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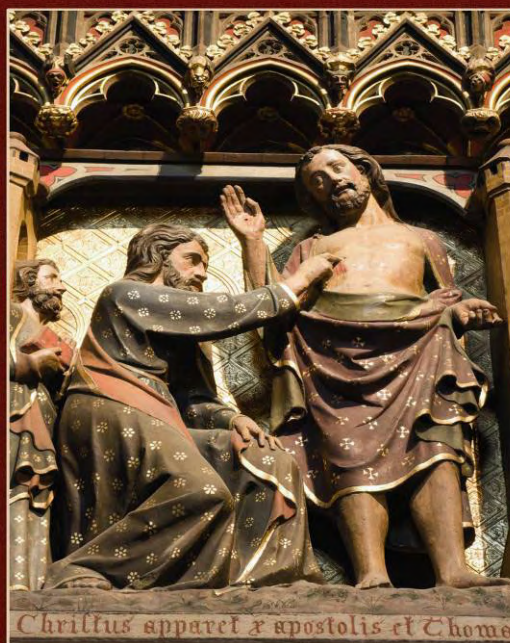
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**April 15, 2012**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**



Jesus said to Thomas,  
"Put your finger here and see my hands,  
and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."  
John 20:27



**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 April 16 - April 22, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Walter & Marcie Johnston
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Callaghan
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Viecei
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Ruth Wandtke, Erik Geyer, Anna Pleskza
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mary Dybas Henry & James Meske, August Engler, Georgia Popp, Domenica Frasca, Mamie Wycislo, Benjamin James Purcell
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Walter & Julia Stetz, Mamie Wycislo, Irene Kubrak, Mary Matuszewski Jean Premo George O'Connell, Joseph & Virginia Shepler, Louis Guide, Len Wehrmeister Edward Mezan, Helen Mooney, Stephen Callaghan Souls in Purgatory

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



***Dorothy Veselsky,***  
mother of Jerry

***Len Wehrmeister,***  
husband of Rhea

***Antoinette McMurray***

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



Please remember our sick in your prayers:  
Georgeen Butkus, Floyd Placzek, Rene  
Quinones, Philip Hodak, Eddie Wisner Frank  
Nash, Stacy Kwak, Bob Kunkel, Denny Dine, Sr.,  
Harry Fisher, 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, Kathryn Super-Wilson,  
Lydia Ciaglia, Maeva Bishop, Katie Meyer,  
Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling,  
Joe Saban, Jean Weekley, Marilyn Matesevac.  
Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing  
homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

### DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things--from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes--are "proof that there is a God." We get so caught up in the story of "doubting Thomas" that we fail to notice that today's Gospel gives us John's account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas' disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God--the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as "God"---more remarkable.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
(or of Divine Mercy)  
Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa  
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
Saturday: St. Anselm

### EVERYTHING

God, of your goodness give me yourself, for  
you are enough for me. And only in you do I have  
everything.

—St. Julian of Norwich

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

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*One of the stranger facts of the Second World War was the survival of 1,500 Jews in the city of Berlin. Their continued existence relied on a mixture of cunning, courage, luck and determination on their part. An unexpected group of Germans-- from lovers to employers who hid employees in their factories-- also assisted them. As one employer dryly remarked: "When the penalty for hiding one is the same as for hiding seven, you may as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb." On the other hand, betrayal could come from those on whom the Jews might have hoped to rely.*

*As the Gestapo arrived at an apartment block, one couple-- a mother and son-- sought refuge with neighbors, having first taken the precaution of locking the main door. Christmas carols drifted from inside the apartments, as one neighbor after another refused them, as if they had never known them. There was certainly no room in the inn. In the end, a stranger, a little old lady, ushered them speedily into her home and hid them under her bed. When the Gestapo arrived, they passed swiftly by such an insignificant and obviously law-abiding person.*

*Most of the survivors moved away from Berlin at the end of it all. But, as one survivor said, "What the Nazis also achieved was to make me Jewish." What, in the beginning for some, had been a forgotten or unheeded characteristic became not just the reason for persecution, but also a focal point of pride and belief.*

*In its original form, John's gospel concentrates the stories of the resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit into one chapter. Then, as if it was by popular request, John tags on another final chapter, with further supportive resurrection experiences.*

