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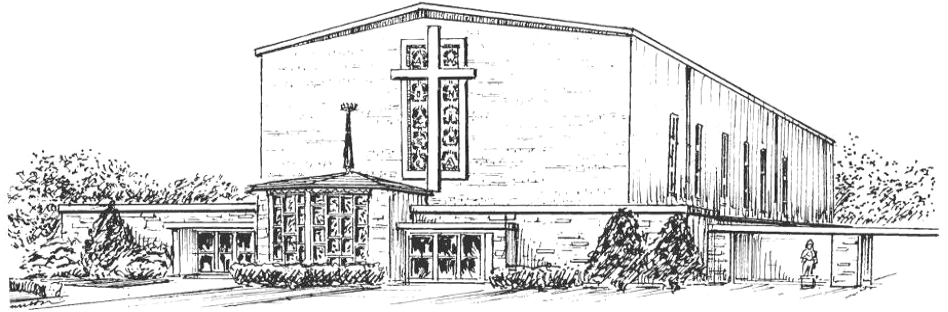
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February 17, 2013

First Sunday of Lent



**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 February 18 – February 24, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Tony O'Brien
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Ann Baker, Joe Saban, Louis Viecele
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mamie Wycislo, Jacqueline Rybacki Lenten Mass
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Kulikowski, Jeffrey Melton
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Ed and Bobbie McQuaid, Richard J. Buch, Erik Geyer, Brian Fuller
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sally Stolarski Geri Zimmer, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Janine Berg, Lizz Wojtowicz, Rose Delaloye, Jack Smith, Lucy Cook
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Dolores E. Kuchta, Augustine Wolosechek, Cristy Barrio Luczak Family, Louis & Sophie Egielski Myrl & Eugene Dorosz Mary White, Edward J. Mezan, John Dunbar Battistoni, Loretta Gacek Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Diane Cesarone, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Eleanor Mlot, Mona Heyes, 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, Catherine Mlot, Jim Ivetic, Jennifer Buchta, Julius Kohl, Peter Ference, Mary Bartucci, Jennie Boerste, 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.



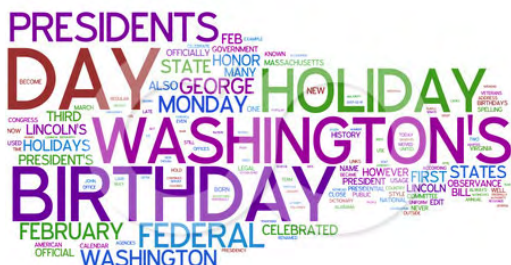
*St. Cletus Parish  
Welcomes...*

*Alondra Vargas,  
daughter of Gabriel Vargas & Araceli Esquivel  
to the Catholic Faith through the  
Sacrament of Baptism.*



### PARISH LENTEN FORGIVENESS SERVICE

Please note that St. Cletus's Parish Lenten Forgiveness Service will be held on Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity.



ALL FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT'S DAY.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013 AT 9:00 A.M.

## ***NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...***

### ***FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2013***

*Today Jesus goes into the desert, but just before this St. Luke has given us an account of his baptism. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and acknowledged as God's beloved Son. Before he begins his ministry among his people, when he will proclaim the coming of the kingdom of God, he must prove that he is truly God's Son. He knew that his own people, Israel, also called God's son in scriptures, had been brought out of slavery in Egypt by God and given their freedom, as we are told in today's first reading. However, after a short while they found freedom too difficult to handle and told Moses that they wanted to go back to the fleshpots of slavery in Egypt. At least there they had food to eat, unlike the hunger of the desert. God made his people wander for forty years in the wilderness so that they might learn what true freedom involves. Constantly they failed to trust God and turned instead to the idols of power, glory and instant material satisfaction.*

*Jesus goes into the desert to confront the temptations that Israel had faced. At the beginning of his public life, he must defeat the forces that will test him at the end of his life, when he faces death. At that time he will have to trust his Father to deliver him from the slavery of death and raise him to the freedom of eternal life.*

