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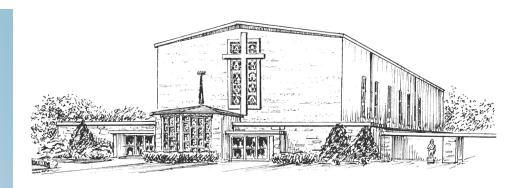
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The Baptism of the Lord



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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 January 14 - January 20, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Pat Catezone		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Alice Fredirick, Gilbert A. Rudy		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio, Frank Wojcik		
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	John Dunbar Battitstoni Jozef & James Slowik, Joe Saban, Benjamin Patrick Hyink		
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Mamie Wycislo, Maria Wisniewska, Harry & Rose Glowinski Patricia M. DeGregorio Jacob Curby, Gary Dorosz, Myrl Dorosz, Alan Gill John Dunbar Battistoni, Edward Flannery Paul White, Bridget Cullen, John Dunbar, Battistoni, James J. Lilly, David Heim Souls in Purgatory		

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

Fr. Charles Gallagher,
Our Beloved Pastor-Emeritus

Lillian Marie (Hofer) Kopsa, mother of Karen Ziemba

Deanna Myers

Dr. Charles Oldfield

Tatricia Magee, wife of Marty

Ewardine "Eddie" Wisner, wife of Jerry

Gustav "Gus" Oppenborn, father-in-law of Cathy Oppenborn

Edward Charles Gits, father of Susan Gits

Betty Quinlivan

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Amen.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Mona Heyes, Susan Cambron, Edmundo Casas, 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, Urban. Catherine Mlot. Jim Jack Ivetic. Jennifer Buchta, Julius Kohl, Peter Ference, Mary Bartucci, Jennie Boerste, Frank James McSweeney, John Karch, Gertrude Koeníg-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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-

12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;

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NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

BAPTISM OF THE LORD 2013

One of the most excruciating rites of passage in school life is the 'choosing of the team'. I mean the choosing that takes place in the school yard during recess periods, the selection done by our peers. The two generally accepted best players (or strongest characters) agree to pick sides. Then it is a matter of: "I'll have him" or "We'll have her" until everyone belongs to one team or the other. This simple logic is in itself humiliating for those not chosen till last, but the humiliation is increased by the bargaining and discussion that accompanies the ritual. Attempts are usually made by friends of weaker players to get them on to their side. When such loyalty is successful, the gratitude and joy of the recipient is unbounded. Where such attempts are dismissed out of hand, the anguish of the rejected player is doubled, as not even the ties of friendship can shield him from such exposure and scorn. Some pretend to be above such matters, indifferent as to whether they are chosen or not, idly kicking pebbles, while desperately hoping to be noticed. When their seeming nonchalance is rewarded, they burst with joy. It is the unfortunate fate of the least well endowed that they are usually also the most vociferous of applicants and so draw even more attention to their failure. They wear their hearts on their sleeves, and their subsequent suffering is as evident as it is inevitable.

Each evangelist treats John the Baptist in a subtly different way. For Luke, he is the one who raises expectations of the Messiah through his baptism of repentance. John is quite clear as to the limitations of his powers. His baptism is but a cleansing one of water. The one who is to follow him will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. It sounds as though John expects someone who will be even more judgmental than himself. It appears that John views the Spirit as the gift for those who respond, whereas the fire would be the judgment on those who resist. In Christian thinking, the theme of fire is also linked with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost in the form of tongues of flame. If the waters of baptism cleanse, the baptism by fire evokes an even more challenging image of purifying flame and inspiration. Luke then sets the baptism of Jesus himself against a background of personal prayer and divine revelation. Throughout his gospel, before any momentous decision or course of action, Jesus will be found at prayer. At the beginning of the public life of Jesus, we witness a new creation, the new and universal covenant between God and his creation, which will be taken forward into the ages to come by the Church founded on the apostles. This moment is sealed by God's own declaration. Jesus is the Son, the Beloved, the one on whom God's favor rests.

Through our baptism, we accept the same challenge that Jesus accepted. We take on the responsibility of bringing the good news of the kingdom to all we meet. However, there is also the recognition that we do not accomplish this by our own powers. We become part of the unfolding of the covenant which is still—and always will be—under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

The voice that addressed Jesus as his beloved addresses us in the same terms. We do not have to worry about whether we are going to make the team or not. Through baptism we are all swept up into the cosmic pageant that is the breaking in of God's kingdom. How we discover and we play out our individual roles in this pageant comes both from decisions made by the community, as well as from our own inspiration and skills. If we take Jesus as our model, then our main aim will be to let all this happen under the umbrella of prayer. Our human patterns of behavior, even when creating teams, can tend to isolate and undervalue. God's way of behaving is to enfold us in his full embrace. The statement that his favor rests on us, his beloved, is to make it clear to us that we work and flourish under God's loving power, his grace, and that the cement of this activity is our prayerful relationship with him. Without him we are nothing; with him we move mountains.

