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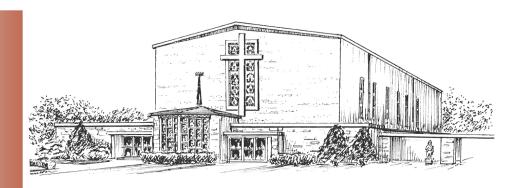
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Fourth Sunday of Easter





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Mass Intentions for the Week of May 16 - May 22, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Helen Biesadecki, Louis Kadlec	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Jo Stefanski, Paul & David Sredzinski	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Donna Mathis, Walter & Marcie Johnston	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Frances Butkus, Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Walter Dobrowolski, Erik Geyer	
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Evelyn Prevenas, Joseph Jiganti, Special Intention for Theresa Mataitis Walter Dobrowolski, Donald McGoorty Sr., Georgia Popp, Jack Zuniga, Nancy Stracqualursi	
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Anna Pleszka Purgatorial Society James Reisel George Benrus, Brian Donovan Souls in Purgatory	

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Please remember our deceased and their families in your prayers...

Robert Gohsman,

father of Jane Lombardo & Meg Galin



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St. Cletus Parish Welcomes

Patrick Thomas Pfeiffer, son of Charles & Carla Pfeiffer

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



A Warm Welcome to Our Newly Registered Parishioners

Please welcome...Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bunge, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Coakley and Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Davis and Family *to our parish family.*

If you attend St. Cletus but have not yet registered, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

OPS! PLEASE DISREGARD THE "LIGHT OUR WAY" ENVELOPES THAT ARE IN THE MAY/JUNE OFFERTORY PACKETS THAT YOU RECEIVED. WE ARE NOT DOING THE COLLECTION THIS SUMMER.

SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2011

Often paintings can draw out feelings and stir the imagination more deeply than words. There was an exhibition called "Seeing Salvation" which drew vast crowds of people. Perhaps the pictures in the exhibition were able to speak to people about the truths of Christian faith in a way that words could not. One painting in particular stood out. It was a painting by the Spanish artist, Zubarán, who painted in the early seventeenth century. It shows a ram with large horns lying on a dark altar. The white of the ram is contrasted with the blackness of the altar. The altar is the place of sacrifice. The feet of the ram are bound together by rope. The animal is not wounded. While the animal had strength at one time, now it appears vulnerable. The ram was innocent, but it has become a victim of violence. It symbolizes not only Christ, but all those who have suffered violence and who are innocent: victims of crime, people who have suffered for their faith, the victims of unjust punishment, innocent people who have been executed, the victims of war who are innocent, and often the poor, women, and children.

The First Letter of Peter is written to Christians who were living in a variety of cities now located in modern Turkey. Christians were minorities who often experienced opposition and persecution from their neighbors. The letter gives encouragement to the Christians and tells them that the life of Christian discipleship will often lead to suffering in the same way as it led to Christ's crucifixion. In the midst of suffering, Peter encourages them to be faithful and to trust in Christ. They have the responsibility to live as good citizens and contribute to society, but also to hold firm to their beliefs and values. This will lead to difficulties.

The letter intends to show the way in which love motivated Christ to give his life so that others may have life to the fullest. It is hard to understand that Christ allowed himself to suffer because of his love for his Father and for all humankind. Love enabled him to be faithful to his mission and continue to spread the message that the Father loves us all, especially those who are weak, weary and may feel lost. His love enabled him to bear the sins of all people so that they might be saved. Christ became the Paschal Lamb, the one sacrificed at the New Passover for the forgiveness of sin.

Christ is also portrayed as the shepherd who guides each person to the fullness of life. To speak of God's love is not to speak of something abstract or vague. It is very particularly focused. Christ can hear the voice of each person who calls upon him. The distinctness of each voice is immediately recognized by God. The tone of the voice often reveals more about a person than his/her words. Fear or confusion, joy or hope, the whisper of love or the bark of hatred is often heard in the voice before the words are understood. Whatever our prayer, God hears the tone of the voice even if the words are inadequate. As Shepherd, Christ is alert and sensitive to respond to the need.

