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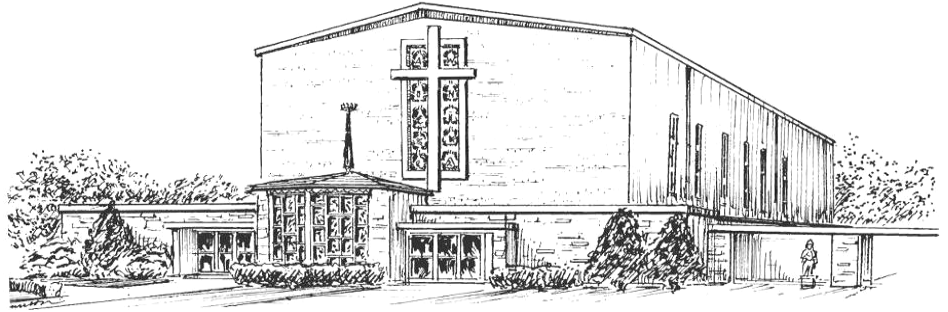
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December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent



All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

**Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless
in the rear of the church.**

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 12 - December 18, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	James Vonesh
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Kigin
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Helen & Harold Janecek
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Floyd Corbo, Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Grabowski Family, Dolores E. Kuchta
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Evelyn Prevenas, Erik Geyer, Adeline Kulikowski, Josephine Cavaliero
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Monica Mataitis, Edward Vonesh Rose Delaloye
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Thomas Benka, Nick Barone, Sophie & Louis P. Egielski, Al & Agnes Hinton. Eileen Kurland George M. Nault, Patricia Halm, Tomothy Wickerd Karen Carroll, Michael Arpaia, Josephine Sorrentino, Laura McDonnell Joe White, Louis P. Egielski, Sheila Delaney Santori, John & Sandy Fisher, Jack O'Donnell, George Benrus, Ken Herzog, Frank Mamolella Ken Herzog, Frank Mamolella Purgatorial Society



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Frances Cannon, Loretta Michaels, Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Peterson, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Naddy, and Mr. & Mrs. Scott Wisniewski and Family.

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



MARY AND MARTHA

We hope you have been saving little items for the Briar Place residents Christmas packages. We will be putting our gift bags together in the Rectory Basement on Friday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m. Small items e.g. lotions, shampoo, combs, tooth brushes, toothpaste, denture cleaner, deodorant, playing cards, small books, and jewelry are needed. We usually assemble 70 bags. Please drop off your donations at the rectory. Thank you for your kindness.

Mary White

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS APPEAL "SHARE IN THE CARE" THIS WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION

Retired religious need your support. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports basic necessities such as prescription drugs and nursing care. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please be generous for today's collection. Thank you.

***Please pray for those who have
died and their families...***



Bernice A. Hyatt,
mother of Susan Oskvarek

Phillip Dindia,
husband of Barbara

Mary Ann Frandsen,
wife of Louis



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2011

*"Everybody's happy now," Henry said. "Yes, everybody's happy now," repeated Lenina. They had heard the words over and over again, a hundred and fifty times a night for twelve years. Happiness is important in Aldous Huxley's **BRAVE NEW WORLD**, the futuristic satire on science and progress. In the book, children are brainwashed from an early age to believe they are happy. And where brainwashing does not convince, **SOMA** takes over. **SOMA** is a drug which induces a feeling of well-being. It protects the inhabitants of **BRAVE NEW WORLD** from anxiety, from thinking unhappy thoughts. In a parody of a communion service, **SOMA** is consumed by the worshippers, and happiness is the result. But there are misfits who have their doubts. They suspect that there is more to happiness, and as they discover the truth, they suffer.*

***BRAVE NEW WORLD** is funny, far-fetched, and wholly frightening. It is a penetrating look at modern science-driven society, taking current trends to their logical conclusions. The **POSSIBILITY** of it all is what alarms. To think of cloned humans, chemically engineered, brainwashed and drugged individuals, is a frightening thought. To think of people who are taught--over and over again--that they live in a world with the supreme values of "Community, Identity and Stability", but no God, is a scary thought. To think they are taught to believe they are happy, is worst of all. Surely there is no danger that this nightmare scenario will ever come true?*

*In the light of the artificial happiness of **BRAVE NEW WORLD**, Paul's injunction today to "be happy at all times" can seem at best impossible...at worst, sinister. How can we be told to be happy? Surely happiness is a feeling that arises inside us because we have reasons to be happy. We have what we need to live; we have people around us to love; we are aware of our blessings. But Paul is under no illusions. For him, happiness is no easily achieved state; it is not something cheap. Paul is no stranger to suffering. His happiness comes from prayer and from faith.*

The prophet, Isaiah, lived in a time of great political turmoil. He was often in danger of his life, and, according to Jewish tradition, he was put to death. Yet the spirit of joy, which pervades some of his prophecies, is equal to that found in any other biblical literature. "I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God." The presence of the Lord, for Isaiah, as for Paul, is the cause of a deep and lasting happiness.

