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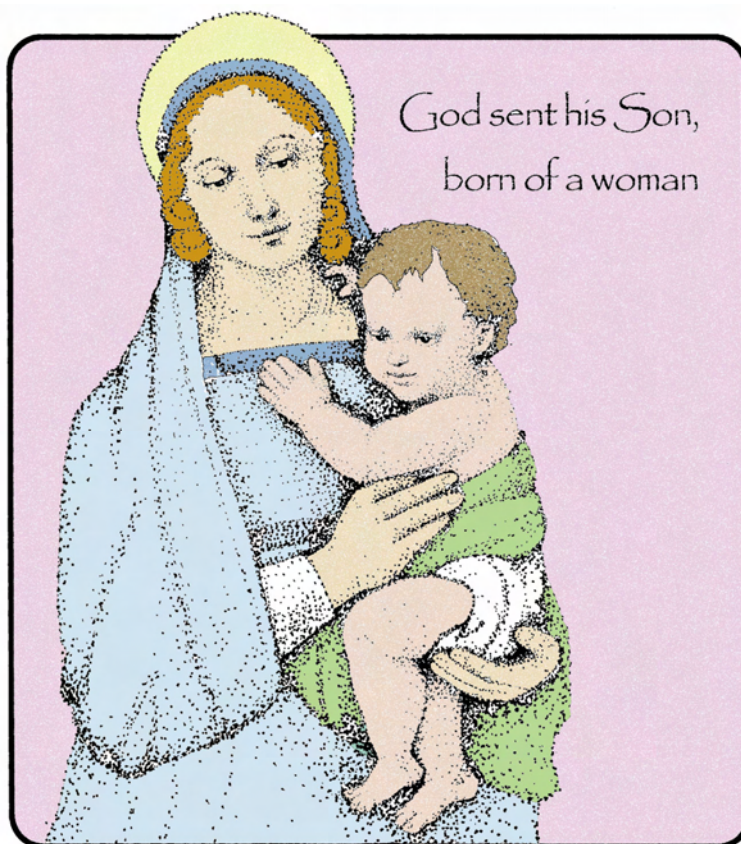
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**January 1, 2012**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**



**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 January 2 - January 8, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Georgia Popp
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Louis P. & Sophie Egielski, Arlene Skryd, Frank Wojcik, Nan Rettig, Joseph Viecei
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Rev. Robert Shannon Walter Dobrowolski
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Thomas Benka, Florence Curtis Patricia Halm, Laura McDonnell, Kathleen H. Szabelski, Jack Ryan, Stanley Michalec Loretta Madden Sullivan, Florence Kane Frank & Tecla Kwak, Karen Marie Wilson, Connie Montalto, Parishioners of St. Cletus



### WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, January 7/8, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

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



***Richard G. Mladenik,***  
husband of Kathleen

***May the Lord grant them eternal rest.  
Amen.***



Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, January 3, and every first Tuesday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: 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 Matesevack. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### PLEASE NOTE...

In observance of New Year's Day, the office will be closed on Monday, January 2, and will reopen Tuesday, January 3, at 9:00 a.m.



## **NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...**

**“MARY MOTHER OF GOD” JANUARY 1, 2012**

*The chiming of the Angelus bell is a long and holy tradition in the life of the Church. At six in the morning, twelve noon, and six in the evening across the world, church and monastery bells ring out the ancient chime, and people pause in the midst of their daily activities to murmur the ancient prayer: “The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...” Christian people stop to recall the greatest event in the history of time, that God became man in Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.*

*In the ancient Christian land of Ireland, this tradition was taken up in the age of modern communications by radio, and then by television. For many years now, and still to this day, at midday and in the evening, the media pauses its programs to transmit the Angelus chimes across the fields of Ireland, and in many a home, people stop their busy lives and join in the silent prayer.*

*In very recent times, in this age of secularism, pluralism and the Celtic tiger economy, voices have been raised to suggest alteration or even abolition of this Christian practice. So far those voices have not been a majority, and the “prayer pause” has survived. Some good alterations have been introduced, however, in the television transmission. Where, at one time, the screen revealed an icon of the Mother and Child to view during the chimes, in recent times a series of overlapping images have been introduced, showing tranquil scenes of Irish life, of lake and land, farm and field, terrace and town: and the faces of Irish people, young and old, looking up from their work, looking inward and upward.*

