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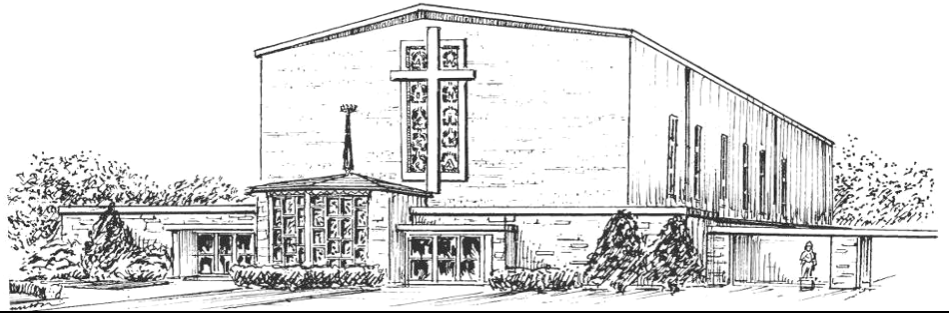
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March 10, 2013

Fourth 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 March 11 – March 17, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tom Kigin, Terri Ethelreda Sullivan, Frank Wojcik Kathleen Szabelski
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society John Patrick McGovern, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Edward Hrzenjak
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Charles Gallagher, Rocco & Emilia Rattin, Rocco & Mary Bellisario, Dolores Kuchta, Bridget Cullen Pat Catezone, John McTigue, John and Dolores Slowiak John Dunbar Battistoni, Sharon & Jim Haggerty, Leyla Zavislak Barry, John Fogarty, Patricia McKillip, Jack Lewis Marcie Johnston, Stephen Callaghan, Leo Nilles, Frank Nash, James P. Duff, Dorothy McGuin Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Teddy Kowalski, Karla Koskinen-Swindall, Diane Cesarone, Flora Rambert, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Eleanor Mlot, Steven Onusaitis, Z. Gajos, Philip Hodak, Mary Alice Gregorchuk, Eugene Dorosz, Joshua Thomas, Jr., John Brannigan, Stacy Kwak, Marilyn Matesevack, Frances Klimcke, John & George Duda, Donna Styraska, Fernando Cabral, Carol Witkowski, Joe Butkus, Catherine Mlot, Jim Ivetic, Jennifer Buchta, Julius Kohl, Peter Ference, Mary Bartucci, Jennie Boerste, 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.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE THIS WEEKEND

Help build the future of the Church - in Central and Eastern Europe. Envelopes are available in the pews today.



A Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners...

Please welcome to our parish family: Kathleen Ahern/Nicole Whetter, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buttron & Family, Matthew Matkovich, Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Pickens & Family, Mr. & Mrs. James Sifuentes & Family, Alicia Swanson & Family.

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



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

Catherine B. Martina,
mother of Michelle Hullihan

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



PARISH LENTEN FORGIVENESS SERVICE

St. Cletus's Parish Lenten Forgiveness Service will be held on Monday, March 18. Please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The words of the hymn “Amazing Grace” are well known and very popular. The hymn praises God and celebrates the power of God in bringing about conversion. Less well-known is the story of the conversion of John Newton, who wrote the words of the hymn in 1770.

John Newton (1725-1807) was a slave trader. He made money from the shipment of African slaves to property owners in the United States of America. At the age of 23 he became a Christian, but only later did he recognize the evil of slavery; he retired from the sea and became a priest in the Church of England in the parish of Olney, Buckinghamshire England. He later campaigned for the abolition of slavery. The words of the hymn describe the way in which God’s grace gave him new sight and became his shield and protection.

John Newton’s conversion to Christianity was sudden, but only slowly did he realize the evil of slavery. His conversion to Christ shows the way in which, little-by-little, the “Amazing Grace” of God is at work in human activities. The experience of home-coming to God is repeated regularly in acts of recognizing wrong-doing, repentance and the experience of forgiveness. Each of these events is a moment of conversion towards God and a deepening of the relationship with God.

