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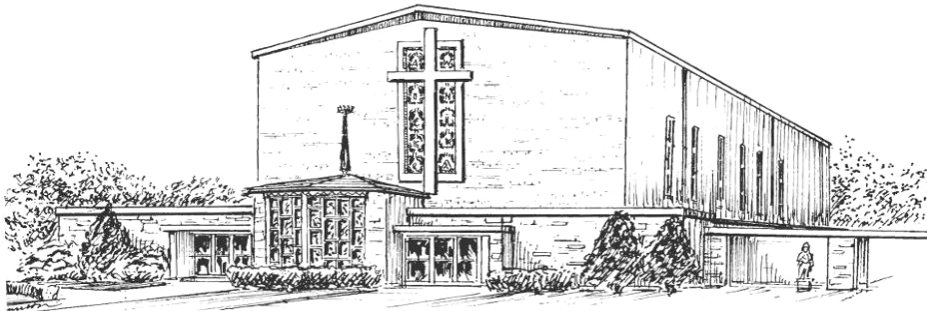
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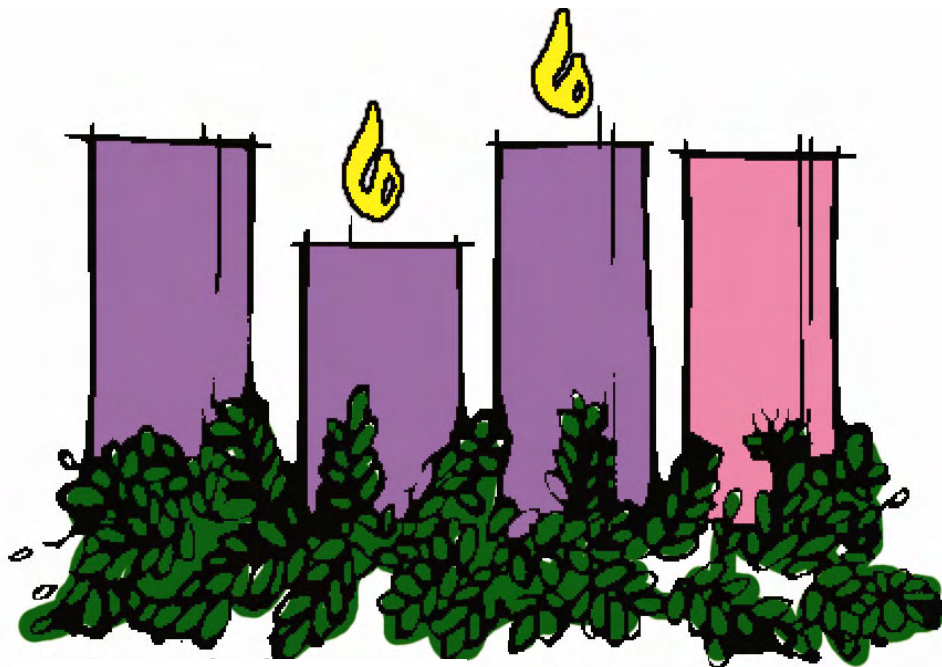
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December 9, 2012

Second Sunday of Advent



All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 10 - December 16, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Mike Kinastowski
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	John Hopp, Joseph Viecei, Robert Kunkel, Richard & Kathleen Mladenik
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Pete Murphy
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Kigin
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Grabowski Family, Erik Geyer
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners Raymond Rotolo, Rose Delaloye, Georgia Popp, Bernice Persin, Dr. Nancy Lee Nelson, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Ruth & Mary Jane Taylor
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Lester Buczek, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Evelyn Prevenas, Mario & Nancy Maturo Chester Zulaski, Elisabeth Gustofson Arturo Morales, Josephine Sorrentino, Christa Johnson, William H. Nault, George M. Nault Jack O'Donnell, Joan Reisel, Karen Marie Wilson, Robert Kunkel, Leo Nilles, Maureen O'Malley St. Cletus Parishioners