Blessings of Your Baptism Be With You,

Father Bob Pastor

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



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Dear Relatives, Friends and Brother Priests of the Reverend Charles Gallagher:

Please accept my deepest condolences as you gather in Saint Cletus Church this morning for the funeral Mass of Father Gallagher. I extend my sympathy in a particular way to his sisters, Frances and Loretta, to his many nieces and nephews, and to the priests who were ordained with him in 1944. I regret that I cannot be with you, and I thank Bishop John Manz for representing me and offering this Mass. I remembered Father Gallagher and all of you when I celebrated Mass earlier today.

Together with you, I am deeply grateful to God for the tremendous gift of Father Gallagher's priestly ministry, which was fruitful for the Church in so many ways over the course of more than sixty-eight years. Whether as a newly-ordained assistant at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Oak Park, as an Army and Army Reserve chaplain during the Korean War, as Associate Pastor of Divine Infant Jesus, Saint John Vianney, Saint Isaac Jogues and Our Lady of Mercy Parishes, or as Pastor of Saint Cletus Parish for eighteen years, Father Gallagher distinguished himself by his dedication to and love for the Lord and for those the Lord gave him to serve in each of his assignments. Even after his retirement from administrative duties in 2000, the generosity of Father Gallagher's priestly heart remained visible through his careful work as editor of Sursum Corda, our archdiocesan newsletter for retired priests.

The death of Father Charles Gallagher during this season of Christmas invites us to renew our trust in Christ, who was born for us of the Virgin Mary as the light that no darkness, not even the tumult of war or the gloom of death, can overcome. In His mercy, may the Lord quickly bring Father Gallagher to a place in the glory of heaven. Please remember me in your prayers and join me in praying for vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. May God bless you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

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Archbishop of Chicago

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PRAYER AS KEEPING US OUTSIDE THE GREAT MARCH

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser

In virtually all of his novels, Milan Kundera, manifests a strong impatience with every kind of ideology, hype, or fad that makes for group-think or crowd-hysteria. He is suspicious of slogans, demonstrations, and marches of all kinds, no matter the cause. He calls all these the great march and, to his mind, they invariably lead to violence, all of them. Kundera likes artists because they tend to steer clear of causes, wanting to paint or write rather than march.

There are causes worth fighting for and there are injustices and wounds in our world that demand our involvement beyond our wanting rather to paint or write. Still Kundera's severe judgment on marches and demonstrations of all kinds, the great march, is fair warning. Why?

Because in our more reflective moments we know how hard it is not to get caught up in ideology, hype, fad, groupthink, and crowd-hysteria in a way that leaves us mindless. It's hard to know what we really think and believe, as opposed to what the cultural circles we move within prescribe for us. It's hard not to be caught up in the fashion of the moment.

But it's even harder for us to ground ourselves in something deeper; to root ourselves in a perspective outside what Thomas Hardy once called the maddening crowd. How can we ground ourselves in a depth that immunizes us from ideology, fad, hype, fashion, and the subtle grouphysterias that plague every culture?

In Luke's Gospel, the disciples sense that Jesus is drawing his wisdom, calm, strength, and power from somewhere beyond himself, that he is grounding himself in something beyond both the enticements and threats of the present moment. Their hunch is that he is finding this depth in prayer. They too want to connect to this depth and power and they have come to realize that prayer is the route, the only route, to take them there. And so they ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. What did he teach them? How do we pray in such a way so as to ground ourselves in something truly beyond our own individual and collective narcissism?

Metaphorically, this is described for us in the passage in Scripture which records the martyrdom of Saint Steven. This is the scene:

A crowd of very sincere, though misguided, persons, driven by religious fervor, but caught up in some grouphysteria, gather to stone Steven to death. Here's how

scripture describes it: "They were infuriated when they heard this and ground their teeth at him. But Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'Look! I can see the heaven thrown open,' he said, 'and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.' All the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they made a concerted rush at him, thrust him out of the city and stoned him." (Acts 7, 54-58)

Steven's death was real, but the description of his dying is replete with metaphors that tell us what it means to pray and what it means to not pray.

