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February 26, 2012

First Sunday of Lent



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 February 27 - March 4, 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. 6:30 p.m.	Mary Ann Perry Lenten Mass
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Baby Carter, Marcie Johnston
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Ronnie Sacks, Jozef & James Slowik, Louis P. & Sophie Egielski, Phyllis Prevenas, Nan Rettig
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Joseph Wanat Ronald J. Drobny, Sr., Georgia Popp, John Murray
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Steve Baran, Harry & Rose Glowinski Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Stanley Michalec Gerald Giblin, Special Intention for Erik Antonio Montengro Kadlec Family, Don McMillin, Jr. Purgatorial Society



St. Cletus Parish Welcomes...

Maci Marie Cieczak,
daughter of Robert & Colleen (Egan) Cieczak

Charles Downs Weber,
son of Chris & Meghan (Downs) Weber
to the Catholic Faith through the
Sacrament of Baptism.



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Philip Hodak, Eddie 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...***



Mary White,
mother of Mike and Betsy

Stephen Paczolt,
husband of Kelly

Leonard Pietras

Lottie Kolman,
mother of Janet Bellisario

Stefanie Yakowicz,
mother of Bonnie Yakowicz

Guerino Valenti,
father of Tom Valenti



Mary Rose McLamore and Michael Boyle
Kathleen McKillip and Patrick Von Feldt



WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers.
Registration is available next weekend, March 3/4,
after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00,
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The native tribes of South America make a point of marking different events in a person's life in dramatic fashion. In a time-honored tradition, their young men are initiated into the tribe in a private ceremony. They will eventually receive honorable status in their society, but not before they endure differing rituals designed to test their strength and, perhaps, to humble them a little. Somehow, these rites of passage for different occasions help the men become loving, caring husbands and tribesmen. These societies have no doubt learned that the only way humanity moves forward is when it has the courage to face its weakness and fears.

Like Matthew and Luke, Mark shows Jesus going through a time of testing. Each account, in a different way, tells us that Jesus has to endure his strengthening, his initiation, before he can preach his message of salvation. The spirit that leads him to the wilderness is the same spirit that will tell him he is a beloved son. His preparation to do the will of the Father will not be complete, until he spends those hungry days alone with his thoughts, finding out who he is.

To the people of the day, the wilderness of the desert was a lonely place, cut off from the support of one's family. How could one survive this experience, vulnerable and exposed to danger? In fact, Jesus is facing those demons that we all must face at some time in our lives: the terrible vulnerability of aloneness, and the inevitability of death. His days alone were a foretaste of the cross to come. Of course, we know that this testing leads to freedom and through the cross, to redemption. Since we are baptized into Christ, we too can overcome the obstacles that may confront us. We can rest safely in the knowledge that Christ has overcome even death itself.

Perhaps like Noah, we cannot fully understand what real freedom looks like, until we experience vulnerability. As the early Christian mystics say, we cannot understand the language of the cross, until we have faced darkness in our own lives. To be a builder of the kingdom means being a person of compassion; we cannot be that person without suffering. Life brings with it many forms of testing. For some it may be an embittering experience, leaving them cold and closed. For us, as people of the promise, it can be a turning point, a cleansing experience, which leads us to growth and openness. This freedom can only come about if we, like Jesus, remember that we are beloved by the Father, who is with us at every stage of our journey. Like Jesus, we are accompanied by a Father who is intimately involved in our joys and our moments of weakness.

In this time of Lent, the Church asks us to spend time looking within ourselves. During the coming weeks, we are to confront our fears and temptations, in order to enter into a fuller relationship with Christ. The Gospel reminds us that the Father, who strengthens his son in the desert, is the same God who renews the promises to an unfaithful people and is bound with them forever. This is the good news we all need to hear, and are all called to share.

What does this good news look like? Well, we know it transforms people; it makes them turn around, repent, and start again. It gives hope; it drives away fear; it promotes true peace; it is concerned about others; it builds up what is good, and destroys what is evil. When we begin to see this work of God in our lives, when we respond anew, we will find life: life in all its fullness.