*This holy moment is truly sacred and truly precious. It takes us to another level of life, to stillness and a wonder at it all. It is a moment not only for saying the prayer, but even for not saying the prayer. It is a moment to remember the faces of loved ones, alive or gone before us, near or far away. It is a time to call those faces before our mind and to pray for all those lovely people. It is a time, most of all, to place ourselves before the face of God, and to ask him to reveal his face to us, to let his face shine on us.*

*At the beginning of Israel’s story, in the Book of Numbers, such a wish and such a prayer is made into a blessing for the people. As the people in the desert are formed into a nation under God, and prepare to enter the Promised Land, the priests are instructed on how to call the blessing of God down upon the people. It is the blessing of God’s face. The face is our entry point to the world, and also the world’s entry point into our inner being. All healthy meetings are meetings face to face. All healthy attitudes involve a mutual seeing, not a staring at others nor a sneaking glimpse. All honest encounters are an encounter of faces. The spirit of the person, the soul, is communicated through the open face. It is through the face that we communicate warmth and affection to others, or withhold them as the case may be. The human smile is the warmest expression of our genuine delight in others, and its warmth and brightness can be felt by the recipient. That is why we plead with God to smile upon us. It is the greatest blessing on earth.*

*In Jesus, born of Mary, God’s ancient promise and blessing is fulfilled. God has revealed his face to us in Mary’s child, born at the appointed time. Mary pondered these great mysteries in her heart. What great things the Lord had done in her life, and what privileges she had been given, to be called ‘Mother of God.’ All generations now have called her blessed, and so we on this day, at the opening of the year.*

*Mary is Mother of God. And we are children of God. We should never forget it. Not ever. Let the Angelus bell continue to chime and to ring out the joyous news. Happy New Year, everyone! Yes, and more. The blessing of God be upon you – the blessing that comes to us in his Son, born of Mary, and whose name is Jesus.*

*Blessings All Year Long,*

*Father Bob  
Pastor*





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

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

##### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

###### Make a free and fresh beginning

Turning a new page on the calendar always invites a fresh perspective—even more so when it's a brand new calendar! So lose your chains. You're invited today to let go of the old year, both "what we have done" and "what we have failed to do." Time to give and receive pardon for offenses. Time to craft resolutions and adopt new habits. Time to become people of justice and peace. On this eighth and final day of Christmas, accept the gift of your true identity: a free child of God, heir to a land of relentless hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18)*

*"You are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God."*

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 2

##### FEAST OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

###### There is strength in numbers

After finishing his education, Saint Basil went on a tour of the desert dwelling places of the first Christian hermits. While he admired their holiness, it seemed like a good idea to him for such people to have a common life together, sharing work, study, and prayer in obedience to a superior. So when he was done with his trip, he and his friend Saint Gregory began what was one of the first monastic communities. Basil recognized long ago that two—or more—Christians can do more than one. Your local church community offers many ways to participate in the living Body of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205)*

*"Now, children, remain in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence."*

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

##### FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

###### What's in a name?

How you talk about someone by name shows the regard—or lack of it—you have for them. God gave the Israelites the commandment: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." Honoring the name of God, though, means more than not using it casually. It also involves showing respect for whom the name represents. That there is a feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus should come as no surprise. Devotion to Jesus' name goes back many centuries, and the Franciscan saints Bernardine of Siena and John of Capistrano helped to make it popular. Honoring the name honors Jesus the person and his presence in your everyday life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:29; John 1:29-34 (206)*

*"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."*

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

##### FEAST OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

###### How religious men and women speak God's language

Within Catholic life there are many ways to serve and dedicate one's life to God. Some choose a commitment like marriage. Entering a community as a religious sister or brother, a monk or nun is another way. From the sixth-century monastic Saint Benedict in Italy to Mother Seton, who founded the first congregation of religious sisters in the United States, religious communities have striven to "signify the very charity of God in the language of our time" (*Catechism of the Catholic*