The picture shows the mystery of innocent suffering. It depicts Christ, the paschal Lamb, who is both victim and priest. He is victim of the violence against him that led to the crucifixion. He is also priest in that he offers himself so that sins may be forgiven and healing given to those who seek him. His love is an example for others to imitate.

Down through the centuries, we know that many have suffered and died for their faith, and even today, there is persecution in many parts of the world. The suffering of Christians continues among those who proclaim justice where there is injustice, corrupt government or abusive economic practice. Many have disappeared because they spoke the word of justice. In many countries, Catholics suffer because their values are not respected. For example, even in the United States, it can be difficult to work in obstetrics or gynecology if one is opposed to abortion. The situation that Peter describes continues today for many people. The protection of religious liberty is a starting point for the work of justice.

Easter Blessings,
Father Bob
Pastor



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

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

You have a call

No one denies the shortage of priests and religious, and we do indeed pray that more young people consider consecrated life. But perhaps we should also pray that our notions be broadened about what church is and how that living body of Christ may be ministered to and by whom. We cannot pray that "it all go back to the way it used to be" or even that it remains as it is, any more than we can pray that we will be forever young. Lay men and women have been trained in theology, scripture, and church administration, yet to some the door to practicing those gifts fully seems to be closing. When we pray that God "call" people to service, we must get out of the way of that call and keep that door open to whatever form it takes.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10 (49)

"The promise is made to you and . . . to all those . . . whomever the Lord our God will call."

MONDAY, MAY 16

EASTER WEEKDAY

From age to age Christ is with us

How do we reconcile scripture and modern scientific thinking when it comes to the age of the earth and the universe? Actually, when we dig into scripture some of the apparent contradictions fall away, says Franciscan priest and author Richard Rohr. Many passages speak of Christ having existed from all eternity. His place in history can be counted in billions of years. Anyone who tries to box Christ into one place and time isn't reading closely enough. Weigh the evidence yourself and celebrate the timelessness of the Messiah.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 (279) "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice."

TUESDAY, MAY 17

EASTER WEEKDAY

All for one and one for all

For a people claiming to follow a Lord who prayed that his followers "may all be one," things seem to have gotten pretty fouled up. Not only has Christianity splintered into numerous groups, Christians have had the tendency over the centuries to think of those outside their church tradition as off-brands, also-rans, or worse. Of course every Christian needs to believe that their church has its share of the truth, but problems can start when it comes to how much of a share—if any—they see others to have. That's why it's good to know a variety of Christians, not only the ones in your religious neighborhood you see all the time. If you do that you'll see that being a Christian has as much as to do with believing in Christ and loving one's neighbor with all one's heart, mind, and soul as it does with belonging to a particular church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280) "It was [there] that the disciples were first called Christians."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

EASTER WEEKDAY

When good enough is enough

One of the salient lessons of the Easter season is how much God can accomplish with only a few individuals committed to action. On top of that, we don't need to be articulate, fearless, and resolute 100 percent

of the time. The development of the church described in the Acts of the Apostles confirms that if we are able to access some of these qualities some of the time, that will be enough. Although action on God's behalf has its risks, the real sin is a sedentary life. As the poet Dante says in his *Inferno*, there is a special place in hell for the "uncommitted": those who live their lives "without praise or blame." Today is the day to be inspired by the Acts of the Apostles—then commit to your call!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281) "The word of God continued to spread and grow."

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Wash up for supper

In the ancient world, when sandals were common footwear, footwashing was an act of hospitality offered by a host when guests arrived at a house. Typically guests washed their own feet or a servant washed them, but a host wishing to show great respect for guests might do the washing him- or herself. Jesus sends us a clear signal by washing his disciples' feet at the Last Supper. If we are willing to serve others with the same spirit of humility and hospitality, there will be a place at the eternal banquet for us as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282) "When Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them: 'Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master.'"