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



John Dunbar Battistoni,
son of Rick & Grace Battistoni

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



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Steven Onusaitis, Z. Gajos, Philip Hodak, Mary Alice Gregorchuk, Eugene Dorosz, Joshua Thomas, Jr., John Brannigan, Stacy Kwak, Marilyn Matesevac, Frances Klimcke, Bill Jaworski, John & George Duda, Donna Styrsky, Fernando Cabral, Carol Witkowski, Joe Butkus, Jack Urban, Catherine Mlot, Jim Ivetic, Jennifer Buchta, Ruth Ann Derbas, Julius Kohl, Peter Ference, Mary Bartucci, Jennie Boerste, Eddie Wisner, Frank Nash, James McSweeney, John Karch, Gertrude Koenig-Stoiber, Gerdi Dorso, Bob Zimmerman, Breann Moddes, Betty Niwa, Joan Workman, Betty Zapf, Sue Kremer, Lydia Ciaglia, and Howard Pohlman. 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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS "SHARE IN THE CARE"

Give to those who have given a lifetime. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift to **Today's** collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please *Share in the Care* and give generously. Envelopes are available in the pews.

PARISH FORGIVENESS SERVICE

We have an opportunity to be graced by God's peace and extend it to others through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Parish Forgiveness Service will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the church. Advent is a time to mend quarrels, to forgive those who have hurt us, and to pray for peace. What better way to "Be watchful! Be Alert! WE do not know the day nor the hour."



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2012

At the time of the London Blitz in 1940, Coral Atkins, like thousands of other children, was evacuated to the countryside for her own safety. The people she stayed with were strict and cruel towards her, and this disrupted childhood experience haunted her adult years. She grew up to become a British theatre and television actress. While making a celebrity appearance for charity one day, she saw Jessica, a little girl with a haunted face, living in a children's home.

This event triggered a deep impulse in Coral, not just to do charity occasions, but to dedicate her life to lost children. She opened her own children's home. She observed that disruptive, disturbed children are just children who need a lot of love, because they have had disruptive, disturbed experiences.

One day, a helper of Carol's, a qualified assistant very much given to discipline, expressed her despair at Coral's simple method of love and patience. "I must protest," she said, "or else something terrible will happen." Coral was exasperated. "You just don't get it, do you?" she asked. "Something terrible has already happened to these children."

Coral's simple method was a profound understanding of these children's pain and needs. She instinctively knew what was going on inside their hearts, and she gave them unfailing love and attention, along with her utmost honest endeavor. By her integrity, she gave them peace. By her devotedness, she gave them honor. She helped them to the recovery and to the restoration of their lives.

This is the experience of the prophet today. Something terrible has happened. The Jewish people are forced from their homes into exile, but Baruch can see a day of liberation in the future, when something wonderful will happen. Jerusalem will be restored, and the glory of God will shine for all to see.

This future day is given definition for us in the Gospel, when Luke says exactly when it was that John the Baptist began his preaching along the Jordan valley -- 'During the reign of Tiberias Caesar.' That is when we see John's coming, a definite sign that something is about to happen, something wonderful. Someone was coming. The day is the day of Jesus Christ.

This good news was preached most powerfully by the Apostle Paul. It was an amazing conversion that Saul of Tarsus, so fierce, forceful, and even violent, in protecting his rigid version of religion, should now spend his life preaching the love of Jesus Christ. "I love you as much as Jesus loves you," he tells his people in Philippi, "and may your love for each other increase more and more."

This is not a pious platitude that Paul is speaking. He has come to realize that the love of God in a person does powerful things. It improves our knowledge and our understanding. It deepens our perception, so that we can always recognize what is best in life. Moreover, it makes us pure. It brings us to the condition of being like Jesus himself, and that is the glory of God, present in our world.

When this happens to us, something wonderful has happened. No matter how terrible some of our experiences may be --and many are terrible- this love, this persevering love, is stronger and deeper and greater. It restores to life, where once there was only death.

Coral Atkins had one little girl in her care who never spoke, but who crawled into a ball, and hugged her dolly for love. Coral never forced this child to be different. She just loved her and cared for her and protected her. Then one day during a noisy party, the little girl spoke and brought the room to a shocked silence. "I don't like turkey", she whispered. A stunned and surprised Coral pretended not to hear properly. Eventually the little girl roared, "Can nobody in this room hear me. I don't like turkey."