*Church*, no. 926). That can mean educating young people, sheltering the homeless, presenting gospel values in corporate boardrooms, or caring for persons with AIDS. What are the religious communities in your neighborhood up to?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42 (207)*

*"Jesus said to them, 'Come, and you will see.'"*

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

##### FEAST OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

###### Stewardship makes for a seasoned leader

There's a time to build and a time to tear down, the Book of Ecclesiastes says. Bishop John Neumann led the diocese of Philadelphia in the 1850s, a time of explosive growth in the immigrant Catholic population in the U.S. Under his leadership the number of Catholic schools increased from 1 to 200 and on average a new parish opened every month! We live in another era, one in which Catholic schools and parishes are being consolidated, closed, or otherwise changed in many parts of the nation. Each age calls for different gifts but good stewardship is never out of season. Pray that church leaders will be good and faithful stewards of the great legacy entrusted to their care.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51 (208)*

*"You will see greater things than this."*

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

##### FEAST OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

###### Passionate about the Passion

The 20th-century French-Canadian Holy Cross brother André Bessette spent much of his life counseling troubled people. He also had a special devotion to the Passion of Jesus, and when confronted with those who had crises of faith or serious shortcomings in their Christian life, he would deliver lengthy and emotional retellings of the Passion story. "Rarely," wrote one of his Holy Cross brothers, "could a sinner resist the authority of the frail old man who, with tears in his eyes, talked about the Passion of the Lord." Let the story of how Jesus so loved the world that he was willing to give his life for it inspire your own love and sacrifices.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 23-38 (209)*

*"This is the one who came through water and Blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and Blood."*

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

##### FEAST OF RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST

###### Live with one foot in the future

When Raymond of Penyafort (1175-1275) was born, the average life expectancy was around 35 years. Hence, when Raymond joined the Dominicans at age 47, he might reasonably have expected to have only a few more years to live. Instead, he lived to be 100! We don't know how long we have on earth, so we must make the most of every day. That includes preparing for the future. "If you do not make plans, you leave the future an empty field of chance . . . forfeit to your own unpredictable moods," cautions author Robert Grudin in *Time and the Art of Living*. He continues: "The future will do much for us, [but] we must do much for it." What will you do today to prepare for your future?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11 (21)*

*"My hour has not yet come."*

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**St. Cletus School's** elementary program offers a strong educational curriculum guided by Illinois State educational standards. In addition to our 1st-8th grade program with an average classroom size of 22 students, St. Cletus offers 3- and 4-year-old full-day preschool, half-day preschool options, as well as half- and full-day Kindergarten classes. Our well-rounded academic program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library and technology, both in the classroom and in the technology learning center. Daily religion classes, service hours, and regular school Masses also help our students to develop into mature, responsible young adults. Other opportunities available at St. Cletus School are Junior Great Books, Student Council, Scouting (for boys and girls), athletic programs, band, choir, various after-school clubs, and before-and after-care programs. If your child is just beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- Currently enrolled school families began re-registering for the 2011-2012 school year on November 28, 2011.
- On January 16, 2012, registration will begin for registered St. Cletus parishioners.
- Open registration for the general public will begin January 23, 2012.
- Our Open House for Catholic Schools Week will be on Sunday, January 29, 2011, beginning with 9:30 a.m. family Mass at Church and continuing in the school right after Mass until 12:30 p.m. Please join us!

Feel free to call the school office Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at (708) 352-4820 if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to visit our school. St. Cletus School is a great place to be—stop by to learn more!

*Jeff Taylor*  
 School Principal

**FAITH FAMILY FUTURE**

**St. Cletus**



The next book is

**City of Thieves**  
 by Dennis Benioff

We will meet to discuss it on

**Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m.**  
 (Room 102 of the Education Building)

Questions? Email: [loriashe@aol.com](mailto:loriashe@aol.com)

### **ATTENTION LEISURE LOAFERS!**

***Happy New Year!***

Please come to the first meeting of the New Year on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall.

Share your holiday stories with all your friends.

