

St. Cletus Parish


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Mass Intentions for the Week of May 7 - May 13, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Robert Gohsman, Joseph & Kay Klemak, Florence Berk, Jacqueline Rybacki
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Dolores E. Kuchta, Sophie Bautista, Angelo Frasca, Stephen Callaghan
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Marie Garvey 
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Richard Kohl, John Hopp, Frank Wojcik, Joseph Viecei, Angelo Cumbo
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Georgia Popp, Guerino Valenti, Joaquin Zuniga, Anita Madl
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Debbie Sipek, Mamie Wycislo, Mary Dybas, Rita Fisher, Laura McDonnell, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Howard Madsen Bertha Welch, Patricia Halm, Florence Curtis, Anna Pleszka, Irene Wisniewski, Dolores Kuchta Stephanie Yakowicz, Rose Mary Ptak, Dorothy McNichols, Sheila Delaney Santori, Rose Ann Lodato, Thomas Kigin Mary White, Patsy McKillip, Roz Smola, Adeline Kulikowski, Catherine Ryan, Sandy & John Fisher, Angelita Ramirez, Celina Lopez All Souls in Purgatory



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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Thursday: St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of
 Moloka'i
Saturday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2012

Let us love not in word or speech
 but in deed and truth.

-1 John 3:18



Wedding Banns



Michelle Pawula & Frank Tomasello

Helen Acke & Michael McComiskey

WE JOYFULLY WELCOME THESE CHILDREN
 TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD ON MAY 6, 2012

AT THE 12:30 P.M. MASS



*Cristian Arriaga
 Julisa Hernandez*



Britney Alejandra Vasquez

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part
 of the total harmony of the universe.

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux



BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The month of May has not only good weather, but an interesting pedigree. It is named after the Roman goddess Maia, said to be the mother of Hermes, or Mercury. The Romans saw it as "love's month," while in England, more practical farmers called it "Three Milks," since the cows grazing on springtime's bounty could produce at a phenomenal rate. Old customs die hard, and Christians have never made peace with Maytime frolics. No wonder that popular tradition dedicated the month's prayers and devotions to Mary, although we cannot lose sight of the fact that the liturgy always has Easter at the center of celebration. Recent developments have enriched Mary's place in a cycle of feast days woven through the whole year, dedicated Saturday as a weekly day for devotion, and highlighted Mary's role in the Advent story. In fact, every day of the year Evening Prayer centers on the singing of Mary's Cantic of Praise. The fifty days of Easter culminate on Pentecost with Mary, present of course for Christ's birth, waiting in the upper room for the birth of the church.



MAY: The Month of Mary ~ Mother of God

TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



Hail Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother, we turn to you during this holy month dedicated to you. We pray the mysteries of the rosary tracing your life story in them. Fill us with a deep reverence and appreciation for the rosary. May we find peace and joy as we reflect on all of the mysteries of the Rosary.

As we pray the Joyful Mysteries may we find deep joy and gratitude for the gift of your Son and His gift to us in the Eucharist. May the Sorrowful mysteries be a reminder of Jesus' great love for us as He gave His life for us. We believe in the Glorious mysteries that one day we may be with you and the Blessed Trinity for all eternity. In the Luminous Mysteries we experience Jesus' great love for us as He lived among us and gave us so many examples to live life as He did.

We thank you, Mary, for the many times you have interceded for us. May you continue to be of our model of strength, courage and faithfulness. We ask this through your Son who lives and reigns with us forever and ever. Amen.



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

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Can you believe it?

It's not hard to imagine the disbelief with which the early Christian community in Jerusalem greeted the news that one of their chief enemies, Saul—later Saint Paul—was now one of them. Could it be true that someone who had been zealously seeking their imprisonment and death for proclaiming the name of Jesus was now doing the very same thing himself? Was it only a rumor? A trick? The first Christians had good reason to be wary of Saul, but in time they didn't let their fear get in the way of accepting him as a brother in Christ. Like them, don't let your fears get in the way of seeing that real change is possible, both in others and in yourself.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 (53)*

"When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him."

