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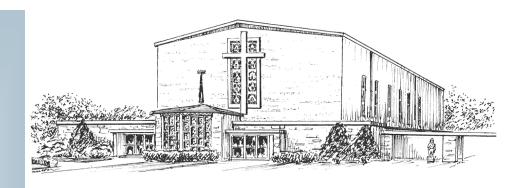
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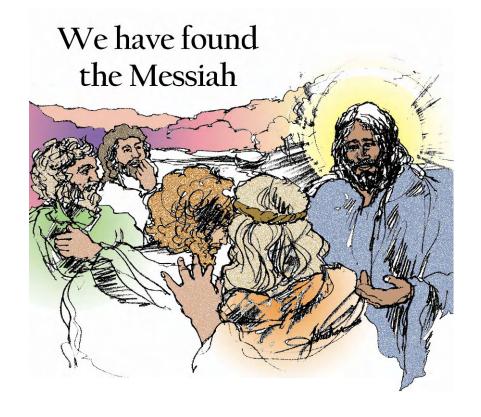
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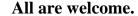


St. Cletus Canticle

600 W. 55th Street - La Grange, IL (708) 352-6209 Rectory (708) 352-4820 School www.stcletusparish.com January 15, 2012

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time





Handicapped parking is located in front of church.
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Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless in the rear of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 16 - January 22, 2012

| Day | Time | Intentions | |
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| Monday | 8:00 a.m. | Joseph & Mary Buch | |
| Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | Giovanna Vieceli, Ed & Mabel Gordon, Margret Talesco | |
| Wednesday | 8:00 a.m. | Frank Baggio, Evelyn Prevenas, John Falk | |
| Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | Catherine Battle, Jozef & James Slowik | |
| Friday | 8:00 a.m. | Don Schilling, Louis Vieceli | |
| Saturday | 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | James M. Capria, Jr. Georgia Popp | |
| Sunday | 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. | | |

Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Jennie Boerste, Mary Dybas, James
McSweeney, John Karch, Gertrude KoenigStoiber, Gerdi Dorso, 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 Matesevac. Also pray for our
parishioners who are in nursing homes or are
homebound and unable to attend Mass.

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

Joseph "Joe" Walter Falls, 111
Long-time active parishioner of St. Cletus

Katherine Feriane, moher of Ellie Augustine

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Amen.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Jane Maxwell and Phil Schefke.

If you attend St. Cletus but have not yet registered, please consider the commitment of parish membership. Stop by the back of the church and say hello.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 14/15

Generous gifts made to today's Collection will fund evangelization and catechesis projects in the Church in Latin America. Recently in *El Pozón Columbia*, 770 children from St. Blaise Parish received First Holy Communion because of your generosity. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. Keep faith with the Children in Latin America. Envelopes are available in the pews this weekend.



On Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., ALL facilities will be closed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

The rectory office will reopen on Tuesday, January 17, at 9:00 a.m.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 2012

At 12:30 p.m. on November 22, 1963, shots rang out in Dallas, Texas, and the world was stunned to learn of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the thirty-fifth President of the United States. Whatever historians subsequently unearthed about the man's alleged shortcomings, there was a palpable sense of tragedy, of a promising, bright future being brought abruptly and cruelly to an end. Almost invariably, people, who were alive at the time, will be able to tell you where they were, what they were doing, and whom they were with, when they learned the shocking news of Kennedy's death. (I was attending my Grandmother Clark's funeral at the Methodist Church on the east-side of Joliet, IL. along with my family) It was a decisive moment of history, an event which literally changed the course of world events. Things would never again be the same.

