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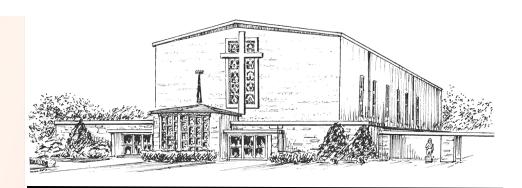
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Sixth Sunday of Easter





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Mass Intentions for the Week of May 14 - May 20, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Scott Parisi	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Louise Waterman	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	. Stephen Callaghan, Louis Kadlec	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Erik Geyer, Walter & Marcie Johnston, Anna Pleszka	
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Frances Butkus, Georgia Popp, Louis Lezon, Stanley Klepczarek, Joseph Kmet	
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Erik Geyer, Floyd Placzek Jerome Cevicius, Patricia Halm, Helen Biesadecki Len Wehrmeister, Special Intention for Don & Marylin Chopp, Marian F. Murphy, Gerald Giblin Anita Madl, Karen Marie Wilson, Marie Garvey, Gerald Clarke Souls in Purgatory	



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Please welcome to our parish family: Barbara Aikins, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bondi, Claudia Cepeda, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Petrich and Family, Mr & Mrs. Pat Suero and Family, and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Tallarovic and Family.

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Monday: St. Matthias Tuesday: St. Isidore

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord

(unless transferred to Sunday)

Friday: St. John I

Saturday: Armed Forces Day

Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Alice Frederick, Jennie Boerste,
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. Please know we pray daily for the sick and the dying.

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

Darlene Reimann, mother of Jim Reimann

Julia Nykiel mother of Geraldine Matiasek

Mary Banaszak, mother of Ron Banaszak

Joseph Taylor, father of Karen Kjeldsen

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Throughout history, so many different people-Christians among them-have tried to capture in words the essence of true friendship. English spiritual writer, Robert Hugh Benson, put it like this: "The essence of a perfect friendship is that each friend reveals themselves utterly to the other, flings aside their reserves, and shows themselves for what they truly are." The poet, Robert Bridges, highlighted another aspect: "Friendship is in loving rather than being loved." St. Jerome, the early translator of the bible, expressed a deep truth about friendship when he wrote: "The friendship that can cease has never been real." We might add Francis Bacon's comment that "the worst solitude is to be destitute of sincere friendship."

It's good for all of us to reflect now and then on what friendship means to us. Who are the people we would call our friends? What is it about our relationship with them that makes it so special? What kind of friend am I to others? How do I show my friendships matter to me? These questions are important for everyone. For Christians they have another dimension, because it's through the language and invitation of friendship that Jesus shares his life with us.

It's as Jesus' friends that we come to know his Father, the God who sent his only Son into the world to save us and lead us to life. The first letter of St. John opens up for us the reality of who this God is. Before anything else can be said or known, God comes to us in the person of Jesus as love, generous and pure. Peter was so profoundly and powerfully aware of this that he could proclaim to Cornelius' household: "God does not have favorites." God's love is freely offered to everyone, without exception. Hopefully, this love, shown to us in Christ, will spill over into our personal love for each other. However, the foundation of our faith, the bottom-line, is not our success in loving God or others – which can sometimes be pretty pathetic-but God's tremendous and incredible desire and ability always to love us.

These themes of love and relationship are interwoven in the Gospel with Jesus' call to remain close to him, to keep the commandments and to embrace the mission he sets before us. Yet, at the heart of all of this is the call to friendship. We can all be tempted to complicate our relationship with Christ. Here, Jesus expresses it himself in simple words we can easily understand. He is our friend and leads us into friendship with his Father. The best of whatever is true of our human friendships is transformed in our relationship with Christ, our perfect friend and our Lord. By loving as Jesus loves, our friendship with him will deepen and grow. In faithfulness to him, our two lives intertwine as we learn from him how to love more generously. When this happens, our whole being will radiate to others the difference that having Jesus as a friend makes to us. As his friends, Jesus sends us out to bring other people to the joy of his friendship.