*Jesus responds to the first temptation by telling the devil that satisfying an empty stomach is not enough to give the true freedom that God's word points to. We do not live by bread alone. Next Jesus faces the temptation of power. But the worship of power does nothing to free human beings from slavery: only God can do that. And finally Jesus is tempted to test God, to fling himself from the pinnacle of the Temple to force his Father's hand. But Jesus chooses to trust his Father, just as he will again trust him in the garden of Gethsemane, when Satan will return for the final conflict.*

*At the beginning of Lent we may groan at the thought of following Jesus into the desert – and for forty days! It seems like such a barren time; we find it hard to give up some of the consumer goods on which we are so dependent. What's the point of fasting? It seems so negative. But we do not fast out of some puritanical scorn for God's creation, but rather so we may more keenly appreciate the goodness of God's gifts when the fast is over.*

*The Church sees Lent as a time of grace, when we learn to recognize anew the ways in which we have become enslaved to the idols in our society. Those idols may be material goods; they may be the seeking of status and power, or anything that blocks God's call to a deeper freedom. The desert, for Israel, was not just a time of deprivation; it was also a time when God was close to them, when they were intimate together in a sort of honeymoon period.*

*So we have an opportunity to listen to God speaking to us in prayer. In the desert of Lent, we can make a greater effort to read the scriptures and to be fed by God's life-giving word. We can worship God not only by going to Mass more often, but by sharing our material possessions with those who are in need. Most of all, Lent is the time to recognize our great dignity as human beings: that we have been created by God, not for slavery, but for freedom. By sharing with Jesus a period in the desert, we will be more ready to share his victory over the slavery of death, when he rises to life on Easter Sunday.*

*With Jesus in the desert this Lent,*

*Father Bob*  
*Pastor*



## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON GOD?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser

Some years ago, I was at a religious conference where one of the speakers, widely known and respected for her work among the poor, made this comment: "I'm not a theologian, so I don't know how this plays out theologically; but here's the base from which I'm operating: I work with the poor. Partly I do this out of my humanity, out of natural compassion; but ultimately my motivation is Christ. I work with the poor because I'm a Christian. However I can go for two or three years on the streets and never mention Christ's name because I believe that God is mature enough that He doesn't demand to always be the center of our conscious attention."

God doesn't demand to always be the center of our conscious attention! Is that true? Clearly the statement needs some clarification and nuance. On the one hand, there's a certain freeing-up inside of us that comes from hearing this said, given that most of the time God is not in fact the center of our conscious attention and, this side of eternity, will most likely never be. But, on the other hand, the consolation we feel in hearing this flies strongly in face of the clear challenge that comes to us from scripture, our churches, and spiritual writers warning us against losing ourselves in the ambitions, projects, anxieties, pleasures, and distractions of this world, of letting our focus on this life eclipse the wider horizon, God and eternity. Countless spiritual writers warn us that it's dangerous to be so immersed in this world so as to lose sight of anything beyond. Jesus too warns us of this danger.

And yet all of us know a lot of people who seem so immersed in this life, in their marriages, their families, their jobs, in entertainment, in sports, and in their daily concerns that they don't seem at all to have God as center of their conscious attention for any significant portion of their daily lives. Indeed, sometimes these people do not even attend church and often have very little in terms of a formal or private prayer in their lives.

But, and this is the seeming-anomaly, they're good people, people whose lives radiate a basic (and sometimes very generous degree) of honesty, generosity, goodness, warmth, and healthy concern for others. Moreover they are often robust and witty, the ones you want to be next to at the dinner table, even as they seem to be living and dying merely as devoted children of this earth, not much given to abstraction or religion. A good family gathering, a win by the home team, a good meal or drink with a friend, and a healthy day spent

working, are contemplation enough. Their default consciousness focuses on the things of this world, its joys and its sorrows. A shift in consciousness would need to occur for any explicit notion of God to enter their lives. For these people, good people for the most part, ordinary consciousness is mostly agnostic.

How bad is this? Does this dangerously shrink one's horizons? How badly does a one-sided focus on the things of this life choke out the word of God or render it shallow and extraneous? Are we going to hell in droves because we can't give God more of our conscious attention and because we can't be more explicitly religious?