*The summary of the earlier chapter offers concise points of reflection on the risen Lord. To appreciate them fully, we have to read them against the background of the whole gospel; their significance has already been traced for us by John in the body of the gospel text. John's gospel, more self-evidently than the synoptic gospels, is imbued throughout with the presence of the risen Lord.*

*The two themes, which dominate today's gospel, reflect the usual pattern used by John, of gift and response. Jesus appears as the bringer of peace and the giver of the Holy Spirit. What is asked in response from his followers is faith, as the indispensable channel for the new life in the Spirit.*

*Throughout the gospel Jesus has illustrated, through signs and teaching, his special relationship with the Father, a relationship which enables him to bring people into a new way of living. Jesus is now recognized in his gift of peace and in his life-giving wounds. The disciples are filled with joy at seeing him; Jesus empowers them with the Holy Spirit, who will enable them to forgive sins and remove the blindfolds we put on ourselves.*

*The story of Thomas shows how difficult this can be, if Jesus does not physically show himself to us. John uses this story of doubt to end his gospel with a reminder of the great need for faith. It is such faith that will enable the persecuted early Christians to discover true life in the presence of the Lord.*

*We can find many barriers on the path to accepting the new life of the risen Lord. There is the lack of faith which dulls our perception, preventing us from seeing God's power working through us and in his world. There is sin, depression, sometimes even despair. There is our heavy investment in secular preoccupations and our failure to make the links between them and the divine life, which can be celebrated in them.*

*Faith is not a purely intellectual adherence to the Creed or the truths taught by the Church. Openness of mind and heart, nourished by prayer, the sacraments and our fellowship with other believers, allows us to discern God's love at work in us and in the world. Just as we recognize the risen Lord through his gift of peace and through his wounds, so we, too, express our faith through the giving and receiving of peace and through the living out of our own woundedness and vulnerability.*

***Blessings of the Risen Lord—Alleluia!!!***

***Father Bob***  
***Pastor***





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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Don't be reasonable**

Musing about the ideal frame of mind for artists and writers, the English romantic poet John Keats wrote that they must be "capable of being in uncertainties, mysteries, doubts without any irritable reaching after fact and reason." He called this state "negative capability." The prospect of abiding in uncertainty might feel uncomfortable for us ordinary folks, but Keats understood that where uncertainty, mystery, and doubt exist, anything can happen. It's the place where miracles are possible; in fact it's where the risen Christ resides. As the church continues the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, today might be a good day to ponder Keats' idea. For the remainder of the Easter Season try to refrain from "any irritable reaching after fact and reason."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (44)*

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

**MONDAY, APRIL 16**

**EASTER WEEKDAY - What makes for faith?**

Before the stories that would become scripture were written down, one wonders what ordinary daily life was really like for those who had heard, were touched by, believed in, even loved and followed Jesus. Scripture would one day testify to the Resurrection, but in those first years what made believers so adamant that they were able to stand up to rejection and persecution was a trust in God and the witness of others, an act of abandonment to love. Everyone has a story of how they came to believe, of persons and experiences who challenged their faith and of those who deepened and confirmed it. Remember your story and thank those who supported you today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:23-31; 1 John 3:1-8 (267)*

*"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness."*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17**

**EASTER WEEKDAY - Be prepared to testify**

In the Book of Acts we are told that "with great power the apostles bore witness to resurrection." In fact, says Benedictine monk Columba Stewart in a recent article in *National Geographic*, "the apostles were the movement's cutting edge, spreading the message across the vast trade network of the ancient world and leaving small Christian communities in their paths." This missionary zeal is passed on to each new generation of Christians, but it takes different forms. Today although many Christians still travel to foreign lands to serve the poor and give witness to Christ, believers are also encouraged to evangelize—spread the gospel—within their own homes, parishes, and local communities. How is your evangelization going? Hint: They should know you are Christian by your love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268)*

*"We speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen."*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

**EASTER WEEKDAY - Let the light shine**

The Good News should not—and cannot—be contained. Every attempt to keep it under wraps fails in the long run. Even trying to snuff it out by persecuting and putting its messengers to death only leads to more growth. Just look at Jesus: his gospel spread like wildfire fol-

lowing his execution. Or the apostles: The more they were hauled in by the authorities for preaching about Christ, the more zealous they became. The "light" of Christ, John's gospel says, "came into the world" to shine. It was not something to hide from. Draw close to that light, and share it with others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269)*

