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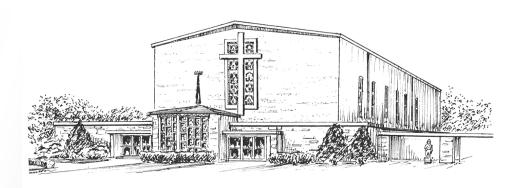
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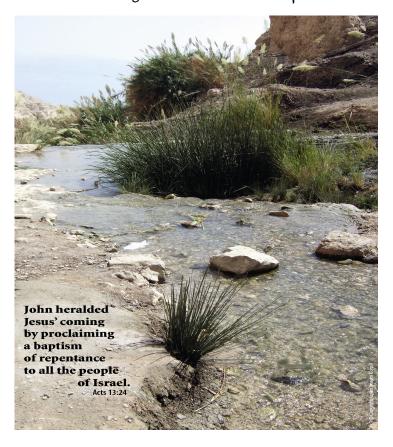
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Nativity of St. John the Baptist



All are welcome.

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Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless in the rear of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week of June 25 - July 1, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Eleanor Maday, Joseph Vieceli		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Bruno Buczek		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Anna Pleszka, Karry Vuolo		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Henry & Anna Pleszka		
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Lester Skelley Family, Georgia Popp, Joseph Kmet, Alfreda Woods, Maria Wiazak		
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Aurora Quintana, Don Rodewald & Jerry Pianowski Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Stanley Michalec, Florence Curtis Bromis Luczak, Robert Kunkel, John Zaruba Evelyn Zdenek Doll, Sally Shannon Souls in Purgatory		

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, July 3, 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.



Geneva Violet Barrette.
daughter of Matthew & Sheri (Baldwin) Barrette

James Havrison Remkus, son of Jonathan & Ruth (Heyes) Remkus

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.



The facilities will be closed in observance of the 4th of July after the 8:00 a.m. Mass/Reception, on Wednesday, July 4.

The rectory office will reopen Thursday, July 5, at 9:00 a.m.



Jodie Walsh & David Courtright
Cynthia Saldana & Jorge Villasenor
Lidia Calderon & David Hernandez
Maria Lopez & Aaron Couch

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Julius Kohl, Peter Ference, Joan Trauth, Mary Bartucci, Alice Frederick, Jennie Boerste, Rene Quinones, Philip Hodak, Eddie Wisner, Stacy Kwak, Harry Frank Nash, 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.

NOTES FROM DEACON JESÚS...

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is a well known fact that there are only a handful of unforgettable events in one's life. Some of these events could be happy, joyful, sad, tragic and traumatic. The truth is, they are all life changing experiences, such as the birth of a child, a graduation, a wedding, a diagnosis of a terminal disease, a divorce, the death of a dear one. Under the most normal circumstances, to talk about the arrival of a new baby, a wedding, a graduation, is easy for most of us. However, to talk about a "lovechild" or an "unwanted" pregnancy, is very difficult and, in most cases, even embarrassing. The easiest thing is to talk about it very little or to completely avoid the subject. The tragic, the traumatic, the devastating events—such as divorce, terminal disease, death—these events are the most difficult to cope with, and can drive a person into complete detachment or withdrawal from society. For most individuals, God's presence is not recognized in these moments. Feelings of anxiety, depression, loneliness, hopelessness, and the like, take control. Complete silence or "muteness" is the only means of communication in these somber and sad scenarios.

Sometimes, we tend to forget that even in the most traumatic events, our most faithful and loving Father is present. He is there patiently waiting, ready to comfort us, ready to lend a helping hand to ease our loads. It only takes the right moment to recognize His presence amidst the suffering. I know it is very easy to say, but true love from relatives, neighbors and friends make it easier to see that everything in life is part of His plan, even if we have to make radical changes and adjustments in our life.

In today's Gospel (Luke 1:57-66.80), we see how Zechariah recovered his voice when he realized that for God, there is nothing impossible. We can say that Zechariah discovered God's presence in that most significant moment in his life, for he was "an old man and his wife was advanced in years" (Lk 1:18). When God gave a child to Zechariah and his wife "Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue was freed, and he spoke, blessing God." All who heard these things took them to heart, and they asked: "What, then, will this child be?" We all know the answer to this question: he would be a prophet from the Most High, the Precursor, the one "going before the Lord." Indeed, this was an everlasting blessing for Zachariah and Elizabeth, for all their troubles, doubts, and questions were answered with the joys and bliss of parenthood. "And he spoke blessing God!" Let us never belittle God's presence in our daily lives, but most importantly, let us remember that we are never alone. There is always somebody nearby willing to lend a helping hand, a shoulder to lean upon...to hear us and to comfort us. We must be able to recognize God in others, through others, and with others, for everything that we enjoy (or suffer) is part of life; it is God's plan.