"Oh yes, we can hear you," Coral answered with a beam of happiness over her face. "Oh yes, we can hear you very well."

*Advent Blessings,
Father Bob
Pastor*

P.S. Fr. Gallagher sends his blessings and love to everyone this Christmas season. If you would like to send cards and wishes to Fr. Gallagher, please send them to the rectory and we will forward them on to him.



SAINT CLETUS PARISH

Living our Faith, Building our Future.

Why do I support the Capital Campaign?

¿Por qué apoyo la campaña de recolección de fondos de San Cleto? Porque la construcción del Nuevo Centro Parroquial beneficiará a todos en nuestra comunidad. ¡Es un proyecto muy bueno para la comunidad entera de la familia de fe de San Cleto!

Yo lo veo como una forma de agradecer a Dios, y de compartir algunos de los muchos bienes y bendiciones recibidas del Señor.

Yo creo que debemos de envolvernos en este proyecto de arquitectura para poder abrir las puertas de un lugar social y familiar más grande y apropiado no solo por lo pronto, sino para las futuras generaciones por venir. ¡Es una manera de crecer como comunidad de fe!

Sinceramente suya en Cristo,

Why do I support the Capital Campaign? Because the construction of the New Parish Center will benefit everybody in our community; it is a very good project for the entire Saint Cletus family of faith!

I see it as a way to thank God, and to share some of the blessings and goods received from our Lord.

I feel that we have to get involved in this architectural project to be able to open the doors of a bigger and more suitable social and family center, not just in the near future, but for future generations to come; it is a way to grow as a community of faith!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alicia Cuellar



We fully support the St. Cletus Capital Campaign. We have been very involved in the St. Cletus community for many years and we see the need for more accessible and increased meeting room space, better gym facilities, and more accessible parish office space. We believe that a new Parish Center would add to the family atmosphere of St. Cletus by allowing the community to utilize the space for gatherings after Mass on Sunday. We would be happy to discuss the project with any one that may have questions.

Tim & Jennifer O'Brien

End of Year = Tax Time

Contributions made to St. Cletus's Living our Faith, Building our Future capital campaign, a 501 c3 may be taken as a deduction on your yearly tax returns to the full extent as allowed by law. Please consult with your tax adviser. You may wish to consider making your 2013 pledge payment this year!

Cash is not the only donation that is acceptable! Other kinds of assets such as stock or real estate can also be used as gifts to the capital campaign, and if they are appreciated assets, may produce attractive benefits. Please contact Bobbie Kallal at the rectory for more information about these types of contributions.



UPDATE

OUR GOAL: \$ 5,000,000

PLEDGES

Families	602
Amount Pledged	\$ 2,455,777
Amount Received	\$ 692,974
Average Pledge	\$ 4,079

In addition to the above pledges,
131 families made gifts totaling \$ 21,002

Total Pledges and Gifts	\$ 2,476,779
Total Collected to Date	\$ 713,976
Family Participation	733/2,762 or 27%

- Thank you for your generosity! -

SECOND COLLECTION – Weekend of December 15th & 16th

THE YEAR OF FAITH

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed...”

Many times when we come to understand something from our Catholic Faith, we get excited.

Perhaps we gain a deeper appreciation for a certain Catholic practice, or we hear a homily that sheds some light on our own lives, or we come to understand a passage in Scripture that previously had been unclear to us. In these moments of insight, do we take time to thank God for the faith enlightening our lives?

Mary was someone who took time to do just that. Even though she was a very busy woman, helping her cousin Elizabeth get read for a baby—and carrying a child of her own—Mary still paused to praise and thank God for all that he was doing in her life and for her people Israel.

At the end of the Visitation scene, Mary expresses her gratitude in a passage known as “the Magnificat,” in which she says, “My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior...for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name” (Lk 1:46-47, 49). Like Mary, let us take time to thank the Lord for the ways in which the Catholic Faith guides us and blesses our lives.

ACTION STEP

Are you grateful to God for the great things he has done for you? How will you express your gratitude this week?