*"Go and . . . tell the people everything about this life."*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

**EASTER WEEKDAY; HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

**Do what has to be done**

The theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is "Choosing to Act: Stories of Rescue." One story recounts the saving actions of an entire town in France. From 1940 to 1944 the residents of Chambon-sur-Lignon hid nearly 5,000 Jews, mostly children, from the Nazis. As they were being honored for their heroism, they replied, "How can you call us good? We did what had to be done." The answer, of course, is that countless others did not do what had to be done. Spend some time today browsing the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum website, [ushmm.org](http://ushmm.org), and read the inspiring stories posted there. Then look around: What needs to be done?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270)*

*"We must obey God rather than men."*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20 - EASTER WEEKDAY**

**With Jesus the future is now**

Although we Christians "wait in joyful hope" for Jesus to come again, remember that he also remains with us. He's in the Eucharist, of course, but you can also find him offering a comforting hand on the shoulder of a homeless mother. He waits in line at a food pantry and serves meals at the soup kitchen. He sits in a prison cell and is there visiting prisoners. He looks out through the eyes of an emotionally troubled person, and he patiently teaches someone to read. He gives and receives. Jesus is in all of us. He only asks that you recognize him.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271)*

*"They said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.'"*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

**FEAST OF ANSELM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Just married: Faith and reason**

Modern arguments often begin by asserting the fundamental conflict between faith and reason. Since the Middle Ages, however, theologians have insisted no such conflict exists. Just ask Saint Anselm. Between Augustine in the fourth century and Aquinas in the 13th, Anselm was considered the greatest thinker in Western Christianity. And he insisted ignorance alone, not religion, kept us from genuine understanding. "O whole and blessed truth, how far You are from me who am so close to You! . . . You are within me and around me and I do not have any experience of you." Lend your support to a great couple: faith and reason.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272)*

*"But [Jesus] said to them, 'It is I. Do not be afraid.'"*

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**NEW HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTIVES AND CHRISTIAN MORAL PRINCIPLES**  
**PART I: THE HISTORY OF THE ISSUE**  
**Fr. Tim Fiala**

The universal healthcare legislation signed into law on March 23, 2010 under the formal name, “**The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**” was designed to provide affordable health care for the citizens of the United States. On January 20, 2012, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius announced a proposed mandate requiring all insurance plans to pay for contraception, sterilization and abortion drugs. Everyone would have one year to comply and those who do not comply with the new directive will be fined, the amount predicted to be in the millions of dollars.

The mandate has been reported in many of the major news outlets and continues to make the headlines. It is imperative that every Catholic have a “working” knowledge of the present controversy because it directly impacts our ability to freely practice our faith and live it. Never before in the history of our country has such a potential attack on religious freedom been more evident. For this reason, a series of columns will be devoted to informing you about the potentially harmful effects of the new law upon the Church and individual conscience. Just recently, the Administration has retreated from their original position by suggesting insurers pay for contraception coverage and not religious institutions. However, the complicated issue needs further analysis and all the facts presented before a sound judgment can be made whether or not the new proposal respects the right of conscience and the dignity of the human person.

***The History of the Issue***

On January 20, 2012 the Department of Health and Human Services of the United States Government mandated that all institutions and businesses who offer employees health insurance must include contraception, “morning after drugs” and sterilization as part of an employee’s health plan. In simple terms, those institutions are required to pay an employee’s portion which includes the Church as an employer and the employee himself to pay for services the Administration calls “reproductive health” and which the Church deems are immoral practices. The Department of Health and Human Services was quick to point out that religious institutions would be exempt from complying with the mandate.

However, the exemption the Department of Health and Human Services was offering was a very narrow exemption which included only individuals who work specifically for a church or parish who at the same time share the same faith of those institutions. In other words, in order to be exempt, the Church must prove to the government the persons they hire or current employees are of the same faith and working specifically for the values a parish or place of worship espouse. The problem with the exemption is the mission of the church extends beyond the local parish to include services for the common good and for society in general, which includes but not limited to serving the poor, medical care and education. Under the mandate, those agencies would not be included in the exemption. It includes Catholic Hospitals, Catholic Universities, Catholic Schools, charitable institutions like Catholic Charities or any other organization which helps or provides a service to society supported and run by the Catholic Church.