FRIDAY, MAY 20

FEAST OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST Trust in the highest power

In a decade that's shaken our confidence in institutions as fundamental as church, government, and finance, plenty of us have troubled hearts. Jesus invites us to trust in God and him rather than the powers that be. Fourteenth-century Saint Bernardine accepted this invitation. He's the Franciscan priest who invented the familiar "IHS" monogram, derived from the first three letters for the Greek name of Jesus. He also refused the bishop's hat on three occasions and is therefore depicted with three miters at his feet. Bernardine reminds us there are powers in this world greater than the ones we count on.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283) "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

SATURDAY, MAY 21

EASTER WEEKDAY

Light up your life

About this time of year the sun seems to move northward along the horizon in leaps and bounds. Each day feels noticeably longer than the one before, as the tilt of the earth on its path around the sun moves us closer to the summer solstice one month from now. The longer hours of daylight are so welcome after winter's early, long nights! It's a good time to reflect on the life-giving properties of light, both in nature and human relations. How have we been a light for others? How have others been a light for us? Today may our prayer be that we give light with humility and receive it with gratitude.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284) "I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

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Christ Our Light! Good Shepherd Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter – May 15, 2011

There is a story of several years ago that goes like this. A party was held for people who loved Shakespearean literature. During the party a guest asked a famous Shakespearean actor to recite the psalm, *The Lord is my Shepherd*. He did so, and received sustained applause. Then someone asked a priest in attendance to do the same. He recited the same psalm. Stunned silence was the response. After some time the actor said: *I knew the words; this man knows the Shepherd*.

We encounter the Risen Lord, the Shepherd, in the holiness of others and in the poor. Personal prayer remains another place of encounter, both routine and spontaneous prayer. Like any love life, the love must be routine and predicable; and it needs to be spontaneous. Prayer is an acknowledgment of a love-life between God and the pray-er, and we are so blessed to believe in a Trinitarian God, so access is threefold: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A friend of mine finds morning routine too busy for prayer: kids to school, checking homework, etc. So when he gets to work, he takes 15 minutes before e-mail and secretary 'catch-up' time. He closes the office door and sits in prayer with a prayer book and a few minutes of petition prayers: for his wife and her day, for the high school child trying out for band, etc. Each day has its own focus given a busy family life! And he includes a prayer for the challenges of the day before him, the ones he knows about. What 15 minutes of personal prayer can create: openness to a power beyond one's skill sets, an awareness of the spiritual energy which fills family and work environments, an internal trust to voice a request or remain silent and listen. Oh my, routine prayer opens the inner world, within and around us!

Yes, 15 minutes a day of personal prayer challenges lives. If you faithfully pray each day, keep your loved ones in focus with God; the challenges might not be less, but your ability to breathe God's Holy Spirit as you respond to them will become obvious to you and others.

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.

Just a short note of "Thanks" for all the gracious kindnesses shown to me during my last weeks at St. Cletus. I will always remember the thoughtful cards, the generous gifts and most of all the kind words of encouragement from all of you. My final Mass with you was indeed special as was the reception that followed. I was thankful to be able to say "farewell" at this event and hope to see many of you again in the future. Please remember me and all priests in your prayers; I will certainly remember you all in mine.

Blessings...

Fr. Charles Watkins

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The Reception of Holy Communion at Mass

The Church understands the Communion Procession, in fact every procession in liturgy, as a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. All our lives we who believe in Christ are moving in time toward that moment when we will be taken by death from this world and enter into the joy of the Lord in the eternal Kingdom he has prepared for us.