MONDAY, MAY 7

EASTER WEEKDAY

Get into the Spirit

In the early church the Holy Spirit was known as the *Paraclete*, a biblical Greek word meaning an "advocate" or "comforter," literally "one who is called to your side." The Paraclete or Holy Spirit, third person of the Trinity, provides guidance, consolation, strength, and support to people. What a great job description for all believers! When you dedicate yourself to these important and worthy pursuits, providing guidance to those who are lost and consolation, strength, and support to those who suffer, you embody the spirit of the Holy Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285)*

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit . . . will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

TUESDAY, MAY 8

EASTER WEEKDAY - Peace is forever

In these weeks after Easter you have the liturgical leisure to bask in the Last Supper discourses of Jesus and remember them in Easter light. Alert to the cosmic change that was about to occur in his followers' relationship with God, Jesus promised peace as a gift of the Spirit, the kind of peace "that the world cannot give." What kind is that? One that lasts. The world's peace does not last because everything in life is contingent and temporary. But not the gifts of God. In the upper room on Easter night, Jesus' first resurrection word was: "Peace." When you "share a sign of peace" at the Eucharist, you are not saying "hi" or even "I love you" to one another. You're tasting and touching the gift that does not pass away.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286)*

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

EASTER WEEKDAY

Plant the seed of virtue

Haitians have a saying: "Patience has a bitter seed, but its fruit is sweet." The same can be said of every virtue: Courage has a bitter seed, faithfulness has a bitter seed, fortitude has a bitter seed. It turns out that no virtue can bear fruit without being tested. Patience means nothing if you have never been forced to wait, and courage is not courage unless it faces fear. Fortunately, you know that God is with

you all the way—from the seed to the fruit. Today, when you find yourself tasting the bitter seed of any virtue, remember the sweet fruit that is to come.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287)*

"Remain in me, as I remain in you."

THURSDAY, MAY 10

FEAST OF DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKAI, PRIEST

Celebrate a heroic suffering servant

After 16 years of defying the odds and courageously caring for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of people with leprosy (also known as Hansen's disease), the Belgian missionary Father Damien contracted the disease and died five years later in 1889. He served those who were confined to a leper colony on the Hawaiian island of Molokai and is widely considered a martyr for charity but also offers us a true profile in courage. Although effective treatments are now available, it may surprise you to learn that millions of people worldwide still suffer from Hansen's disease, and leper colonies still exist around the world. Pray in compassion for those who are afflicted and in gratitude for heroes like Saint Damien who sacrificed all for those who suffer.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288)*

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you."

FRIDAY, MAY 11

EASTER WEEKDAY

God chose you to answer his call

There's a lot of holiness going on in the church these days, and it's not only leaders or the women and men in consecrated life but all of us! Too often we think that the "chosen" of God are the ones who are in explicitly religious-life callings or ministry positions. Yet the gospel truth is that God calls each of us. Every one of us is invited to respond to God in faith and love and to serve God in all that we are and do. Ask yourself how God has been calling you. In what ways have you responded? How might the Spirit be encouraging you to tend to a newly emerging need or possibility?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289)*

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

SATURDAY, MAY 12

FEAST OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS

Strike a blow for peace

In the early years of the church it was a matter of debate whether Christians should belong to the Roman army, although many did. Two of the martyrs remembered today, Nereus and Achilles, were members of the elite Praetorian Guard, but after they became Christians they refused to serve and were eventually exiled and executed. At the end of the fourth century Pope Damasus had an inscription made in their honor, which read in part: "O miracle of faith! . . . they become converted . . . they throw away their shields, their armor, and their blood-stained javelins. Confessing the faith of Christ, they rejoice to bear testimony to its triumph." What bold and perhaps risky paths can you take to live out what you believe?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290)*

"If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

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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 IV: The Importance of Language
Fr. Tim Fiala

In our modern world where there is a 24/7 news cycle and the amount of data we receive daily can be overwhelming, we have learned a new way in which groups or individuals “spin” news to enhance their message or stance on a particular subject. In some ways they may skew the facts in their favor or fail to mention those which might weaken their arguments. The present debate on whether the universal healthcare bill should mandate religious organizations like the Church to pay for services which are strictly forbidden by the faith is laced with such inaccuracies and the redefining of terms. It is the purpose of this article to highlight the problem with language as it relates to the controversy.