Friends are so incredibly important. Through times of laughter and sorrow, joy and anxiety, friends are there for us and we are there for them. In Jesus we have a friend beyond compare. With him, we have nothing to fear; with him, we are loved for who we are. As a friend of Jesus, we are never alone or abandoned. Although, sadly, human friendships can fail, Jesus' friendship is faithful and certain, even when we make mistakes.

The German theologian, Jürgen Moltmann, once said that prayer is the hallmark of friendship with God. Just as our human friendships develop the more time we spend with friends, so our friendship with Jesus will flourish the more we make time for him in prayer. This is ancient Christian wisdom, tried and tested by saints and spiritual giants. Jesus calls us friends because he has made known to us everything he learned from his Father. Prayer is the place where we ponder these things. In living friendship with Christ, prayer draws us closer to the Father, whose Son laid down his life for his friends.

We can pray in the words of St. Richard of Chichester: "O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

Happy Mothers Day,

Father Bob Pastor



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

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Not only for the few

In the church's beginning Saint Peter and the other disciples debated and prayed to discern who should receive the message of Jesus Christ. The unequivocal answer: Everybody. Nothing in that regard has changed in 2,000 years. Jesus' message of love and forgiveness is not only for those who think like you, talk like you, or look like you. It's a message that all people—whether Christian or Jew, Muslim or Buddhist—are eligible to receive. Because God shows no favoritism, how dare we?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (56)

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality."

MONDAY, MAY 14

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE - It's time to disciple-up

Not long after Jesus' Ascension the apostles were left in a quandary. They had to replace Judas because it was important to maintain the symbolic number of 12 apostles, which recalled the 12 tribes of Israel. Plus, the early church needed all the help it could get spreading the Good News and preserving itself in the face of persecution. Saint Matthias had been with the followers of Jesus from the beginning, prayed with them, and been part of their faith community. How awesome to be invited to serve in a new way! And Matthias stepped up. May you, too, be grounded in your faith, prayer, and community and be ready to step up when needed.

Today's readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564) "I... chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

TUESDAY, MAY 15

FEAST OF ISIDORE, THE WORKER - Food for thought

The feast of Saint Isidore the Farmer provides us with an opportunity—even city-dwellers—to remember our link to the land and to all those who provide our food. Not only are we in debt to them for endless and often thankless labor but also for most of what we consume to stay alive. Food is for our bodies what the Eucharist is for our spirits: nour-ishment. It sustains us. In his little poem "Prayer After Eating," American farmer and poet Wendell Berry keeps that connection clear. "I have taken the light / that quickened eye and leaf. / May my brain be bright with praise / of what I eat, in the brief blaze / of motion and of thought. / May I be worthy of my meat."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292) "He brought them up into his house and provided a meal."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

EASTER WEEKDAY - When Christians are in the margins

Often in stories of the church, both ancient and modern, you hear in the headlines about the scoffers. The anonymous faithful are relegated to the margins and the footnotes. "Is God Dead?", the cover of *Time* magazine inquired funereally in bold red letters on a stark black background in 1966. It would hardly make the back page to reply: Not in the hearts and lives of believers. The pages of the New Testament are sprinkled liberally with folks who encountered Jesus or the apostles and came to faith. Good news travels quietly. Make a little noise with yours.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15 (293) "Some began to scoff [at Paul] But some did join him, and became believers."

THURSDAY, MAY 17

EASTER WEEKDAY

Everybody out!

