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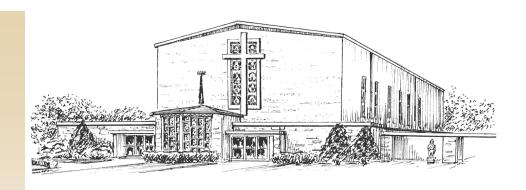
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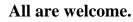


## St. Cletus Canticle

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Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time





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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 February 20 - February 26, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Walter J. Dobrowolski, Sr., Jacqueline Rybacki	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Kulikowski	
Ash Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	(Ashes to be distributed at <u>all</u> Masses)  School Mass Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes Spanish Mass	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus	
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Frank & Grace Radvich, Mary Jane Harrison, Georgia Popp, Debbie Sipek	
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Bertha Welch, Kenneth Wolf Dorothy Siebert Sandy & John Fisher, Audrey Martinez-Pike, Joseph & Adeline Kulikowski	



**Sebastian Saldana del Toro**, son of José Luis Saldana & Luisa Belén del Toro

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.



#### Mary Rose McLamore and Michael Boyle



<u>All</u> facilities will be closed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents Day.

The rectory office will reopen Tuesday, February 21, at 9:00 a.m.

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Edie Wisner, Frank Nash, Stacy Kwak, Bob Kunkel, Denny Dine, Sr., Harry Fisher, Mary Dybas, James McSweeney, John Karch, Gertrude Koenig-Stoiber, Gerdi Dorso, Loretta Pavlik, N. Zagrodnik, 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...

Fr. John McGrath, former Associate at St. Cletus Classmate of Fr. Gallagher

Roger Westman, brother-in-law of Mary Beth Ford

## NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 2012

Down through the ages, people have argued about the origins of sickness. One of the main reasons presented for not believing in a good God is his seeming indifference to the suffering of the innocent. Sickness has rarely been considered to be just a physical matter. In much Old Testament thought, and still at the time of Jesus, physical suffering was considered to be punishment, either for one's sins or the sins of one's parents or ancestors.

We may feel we are now more knowledgeable, but in some ways, the pattern remains the same. We may be more reluctant to believe suffering and disease are a result of moral turpitude, although reactions to the appearance of AIDS showed that this belief still slumbers not far below the surface. We are aware that our whole environment affects our health. We do not really know about-but are still fearful of-- the effect of the many artificially created chemicals that are now part of the fabric of our world, whether in our food or drink or just as part of the atmosphere. Whether in the form of nuclear radiation or genetic modification, the evil spirits have taken on more concrete shape. Yet we still struggle to asses accurately the real effect of these toxic additives to our world. Why is one person affected and another not? What is the relationship between the individual psyche and the ability to resist or cope with disease? At this point, we remain a mystery to ourselves, particularly in the interlocking of the inner self and the outer world.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus finds himself in situations of conflict right from the beginning of his public life. He challenges people's assumptions in each case. If tradition holds that certain powers are reserved for God, Jesus puts himself forward as holding those same powers. And his actions back up his claims. In this first story, the scribes put forward the traditional view. Jesus forgives the paralytic his sins, but the power to forgive sins belongs to God alone. Jesus could have healed the paralytic and sent him on his way, pleasing everyone.

Rather, Jesus forgives the paralytic's sins. We do not know what these sins are. We do know from elsewhere in the gospels, that Jesus does not accept the traditional idea that suffering is punishment for sin, so his aim is not to confirm that belief. Instead, he uses the physical healing as confirmation of his greater power to forgive sin. There is a touch of the sacramental in his action, the physical healing being an outward sign of the inner grace, which has transformed the inner man. Jesus acts not in response to the faith of the suffering individual, but to the faith of those who have brought him. The faith of the community can bring about healing of a member in need. We are asked to consider ourselves not as fragmented and isolated, but as whole (and wholesome) individuals within a community. Jesus is really confronting the mindset that creates both inner and outer loneliness.

