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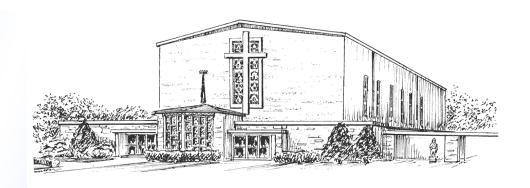
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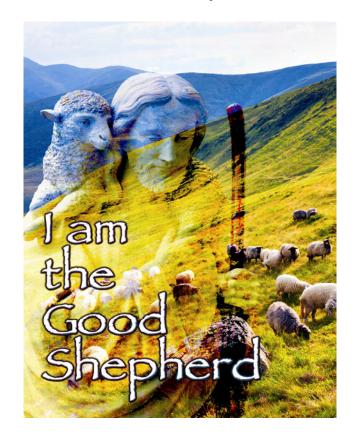
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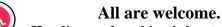


St. Cletus Canticle

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Fourth Sunday of Easter





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 30 - May 6, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Loretta Bleau	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Alfreda Woods, Paulina Slobodnik, Nanci Makris	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Tim O'Connell, Mary Louise Waterman	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Eva & Stanley Grabowski, Louis P. & Sophie Egielski, Nan Rettig, Demmis Schilling	
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Stephen Callaghan Georgia Popp, Rose Delaloye, Francis Heslin	
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	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Don McMillin Jr., Michael Mikula, Mimi Guide, Frank Jordan Donald Maldonado, Gerald Clarke Purgatorial Society	

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, May 1, 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.



WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, May 5/6, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and I become members.

All schedule questionnaires are due by Sunday, May 6. Please return them to the Ministers' Room or the rectory. Thank you

Faulette BoltonLiturgist

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

Timothy Bedenk, son of Alvin Bedenk

Georgeen Butkus, sister-in-law of Pat Drobny

Robert Kunkel, husband of Doris

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Amen.



Ryan James Hill, son of Gregory & Nina Krystyniak

Alexa Grace Wayteck, daughter of Matthew & Julie (Katello) Wayteck

Charlotte Mary Will, daughter of Martin & Cally (Dorosz) Will

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Over the last 60 years or so, Israel has invested in large-scale irrigation schemes that have helped to make parts of the desert into farmland. However, the greater bulk of the country is still very harsh and unforgiving. It is in these semi-desert areas that one can often come across a young shepherd with a small flock of sheep. There are no fields rich in green grasses here. An untrained eye may occasionally spot a small stream that disappears within a few feet of its tiny source. In this forbidding environment, the shepherd and his sheep eke out their existence.

After a while, one notices another difference from our own country's landscape. There are no sheepdogs. The shepherd doesn't have a vast flock to steer from place to place. He has only a small flock that he leads from one grazing ground to the next. The shepherd will strike off in the direction of food and simply call to his sheep. Because the sheep trust in him for their very lives, they follow him and find nourishment and safety.

In the time of Jesus, things were not very different from the shepherds in Israel today. The sheep depended utterly upon the shepherd for their protection and for food. The shepherd and his whole family were dependent upon the sheep for their economic security and the supply of the basic essentials for life. They could not afford to let someone who does not care for the sheep, or for them, look after the flock—the sheep and the shepherd were bound together for survival.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees and the religious leaders of Israel. In the description of the good shepherd and the hired hand, he is describing the flaws in their understanding of leadership. The Pharisees and the scribes behave as though they are temporary shepherds hired from an agency—they fulfill their duties but will not have any lasting commitment to the people for whom they are responsible. When the duties become too onerous or dangerous, they will abandon their posts and their flocks. They are very keen to ensure that the people in their charge are educated in the ways of the law and religious duty. However, they are not so keen to bandage the wounded or carry the weary.