For those hospitals, universities and agencies not exempt, what the mandate (as indicated the agreement reached still needs to be studied) would force them to do is pay to support what the Church holds are against her teaching as revealed to us by Jesus Christ. Those women who want contraception, sterilization or the morning after pill would not be required to pay for those prescriptions and services out of their own funds; rather, everyone who pays into the system would fund those services. In other words, any women who choose to get contraception would receive it free of charge, without a co-pay or deductible of any kind. Any person or institution that views such services as against their beliefs has to support the plan whether they like it or not. Hence, the Church rightly claims the policy is an attack on the “right of conscience” which means the freedom not to engage in activities in opposition to one’s conscience. Practically speaking, under the law a person will be forced to participate in an evil act even if his/her own conscience is telling them it is wrong.

The issue at hand and outlined above, would be tantamount to cooperation in the evil act itself. By point of illustration: everyone knows it is wrong to steal money that is not theirs. Let’s say, someone wants to rob a bank. He believes the only way he can do this is with an accomplice who sits and waits in the getaway car while the other accomplice goes into the bank to steal the money. The person sitting in the car is not actually robbing the bank per se, but is a “cooperator” in the evil act of stealing money from the bank. Rightly, the driver of the getaway car is equally guilty of the crime. But what if the person in car does not want to participate in the heist, but has to because a law said he has to? In this example, the law is demanding the driver of the car be a willing participant to an activity he knows in his heart and conscience is wrong. The law therefore, is unjust because the law is taking away the basic God-given freedom of the driver to say “no” to an activity he/she knows is wrong. Such is the case with the mandate that would require the Church or individual believers to participate in activities they believe are immoral by forcing them to pay for pharmaceuticals and procedures which go against their belief made known by their conscience.

As stated previously, the Administration has come up with a new plan which is being analyzed now to see if it protects the right of conscience and religious freedom granted by the First Amendment and supports the dignity of the human person. Next week will be devoted to any changes and the explanation of a person’s right of conscience and religious freedom.

## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Our clients continue to express their deep appreciation for the hope we give them each month as we provide supplemental groceries to help them make ends meet. Thank you for the large part you play in helping those struggling in our community. A few reminders:

- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated. At this time most needed staples include **soup, boxed sides, meals in a can, canned meat, and jelly.**
- In addition to our staples, “special” items are also included in our monthly distributions: one or two items in each pre-packed family bag, and on the “specials table” from which our clients choose one or two items to supplement their staples. Some favorites we are low on at this time are **coffee** and **juice.**
- Remember to check expiration dates to avoid out-of-date goods, which we cannot use, unless they have just recently expired (within three months.)

Please drop off your donations in the designated food bins in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass over the weekend, or daily from 7:45 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Thanks, again!

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns

### INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

#### CAN YOU HELP US “STAY HERE FOR YOU?”

Interfaith Community Partners, a network of trained volunteers from local churches, helps older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their communities through

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

Wouldn't you like to become an active part of this rewarding ministry? Please plan on attending ICP's next volunteer training at the Congregation of St. Joseph Ministry Center (1515 W. Ogden Ave.), **Sunday, April 27, 12:15 –3:15 p.m.** Just call ICP's office at (708) 482-6597 to register for training, get further information, or if you or a friend could benefit from these services. Thank you. You will be glad you made the call!

### SOCIAL MEDIA IN YOUR JOB SEARCH

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. to hear author, radio host and acclaimed keynote speaker, Conor Cunneen, engage you in the subject of social media. If you are a job seeker in your 40's or 50's, chances are the person who interviews you will be younger than you. If you think Twitter and Facebook are a waste of time, it is doubtful that your interviewer does. If you want to be seen as current, your job search **MUST** include awareness of core social media. If you want to be optimally effective in your job search, your search strategy **MUST** include social media. Conor will share tips, tricks and techniques that **WILL** help your job search and help you find jobs and companies you are targeting...all with his unique Irish wit, humor and charm. This is a subject you probably should know more about. So join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 West Wolf Road in Western Springs. This program is open to all and there is no charge to attend.

