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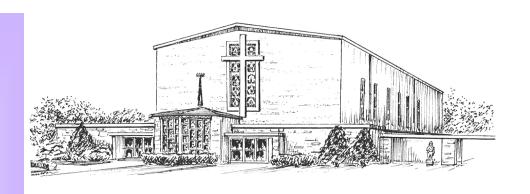
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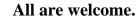


## St. Cletus Canticle

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Second Sunday of Lent





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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 March 5 - March 11

Day	Time	Intentions	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Jozef & James Slowik	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Frau Pia Gigl	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Fred Mandelos, Baby Carter Special Intention Lenten Mass	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Vieceli	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Skowron Family	
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Joseph Ulfig Georgia Popp, Raymond Masiliunas, Jacqueline Rybacki, Nancy Makris, Roger Westman, Rose Delaloye	
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Joseph & Wanda Kurland, George & Lorraine Kurland Patricia Halm, John Hopp Kathleen Szabelski, Special Intention for Erik Antonio Montengro, Don McMillen, Jr. William & Grant Hoskins, Ken Herzog, Chester Yobe Margarito Rodriguez	

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Philip Hodak, Eddie Wisner Frank Nash, Stacy Kwak, Bob Kunkel, Denny Dine, Sr., Fisher, Mary Dybas, James McSweeney, John Karch, Gertrude Koenig-Stoiber, Gerdi Dorso, Loretta Pavlik, N. Zagrodnik, Bob Zimmerman, Breann Moddes, Betty Joan Workman, Niwa, Betty Zapf, Donald Cuttill, Idolina Montano, Sue Kremer, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Lydia Ciaglia, Maeva Bishop, Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling, Joe 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...

John Krolicki, father of Jeff

*Gail Locker*, wife of Nicholas Finley

Edward Mezan, husband of Maryanne

Augustine Wolosechek

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Amen.



Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, March 6, and every first Tuesday of the month.

Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

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



Kathleen McKillip and Patrick Von Feldt



St. Cletus Parísh Welcomes...

Bianca Téllez,

daughter of Martin Téllez & Patricia Trejo

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;

Penitential Rite for Candidates for

Full Communion

Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Thursday: St. John of God

Friday: St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence

## NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Many examples are used to express the relationship of Christ with his people. One particularly powerful example can be used with younger children. A teacher holds aloft a box containing various articles, and tells the students that 'Inside this box is the best thing God ever made.' This should get the attention of the children. Then the teacher teases the class by emptying the box of its cargo: a chocolate bar, a music CD, the logo from the Chicago Bears, and a cell phone. As these are produced, the teacher asks if these are the best things God has made. The class is not sure. A child is then invited forward to look into the box, now empty except for a mirror at the base. The teacher reminds the class that in the box is the most beautiful thing God has made. Of course, when the child looks inside, all he/she sees is his/her reflection. Then this is shown to the class, who receives the message that we are each special, beloved by the Lord, and the best thing he ever made.

Children are usually able to accept this basic fact more easily than their parents. Hopefully, they will still be young enough to have not been told otherwise too often. Hopefully, they have not found themselves too hurt, and therefore tempted to close in on themselves. It is less likely that they will have failed too badly, or lost a relationship, and found themselves feeling worthless inside. By contrast, if you were to ask most of us adults to look into the mirror to see a wonderful creation of the Lord, would we readily believe it?

As Jesus begins his public ministry, he is comforted by a voice of assurance, a voice of love, which tells him he is beloved by his Father. This is a moment of truth, a moment of transfiguration. This gives Jesus the strength he needs to continue a journey that will lead to the cross. In our own lives, too, we need to know the love God has for us. We need to be reminded that we have been created by him and chosen in love.

Today the apostles see the glory of our Lord. They want to remain in this beautiful place. It is Peter who speaks up; "Let us stay here, I will set up camp." The impetuous apostle does not realize the significance of the moment. Just as Abraham imagined that the Lord would take his son, Peter imagines that they had already reached the end of their journey. Jesus has been acknowledged as the chosen one of God, not just in their presence, but also in the presence of history, in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. His next 'transfiguration' will wait until Gethsemane, the cross and finally the risen glory of Easter morning.