The involvement of others in our brokenness and healing is made explicit for Christ's followers in the business of prayer. We pray constantly for those who are ill, and the prayer is for healing. It is also for God's will to be done, for we do not know his ultimate intention. Because of the ultimate mystery of salvation expressed in Christ's own death and resurrection, each Christian believes that neither suffering nor death is the end of the story. They are the events through which each of us learns the meaning of our individual story, and how that story re-enacts and represents the divine mystery first enacted by Christ. It is difficult to bring our belief to bear on life's woes, if we have little real sense of God living through us with his love. His forgiveness of our sin, the binding of us to himself in love, is the necessary prerequisite to our positive understanding and living out of our suffering. Without the ability to see this link, we tend to become lost in our fragmentation and isolation. "Why me?" is the refrain which expresses our confusion about ourselves and our envy of those who are not suffering. This in turn blocks our freedom to bring God's own understanding and love to our situation. We tend to feel overwhelmed and even desperate. The prayer and companionship of others is, then, the essential means to finding that inner wholeness we so much need.

In God's Forgiving and Healing Power,

Fr. Bob

**Pastor** 



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

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Get carried away

In the story of Jesus healing and forgiving the man lowered before him through the roof of a house, Jesus is impressed less with the faith of the needy man—after all, there were many people crowding in—and more with the four friends who carried him there and tore open the roof. Sometimes we need to submit to the care of others and let ourselves be carried by that concern. That is one of the joys of our community of worship. We might come to pray overwhelmed by our own misery, confused, or just bored and disinterested. At such times we can do no better than let the faith of our friends, our sisters and brothers, carry us to Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12 (80)

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Child, your sins are forgiven.'"

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

#### Pass along a peace of advice

Peace activists aren't born; they are inspired by others. Longtime Catholic peace worker Kathy Kelly was introduced to the writings of Daniel Berrigan, S.J. and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. while a student at a Catholic school during the turbulent 1960s. "The St. Paul faculty," she says, "gently but consistently showed us hero-figures who had tried to confront injustice and cruelty and who believed in love of enemy as well as love of neighbor." Let's make sure children are exposed to more than comic-book action superheroes writ large on theater screens. Let's introduce them to the real heroes, those who have worked tirelessly for peace and justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29 (341) "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

## FEAST OF PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; MARDI GRAS - Get ready to get ready

Preparation is crucial for a meaningful celebration. Advent prepares us for Christmas, Lent prepares us for Easter, and Mardi Gras prepares us for Lent. These alternating seasons of quiet and celebration help us notice and appreciate the fact that God is found not only in austerity and prayer but also in music and celebration. As a result, we experience the sustaining presence of God in every aspect of our lives. A good Mardi Gras will help us have a good Lent. A good Lent, in turn, ensures a spiritually rich Easter, which is the ultimate goal. So go ahead and celebrate Mardi Gras today! Decorate your home, gather with friends, enjoy some good food. Tomorrow you enter the desert.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37 (343) "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

## ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE Be creative this Lent

Is it Lent already? Yes, which means another season of opportunity to grow in faith. Consider how you might wisely spend the next 40 days by focusing on one thing in your life that needs to change. Try a new spin on the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer can be engaged in many ways: with words, silence, contemplation of icons—or walking a labyrinth or the Stations of the Cross for the spiritually fidgety. You can "fast" from more than food: Give up

media distractions or idle gossip. Alms can be paid out in other than dollar bills: Offer your time to the lonely, your love to a child.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart."

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

#### FEAST OF POLYCARP, BISHOP, MARTYR-Bring it on

You have to admire the early Christian martyrs, not only for their courage but also for the defiance, even confidence, with which they faced dying for their faith. The bishop Saint Polycarp had been a Christian his whole life, but for some reason the Romans waited until he was 86—an unheard-of age in the ancient world—to hunt him down. He refused to flee, and when hauled before a Roman official engaged him in lively debate. When threatened with burning at the stake, his eventual fate, he retorted that while the fires of martyrdom last only for a while, the fires of judgment never go out. Polycarp and other martyrs offer the example of those who reckoned their eternal fate more important than their earthly one.

Today's readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220) "If... you turn away your hearts and will not listen... I tell you now that you will certainly perish."

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

#### FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE-Not so fast?

One out of six people in the present generation lives in extreme poverty. Not simply below the poverty line established by government organizations: Extreme poverty means living in danger of death because there is no food. By virtue of living in a country where food is made affordable by subsidies and meal programs are available to make up the shortfall, it's easy to forget and hard to imagine the kind of suffering starvation entails. If one in six neighbors were hungry, wouldn't the other five feed that person? Fasting, even abstaining from meat, reminds us that our neighbor is hungry—and of our responsibility to help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221) "This... is the fasting that I wish:.... Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless."