By their fruits you will know them! Jesus said that and it must be our criterion here: If people are living inside an honesty, generosity, goodness, warmth, health, solicitousness, intelligence, and wit that is life-giving, can they be much out of harmony with God? Moreover, we need to ask ourselves: If we are born into this world with such a powerful, innate gravitation towards the things of this earth, if our natural (default) consciousness wants to fix itself more upon matter than spirit, and this seems to be the case for most people, how then do we read the mind of our Creator? What divine intelligence is manifest within the natural instinct to give ourselves over to this life, even as we carry a faith that gives us a vision beyond this world?

Perhaps God is mature enough to not ask for, or want, our conscious attention most of the time. Perhaps God wants us to enjoy our time here, to enjoy the experience of love and friendship, of family and friends, of eating and drinking, and of (at least occasionally) seeing our favorite teams win a championship. Perhaps God wants us, in the famed-words of Yogi Berra, to sometimes just to sit back and enjoy the game! Perhaps God is like a blessing old grandparent; perhaps we pray in an inchoate way when we healthily enjoy the gift of this life; and perhaps there are less-conscious ways in which we can be aware of God.

Like the woman whom I quote above, I also don't know how this all plays out theologically, but it needs to be said.



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## KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

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# Pray

At different points in the Mass, we are invited to pray or even urged to pray. We hear: "Let us pray," "We pray to the Lord," "Pray brothers and sisters." What does this mean? Certainly, it means that we don't pray on autopilot.

We must decide and direct ourselves to pray to God. We must also recognize what we are doing. When we pray, we are going into God's presence. We thank God, we praise God, and we ask God for what we need. And there is more.

When we pray at Mass, we do not go before God as strangers. We pray as members of the household of God, as sons and daughters who have received the Holy Spirit who enables us to cry out to God, "Abba, Father." We pray, because we are at home.

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**YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH**

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Thursday:	St. Peter Damian
Friday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Abstinence; Washington's Birthday
Saturday:	St. Polycarp; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36



## Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week

**February 17, 2013**

**LK 4:1-13**

**If receiving Eucharist unites us more closely to Jesus, how does Sunday Mass strengthen me to resist temptation from the devil?**



## PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future.

—Anonymous

## PASSING THE TEST

"Test" is a four-letter word. Spelling tests, driving tests, SATs, all bring a knot to the stomach. Tests are something we would rather forgo, but also something we must undergo. Lent, too, is a four-letter word and is also a kind of test, for the only way to Easter is to *pass* through Lent.

Today's reading from Deuteronomy commends Israel for its faith in the God who saves. No matter the tribulation, Israel's faith enables it to persevere. This faith/test theme also appears in the reading from Romans. Paul boldly asserts that faith in Christ will see the believer through any trial.

The Gospel passage makes it clear that even Jesus was tested. It describes a test, a struggle between good and evil, that dramatically demonstrates Jesus' faith in the power of God's life in him. This power enables him to overcome temptation. This power is with all of us who celebrate the test of Lent, a power enabling us to *pass* with flying colors.

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**REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL**

With these words we enter into the holy season of Lent; a season marked by two themes: the baptismal and the penitential. "By recalling or preparing for baptism and by repentance, this season disposes the faithful...to celebrate the paschal mystery" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy). This paschal mystery is about a God who loves us so much, he sent his Son to take on the nature of a human being who freely gave up his life, so we would know we are holy, loved, and saved. We need these 40 days to contemplate this mystery and to become fully reconciled before we can truly experience the joy of Easter.

We fast and abstain to stand in solidarity with God's poor. We feel the pinch of hunger and the craving for extra food. We are invited to give the money we save from these simple Ash Wednesday and Lenten Friday meals to the poor. This money is called "alms".

We pray more in Lent. Our responsibility as the baptized is to pray for the needs of the world. We pray for our loved ones, our enemies, for peace in troubled places, and for our own souls. We pray for murderers and deviants and for all who have been or are being exploited. We pray for the rich and the poor.

Our fasting should also include, fasting from those behaviors, habits, and attitudes that fill up our lives and draw us away from building loving relationships with God and one another. Good choices for our Lenten practices are those that really change us – beyond the days of Lent.

The practices of Lent we undertake "in secret" must draw us beyond ourselves to the quality of life within the community – both the community of the church and the community of the world and affirm our baptismal promise to – "...believe in the gospel".