*Alice Katzmarek*

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING**

Please join us for our first meeting of 2012 on Friday, January 6, 8:00 p.m. in Room 98 of the Education Building.

We will discuss upcoming events of the new year. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

*Dan Gibbons*

## ***"The Year of the Teen and Young Adult"***

### ***Youth Ministry Update!***

#### **TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

Small groups will meet on Sunday, January 8, in the homes of our catechists at assigned times. All are welcome to bring a friend.

Our large group meets in Morrissey Hall at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. We welcome Linda Couri, a former abortion-industry insider turned pro-life advocate as our speaker. All teens and adults are welcome to join us for this wonderful talk.

#### **TEEN HOSTED MASS**

All teens and families are welcome to join us on Sunday, January 22, at 5:00 p.m. for our next teen hosted Mass. All teens are welcome to stay for pizza and social immediately following in Room 201 of the Education Building.

#### **DROP-IN**

Our next drop-in is Wednesday, January 11, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the teen room. All high school teens are welcome to "drop-in" during those hours for games, music, and hanging out. Hope to see you there! Bring your friends!

#### **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Any high school teen is invited and encouraged to participate in this year's advisory commissions board. Your input helps us to keep connected with the parish and to plan socials, service projects, prayer opportunities, etc. We meet again on Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. in the teen room.

#### **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](http://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 and Saturday January 27/28 we will be staying at the Brother David Darst Center [www.brdaviddarstcenter.org](http://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 fee are due this Tuesday, January 3. All information is available on our website [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://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](http://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!**

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

St. John of the Cross is hosting its second annual benefit concert "4U2" to relieve poverty on Friday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Teens from our parish, St. Francis, and St. John will be performing. Bring your friends!

#### **STAY UP-TO-DATE ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

"Like" St. Cletus Youth Ministry on Facebook! You can do this on our webpage [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth).

*Kristen Maxwell*

Youth Ministry

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**MY LIFE'S JOURNEY OF FAITH  
STUART HEYES, DEACON CANDIDATE**

Fr. Bob asked me to write a series of articles about my faith journey, God willing, the next major milestone being ordination, to the permanent diaconate in May 2012.

This is the first of five articles that will explain the background to my diaconate journey and the journey itself since 2007 when I applied to join the Chicago Archdiocese Deacon Formation Program with the support and endorsement(s) of my wife, Marlene, and Fr. Bob.

My journey started some sixty years ago with a mother and maternal grandmother who were spiritual, Anglican and raised me with core values that have guided me throughout my life. At this time religious biases still existed between Protestant's and Catholics in England, as elsewhere where the predominant or state religion was Protestant.

I met Marlene, a Catholic and regular attendee at Sunday Mass, while at University. Being in love with her, I accompanied her to Mass. Interestingly, my grandmother whose life was ebbing away at the time we were engaged and who thought very highly of Marlene (in spite of being Catholic) said to her, "Please don't ask Stuart to convert" – she never did (see later.) We were married in a Catholic ceremony in 1972.

Ten years later our son and only child was attending Catholic school and having his faith formed, with First Communion not far down the road, when I received what I can only describe as "wake up" call from the Holy Spirit. I had been faithfully attending Mass with Marlene (and Haydon since his birth and baptism in 1977) every week and I realized that sadly when he made his First Communion I wouldn't be able to receive the Eucharist with him and his Mom! What was I thinking? I knew then what I needed to do - take instructions to convert.

When I explained my decision to Marlene, she was of course surprised and delighted. So in 1982 I was received into the Catholic Church with Marlene, Haydon, and my Mom all attending. We were also blessed with a daughter, Ruth, just a year later. In explaining my decision to my parents, my Dad was not happy while my Mom was delighted that we would be a one-faith family – she has been supportive of our faith lives ever since and regularly asks about my (our) diaconate journey when we speak. Interestingly, my Dad who passed away recently, had also begun to show great interest in my diaconate journey!!

My business life brought us to the USA in 1988, New Jersey, and then to Burr Ridge in 1992 which is when we joined St. Cletus. With all my travels we didn't do more than attend Mass and contribute for ten years. But in 2002 at a ministry fair we enrolled for training as Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist (Eucharistic ministers) and have served in this capacity since then. If this is raised in conversation Marlene will tell you "we" didn't enroll - rather that I enrolled "us!"