John the Baptist is a grimmer figure altogether. There would seem to be no joy or happiness in his ministry. But John was driven by the Spirit of the Lord, preparing the way for Jesus. John saw the ugly side of people, as they came to him with their sins. He saw the hypocrisy of professional religious people, and angrily denounced it. But anger alone is not enough to drive a prophet. He must have a vision of a better world. He must glimpse glory. He must sense, however fleetingly, true happiness in his soul.

Today's reading from Isaiah states that the time of the Messiah will be one of gladness and rejoicing. It is John the Baptist who ushers in that time. It is he, who hands over to Jesus the ministry of forgiveness; it is he, who recognizes and proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God. It is he, who can rejoice that the time so long foretold has come. Though John will pay with his life for the message he preaches, he can die knowing that his mission is fulfilled. John is a happy man.

*There is no point faking happiness: we fool only ourselves. We cannot find true happiness in escape: we merely find distraction from our misery. So **BRAVE NEW WORLD** is not for us. But the happiness of Isaiah can be ours. If we can look at the world through the eyes of the prophet, and glimpse it as it is meant to be, we will be inspired and full of praise to God. If we can have the faith of the apostle, Paul, for whom Christ was all, then we will have a window into heaven. And glimpsing eternal happiness, we can rejoice on earth. If we can have the integrity and faithfulness of John the Baptist, proclaiming salvation in Christ, then we will have the reward of faithfulness: happiness with God, forever.*

There are no short cuts. Advent teaches us the importance of waiting and watching. Not simply passing time until something happens, but using time creatively to prepare ourselves for the Lord who is with us now, yet is to come. And even as we see all the hard work and sacrifice involved, we are reminded it is about happiness too.

Advent Prayers,

Fr. Bob

Pastor



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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Nothing too great to bear

In his book *God, I Have Issues*, author Mark Thibodeaux, S.J. recounts an encounter with a black bear while hiking alone in the woods of New Mexico. Thibodeaux manages to let out a roar that he “had not thought possible for any human being.” His roar scares off the bear—twice! Later in prayer he wonders, *Why the bear?* God responds, “You see, I have hidden resources inside you that you cannot even fathom. Remember that the next time you face a seemingly insurmountable problem.” Every difficulty, every hardship, every problem is an opportunity to experience the infinite extent of our inner resources, also known as God. Otherwise, how will we know?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)*

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks.”

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Mary, Mary, quite extraordinary!

Imagine being a poor, unwed village girl who learns she will give birth and can’t imagine how or why it is happening. That is the situation Mary found herself in when she received the news that she would bear a son and name him Jesus. How would you react? Denial? Refusal? Hysteria? Flight? Mary chose none of these options. Though she didn’t understand, she trusted the messenger of the Lord, responding: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” What courage! What faith! What a role model for us all!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47 (690A)*

“Nothing will be impossible for God.”

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR

A spark turns into flame

Little is known about the life of Saint Lucy beyond the fact that as a young woman she was accused of being a Christian and martyred in Syracuse (now part of Sicily) in 304. Yet a rich tradition of stories and images of a brave and steadfast disciple of Christ have built up around these spare details. Indeed, Lucy is one of the “remnant” of humble and lowly people left in our midst who light the way to Christ. Imagine the legacy you can leave for generations to come with a simple trace of faith.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188)*

“But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly.”

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

FEAST OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Don’t be left in the dark

Darkness can be terrifying, whether the pitch black of the night sky or the desolation felt at low points in life. Saint John of the Cross was no astronomer or psychologist, but he knew profound darkness. The Carmelite mystic of 16th-century Spain struggled to understand and articulate the challenges a person faces as she or he grows closer to God. You’d think it would get easier, but, as Saint John notes, it gets harder and harder to unhook from the things that keep us from God, distract-

ing us from our truest selves. John’s poetry speaks of the transformative power of this dark night of the soul: “Oh, night that guided me, / Oh, night more lovely than the dawn.” Where do you find God transforming your dark nights into dawn?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23 (189)*

“I am the Lord, there is no other; I form the light, and create the darkness.”