John Newton’s conversion resembles that of the prodigal son. As soon as his son came to his senses, he began the journey back to his Father, who rushed out to welcome him home and to embrace him. The father runs to meet him before he has time to speak. God’s love is scandalously generous to those who return to him. The effects of God’s mercy are described in the words of St. Paul as the building of a new creation and the reconciliation of the world to God. A new covenant of mercy replaces the old covenant forged after God had liberated Israel from Egypt. The liberator God of the Old Testament freed the people of Israel from slavery; God’s liberation in the New Testament is liberation from sin. We cannot free ourselves, but only accept God’s gift.

The joy of the father’s feast is spoiled by the attitude of the elder brother. He is bitter and resentful about the welcome given to his brother. He had worked hard at home for his father and cared for his possessions. He had been obedient and dutiful in carrying out his responsibilities. There is a danger that duty and hard work can make people resentful towards others, especially those who seem to be slackers. Bitterness and resentment are like a poison in the system which builds up slowly, but which, when released, can be highly destructive.

Resentments can run very deep in families. They might be caused by an event of the past, a time when someone was hurt or ignored. For example, a relative who cares for a sick member of the family may become resentful if other members do not appear to be pulling their weight. Forgiveness of family hurt is difficult; healing takes time. We are often told to “forgive and forget”, but sometimes forgetting may not be possible. Forgiveness is rather a graced act of will. It is a choice to go beyond the hurt and not allow it to dominate the relationship or determine the future. It is an act of courage and hope for the future. To reach the moment of such a choice may be a lengthy process, even taking many years.

Today’s readings invite trust in God’s mercy and forgiveness. Knowledge of our own weaknesses and limitations can help us understand one another. It can lead to a new insight or perspective on a situation. Such a moment of recognition happened in John Newton’s life, when he understood that the slave was a man or woman of equal dignity, created by God. This insight led to a deepening conversion. He recognized his prejudice and failure to see the slave as an equal. May we be blessed with similar conversion experiences.

Lenten Blessings and Grace,

Father Bob

Pastor

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To all of the supporters and contributors of the ***Living our Faith, Building our Future*** Capital Campaign, but this month a special “thank you” goes to the St Cletus Holy Name Society and the St Cletus Women’s Club for their donations to the Capital Campaign. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the parish and its future!

Looking for an evening out, some good food, music, and a great time? Join us at the St Cletus School Shamrock Social on Saturday, March 16th in Morrissey Hall (tickets are \$30 per person). A highlight of the evening will be the Pulling of the Green winning raffle tickets (tickets are still available). Proceeds from the social and the raffle go to support our Catholic school. The School Board has informed the ***Living our Faith, Building our Future*** committee that the tip jars at the bar will benefit our capital campaign. Please be generous with those tips; and thank you to the School Board for thinking of the capital campaign when planning this event!




A blue banner with the words "Bake Sale" in red cursive script, decorated with white snowflakes. Below the banner are three cupcakes: one pink with white frosting, one yellow with white frosting, and one brown with white frosting.

The **Living our Faith, Building our Future** Committee will be sponsoring a **Bake Sale** on Sunday March 24th during the Annual Walter Klimcke Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast in Morrissey Hall between 7am and 1PM. If you are interested in baking for the Bake Sale, please contact Judy M @708-482-8583 for more details. For those with a sweet tooth – we'll see you on Palm Sunday, between 7 am – 1PM in Morrissey members will be present to answer any questions you may have and to take your edge! Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go ncampaign. Come for a great breakfast and take sweet for later! Thank you to the Holy letting the Capital Campaign be part of your

UPDATE

Our Goal: \$5,000,000



PENNY WARS are returning. Different grades in St Cletus school will compete against each other in a repeat of last year's Penny War during the week of April 15 – 19th to raise money for the ***Living our Faith, Building our Future*** capital campaign. The Cardinals will contribute pennies to their class jars – and offset the efforts of other classes by placing silver coins and paper money in their opponents' bottles. A "no uniform" day and a special treat will be the prize for the winning classes!