In contrast with the Pharisees, the Good Shepherd, Jesus himself, is faithful and will offer up his own life for the sake of the sheep. Those who hear his voice know that he is trustworthy and that he will lead them to safety and nourishment. Just as God has been the shepherd of Israel from generation to generation, Jesus now assumes this role for the new Israel. This is a costly road for Jesus; he will lead his flock to Calvary and, through death, to the glory of resurrection. We are now part of this flock, and we also will travel the same road—through death to the glory of resurrection.

Good Shepherd Sunday is often portrayed in rather fluffy terms. The image of Jesus holding a lamb tenderly in his arms is the dominant picture. Yet, it may perhaps be more appropriate to rename today: "Are you a good shepherd Sunday." For me, and for all who are preachers, teachers or leaders in the Church, today's scripture readings challenge us deeply. They force us to reflect on our motives and behavior. Am I—are we, truly serving those to whom God has called us, or have we fallen into the trap of selfishness and self-importance to which the Pharisees succumbed?

It is my prayer that I will be a good shepherd among you: one who encourages rather than chides; one who bandages rather than hurts; one who is faithful in serving rather than looking for my own advantage. Yet, this day is not simply a challenge for me and others commissioned to lead in the Church. It is for each one of us to look into our hearts and judge the generosity of our service to the people around us. Each one of us is called to lead others to the gracious mercy of God. Like the shepherds in Israel today, we do not do this by herding or forcing them along. We live lives of such self-evident joy and holiness that others can trust that we are leading them in the path of life eternal. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, gives us the grace we need to gently lead those whom we love and work with to your heavenly kingdom. Amen. Alleluia!

Easter Joy - Alleluia!

Father Bob

Pastor



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

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

For the world's good—and your own

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is first of all a day about the power of many people *praying* together to realize God's desires for the world. It is also a day for *vocations*, bringing to the church's attention the joys of a life dedicated to prayer and service as priests, deacons, religious sisters, and brothers. The best-kept secret about a religious vocation is that in devotion to God and others, people find deep personal satisfaction. What Saint Teresa of Avila said in the 16th century is still true: "[God] gave me such great happiness at being in . . . religious . . . life that it never left me up to this day." Such a choice and commitment is something to consider and encourage.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18 (50)

"A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

MONDAY, APRIL 30

EASTER WEEKDAY - You are free

The life of Jesus offers a paradoxical set of possibilities. On the one hand there is "a wideness in God's mercy," as the old hymn says: Christ had come to save not only his own people but the whole world. Yet there's also a "narrowness," for he is the way to God. These two realities point to an even more peculiar situation: While God wants to save all creation, God has also given human beings the terrible freedom to turn away from that salvation. Why? Because God did not want to create machines who performed the divine will perfectly. God has given you great freedom. Choose to use it wisely.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 (279)
"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved."

TUESDAY, MAY 1

FEAST OF JOSEPH THE WORKER - "You're just like your father"

The 9-to-5 routine of the average workday can be a real grind—until you lose it. With a significant percent of the U.S. population out of work or underemployed, Saint Joseph is swiftly becoming the patron saint of all who seek to enter or return to the workforce. God blessed the idea of labor by engaging in it first: in the activity of Creation. Being made in the divine likeness, God's creatures, too, desire to offer their contribution to the common good with meaningful and dignified labor. Pray to Joseph the Worker for those who seek, that they may find.

Today's Readings: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280) Genesis 1:26-2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13: 54-58 (559)

"On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

FEAST OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR

Help for conflict junkies

"You cannot put straight in others what is warped in yourself." That may sound like a tip from a contemporary self-help program, but the advice actually comes from a much older source: a fourth-century doctor of the church. Saint Athanasius studied under the famous desert father Anthony of Egypt. Such wisdom may have led to his rise in authority, but it couldn't keep him there: He was exiled no fewer than five times, spending 17 years in disfavor. At least his hermit years gave him plenty of time to write—and to work on "unwarping" him-

self. Invest in self-improvement, both for yourself and everyone else!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
(281)

"I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness."