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Can you spare some change?

Many people would have a hard time with the idea that God can change. Isn’t God supposed to be unchanging? Wouldn’t thinking anything less be wrong and maybe even downright blasphemous? In a way, yes. Only God—being God—gets the superlatives: all-knowing, all-powerful, eternal, ever the same. We humans, though, can’t make those claims. We tell a human story of God to express what we believe, and we know from our experience that relationships have their ups and downs. While God may not change, our relationship to God has and does, and that fact should not be a source of consternation but of hope for and faith in a divine love that is always offered to us.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30 (190)*

“For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back.”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

ADVENT WEEKDAY

No batteries required to be a true Christmas light

There is no doubt that while Christmas is a Christian feast and the holiday has touched the world, sometimes it feels more like an ever-expanding brand than a gift. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if each LED light (sold in packages of 50 for only \$6.95!) were actually displayed to glow in praise of a loving, incarnate God rather than to win the prize for who has used the most electricity on the block? But while we regret the commercialization of the holiday, it’s important to take right steps at home, as Catholic Christian families, to abandon materialism for the sake of the environment—our Christian environment.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36 (191)*

“Observe what is right, do what is just.”s

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Trace your holy family tree

The internet has given a boost to this already widespread fascination with genealogy. Any number of websites will do the research for people who want to find out more about their ancestors. Folks in the ancient world also took a keen interest in their forebears. For them, where you came from and who came before you had a lot to do with your social standing. It’s not surprising, then, that Jesus got the *ancestry.com* treatment not once but twice in the gospels: in Matthew and Luke. While Matthew’s version had some unexpected characters, it also traced Jesus back to David and Abraham and therefore made him worthy of great esteem. Advent is a good time to renew your acquaintance with Christian tradition. Read a good history of the church, like Paul Johnson’s *A History of Christianity*.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193)*

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”

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REMINDER

Social Concerns Ministry

Please remember to place your Giving Tree gifts in the Madonna della Strada chapel in the church vestibule this weekend with the tag **securely attached** to the package. If you have more than one package for the same person, please attach a gift tag indicating his/her name and family number, to make sure all gifts go to the correct person. The gifts will be organized for delivery after the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 11. Thank you to all who are so generous!!!



Next Sunday, December 18, is the date to bring the **food baskets to Morrissey Hall between 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Please arrange with a friend or family member to bring in your food basket if you are going to be out of town. Volunteers will be on hand to help carry the baskets from your car. Also, a suggestion: Laundry Baskets make excellent containers for the food...and are useful to our recipients all year long. Thank you for your generosity!

FOOD PANTRY

As we approach December 18 and the distribution of Food Baskets to more than 400 local families in need of food assistance, we are very grateful for the support we have recently received from so many generous people. They include our parishioners, individual friends from the community, St. Cletus School, Flying High Parents Club, Charter Fitness, Spring Avenue School (Variety Show), St. John of the Cross, (Harvest Weekend and November food collection). One Main Financial (Customer Appreciation Days Food Drive), and Lyons Township Supervisor and Board of Directors, who presented us with a check for \$1,500. These groups join the many others who continue to support this ministry. God bless you all!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns



OPLATKI IS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS
A donation of \$3.50 is requested

The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. The spiritual lesson is this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

PARISH FORGIVENESS SERVICE

***BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ANYONE WHO BELONGS TO CHRIST IS A NEW PERSON. THE PAST IS FORGOTTEN AND EVERYTHING IS NEW. GOD HAS DONE IT ALL. HE HAS SENT CHRIST TO MAKE PEACE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND US. AND HE HAS GIVEN US THE WORK OF MAKING PEACE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND OTHERS. WHAT WE MEAN IS THAT GOD IS IN CHRIST, OFFERING PEACE AND FORGIVENESS TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD ."* (2 COR. 5:17-19)**

We have another opportunity to be graced by God's peace and extend it to others through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Parish Forgiveness Service will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Advent is a time to mend quarrels, to forgive those who have hurt us, and to pray for peace. What better way to "Be watchful! Be Alert! WE do not know the day nor the hour."



ST. CLETUS PARISH 2011

December 3rd-12th Spanish Ministry
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 7:00 p.m.