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

#### SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

#### Take the fast track to hunger awareness

Fasting is a spiritual discipline to which we are called during Lent. It not only helps us become more aware of our dependency on God but also aware of those who experience hunger on a regular basis. The U.S.D.A. estimates that tens of millions of Americans are in that very situation. "It is unacceptable," says Catholic Charities USA, "in a nation as bountiful as ours that children, adults, and senior citizens experience food insecurity that puts their physical, mental, and developmental health at risk." Contact your local office of Catholic Charities, Food for the Poor, or a food pantry or soup kitchen to see how you can be part of the solution. *CatholicCharitiesUSA.org* can help you get started.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222) "If you bestow your bread on the hungry . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness."

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## LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE.

#### Welcome a Campaign Volunteer, Your fellow Parishioner!

Many of you have received requests in the mail concerning your participation in *Living our Faith*, *Building our Future*. In the coming days and weeks, a campaign volunteer will contact you about this request as we seek parish-wide support for this historic project. When your fellow parishioners call on you, please welcome them with kindness and good will as you consider your gift to the campaign. As Pastor Emeritus and Honorary Chairman, Charles Gallagher always said, it will take everyone giving their "Fair Share" for this effort to be a success.

### Some commonly asked questions about the campaign...

Why are we putting the addition in front of the education building instead of in the grass area?

The new addition will have benefits for everyone who is a part of Saint Cletus. The proposed location will be centralized for the school as well as the church and will be connected to the existing education building. By connecting the new building with the existing building Saint Cletus will gain a centralized lobby to greet people entering the school. The centralized location on the campus will also allow for gatherings before and after Mass, while preserving the green space on the east side of the property for its beauty and sports use.

#### How do I make a pledge and payment?

A deposit of 10% of your total pledge is strongly encouraged at the time of your donation. Knowledge of your participation and your deposit allow the parish to plan more effectively. As you will see, the letter of intent/pledge card allows you to schedule payments over a three to five year period according to your ability (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually).

I would like to make a pledge; however, our budget is especially tight this year. How can I still participate in the campaign?

The campaign pledge period is structured over three to five years. If necessary, you can pay only the deposit on your pledge (10%) now, and structure payments for your remaining pledge intention, as your situation allows.

For more information about Living our Faith, Building our Future, visit www.stcletusparish.com/building or visit our Facebook page

"for it is in giving, that we receive"

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979 Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

February 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning a most serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced on January 20 that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those "services" in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has seemingly ignored the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. As a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics must be prepared either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration's sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens because of their religious beliefs. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America's cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. All that has been built up over so many years in our Catholic institutions should not be taken away by the stroke of an administrator's pen. This order reduces the Church to a private club, destroying her public mission in society. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same.

Therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting <a href="https://www.usccb.org/conscience">www.usccb.org/conscience</a> to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration's decision.

A letter similar to this is being sent to their people by diocesan bishops around the country. I thank you for your consideration of this unprecedented challenge to religious liberty. You and your families are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Most Reverend Francis Kane Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop of Chicago

Most Reverend John Manz Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Joseph Perry Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Most Reverend George Rassas Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Alberto Rojas Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago Most Reverend Andrew Wypych Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago



#### TALLER DE JOSÉ: LENTEN ALMSGIVING

As we begin the season of Lent, we are invited to a deeper commitment to live our Christian life. We make promises to fast and pray more. We are invited to "give alms," to share our resources with our neighbors who are in need. This year, the St. Cletus parish community is being invited to share its resources with the neighbors served by Taller de José.

Taller de José is a community resource center, located in Chicago's Little Village, which offers accompaniment to people in need, connecting people to services and services to people. Sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Taller de José exists to fulfill the mission of Jesus, "that all may be one." Taller de José offers companionship and personal attention to our under-served neighbors to assist them in navigating the social service system and linking them to the resources and services needed.

The accompaniment ministry provided by Taller de José is more than sitting in an office, listening to people relate their stories, or making a few phone calls. Accompaniment takes place beyond the office, as staff accompanies clients by public transportation...standing in line, waiting in courts, health care facilities, government offices and social service agencies. When accompanying a client, Taller de José is a supportive presence, walking and journeying with them, offering information, direction, advocacy, emotional support and insight. Taller de José does not duplicate already existing services in the ecclesial and civic communities of Chicago, but partners with them to help to alleviate human sufferings caused by, but not limited to, hunger, domestic abuse, addictions, homelessness, sickness, and violence. For more information, visit our website at www.tallerdejose.org.