Following the creation of the Compassionate Care Ministry by Fr. Charles in 2006, he asked us to attend the training sessions and join the ministry. We did as a husband and wife team and have been Funeral Planners and Vigil prayer ministers ever since.

During a meeting with Fr. Charles in 2007.....to be continued next month!!

P.S. Note the years:	1972 - Married	1982 - Received into the Catholic Church
	1992 - Joined St. Cletus	2002 - First ministry
	2012 - Ordination	

**The Holy Spirit at work!!**

*Stuart Heyes*  
Deacon Candidate





**MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
JANUARY 1, 2012**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence.

Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly.

In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	The Octave of Christmas; New Year's Day; Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace
Monday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday:	St. John Neumann
Friday:	St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas



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

Lt. Cdr. Amy Sloan Bloyd	US Coast Guard	Alexandria, Virginia
Michael Carr	USA	
Captain Anthony Cech, Chaplin	USA	Schofield Barracks Ft. Bragg, NC
Sgt. Franklyn Cuchana	USA	
2nd Lt., Thomas G. Dybicz	USA Ranger	Ft. Benning, GA
Sgt. Michael Fittanto	USA	Kabul, Afghanistan
M/Sgt. Patrick Hegeman	USMC	Okinawa, Japan
Sgt. Joseph Kaminski	USA	Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya
Kevin Lewis	USA	Kabul, Afghanistan
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Pvt. James Reisel	USA	Ft. Benning, GA
Pfc. Eugene Sapinski	USA	Afghanistan
Greg Vlach	USA	Afghanistan

**Please let us know of others serving in the military...and when friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas. Call Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974 for more information.**



### Sunday Collection – December 18, 2011

Total Active Registered Families 2,778

#### Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used - this week 690  
% of registered families 25%

#### Amount Collected

\$ 22,548	Envelope Users
3,493	Loose Checks/Cash
4,196	Electronic Giving
<b>\$30,237</b>	<b>Total</b>

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000

Over (under) Budget \$3,237

This Fiscal Year @ 12/18/11

Actual Sunday Collections \$679,401

Budgeted Sunday Collections 675,000

**YTD Over (Under) than budget \$4,401**

*Hail Mary... Our prayers are being answered.*

*Mass attendance is increasing. Keep Praying!*

*Fr. Bob, Pastor*

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God “And Mary kept all these things reflecting on them in her heart.” Luke 2:19**  
How lightly Mary held Jesus. She did not clutch Him to her but held Him out for the world to know. She knew that He did not belong to her alone. From the moment of His birth she was called upon to share Him with strangers who flocked to see Him. In the same way, we are also called to hold our blessings lightly, being willing to share what God has given to us with those whom God may lead to us. As this New Year begins, let us look to Mary as a grace-filled model of sharing all that God might ask of us.

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Monday, January 2	7:00 a.m. <b>All Facilities Closed After the</b>	CV	Adoration Sign up <b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>
Tuesday, January 3	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	CV C S-200 S-207 S-213 C MH	Adoration Sign up Adoration & Benediction RCIA PreCana Class Social Concerns Ministry Spanish Adoration High School Boys' Church League
Wednesday, January 4	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB S-102 S-200 MH	Mission Ladies RE Catechist Meeting Worship Ministry High School Boys' Church League
Thursday, January 5	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 P.M. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH S-Band S-Music S-102 S-Music MH	Leisure Loafers Spanish Choir Contemporary Choir AA Closed Meeting Chancel Choir High School Boys' Church League
Friday, January 6	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	S-207 S-98	Spanish Ministry Bible Class Holy Name Society
Saturday, January 7	5:00 p.m.	CV	Welcome Sunday
Sunday, January 8	7:00 a.m.	CV	Welcome Sunday
C.....Church CV.....Church Vestibule MH.....Morrissey Hall		S.... RB...	School (Education Building) Rectory Basement

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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.

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### CONFESSIONS

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

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