The liturgical assembly of the baptized that comes together for the celebration of the Eucharist is a witness to, a manifestation of, the pilgrim Church. When we move in procession, particularly the procession to receive the body and blood of Christ in Communion, we are a sign, a symbol of that pilgrim Church 'on the way.' For some, however, the experience of the Communion Procession is far more prosaic, analogous perhaps to standing on line in the supermarket or at the motor vehicle bureau. A perception such as this is a dreadfully inaccurate and impoverished understanding of what is a significant religious action.

The Communion Procession is an action of the Body of Christ. At Christ's invitation, extended by the priest acting in Christ's person: *Happy are they who are called to his supper*, the members of the community move forward to share in the sacred meal, to receive the body and blood of Christ which is the sign and the source of their unity. In fact, each time we move forward together to receive the body and blood of the Lord, we join the countless ranks of all the baptized who have gone before us, our loved ones, the canonized and uncanonized saints down through the ages, who at their time in history formed a part of this mighty stream of believers.

This action by Christ's body, the Church assembled for the Eucharist, is manifested and supported by the Communion Hymn, a hymn in praise of Christ sung by the united voices of those who believe in him and share his life. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* takes this hymn very seriously, mandating that it should begin at the Communion of the priest and extend until the last person has received Communion.

For some, however, the singing of this hymn is perceived as an intrusion on their own prayer, their private thanksgiving after Communion. In fact, however, this hymn is prayer, the corporate thanksgiving prayer of the members of Christ's Body, united with one another. Over and over again the prayers of the liturgy and the norms of the *General Instruction* emphasize this fundamental concept of the unity of the baptized, stressing that when we come together to participate in the Eucharistic celebration we come, not as individuals, but as united members of Christ's body. In each of the Eucharistic Prayers, though the petition is worded in slightly different ways, God is asked to send his Holy Spirit to make us one body, one spirit in Christ; the *General Instruction* admonishes the faithful that they should become one body, whether by hearing the word of God, or joining in prayers and singing ...(GIRM, no. 96) it describes one of the purposes of the opening song of the Mass as to ... intensify the unity of those who have been gathered and says of the Communion Chant that its function is to express outwardly the communicants' union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices, ... and to highlight the communitarian nature of the procession to receive Communion.

It is difficult for some of us to embrace this emphasis on Mass as the action of a community rather than an individual act of my own faith and piety, but it is important that we make every effort to do so. Christ himself at the Last Supper pleaded with his Father: *Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us ... Father may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you ... In.* 17: 11; 21. Baptism has joined us to Christ and to one another as the vine and its branches. The life of

Christ, the Holy Spirit, animates each of us individually, and all of us corporately and guides us together in our efforts to become one in Christ.

Finally, the fact that the Communion Procession is a profoundly religious action tells us something about the way in which we should participate in this procession. We are the Body of Christ, moving forward to receive the Christ who makes us one with himself and with one another. Our procession should move with dignity; our bearing should be that of those who know they have been redeemed by Christ and are coming to receive their God!

The new edition of the *General Instruction* asks the Conference of Bishops in each country to determine the posture to be used for the reception of Communion and the act of reverence to be made by each person as he or she receives Communion. The Conference of Bishops of the United States has determined that in this country Communion will be received standing and that a bow will be the act of reverence made by those receiving. These norms may require some adjustment on the part of those who have been used to other practices, however the significance of unity in posture and gesture as a symbol of our unity as members of the one body of Christ should be the governing factor in our own actions.

Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.

The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, 'The Body of Christ'. This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond 'Amen,' indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord.

When one receives from the chalice, the same proclamation is made by the person distributing Communion and the Communicant again responds 'Amen.' It should be noted that it is never permissible for a person to dip the host he or she has received into the chalice. If, for some reason, the communicant is not able or willing to drink from the cup then that person should receive only under the form of bread.

It seems appropriate to conclude this reflection on the Communion Procession and the reception of Communion with a quotation from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

In Baptism we have been called to form but one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call: 'The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread (1 Cor 10:16, 17):

If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond 'Amen' ('yes,' it is true!') and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, 'the Body of Christ and respond 'Amen.' Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true. (St. Augustine) 'CCC n.1396)



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Please pick up your schedules the weekend of May 21/22. Thank you.