As we continue our pilgrimage through Lent, we look within ourselves for the strength we need to follow the way of the cross. We need a reminder of God's love in our moments of doubt. Sometimes we lose the ones we love; sometimes we find ourselves lost, unsure of our next move in life. If our God loves us, why do these things happen to us? There are no easy answers to such questions. Yet, we know that God has given us the ultimate gift; he has given his Son that we might be free. Could it be that in facing dark times, with God on our side, we become more whole? We have the choice to be alone and embittered, or to walk with him and hear that voice of encouragement... the voice that transfigures, calls us to be more than we are already...the voice that calls us his beloved.

Each of us has the capability of building others up, of showing them the love of Christ by our actions and our lives. Thank God we do not struggle alone. Like Christ, we each have moments of transformation along the way of faith that leads us to Easter. Those defining moments may be fleeting, but they point to the Father's presence with us. They may be an embrace, a wedding day or the birth of a new baby: high-points in our lives, confirming us, just as Christ is confirmed in the presence of Moses and Elijah, the Lawgiver and the Prophet.

Transformation is more than one moment. Christ's transfiguration is the start of a long journey of endurance towards another hill and a more painful spectacle that leads to our freedom. Peter hopes the moment will last, but as we know, such moments never do. Yet our little moments of transfiguration, instances when we are shown love, acceptance, and encouragement by others, are moments when we are given strength to journey on, like Jesus, to the moment of Redemption. They echo the voice of a God who says to each of us, "you are my chosen ones."

Lenten Prayers,
Father Bol
Pastor



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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Be-loved, and loving

One of the deepest human spiritual longings is to know ourselves as the beloved of God. Maya Angelou, in her memoir *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, recalls being asked by her teacher to read a section from a book that ended with the words, "God loves me." He instructed her to say the passage again and again. Eventually it dawned on her there might be truth in those words. She writes: "I suddenly began to cry at the grandness of it all. I knew that if God loved me, then I could do wonderful things. I could try great things, learn anything, achieve anything." This Lent know that God loves you, and ask God to use you to help another know that he or she is beloved.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10 (25)

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

#### MONDAY, MARCH 5

#### LENTEN WEEKDAY - Let's give it up for Lent

If you grew up Catholic, you probably heard the question (perhaps more often than you would have liked!): "What are you giving up for Lent?" Often enough it was about forgoing goodies such as chocolate or your favorite television show. Good enough as far as it goes, if it taught you something about healthy self-denial. But there is another, more interior way to give things up for Lent—things such as the judgmental comments that come from a secret sense of superiority or the condemning attitude that is nothing more than self-righteousness dressed up in sharp clothes. The real action in the spiritual life, we learn as we age, is interior. So: what will you give up this Lent?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230) "The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 6

#### LENTEN WEEKDAY - That's the reality of the situation

Every so often a Milwaukee mother of five teens was in the habit of having what she called a "reality check." She and her husband would get everyone together to make plain the rules of the house and their expectations of mutual family responsibility and respect. She joked about it with friends, but those frank and honest meetings succeeded in keeping the family healthy as the children all grew to become mature and happy adults with children of their own. It's a way of looking at Lent: Reality-therapy in which you stand back and assess how it is between you and God, not by your own standards but by God's.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231)* 

"Cease doing evil; learn to do good."

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

#### FEAST OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS - Give it your all

The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicitas is an early Christian document that records the martyrdom of four catechumens—Perpetua, Felicitas, Saturninus, and Revocatus—and their catechist, Saturus, Perpetua's brother. Although Christians were heavily persecuted in the third century, these young people were so compelled by the life and message of Jesus that they were wiling to face torture and death to be part of the Christian community. The process for most catechumens today is not as dangerous, yet still there remains a profound sense of giving one's life to God and being willing to give one's life for others. Let us pray for catechumens who this Lenten season are being immersed in the mystery of our faith. May they and their catechists have

the spirit, courage, and peace of these martyrs.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232) "Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?"