Our Goal: \$5,000,000

Families	603
Amount Pledged	\$ 2,508,860
Amount Received	\$ 840,958
Average Pledge	\$ 4,160

Total Pledges and Gifts	\$ 2,537,527
Total Collected to Date	\$ 869,625
Family Participation	756/2,762 or 27%

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION - Weekend of March 16th & 17th – please be generous!

Honoring an Abundant and Prodigal God by Fr. Ron Rolheiser

There's a disturbing trend within our churches today. Simply put, we are seeing the embrace of our churches become less-and-less inclusive. More-and-more, our churches are demanding a purity and exclusivity not demanded by Jesus in Gospels.

Indeed the very word "inclusivity" is often glibly dismissed as being part of the "I am spiritual but not religious" ethos, as if being inclusive were some kind of light-weight, New-age, thing rather than a central demand within Christian discipleship itself.

What does it mean to be inclusive? We can begin with the word "Catholic". The opposite of being "Catholic" is not being "Protestant". The opposite of "Catholic" is being narrow, exclusive, and overly selective in our embrace. The opposite of being "Catholic" is to define our faith-family too-narrowly. "Catholic" means wide, universal. It means incarnating the embrace of an abundant and prodigal God whose sun shines on all indiscriminately, the bad as well as the good. Jesus once defined this by saying: "In my father's house there are many rooms." God's heart is wide, abundance, prodigal, and universally-embracing, a heart that takes care to pray for those "other sheep who are not of this fold". To be "Catholic" is to imitate that.

In the Gospels we see that Jesus' passion for inclusivity virtually always trumps his concern for purity and worthiness. He associates and dines with sinners without setting any prior moral conditions that have to be met to before those sinners are deemed worthy of his presence. His disciples, much like many good sincere church-people today, were forever trying to keep certain people away from him because they deemed them unworthy; but Jesus always protested that he didn't need that kind of protection and that, indeed, he wanted them all to come to him: Let them come to me! Indeed, that is still Jesus' call: Let them come to me, all of them!

We need to be more inclusive. I highlight this because today our faith families are shrinking and instead of us weeping empathically about this loss of wholeness we are more prone to be secretly gleeful about it: Good riddance: they weren't real Christians anyway! Or, in the words of some Catholic commentators, they were Cafeteria-Catholics, picking and choosing which parts of the Gospel they like and turning a meaty Catholicism into Catholic-Light.

Such a judgment, however sincere and well intentioned, needs to operate under two huge caution flags: First, such a judgment leaves the person making it rather vulnerable. Who is a true, fully practicing Catholic? Several years ago,

I was asked by a Roman Catholic School Board to write a definition of what it means to be a "practicing Catholic". I agonized over the task, examined the classical working definitions for that, and eventually produced a bit of a formula. But I prefaced the definition with this preamble: Only Jesus and Mary were fully practicing Catholics. Everyone else, without a single exception, falls short. We are all Cafeteria-Catholics. We all fall short; all have shortcomings, and all live the Gospel somewhat selectively. To cite the most salient example: Many of us bear down more on church-going and private morality, to the neglect of the non-negotiable Gospel demand apposite justice; others simply reverse this. Who's closer to Jesus? Who's more of a Cafeteria-Catholic?

The answer to that question lies inside the secret realm of conscience. But what we do know is that none of us gets it fully right. All of us stand in need of God's forgiveness and all of us stand in need of the patience of our ecclesial communities.

The second caution flag is this: The God that Jesus reveals to us is a God of infinite abundance. Inside God there is no scarcity, no stinginess, no sparing of mercy. As the parable of the Sower makes clear, this God scatters his seed indiscriminately on every kind of soil - bad soil, mediocre soil, good soil, excellent soil. God can do this because God's love and mercy are limitlessness. God, it seems, never worries about someone receiving cheap, undeserved grace. As well, Jesus assures us that God is prodigal: Like the father of the prodigal son and his older brother, God embraces both the missteps of our immaturity as well as the bitterness and resentment within our maturity. Good religion needs to honor that.