THURSDAY, MAY 3

FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES Remember the faith of every James

The name James—the Greek form of "Jacob"—graces four different people in the New Testament. One is James, a member of the 12 apostles whom the church celebrates today along with his fellow apostle Phillip. This first James and his brother John were business partners with Saint Peter. The three fishers also stuck together as a unit when they became the three apostles in Jesus' inner circle. James was also the first of the apostles to be put to death for his faith, and thus became the second Christian martyr after Saint Stephen. The church does not always know much about the early disciples—sometimes it's not even clear who is who—but it does remember their faith. Live in such a way that others will know and remember you for the same reason.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561) "Christ... was raised on the third day.... After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles."

FRIDAY, MAY 4

EASTER WEEKDAY - Find your own path

Modern gurus abound on talk shows and blogs, full of advice about how you should live your life. Some of their suggestions may be helpful; the best ones are borrowed from folk wisdom, good psychology, or even scripture, once or twice removed. Jesus has already issued the invitation to illuminate your path by following his way. Saint Anthony Claret (1807-1870) underscored this invitation with a telling directive: "Choose now what you would wish to have chosen at life's end." At every fork in the road, keep this suggestion in mind.

Today's readings: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283) "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'

SATURDAY, MAY 5

EASTER WEEKDAY; CINCO DE MAYO - All God's children

In the United States Cinco de Mayo has taken on a significance beyond that which it has in Mexico, where it is mostly celebrated as a regional holiday in the state of Puebla. In the U.S.—aggressive hype of the beer companies aside—the day is an opportunity to celebrate the culture and experiences of Americans of Mexican ancestry, much as St. Patrick's Day, Oktoberfest, and other holidays celebrate other national and ethnic origins. Most of us live in nations of immigrants and cultural melting pots. Occasionally it is good to savor the spices and aromas provided by one or another of our neighbors. Whether at a parade or picnic today or in church tomorrow, extend a hand of greeting and perhaps an "¡Hola!" to those nearby.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284) "If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

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DONATE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES.

Erin

With the intention "set" on continued support of those whose lives are affected by cancer and other health challenges, the Potts Family invites you to participate in The Third Annual Blood Drive in Memory of Erin.

Please join us as we celebrate her 21st birthday. Your generous donation will provide a powerful shot of hope for those who are in need of the Gift of Life.



Erin Potts Memorial Blood Drive

Saturday, May 12, 2012 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. St Cletus Parish, 600 W 55th Street, LaGrange Morrissey Hall

To schedule your appointment please contact: Mary Potts at (708) 352-1282 or mary.potts8@gmail.com

Appointments Recommended.

PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION • EAT WELL • STAY HYDRATED • BRING ID

Please bring ID with you on the day of your blood donation. Proper ID is required to donate blood. A LifeSource or military ID, driver's license, or employee badge with picture and full name are all approved forms of ID. Birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor's full name will also be accepted.

New Health and Human Services Directives and Christian Moral Principles Part III: Religious Liberty and the Right of Conscience Fr. Tim Fiala

The opposition of the Church to the new mandate from Health and Human Services is based upon the encroachment of government to the God-given rights of religious liberty and conscience protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Religious Liberty

The beginning of the First Amendment of the Constitution states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech...". The purpose of the amendment is to assure that all Americans have the right to believe and practice their faith in a way they see fit, without the government enacting laws contrary to such practices. Ironically, the citing of this exact amendment has led to the abolition of prayer in public places like schools and before athletic events along with the removal of Christmas scenes in front of public buildings. There appears to be a double standard. The government wants nothing to do with faith when it comes to public gatherings relying on the "separation of church and state" argument while at the same time is very interested in matters of faith when it comes to implementing the new healthcare law.

Many who are following the debate may be tuned out already because they believe that the issue of contraception, abortion and sterilization does not apply directly to their lives. The point of the debate and the potential harmful effects do not just relate to contraception, but more, the very principles of faith of believing citizens are being attacked by the law dictating what should be believed and practiced and what should not. If for example, the mandate goes ahead as planned, what would stop the government from enacting another mandate or law directly challenging other tenants of the faith of any believing community, be that Christian, Jewish, or Islam?