Through Christ's presence in the Eucharist, we are connected with our brothers and sisters around the world. During this season of Lent our parish will explore this connection through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl.

We are invited to:

- . Pray together
- . Fast in solidarity with those who are hungry
- . Learn about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world
- . Give sacrificial contributions to support those in need

Please take a Rice Bowl with the Lenten guide to place on your kitchen table and to enhance your Lenten observances at home.

***Let us pray:***

***God of all people, Hear us as we join in prayer with our brothers and sisters in need.***

***Bless our Lenten fasting, learning, and giving.***

***May your generous love for your people be our guide***

***As we reach out to all who live with hunger and poverty. Amen.***



**FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

In the Gospel, Jesus instructs the devil that true worship of God is through loving service of God alone. How can we learn to give true praise to God without responding to the people He sends into our lives?

In our Lenten Journey, let us pray, fast, learn and give, keeping in mind those struggling to survive in the countries CRS serve with the help of our rice bowl donations.

**PRAY**

- For the grace to recognize the areas that most tempt you to follow your own agenda over God's plan for you and to break the hold those temptations have over you.
- To deepen your relationship with Christ, recognize his face in the faces of our brothers and sisters in need and then respond to the need of the 925 million people in our world who don't have enough to eat.

**FAST**

- From self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
- From thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

**LEARN**

- Burkina Faso, this week's CRS featured country, is a small, landlocked West African nation. Slightly larger in size than Colorado, it is home to 17,275,115 people, over 3 times Colorado's population.
- It is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 181 out of 187 countries on the UN's Human Development Index.
- 80% of the population are farmers. Because of frequent droughts, often farmers can only grow enough food for 7 months.
- In 2012, CRS served 1,586,633 people in Burkina Faso. Moussa Ouedraogo and his family were among those people. Read his story in the rice bowl spiritual guide, and more about the CRS' agriculture programs at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

**GIVE**

How often do you have fresh vegetables and produce for your dinner table – even during the bleak winter months? Consider that, for many of the world's poor, food that they do not grow themselves is too expensive to purchase.

- Take stock of the fresh items in your refrigerator, and make a donation to your Rice Bowl for each type of produce you find.
- Give up a favorite snack or treat and donate the money you save through your sacrifice to your Rice Bowl.
- Give a few moments of your time to take action with *Catholics Confront Global Poverty*, [www.confrontglobalpoverty.org](http://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org), and tell your elected officials to prioritize our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters by protecting funding for international assistance.

Catholic Social Teaching of the Week: **Option for the Poor**

**As a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. The Gospel specifically calls us to take action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society.**

## The Scrutinies

Last Sunday, six fellow parishioners in this year's RCIA attended the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral. Alyssa Fitch and Ashley Olivarez were accepted into the Order of Catechumens and are now known as the Elect. Alyssa and Ashley will celebrate the three Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. As members of the Elect, Alyssa and Ashley enter the final stage of preparation and will celebrate three scrutinies.

The scrutinies — celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent — are the beginning of a period of purification and include rites for self-searching and repentance. They are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the Elect. The purpose of the scrutinies is to help prepare the spiritual readiness of the Elect so that they may be ready to celebrate the sacraments.

The scrutinies will be celebrated at the following liturgies:

The First Scrutiny – Sunday, March 3, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass  
The Second Scrutiny – Saturday, March 9, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass  
The Third Scrutiny – Sunday, March 17, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

At the Rite of Election, Clyde Bradley, Bonnie Burns-Vigacek, and Melissa Hubert were received as candidates for the sacraments. All baptized in other faiths, they will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Nicole Whetter also became a candidate. Having been baptized Catholic, she will complete the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

It is always a joyous time in the Church when we welcome new members. We look forward to the Easter Vigil when these friends of ours will join us at the table. Please continue to pray for the Elect and the Candidates.