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 8

#### FEAST OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

#### Do something spontaneous for God

Even before making a total commitment to serving the sick and the poor, it was clear that the 16th-century Portuguese Saint John of God was a compassionate person who wanted to serve others, even though his early life was a bit colorful—he left home at 9 to become a shepherd and then a soldier. After the army he went on a trip to Africa intending to ransom Christian hostages from Muslim captivity, came to the aid of a grieving family at the docks who had been exiled from Portugal, and became a traveling religious goods salesman so that more people could have access to spiritual books and images. Such an impetuous desire to help others could have come only from utter trust in God. It's an impulse you, too, can follow.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233) "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord."

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

## FEAST OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS; DAY OF ABSTINENCE How do you encourage others?

Recent studies of families suggest that parents have favorites among their children. It's hard not to take special delight in the accomplished daughter, the charming son, the child who's remarkably trouble-free to bring up. Yet good parents know that tucking these biases away is important because the struggling child needs encouragement and support even more than the darling. In a biblical story Jacob wasn't good at hiding his preference for Joseph, to the predictable outrage of his brothers. Today as we abstain from meat we might resolve to offer extra encouragement to those who need it—and "fast" from the impulse to favor or disfavor.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

[Joseph's brothers said], "Come on, let us kill him . . . . We shall then see what comes of his dreams."

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 10**

#### LENTEN WEEKDAY-Tolerate the truth

Today marks the feast of Saint John Ogilvie, a Jesuit priest executed for practicing Catholicism in Glasgow in 1560. John used scripture to preach tolerance. During Lent we not only prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord but also work on being more accepting and respectful toward each other. John believed that the Catholic Church embraced all people and that is why he preached the gospel, even though it got him killed. As we continue to grow this Lent, let us work on being more tolerant and, as John said, "Come to the knowledge of the truth."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 7: 14-15; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32* (235)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

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#### LENTEN ALMSGIVING TALLER DE JOSÉ

In today's first reading, Abraham responds faithfully to God, and God bestows blessings on him and all of his descendents. During Lent, we are called to listen to God's voice in our lives and respond in faith. In this week's story (below) we meet Marco, a man struggling with debt, and see how he experienced a faithful response to his needs, as the "Companions" of Taller de José listened to God's voice.

#### MARCO'S STORY

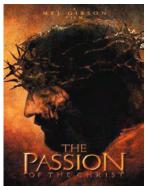


Marco came to Taller de José in January 2009 seeking assistance with his financial situation. He had severe credit card debt and did not understand the first thing about getting rid it. Due to this debt, his paychecks were being garnished. He had tried to file for bankruptcy a year before, but the legal firm he went to was charging him thousands of dollars for court, filing, and attorney fees. We accompanied Marco through phone calls to low-cost legal services to set up appointments to discuss his case. We walked with him to court to file appearances and sat with him in court. Taller de José also connected Marco with an organization that would help him manage his credit card debt and his finances so that in the future this would not happen. Marco's fear of living with this debt and fear of the legal system was put at ease with Taller de José. He thanks Taller de José very much because "they don't ask for money, their first priority is to help people and they do it out of the kindness of their hearts." Marco has learned a lot from this experience and from the staff at Taller de José as today he manages his money much better.

This week we **pray** that we may recognize the inherent dignity in all of God's people, and we **fast** so that our sacrifices may bring new life to others. We **give** so that Taller de José, through our generous support, can continue to listen and walk with those in need, connecting people to services and services to people. We invite you to pray daily the Lenten Prayer of Peace and Justice, found in your Taller de José almsgiving container, to meditate on the Lenten Reflection, and to further educate yourself on the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching... all found in your Taller de José almsgiving container. If you do not already have a container, they are available in the church vestibule. Two websites you may want to visit as you make your Lenten journey towards Easter are: **www.tallerdejose.org** for more information about Taller de José, a sponsored ministry of the sisters of St. Joseph.

#### THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

#### The Movie, Adoration, and Benediction



On Sunday March 11, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., join the CREDO Committee for a Lenten mini-retreat. We will begin in Room 98 (kindergarten room) of the Education Building with the viewing of the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. After the movie, a brief period of meditation will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction in the Church.

As Monica Miller states in her book *The Theology of The Passion of the Christ*, the movie "is a religious meditation ... and functions as an icon ... intended to stimulate, arouse, and provoke faith .. and a response to the person of Christ and his mission of redemption. *The Passion* has the power to bring the viewer to a deeper awareness of the sacrifice of Christ and His great love for mankind to have endured such suffering." The movie "has the ability to deepen, even awaken faith."

Come join us to contemplate the sacrifice Christ made for us and then spend some time in His presence. Due to the graphic nature of the film, this event will be limited to adults only.

### **CREDO** Committee

(Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities for adults)

# SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

#### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We still have a little ways to go towards our goal of packing 225+ bags for our March 8 food distribution. Although all in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated, our most needed items at this time include spaghetti noodles, boxed side dishes (examples: potatoes, tuna or hamburger helper) canned chili, canned meat, jelly, coffee, cocoa, dish soap and laundry detergent.

Recently the students of Nazareth Academy, who were purchasing tickets for their Spring Dance, also brought in a box of cereal to donate to the St. Cletus Food Pantry. We were all winners, as the students received a "discount" on their tickets. Thanks to the school's staff and students

Lastly, I'd like to offer a heartfelt word of appreciation to our volunteers, who so faithfully stock the shelves; pack the bags; shop for supplemental groceries; volunteer at the Chicago Food Depository (the credits they earn help us pay for economically priced good we order from the Depository); help on the day of distribution, and do whatever it takes to keep up with the need. This is an ongoing ministry, which requires many, many helping hands as well as the generous food and monetary donations of parishioners and friends in the community. THANK YOU to contributors and volunteers from me and from all those we serve!

#### LEVERAGE LINKEDIN DURING YOUR JOB SEARCH

Interfaith Career Network invites you to learn more about LinkedIn on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 pm. Our presenter, Aileen Gilpin, will speak to various social media topics including How to Use Social Media in Your Job Search. Additionally, Aileen will present an interactive demonstration on how to effectively use today's most professional online tools. Watch step by step as she creates a solid LinkedIn profile with one of our job seekers, along with some nice extras you can add to yours. LinkedIn is a powerful tool for all job seekers and can help connect you to new key business contacts when you understand how to use it effectively. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an expert in the social media field. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to all and there is no charge to attend.

P.S. If you have the time, consider building your own profile on LinkedIn prior this meeting. It's good practice and may lead to many questions that Aileen can answer for you. Try it

## Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

#### COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

"Each month the St. Cletus the Compassionate Care Ministry sends cards of sympathy and support to those parishioners who have lost loved ones. We count on the generosity of our parish to supply the stamps necessary for these mailings. Our supply is almost depleted, so if anyone would consider donating a book or two of stamps it would be greatly appreciated. You may drop them off at the rectory office or put them in an envelope marked "CCM" and simply put it in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you so very much."

### Barb Gleespen

Compassionate Care Committee

### 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.



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

#### AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND MARCH 3/4: FANNIE MAY CANDY BAR SALES

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!

#### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Thanks to our 12 volunteers who helped us pack 12,744 meals on February 21. It was enough food to feed 35 children for a year!





#### TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Small groups will meet in the homes of our catechists **this Sunday, March 4**, at designated times. Sophomores will meet in the teen room again this month.

Large group 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.

#### MISSION TRIP MEETING

This **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.

