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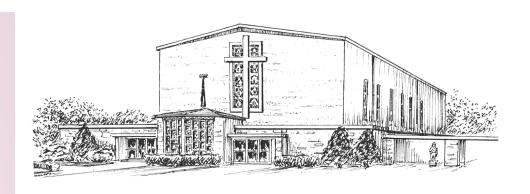
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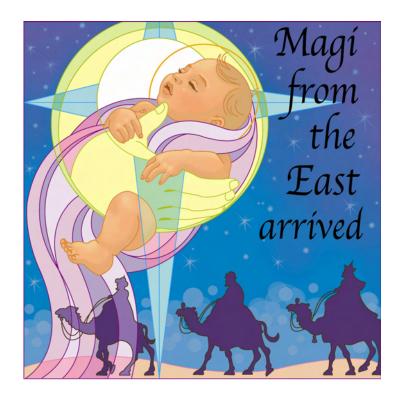
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The Epiphany of the Lord





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 January 7 - January 13, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Rev. Robert Shannon		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Adeline Kulikowski		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Eva & Stanley Grabowski		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Richard J. Buch		
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus Myldred D. Shutt, John Ernest, Benjamin Patrick Hyink		
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Henry & Darlene Krueger, Dorothy Kovacevich Souls in Purgatory Special Intention for Dorothy Buchta, Joan Reisel, John Battistoni Fred Czachor, Paul Klimek, Kadlec Family Souls in Purgatory		



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Please remember our sick in your prayers: Susan Cambron. Edmundo Edward Hrzenjak 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 Styrska, Fernando Cabral, Carol Witkowski, Joe Butkus, Jack Urban. Catherine Mlot. Jim Ivetic. Jennifer Buchta, Julius Kohl, Peter Ference, Mary Bartucci, Jennie Boerste, Eddie Wisner, Frank Nash, James McSweeney, John Karch. Gertrude Koeníg-Stoiber, Gerdi Dorso, Bob Zimmerman, Breann Moddes, Betty Niwa, Workman, **Betty** Zapf, Sue 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.

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

Ellen Mary Rostan, mother of Jeri Hoag

James Joseph Lilly, husband of Nora

Leslie A. Murray, husband of Joan

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Amen.



"If the Magi had come in search of an earthly King, they would have been disconcerted at finding that they had taken the trouble to come such a long way for nothing. Consequently they would have neither adored nor

offered gifts. But since they sought a heavenly King, though they found in Him no signs or royal preeminence, yet, content with the testimony of the star alone, they adored: for they saw a man, and they acknowledged a God."

~St. John Chryostom

NOTES FROM FATHER EDGAR...

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical summit of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world: after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem. He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. The Magi here represents the Gentiles—all the peoples of the earth—and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation!

How does that salvation come? It comes through faith. The adoration of the Magi is the beginning of Christian faith—they followed the star which led them in their quest to find their Savior. The Gospel tells of how they were divinely guided, how this faith manifested itself in action - by their seeking instruction from God's priests, by prostrating their very selves and offering their best treasures before the poor and frail Babe in Mary's arms.

They offered: gold in homage to His new Kingship, symbol of their *hearts* offering love; Incense in homage to His Divinity, symbol of their *minds* offering adoration; Myrrh in homage to His Humanity, symbol of their *bodies* offering to do penance. That's what we are called to do during this Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord: we are asked to offer Him the best we have; we are asked to offer Him our *heart*, our *mind*, and our *body*!

So one of the questions for us this Sunday might be, what are we offering the King of kings this year? Is it the best we have to offer Him?

May we open our heart and mind ever wider to the Lord, who is the Light of the World, so that, with our body, we may offer him homage in all we do.

Fr. Edgar

Associate Pastor

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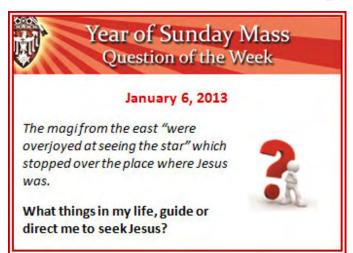
To adore is not merely to admire, although we use the word "adore" in this loose sense. When I adore someone or something, I center my life on this person or thing. To adore is to worship. To adore is to hold in awe.