On the first Sunday of Lent, we invite each parish family to be a good neighbor and assist the neighbors served by Taller de José. Collection banks will be available as you leave Church. We look forward to sharing with you the stories of neighbors served by Taller de José. As we journey throughout the Lenten season, please be generous in assisting our neighbors in need in the Chicagoland area, with your prayers and sacrificial donations. We ask that you return your filled bottles on Holy Thursday or during Holy Week. Thank you!



This Wednesday, February 22, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at all Liturgies. Our Mass schedule is 6:30, 8:00, 9:00 a.m. (School Mass), 6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. (Spanish). A Prayer Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Church.



#### **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

#### PARISH LENTEN FORGIVENESS SERVICE

Please note that St. Cletus's Parish Forgiveness Service will be held on Monday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity. More information to follow.



#### HEALING POWER

Stronger than all the evils in the soul is the Word, and the healing power that dwells in him.

-Origen

# social Concerns Ministry

#### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In almost every country, groups of Christian friends known as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul work to bring help and hope to persons in need. Active SVDP membership, which entails the regular person to person service of distressed persons, is a universally recommended way of Christian caring. However, not every parishioner is equipped for or attracted to this kind of in-person encounter with suffering. But every parishioner, no matter what his capacities and circumstances can be partnered in SVDP's charitable activities. How?

- By praying for those in our community who are vulnerable and troubled.
- If able, by making a monetary donation in the SVDP donation box located in the church vestibule.
- By dropping off clean, gently used clothes and shoes in the St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drop Box, located in the St. Cletus parking lot. These clothes are used in the SVDP Family Thrift Shop's voucher program, which allows less fortunate people to receive clothing and shoes at no cost to them.

Thank you for your support!

#### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We were able to prepare more than 225 bags of non-perishables for our February monthly distribution, thanks to your generous contributions. We also completed our distribution of winter accessories, which were donated by those attending the Women's Club Christmas Luncheon. Since each of our families does not come every month, it took us this long to ensure most families had the chance to choose this "surprise" extras. They were most appreciative and enjoyed picking an item from the beautiful assortment of hats, gloves, scarves, socks and slippers. Thank you!

We do now have empty spaces on our pantry shelves. Please help us to replenish them by bringing in an item or two when you come to Mass. Most needed items include jelly, pasta (spaghetti and other assorted noodles), macaroni and cheese, boxed side dishes, canned meat, cereal, and extras, such as crackers, cooking oil, baking items, powdered or canned milk, coffee, juice, laundry detergent and diapers. As always, any in date non-perishable is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all parishioners and friends who continue to be so supportive and generous.

#### MAKE NETWORKING YOUR PRIORITY

More than 60% of jobs are found through networking. In fact, it is one of the most effective tools you will use during your job search. Help others help you... join Interfaith Career Network for a supportive evening of networking on Thursday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. Meet with other job seekers in our community. Expand your network with 1-2 roundtable sessions. Share leads, information and tips. Bring copies of your resume or a network handbill. If you don't have one, come anyway. We can help you. Hope to see you at the First Baptist Church, 20 North Ashland Avenue (across from the La Grange Post Office). Please use the Bell Avenue entrance. This program is open to all and there is no charge for attending.

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

#### Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

# "THE YEAR OF THE TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT" YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!

#### THANK YOU FOR THE FLEECE!

Thank you so much to our generous parishioners for donating fleece material to help us make blankets for the RML Specialty Hospital last Sunday night. We had so much material that we ran out of time to make all of the blankets! We will use them to make more for the hospital at another meeting!









#### ARCHDIOCESAN ALL NIGHT SKI EVENT 2012

Thank you to Fr. Edgar and all the teens who traveled to Chestnut Mountain on February 3/4. God blessed us with a safe, fun-filled trip!







#### PRAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Take time out of your busy day to pray and reflect! We will meet again **this Friday, February 24,** at 10:00 a.m. in our teen room. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

#### FANNIE MAY EASTER CANDY SALES TO BENEFIT OUR SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO SOLSBERRY, INDIANA

Thank you for your support! Please drop off money and forms to the rectory or school to the attention of Kristen Maxwell by **this Friday, February 24.** Extra forms will be available at the rectory and school. Call (708) 215-5419 or email **kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com** with any questions.

#### TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Small groups will meet in the homes of our catechists **this Sunday, February 19** at designated times. Sophomores will meet in the teen room this month. Registration is ongoing! We are always welcoming newcomers! Please contact Kristen with any questions.

## GIRLS' CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



Our high school girls' season will begin sometime in March and run through May. The schedule is being set. Forms and registration information are available on our website and are due back as soon as possible, preferably in the next week.

#### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Any high school teen is invited and encouraged to participate in our 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**, **February 28**, at 6:30 p.m. in the teen room. Bring your ideas for a logo!



## TEEN MUSICIANS

We will meet in the school music room on **Tuesday**, **February 28**, at 5:30 p.m. to gather with other talented teens to choose music for our next teen hosted Mass on Sunday, March 11, at 5:00 p.m.

#### Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

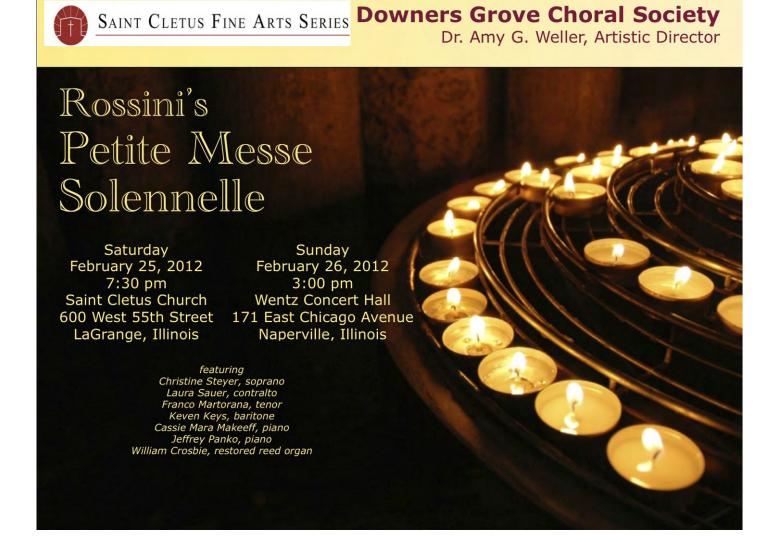
#### FINE ARTS CONCERT NOT TO BE MISSED!

On Saturday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m., St. Cletus Parish will host the Downers Grove Choral Society as part of our fine arts series. This 60-voice chorus will be accompanied by two pianos and a restored pump organ and joined by four professional vocal soloists.

The music performed will be Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle, which is a setting of the Mass text (Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, etc.) It is always interesting to hear interpretations of the sacred texts we know so well; Rossini takes the beauty and joyfulness of the texts and creates a masterpiece.

On a personal note, this is the choir that my wife and I sing with, and I am proud to welcome them to our parish. I hope that you will consider spending an hour and a half with us on Saturday to share in an exciting concert. Though this is a subscription concert for DGCS, because of your support of the fine art series, we are being offered tickets at the discounted rate of \$16 for general admission, \$12 for seniors (65+) admission. These tickets will be available this weekend after all the Masses. I hope to see you on Saturday!

## Justin Sisul Director of Music



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

**date** Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

time 7pm - Midnight

place William Tell Holiday Inn

6201 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL



Name		
Address		
Phone	Email	
Your support of St. Cletus	Number attending at \$75 per person.	\$
School is sincerely	Sponsor a St. Cletus Teacher's ticket to the auction at \$50 each.	\$
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gifts are tax-deductible to the	Pre-purchase Instant Wine Cellar "corks" at \$50 per cork.	\$
full extent of the law.	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

Please return this form to the St. Cletus School Office by Feb. 22nd.



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#### HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!!!

#### ATTENTION ALL GIRL SCOUTS

Join us Sunday, March 11, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass as we celebrate **Girl Scout Sunday**. All Girl Scouts are welcome to attend! Please wear your uniforms. Troop leaders will be in the back of church to direct you to your seats.

Parishioners who are Girl Scouts but do not attend St. Cletus School, please contact Amy Komsthoeft at **fishko@sbcglobal.net** for further information and to purchase a patch by March 2.



Please remember to clip and save box tops from participating General Mills products. Please drop them off in the box in the Minister's Room in Church. Thank you.