The Problem with the Language Used in the Debate

On Thursday, March 1, 2012, The United States Senate defeated the *Blunt Amendment* which would protect the right of conscience for individuals and organizations opposed to the mandate which requires institutions through their insurance to pay for services of contraception, abortifacients and sterilization. A representative for Planned Parenthood responded after the vote by stating, ““Today’s vote says that your boss won’t be able to decide which prescriptions you can get filled and which medical procedures you can have.” Earlier, the Administration touting their plan mentioned, “most insurance plans will cover women’s preventative services, including contraception...” and, “covering contraception is cost neutral since it saves money by keeping women healthy and preventing [sic] spending on other health services.”

In the comments cited above and many more, the prevailing language used to define conception and the healthy reproductive organs of a woman as somehow improperly functioning and in need of medical intervention. This is preposterous. The reproduction and the ability for women to get pregnant is a gift from God and without complications is in no need of medical treatment. It is self-evident and made known by natural law and confirmed by faith. Outside of reproductive issues, what bona fide medical procedure would try to suppress a function of the body or organ working properly? Would anyone agree or recommend ethically a procedure which would essentially stop or inhibit an organ or a function which works perfectly? Isn’t that the opposite of medical intervention? No sane and civil person would because it is self-evident through our reason and God’s divine law which orders the universe (natural law) that a perfect functioning part of the body does not need therapy or medical intervention. To view the functioning of a healthy reproduction as a medical issue completely flies in the face of God’s divine plan where he instructed our first parents to be fruitful and multiply. The injunction of God to Adam and Eve was done so that human beings can participate with God’s loving plan for creation and by participating come closer to each other by their total gift of themselves made evident by their God-given powers of reproduction. The ability to reproduce is good and a gift from God and is not a debilitating condition.

Those who are sympathetic to the use of medicinal remedies to counteract conception do so with an individualistic understanding of the gift of life. They believe, they are in sole control of reproduction and the thought of pregnancy is a burden and a problem which can be dealt with medically. In order to logically proceed, the language used must be that which can support the position of referring to a properly functioning reproductive system in medical terms only which then can be easily reduced to a medical problem. The power of generation is far from just a medical or scientific concept. Animals moved by instinct can be placed in the category of scientific inquiry. Human beings on the other hand, are personal beings who are created in the image of God and have been given the faculties of reason and will which makes reproduction a “personal” matter not driven completely by nature. An individual always has the choice to engage or not engage in sexual activity. He/she is not driven by an unknown power but retains the choice, unlike animals who share similarities with our bodies. The power of human freedom coupled with God’s creative plan emphasizes human reproduction as a “gift” rather than a curse or a medical condition, because we have the opportunity to be co-creators with God in bringing forth a new life. Without the component of being open to new life, the end is something other than self-giving love and more like satisfying individual human desire or only a momentary pleasure derived from the encounter. Anything less than self-giving of one person to another is a misuse of the gift of human generation. Take for example another misuse as a point of clarification: God has given us desires

of all kinds, one of which is the desire of food not only for basic sustenance but also for the pleasure it can bring us. There is nothing wrong with satisfying our desire for a bowl of ice cream. It can be one of the good things life has to offer. However, if I eat a whole carton of ice cream each and every day for 10 years and find out I had a heart attack, diabetes and high cholesterol, the consequences of my ten year binge, even without me having to acknowledge it consciously, would be that I misused the gift of ice cream for ten years.

John Paul II in his *Theology of the Body* profoundly teaches the body becomes the “sacrament” of love between man and woman. If the body is intended by God to be the visible sign of love between the couple it therefore holds the act of conjugal love is a normal and natural activity which is not in need of medical intervention unless there is a physiological malady preventing normal activity. The potential of pregnancy and pregnancy itself, does not fit into the category of medical dysfunction.

Finally, the President mentioned the inclusion of contraception in healthcare plans would be a cost neutral endeavor. The statement is a bit misleading because it claims money will be saved by preventing spending on other health issues. What is potentially saved by this measure is averting childbirth which is a legitimate healthcare expense and should be paid under the plan.