There is the same sense of a momentous event in today's Gospel. We are told the exact time when those two disciples of John the Baptist first met Jesus: the tenth hour, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This may seem to us to be an unimportant, trivial fact, but that first encounter with Jesus was hugely important for Andrew and the other disciple, who was possibly St. John the Evangelist himself. Their lives changed so dramatically that they can tell us exactly when and where it happened. Tantalizingly, the Evangelist doesn't tell us the content of that encounter. He doesn't tell us what Jesus said to them, or what questions they asked. He doesn't describe Jesus or where he was living. John simply says that they accepted his invitation to "come and see," and they stayed with him for the rest of the day. Perhaps the conversation was too personal to be recorded, or perhaps a written account would not be able to convey its effect, or the power of the presence of Jesus. The Lord certainly had a profound effect: the two disciples left John the Baptist to become followers of Jesus, and Andrew wasted no time in telling his brother Peter: "We have found the Messiah."

Perhaps, too, the gospel writer realizes that an encounter with the Lord must be a unique event, something which each potential follower has to experience personally. It's not something which can happen second-hand; it cannot be experienced vicariously. The Lord issues an invitation, but it is up to us to respond. We need to be in a state of readiness, open to hear the Lord's call. Samuel was already living in the Lord's sanctuary – in the right place to hear the call. And the two disciples were already followers of John the Baptist – predisposed to the coming of the Messiah. When the call came, they responded without hesitation.

As Christians we believe that we have been called, and that we are following the Lord, however falteringly or hesitantly. But we must have a real, personal meeting with the Lord, and not simply go by what others have told us about him. Whether or not we can pinpoint an exact moment when we first encountered him, we need to allow our relationship with Christ to change our lives irrevocably. By spending time in his presence, we learn to see as he sees, judge as he judges, act and speak as he does.

The call to follow, the invitation to spend time with the Lord, is never a once and for all experience. It is a daily happening. As we grow in discipleship, as we learn to recognize his voice and walk in his ways, we learn that he speaks in many ways-- not just through the authentic teaching of the Pope and Bishops who, like Eli and John the Baptist, are able to point us in the right direction. Christ is also able to speak to us through everyday events and people. Peter, remember, was brought to the Lord by his brother, Andrew.

As Samuel shows us, recognizing the Lord's voice and presence can be a gradual affair, just as discipleship is a life-long commitment, not a one-day only decision. Perhaps today the Lord is calling to us most persistently in the faces of those in need: in the faces of the poor, the homeless, the victims of war, violence or oppression, the sick and the dying, the lonely and the unloved. Whenever we can see and serve the Lord in these people, we know that we really have become his disciples.

Yours in discipleship,

Father Bob Pastor



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME "Here I am"

Throughout the Bible when God would call on someone by name, the answer would be: "Here I am." Many saints throughout the church's history responded with the same willingness to serve God's will for them, whether it be to start a hospital, feed the poor, educate the young, or shelter the elderly. Even when the task seemed overwhelming, they pursued it. Faced with the challenge of founding a community and an academy in the then-wilderness of Indiana, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods, wrote: "All appearances are against it." But establish it she did. Look for opportunities to say an unconditional "yes!" to love and serve others as God loves you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42 (65)

"Here I am. You called me."

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Getting head and heart right

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong." The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation of our consciences—including *informing* our consciences through ongoing education even after formal classroom days are behind us. After all, integrity doesn't mean simply holding to your principles and actions in tandem with each other. You have to be sure, first of all, that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions! To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311) "No one puts new wine into old wineskins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

FEAST OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

Turn down the distractions

On the feast of Saint Anthony of the Desert, we recall that there has been, almost from the beginning, a way of following Christ that draws the believer away from busyness, away from noise, away from the sense stimulation that many experts say we are becoming addicted to. We respond reflexively not to what is most important in life but to the latest signal, beep, buzz, or ringtone to impinge upon our consciousness. Few of us have a desert at hand where we can retreat and listen to the still, small voice of God, but perhaps there is a park, a rooftop, a chapel, a parked car with the radio off that can offer a chance for contemplation, for quietly considering the things that really matter.