Prayerfully Yours,

Father Bob
Pastor



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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT- Follow the rainbow

The rare and beautiful event of a rainbow usually lasts only a short while, but its colors and soaring form make a lasting impression. It follows storms as if to show the incredible beauty and peace of creation after a demonstration of its awesome power. In Hebrew scripture the rainbow symbolizes God's promise to Noah never to destroy the earth and all its creatures again with water, but just as important it was a sign of the wonderful re-creation of the world after the destruction of the biblical Flood. The season of Lent offers a unique opportunity to make a course correction on the path toward God. The goal is clear: the new life of Easter, fixed before your eyes like a glorious rainbow.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15 (23)*

"I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

LENTEN WEEKDAY-The least we can do

The vivid biblical descriptions of the Last or Final Judgment are designed to impress upon us the importance of taking our obligations to the less fortunate very seriously indeed. "But where to begin?" you might ask. The Corporal Works of Mercy are a pretty good place. If we each do our part, we can hope for the day when there will be no more hungry to feed, homeless to shelter, prisoners to visit, and the like. Then we can welcome that Final Judgment with confidence. But let's get started today—after all, none of us knows the day or the hour.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 (224)*

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

LENTEN WEEKDAY—Listen with your heart

One of the cornerstones of Lent is prayer, something we often consider *our* job: talking to God, pouring out our hearts, asking for what we need. It is all that, but more. If we compare prayer to the living intimacy between people who love each other, we will see clearly that if their conversation is one-sided, if they do not let the other speak, if they do not listen with the same intensity with which the other pours out their needs, then something is wrong. Someone put it this way: *Show up. Shut up. Pay attention.* Crude, but true. To spruce up one's spiritual life is to consider how one prays. Is there room in my time with God just to be? Must I always be talking or reading or planning? Can I simply wait? Listen?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (225)*

"My word . . . shall not return to me void."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

LENTEN WEEKDAY—Take a leap this year

Pope Gregory XIII established the calendar we use to count our days, weeks, and years in 1582—and there have been calls for its reform more or less continuously ever since. There are differences in the details, but in general the reform advocates say every month should have the same number of days and every date should fall on the same day of the week. These appeals for a new ordering of days always fail, partly because humans resist change and partly because an unchang-

ing calendar seems a little too rigid, a little too perfect. Logic and perfection have their place, to be sure. But so do flexibility and imperfection. February 29 is a good date to celebrate the latter.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32*

"There is something greater than Solomon here."

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

LENTEN WEEKDAY- Persistence pays off

The story of Queen Esther told in the Bible book that bears her name is a fascinating novella filled with subterfuge and intrigue. Esther uses her wit and wiles to get what she wants from the king, but her masterstroke is to use prayer and petition to get what she needs from God: namely a plan for deliverance for herself and her people. As we begin our Lenten journey, our first step should be to ask God to help us chart our course. Then, like Esther, we must fast, pray, and wait, and soon God's plan for us will be revealed.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Esther C 12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7: 7-12 (227)*

"Turn our mourning into gladness and our sorrows into wholeness."

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Out of the depths I cry to you

For some, prayer seems like a natural talent. For others, pulling teeth is easier! But for all, prayer is a necessary component of the life of faith. We seek a vital relationship with our Maker, and no relationship is complete without deep and meaningful communication. God begins the conversation with the words of scripture. You add your part in interceding for needs, offering thanks for gifts received, and singing praise for a world of wonders. As you abstain from meat on this global day of prayer, recommit yourself to the ways of fairness in family, work, civic, and international relationships.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 (228)*

"Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?"

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

FEAST OF KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN—Share your gifts

When you think about Catholic stewardship, does your mind go to collection envelopes and fundraising appeals? While certainly that is part of what it means, stewardship goes far beyond financial contributions. The U.S. Catholic Bishops wrote that stewardship is a call to receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly with others, and return them with increase to God (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*). We see examples of such stewardship in the church through people like Saint Katharine Drexel. She made good use of her education and financial resources, and she also made it her life's work to help people in need, an effort that continues through the religious community she founded, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. How can you create a legacy of stewardship?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48 (229)*

"The Lord . . . is to be your God and you are to walk in his ways and . . . hearken to his voice."