In his biography of the Roman emperor Claudius, the ancient historian Suetonius mentioned an event that the New Testament Acts of the Apostles also noted: "Since the Jews constantly made disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus, he"—the emperor—"expelled them from Rome," Suetonius wrote. The Romans did not distinguish between Jews and Jews who had become Christians. To them, the Jewish followers of Christ—"Chrestus"—were a sect within the Jewish community. If both sides weren't going to get along, then they all had to go. Among those Jewish-Christian refugees were a married couple, Aquila and Priscilla, who would later become important coworkers of Saint Paul. Most hostility and hatred grows out of ignorance. Do what you can to inform yourself and others and bring people together around common understandings.

Today's readings: Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 (294) "Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome."

FRIDAY, MAY 18

EASTER WEEKDAY

Can you see God and live to tell about it?

"No one," God says in the Book of Exodus, "can see me and live" (33:20)—almost no one, that is. Moses, for example, used to speak with God "face to face, as a person speaks to a friend" (Exodus 33:11) without undergoing instant vaporization. Christian theology calls this experience the beatific vision: the total heavenly awareness of God that would overwhelm most mortals during their earthly lives. That doesn't mean you can't get a glimpse of the Divine every now and then. The worship and service you offer as a Christian opens a door to the holy and will carry you all the way to the fullness of complete communion with God forever.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295) "I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice."

SATURDAY, MAY 19

EASTER WEEKDAY

Revised Edition.

What a joy!

Joy ought to be celebrated more often for the virtue it is. The great 13th-century Catholic theologian Saint Thomas Aquinas believed humanity literally "could not live" without joy. He argued that felicity or blessed happiness is the ultimate end or purpose of human existence and leads to the vision of God's essence. Although life's obstacles and setbacks make it difficult for us to feel joyful all the time, we can remember the words of the late opera singer Beverly Sills, who said we may not always feel happy but we can always be cheerful. In this joyful Easter season, bring some good cheer to everything you do and everyone you meet today!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296) "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete."

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Dear Friends in Christ:

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.... Love one another."

John 15:9-17

This year, these words of Jesus to his disciples in the Gospel of John are proclaimed throughout the world on the 6th Sunday of Easter. As we celebrate "Mother's Day" in the United States, Jesus' command to "love one another" takes on special meaning for all families in our country.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, this day provides a special gift of love and support to mothers, grandmothers and families who are raising their children in poverty, hunger and homelessness, as we take up the Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day in parishes throughout Cook and Lake Counties.

Your "Mother's Day gift" to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will assist thousands of struggling families and vulnerable children of all races and religions who rely on us to meet their basic human needs of food, clothing and shelter—as well as those parents and children who benefit from Catholic Charities' professional services such as stable, affordable housing; job training; counseling and child care.

Since Catholic Charities' founding in 1917, through two World Wars and the Great Depression, as well as the rising and falling economic tides of every decade, Catholic Charities has increasingly offered hope and help to struggling families, children and seniors of all faiths.

Catholic Charities conducts 157 programs at 162 locations in Cook and Lake Counties and annually reaches more than one million men, women and children in need. These services include accredited childcare programs, family and individual counseling, home-delivered meals for seniors, affordable apartments for low-income seniors, the St. Leo Residence for Veterans, emergency food pantries and weekly suppers.

Through your generosity to Catholic Charities, you offer Easter joy and a future of hope to mothers, fathers, grandparents and caregivers whose lives are governed by poverty as they struggle daily to provide food, clothing, schooling and safety to their most precious possessions, their children.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us the nature of his unconditional love, and invites us to live in his love. As followers of Jesus, we strive to imitate the sheer magnitude of his generosity to us by caring for mothers and their families in need. Thank you for your generosity to our brothers and sisters who rely on our love and the services of Catholic Charities.

May the Risen Christ bless all mothers and their loved ones with the fullness of his love.

Please give generously to the Mother's Day Appeal this weekend, May 12/13. Envelopes are available in the pews.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop of Chicago



The ST. 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 **this weekend,** May 12/13.

Place your baby gifts in the Baskets in the church foyer. Donations will be distributed to needy mothers in our own parish community and to Catholic Charities sponsored centers.