It is not too farfetched to think attacks on religious freedom are something which could never happen. In recent memory, governmental intrusion and the ideology of totalitarian regimes have severely regulated religion in many parts of Eastern Europe and presently in parts of Asia. Potentially, the attack on religious freedom in this country could have the same effect. For instance, if the present mandate goes through without change, the bishops of this country must and will have to be civilly disobedient. If the responses to the disobedience are fines or imprisonment, dioceses throughout the country would be severely hampered and weakened to perform their mission to their flocks and to the good of society which now depends on the assistance of the Church which gives aid and support to the poor and vulnerable. We have already seen the curtailment with Catholic Charities who had to stop assisting with foster care because the government would not acknowledge the religious freedom of the Church.

Right of Conscience

Religious liberty is based upon the fundamental premise that all human beings have been given a conscience by which each individual seeks and acts for the good and shuns evil. Vatican II beautifully defines the role and primacy of conscience: "In the depths of his conscience, man detects a law which he does not impose upon himself, but which holds him to obedience. Always summoning him to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience when necessary speaks to his heart: do this, shun that. For man has in his heart a law written by God; to obey it is the very dignity of man; according to it he will be judged. Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths. In a wonderful manner conscience reveals that law which is fulfilled by love of God and neighbor" (Gaudium et spes, 16).

The Fathers of Vatican II define the conscience as a way in which all human beings can know and follow the law of God which is preeminent to any law devised by human beings. The conscience becomes the voice of God's law in each person, so powerful a function that all must follow their consciences over and above any human law if they are in conflict. In the proper order, human law should be an outreach of God's law which is eternal, objective and unchanging. If the human law is unjust, one must follow his/her conscience and adhere to the truth of God's divine law which orders all creation.

Vatican II further states, the conscience is the secret core of any individual where he/she meets God directly and is persuaded by God's law which is truth to seek and act for good while avoiding all which is evil. No human law can supersede the law of God voiced by a person's conscience. Conscience is a God-given right and no human law, if it is a just law, should ever hamper a person's right to know the good and act on it.

Pope Benedict XVI, then Cardinal Ratzinger, delivered a talk to his fellow bishops in 1991 on the topic of conscience and truth. He mentioned the close connection between the objective truth of God and a person's conscience by suggesting the good and the unchanging truth of God has been implanted in us by the virtue of being created in His image. Therefore the things resembling the good resonate within us while those opposed to the good clashes in our conscience. The ability to choose between a right action and a wrong one are firmly within the reach of every human being. He further states, the unchangeable truth of God can be difficult in that it challenges us. Conversely, retreating within ourselves by not following the truth in pursuit of the good, no matter how comfortable the place may seem to be does nothing for our growth in helping us seek our salvation. The "self" or the uniqueness of my individuality withers away and becomes lost. The informed conscience keeps us searching and acting in the truth.

The right of conscience is therefore, is so important right because it speaks the very essence of what a human being is and will become. No one or no group has the right to destroy the intimate relationship between a person and God.

Listed below are our Congressional Representatives and their contact information:

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

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Michael Carr	USA	
Captain Anthony Cech, Chaplin	USA	Schofield Barracks Ft. Bragg, NC
Sgt. Franklyn Cuchana	USA	
2nd Lt., Thomas G. Dybicz	USA Ranger	Ft. Benning, GA
Sgt. Michael Fittanto	USA	Kabul, Afghanistan
M/Sgt. Patrick Hegeman	USMC	Okinawa, Japan
Sgt. Joseph Kaminski	USA	Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya
Kevin Lewis	USA	Kabul, Afghanistan
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Capt. Robert Mele	USAF	Afghanistan
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Spf. Kyle Nicholson	USA	Ft. Bragg, NC
Pvt. James Reisel	USA	Ft. Bliss, TX
Pfc. Eugene Sapinski	USA	Afghanistan
S/Sgt. David Hattie	USAF	Afghanistan

Please let us know of others serving in the military...also when friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas. Questions? Call Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974.