#### 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.

#### **DROP-IN**

Our next drop-in is Tuesday, March 13, from 5:30–8:00 p.m. in the teen room. All high school teens are welcome to "drop-in" during those hours for games, music, and hanging out. Hope to see you there! Bring your friends!

#### 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/vouth..

#### Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

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

Aspirancy – An academic year in which Marlene and I attend all-day classes twice a month and evening classes once a month. These classes covered theology, cultural diversity, the Sacraments, family/marriage, spirituality, Church history and ministry in its many forms.

After each class a reflection paper was required from both of us (this requirement was dropped for the following year in light of our class feedback), to say Marlene was less than enthusiastic about this particular aspect of aspirancy would be to understate her actual feelings and comments!!

We had various evaluations to complete: Marriage compatibility (we thought "Are they kidding?" we'd been in love, totally committed to each other and married for 36 years at the time.)

Personality tests – for those familiar with Meyers-Briggs and who know us you'll not be surprised to learn that I was an extrovert and Marlene the opposite. If Marlene were to do the evaluation today I think the outcome might well be different given how she's positively blossomed as we have taken this diaconate journey together!!

So much for the academics, the program also included a retreat led by Fr. John Canary, (Vicar General of the Archdiocese and now Monsignor) up at USML, Mundelein. What an experience, our first ever retreat and we were so blessed to have Msgr. Canary as our Retreat Master. The experience was powerful, moving and very encouraging in our spiritual journey and as I wrote at the time we both realized that the graces God bestowed on Marlene and I needed to be used in His service.

### As part of our cultural diversity training we attended three very different masses:

A Spanish Mass @ Most Blessed Trinity, Waukegan was both reverent and entertaining, with excellent musicians and choir.

A Polish Mass@ St. John Brebeuf, Niles was deeply reverent – no talking before mass, no leaving early, (please note) and almost all received the Eucharist on the tongue. The Polish communities are less familiar with the role of Deacons than most, indeed at the time Poland had only two deacons total!

An African American Mass @ Holy Angels, Oakwood Blvd., Chicago was loud, energetic, spiritual and entertaining and while it lasted well over two hours, such was the joyful atmosphere it just didn't seem like it. The homily by Dcn Leroy Gill was just outstanding - "Jesus, Jesus" unforgettable.

Great experiences and we were warmly welcomed (and fed) by all.

My Summer 2009 internship and our appearance before the Scrutinies Board - See next installment!!



#### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 23, at 2:30 p.m., at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State St., Chicago, IL. Couples married in 1962 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish (708-352-6209) to register.

For further information, call the Family Ministries Office at (312) 534-8351 visit the website: www.familyministries.org.



## **Religious Education Summer Bible Study**

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Then join us this summer for Sky! At Sky kids discover that everything is possible with God! Sky is filled with incredible experiments, team-building games, cool faith-filled songs, and tasty treats. Children of ages 4-9 are invited to join us as we have fun and learn more about Jesus!

The fun begins on Monday, June 18, from 9:00 a.m. 'til Noon in Morrissey Hall, and continues all week long. The cost is \$30 per child. Registration information and forms are available in the Religious Education Office and on the Parish Web Site's under the Religious Education tab. We are limited to 90 students – Don't delay in

**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**.

#### Sr. Pat

Director of Religious Education

#### **COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!**

Next weekend we will take up the **Collection** for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide food, shelter, medical care, catechesis, and companionship for the lonely in a region still struggling in the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule. Your donations help to restore the strength of the Church in the region. Please give generously to the Collection next week. Visit **www.usccb.org/nationalcollections** to learn more.

#### 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, @ 7:00 p.m. (Room 102 of the Education Building)

Questions? Email lorieashe@aol.com







Sister Pat McKee, our Religious Education Director, is an Adrian Dominican Sister. The Adrian Dominicans will be having an Arts and Crafts Bazaar here at St. Cletus.

**Date:** March 24/25

**Place:** Room 98 of the Education Building **Time:** Saturday after the 5 p.m. Mass

**Sunday**: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Please come and see the beautiful art work and creativity of the Sisters.