What does it mean not to pray? The crowd, notwithstanding their religious fervor and sincerity, do not pray. The description here says it all: Their gaze is on in Steven, at whom they are looking with misunderstanding and hatred. Moreover, his message of love is at that moment an inconvenient truth so they are stopping their ears so as not to hear. And they are in the grip of grouphysteria. They are not seeing the heavens laid open, but rather a very earthly person whom they hate; and they are not in the flow of the Holy Spirit but in the grip of hysteria. That is why their gaze never rises above their bitter glare at Steven. They are solely in the moment, in the now, seeing only what is below the heavens, and that is non-prayer. No matter how sincere we are religiously, what has just been described is not prayer. Indeed sometimes even our sincere prayer together is nothing more than the deepening of our group narcissism and a deeper enslavement to the maddening crowd. Our eyes are still on each other and not on God.

Stephen, on the other hand, is praying. He is described as having his eyes turned upward (a metaphor, not a pictorial description) and he is gazing into heaven and seeing the heavens laid open. His gaze is beyond the crowd, beyond the moment, beyond human divisions, beyond hatred, beyond even the fear of his own death. He is gazing into something beyond the crowd and the present moment. This, and only this, is prayer.

I share Kundera's fear about the great march and how easily and blindly I, and most everyone else, can fall into step. His hunch is that art can help ground us outside the maddening crowd. I would add that prayer is even more helpful.



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SAINT CLETUS PARISH

Living our Faith, Building our Future.

IRA Distribution to Charity extended through 2013!

On January 2, 2013, the President signed an eleventh-hour agreement to reduce the impact of the "Fiscal Cliff'. As touted in the media, the primary highlights of this new law called, "The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012", was to extend the Bush-Era Tax rates for incomes under \$400,000 (\$450,000 for married couples filing jointly). However the law also revived many expired tax provisions which are now retroactive to the start of 2012.

One of these provisions is a provision allowing tax-free distributions of up to \$100,000 from IRAs to charities by individuals $70 \,\%$ or older. This provision was extended for two years (2012 & 2013). Since the law was enacted after the close of 2012, the Act provides a couple of transitional rules that allows taxpayers to take advantage of it on their 2012 income tax returns. However, taxpayers who wish to do so must act on or before January 31, 2013.

Briefly, these rules:

- Allow taxpayers to treat a direct transfer from their IRA to a charity by January 31, 2013 as if it was made in 2012.
- Allow taxpayers to treat any portion of a distribution that was made from their IRA to the taxpayer during the month of December 2012 as a nontaxable distribution, if that amount is transferred to the charity by January 31, 2013.

These provisions provide an opportunity for certain individuals to make a January 2013 contribution to the St Cletus Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign on a tax advantage basis.

To utilize these provisions, we encourage you to speak to your tax advisor as soon as possible.

Prayer for the success of Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign

Heavenly Father, as St. Cletus Parish moves into the future, we ask that you bless our founding parishioners, those who have come before us and those here today. Their sacrifices and dedication over the past 60 years have provided us our present day facilities.

Lord Jesus, as we move into the future, please bless our efforts to provide for a new Parish Center to meet our continually growing needs. May our sacrifice and dedication to the future of our parish match that of all our brother and sisters from the past.

Holy Spirit, as this effort moves forward, please send your Spirit to inspire us. May we know your will and follow it as we continue to Spread the Good News of the Gospel within our St. Cletus Community.

St. Cletus, pray for us.

UPDATE

OUR GOAL:\$ 5,000,000

PLEDGES

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Families 602 Amount Pledged \$ 2,455,777 Amount Received \$ 771,677 Average Pledge \$ 4,079

In addition to the above pledges, 131 families made gifts totaling \$ 26,031

Total Pledges and Gifts \$ 2,481,808

Total Collected to Date \$ 797,708

Family Participation 733/2,762 or 27%

- Thank you for your generosity! -

SECOND COLLECTION - Weekend of January 19th & 20th

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YEAR OF FAITH

INTERIORIZING THE FAITH

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." - Luke 2:19

Knowing the truths of the Faith is not enough. Someone who memorizes the Scriptures and understands the Catechism is not necessarily close to God. Certainly, we must understand the Catholic faith intellectually, but we also must allow God's revelation to penetrate our hearts and shape our lives.