INVITATION FOR JULY 4TH MILITARY MASS

Names and addresses of those who are serving in the military are being sought so that they may be sent personal invitations to our July 4th celebration. Please contact Mr. George McAtee, at (708) 354 0783. Thank you.



FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

ST CLETUS SCHOOL LIBRARY

The 5th & 6th grade students of St. Cletus School participate in a Battle of the Books during the school year culminating in a "cross town battle" against St. Francis Xavier School in May. Each year, eight books are chosen for our Battle of the Books list; students are required to read several of these Battle books throughout the school year.

Battle teams are formed in their homerooms and these teams work together to prepare for the Battle. With the help of the La Grange Library, questions pertaining to the Battle books are developed & contests are held to determine the winning Battle teams in each homeroom. The 2^{nd} round of the Battle determines the winning 5^{th} grade team & the winning 6^{th} grade team.

These teams will proceed to the final Battle, this year hosted by St. Francis, to determine the 2012 Battle of the Books champions. There is even a traveling trophy which passes between the schools. This friendly rivalry encourages our students to read for pleasure and hopefully help develop our students into life long readers!

Submitted by Mary Delaney



As we continue to plan for the Religious Education for 2012-2013, we are in need of catechists.

Please consider offering your gifts and talents by teaching the children of Cletus Parish. It is a great liev to know that

St. Cletus Parish. It is a great joy to know that you are passing on our faith to God's children.

Please pray about this and call us at (708) 352-2383 to inquire about signing up to be a catechists for next September through April of 2013.

God bless you,

Sister Pat Mc Kee, C.T.

Religious Education

Attention Leisure Loafers!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3, 1:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall. Hope to see many of our friends.

P.S. Remember the Food Pantry.

Alice Katzmarek

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Past Presidents of the Holy Name Society will be honored at the Friday, May 4th annual dinner at Saban's Restaurant, 9607 Joliet Road. Cash bar is at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10. There will be a choice of three dinners. Please bring an item for the raffle! Members should sign-up in the Minister's Room. Hope to see you there.

Dan Gibbons

Social Concerns Ministry Update!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: A sincere THANK YOU to the dedicated volunteers, both women and men, who help stock our pantry shelves and make up the more than 225 bags of groceries we distribute to our clients each month. Their faithfulness in making sure all goods are in-date, sorted properly, and put on the appropriate shelves to allow them to efficiently put together a balanced assortment of staples and "extras" in each bag, is greatly appreciated, especially by those we serve! They are already halfway to our goal for the May 10 food distribution. Again we turn to you, our generous supporters, to help us restock our inventory of non-perishables. Our immediate needs are boxed sides, cereal, spaghetti noodles and canned meats. Extras such as crackers, coffee, juice, evaporated or powdered milk, laundry detergent, dish soap, etc are also in short supply. THANK YOU for so faithfully adding an item or two for the food pantry to your weekly grocery list.

A special word of appreciation to the Junior High Religious Ed group from St. Elizabeth Seton Parish for recently collecting and delivering groceries to our food pantry!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

MAKE NETWORKING YOUR JOB SEARCH PRIORITY

Over 60% of jobs are found through networking. 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, May 3 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.interfaithcareernetowrk.org.

WHAT IS MARY ASKING YOU TO DO?



To me the most touching part of the movie about Mary's appearance to Bernadette at Lourdes is when Mary tells Bernadette to dig in the mud at the grotto. The villagers watch her dig. Nobody knows why she does it and they laugh at her for being crazy. Later, a sick infant is placed in the spring that bubbled up from the hole and is cured. So starts the healings at Lourdes. I pray that I will recognize those "dig a hole" moments, when I am asked to do something but have no idea where it is headed, and be able to make the leap of faith and fulfill the Father's will.