Stop by the tables in the foyer to buy your Mother's Day carnation for only a \$1 donation.

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton,

Coordinators, Committee for Respect Life Activities



ST. CLETUS GOLF OUTING

The Cardinal Open at St. Cletus Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 22. Greens fee is \$100 per golfer which includes golf, dinner, and refreshments. Please 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 more information.



Lord of life, we are grateful for the gift of Mothers who were chosen by You for us: who have shared with us not only life but a

multitude of gifts and talents. Our Mothers were our first examples of selfless givers, let us learn from their example and apply it to our life with Christ, as a good steward of Christ.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on: Sunday, September 23, at 2:30 p.m., at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street in Chicago.

Couples married in 1962 interested in attending this celebration should contact the rectory office at (708) 352-6209 to register. Or for more information, call Family Ministries at (312) 534-8351 or visit their website: **www.familyministries.org.**

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

Lt. Cdr. Amy Sloan Bloyd	US Coast Guard	Alexandria, Virginia
Michael Carr	USA	
Captain Anthony Cech,	USA Chaplin	Ft. Bragg, NC
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Kevin Lewis	USA	Kabul, Afghanistan
Pfc. Zackus McLeod	USA	_
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. Daniel Hattie	USAF	Fairbanks, Alaska

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.

CREDO

The Life of Christ: Mysteries of the Rosary

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 option to pray the Rosary together. This event will be begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 99 of the Education Building. Please join us!

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. in Morrissey Hall. Hand labyrinths will be provided for those who are unable to walk. Questions? Call: Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Because of your generous support, and with some help from our neighbors and friends, we were able to reach our goal of 225+ grocery bags for our May 10 food distribution. Thank you! As we start refilling our shelves, we find ourselves most in need of canned tomatoes/tomato sauce, cereal, baking goods, spaghetti and other assorted dry noodles. We also need to replenish our "special" non-food items, which are completely depleted after our monthly distribution, i.e. paper goods, diapers, laundry detergent, dish soap, personal items (shampoo, toothpaste, feminine products, etc.). We always greatly appreciate any in-date non-perishables. Thank you for continuing to add items for the food pantry to your grocery list!

REMINDER:

"Tis the season to weed out those closets of "no-longer-needed" but "still-in-good condition" clothing and shoes. Just pack up those clean and serviceable items, put them in the car and drop them off in the easily accessible St. Vincent de Paul Drop Box in the Church parking lot. What a simple way to help someone who is struggling!

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.



Congratulations to Stuart Heyes. On May 25, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., will ordain him to the Order of Deacon at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. He will be one of nine men to be ordained as permanent deacons.

Stuart has journeyed through four years of preparation for this day, enhancing his understanding of Church teachings, attending formation days, theological reflection sessions, retreats, regular Spiritual Direction, as well as being involved in many liturgical practices and pastoral field education experiences including an eleven-month internship.

Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Chicago have taken place since 1972. There are presently nearly 600 active deacons in the Archdiocese, as well as 52 men currently in the English-speaking formation program, with new cohorts beginning in the fall. The presence of deacons serving in the Archdiocese is widespread, yet still a frequently asked question is, "What is a deacon?"

Bishops, priests and deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The diaconate is a three-fold ministry of Word, Liturgy, and Charity. Deacons are ordained to baptize, proclaim the Gospel and preach, assist at the Eucharist, witness marriages, officiate at wakes and funeral services, etc. These are the ministries most visible in the parish. The less visible aspect of diaconal ministry has its history in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6. The Apostles laid hands on "...seven reputable men, filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom..." to serve God by becoming emissaries of the apostles (bishops), providing ministry for the most pressing needs of the early Christian community.