*Fr. Ken Baker*

Associate Pastor/Worship

## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We were able to prepare 250 bags of non-perishables for our February monthly distribution, thanks to your generous contributions! As we replenish our shelves, most needed items include **cereal, pasta sauce, boxed sides, snacks, treats, and baking mixes**. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In almost every country, groups of Christian friends, known as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, work to bring help and hope to persons in need. Active SVDP membership, which entails the regular person to person service of distressed persons, is a universally recommended way of Christian caring. However, not every parishioner is equipped for or attracted to this kind of in-person encounter with suffering. But every parishioner, no matter what his capacities and circumstances can be partnered in SVDP's charitable activities. How?

- By praying for those in our community who are vulnerable and troubled.
- If able, by making a monetary donation in the SVDP donation box located in the church narthex.
- By dropping off clean, gently used clothes and shoes in the St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drop Box, located in the St. Cletus parking lot. These clothes are used in the SVDP Family Thrift Shop's voucher program, which allows less fortunate people to receive clothing and shoes at no cost to them.

Thank you for your prayerful support!

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns



## SOCIAL CONCERNS CONTINUED...

### LAST 2 WEEKS - INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

**Week # 5:** Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 7-9:00 p.m.: Judy Kennedy will lead this week's session on interviewing. Judy is an accomplished human resources professional with extensive experience in providing transition and career coaching to a client spectrum that spans a broad range of industries and disciplines at all career levels.

**Week #6:** Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 7-9:00 p.m.: are you "Linked In" with the people who can help you with your job search? Learn about this must-have social media tool for job seekers. Aileen Gilpin, Principal at Gilpin Consultants, will provide a "Linked In" primer and answer your questions on how to effectively use this powerful online resource.

This workshop is open to all and there is no charge to attend. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqsedler@aol.com). We look forward to welcoming you in Westminster Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange. Please enter church on Catherine Avenue.

Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website: [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

### ORGANIZE YOUR JOB SEARCH

**INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK** invites you to join us on Thursday, February 21, 7-9:00 p.m. for a lively, interactive and informative presentation on how to better organize your job search. Our speaker, Steven Rosenblum, is a dedicated HR professional with over 15 years of experience in various HR roles. His ideas about how to follow up with employers after submitting your resume will be very helpful. Steve will help you feel like you are much more in control of your search than you may feel right now. He will offer insight, tools, resources and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate, lead and succeed in your search. He will share many of his experiences and best practices, which will be extremely helpful. Please join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. This program is open to all and there is no charge to attend.

### PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

**Interfaith Community Partners** is holding a volunteer training session. The session will be on Sunday February 24, from approximately 12:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Ministry Center, 1515 W Ogden, La Grange Park.

All interested persons who want to serve older adults through visitation, assisted transportation, or telephone reassurance are welcome. Lunch will be served.

To register or for more information, call (708) 579-8929.

### ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB



The next book is  
***Gone Girl***

by Gillian Flynn

We will meet to discuss it on  
**Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.**  
(Room 102)

Questions? Email: [loriashe@aol.com](mailto:loriashe@aol.com)