Today, on both sides of the ideological divide, conservative or liberal alike, we need to remind ourselves of what it means to live under an abundant, prodigal, universally-embracing, and "Catholic" God. What it means, among other things of course, is a constant stretching of the heart to an ever-wider inclusivity. How wide are our hearts?

Exclusivity can mask itself as depth and as passion for truth; but it invariably reveals itself, in its inability to handle ambiguity and otherness, as rigidity and fear, as if God and Jesus needed our protection.

More importantly, it often too reveals itself as lacking genuine empathy for those outside its own circle; and, in that, it fails to honor its own abundant and prodigal God.



Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website: www.ronrolhesier.com.

THE YEAR OF FAITH

GOT FAITH!

by Martha Fernández

“The obedience of faith is to be given to God... To make this act of faith, the grace of God and the interior help of the Holy Spirit must precede and assist, moving the heart and turning it to God, opening the eyes of the mind and giving joy and ease to everyone in assenting to the truth and believing it.’ To bring about an even deeper understanding of revelation the same Holy Spirit constantly brings faith to completion by His gifts.”

Dei Verbum 5

Obey? Beginning in the “terrible twos” and again as teens struggling to believe in our parents’ and leaders’ authority—we ask, “Why should I?” As we mature, though, we learn that they have more knowledge and wisdom than we do, and that life is full of acts of faith.

We trust the law of gravity and the law of sowing and reaping. We realize that truth deserves a joyful assent of faith without fear of regrets. Revealed truth about God and salvation, marriage and sexuality, family and procreation, and the common good and the dignity of every person can and must be believed and obeyed.

“Why should I?”

“Because the guarantor of truth is God who reveals himself and allows us to know his mystery of love” (Benedict XVI: *Porta Fidelis*, 10). God loves us more than any earthly parent ever could. The Year of Faith is a path intended to help us understand more profoundly not only the content of the faith, but also the act by which we choose to entrust ourselves fully to God, in complete freedom.

ACTION STEP

Got faith? Get faith? Time to go? Bring all your questions, doubts, fears, and fallings before God. Trust fully. Accept freely. Adhere and assent obediently. You will not regret it.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Love

“Love” is a great word, but unfortunately it’s often an empty word without much depth or meaning. That was not true for Saint Paul who had a powerful and life-transforming experience of love: “I live by

faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). Every time Paul celebrated the Eucharist, he knew that love anew when he heard Jesus’s great words: “This is my body, which will be given up for you.”

In Sunday Mass we meet the living Jesus who loves us to the utmost in giving himself up for us. When we truly know and believe his self-sacrificing love made present and real in the Mass, we are forever changed. Nothing else can matter as much. In loving us, Jesus transforms our lives.

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Year of Sunday Mass

Question of the Week

March 10, 2013

Jesus “eats with sinners.”

What is my prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus feeding me, who is also a sinner?



GOD’S CAPACITY FOR FORGIVENESS

Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could

FINDING STRENGTH AND HOPE THROUGH THE WAY OF THE CROSS: A JOURNEY WITH CANCER

**7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19
St. Cletus Church
600 W. 55th Street
La Grange, IL**

It is difficult to imagine anyone in today's world whose life has not been touched by cancer in some way.

No matter where you are on your cancer journey – cancer survivor, recently diagnosed, or walking this path with a loved one – you will be encouraged by this contemporary Stations of the Cross.

Please join us on March 19th for a spiritual evening of healing and hope.