Hopefully, with this series of articles on the new mandate, you have a better understanding of the complexities and importance of this debate. I urge you to contact your representatives and oppose the proposed new law. For more information on this issue as well as other resources, visit the National Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website at: [www. http://usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

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

SERVICE TO THE WORD INTERNSHIP: CANDIDACY YEAR ONE, FALL 2009 - MAY 2010

I spent 40-50 hours over nine months completing this internship which primary objective was to gain a greater understanding of all the “Ministries of the Word” the ministries include: Hispanic Ministry, Religious Ed, RCIA, Youth Ministry, Sacramental Preparation (PreCana and Baptismal Prep) Bible Study (CREDO), Compassionate Care, and the Ministry of Care (La Grange Hospital, Nursing homes and homebound visits). Having spent time with the leaders of each discussing the mission, structure, training, administration and organization, I then observed the ministries in action to understand the significance to the parish and those ministered to. This helped me to get to know the leaders and some ministers much better—their successes and challenges. I received much encouragement for my journey, and the experiences affirmed just how special this St. Cletus community is.

SERVICE TO THE LITURGY INTERNSHIP: CANDIDACY YEAR TWO, FALL 2010 - JUNE 2011

In August of 2010, I was instituted as an Acolyte: Many of you would have seen me assisting during liturgy in an alb. This is a step on the journey and requires the candidate to get very involved in Liturgy in its many forms. I logged some 100 hours of service in ministry preparation, observation, assisting, and writing up the assignments. This aspect of a deacon; Three Fold Ministry of Service to the Word, Liturgy and Charity & Justice is the most visible, as he assists at Mass (including weddings and funerals), proclaiming the Gospel, offering homilies, and conducting Baptisms, Prayer Services at Vigils, etc. I offered reflections the Reading and Gospel on Ash Wednesday, at several weekday Masses, nursing home prayer services, and vigils. **Note that a reflection is so called because a homily can be offered by ordained clergy only.** I invited feedback to help me improve my content or delivery, and I’m thankful to those who did so. I attended PreCana and baptismal sessions, baptisms, weddings and rehearsals and wakes & funerals, led Stations of the Cross and assisted at many Sunday Masses, observing and writing detailed notes and reviewing the Rites books. These internships offered Marlene and me the taste of life as a deacon and his wife after ordination and an opportunity to ponder how my God given talents—such as they are—could be best used at St. Cletus.

CREDO UPDATE!**1) CREDO Electronic Newsletter**

Last week in the Canticle, a portion of the CREDO monthly electronic newsletter from April was published. The CREDO Committee started the monthly electronic newsletter to highlight activities CREDO will offer at St. Cletus, but to also highlight adult education opportunities at nearby parishes, at Mayslake and the Carmelite Center and other local organizations, and on the internet at Catholic faith websites. While we will continue to advertise CREDO events held at St. Cletus in the Canticle, the electronic newsletter will offer additional content.

The newsletter is distributed via e-mail. If you wish to subscribe to the newsletter, please send a note to credo@stcletusparish.com, and then look for us in your inbox each month.

2) Joyful Mysteries Presentation

On Monday, May 14, join CREDO and the Living Rosary group for the first installment of *The Life of Christ: Mysteries of the Rosary*. We will view a DVD presentation about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, and then there will be the option to pray the Rosary together. This event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 99 of the Education Building.

The Sorrowful Mysteries will be presented on June 11, and the Glorious Mysteries on July 9.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities for adults)

**CREDO COMMITTEE: LABYRINTH WALK - WALKING THE SACRED PATH**

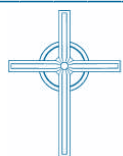
"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying 'this is the way: walk it.'"
Isaiah 30:21

Walking the path of the labyrinth, based on a circle the universal symbol of unity and wholeness, is a physical way to pray and meditate.

The many twists and turns of the path becomes a metaphor for our lives. A brief historical and educational discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please come and walk the sacred path Tuesday, May 15, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Hand labyrinths will be provided for those who are unable to walk. For more information call: Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974.

COME JOIN US IN HONORING MARY TODAY

The *Living Rosary* group will be saying the entire rosary after the 11:00 Mass today (approximately 12:15 p.m.). We will be meeting in the Kindergarten Room (Rm. 98) of the Education Building or just stop by our table in the vestibule to find out more about the Living Rosary and other activities at St. Cletus to honor Mary. We will also have rosaries, coloring books about Mary, and other rosary accessories available. Welcome Mary into your life in a new way this May. For more information, call Mary Lu Gebka at (708) 579-3987.