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**“LET US TURN OUR HEARTS AWAY FROM SIN
AND TURN IN FAITHFULNESS TO THE GOSPEL.”**

And so we were marked with the cross of ashes as we continue to “return to the Lord with our whole heart”. That is our Lenten challenge. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are invited once again to renew our relationship with God and one another – to live as Jesus did.

Each week of Lent we are invited to set aside time with those in our household to:

- Gather at the table
- To pray together
- Share a simple meal
- Reflect on our actions as being loving
- To celebrate the Eucharist
- To remember others during our Almsgiving

Throughout these forty days of Lent, we have committed ourselves to embracing the challenge of following Jesus. We are offering some suggestions of how we might enter into this holy season.

PRAYER

- Make a prayer space in your home: a small table or space for a Bible, a crucifix, prayer cards, a statue and candle.
- Pray the daily or Sunday Scripture readings (listed in the Canticle).
- Take turns praying the grace before meals (traditional or create one of your own). Pray for those who are hungry.
- Start a Lenten journal. Share your thoughts, concerns, hopes and fears with the Lord. Write your own unfiltered thoughts.

FASTING

- Keep one evening meal a week simple: soup and bread, a meatless dish.
Talk about the millions of hungry people who go without supper every day.
Donate the food or money you would have spent to our own food pantry (in the vestibule).
- Avoid impulse buying on non-essential things (toys, candy, pop).
- Fast from gossiping, unkind speech, judgmental or critical comments.
- Fast from your normal routine one day each week. Choose to do something for someone else or use as quiet time for yourself.

ALMSGIVING

- Set aside the money you spend on yourself in one week. Put it in the Taller de Jose container that will help a family become self-supporting.
- Ask your parents if you can help with a chore without being asked.
- Spend time with someone (in the family or outside) who needs a good listener.
- Do one act of kindness without seeking reward or recognition.

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.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING TALLER DE JOSÉ

Simon of Cyrene and Veronica accompanied Jesus while he carried the cross. This Lent, we are inviting you, the parish families of St. Cletus, to be like Simon and Veronica and to accompany Taller de José in its mission. Every day, the staff of Taller de José (Joseph's Workshop), a resource center in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood, continues in the footsteps of Simon and accompanies people in need, helping them find resources necessary to improve their lives.

Taller de José offers companionship and personal attention to people who have difficulty finding their way in a complex social system and who are often under-served and disregarded. Many of the clients who come to Taller de José are immigrants who find it difficult to find and access services because of language barriers, fear, or lack of knowledge. Taller de José partners with others to alleviate human sufferings caused by, but not limited to, hunger, domestic abuse, addictions, homelessness, sickness, and violence.

We look forward to sharing with you, in the upcoming weeks, some stories of individuals and families served by Taller de José. Since all services of Taller de José are free of charge, your sacrificial donations will help pay for transportation as well as the operational costs of office space and staff.

Today, as you leave Church, please take a donations bottle, which will be available at the doors. Filled bottles should be returned to Church on Holy Thursday or sometime during Holy Week. Thank you, and may our gracious God, who always accompanies us, be with you in this time of transformation in the Lenten season.

You can find out more about the ministry of Taller de José, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, on the website at www.tallerdejose.org.

SAVE THE DATE!
Join Father Ken Baker & Us
for the Friends of the Poor Benefit



Our very own star, Father Ken Baker, and the "Padres on Parade" will be the featured entertainment for the Chicago Society of St. Vincent de Paul's **4th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit** on **Sunday, April 15, 2012** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace.

The ticket price of \$75 per person will include a fabulous champagne brunch, silent auction, pick a prize, 50/50 raffle, the Big Raffle, and entertainment from "Padres on Parade." The Big Raffle prizes:
1st prize: 5 night cruise on the Royal Caribbean with a deluxe ocean view state room with balcony (including round trip airfare from Chicago,) **2nd prize:** 55-inch LG television, **3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th prizes:** \$250 gas card.