Finally, let us hope that a true understanding of our faith and the message of today's Gospel help us see and appreciate the importance of our children, as part of the family, society and parish life. A child is the purest manifestation of God's love in every family, and without a doubt, it is a blessing, something to be thankful for, to talk proudly about, to celebrate and to enjoy, like Zachariah and Elizabeth, with "neighbors and relatives."

Yours in Christ, Deacon Jesús



FINE ARTS SERIES

We invite you once again to join us as a part of your holiday festivities in July! Our celebration begins with our well-loved Ravinia-style patriotic concert **next Sunday**, **July 1**, **at 5:00 p.m.** Bring the family and have a picnic- come early to get a great spot to enjoy the music! Local vendors will be on hand to provide light refreshments (water, Italian ice, etc.) and Mr. Ed Ward will once again take the stage to bring us an outstanding evening of music that will leave you uplifted and inspired. Presented in part by our *Fine Arts Series*, this concert is a great opportunity to bring your family together with others from our parish and enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship and music.



We continue our annual tradition of honoring all military personnel at our 8:00 a.m. Mass on July 4. Our music will be led by the annual St. Cletus Independence Day Band, and an honor guard will process as part of our liturgy. We again invite any veterans or those on active duty to wear their uniforms (or some piece of their uniforms) and to sit together by branches of service; we will honor each branch as a part of our musical salute to the

services. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community - and the community at large - to come together and show our appreciation for the many sacrifices made on our behalf. Join us for a service that is sure to begin your holiday in a special way.

Justin Sisul—Fine Arts Series



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Where do you come from?

You may be used to hearing about John the Baptist at Christmastime, but here we are, as

far from Christmas as you can be, being asked to commemorate John's birth. It's not only his birthday the church celebrates, however; this day says as much about where John came from as about what he came to be. John came from God and was destined from the womb to serve God—in John's case to make a way for Christ, which he did by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. You, too, come from God, and God has always intended for you to help achieve God's purposes in the world.

Today's readings: Day: Issiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587)

"The Lord called me from birth."

MONDAY, JUNE 25

Use your best judgment

Matthew's gospel quotes Jesus as saying, "Stop judging, that you may not be judged." But of course you have to make judgments every day. What Jesus forbids is judging a person's character, worth, intentions, or even their standing before God on the basis of what you see. A bit of wisdom cautions: Do not judge someone's insides by their outsides. In the gospels Jesus rarely uses the word hypocrite, but when he does, it is with a vengeance. Hypocrisy comes from the Greek word for "actor," someone who wears a mask. The gospel asks that you unmask yourself, be real, and not judge others (God's job) and certainly not on the basis only of what you can see.

Today's readings: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5 (371) "You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 Show yourself the door

During a tour of San Francesco Basilica in Assisi, Italy, a friar took a group of pilgrims through the upper and lower churches and to the crypt where Saint Francis and his companions were buried. Throughout the tour he talked about the life of Francis and the architecture, art, and history connected to him. At the end the friar brought the group back to the upper church and showed them the stunning frescoes attributed to Giotto illustrating scenes from scripture and Francis' life. As he guided the group to the exit he explained that on this wall was the most important scene yet: the door! The exit, he said, is a reminder to go through the doors and spread the Good News to the whole world. Something to think about next time you leave a church building!

Today's readings: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372)

"Enter through the narrow gate."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

FEAST OF CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH The mother of all role models

Bishop Cyril (c. 374-444 A.D.) was a scholar and writer who promoted the use of the title *Theotokos* ("God-bearer") for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Council of Ephesus in 431 approved the name, which is used to this day in the Eastern and Orthodox Catholic traditions. In the West, "Mother of God" is more common, but religious historian Jaroslav Pelikan offered a translation that comes closer to the original meaning: "The one who gives

birth to the one who is God." However you choose to address the courageous woman who dared to say, "Thy will be done," you honor her most by responding in the same way to God's invitation in your life.

