S-102 S-207 C	Altar Server Training Book Club PreCana Class Eighth Grade Confirmation Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 11	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	RB C S-102 MH S-201 S-200 C	Mission Ladies Altar Server Training EPIC Class Girl Scouts Award Ceremony RCIA Mystagoga Dinner Baptism Prep Class Freshmen Confirmation Rehearsal
Thursday, May 12	3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	C S-Music C & CV S-Music S-Music S-102	Altar Server Training Children's Choir Food Pantry Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Closed Meeting
Friday, May 13	3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C S-Music S-207	Altar Server Training Spanish Choir Practice Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, May 14	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	C RB C CV	Freshmen Confirmation Social Concerns Eighth Grade Confirmation Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale
Sunday, May 15	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	CV CV MH S-213 S-98	Living Rosary Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Erin Potts Blood Drive Hispanic Ministry/English Classes/GED Living Rosary
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education, and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (708-352-6209).

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (708-215-5407).

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Monday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month: 4:15-4:45pm.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Ed Burke
<i>Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Joe Bamberger
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Xavier Polanski
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
<i>Worship Ministry:</i>	Colleen Hagen Justin Sisul
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	TBA
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Dawn Dion
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Marty Mulcrone (School) George Pach (Rel. Ed.)
<i>Adult Faith Formation:</i>	Mike Pusatera
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Gary Lewis Jim Matthews
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Ed Burke
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Paulette Bolton
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Silvia Casas Louis Lopez
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Dick Ford
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Peggy Meidell Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

OFFICERS

<i>Pastor:</i>	Fr. Bob Clark
<i>Principal:</i>	Terri Langellier
<i>Chairperson:</i>	Tim O'Brien
<i>Vice Chairperson:</i>	Luke Sheridan
<i>Secretary:</i>	Jeanne Kelly
<i>Athl. Association President:</i>	Amy Grace
<i>FSA President:</i>	Deborah Kemmer
<i>PPC Rep:</i>	Marty Mulcrone
<i>Tech. Committee Rep:</i>	Mark Staelgrave
<i>Marketing:</i>	Heather Alpe Bridget Garvey
<i>Finance:</i>	Ed Burke Bob Gray
<i>Alumni:</i>	Cathy Hinckley
<i>Policy & Planning:</i>	Jim Krecek
<i>Recruitment & Retention:</i>	Mary Schramka