Come and join the Living Rosary on Sunday, May 6, when we pray the rosary in honor of Mary. We will meet in the Kindergarten Room (room 98 of the Education Building) after the 11:00 a.m. Mass (about 12:15) to pray the rosary together. Or stop by our table in the vestibule that weekend to find out more about the Living Rosary and ways to honor Mary. Keep a watch for all the ways that St. Cletus honors Mary, from the rosary said daily before the 8:00 a.m. Mass (or the one said weekly after the 11:00 a.m. Mass) to the movies that CREDO is showing monthly over the summer that depict the different mysteries. Act on whatever will draw you closer to Mary and join in her devotion to God. For more information, call Mary Lu Gebka at (708) 579-3987.

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

TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our next small group will be next Sunday, May 6, at the homes of our catechists at designated times, while our final large group meeting is May 20.

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** with any questions.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Any high school teen is invited and encouraged to participate in our advisory commissions board. Your input helps us to keep connected with the parish and to plan socials, service projects, prayer opportunities, etc. We meet again on Tuesday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the teen room. We will do some planning for next year!

MISSION TRIP

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the Education Building. Please bring music and shirt designs!

TEEN HOSTED MASS

All teens and families are welcome to join us on Sunday, May 20th at 5pm for our teen hosted Mass, which will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Hurley. 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.

NOTRE DAME VISION CONFERENCE IN NOTRE DAME, IN— June 25 - 29, July 9 - 13, or July 16- 20 \$350 per person + \$100 deposit

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- Exploration of your Christian calling facilitated by Notre Dame college students
- Check out information at vision.nd.edu

Contact Kristen for assistance in online application or with any questions.

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"Like" St. Cletus Youth Ministry on Facebook! You can do this at www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth.

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

COMING SOON 21ST ANNUAL
Mothers Day Baby Shower & Carnation Sale
May 12 & 13
Saint Cletus Parish Committee
for Respect Life Activities



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. Contact Dave Kelly at (708) 431-5722 for further information.

ST CLETUS PARISH CREDO NEWSLETTER APRIL 2012

Dear Friends.

We hope you had a blessed Lent, a wonderful Holy Week and a joyous Easter - Alleluia!! Here are some upcoming events we wanted you to know about:

• VIDEO PROGRAM: The Life of Christ: Mysteries of the Rosary- May 14, June 11, July 9

When Fr. Edgar Rodriguez was a boy, he saw a presentation about the Rosary that impacted his life. Father Edgar has shared the videos with CREDO to share with you. EWTN says the following about the series: "The powerfully compelling Gospel stories come to life in five 20-minute segments in this classic 3-part video series produced by Father Patrick Peyton. Filmed in Spain in 1957, this set includes the traditional Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries on three separate DVD's. 1½ hours total running time."

CREDO will show the series in three parts. Each screening will be a half hour video presentation, followed the option to pray the Rosary together. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on May 14, June 11, and July 9 in the Education Building, Room 99, for this three part event.

• WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

There are many good Catholic websites out in cyberspace. CREDO will highlight one each month. The website this month is Word on Fire http://www.wordonfire.org/.

From the website:" Word On Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media organization which supports Catholic evangelical preaching, particularly the work of Fr. Robert Barron, and reaches millions of people to draw them into or back to the Catholic faith. "

Fr. Barron is well known for his *Catholicism* series. The website contains links to many videos by Fr. Barron, including sermons (click on the WOF Radio tab) but also movie reviews and commentary on items in the news of the day. There is a lot of rich content to explore on this website.

• CREDO RECEIVES A GIFT FROM THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

At their April 13 meeting, the Holy Name Society presented CREDO with two copies of Fr. Robert Barron's *Catholicism* Series on DVD. With this generous gift, CREDO will offer in the fall a screening of the series. We will keep you posted as plans develop.