Each human being will adore someone or something. We have a drive within us to center our lives this way. Faith tell us that only God is worthy of our adoration, but people can adore the false gods of money, pleasure, status, and even their own convenience.

Every time we kneel before the altar at Mass, we profess our commitment to adore God alone, our true center. "We adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, O God, almighty Father."

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;

National Migration Week

Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;

Julian Calendar Christmas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14,

15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;

Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;

Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

HELP WANTED!

You are invited to serve at the Lord's table as a lector, proclaiming the Word, or, as a Eucharistic Minister.

Please consider this special ministry. Scheduling is flexible, based on each person's availability and date/time preferences.

There will be lector training on Wednesday, January 9, in church from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

There will be Eucharistic Minister training on Thursday, January 10, in church from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Please call (708-352-2383) if you are interested in attending or if you would like to arrange an alternate time.

Paulette Bolton

Worship Ministry

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 6, 2013

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

- Isaiah 60:1

PURGATORY AS SEEING FOR THE FIRST TIME by Ron Rolheiser

Imagine being born blind and living into adulthood without ever having seen light and color. Then, through some miraculous operation, doctors are able to give you sight. What would you feel immediately upon opening your eyes? Wonder? Bewilderment? Ecstasy? Pain? Some combination of all of these?

We now know the answer to that question. This kind of sight-restoring operation has been done and is being done and we now have some indication of how a person reacts upon opening his or her eyes and seeing light and color for the first time. What happens might surprise us. Here is how J. Z. Young, an authority on brain function, describes what happens:

"The patient on opening his eyes gets little or no enjoyment; indeed, he finds the experience painful. He reports only a spinning mass of light and colors. He proves to be quite unable to pick up objects by sight, to recognize what they are, or to name them. He has no conception of space with objects in it, although he knows all about objects and their names by touch. 'Of course,' you will say, 'he must take a little time to learn to recognize them by sight.' Not a little time, but a very long time, in fact, years. His brain has not been trained in the rules of seeing. We are not conscious that there are any such rules; we think we see, as we say naturally. But we have in fact learned a whole set of rules during childhood." (See: Emilie Griffin, *Souls in Full Flight*, pages. 143-144)

Might this be a helpful analogy for what happens to us in what Roman Catholics call purgatory? Could the purification we experience after death be understood in this very way, namely, as an opening of our vision and heart to a light and a love that are so full so as to force upon us the same kind of painful relearning and reconceptualization that have just been described? Might purgatory be understood precisely as being embraced by God in such a way that this warmth and light so dwarf our earthly concepts of love and knowledge that, like a person born blind who is given sight, we have to struggle painfully in the very ecstasy of that light to unlearn and relearn virtually our entire way of thinking and loving? Might purgatory be understood not as God's absence or some kind of punishment or retribution for sin, but as what happens to us when we are fully embraced, in ecstasy, by God, perfect love and perfect truth?

Indeed isn't this what faith, hope, and charity, the three theological virtues, are already trying to move us towards in this life? Isn't faith a knowing beyond what we can conceptualize? Isn't hope an anchoring of ourselves in something beyond what we can control and guarantee for ourselves? And isn't charity a reaching out beyond what affectively feeds us?

St. Paul, in describing our condition on earth, tells us that here, in this life, we see only as "through a mirror, reflecting dimly" but that, after death, we will see "face to face". Clearly in describing our present condition here on earth he is highlighting a certain blindness, an embryonic darkness, an inability to actually see things as they really are. It is significant to note too that he says this in a context within which he is pointing out that, already now in this life, faith, hope, and charity help lift that blindness.