**OPLATKI IS AVAILABLE AT THE
RECTORY OFFICE DURING REGULAR
BUSINESS HOURS
A donation of \$3.00 is requested**

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



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Drink


It makes perfect sense. Before we drink, we must pour what we are to drink. At Holy Communion, when we drink from the chalice, we know there has been a prior ritual action of preparation, the pouring of wine

that includes a drop of water symbolizing the union of the humanity and divinity of Jesus. We also know from Jesus' words of institution that what we drink has been poured in another sense.

In Jesus's name, the priest says, “Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Take and drink what has been poured into this chalice. Take and drink what has been poured out on the cross for your salvation. When we drink from this chalice, we know we can only do so, because the suffering and self-sacrificing love of Jesus has first been poured out for us.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO + STRATEGIC PASTORAL PLAN YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH

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Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week

December 9, 2012

LK 3:1-6

How is Eucharist my bread for the journey, nourishment for the “desert” times of my life?



The word “Bethlehem” means “the house of bread.” The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. The spiritual lesson is this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

HONORING LIFE'S COMPLEXITY

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser

In a lecture recently, I made the point that Jesus shocked people equally in both his capacity to thoroughly enjoy his life and in his capacity to renounce it and give it up. It was one and the same Jesus who, at a lavish supper with a woman at his feet bathing him in perfume and affection, could tell his uncomfortable hosts that he was thoroughly enjoying the moment without a trace of guilt and who could tell the same people that the deepest secret of life is to give it all up in self-sacrifice without a trace of thought for yourself.

After the lecture, a young man came up to me and questioned me about the first prong: How could Jesus give himself over to that kind of enjoyment and pleasure? My answer: Precisely because of the other part, his capacity to renounce. One relies on the other, like the two wings on an airplane. Jesus had a shocking capacity to enjoy life because he had an equally shocking capacity to give it up. That is also true of many other aspects of Jesus' life and ministry: He could condemn sin, but love the sinner; be fiercely loyal to his own, even as he shocked them in his love of those outside their circle; and he could walk in the greatest freedom anyone has ever known, even as he acknowledged that he did nothing on his own.

And that kind of complexity, that kind of capacity to hold near opposites together in a healthy tension, is one of the marks of greatness. Great people do exactly that. Let me offer some examples:

Dorothy Day, soon to be canonized a saint, stood out for exactly that reason: she carried both the non-negotiable Gospel-demand for social justice as well as the non-negotiable Gospel-demand for proper morals and proper religious practice. She was radical and pious. Usually we do not see the same person leading both the peace march and the rosary. Dorothy did both. Most of us can't. We can do one or the other.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's writings continue to inspire people across every type of divide for the same reason. He had the capacity to hold together, at one and the same time, two seemingly competing loves. He was born, he says, with two incurable loves and sensitivities: a love of God and a sense of the other world that he could never betray and an equal love for this physical world and its facility and beauty. Both were undeniably real to him, both took his breath away, and he tried to live in a way so as to not betray either of them, despite the tension this created in his life. It gave his writings a rare depth. Most other

writing, secular or religious, honors only one of those poles to the denigration of the other.

We see the same kind of complexity in the writings of Therese of Lisieux. On the one hand, her focus is radically otherworldly, the vision of someone who sees this world as ephemeral, flimsy, and of little value. Yet, at the same time, she shows herself as almost unhealthily attached to the good things of this world, the love of family, of nature, of beauty. Therese could write eloquently about wanting to die and leave behind this shadowy film we call life and at the same time feel resentful if she wasn't receiving daily affirmations of love from her family. And she saw no contradiction here because there isn't any. Both are healthy, when they are held together.

St. Augustine offers another example. He wrote more than six thousand pages and, within those pages, he said things that have helped trigger anything from negative feelings about sex to forced religious conversions; but he also said things that laid the roots of most orthodox Western theology for the past seventeen hundred years. He was able to hold a lot of things in tension. Sadly, we are not his equal and instead pick and choose pieces of his thought to the detriment of his overall vision.

Carlo Carretto, the Italian spiritual writer who died recently, also stood out for his capacity to hold seemingly contrasting truths in tension. It is rare to see in the same person his particular combination of piety and iconoclasm, his fierce loyalty to the church and his strong criticism of it. For him, the two depended upon each other. One is healthy only because the other is also there.