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY CONTINUES TO GROW; AND BOOK REVIEWS

The Parish Lending Library circulation continues to increase each week, and new books are added as well as donations continue. Thank you to all who have donated books and

audiovisual materials to the Library. CREDO accepts donations on a continually, feel free to drop off items in the return basket. Please do fill out the library card and drop it in the drop box before taking an item home. The loan period for all items is 4 weeks. CREDO members offer short reviews of books in the Library for your enjoyment.

Gift and Mystery is the book Pope John Paul II wrote on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. In the book, he relates what it was like growing up in Poland. He explains in great details how he was called to the priesthood, his life in the seminary, and the people who influenced his life. It was a fascinating book and easy to read.

The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth is written by Scott Hahn, a famous convert to Catholicism. In the book, Dr. Hahn illuminates the relationship between the Book of Revelation and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and discusses the glory of the Mass as the marriage supper of the Lamb and how it is a foretaste of the heavenly liturgy. If you have tried to read the Book of Revelation and found it puzzling and bizarre, or if you only thought it referred to ancient history or future history, read this book to understand how the Book of Revelation describes the wondrous event of the Mass that we can partake of every day.

The goal of this newsletter is to keep you informed of the opportunities available to us all, as we all grow in our faith. If you would rather not receive the newsletter, please reply to this email and tell us that. We send an email once or twice a month. You can ask us to add a friend or family member – or remove you from the mailing list - at any time. Just reply to **credo@stcletusparish.com.**

May God's Grace be with us all ...
Your St Cletus Parish CREDO Committee.
Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities for Adults



Deb Blecic was presented with two copies of Fr. Robert Barron's *Catholicism* Series on DVD by Charlie Schiller of the Holy Name Society.

Sunday Collection – April 22, 2012

Total Active Registered Families 2,750

Collection StatisticsAmount Collected# of envelopes used this week655\$ 21,007Envelopes Users% of registered families24%2,996Loose Check/Cash1,704Electronic Giving

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000 \$25,707 Total Collected

Over (Under) Budget: (\$1,293)

This fiscal Year @ 4/22/12

Actual Sunday Collections: \$1,142,340

Budgeted Sunday Collections: 1,134,000

YTD Over (Under) budget: \$8,340

Thank you for your continued generous financial support and volunteering your time and talents for our Parish.

Fr. Bob, Pastor

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes." Psalm 118:8-9

	WEEK	AT A GLA	NCE
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM#	EVENT
Sunday, April 29	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	S-207 S-200	English Classes/GED Natural Family Planning Class
Monday, April 30			
Tuesday, May 1	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	C S-201 S-200 S-207 RB MH	Eucharistic Adoration Teen Catechist Meeting Social Concerns Ministry PreCana School Board High School Girls Church League
Wednesday, May 2	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB MH S-200	Mission Ladies Market Day Worship Ministry
Thursday, May 3	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	MH MH S-Music S-Music S-Music	Leisure Loafers Sports Awards Children's Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir
Friday, May 4	2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH Lobby S-Music OFC S-207	MANNA Cash & Carry Spanish Choir Holy Name Society Past President's Dinner Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, May 5	10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	C C CV/East CV/West	First Holy Communion First Holy Communion Living Rosary Sign-Up Welcome Sunday
Sunday, May 6	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	CV/East CV/West S-207 S-98	Living Rosary Sign-Up Welcome Sunday English Classes/GED Living Rosary
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Please remember our sick in your prayers: Rene Quinones, Philip Hodak, Eddie Wisner, Frank Nash, Stacy Kwak, 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.

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) 352-2383 as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Mass & Lunch – Sunday, May 20 – 11:30 a.m., St. Edmund's Parish, 186 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park Followed by lunch at Maya del Sol Restaurant, 144 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park

Above events are subject to change.

Visit our web site for up to date information ww.suburbancatholicsingles.blogspot.com

You can contact us at singlesadmin@gmail.com Find us on Facebook - Suburban Catholic Singles

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday: St. Pius V

Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Wednesday: St. Athanasius

Thursday: Ss. Philip and James;

National Day of Prayer

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

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

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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

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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