These are of course only questions, perhaps equally upsetting to Protestants and Roman Catholics alike. Many Protestants and Evangelicals reject the very concept of purgatory on the grounds that, biblically, there are only two eternal places, heaven and hell. Many Roman Catholics, on the other hand, get anxious whenever purgatory seems to get stripped of its popular conception as a place or state apart from heaven. But purgatory conceived of in this way, as the full opening of our eyes and hearts so as to cause a painful reconceptualization of things, might help make the concept more palatable to Protestants and Evangelicals and help strip the concept of some of its false popular connotations within Roman Catholic piety.

True purgation happens only through love because it is only when we experience love's true embrace that we can see our sin and drink in, for the first time, the power to move beyond it. Only light dispels darkness and only love casts out sin.

Therese of Lisieux would sometimes pray to God: "Punish me with a kiss!" The embrace of full love is the only true purification for sin because only when we are embraced by love do we actually understand what sin is and, only there, are we given the desire, the vision, and the strength to live in love and truth. But that in breaking of love and light is, all at the same time, delightful and bewildering, ecstatic and unsettling, wonderful and excruciating, euphoric and painful. Indeed, it's nothing less than purgatory.



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December 30, 2012

Dear St. Cletus Parishioners,

St. Cletus School's elementary program offers a strong educational curriculum guided by the Common Core State Standards in English, language arts, and math, as well as the State of Illinois Learning Standards. In addition to our 1st-8th grade program with an average classroom size of 22 students, St. Cletus offers 3- and 4-year-old full-day preschool as well as half- and full-day Kindergarten classes. Our well-rounded academic program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computer technology classes. Daily religion classes, service hours, and regular school Masses also help our students to develop into mature, responsible young adults. Other opportunities available at St. Cletus School are Junior Great Books, Student Council, Scouting (for boys and girls), athletic programs, band, choir, various after-school clubs, and before-and after-care programs. If your child is just beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- Currently enrolled school families began enrolling for the 2013-2014 school year on November 30, 2012.
- On January 14, 2013, applications will be accepted for registered St. Cletus parishioners.
- ♣ Applications from the general public will be accepted beginning Sunday, January 27, 2013, at our Open House for Catholic Schools Week. Interested families are welcome to attend our 9:30 AM family Mass at St. Cletus Church, followed by our Open House in the education building next door to Church from 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Please join us!

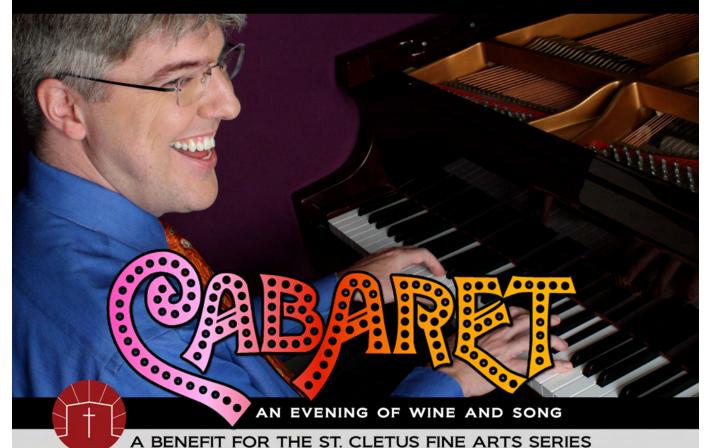
Feel free to call the school office Monday through Friday between 7:00 AM and 3:15 PM at (708) 352-4820 if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to visit our school. St. Cletus School is a great place to be—stop by to learn more!

Sincerely,

Jeff Taylor

Principal, St. Cletus School

Dueling Pianos in Morrissey Hall



Plan to join us for an unforgettable evening of music. Andrew Blendermann entertains regularly at piano bars around Chicago and spent a decade banging on grand pianos at Howl At The Moon.

This is only fundraiser we have for the Fine Arts Series, and we look forward to your support and attendance.

DATE

Friday, February 8th

TIME

8:00 p.m. Entertainment Begins

ADMISSION

\$35 in Advance \$40 at the Door

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Entertainment, Wine and Desserts

OVERNIGHT

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!

TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Large group meets next Sunday, January 13, at 3:30 p.m. in Morrissev Hall. We will welcome Terry Nelson-Johnson, Director of Faith Formation at Old St. Patrick's Parish, to speak to us about Jesus and the Paschal Mystery. We will have our teenhosted Mass afterwards at 5:00 p.m. After Mass teens are invited for pizza in Room 201 in the Education Building, while parents are welcome in room 102. Please bring family and friends!

RETREAT: From Friday to Saturday, February 1/2, we will be staying at the Brother David Darst Center

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www.brdaviddarstcenter.org at 2834 S. Normal, Chicago 60616. We will be doing 2-3 service projects in the city and reflecting/learning about Catholic Social Teaching. Adult chaperones are needed! Registration and fees are due by January 16. All information is available on our website www.stcletusparish.com/youth.

2013 SUMMER MISSION TRIP: We will be traveling to the DeKoven Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin June 9-13. While we are there we will be serving with Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Bethany Apartments (transitional home for women and children who suffer from domestic abuse). Racine Dominicans' Eco-Justice and Hope Centers, Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization, Racine County Food Bank, St. Monica's Senior Home, and similar organizations. More information and registration forms are available on our website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Registration and non-refundable deposits will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and are due by January 24. There may be a waiting list, so get yours in early.

DROP-IN: Our next drop-in is Tuesday, January 15, from 5:30-8:00 p.m., in Room 208 in the Education Building. All high school teens are welcome to "drop-in" during those hours for games, music, and hanging out! Hope to see you there! 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.

Kristin Maxwell

Youth Ministry

ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

SOCIAL CONCERNS TIME FOR A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON YOUR JOB SEARCH.

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us for an uplifting, practical, motivating and insightful program delivered with humor, wit and charm. Join us on January 17, 2013 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Our speaker this evening will be Conor Cunneen and his topic is SHEIFGAB the World: 8 Building Blocks to Successful Job Transition. Conor demonstrates a true passion for those in transition and has spoken to thousands on the subject. He is an acclaimed humorist and winner of the Chicago Toastmasters Humorous Speaker of the Year award. So what in the world is SHEIFGAB? It's an outstanding presentation for anyone in transition. This program is open to everyone and there is no fee to attend. We look forward to welcoming you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK WINTER WORKSHOP 2013

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us when the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange will host a six-week job support skills workshop on Tuesday evenings, beginning January 22, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Whether you are unemployed, underemployed, looking for a career change or a recent grad looking for your first professional position, this informative workshop is for you. FPCLG is located at 150 South Ashland Avenue; meetings will be held in Westminster Hall. Please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, call the FPCLG church office at (708) 354-0771. This workshop is open to all and there is no fee to attend. We look forward to welcoming you! Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB

The next book is Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

We will meet to discuss it on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Room 105 in the Education Building

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

"...the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

oday we celebrate the fact that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. Because God has given us different gifts, we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. If one of us does not play his or her role the whole body suffers. How will you play your role this year?

		WEEK AT A GL	ANCE
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM#	EVENT
Sunday, January 6	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/West C-S-Band, S-Music & S-Library	Welcome Committee Fine Arts Rehearsal
Monday, January 7	9:00 p.m.	МН	Men's Basketball
Tuesday, January 8	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C S-208 C S-105 S-200 Rectory DR S-213 RB MH	Adoration & Benediction (6:15 p.m.) Teen Advisory Board Spanish Adoration Book Club PreCana Class RCIA Social Concerns Commission Meeting School Board Boys' Church League
Wednesday, January 9	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB S-201 S-213 S-98 S-200 MH	Mission Ladies Catechist Formation 8th Grade Committee CREDO Baptismal Prep Boys' Church League
Thursday, January 10	5:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C-Narthex S-Music S-Music MH	Food Pantry Distribution Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boys' Church League
Friday, January 11	2:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH Lobby S-Music S-207	MANNA Spanish Choir Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, January 12			
Sunday, January 13	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH C S-102 S-201 C & S-Library-Band-Music	Teen Large Group Meeting Teen Mass Teen Parent Social Teen Social Fine Arts Rehearsal
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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.

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

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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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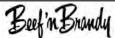
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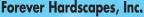
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