Today's Gospel begins with the Pharisees complaining about Jesus: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." In reply, Jesus tells the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son. The characters are rich and varied – there is the father, who is generous to the point of wastefulness (the meaning of prodigal); there is the younger brother who leaves and returns; there are the friends who benefit from the young man's spending; there is the farmer who hires him at a wage that doesn't even provide food for his belly; and there is the older brother who stayed home and harbored resentment toward his wayward sibling. Which person in the story is most like you? Who is God calling you to be? How has God been generous with you, and how have you stewarded God's gifts?

PRAY

- In gratitude, that Jesus welcomes sinners and generously shows us mercy and forgiveness.
- For the 1.4 billion people in our world who live on less than \$1.25 a day.
- Celebrate Mass this Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. in church.
- Participate in the Lenten Stations this Friday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in church.

FAST

- From bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- From wastefulness; feast on stewardship and care for the resources you have been given.

LEARN

- The Dominican Republic, this week's CRS featured nation, is located in the central Caribbean and occupies 2/3 of the island of Hispaniola, which it shares with Haiti.
- Despite steady economic growth that has benefited a small percentage of Dominicans, 42 percent of the estimated 10,088,598 population currently lives below the poverty line.
- Among the CRS supported projects here, are the savings and internal lending community programs, which help people in the poorest communities set aside savings and access small loans. Savings groups are organized and managed by the members, which helps to promote unity, empowerment and long-term sustainable development within the community.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to read how CRS programs positively impact the lives of Ilsa Dolores Gomez and the other women of her town of Las Lomas.

GIVE

This week take an inventory of how well you preserve and care for your resources. Are there a few areas for you and your family to work on during your fast from wastefulness this week?

- Make a donation to your Rice Bowl for each effort you make.
- Make time to visit the Witness of the Church section of *Catholics Confront Global Poverty*, www.confrontglobalpoverty.com, to read examples of how other Catholics are making sacrifices to have a positive impact on the lives of our brothers and sisters who face poverty around the world.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FOCUS: Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

The opportunity to work to earn a living is a right of all people. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves and to work in good conditions.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



There are still a few days left to contribute to this Thursday's March food distribution. We are in good shape with our staples, but could use some extras, such as **paper goods, juice, coffee, laundry detergent and size 6 Diapers.**

Donations can be dropped off in the designated bins in the church narthex, daily 7:45-4:00 p.m. or at the rectory during business hours.

All in date non-perishables are appreciated as we stock our shelves for next month's distribution. Just bring an item or two when you come to Mass next weekend. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY



COME SHARE A LENTEN MEAL WITH US

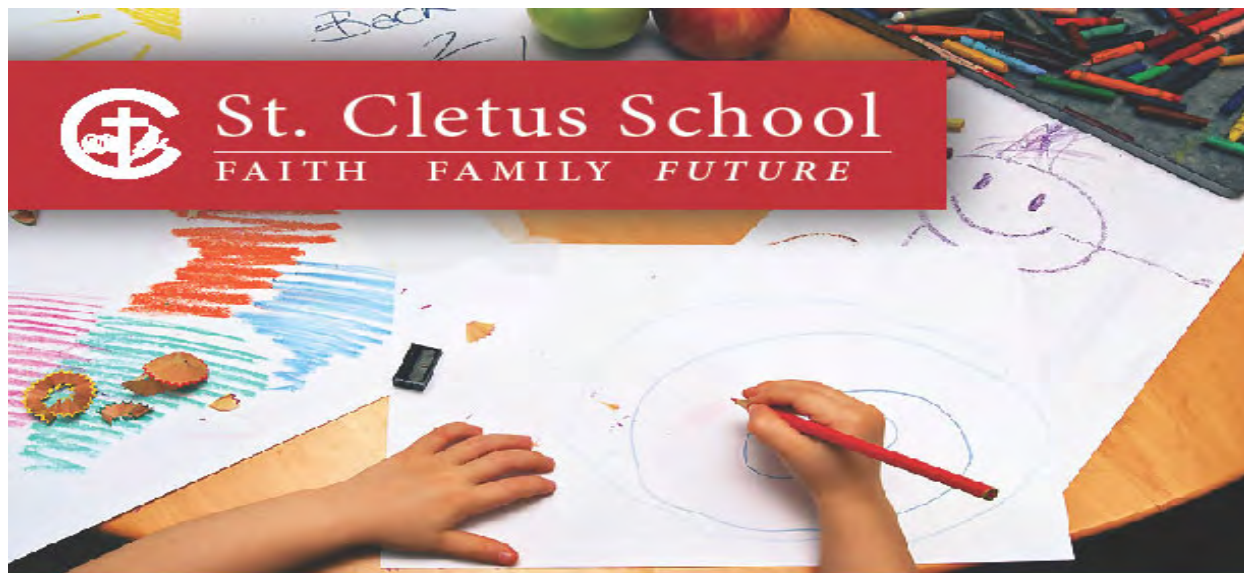
Please join us on **Friday, March 22, 6:15 p.m.** in Room 98 of the Education Building, for a simple meal of soup, bread and beverage, followed by Peace & Justice Stations of the Cross in church at 7:00 p.m. Jesus says we will be judged more by our sharing of food than by our creeds. What a wonderful opportunity to share the gifts of food and faith with our fellow travelers on this Lenten journey! Please spread the word. We'd be happy to hear from you in advance so we have an idea of how much soup to have simmering!