#### ST. CLETUS WEDDING MINISTRY

The St. Cletus Wedding Ministry cordially invites all parishioners, male and female, to join this ministry. We work in teams assisting the parish staff with wedding rehearsals and wedding day facilitation. Wedding ministers help to organize and run the wedding rehearsals, usually held the day before. On the wedding day, ministers are responsible for setting up the Sacristy, organizing the Bridal party and making sure that all things are running smoothly and on time. The ministers pick the wedding dates to fit their schedules. For more information, please contact me at (708) 246-6175.

#### Diane Andrews

Wedding Ministry Director

#### St. Cletus



The next book is

**Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**by Jamie Ford

We will meet to discuss it on

Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. (Room 102 of the Education Building)

Questions? Email Ioriashe@aol.com

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian; Mardi Gras;

**Shrove Tuesday** 

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday;

Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving;

Washington's Birthday

Thursday: St. Polycarp Friday: Abstinence



#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hey Boys and Girls, Moms & Dads, we're back for our 6<sup>th</sup> year of Bible School. Another Great Bible School Adventure Week begins on June 18, from 9:00 a.m.–Noon. This year, we will spend a week discovering that with God all things are possible. Registration forms are now in the Religious Education Office or on-line. For more details or information, call the Religious Education office at (708) 352-2383 to discuss the program with Sr. Pat or Holly.

**NEEDED:** Adult Station Leaders and teen Crew Leaders from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and up willing to help our young adventurer's Explore God's World during the week of June 18 from 8:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.. Call Sr. Pat or Holly at (708) 352-2383 or email **re@stcletusparish.com**.

# SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP (SCSG) Multi Parish Ministry For singles in their 40's and 50's February/March Events

#### MASS & DINNER

Sunday, February 19 – 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's, 125 Herrick, Riverside Followed by dinner at Chef Shangri la, 7930 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., North Riverside

#### **DINNER & KARAOKE**

Friday, February 24 - 7:00 p.m. Celebrating the <u>SCSG's 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary</u> JC's Pub & Restaurant, 8650 Joliet Rd., McCook Followed by Karaoke

#### ROLLER DERBY

Saturday, March 10 – 6:00 p.m. at UIC Pavilion, 525 S. Racine, Chicago. — Carpooling will be available

#### SPACE GOLF

Saturday, March 24 – 6:00 p.m. – 15611 S.94<sup>th</sup> Ave., Orland Park.

Above events are subject to change. Visit our web site for up to date information.

www.suburbancatholicsingles.blogspot.com

You can contact us at <a href="mailto:singlesadmin@gmail.com">singlesadmin@gmail.com</a> Find us on Facebook - Suburban Catholic Singles

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Total Active Registered Families 2,771

Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used - this week 706 % of registered families 25%

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\$ 24,265 Total

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000

Over (under) Budget

(\$2,735)

This Fiscal Year @ 2/1212

Actual Sunday Collections \$887,490 <u>Budgeted Sunday Collections</u> 864,000 **YTD Over** (Under) than budget **\$10,490**  Thank you for your continued generous financial support and volunteering your time towards our various parish ministries.

**Amount Collected** 

Fr. Bob, Pastor

Our goal for the remainder of the fiscal year is to make a weekly deposit of \$500 into our Parish's Savings Account.

	WEEK	AT A GLA	NCE	
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT FTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS	
Monday, February 20	ALL FACILI			
Tuesday, February 21	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-200 MH	RCIA High School Boys' Church League	
ASH Wednesday, February 22	6:30, 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	C C C C	Mass with distribution of Ashes School Mass with distribution of Ashes Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes Mass with distribution of Ashes Spanish Mass with distribution of Ashes	
Thursday, February 23	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music S-102 MH	Children's Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Closed Meeting High School Boys' Church League	
Friday, February 24	10:00 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-208 C MH Lobby MH S-Music C S-207	Parents of Teen Prayer Group Stations of the Cross MANNA Cash & Carry PreK Family Event Spanish Choir Mary's Way of the Cross Spanish Ministry Bible Class	
Saturday, February 25	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	CV/East CV/West C	Distribution of Lenten Almsgiving containers MANNA Cash & Carry Fine Arts Concert	
Sunday, February 26	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	CV/East CV/West S-207 S-200	Distribution of Lenten Almsgiving containers MANNA Cash & Carry English Classes/GED Natural Family Planning Class	
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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