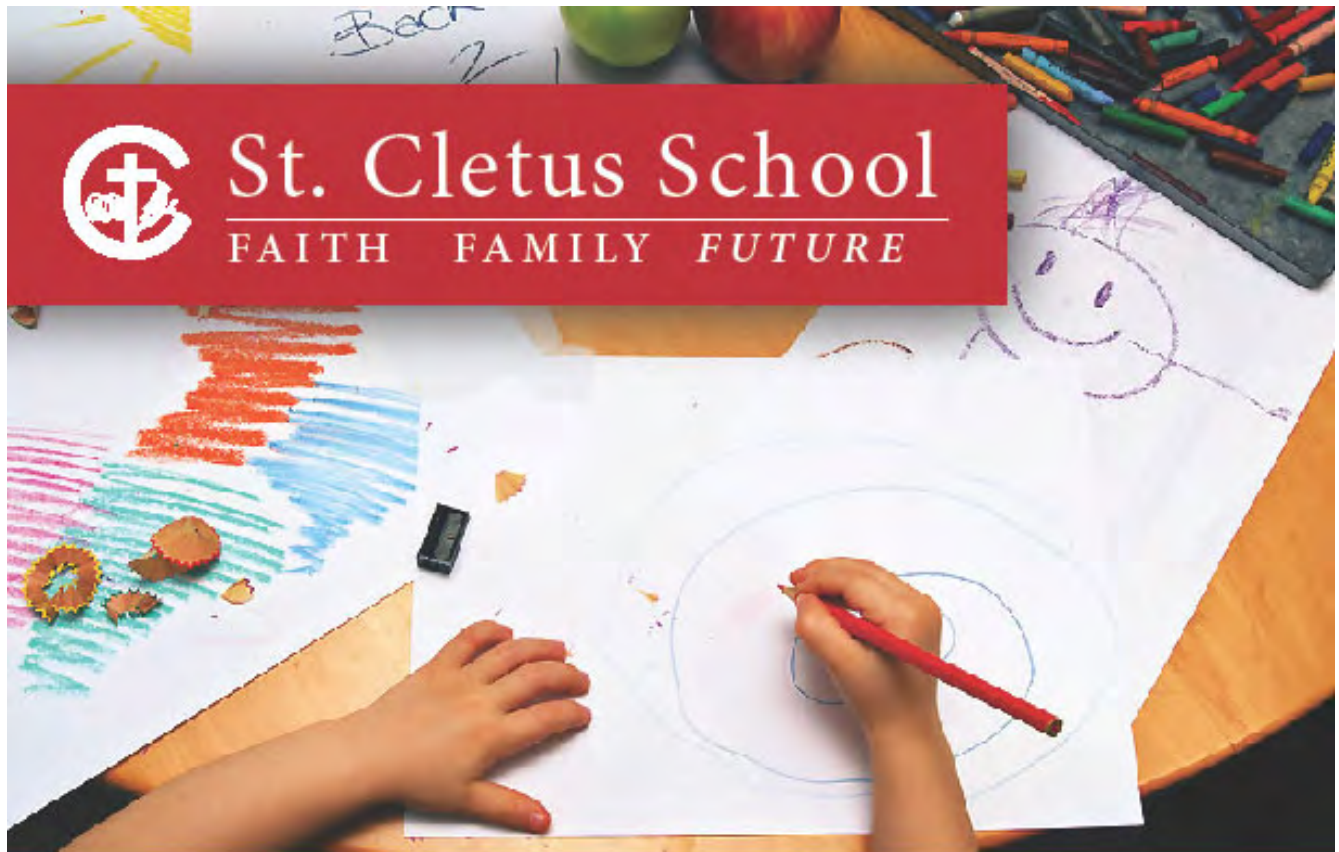
***Please pray for those who have  
died and their families...***



***Edward Zajac***

***Richard Kowalski,***  
brother of Alice Dunkovich

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



Enrollment for the 2013-14 school year is now open. If you are interested in high quality Catholic education for your child, or know someone who is, contact the school office (708) 352-4820 to schedule an appointment. Space is limited, and enrollment is on a first come, first served basis.

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### FEELING LUCKY?

### BUY A PULLING OF THE GREEN GRAND RAFFLE TICKET AND YOU CAN WIN \$25,000

The outline of the raffle is: A maximum of 2,000 tickets sold at \$50 apiece = \$100,000

\$50,000 will go to the school to help offset tuition increases

The remaining \$50,000 will be broken down as follows (a total of 20 winners):

#### Weekly Early Bird drawings leading up to the final drawing:

February 1 (1) \$150 winner                      February 22 (1) \$250 winner

February 8 (1) \$200 winner                      March 1 (1) \$300 winner

February 15 (1) \$200 winner                      March 8 (1) \$400 winner

*\*Early Bird drawing winners will still be eligible to win one of the prizes in the final drawing.*

#### Final drawing on March 16:

Grand Prize \$25,000      Third Prize \$2,500 (2 winners)

Runner-Up \$10,000      Fourth Prize \$500 (10 winners)

*\*The remaining \$1000 will be used for marketing expenses.*

*\*A seller's incentive - if you sell 10+ tickets and a ticket you sold wins the grand prize, you will win \$2,500.*

It is beneficial to buy or sell your tickets early so you (or someone you sell to), can be eligible to win one of the weekly drawings and a prize in the final drawing on March 16! Remember...the more you sell (or buy) the greater your chances are of winning one (or more) of 20 cash prizes and the \$2,500 seller's incentive. Tickets will be available for purchase in the church narthex all weekends prior to March 16. See a ticket representative if you wish to sell multiple tickets. Request extra tickets by sending an email to: [grandraffle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:grandraffle@stcletusparish.com). Winners need not be present at the final drawing to win. Thank you for your support!