Great minds and great persons properly honor complexity. Nowhere is this clearer than in Jesus. He carried all truth, in all its complexity. Unfortunately, we, his followers, are not up to the master. That's why there are hundreds of different Christian denominations today. That's also why there are liberals and conservatives both in our churches and our society. We find it easier to carry smaller pieces of the truth than to carry the tension of being loyal to its bigger picture.

But simplicity and clarity aren't always our friends.



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**ST. CLETUS PARISH 2012
PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

**December 3rd-11th Spanish Ministry
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
7:00 p.m.**

**December 12th - Spanish Ministry
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
4-5:00 a.m. "Mañanitas" (morning greetings)
7:00 p.m. Mass**

**December 14th
Taizé Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.**

**December 15th
Jazz Nativity Fine Arts Concert
3:00 p.m.**

**December 16th-23rd - Spanish Ministry
Christmas Novena
7:00 p.m.**

**December 17th
Parish Forgiveness/Reconciliation Service
7:00 p.m.**

**December 21st & 22nd - Spanish Ministry
Christmas Posadas
8:00 p.m.
Room 98 in the Education Building**

**CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS SCHEDULE
2012**

CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00PM...CHURCH
2:15PM... MORRISSEY HALL
3:30PM... CHURCH
3:45PM...MORRISSEY HALL
5:30PM...CHURCH
7:00PM...CHURCH/SPANISH
10:00PM...CHURCH
10:30PM...CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00AM...CHURCH
8:00AM...CHURCH
9:30AM...CHURCH
11:00AM. .CHURCH
12:30PM...CHURCH/SPANISH



ACCOMPANIMENT

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
VOCALIST/PIANO
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
VOCALIST/PIANO
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
HISPANIC CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
CHANCEL CHOIR

ACCOMPANIMENT

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING
VOCALIST/PIANO
CHANCEL CHOIR
CONTEMPORARY CHOIR
SPANISH CHOIR

SOCIAL CONCERNS GIVING TREE REMINDERS

Please remember to place your Giving Tree gifts in the Madonna della Strada chapel in the church narthex this weekend with the tag **securely attached** to the package. If you have more than one package for the same person, please attach a gift tag indicating his/her name and family number, to make sure all gifts go to the correct person. **The gifts will be organized for delivery after the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 9.**

Bring your Food Baskets to Morrissey Hall on December 16, from 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. There will be volunteers curbside to help carry in your baskets. We ask that you securely attach the food basket tag to your package. If your food is in more than one container, if possible please mark the containers 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc. This will be a big help in our organization process.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

APPROACHING ADVENT IN PRAYER"

TAIZÉ PRAYER
DECEMBER 14th
7:00 P. M. - IN CHURCH
ENTER ADVENT IN PEACE
SONG - SCRIPTURE - SILENCE

PLEASE JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME

Paulette Bolton

Director of Parish Catechesis/Formation

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!**TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

This month we will have two large group meetings only (no small group) in order to assist with our parish Giving Tree this Sunday, December 9, and next Sunday, December 16. We will be working from 2:15-6:00 p.m. this Sunday. Please contact Kristen to sign up for a shift on the 16th.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD DURING DROP-IN

Because our teen advisory board meeting was cancelled due to a power outage, it is rescheduled during our drop-in time on Tuesday, December 18. Drop-in anytime between 5:30-8:00 p.m. and our meeting will be in the middle about 6:30 p.m.. We will be talking about our ministry and upcoming service projects including the summer mission trip! Please join us!

PARENTS OF TEENS PRAYER

On Friday, December 21, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 208 in the Education Building we will meet again to reflect on Advent. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

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

YET TO DO

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.

—Marie Curie

**MARY AND MARTHA**

We are approaching *Holiday Time* once again. We hope you have been saving little items for the Briar Place residents Christmas packages. We will be putting our gift bags together in the Rectory Basement on Wednesday, December 19, at 9:00 a.m. Small items e.g., lotions, shampoo, combs, tooth brushes, toothpaste, denture cleaner, deodorant, playing cards, small books, pencils, pens, and jewelry are needed. We usually assemble 70 bags. Questions? Please call Virginia at (708) 354-7282. Please drop off your donations at the rectory. Thank you for your kindness.