Mary is a mode for this "interiorization" of the Faith. When Mary witnessed the amazing events surrounding the birth of her Son, the Scriptures tell us that she "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Lk 2:19; cf. 2:15). On a basic level, the notion of keeping and pondering in the heart indicates that she sought to understand the meaning of the mysterious events at the dawn of the New Covenant era (See Gen. 37:11; Dan. 4:28).

But the phrase tells us something more. In the Psalms and Wisdom literature of the Bible, to keep and ponder in the heart implies not just a correct interpretation of God's words and deeds, but a faithful living out of God's revelation. For example, Psalm 119:11 says, "I have laid up thy Word in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Here, the Psalmist ponders God's Word in his heart so that he may live according to that Word.

Therefore, we learn from Mary that it is not enough to know God's Word intellectually. We must interiorize God's Word and allow it to shape our lives. We need to take God's Word to prayer, meditate on it and apply it to the situations we face each day. We, like Mary, should keep the Word of God and ponder it in our hearts, so that we may walk in His ways.

ACTION STEP

This week select a passage from the book of Psalms, and ponder each phrase slowly and prayerfully. Let God's Word speak to you!

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.

-John Henry Newman

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Know

The Mass is no classroom, but it is the place where we come to know the most important things about ourselves, our world, and our future. "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God," Jesus says.

If we pay attention in the Mass, we come to know extraordinary things.

In and through the Mass, we know that God loves us. We know that forgiveness is in reach. We know that death does not have the last word. We know that Jesus, the Bread of Life, walks with us and sustains us.

Amazingly, at Mass we come to know the inner life and intentions of God. The words of Jesus become true for us: "And no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Matthew 11:27).

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January 13, 2013

"The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ..." and John the Baptist directs their attention away from himself toward Jesus.

Has the celebration of Mass ever empowered me to direct others to Jesus?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord;

National Vocation Awareness Week First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Monday: First Week i Thursday: St. Anthony

Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

begins

Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany

(Epiphany); Blessed Virgin Mary

CARDINAL GEORGE TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN 2013

Cardinal George has begun a series of talks on religious freedom in each of the vicariates. Three presentations for parishioners will take place early next year.

Cardinal George will engage parishioners about the importance of the religious freedom issues with respect to the new mandates and regulations surrounding the health care laws. There will be time for people to discuss and ask questions.

DATE	VICARIATE	TIME	HOST PARISH
January 14	VICARIATE IV	7:00 PM	St. Domitilla Church 4940 Washington St. Hillside, IL 60162-1200
February 8	VICARIATE V	7:00 PM	Incarnation Church 5757 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463-2402

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.



He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

у зрин. — *Titus 3:5*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!

TEEN FAITH FORMATION

Large group meets this Sunday January 13, at 3:30 p.m. in Morrissey 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 teen hosted Mass afterwards at 5:00 p.m. Small groups will meet at designated times on Sunday, January 27, at the homes of our catechists.

TEEN HOSTED MASS

This Sunday January 13, at 5:00 p.m. in Church, we will be having our teen hosted Mass. Teens are invited for pizza afterwards in Room 201 in the Education Building, while parents are welcome in 102. Please bring families and friends!

OVERNIGHT CHICAGO SERVICE-BASED RETREAT

From Friday to Saturday, February 1-2, we will be staying at the Brother David Darst Center **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 fee are due by **January 16!**. All information is available on our **website www.stcletusparish.com/youth**.

RACINE, WISCONSIN SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2013

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!

MISSION TRIP MEETING

On Tuesday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m., in Room 201 in the Education Building, we will have our first mandatory mission trip meeting. It is for parents and teens. We will discuss details of the trip including our first fundraiser!

DROP-IN

Our next drop-in is this Tuesday, January 15, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the Teen 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!

PARENTS OF TEENS PRAYER

Begin the New Year with prayer! On Friday, January 25, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 208 in the Education Building we will meet again to pray and reflect. 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.

Kristin Maxwell

Youth Ministry

SOCIAL CONGERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity enabling us to have 175+ bags ready for our January food distribution. Once again, we ask your help as we restock our shelves and begin making up bags for our next distribution.

- The most needed staples at this time include dry pinto beans (1-3 lb bags work best for us), rice, assorted dry noodles, boxed side dishes, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly and cereal.
- We are also low on our "extras". Some favorites include paper goods, coffee, powdered or evaporated milk, juice, crackers or cookies, all sizes of diapers, toiletries, laundry detergent and dishwashing soap.
- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated. Please remember to check expiration dates to avoid out-of-date goods.