This portion of the deacon's ministry to God's people centers on caring for the poor (spiritually, emotionally, physically), the alienated, and those who, for various reasons, find themselves on the fringes of society. Therefore, deacons also minister in hospitals, prisons, shelters, soup kitchens, and within the various ministries coordinated through organizations such as Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, modeling the call of *diakonia* that belongs to all the baptized to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

And since most deacons work full-time outside the Church, deacons in their workplace are sacramental signs and icons of Christ visible in the community.

Please keep in your prayers Stuart, all candidates who will be ordained, their wives and families, and all those in formation, that they might continue to answer God's call in their lives.

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

CANDIDACY YEAR TWO; FALL 2010 – JUNE 2011

On Sunday, October 24 2010, at USML Mundelein Seminary, I was instituted as an acolyte, a step along the journey of formation. From this time, you will have observed me assisting the priest at Mass in an alb and cincture (rope belt).

The academics covered modern church history, Canon law, the Gospels, Pauline literature, liturgical theology (the Sacraments) and ecclesiology (the study of God and the things of God). Ecclesiology was one of my two most challenging classes in four years with weekly quizzes, mid-terms, finals and a ten page final summation paper. I got a "B" and was ecstatic!!!

We commenced practicums, which introduced us to the roles of deacon at the liturgies, and following morning classroom instruction, we practiced in church. So we covered Sunday Eucharist, baptism, weddings, funerals, benediction, all with one eye on the third edition of the Roman Missal, which would be introduced at Advent in our final year. While the greatest changes were for the priests, the faithful and the deacons had to be prepared for the changes that would impact them.

CANDIDACY YEAR THREE; FALL 2011 - MAY 2012

The final stretch!! The year started with the second of the two most challenging classes—Christology—the study of Jesus Christ. We had a great instructor who provided exceptional handouts for a very demanding subject. A B+ made me positively giddy—at least until I heard that two of our classmates failed and had to retake the class!! However, they both prevailed and continued forward.

Homiletics covered theory, preparation, writing, and delivery. We had to prepare and deliver homilies to our class and instructor, and for our final, from the ambo. This class is critically important to a deacon's formation, because the Word of God, the teachings of the Magisterium, and the USCCB—the Theology of our Church—must be correctly interpreted and presented.

A pastoral theology class dealt with the integration of our academic learning and our Church's teachings into the practical role of pastoral ministry. We enjoyed a course on the sacraments of healing (penance and anointing of the sick) and service (holy orders and marriage) with the historical developments and significance in today's church. Other one-day classes covered marriage, chanting, the Gospels of John and Luke, and the Acts of the Apostles.

My next and final article will cover the non-academic aspects of my final months leading to ordination.

Please keep Marlene and me in your prayers as we approach May 25.



"HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY"

Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well as the positive contributions that they make to society. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed May 9, 1914, the *first* national Mother's Day. He asked Americans on that day to give a public "thank you" to their mothers and all mothers.

"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 me at (708) 215-5419 or **kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com** with any questions.

MISSION TRIP

Our next meeting is **this 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!

PRAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Take time out of your busy day to pray and reflect! We will meet again this Friday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m., in our teen room in the Education Building. Please join us! 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.

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

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING SOON!

We are still in need of 3 adult leaders. Please consider helping at our Bible School on June 18 thru June 22. Help youngsters get to know Jesus. For more information, please call: Sister Pat McKee or Mrs. Holly Kallal at the Religious Education Office (708) 352-2383.

Sister Pat Mc Kee, O.S.