### LABELS FOR EDUCATION

We are off to a great start with our new *Labels for Education* program this year. Please continue to submit your labels in the container marked "Labels for Education" in the Minister's Room on the shelf.

Please check all products for UPC's labeled with the "Labels for Education" logo. The program requires the entire UPC code in order to submit the label. People, Time, Health, Real Simple and Cooking Light Magazines are also eligible if they are bought over the counter. I again only need the UPC code. Thank you for all your support. We can do this one label at a time!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me [Virginia.m.noga@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Virginia.m.noga@sbcglobal.net).



### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 17, 2013

*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8



## THE YEAR OF FAITH

### TWO KINDS OF FAITH

by Steve Weidenkopf

*“For the name of faith is one in speech, but has two distinct meanings. For there is one kind of faith, dogmatic, involving assent of the soul to some particular point...But there is a second kind of faith, which is bestowed by Christ as a gift of grace.”* St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechetical Discourses

**Eleven years ago, my wife and I made a decision that forever changed our lives.** We decided to move across the country to take a job in marriage ministry. It was a difficult decision, one soaked in sacrifice, but one that produced abundant fruit. I was fairly confident that I could explain and defend the Church’s teachings on marriage and human sexuality, but I was worried about working with engaged and married couples.

Over time, I came to recognize that authentic faith is a gift from God. We can know the Catholic Faith and teach it to others, but it can only take root in a person’s life as a gift. There are many effective ways to evangelize, but the most effective way is through discipleship—building a personal relationship with another. This is the way of the Lord. He gave himself as a gift to others. While faith can mean merely knowing and believing this truth, it also means acknowledging the gift of faith in our lives. Dogmatic faith is important and necessary, but faith as a gift is life-changing.

### ACTION STEP

What kind of faith do you usually exhibit? Try living this week acknowledging that faith is a gift from the Lord and sharing that gift with others.

## Youth Ministry Update!

### FANNIE MAY EASTER CANDY SALES TO BENEFIT OUR SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO RACINE, WISCONSIN

Thank you for your support! Please drop off money and forms to the rectory or school to the attention of Kristen Maxwell **this Tuesday, February 19**. Just a reminder, there is no sales tax and the candy will be shipped directly to your home during the week of March 11. Checks can be made payable to St. Cletus Youth Ministry. Extra forms will be available at the rectory and school. Call (708) 215-5419 or email [kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com) with any questions.

**TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:** Small groups will meet at designated times **this Sunday, February 24**, at the homes of our catechists.

**LENTEN PARENTS OF TEENS PRAYER:** This Friday, February 22, 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!

**DROP-IN:** Our next drop-in is **Tuesday, February 26**, 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!

**GIRLS’ CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:** Our high school girls’ season will begin sometime in March and run through May. The schedule has not been set yet. Forms and registration information are available on our website and are due by **March 4**.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth).

*Kristin Maxwell*, Youth Ministry



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**Sunday**  
**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**4 p.m.**

On Sunday February 24, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, the *Spirito! Singers Bravura Ensemble* will be leading our congregation at St. Cletus in song!



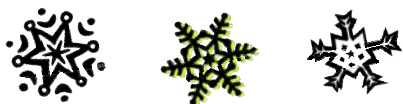
*Spirito! Singers* is an exceptional choral organization based in the Western Suburbs with rehearsals held in both La Grange and Elmhurst. The three ensembles include: *Bravura*, young women in 9-12 grades, *Ragazze*, girls in 5-8 grades, and the *Men of Spirito!*, men ages 18 years and older.

Auditions for our upcoming 2013-2014 season will be held from April 15 through May 15 in La Grange and Elmhurst. Please call (630) 941-0744 to schedule an audition or for more information.

The *Spirito! Spring Concert, Peace Like a River*, will be at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church in Elmhurst. Tickets for reserved seating will be available for purchase at the end of April by calling 1-877-8WE-SING (893-7464) or on our website [www.spiritosingers.org](http://www.spiritosingers.org). Ticket price: \$20 each.