December 12th - Spanish Ministry
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
4-5:00 a.m. "Mañanitas" (morning greetings)
5-6:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Mass

December 13th
Parish Forgiveness/Reconciliation Service
7:00 p.m.

December 16th-22nd - Spanish Ministry
Christmas Novena - 7:00 p.m.

December 19th - CREDO
Nativity Movie at 7:00 p.m.
followed by Adoration/Benediction in church

December 20th
Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m.

December 23rd - Spanish Ministry
Christmas Spanish Posada
7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS SCHEDULE
2011

CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00PM...CHURCH
 2:15PM...MORRISSEY HALL
 3:30PM...CHURCH
 3:45PM...MORRISSEY HALL
 5:30PM...CHURCH
 7:00PM...CHURCH-SPANISH
 10:30PM...CHURCH



ACCOMPANIMENT

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
 SPANISH CHOIR
 CHANCEL CHOIR

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00AM.....
 8:00AM.....
 9:30AM.....
 11:00AM.....
 12:30PM...CHURCH-SPANISH



ACCOMPANIMENT

ORGAN CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 CHANCEL CHOIR
 CONTEMPORARY CHOIR
 SPANISH CHOIR

NEW YEAR'S EVE/NEW YEAR'S DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2011

8:00AM, 5:00PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM — 12:30PM SPANISH

**O COME LET US ADORE HIM!
ADVENT OPPORTUNITY FOR REFLECTION
AND ADORATION**



In the hectic holiday season, take a moment to stop, pause, reflect on the wonder of the Nativity, and worship Jesus in adoration as the wise men did long ago.

The CREDO Committee has organized another mini-retreat (similar to the Passion of the Christ event last Lent, which we will offer again next spring).

On December 19, we will show the movie *The Nativity Story* (2007) in Room 98 of the Education Building beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. Even though you know the story, the movie is a chance to reflect on the wonder of the incarnation during the season of Advent. The movie ends with the wise men worshipping the newborn king. At the conclusion of the movie, we will move to the church for Eucharistic Adoration followed by Benediction, so that we too can worship and adore our Savior.

As St. Alphonsus Liguori said, "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

We hope you can join us for the evening. Families are welcome; the movie is rated PG. There will be refreshments during the movie. The movie will last until about 8:45 p.m. Please feel free to join us in church at 8:45 p.m. if you only wish to attend Adoration and Benediction.



FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

**THE ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE
CONSUMER FAIR**

The St. Cletus School sixth grade is currently in the midst of the annual Consumer Fair in which each student develops an hypothesis regarding the preference of consumers for one brand of a product over two other brands. This project is something of a warm-up for the seventh grade History Fair and the eighth grade Science Fair.

To research and develop data to either prove or disprove their hypothesis, each student conducts a taste test of three brands of his/her product among classmates. After the taste tests, data is compiled along with information about which product is the best buy. The accompanying photos show some of the product taste-testing conducted by each student in the classes.

The Consumer Fair will culminate in exhibit boards of the students' work to be displayed at the St. Cletus School Open House in honor of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29. All are welcome!

submitted by Pat Dalsin

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**ST. CLETUS CHOIRS CD
RELEASE & CONCERT**

Our parish choirs have recorded their first Christmas CD in 20 years! "Home for Christmas" features the songs you have come to know and love at our Christmas Masses. From congregational carols to small ensembles to the 90 voices of our combined choirs, there is truly something for everyone on this disc. The discs will be \$15 each and will be available for sale next weekend - just in time to use as holiday presents!

To celebrate the recording, our parish choirs will present a Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20. Mark your calendars for our first ever CD Release Concert" - as an event you will not want to miss!

Justin Sisul
Music Director

"The Year of the Teen and Young Adult"

Youth Ministry Update!

TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Registration is ongoing! We are always welcoming newcomers! Please contact Kristen with any questions.

Instead of having December small and large groups, we will be helping Social Concerns Ministry with the Giving Tree this Sunday, December 11, from 2:15–6:30 p.m. and also on December 18. Please confirm which shift you will be working on December 18 with Kristen.

ADVENT PRAYER FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Take time out of your busy day to pray and reflect on the meaning of Christmas! We will meet again this Friday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m. in our new teen room. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

SOLSBERRY, INDIANA SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2012

We will be traveling to the Solsberry Hill Catholic Retreat Center in Solsberry, Indiana July 29–August 3. We will be serving with Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Worker House, Catholic Relief Services, local food banks and soup kitchens, and similar organizations. More information and registration forms are available on our website this weekend at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Registration and non-refundable deposits will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and are due by **January 9**. There may be a waiting list, so get yours in early!