TODAY'S READINGS: Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312) "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Fighting Goliath

It's challenging to face off with the monsters of one's own making in this world: relationships that are fraying, decisions poorly made, today's bills that reflect yesterday's foolish purchases. How can we also be expected to fight the monsters who owe their creation to the forces of history? Take, for example, the sad divisions that make up Christian history. You and I didn't forge the breach between Rome and today's Lutherans, Anglicans, Baptists, and Methodists. Yet as we prepare for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we're asked to reach out across this scarred battlefield and recall the Christ who invited all to be his friends.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313)

"You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS How to be a real winner

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "We shall all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ," asks us to consider the entrenched role of winners and losers in our society and then to move beyond such oppositional thinking. Our prayer this week is to reach toward the level of awareness where opposites like winners and losers are transcended and reconciled through the forces of love and compassion. That is the "victory" of this year's theme. That is the mindset of Jesus. That kind of change, however, is going to take more than a week. Still, we must begin where we are. What will you do to put this prayer into action?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19-1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314)

"Hearing what he was doing, a large number of people came to him."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

FEAST OF FABIAN, MARTYR, POPE AND SEBASTIAN, MARTYR Take this call seriously

Saint Sebastian, the patron saint of soldiers, and Saint Fabian, who was chosen as pope by the sign of a dove descending from above, were both men who embraced what God had called them to do and eventually gave their lives for Christ. They accepted the opportunities God offered them and fought through persecution because they believed in the unconditional love of God. The apostles did the same when Jesus summoned them up a mountain. By emulating the apostles and Sebastian and Fabian, we allow ourselves to fully accept our true vocation from Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315) "Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

FEAST OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR

The most vulnerable deserve the most protection

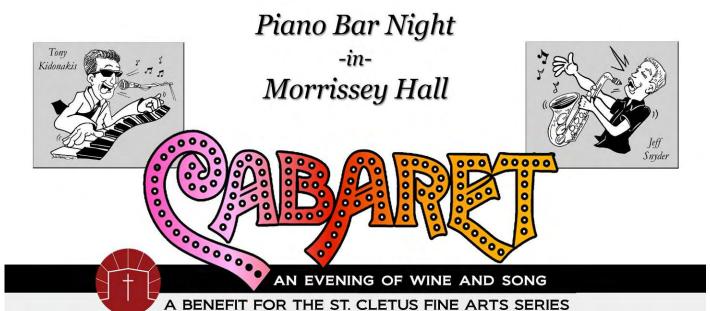
The stories of child sex abuse that have come out recently remind us in no uncertain terms that the exploitation of the youngest and most vulnerable among us is an ongoing and serious problem. Today in the church calendar we remember Saint Agnes, who died at the tender age of 13 back in the year 304 A.D. It was said that as punishment for refusing a forced marriage to the son of a Roman official, young Agnes was dragged naked through the streets of Rome to a brothel where she was raped and then executed. A horrific tale of child abuse no doubt, but one that has been repeated in some form or another through the ages. It is time for Christians to speak with one voice worldwide to denounce the abuse of children wherever and whenever it occurs.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316)

"Rouse your power, and come to save us."

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DATE

Friday, February 3 7:30 p.m. Doors Open 8:00 p.m. Entertainment Begins

ADMISSION

\$35 in Advance, \$40 at the Door includes Entertainment, Wine and Hors d'œuvres

Plan to join us for an unforgettable evening of music. Tony Kidonakis and Jeff Synder will perform an interactive sing-along show. They'll take requests and sing your favorite songs, everyone leaves singing and smiling. This is only fundraiser we have for the Fine Arts Series, and we look forward to your support and attendance.

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

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| 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 | |
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| Sgt. Michael Fittanto | USA | Kabul, Afghanistan |
| M/Sgt. Patrick Hegeman | USMC | Okinawa, Japan |
| Sgt. Joseph Kaminski | USA | Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya |
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| Pfc. Zackus McLoed | | |
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| Spf. Kyle Nicholson | USA | Ft. Bragg, NC |
| Pvt. James Reisel | USA | Ft. Benning, GA |
| Pfc. Eugene Sapinski | USA | Afghanistan |
| Greg Vlach | USA | Afghanistan |
| S/Sgt. Daniel Hattie | USAF | Afghanistan |
| Matthew Sparks | USMC | San Diego, CA |
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Please let us know of others serving in the military...also when friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas. Call Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974 for more information.