Contact: Mary Beth @ (708)215-5418, mford@stcletusparish.com OR
Paulette @ (708)215-5425, pbolton@stcletusparish.com

ASK A HIRING MANAGER!

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, March 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. for a dynamic panel of professional recruiters who know the ropes from the inside and want to help you boost your search strategy! Unlock the mysteries to...how can I help recruiters find me and make that initial connection...what is the secret to getting that call back and keeping them interested in me...and so much more. Learn the well-worn tips, proven techniques and industry insights from 3 seasoned corporate recruiters... Human Resources Director, SitterCity; Enterprise Talent Acquisition, Blue Cross Blue Shield; plus a Senior Search Executive from the executive search firm of Bloom, Gross and Associates. Join us for this highly interactive evening at St. Cletus Education Building, 700 West 55th Street in La Grange. Please enter the building at the flag pole entrance. This program is open to everyone and there is no fee to attend.

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



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.

- ✦ Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- ✦ Half-day and Full-day Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
- ✦ Half-day and Full-day Kindergarten
- ✦ Before and After School Extended Care
- ✦ Environment of Academic Excellence
- ✦ Strong Curriculum including Spanish, Art, Music, PE, Science Lab, Technology Learning Center and Library
- ✦ Athletic Opportunity and Extra-Curricular Activities
- ✦ Caring Community
- ✦ Technology Integrated into Classrooms and Curriculum

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JOIN THE SCHOOL BOARD

The St. Cletus School Board is committed to the goals of Catholic education and the continued advancement of St. Cletus School.

Board members do not need to be a current school parent. We welcome all parishioners to be a part of this process by emailing your resume to schoolboard@stcletusparish.com before **March 31**.



Welcome Wednesdays

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO STOP BY AND EXPERIENCE A MORNING IN OUR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS.

March 13th

April 10th

May 8th



Children ages 2-5 are invited to stop by anytime between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Park on Stone Avenue and enter our early childhood wing via the flagpole entrance.

For more information call 708-352-4820 or visit us online www.stcletusschool.com.

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Pulling of the Green

Grand Raffle to benefit St. Cletus School

\$50 per Ticket

available in the narthex after weekend Masses

Grand Prize \$25,000*

Runner Up \$10,000*


(2) 3rd Prize Winners @ \$2,500* each

(10) 4th Prize Winners @ \$500* each

Plus (6) Weekly Early Bird Drawings

*Final prize amounts to be determined by actual number of tickets sold. Above amounts based on a maximum of 2,000 tickets sold.
Winner need not be present to win. For additional tickets, please email your request to: grandraffle@stcletusparish.com

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL Shamrock Social



Saturday, March 16th

6:00-11:00p.m.