## Social Concerns Ministry Continued...

### JOB SUPPORT GROUP WORKSHOP

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange for a six-week job support skills workshop on Tuesday evenings beginning April 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Whether you have lost your job or are looking for a new one, this workshop is for you. We have added a sixth session which will focus on how to make a career change. On Tuesday, May 15, Dennis Hamilton will be our featured presenter and help you prepare a strategy, conduct skills assessment and identify transferable skills. First Presbyterian Church is located at 150 South Ashland Avenue. Meetings will be held in Westminster Hall. Please enter church on Catherine Avenue. This workshop is open to all and there is no charge to attend. For further information, please call the church office at (708) 354-0771. We hope you will join us!

### FREE RESUME REVIEW

Interfaith Career Network invites you to a free resume review. Join us on Saturday, April 28, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at St. Cletus Education Building (Room 201), 700 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street in La Grange. Have a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with a Human Resource or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is a terrific opportunity. Don't miss it! Please enter the school at the flag pole entrance.

There's more...want to discuss your job search plan? Looking to do some practice interviewing? A retired HR professional is available to meet with you on an individual basis, by appointment. Learn more about this volunteer service when you join us on April 28.

*Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).*



### UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE INSTITUTE FOR DIACONAL STUDIES



Stuart Heyes, a parishioner of St. Cletus, is scheduled to be ordained to the Order of Deacon on May 25, 2012 at Holy Name Cathedral by His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago. This is an announcement of the upcoming celebration and fulfills the canonical requirement. Catholics are obliged to reveal any impediments or circumstances that would prevent Stuart Heyes from receiving Sacred Orders and should contact the pastor or cardinal with such information as soon as possible.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the *Sacrament of Anointing* after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on *Sunday, April 22, 2012*. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament.

Questions? Call Stuart Heyes in the Ministry of Care Office at (708) 215-5407.

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

### **LIVING STATIONS – THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to the following teens who generously volunteered so much time and prayerfully acted out the Stations of the Cross for our parish on Good Friday: Dan Hurley (Jesus), Caroline Hurley (Mary), Marijean Rapp (Mary Magdalene), Nick Paprocki (John), Chris O'Shea (Pontius Pilate), John Fatora (Barabbas), Sam Okkema (soldier), Joe Okkema (soldier), Olivia Pach (Veronica), Vincent Lyons (Simon), Jonathan Levitske (crowd), John Hurley (crowd), Jack Luxem (crowd), Karenna Lange (crowd), Katie Lively (crowd), Sarah Lively (crowd), Madeline Grodek (crowd), and Mike Grodek (crowd). God bless you!

**TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM** - Small groups will meet at the homes of our catechists **this Sunday April 15** at designated times. **Next Sunday April 22, at 6:00 p.m.** in Morrissey Hall, Eric Groth from *Outside da Box*, a company that produces films to help teens know, love, and serve Christ, will be speaking for us on being Catholic and the media.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2012-13 TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM** - We are looking forward to the second year of our new program! Registration materials are now available online. Forms can be dropped off at the school or rectory.

Contact (708) 215-5419 or [kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com) with any questions.

**MISSION TRIP INFO** - Our next meeting is this **Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the Education Building..** Bring your t-shirt designs and candy money if you haven't turned it in already!

**DROP-IN** - Our next drop-in is Tuesday, April 24. Join us anytime between 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. for games, snacks, and fun! Bring your friends!

**PRAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS** - Take time out of your busy day to pray and reflect! We will meet again Friday, April 27, at 10:00 a.m. in our teen room. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

**STAY UP-TO-DATE ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS** - "Like" St. Cletus Youth Ministry on Facebook! You can do this at [www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth](http://www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth).

*Kristen Maxwell*

Youth Ministry



**PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 15 AT 4:00 P.M.**

...for a delightful journey through the works of Vivaldi, Bach, and even Copland as the Fine Arts Series presents "Baroque and Beyond." Local favorite oboist Margie Arito has performed at St. Cletus many times, accompanying our Taize services, as part of our July 4 band, and as soloist in our Fine Arts Series choral concerts. Mike Brozick will be making his debut performance at St. Cletus with this performance, but is a well-known performer throughout the Midwest. Mike and Margie will be joined by Kathleen Cirese-Kress on flute, members of the Amaryllis Strings ensemble, and Justin Sisul on piano/harpsichord.

This concert represents the mission of the Fine Arts Series in every way - showcasing performers from our community as they present high quality music outside of the liturgical setting. The performance will be offered free of charge. Come spend an hour with the beautiful sounds of the 17th century...and beyond!