Social Concerns Ministry Update!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity enabling us to have 200+ bags ready for our January food distribution. Once again, we ask your help as we restock our shelves and begin making up bags for our next distribution.

- The most needed staples at this time include dry pinto beans (1-3 lb bags work best for us), tuna, boxed side dishes, canned meat, cereal and jelly.
- We are also low on our "extras." Some favorites include coffee, powdered or evaporated milk, juice, crackers or cookies, all sizes of diapers, toiletries, laundry detergent and dishwashing soap.
- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated. Please remember to check expiration dates to avoid out-of-date goods.
- You can drop off your donations in the designated bins in the Madonna Della Strada shrine in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass over the weekend, or daily, from 7:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Thanks again for your faithfulness is supporting this much needed and appreciated outreach. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 215-5418 or **mford@stcletusparish.com.**

WORDS OF THANKS

I have received many calls and cards from our client families in appreciation for your generosity in providing the volunteer manpower and the food/gift donations to ease their worries throughout the year, and provide care and hope during the holidays. Let me share a few of these words with you, who make our outreach to the community possible.

"Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas gifts and food basket. I have severe arthritis and the electric can opener is greatly appreciated. But what made this Holiday Season extra special is not just the gifts, but knowing that there are people out there who care for struggling people like me, and that Jesus is working miracles through you. God bless you." "I would like to send blessings and thanks to all the volunteers of the Food Pantry. This has helped greatly for my elderly mother, who is having such a hard time." "I would like to thank all the volunteers for their time and God's work on Sunday (the December 18 food basket/gift distribution). It is so difficult for our family these days, and no one made us feel bad there. God will smile down on all of you, and those who donated the gifts and food." The most repeated expressions of appreciation were "God bless you for all you do. We will keep you in our prayers." "You will never know how much you are helping us and our children." "We hope and pray for a better 2012 so we can give back." "Thank you for treating us with respect and not looking down on us because of the situation we find ourselves in." Let us continue to be Jesus' hands and feet in the new year.

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns

WHAT'S NEW AT ICN?

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK invites you to a job search program for the Newly Unemployed. Just beginning your search? Think you might be in the near future? Not sure how to begin? Know someone who recently lost their job – call them and let them know. This program is just for you! Discover valuable job search tools and tactics learned by job seekers with experience and success. Get your job search off to a great start on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John of the Cross Parish Center. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tom Tisa at (708) 467-0722 or at **tomtisa@msn.com.** Come yourself and bring a friend.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CONTINUED...

FEDERAL JOBS AND HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) invites job seekers to an informative session on how to increase your chances of success when applying for federal jobs. Our speaker on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs, will be Becky Brillion, from Naperville's Community Career Center. Becky's discussion "Federal Job Application Tips and Hints," will help job seekers identify open positions, navigate the process and tailor their resume to match government hiring requirements.

Projections of the federal employment sector add 153,000 civilian employees by the end of 2012, bringing the total number of federal workers to 1.43M. Retirement plans of long-term federal workers are still on track and allow for additional new hire opportunities. Federal job benefits are among the best in the country, adding to the attractiveness of working for the government, but landing a federal job involves a different process than landing in the private sector. Learn about the government job postings website through this demonstration presentation where explanation of the GS pay system will also be described, resume writing towards the federal goal will be explained, and participant questions will be answered. Plan to attend and invite a friend.

JOB SEARCH SKILLS WORKSHOP

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK (**ICN**) invites you to join us when the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange hosts a six-week job support workshop beginning Tuesday evening, January 24, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. A sixth session has been added which will focus on how to make a career change. On Tuesday, February 14, featured speaker, Dennis Hamilton, will help you prepare a strategy, conduct skills assessment and identify transferable skills.

The First Presbyterian Church of La Grange is located at 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter on Ashland Avenue and take the stairs to the lower level, Room G-9.