GREAT BARGAINS!

Look for more details in future Canticles.



CREDO has opened a new lending library, located in the church vestibule. The library committee consists of Karen McDonnell, Rose Adamec, and (not pictured) Deb Blecic.



#### PROGRAMS AT THE WELL

Experience a **Labyrinth Retreat** that is sure to enhance your Lenten journey. This walking, spiritual tool helps one connect to the Divine. Registration and orientation begin at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 6, and the program concludes with a closing prayer at 12:30 p.m. Sister Janet Bolger, CSJ, facilitator, incorporates quiet time and journaling into the agenda. Light refreshments are included. Suggested donation is \$25.

**Poverty and Prayer** is about an afternoon with filmmaker and author Gerard Straub. On Sunday, March 11, from 1–4:00 .m. Straub will share film clips that uncover the devastating poverty in some of Earth's worst slums. You will learn of his personal story of conversion that impelled him to move from making Hollywood movies to filming documentaries that invite us into solidarity with the world's most vulnerable people. The program is supported by a Generous Promises grant from the Congregation of St. Joseph. The cost is \$20; however students are admitted free.

All programs are held at The Well, located at 1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park. To register, please call (708) 482-5048 or visit the website at **www.csithewell.** 

# "THE IRISH SPIRITS" ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

Reserve Thursday, March 15, from 6-8:00 p.m. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, family style, at Palmers in La Grange, featuring "The Irish Spirits," former St Cletus Track Coach, banjo player, Jack Kiley, current SFX Football Coach, guitar player, Tom Kiley, and former SFX Associate Pastor, keyboard player, Reverend Mike Shanahan! See you there.



#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Richard Rohr, OFM and Laurence Freeman, OSB will be presenting a weekend seminar in the Chicago area in February 2013, which is sponsored by The World Community for Christian Meditation (wccm.org). There is a need for volunteers to help plan this event. An informational meeting will be held at *St. John of the Cross Parish Center* on Tuesday, March 6, 7-8:00 p.m. For further information, contact Betsy Spiering at (708) 246-8315 or wccmchgo@gmail.com.



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If interested, please call Barb at (630) 856-6998 to reserve your spot.

## 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.

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

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 4, 2012

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31b

## Sunday Collection - February 26, 2012

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\$ 10,303

Total Active Registered Families 2,766

**Collection Statistics** 

Amount Collected \$67 \$ 21,602 Envelopes Use

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Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000

Over (Under) Budget:

YTD Over (Under) budget:

\$ 26,803 Total Collected

This fiscal Year @ 2/26/12
Actual Sunday Collections: \$928,303
Budgeted Sunday Collections: 918,000

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Fr. Bob, Pastor

	WEEK	AT A GLA	NCE
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Monday, March 5	7:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	CVS/East S-201 MH	Adoration Sign up Track Parent Meeting Men's Basketball
Tuesday, March 6	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.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.	CVS/East C S-201 S-200 S-207 S-213 RB C MH	Adoration Sign up Adoration & Benediction Mission Trip Meeting RCIA PreCana Social Concerns Ministry School Board Meeting Spanish Adoration High School Boys Church League
Wednesday, March 7	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB C S-102 S-200 MH	Mission Ladies Lenten Mass RE Catechist Meeting Worship Ministry High School Boys Church League
Thursday, March 8	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music CV S-Music S-Music S-102 MH	Children's Choir Food Pantry Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Closed Meeting High School Boy's Church League
Friday, March 9	2:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C MH Lobby S-Music C S-207	Stations of the Cross MANNA Cash & Carry Spanish Ministry Choir Stations of the Cross (English & Spanish) Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, March 10			
Sunday, March 11	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	S-207 C S-98 S-201 C	English Classes/GED Girl Scout Mass CREDO Passion of the Christ Movie Teen Faith Formation Benediction following Movie Teen Mass
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.

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Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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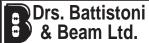


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