The benefit is a great opportunity to support and celebrate the good works of the Society. We invite you all to bring family and friends for a delicious meal, entertainment and camaraderie. You won't want to miss all the fun!

To attend, please contact Frieda Bertello at (312) 655-7181 or Frieda@svdpchicago.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE...

We greatly appreciate your continuing help in stocking our pantry shelves with in date non-perishables. As we pack bags for the March distribution, the items in shortest supply at this time are jelly, boxed side dishes, macaroni & cheese, canned tomatoes/tomato sauce, and extras, such as oatmeal, baking mixes, crackers, salad dressings, cooking oil, coffee, juice and cocoa mix. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Special thanks to our Leisure Loafers for their monthly donations to the Food Pantry. They are such a generous and fun-loving group!

DON'T FORGET... WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

Interfaith Community Partners, a network of trained volunteers from 13 local churches and the community, helps older adults in our area maintain their independence, share their wisdom and talents, and remain connected to the communities they helped to shape, through:

- Home Visits
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Grocery Shopping
- Phone Calls to Provide Reassurance

If you or a friend could benefit from these services or if you are able to volunteer to help, please call Interfaith Community Partners at (708) 579-8929.

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 pm. 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

INVITATION TO COME AND REBUILD THE CULTURE OF LIFE: "VIVA LA VIDA"

On Saturday, March 10, Msgr. Phillip Reilly, who is the founder of *Helpers of God's Precious Infants* and well-known long serving leader in the pro-life efforts, will be in Chicago to lead a prayer vigil. The day starts with Mass at Old St. Patrick's Church at 8:00 a.m. In light of the Eucharistic Congress to be held in Dublin, June 2012, prayers will be offered for the Irish Church in their fight for Life. The Mass will be followed by a rosary pilgrimage to an Abortion clinic that is three blocks away. The prayer vigil concludes at Old St. Patrick's Church.

The goal of our prayer vigil is to bring light to the darkness, and to ask Mary and Jesus for the conversion of souls.

For more information or question, Please contact volphilmoore@gmail.com.

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

FANNIE MAY CANDY BAR SALES AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 3/4

To raise funds for our summer mission trip to Solsberry, Indiana we will be selling candy bars again but **ONLY FOR ONE WEEKEND** this year. For \$1 we will be offering milk chocolate, milk chocolate with almonds, milk chocolate with caramel, milk chocolate with crisped rice, dark chocolate, and dark chocolate with mint cookies (new flavor). We really appreciate your generosity!

TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Small groups will meet in the homes of our catechists **next Sunday, March 4**, at designated times. Large groups will meet at **3:45 p.m. in Room 201 of the Education Building on Sunday, March 11** for reconciliation. We will walk over to our teen hosted Mass at 5:00 p.m. afterwards.

TEEN HOSTED MASS

All teens and families are welcome to join us on Sunday, March 11, at 5:00 p.m. for our teen hosted Mass. Teens are welcome to stay for pizza and social immediately following in Room 201 of the Education Building. Parents are invited for coffee in Room 102 while they wait for their teens.



LAST CALL: 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 as soon as possible.

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 this **Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m.** in the teen room. Bring your ideas for a logo!



TEEN MUSICIANS

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

MISSION TRIP MEETING

On **Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the Education Building**, we will have a teen only mission trip meeting. We will gather to pray, reflect, and socialize. Fannie May candy bars will be distributed at this time.

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.

Kristen Maxwell

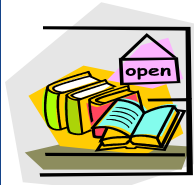
Youth Ministry



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2012

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.
- Psalm 25:4

ST. CLETUS PARISH LIBRARY DEBUTS THIS WEEKEND!



The CREDO Committee is pleased to announce the debut of the St. Cletus Parish Lending Library this weekend. For the time being, the library will be located on a cart in the church vestibule. Stock on the cart will be rotated on a regular basis, so check the cart every month for new items.

To sign out an item from the parish library, please fill out the date, your name, and your phone number on the card in the item, and put the card in the box provided. Loan periods are one month. When you return an item, we will cross off your phone number before the item is put on the shelf for loan again.