Whether you have lost your job or are looking for a new one and even college grads looking for their first job, this workshop will help you put together a job search strategy and specifically cover job search resources, elevator speech preparation, interviewing techniques, how to network and use the social networking sites as well as handling your emotions throughout this often overwhelming process. This workshop is open to all and there is no fee for attending. We hope you will join us!

For further information, please call FPCLG's church office at (708) 354-0771.

Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org

ST. CLETUS PARISH MINISTRY OF CARE

We have ministers who visit patients in La Grange Memorial Hospital, Lexington House and Briar Place Nursing Homes and those who are homebound to offer prayer and the Eucharist. If you or a loved one would like a visit, please call the St. Cletus MOC direct line: (708) 215-5407 and leave a message for me OR E-mail me at sheyes@stcletusparish.com.

If you or a loved one is being admitted to LaGrange Memorial or indeed any other hospital ensure that upon registration they include your faith, otherwise we will not know you are there!! Please also note ONLY the individual or family members can request visits by the clergy or MOC ministers to home, nursing home or hospitals. Remember if we don't know you are sick, homebound, or in extended care facilities, we will not know to visit you!

Peace,

Stuart Heyes

Coordinator of Ministry of Care



You are cordially invited to join us for the 2012 St. Cletus School Spring Auction and Gala

date Saturday, March 3rd

time 7 - Midnight

place William Tell Holiday Inn

6201 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL

Tickets are \$75.
Proceeds benefit St. Cletus School.



Silent Auction Special Surprises Cocktails Live Auction Live Band hors d oeuvres

Sponsorship Opportunities

"St. Cletus Goes Green" Sponsor

\$250 - Name listed in Auction Book, Admittance for 2 (\$150 value)

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\$500 - 1/4 Page Ad in Auction Book, Admittance for 2 (\$150 value)

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\$5,000 - Listing as Event Sponsor and Full Page Ad in Auction Book, Admittance for 8 (\$600 value), and Acknowledgement at the 2012 Oktoberfest and Golf Outing

donation Opportunities

Auction Items

We need your help reaching out to local businesses and community members. Sports tickets, gift certificates to local restaurants, unique experiences and vacation homes are always auction highlights. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Instant Wine Cellar Raffle

Raffle "corks" will be sold for \$50 each. The winner will receive 50 bottles of fine wine! We need your help to build the wine cellar:

We are collecting 50 bottles of wine (red and white) with a price-tag of \$25 and up. Wine donations can be dropped off at the Brooks' home at 917 S. Catherine or in the St. Cletus School Office.

For More Information

Visit the school website, www.stcletusschool.com, or contact Auction Chairs Jen & Tim O'Brien at 708.352.8689 or Erin & Luke Sheridan at 708.352.1413 with any questions.

The favor of a reply is requested by Feb. 17, 2012. Please return this form to the St. Cletus School Office.



Your support of St. Cletus School is sincerely appreciated. St. Cletus is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations and gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

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| Address | |
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| Number attending at \$75 per person. | \$ |
| Sponsor a St. Cletus Teacher's ticket to the auction at \$50 each. | \$ |
| Sponsor the 2012 Auction. Please see information above. | \$ |
| Unable to attend, contribution enclosed. | \$ |
| Pre-purchase Instant Wine Cellar "corks" at \$50 per cork. | \$ |
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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.

- 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 Principal



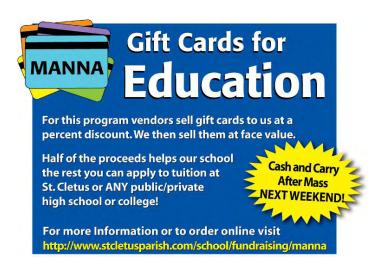
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...the prayers and support that all St. Cletus parishioners provide to our school.

We appreciate your continued generosity in supporting our fundraisers: Oktoberfest, the Annual Fund, the Silent Auction and our Golf Outing.