Today's readings: 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20 (373)

"Every good tree bears good fruit."

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 FEAST OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR Think before you act

The church calendar identifies the second-century saint Irenaeus as a "bishop and martyr." He was certainly a bishop (of Lyons in France), but his martyrdom may be more legendary. He is remembered primarily, though, not for his death but for what he did in life. His era was a time when Christian doctrine was a boiling pot of sometimes wildly conflicting ideas, and it was not clear what would rise to the top. As a theologian, Irenaeus' efforts to defend what was emerging as orthodox dogma made him one of the first people to think about Christianity systematically. Irenaeus teaches us that before we condemn a position we should seek to understand it.

Today's readings: 2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29 (374) "The crowds were astonished at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having authority."

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES Rock of ages

The pallium is an ancient liturgical vestment worn only by the pope and a very few other high church officials on whom the pope bestows it as a symbol of the jurisdiction delegated to them. In honor of saints Peter and Paul, today is the day of the liturgical year on which these officials receive this symbol of their office. In its current form it is a narrow band of white lamb's wool from sheep raised by Trappist monks, looped and draped over other liturgical vestments. The pallium is a reminder of the serious duty placed on the shoulders of the highest church leaders. Pray today that they may fulfill their offices wisely, faithfully, and with compassion.

Today's readings: Day: Acts 12:1-1; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591)

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

FEAST OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH Don't fan the flames

In the summer of A.D. 64 a terrible fire swept through the city of Rome. Emperor Nero found himself both praised for his efforts to help the victims and also accused of setting the fire. To deflect the criticism, he blamed the city's Christian community, whom many Romans disliked already because they felt Christians set themselves apart from the rest of society. But Nero's move backfired, so to speak. The hideous executions he inflicted on Christians actually aroused the pity of many Romans. The victims continue to witness (martyr in Greek) both to faith and the dangers of prejudice and hate.

Today's readings: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17 (376)

"They faint away like the wounded in the streets of the city."

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Social Concerns Ministry

RUMMAGE SALE FEVER!

There are three very important things you need to know about our 5th Annual Rummage Sale, benefitting the good works of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry:

- 1. The July 14 St. Cletus Parish Rummage Sale is just three weeks away! You still have some time to search basements, attics, etc for items to donate. Please read the insert in today's Canticle for all the details.
- 2. Why not plan to donate some time, also, to make this event a big success?! Volunteer opportunities are also featured in the insert, and a volunteer meeting will be held on **Thursday**, **June 28**, at 7:00 p.m., in **Room 213** of the Education Building.
- 3. This is not your ordinary Rummage Sale. Every year we receive unique & valuable collector/gift items, including Waterford Crystal, Wedgewood, antique jewelry, and much more. This year, besides our traditional "Treasure Room" we will be adding a new way to join in the summer fun: A "Mystery Raffle," with tickets available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can purchase your tickets on the weekend of June 30-July 1 after all the Masses and on July 1 at the Patriotic Concert. Winners need not be present at the drawing on Rummage Sale day...but we are sure you won't want to miss all the other bargains featured in this sale!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



Our monthly June food distribution went smoothly, because of so many of you, including those who donated items and the volunteers who so cheerfully donated their time to sort, shop for, and shelve the groceries, make up the bags, carry the bags for set-up in the Church, and assist our clients on the night of distribution. Thank you does not begin to cover it! We had a fresh produce table, which put even bigger smiles on faces. Items on hand were sweet potatoes, donated by a local vendor, plantains, coconuts, onions and turnips, donated by St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry, and lettuce and spinach, donated by Spring Avenue School parents, who

began an organic garden this spring. A special thanks to each of these donors, who understand our limited cold storage situation, and delivered the donations close to the day of distribution. We plan to continue this special table throughout the summer months, and will alert you to the time we can accept fresh produce from your gardens. We are now well on our way in packing bags for the July 12th food distribution. Although we always appreciate any in-date non perishables, items most needed at this time include boxed side dishes, pasta and assorted dry noodles, canned meats, crackers, canned fruit, juice, powdered drink mixes, and diapers, especially sizes 5-6. Donations can be dropped off in the designated food bins in the church vestibule, daily 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., or when you come to Mass over the weekend. THANK YOU for understanding that hunger never goes on vacation, and for your caring response to this ongoing need!