You can drop off your donations in the designated bins in the Madonna Della Strada shrine in the Church narthex when you come to Mass over the weekend, or daily, from 7:45 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Thanks again for your faithfulness is supporting this much needed and appreciated outreach. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 215-5418 or **mford@stcletusparish.com.**

WORDS OF THANKS...

I have received many calls and cards from our client families in appreciation for your generosity in providing the volunteer manpower and the food/gift donations to ease their worries throughout the year, and provide care and hope during the holidays. I wish it was possible to share the hugs and tears of joy I experience when sharing your generosity with those we help. Instead, let me share a few of the words of gratitude with you, who make our outreach to the community possible. "...Because of you, we have been able to put food on the table. Thank you." "Thank you for the food all year long. Also thank you for the Giving Tree. We will use often the pots and pans, cupcake pans and cookie sheets you gave us."

"Thank you for all your generosity for our family and for making this a blessed Christmas. Blessings for the New Year." "We are so grateful to all who helped us during this time of our difficulties. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts." "Thank you so much for helping my family all year long and especially during the Holidays. If it weren't for the Church we would not be having a Christmas." The most repeated expressions of appreciation were "God bless you for all you do. We will keep you in our prayers." "You will never know how much you are helping us and our children." "We hope and pray for a better 2013 so we can be on the giving end." "Thank you for treating us respectfully, and not looking down on us because of the situation we find ourselves in." Let us continue to be Jesus' hands and feet in the New Year.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

The pictures shown on page 9, are "snapshots" of the generosity our Social Concerns encounters in all our efforts to help others.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS CONTINUED:



Are all the gifts properly marked?



A glimpse of some of the 70 bikes going to happy children & grateful adults.



Precision stacking!



THANK YOU for another successful Giving Tree Outreach!

Maureen Soldat & Mary Beth Ford

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, under-employed, 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.

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 p.m. 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.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

The Compassionate Care Ministry delivers *Care Baskets* to our bereaved families, and we are in need of baskets about 10" in diameter. We also need foil-packaged tea (any flavors), white tissue paper, and books of postage stamps for our card mailings. Please mark the items for **Compassionate Care Ministry** and leave in the Nurse's Office.

If you have any questions, please contact 482-3549 Reta Strecker at (708)email or retastrecker@hotmail.com. Thank you for blessing our bereaved families with your care, compassion, and love!



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- 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.

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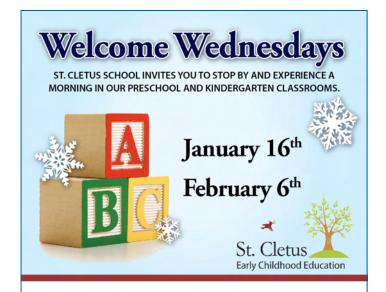
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CARDINAL PURSUIT TRIVIA NIGHT!



Come join us for the St. Cletus Annual Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night! Gather your team of 8-12 friends, bring your own snacks and beverages.

When: Friday, January 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Morrissey Hall Cost: \$10 at the door

Contact Chris and Robin Bourjaily with questions @ Bouribbk@yahoo.com.



Stephanie Labayen & Brendan Farmer
Rina Zito & James DeMory
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Please welcome to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Liam Bresnahan and Family, Castro Family, Leutsch Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Remkus and Family, and Linda Reid. If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Due to the Christmas holidays and staff illnesses, collection information for the past few weeks will be published in the January 19/20 Canticle.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" (Luke 3:16)

The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to god in this way, we will know in our hearts what else God might call us to do.

	V	VEEK ATA	GLANCE
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, January 13	3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	MH C S-102 S-201	Teen Large Group Meeting Teen Mass Teen Parent Social Teen Social
Monday, January 14	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-200 MH	Athletic Association Meeting Men's Basketball
Tuesday, January 15	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C S-200 Rec Dining Room MH	School Mass PreCana Class RCIA Boys' Church League
Wednesday, January 16	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB S-98 MH	Mission Ladies CREDO Boys' Church League
Thursday, January 17	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-213 S-Music MH	Children's Choir Rehearsal Contempo Ensemble Rehearsal SVDP Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boys' Church League
Friday, January 18	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music MH S-207	Spanish Choir Annual Cardinal Pursuit Night Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, January 19	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Narthex/East Narthex/West	Respect Life Committee MANNA Cash & Carry
Sunday, January 20	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	Narthex/East Narthex/West	Respect Life Committee MANNA Cash & Carry
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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.

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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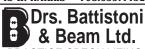
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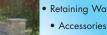
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