Morrissey Hall

**Join us for an Irish
Dinner, Drinks, Live
Music and the
highlight of the
night, the Pulling
of the Winner of
the Grand Raffle!**

Tickets are \$30.

Youth Ministry Update!!

THANK YOU!

Many thanks for your generous support of our Fannie May Candy Bar Sale! We will be putting the money toward our service work in Racine, Wisconsin from June 9 through June 14.

VICARIATE IV YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP AWARDS BANQUET

Our parish recognized five teens who have set examples of faith, hope, and charity for their peers at the Vicariate IV Youth Ministry Leadership Banquet with Bishop Manz on Sunday, March 3. **Pictured below** is Andrea Goethals who was acclaimed for Prayer and Worship, John Mysz was awarded for Catechesis, Joe Okkema was praised for Justice and Service, Sam Okkema was admired for Justice and Service, and Olivia Pach was recognized for Justice and Service. We are so proud of each of them!



TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Our next large group session this Sunday, March 10, at 3:45 p.m. will be a Lenten Reconciliation service in Room 201 in the Education Building followed by confessions in church. We will have our teen hosted Mass at 5:00 p.m. Sophomore and Junior/Senior small groups will meet at designated times on Sunday, March 17, at the homes of our catechists. **Since the freshman group is so large, we will be meeting in Room 201 of the Education Building from now on and the time may vary. We will be meeting this month from 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

LIVING STATIONS HELP NEEDED

Please come pray with us as we present the Living Stations this coming Friday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in church. Please note that it will not take place on Good Friday this year.

TEEN HOSTED MASS

This Sunday, March 10, 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 Room 102. Please bring families and friends!

DROP-IN

Our next drop-in is Tuesday, March 19, 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!

LENTEN PARENTS OF TEENS PRAYER: On Friday, March 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.

Kristin Maxwell

Youth Ministry

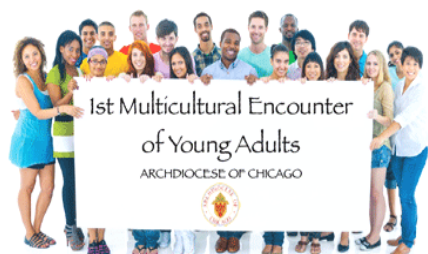
YOUTH MINISTRY CONTINUED...

GIRLS' CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION—LAST CHANCE!!

Our high school girls' season is expected to start the beginning of April. Forms and registration are available on our website and are due as soon as possible.

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST LENTEN FAITH SESSIONS

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS – 20'S & 30'S, MARRIED & SINGLE



Young Adults throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago are gathering with peers this Lent for good conversation about our Catholic faith and the ways God is at work in our lives. We will also discuss Young Adults' goals, dreams, hungers, concerns and spiritual needs, as well as our relationship to the larger Church.

The process includes a total of 5 sessions of faith sharing based on Scripture and a gathering with Cardinal George and your peers from throughout the Archdiocese. This is an opportunity to meet other Young Adults who share your faith, and, as a group, to let your voice be heard. Join us when you can.

All Faith Group sessions will take place at St. Francis Xavier Parish Rectory, 7:00–9:00 pm, Courtyard Room, 124 N. Spring Ave., La Grange, IL, (708) 352-0168.

- ♦ Thursday, March 14 – The Way to Solidarity: "I am with you in this!"
- ♦ Thursday, March 21 – Christ Prepares us and Sends us on a Mission
- ♦ Saturday, April 13 – Meet with Cardinal George and peers throughout the Arch. of Chicago, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm at DePaul University for faith sharing, large and small group discussion, a conversation with Cardinal George, Mass and a social.

For further information and to register for this exciting process, please contact Michelle Gehrke at mgehrke@yamchicago.org or (312) 466-9473. Also, feel free to spread the word to Young Adult friends and relatives. *Thanks!*



THE LIVING STATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR YOUTH MINISTRY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15, AT 7:00 P.M.