Director of Religious Education

CARDINAL CORNER

News from the St. Cletus School Board

Faith, Family, Future



Congratulations to the following students for making the 2nd quarter honor roll at St. Cletus School:

8th grade high honors

Jocelyn Arciniegas, Jenna Chesswas, Emma Decker, Ian Farnan, Andrew Hubona, Megan Kern, Thomas Lombardo, Karoline Orloff, Dominic Riccione, Amanda Sadowski

8th grade honors

Celia Alejandre, Margaret Cole, Jack Dahill, Ivana Escobedo, Teresa Finucane, Peter Garvey, Steven Heim, Claire Hinckley, Brendon Jacobs, Charles Jankowski, Ryan Kelly, Mark Laghi, Keith Lenz, Jonathan Levitske, Jack Luxem, Molly Rogan, Sebastian Valdes

7th grade high honors

Margaret Doheny, Maria Flach, Bobby Koys, Katherine Krecek, Thomas McGing, Meghan Nelson **7**th **grade honors**

Matthew Ashe, Thomas Cirrincione, Hadley Diforti, Hailey Edenfield, Lauren Engels, Amy Fatora, Matthew Franklin, William Golden, Jack Gostkowski, Sean Heslin, Drew Mrazek, Timothy Murphy, Michelle Nelson, Natalie Nicoletti, Andrea Serrano, Grace Thomas, Caroline Wuerl, Cynthia Turza

ST. CLETUS STUDENTS EXCEL IN HIGH SCHOOL

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A Honor Roll

St. Cletus graduates: Edward Ashe, Katelyn Cahill, Tommy Clarke, Mary Figura, Matthew Flach, Eileen Kennedy, Camille Lang, Mark Patterson, Cody Roll

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St. Cletus graduates: Andrew Bartucci, Katherine Figura, Sally Garvey, Michelle Gostkowski, Allison Kopicki, Robert Lively, Evan McLaughlin, Dennis Reisel, Dylan Roll, Kendra Tosheff, Catherine Usher

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First Honors

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Second Honors

St. Cletus parishioners: Brendan McDonnell, Maeve McDonnell

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High Honors

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"Mystics, Visionaries & Prophets: Hildegard, Tellhard & Thomas Berry" is the title of Maureen Wild's, SC, M.ED, retreat held from September 16-23, Maureen turns to the life and wisdom of three mystics within the Christian tradition who celebrated the cosmos and Earth as numinous of "afire" with Spirit. The retreat weaves a balance of daily conference, prayer, silence, reflective readings, and optional creative expression and listening circle. The cost is \$550.

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.**

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— John 15:16

Sunday Collection - May 6, 2012

Total Active Registered Families 2,745

Collection StatisticsAmount Collected# of envelopes used this week686\$ 23,599Envelopes Users% of registered families25%3,096Loose Check/Cash2,118Electronic Giving

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000 \$28,813 Total Collected

Over (Under) Budget: \$1,813

This fiscal Year @ 5/06/12 Actual Sunday Collections: \$1,197,144 Budgeted Sunday Collections: 1,188,000

YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ 9,144

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	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event		
Sunday, May 13	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	CV/East S-207	Respect Life Carnation Sale/Baby Shower English Classes/GED		
Monday, May 14	7:00 p.m.	S-99	CREDO (Life of Christ: Mysteries of Rosary)		
Tuesday, May 15	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C MH S-201 S-207	School Mass CREDO Labyrinth Walk Mission Trip Meeting PreCana		
Wednesday, May 16	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB MH	Mission Ladies Band Concert		
Thursday, May 17	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music S-200 S-Music	Children's Choir Youth Choir Contemporary Choir SVDP Chancel Choir		
Friday, May 18	2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH Lobby S-Music S-207	MANNA Cash & Carry Spanish Choir Spanish Ministry Bible Class		
Saturday, May 19	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	CV/West CV/East Front Lawn	Campaign Weekend Campaign Weekend MANNA Cash & Carry		
Sunday, May 20	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	CV/West CV/East Front Lawn S-207 MH C S-201	Campaign Weekend Campaign Weekend MANNA Cash & Carry English Classes/GED Teen Large Group Meeting Teen Hosted Mass Teen Large Group Social		
CChurch CVChurch Vestibule (East & West) MHMorrissey Hall		S RB	School (Education Building) Rectory Basement		

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

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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 Monday of the month.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month: 4:15-4:45pm.

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Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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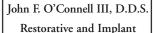
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