*Justin Sisul,*

Music Director





FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

**WELCOMING WEDNESDAYS...***Please call 708-352-4820 for more information!**Come tour our early childhood classrooms!***Full and half-day preschool:**

Full Day: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Half-day preschool:**

M-W-F: 8:00 -10:45 a.m.: 4-year-olds

T-TH: 8:00 -10:45 a.m.: 3-year-olds

M-F: 12:15-3:00 p.m.: 4-year-old pre-kindergarten

**Full and half-day kindergarten:**

8:00 - 11:30 a.m.: half-day

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**ST. CLETUS THIRD GRADE PACKING MEALS AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN WAREHOUSE**

The third grade Lenten fieldtrip to volunteer at *The Feed My Starving Children* Field packing center was a success. All of the children were very helpful. They measured ingredients, bagged the food, weighed it, and then boxed it. Some also pasted expiration date stickers on the food bags to be used. Everyone participated in cleanup activities and then in a prayer to bless the food. Each volunteer was given a little sample of the meal and discovered it actually was quite tasty. The students were glad they could help the hungry children of the world. They packaged 2,340 meals while we were there!

Submitted by Carol Reckwerdt



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Blessed Sacrament

3:00 p.m. - Incensing of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Opening Prayer - Gospel reading and Divine Mercy  
homily - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Litany of Divine Mercy  
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**Jesus said: "In the hour I will refuse nothing to the soul  
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## ST. CLETUS GOLF OUTING

Please mark your calendar for the Cardinal Open at St. Cletus Golf Outing on Friday, June 22. Greens fee is \$100 per golfer which includes golf, dinner, and refreshments. See St. Cletus Parish website for registration information and sponsorship opportunities. Please invite your friends and family. Also, please plan to attend a Golf Outing Kick Off Momentum Meeting at *Kenny's Tavern on Thursday, April 19, at 8:00 p.m.* Contact Dave Kelly at (708) 431-5722 for further information.



The *St. Cletus Athletic Association* will be hosting its annual trivia night in Morrissey Hall on Friday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. Form tables of up to 12 participants, bring your favorite food and drink and help celebrate 60 years of St. Cletus with 60 years of trivia. Cost is \$10 per person payable at the door. If you are interested in participating, and you know you are, please RSVP to Robin Bourjaily at [bourjbbk@yahoo.com](mailto:bourjbbk@yahoo.com).

## ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB

The next book is

***Snow Flower and the Secret Fan***

by Lisa See

We will meet to discuss it on  
**Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m.**  
(Room 102)

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

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

The Compassionate Care Ministry delivers Care Baskets to our bereaved families, and we are in need of baskets about 10" in diameter. We could also use foil-packaged tea (any flavors), white tissue paper, and books of postage stamps for our card mailings. Please mark the items for **Compassionate Care Ministry** and leave in the Nurse's office in church.

If you have any questions, please contact Reta Strecker at (708) 482-3549 or email to [retastrecker@hotmail.com](mailto:retastrecker@hotmail.com). Thank you for blessing our bereaved families with your care, compassion, and love.

**HOLY NAME ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Fr. Edgar Rodriguez chats with a parishioner at the annual Holy Name Society's Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 1.



Parishioner, Carol Walter, passes near the Holy Name Society banner at the organization's annual pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday.

Photos submitted by Jim Matthews

**MARK YOU CALENDAR!**

People attending Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, are invited by the Holy Name Society to stop afterwards in the vestibule for coffee and a snack in honor of St. Cletus, our parish patron, whose feast day is April 26.

Our parish, founded 61 years ago, was named after St. Cletus, the third Bishop of Rome, who served as Pope after St. Peter and St. Linus.

*Jim Matthews*

**Bible School  
Volunteers**

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we are in need of adult volunteers to help us with our program. Bible School begins on Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Please consider helping us by calling (708) 532-2383 as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Pvt. James Reisel	USA	Ft. Bliss, TX
Pfc. Eugene Sapinski	USA	Afghanistan
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Please let us know of others serving in the military...also when friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas. Call Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974 for more information.