Books with the imprimatur and/or nihil obstat of the Catholic Church have red tape on the spine. The majority of the collection is comprised of books for adults, but there are a few children's books, CDs and DVDs.

Members of CREDO will be in the church vestibule between Masses this weekend to answer any questions you may have about the library. Enjoy!! We hope the library will give parishioners tools to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

Deb Blecic

CREDO Committee (CContinuing Religious EDucation Opportunities for adults)



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 Komsthoft at fishko@sbcglobal.net for further information and to purchase a patch by March 2.



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



ERIN POTTS INVITATIONAL

On behalf of the 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams, we would like to say **THANK YOU**. Whether you watched a game, bought a T shirt, had lunch, bought raffle tickets, or donated time or concessions toward the event, **THANK YOU**.

We were able to raise more than \$5500 for **BEAR NECESSITIES PEDIATRIC CANCER FOUNDATION**, with money is still coming in.

If you are interested in donating, please send a check to **St. Cletus School Attn: Erin Potts invitational**. Checks can be made out directly to **Bear Necessities** or **St. Cletus Athletic Association**. We will be happy to forward checks for you.

GOD'S POWER

We are not in our power, but in the power of God.

-St. Perpetua



**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
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ATTENTION LEISURE LOAFERS!

Our March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, at 1:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall. Please remember the Food Pantry!

I hope to see many of you there!

Alice Katzmarek

HOLY NAME MEETING

We will hold our next meeting on Friday, March 2, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 98 of the Education Building. The main topic of discussion will be our annual pancake breakfast which will be held on Sunday, April 1. Sign up sheets will be available at our meeting. Hope to see you there!


Dan Gibbons

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday



Gift Cards for Education

For this program vendors sell gift cards to us at a percent discount. We then sell them at face value.

Half of the proceeds helps our school the rest you can apply to tuition at St. Cletus or ANY public/private high school or college!

TODAY

For more Information or to order online visit
<http://www.stcletusparish.com/school/fundraising/manna>

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 14 @ 7 p.m.
 (Room 102 of the Education Building)

Questions? Email lorieashe@aol.com

Sunday Collection – February 19, 2012

Total Active Registered Families 2,771

Collection Statistics# of envelopes used this week 672
% of registered families 24%**Amount Collected**\$ 20,487 Envelopes Users
2,979 Loose Check/Cash
2,127 Electronic Giving**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000**
Over (Under) Budget: (\$1,407)**\$ 25,593 Total Collected**

This fiscal Year @ 2/19/12

Actual Sunday Collections: \$901,501

Budgeted Sunday Collections: 891,000**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ 10,501***Thank you for your continued generous financial support and volunteering your time toward our parish ministries.***Fr. Bob***Pastor****“AFTER JOHN HAD BEEN ARRESTED, JESUS CAME TO GALILEE PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF GOD...” MARK 1:14***

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill his Plan for us.

	WEEK AT A GLANCE		
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Monday, February 27	9:00 p.m.	MH	Mens' Basketball
Tuesday, February 28	7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-200 S-208 RB MH	RCIA Teen Advisory Board PPC High School Boys' Church League
Wednesday, February 29	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB MH C MH	Mission Ladies Market Day Lenten Mass High School Boys' Church League
Thursday, March 1	1:00 P.M. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH S-Music S-Music S-Music S-102 MH	Leisure Loafers Children's Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Closed Meeting High School Boys' Church League
Friday, March 2	2:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	C S-Music S-207 C S-207 S-98	Stations of the Cross Spanish Choir Spanish Ministry Bible Class Mary's Way of the Cross Spanish Ministry Class Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, March 3	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	CV/East CV/West	Teen Candy Sale Welcome Sunday
Sunday, March 4	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	CV/West CV/East S-207 C	Teen Candy Sale Welcome Sunday English Classes/GED First Communion Reconciliation
C.....Church CV.....Church Vestibule (East & West) MH....Morrissey Hall		S.... RB...	School (Education Building) Rectorly Basement

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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

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

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