Paulette Bolton

Director of Liturgy

Cardinal Corner

News from the St. Cletus School Board

Faith, Family, Future

St. Cletus School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for making the 3rd quarter honor roll at St. Cletus School:

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Honors

7th grade: Celia Alejandre, Jack Dahill, Marina Gonzalez, Peter Garvey, Sydney Hawley, Claire Hinckley, Brendan Jacobs, Ryan Kelly, Megan Kern, Mark Laghi, Keith Lenz, Jonathan Levitske, John Luxem, Thomas Nelson, Amanda Sadowski, Cullen Sheridan, Sebastian Valdes

8th Grade: Amy Burke, Matt Babirak, Michael Caplice, Carly Ciraulo, Nicollette Curran, Daniella DeLaurentis, Katie Figura, Maxwell Garner, Michael Grace, Katie Lively, Oliver Martinez, Kirby Muldoon, Blaze Nacker, Danny Noonan, Jake Rohrbacher, Kacie Ryan, Charlie Schramka, Grace Severino, Bethany Tomasian

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8th Grade: John Fatora, Matthew Flach, Michael Krecek, Bobby Morales, Joseph Okkema, Sam Okkema, Jill Porretta

Contest Winners

Five St. Cletus fifth-grade students were recognized in Springfield for their achievements in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's 2011 Poster, Poetry, and Prose Contest. Special Recognition Awards in Poetry/Prose went to: Phallyn Habercoss, Rhyan Komsthoeft (Honorable Mention), and Andrew Schramka. In Posters, Awards went to: Sam Rahman and Heather Vogt (Honorable Mention). Congratulations to all of our winners!

Science Fair Winners

The following St. Cletus students went to the regional Science Fair at the Museum of Science & Industry.

Carly Ciraulo – "Are you Walking Correctly?"

Matthew Flach – "Does Temperature affect the rebound of a golf ball?"

Joseph Okkema – "UV to the Rescue: The Effect of UV Light on Bacteria".

Both Matthew Flach and Joseph Okkema also represented St. Cletus at the State Fair at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Congratulations to you all!

Graduate news

Congratulations to the following St. Cletus students who were named to their high school honor rolls.

Nazareth Third Quarter Honor Roll

A Honor Roll: St. Cletus graduates Edward Ashe, Kevin Baro, Andrew Bartucci, Katelyn Cahill,

Timothy Christopher, Tommy Clarke, Mary Figura, John Flach, Camille Lang, Cassandra Levitske, Colleen McCollom, and Mark Patterson

<u>B Honor Roll:</u> St. Cletus graduates Daniel Clarke, Sally Garvey, Michael Gray, Allison Kopicki, Robert Lively, Jack McCollom, Evan McLaughlin, Dennis Reisel, Cody Roll, and Catherine Usher

Fenwick High School

<u>First Honors:</u> St. Cletus graduates Kelsey Kelliher, Meghan Flannery, Anne Kennedy, James Krecek, Kathleen Lawler, Kerrigan Flannery, and Shannon Flannery

Second Honors: Parishioners Clare Madden and Matthew Farmer and St. Cletus graduates Martin Bruce,

Angelo Cavalieri, Brian Franklin, Kathleen Kages, Meagan Finucane, and John Lawler

Immaculate Conception

1st Honors: St. Cletus graduate Amber Loveshe



Cardinal Corner Continued:



We are proud to announce that six 8th grade Girl Scouts from St. Cletus earned the Marian Medal this year. Five of the girls received the award on Recognition Sunday at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, March 27, 2011. Pictured are Dr. Colleen Hagen (moderator), Lauren Rodriguez, Nicollette Curran, Most Reverand Frances Kane, Michaela Walsh, Marijean Rapp, and Grace Severino.