Thank you for all you do for St. Cletus School. The St. Cletus Parish family is an important part of St. Cletus School's motto: Faith, Family, Future.

-The St. Cletus Scool Board and Principal Jeff Taylor



The Kindergarten and 8th grade celebrated Mass together on Thursday, December 22. Through song and prayer we shared the CARDINAL spirit of being respectful, responsible and compassionate. We ended the Mass with Christmas songs that the kindergarten children sang. It was a wonderful display of our Catholic faith!

Submitted by Margaret Bentley





"The Year of the Teen and Young Adult" Youth Ministry Update!

TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our large group meets in Morrissey Hall at 3:15 p.m. next 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.

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

TEEN HOSTED MASS

All teens and families are welcome to join us <u>next</u> 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. Please contact me if you are interested in participating in the Mass as a gift bearer, Gospel reader/actor, etc.

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 **this** Tuesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the teen room.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS!

Do you want to learn more about youth ministry? Are you interested in participating next year? Please join us on Tuesday, January 24, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the Education Building for a "drop-in" style social with food and games.

PRAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Take time out of your busy day to pray and reflect! We will meet again on Friday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m. in our teen room. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

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.

ST. CLETUS KAIROSIANS

We have created a new Facebook group for those who have attended St. Cletus hosted Kairos retreats (K3, K6, and K9.) It will allow us to keep you updated on Kairos reunions and other pertinent information. There is a link to it on our website **www.stcletusparish.com/youth.**

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

Sunday Collection – January 8, 2012

Total Active Registered Families 2,768

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

of envelopes used - this week 742 \$ 27,123 Envelope Users % of registered families 27% 3,115 Loose Checks/Cash 1,682 Electronic Giving

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000 \$31,920 Total

Over (under) Budget \$4,920

*\$500 Weekly Deposit into Savings Account

This Fiscal Year @ 1/08/12

Actual Sunday Collections \$739,587 *Hail Mary...Our prayers are being answered.*<u>Budgeted Sunday Collections</u> 729,000 *Mass attendance is increasing. Keep Praying!*

YTD Over (Under) than budget \$10,587

Thank you for your generous donations of \$201,000 this Christmas. May the Blessings of Christmas be with you and your families throughout this New Year.

*Our goal: "Living our Faith, Building Our Future" is for the remainder of the fiscal year, to make a weekly deposit of \$500 into our Parish's Saving Account.

Fr. Bob, Pastor

| WEEK AT A GLANCE | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| DAY/DATE | TIME | LOCATION/ ROOM # | EVENT | | |
| Monday, January 16 ALL Facilities | Closed in Observ | ance of Martin Lu | ther King Day after the 8:00 a.m. Mass | | |
| Tuesday, January 17 | 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. | C S-102 S-200 S-208 S-Library S-207 MH | School Mass St. Cletus Book Club RCIA Teen Advisory Board Meeting Technology Committee PreCana High School Boys Church League | | |
| Wednesday, January 18 | 9:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m. | RB MH | Mission Ladies High School Boys Church League | | |
| Thursday, January 19 | 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6::30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. | S-Music S-Band S-Music S-213 S-Music S-102 MH | Children's Choir Spanish Choir Contemporary Choir SVDP Chancel Choir AA Closed Meeting High School Boys' Church League | | |
| Friday, January 20 | 2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | MH Lobby S-207 | MANNA Cash & Carry Spanish Ministry Bible Class | | |
| Saturday, January 21 | 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. | CV/East CV/West | 39th Anniversary Roe Vs Wade MANNA Cash & Carry | | |
| Sunday, January 22 | 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. | CV/East CV/West MH C S-201 S-102 | 39th Anniversary Roe Vs Wade MANNA Cash & Carry Teen Faith Formation Teen Mass Teen Faith Formation Teen/Parent Coffee | | |
| CChurch CVChurch Vestibule—(East & West) MHMorrissey 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.

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 Tuesday 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

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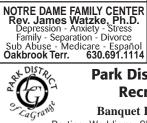
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