A special word of appreciation to our friends at the Christian Reformed Church of Western Springs, who conducted another "Reverse Offering" for the benefit of our food pantry. (The way this offering works is that during their Sunday services, they pass a basket with slips of paper that spell out one of the needs of our pantry, such as "pasta" or "cooking oil", etc. The next weekend members of the congregation bring in their donations, which volunteers then deliver to our pantry.) We value your partnership in following Christ's example of feeding the hungry.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS CONT:

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS is a coalition of local churches, dedicated to helping older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their community. Trained volunteers are available to provide:

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

If you or a friend could benefit from these services, or if you'd like to become a volunteer, please call Interfaith Community Partners at (708) 579-8929 for further information. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

e are still in need of catechists for the coming school year of 2012-2013. Please consider passing on the faith by becoming a catechist.

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We need 2 catechists for grade 2 on Sunday.

We need 1 catechist for grade 6 on Sunday.

On Monday, we need 3 catechists for grade 3

On Monday, we need 3 catechists for grade 3. On Monday, we need 1 catechist for grade 6.

We need 1 catechist for grade 4 on Sunday. We need 1 catechist for grade 8 on Sunday. On Monday, we need 1 catechist for grade 4.

Please call (708) 352-2383 if you would like to help us in passing on the faith to the children of St. Cletus Parish. Thank you and God bless.

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Sr. Pat McKee, C.S., Director of Religious Education

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



Antoinette Pickers, mother of Marilyn Pickers

Harry Wilsak,

father-in-law of Fran Wilsak

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Amen.



ST. CLETUS



Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

by Laura Hillenbrand

We will meet to discuss it on

Tuesday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. (Room 102)

Questions? Email: lorisashe@aol.com

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the sacrifice of the Mass, we are invited to offer one another the sign of peace. This interaction reminds us that peace in the world begins with each one of us.

Appropriately, this year's *Peter's Pence Collection* calls the faithful worldwide to **Cast the Peace of Christ upon the World**. In many locations around the world the Church is challenged daily to be a visible sign of Christ's peace. In some dioceses many are dependent on the Church for social and pastoral support. Likewise, our brothers and sisters in the Faith who have been marginalized or victims of natural disasters, war and economic oppression are most in need of Christ's peace.

Our support of this annual collection will not only unite us in solidarity with the Holy Father and the faithful worldwide, but it provides Pope Benedict XVI the resources to respond in love and charity to those most in need of Christ's peace.

May Our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones as you share the peace of Christ in your parish, the Archdiocese of Chicago and throughout the Universal Church. You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M. I.

Francis Cardinal George

Archbishop of Chicago

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "It is necessary above all that every person be motivated by the authentic spirit of peace." (Homily, January 1, 2011) Cast the peace of Christ upon the world—please be generous in today's Collection.

Sunday Collection – June 17, 2012

\$ 22,077

Total Active Registered Families 2,723

Collection Statistics

Amount Collected # of envelopes used this week 605 \$ 17,161 % of registered families 22% 2,830 2,086

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000

Over (Under) Budget: (\$4,923)

This fiscal Year @ 6/17/12

Actual Sunday Collections: \$1,347,346 Budgeted Sunday Collections: 1,350,000 YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (2,654) We thank you for your continued and generous financial support. Along with the volunteering of your time and talents you contribute to the Kingdom of God here on earth. God bless.

Envelopes Users

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Total Collected

Fr. Edgar, Administrator

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

"...but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to unite." -ACTS 13:25

Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Do you take time daily to thank God for the gifts you have received? Do you show gratitude to God every day? Are you generous without expecting anything in return?

	W	EEK ATA	GLANCE
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, June 24			
Monday, June 25			
Tuesday, June 26	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-200 RB	ICN PPC
Wednesday, June 27			
Thursday, June 28	6:30 p.m.	S-213	Rummage Sale Volunteer Meeting
Friday, June 29	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-207	Spanish Choir Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, June 30			
Sunday, July 1	5:00 p.m.	Back Field	Outdoor 4th of July Concert
CChurch CVChurch Vestil MHMorrissey Ha		Vest)	SSchool (Education Building) RBRectory 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

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (708-352-6209).

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (708-215-5407).

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

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

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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