SAINT CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS

Bending Towards the Light *a Jazz Nativity*

SATURDAY, DEC. 15TH 3:00 P.M.

Featuring Bobby Lewis, Bobby Schiff, Jerry Coleman, Larry Gray, Mark Olen, Ken Jandes, Dawn Holt Lauber, Tim Coffman, Andy Tecson, Geraldo D'Oliviera, Gayle Bisesi, Daniel Riley, Dan MacDonald and the St. Cletus Choir.





THANKS FOR BEING LIFE SAVERS!

Women's Care Center of La Grange would like to thank all St. Cletus parishioners who donated to our recent **Baby Bottle Collection** at the parish. The total amount collected to date is **\$6,917**. We are so pleased with your response and are very blessed by your generosity! You have made it possible for us to continue our life-saving and life-affirming work helping women and babies in our area.

We are deeply grateful to Fr. Robert Clark, pastor, Fr. Edgar Rodriguez, associate pastor, Fr. Ken Baker, associate pastor and to Wayne and Marianne Hamilton, pro-life coordinators, for all their support and leadership in this event.

Because of your sacrifices large and small, Women's Care Center of La Grange will be able to help save babies' lives through compassionate counseling, free ultrasounds, medical referrals, and material assistance given to their moms and dads in crisis. May the Lord of Life bless you for caring for His littlest ones!



Gift Cards for Education

For this program vendors sell gift cards to us at a percent discount. We then sell them at face value.

Half of the proceeds helps our school the rest you can apply to tuition at St. Cletus or ANY public/private high school or college!

**Cash and Carry
After Mass
NEXT WEEKEND!**

For more Information or to order online visit
<http://www.stcletusparish.com/school/fundraising/manna>



A Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners...

Please welcome to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Gonzalez and Family, Mr. & Mrs. John Kraus and Family, Mr. & Mrs. James Lilly and Family, James T. Treszka and Zapka Shurland.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Speaking with people of a different culture, making new contacts, and a feeling of self-satisfaction are some of the benefits one might reap from volunteering at School on Wheels, sponsored by the Congregation of St. Joseph of La Grange Park. Volunteers are needed for the school's Adult Literacy/English as a Second Language program. Tutors are asked to teach one hour or more per week, during the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at locations in Cicero, Hodgkins, Woodridge, Westmont, Villa Park, or Summit.

No prior second language skills are needed, however, it is necessary to attend a two-day Tutor Training Session, set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays, January 5, and January 12, 2013, at Congregation of St. Joseph, La Grange Park. Volunteers must attend both training dates. Further information is available by calling (708) 482-5060 or (708) 482-5077.

Sunday Collection – December 2, 2012

Total Active Registered Families 2,744

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used this week 658
% of registered families 24%

Amount Collected

\$ 23,821 Envelopes Users
2,671 Loose Check/Cash
2,070 Electronic Giving

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000

\$ 28,562 Total Collected

Over (Under) Budget: \$1,562

This fiscal Year @ 12/02/12

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 610,739

Budgeted Sunday Collections 621,000

YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (10,261)

Thank you for your generous support of the needs of our parish community. May this holy season be one of joy and blessings to you and yours throughout the coming year.

*God bless,
Fr. Bob, Pastor*

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, December 9	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Narthex E & W C	Gift Returns Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
Monday, December 10	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C MH	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Men's Basketball
Tuesday, December 11	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-213 C S-200 MH	Pastoral Care Commission Our Lady of Guadalupe RCIA Boys' Church League
Wednesday, December 12	4:00-5:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	C C S-200 MH	Our Lady of Guadalupe "Mañanitas" (morning greetings) Spanish Mass Baptism Prep Class Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
Thursday, December 13	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music MH	Contemporary Ensemble Chancel Choir Boys' Church League
Friday, December 14	2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-213 S-Music C S-207	MANNA Cash & Carry Spanish Choir Taizé Prayer Service Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, December 15	3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	C Narthex/West Narthex/East	Jazz Nativity Fine Arts Concert MANNA Cash & Carry Christmas CD
Sunday, December 16	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Narthex/West Narthex/East C	MANNA Cash & Carry Christmas CD Spanish Christmas Novena
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Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

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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.

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CONFESSIONS

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