## PROGRAMS AT THE WELL

**An Earth Day Focus: Our Oceans, Our Planet: The Reality of Climate Change** will be held on Thursday, April 26, from 7:30 p.m. Climate change is impacting polar bears, but what about the rest of the world? How will it impact the oceans and what does that mean for the human community? Presenter Jess Reese, a Climate Reality volunteer and Brookfield Zoo employee, will discuss these questions and offer meaningful steps we can all take to bring about positive changes for our planet. The cost is a free will offering.

**Awakening the Dreamer: Changing the Dream – a Symposium** deals with the fact that the “Old Dream,” rooted in acquisition, consumption and putting personal gain above communal good, is dying and that a “New Dream” is emerging. Plan to experience an inspiring exploration into the links among the three facets of a new dream for humanity and planet Earth: environmental sustainability, social justice and spiritual fulfillment. Join The Well staff on Saturday, May 12, from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. The cost is \$20/student rate is \$10. **Awakening the Dreamer Facilitator Training** follows the symposium from 1:30–3:30 p.m. For more information contact (708) 482-5048.

If you have ever wanted to paint don't miss this opportunity to join Sister Mary Southard, CSJ, during her **Come and Paint Retreat** to be held from Thursday, May 17, at 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, May 20, at 3:00 p.m. You can expect an enlightening and nurturing retreat experience as Mary helps to awaken the Wisdom of creativity in participants through prayer and self-discovery. Artists and non-artists alike are welcome. Bring an apron, your own brushes if you have them and a journal. The retreat cost is \$450; the commuter rate, which includes lunch, is \$250.

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.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org).



On Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. the St. Laurence High School Mothers' Club will host a Rummage Sale in the school at 5556 W. 77<sup>th</sup> Street in Burbank, Illinois (77 & Central). Come join us for some fabulous deals! All profits from this sale go directly to the school. Looking to donate some useable items from around the house, garage or closet? Donate those items to the Mothers' Club. If you'd rather sell your items then donate them, you can rent a table for \$25. Contact the Mothers' Club at 708-458-6900 ext. 411 or email [momsclub@stlaurence.com](mailto:momsclub@stlaurence.com).

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Fenwick High School is located at 505 W. Washington Boulevard, Oak Park, IL.



### Sunday Collections – April 1 and April 8, 2012

Total Active Registered Families	2,764	<u>Amount Collected</u>		
<u>Collection Statistics</u>		04-01	04-08	
# of envelopes used - this week	678	\$ 25,228	\$16,677	Envelope Users
% of registered families	25%	3,834	6,385	Loose Checks/Cash
		1,704	1,704	Electronic Giving
<b>Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000</b>		<b>\$30,766</b>	<b>\$24,766</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Over (under) Budget</b>				

#### This Fiscal Year @ 04/08/12

Actual Sunday Collections	\$1,089,693
<u>Budgeted Sunday Collections</u>	<u>1,080,000</u>
YTD Over (Under) than budget	\$ 9,693

*Thank you for continuous generosity.*

*Easter Blessings,*

*Fr. Bob, Pastor*

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—ACTS 4:32

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**What do you give back to God?**

	<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE</b>		
<b>DAY/DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION/ ROOM #</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Monday, April 16	8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH MH	High School Girl's Church League Men's Basketball
Tuesday, April 17	8:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-213 S-102 & 105 MH	FSA Meeting 1st Communion Pictures Cub Scouts Pack #83
Wednesday, April 18	9:00 a.m.	RB	Mission Ladies
Thursday, April 19	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-Music S-201 S-Music S-213 S-Music	Children's Choir Mission Trip Meeting Contemporary Choir SVDP Chancel Choir
Friday, April 20	2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH Lobby S-Music MH S-207	MANNA Cash & Carry Spanish Choir Athletic Association Trivia Night Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, April 21	5:00 p.m.	CV/West	MANNA Cash & Carry
Sunday, April 22	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00-11:00 a.m. <b>Anointing of the Sick in Church after the 11:00 a.m. Mass</b> 6:00 p.m.	CV/West S-207 Front Lawn MH	MANNA Cash & Carry English Classes/GED Girl Scout Bake Sale Teen Large Group Meeting
<b>C.....Church</b> <b>CV.....Church Vestibule</b> <b>(East &amp; West)</b> <b>MH.....Morrissey Hall</b>		<b>S....</b> <b>RB...</b>	<b>School (Education Building)</b> <b>Rectory Basement</b>

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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).

### EUCCHARISTIC 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

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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