We will be needing catechists for the 2012-2013 catechetical year. It is a very rewarding ministry. Jesus calls each of us to go and teach all nations. We have several catechists that are leaving this ministry and therefore we have several openings. Please consider this wonderful ministry. Questions? Please call (708) 352-2383. Thank you and God bless you.

Sister Pat Mc Kee
Religious Education

“THE YEAR OF THE TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT” YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!**TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

Our final large group for this school year will be an end-of-the-year social with games on Sunday, May 20, at 3:30 p.m. in Morrissey Hall. We will walk over to our teen hosted Mass together at 5:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

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 **this 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 20, at 5:00 p.m. 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.

DROP-IN

Our last drop-in for this school year is Tuesday, May 22. Join us anytime between 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. for games, snacks, and fun! Bring your friends!

HUNGER WALK

On Saturday June 23, at 8:30 a.m., at Soldier Field, the Chicago Food Depository is sponsoring a Hunger Walk. The archdiocese is encouraging all youth ministry groups to participate to close out the end of the Year of the Teen and Young Adult. Our food pantry will get credit if we walk! Please contact Kristen if you are interested.

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

- Live-in dorms & eat-in cafeteria
- Dynamic, nationally acclaimed speakers
- Interactive small group time
- 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.

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**.

Kristen Maxwell
Youth Ministry

Social Concerns Ministry Update!

FOOD PANTRY

We are well prepared for the May 10 food distribution, as a result of your continued generosity. Thank you! Our appreciation also goes to St. John of the Cross Parish for supporting us with their April food collection, and to Gurrie Middle School and Outreach, Inc. for packaging nutritional food for our client families. At this time, our ongoing needs are for spaghetti noodles, boxed sides, pancake mix (complete), soup, cereal, and condiments. All in date non-perishables, paper goods, laundry detergent, dish soap, and diapers are also greatly appreciated, and will be needed as the month continues. Again, thanks for your overwhelming support of this ongoing ministry.

SAVE THE DATE

The 5th Annual Rummage Sale sponsored by our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference is just a little over two months away, on **Saturday, July 15**. Please remember us as you do your Spring/Summer cleaning and organizing. Visit Social Concerns/SVDP/rummage sale on our parish website, www.stcletusparish.com to see a list of the items we will be accepting the weekend and week before the event. The dates for volunteering can also be found on the website...so mark your calendars for **both** volunteering and contributing clean, usable household items. Your donations of time and treasure will help provide necessary funding as the SVDP volunteers go in pairs on home visits to ascertain client's needs and to offer Christian encouragement and hope, as well as one-time emergency financial assistance. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

LEARN HOW TO WIN THE INTERVIEW GAME

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. for a quasi game show approach to practicing responses to challenging and typical interview questions. Our presenter, Scott Andersohn, has more than 25 years of experience in Human Resources and Organization Development as an Executive Coach, Business Trainer, HR leader and Consultant. Key ideas taught by Scott are to think about the motivation for an interviewer asking a question, then formulating a response to provide a good answer. Be a winner in your job search. Learn more about *The Interview Game...I Hate That Question*. Come to 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.

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ATTENTION! ALL PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The 2012/13 calendar is now open for next year's dates. Contact Bobbie Kallal at bkallal@stcletusparish.com to reserve your meeting space. Remember to include event start time, end time, and set-up time (if required).

**THE SAINT CLETUS COMMITTEE FOR
RESPECT LIFE ACTIVITIES**

...is hosting the 21st Annual Mother's Day Baby Shower and Carnation Sale in the church foyer after all Masses next weekend, May 12/13.

Baskets will be in the church foyer to collect baby gifts.

Gift Suggestions:

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| + new layette items | + baby shampoo |
| + crib sheets | + baby wash cloths |
| + newborn diapers | + baby towels |
| + blankets | + undershirts |
| + bibs | + rectal thermometers |
| + baby lotion | + booties |
| + baby oil | + baby powder |
| + newborn sleepers & outfits | + baby hats/caps |
- (no need to gift wrap your donations)*



Donations will be distributed to needy mothers in our own Parish community and to Catholic Charities sponsored Centers.

Pick up your Mother's Day red or white carnations at the tables in the foyer next weekend for still only \$1.