Carly Ciraulo was unable to attend the ceremony







L. 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. 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 on July 3 as we celebrate Our Family of Faith!

-St. Cletus Parish Pastoral Council

PANCAKE BREAKFAST It's Next Weekend!

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY UPDATE!

FOOD PANTRY

Our shelves are looking good as we begin preparing for the June food distribution. Thank you for continuing to add items for the food pantry to your grocery list! Most needed items at this time include jelly (our #1 need), canned fruit, dry pinto beans, canned tomatoes/sauce, pasta sauce, crackers, powdered/evaporated milk, cooking oil, dish detergent, juice, coffee, paper goods, and diapers.

A special word of appreciation to St. John of the Cross Parish, Western Springs Christian Reformed Church, BEDS Plus, Highlands Presbyterian Church, and First United Methodist Church of Western Springs, for their recent, generous food donations.

SVDP REMINDER

The 4th Annual Rummage Sale sponsored by our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference is just a little more than two months away — Saturday, July 23. Please remember us as you do your Spring/Summer cleaning and organizing. Visit Social Concerns/SVDP/rummage sale on our parish website, **www.stcletusparish.com** to see a list of the items we will be accepting the weekend and week before the event. Your donations at that time will help provide necessary funding as the SVDP volunteers go in pairs on home visits to ascertain client's needs and to offer Christian encouragement and hope, as well as one-time emergency financial assistance. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Youth Ministry Update!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

We will meet this 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 next school year.

PRAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

We will meet for the last time this school year on **Friday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m.,** in Room 200 of the Education Building. Please join us! All are welcome!

TEEN HOSTED MASS AND SOCIAL

Next 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

Sunday Collection - May 8, 2011

Total Active Registered Families 2,753

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

of envelopes used - this week 684

% of registered families 25% \$25,109 Envelope Users

2,678 Loose Checks/Cash

1,582 Automatic Debit

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,250 \$29,369 Total

Over (under) Budget \$2,119

This Fiscal Year @ 05/08/11

Actual Sunday Collections \$1,194,496 <u>Budgeted Sunday Collections</u> \$1,226,250 YTD Over (Under) than budget (\$31,754)

s each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

(1 Pt 4:10)

WEEK AT A GLANCE				
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event	
Monday, May 16				
Tuesday, May 17	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	C S-201	School Mass Teen Advisory Board Meeting	
Wednesday, May 18	9:00 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB S-98 MH	Mission Ladies EPIC Class Band Concert	
Thursday, May 19	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-213 S-Music S-102	Children's Choir Contemporary Choir SVDP Chancel Choir Closed AA Meeting	
Friday, May 20	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-200 MH Lobby S-Music S-207	Parent of Teen Prayer Group MANNA Spanish Choir Practice Hispanic Ministry Bible Class	
Saturday, May 21	5:00 p.m.	CV	MANNA	
Sunday, May 22	7:00 a.mNoon 2:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	CV MH + Lobby S-207 C S-201	MANNA Registration Fair Religious Education Hispanic Ministry/English Classes/GED Teen Mass Teen Social	
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement	

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,

11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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

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

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

CONFESSIONS

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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson:Ed BurkeVice-Chairperson:Joe BambergerRecording Secretary:Xavier Polanski

Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Goellner-McLean

Worship Ministry: Colleen Hagen
Justin Sisul

Finance Liaison: Brian Kapusta

Parish at Large: TBA

Youth Ministry: Dawn Dion
Education Ministry: Marty Mulcrone (School)

George Pach (Rel. Ed.)

Adult Faith Formation: Mike Pusatera

Pastoral Care Ministry:Gary LewisJim MatthewsDevelopment Ministry:Ed BurkeStaff Representative:Paulette Bolton

Hispanic Ministry:
Silvia Casas
Louis Lopez
Social Concerns:
Dick Ford
Peggy Meidell

Parish Life: Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

OFFICERS

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