It has been an annual St. Cletus tradition that the Living Stations have been presented on Good Friday evening. However, the rubrics of the Church state that only one liturgy is permitted on this day and it continues the one begun on Holy Thursday evening. The Good Friday liturgy consists of reading the Passion of the Lord, the Adoration of the Cross, and concludes with the reception of Communion. It is recommended that the liturgy take place at 3:00 p.m., if at all possible. Therefore, we have moved the Living Stations to an earlier Friday evening when they may be properly prayed and reflected on as another experience of Lenten prayer.

Paulette Bolton



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10, 2013

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

PRAYER USED BEFORE SESSION OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL...

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all; enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name, may we temper justice with love, so that all our discussions and reflections may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER IN LA GRANGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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We will be conducting an orientation and initial volunteer training on Wednesday, March 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon to introduce you to our mission and the various volunteer opportunities that are available. If you would like to use your God-given talents to help young women facing difficult or unplanned pregnancies, directly or indirectly, please call Laura or Roberta at (708) 352-5000 to register for this event or for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

P.S. We are in need of gently used MATERNITY CLOTHING in sizes 4 to 18, as well as BABY DIAPERS, sizes one to six (name brand preferred). Please let us know if and when you might be able to drop off these items at our center. God bless you for caring!

ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB

The next book is
Gone Girl

by Gillian Flynn

We will meet to discuss it
Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.
(Room 98)

Questions? Email: loriashe@aol.com

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Paulette Bolton

Director of Parish Catechesis/Formation

Sunday Collection – March 3, 2013

Total Active Registered Families 2,730

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used this week 656
 % of registered families 24%

Amount Collected

\$ 22,518 Envelopes Users
 3,178 Loose Check/Cash
 1,656 Electronic Giving

\$ 27,352 Total Collected

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000
Over (Under) Budget: \$352

This fiscal Year @ 03/3/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 950,200

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*God bless,
 Fr. Bob, Pastor*

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, March 10	7:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/East C C S-201	"Pulling of the Green" Raffle Ticket Sale after All Masses Teen Reconciliation YM Teen Mass YM Teen Social
Monday, March 11	6:30 p.m. 7:00 P.M. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-213 RB S-200 MH	Parent Track Meeting School Board Meeting Athletic Association Men's Basketball
Tuesday, March 12	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C S-200 S-98 RB S-213 MH	School Mass PreCana Book Club PPC Social Concerns Commission Meeting Boys' Church League
Wednesday, March 13	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB C S-98 S-200 MH	Mission Ladies Lenten Mass CREDO Baptism Prep Class Boys' Church League
Thursday, March 14	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C-Narthex S-Music S-Music S-Music MH	Food Pantry Children's Choir rehearsal Contempo Ensemble Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boys' Church League
Friday, March 15	2:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C MH Lobby S-Music C S-200	School Stations of the Cross MANNA Cash & Carry Spanish Choir Living Stations Spanish Lenten Preparation
Saturday, March 16	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	S-200/201/213 C-Narthex/East MH	Spanish Lenten Retreat HN Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Shamrock Social
Sunday, March 17	7:00 a.m.	C-Narthex/East	HN Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale After All Masses
C...Church Narthex...Church Vestibule (East & West) MH...Morrissey Hall			S...School (Education Building) RB...Rectory Basement

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education, and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

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

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

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Ed Burke
<i>Vice-Chairperson:</i>	TBD
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<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
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<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	TBD
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Dawn Dion
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Marty Mulcrone (School)
	TBD (Rel. Ed)
<i>Adult Faith Formation:</i>	Colleen Hagen
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Gary Lewis
	Jim Matthews
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Ed Burke
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Paulette Bolton
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Silvia Casas
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Dick Ford
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<i>Technology Ministry:</i>	TBD
<i>Parish Life Ministry:</i>	Fr. Edgar Rodriguez
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