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton
Respect Life Committee Coordinators

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



**SAVE THE DATE!
BOY SCOUT
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MAY 20, 2012
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**American Legion Hall, Post 1941
900 S. LaGrange Road, La Grange, IL**

Cost - \$5
(Includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee)

Tickets are available at the door.



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

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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.



Office for Immigrant Affairs & Immigration Education



HOPE: An Immigrant Story

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me.." (Matthew 25:35)

"After my dad was taken away for awhile, I thought we weren't a family anymore. I was so sad and mad, I couldn't think clearly." These are the words of Michael, a 10 year old boy. After his father was detained by ICE, Michael was placed in foster care because his mother did not have the financial means to care of the family. However, even at 10, Michael still has hope. "My family is very important to me and I will do anything for them because I love them and I will protect them with all my heart."

~ Michael – Chicago, IL

How could we accompany children like Michael?

ACTION: Learn more about the reality of Immigration and how to accompany immigrant families by attending the *June 2nd Formation for Immigration Parish Contacts* hosted by the Office for Immigrant Affairs. For more info and RSVP e-mail - dbellisle@archchicago.org.

Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education

3525 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653
Elena Segura (312) 534-5333, esegura@archchicago.org



Seeing the Holy: Praying With and Through Your Camera Lens is a great opportunity to capture what is alive with the glory of God - all of creation! Join facilitator Christine Parks, CSJ, on Saturday, June 9, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and explore a day of seeing and being present to the Holy through your eyes and camera lens. Bring a digital camera, a journal and wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Basic camera skills are required. The cost of \$50 includes lunch.

"Christ is not Jesus' last name," says theologian Richard Rohr. Exploring the Christ invites all into a larger, evolutionary story where one can re-imagine the foundational fire of our faith. Guided by facilitator Bridget Spurduto and the insights of modern theologians, the question, "Who is the Christ?" will be discussed, explored and reflected upon. The date is Wednesday, June 13, from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Cost \$15.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In the second reading today John encourages us to love one another not in speech only but in deed and truth. Do you show your spouse that you truly love them, not just say it? Love your spouse in deed by giving the gift of yourself; make the time to attend the next Marriage Encounter weekend. Show your love for one another by deepening your communication, rekindling your romance and renewing your sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends for the Chicago/Northwest Indiana area are June 8-10, 2012, September 7-9, 2012 or November 2-4, 2012. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 1-800-442-3554 or contact us through www.wmchicago-gary.org. For a Weekend en Espanol (other dates), contact Oscar & Luz at 847-675-2119 or Aurelio & Letitia at (773) 284-5308.

Sunday Collection – April 30, 2012

Total Active Registered Families 2,748

Collection Statistics# of envelopes used this week 648
% of registered families 24%**Amount Collected**\$ 21,520 Envelopes Users
2,767 Loose Check/Cash
1,704 Electronic Giving**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000**
Over (Under) Budget: (\$1,009)**\$ 25,991 Total Collected**

This fiscal Year @ 4/30/12

Actual Sunday Collections: \$1,168,331

Budgeted Sunday Collections: 1,161,000**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ 7,331*****Thank you for your continued generous
financial support and volunteering your
time and talents for our Parish.******Fr. Bob, Pastor***

	WEEK AT A GLANCE		
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
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
Monday, May 7	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	C S-200	School Mass-May Crowning Athletic Association
Tuesday, May 8	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-208 S-Library S-102 S-207	Teen Advisory Board Technology Committee Book Club PreCana Class
Wednesday, May 9	9:00 a.m.	RB	Mission Ladies
Thursday, May 10	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-Music CV S-Music S-Music S-201	Children's Choir Food Pantry Distribution Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir Kairos Leaders
Friday, May 11	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-207	Spanish Choir Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, May 12	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	MH CV/East	Erin Potts Blood Drive Respect Life Carnation Sale/Baby Shower
Sunday, May 13	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	CV/East S-207	Respect Life Carnation Sale/Baby Shower English Classes/GED
C.....Church CV.....Church Vestibule (East & West) MH.....Morrissey Hall		S.... RB...	School (Education Building) Rectory Basement

**ST. CLETUS GOLF OUTING**

Please remember to 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.

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

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