For additional information about the *Spirito! Singers*, please visit our website at [www.spiritosingers.org](http://www.spiritosingers.org).

**Laura Langley-Brasky**  
Music Director

**ERIN POTTS INVITATIONAL**

On behalf of the 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams, we would like to say **THANK YOU**. Whether you watched a game, bought a T-shirt, had lunch, bought raffle tickets, or donated time, or concessions toward the event, **THANK YOU!**

We were able to raise more than \$5,500 for **BEAR NECESSITIES PEDIATRIC CANCER FOUNDATION**, with money still coming in. If you are interested in donating, please send a check to St. Cletus School, Attn: Erin Potts Invitational. Checks can be made out directly to Bear Necessities or St. Cletus Athletic Association. We will be happy to forward checks for you.

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**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):** register today for a life-changing weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, on Feb. 22-24, 2013. Cost is just \$175 for meals and a single room. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! For more details, please call (312)532-8286, or e-mail [reflect.illinois@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.illinois@gmail.com), or visit [www/ReflectRetreat.com](http://www/ReflectRetreat.com).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES'  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY  
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES**

On Thursday, March 7, Catholic Charities West Regional Advisory Board will host its 10th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party Fundraiser at FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Road in Berwyn (Roosevelt west of East Ave.) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event benefits Catholic Charities' New Hope Housing Program in West Cook County. Tickets cost \$50 per person in advance (\$60 after March 4th and at the door). Tickets include: Hearty Irish fare; beer, wine and pop; great entertainment by the McNulty dancers, the Shannon Rovers, and Underwater People; a Silent Auction and a Grand Raffle with prizes that include a 60-inch TV, a 32-inch TV and an iPad.

**To order tickets**, please call Esmeralda Zepeda, West Regional Director at (708) 329-4022 or go online at <http://www.catholiccharities.net/stpats>.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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**Be merciful,  
Lord,  
for we have  
sinned**



### Sunday Collection – February 10, 2013

Total Active Registered Families 2,734

#### Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used this week 626  
% of registered families 23%

**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000**  
**Over (Under) Budget: (\$1,573)**

This fiscal Year @ 02/10/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 872,401

Budgeted Sunday Collections 891,000

**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (18,599)**

#### Amount Collected

\$ 20,538 Envelopes Users  
2,819 Loose Check/Cash  
2,070 Electronic Giving  
**\$ 25,427 Total Collected**

*God shows his generosity to you and through you.  
Thank you for being Christ-like in your giving  
and supporting St. Cletus Parish, your home, for  
generations to come.*

*God bless,  
Fr. Bob, Pastor*

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, February 17	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/West C	"Pulling of the Green" Raffle Ticket Sale MANNA Cash & Carry Festive Chorus & Orchestra Concert
Monday, February 18	<b>ALL FACILITIES CLOSED AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS</b>		
Tuesday, February 19	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-200 MH	RCIA Boys' Church League
Wednesday, February 20	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB C S-98	Mission Ladies Lenten Mass CREDO
Thursday, February 21	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 Ensemble Contempo Ensemble Rehearsal SVDP Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boys' Church League
Friday, February 22	10:00 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-208 C MH Lobby S-Music C S-200	Parents of Teen Prayer Group School Stations of the Cross MANNA Cash & Carry Spanish Choir Taizé Prayer Service Spanish Lenten Preparation
Saturday, February 23	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/West C-Narthex/East	Respect Life Committee "Pulling of the Green" Raffle Ticket Sale
Sunday, February 24	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon	C-Narthex/West C-Narthex/East RB	Respect Life Committee "Pulling of the Green" Raffle Ticket Sale Ministry of Care Meeting
<b>C...Church Narthex...Church Vestibule (East &amp; West) MH...Morrissey Hall</b>			<b>S...School (Education Building) RB...Rectory Basement</b>

### 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).

### EUCCHARISTIC 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.

#### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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	TBD (Rel. Ed)
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	Julie Rehwoldt
<i>Technology Ministry:</i>	TBD
<i>Parish Life Ministry:</i>	Fr. Edgar Rodriguez
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