OVERNIGHT CHICAGO SERVICE-BASED RETREAT

On Friday & Saturday, January 27/28, we will be staying at the Brother David Darst Center www.brdaviddarstcenter.org at 2834 S. Normal, Chicago 60616. We will be doing 2–3 service projects in the city and reflecting/learning about Catholic Social Teaching. Adult chaperones are needed! Registration and fees are due by January 3. All information is available on our website www.stcletusparish.com/youth.

ARCHDIOCESAN ALL-NIGHT SKI EVENT 2012

Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4, teens from all over Chicago will be skiing at Chestnut Mountain in Galena. Our bus will depart Friday evening and will return Saturday morning. Adult chaperones are needed! Registration information is available on our website www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Forms **and** non-refundable. Fees are due by Thursday, January 12 as processing is completed through the Archdiocese. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED!**

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry



**LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...
ALL THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Lt. Cdr. Amy Sloan Bloyd	US Coast Guard
Michael Carr	USA
Captain Anthony Cech, Chaplin	USA
Sgt. Franklyn Cuchana	USA
2nd Lt., Thomas G. Dybiczy	USA Ranger
Sgt. Michael Fittanto	USA
M/Sgt. Patrick Hegeman	USMC
Sgt. Joseph Kaminski	USA
Kevin Lewis	USA
Pfc. Zackus McLoed	
Capt. Robert Mele	USAF
Capt. Steven Muscolino	USA
Spf. Kyle Nicholson	USA
Pvt. James Reisel	USA
Pfc. Eugene Sapinski	USA
Greg Vlach	USA
Jake Brooks	USA



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Venda Tulacka, Mary Dybas, James McSweeney, John Karch, Gertrude Koenig-Stoiber, Gerdi Dorso, Joe Falls, Loretta Pavlik, N. Zagrodnik, Scott Malcak, Bob Zimmerman, Breann Moddes, Betty Niwa, Joan Workman, Betty Zapf, Donald Cuttill, Idolina Montano, Sue Kremer, Gail Pankow-Locker, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Lydia Ciaglia, Maeva Bishop, Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling, Joe Saban, Ola Maveety, Jean Weekley, Marilyn Matesevach. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

SUNDAY COLLECTION – DECEMBER 4, 2011

Total Active Registered Families 2,773

Collection Statistics# of envelopes used - this week 710
% of registered families 26%Amount Collected\$ 30,018 Envelope Users
2,683 Loose Checks/Cash
2,098 Electronic Giving**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000****Over (under) Budget****\$7,799****\$34,799 Total****This Fiscal Year @ 12/04/11**

Actual Sunday Collections \$621,110

Budgeted Sunday Collections 621,000

YTD Over (Under) than budget \$ 110***Hail Mary... Our prayers are being answered.
Mass attendance is increasing. Keep Praying!
Fr. Bob, Pastor******“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me: he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted...Isaiah 61:1***

The Lord God has anointed all of us through Baptism and He has sent each of us on a mission. Each of us has been given unique gifts and talents so that we can help fulfill God's mission here on earth. Are you doing the things Jesus sent you here to do?

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	4:00-5:00 a.m. 5:00-6:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C C C MH S-98	“Mañanitas” (morning greetings) Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Guide to Mass (CREDO)
Tuesday, December 13	8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-213 C S-213 MH	FSA Meeting Parish Forgiveness Service Pastoral Care Commission High School Boys' Church League
Wednesday, December 14	3:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-98 MH S-200	Guide to Mass (CREDO) Band Concert Baptismal Prep
Thursday, December 15	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	MH S-Music S-Band S-Music C S-213 S-Music	PreK Christmas Performance Children's Choir Spanish Choir Contemporary Choir School Christmas Concert SVDP Chancel Choir
Friday, December 16	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB S-208 K-Lobby C S-207	Mary & Martha Parents of Teen Prayer Group MANNA Spanish Christmas Novena Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, December 17	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV CV C	MANNA Cash & Carry Choir CD Sale Spanish Christmas Novena
Sunday, December 18	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV CV C	MANNA Cash & Carry Choir CD Sale Spanish Christmas Novena
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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
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Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am

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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).

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CONFESSIONS

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