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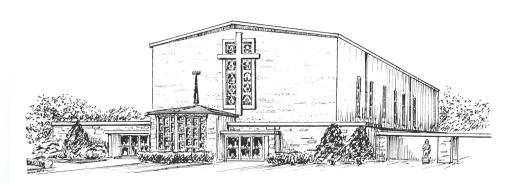
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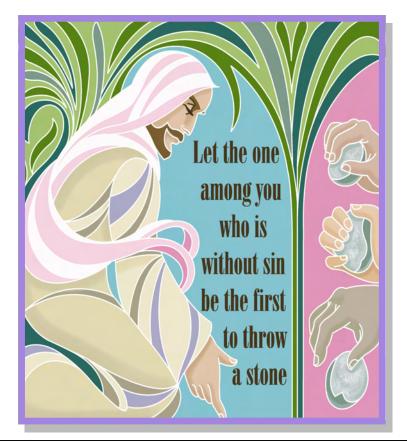
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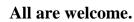
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#### Mass Intentions for the Week of March 18 - March 24, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Timothy F. Lyons, Jr.		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Joe Saban, Rose Motyka		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Stephen Callaghan, Alex & Mae McCurdy, Leyla Zavislak Barry Lenten Mass		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Kral, Mary Dybas, Pauline Cuttill		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Marie A. Garvey, Erik Geyer		
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Lillian Kopsa, Edward Hrzenjak, Jane Moran, Dean Wheelon, Ann Metke		
Sunday Palm Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Kurland Family, Mary Dybas, William Joseph Gozdecki Miriam "Mitzi" Kuta Frank Nash, Len Wehrmeister, Bill Killian, Tony Troyner, John Arthur Fogarty John Dunbar Battistoni, Frank Mietus, Gerald Clarke, Joseph Panek, Margaret Williamson 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 Matesevac, Frances Klimcke, 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, 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.



#### Lindsay Rapacki and John Kuang

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

Dr. Julio Battistoni, father of Rick Battistoni

**Dennis Edward Staten**, brother of Ronald Staten

**Alfredo Nava**, father of Cesar Nava

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.



St. Cletus' Parish Lenten Penance Service will be held this Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to take advantage of God's gift of forgiveness.

PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY.

### NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 2013

I know I am revealing my age... but as a child growing up in the 1950's, before the advent of television, a trip to the local cinema for the Saturday matinee was the highlight of the week. The films on view were all American movies—"Westerns"—that told simple stories of "good guys" and "bad guys", of Cowboys and Indians. A typical storyline would tell how a peaceful wagon train was making its way across the prairie, when suddenly the travelers would find themselves under attack. It would look very bad for the travelers, as they formed their wagons into a tight circle to defend themselves. Arrows would fly, shots were fired, but the situation looked bleak... until the sound of a bugle announced the arrival of the US cavalry. At that point, a huge roar would go up in the cinema, and all the children, in their rows of seats, would cheer wildly at the sight of the bluecoats, riding to the rescue. There is nothing that so satisfies the human heart, as the sight of what we perceive as justice being done.

Such is the feeling we get when we read today's story of Jesus in the Temple and the woman taken in adultery. Like those people in the wagon train, Jesus finds himself surrounded by enemies, all intent on destroying him. The trap they have laid for him is strong. Will he uphold the law and have the woman stoned? Will he let the woman go and show his disrespect for the law? There seems no way out for Jesus. He is caught either way. Then, suddenly, the trap is sprung; the tables are turned and, by a brilliant reply, Jesus is free.

Justice is done for the woman, caught up in the trap. And even more importantly, justice is done to the heartless gang who sought to entrap Jesus in the first place. This story warms the human heart. We smile with happiness at the sight of the triumph of goodness.

One man who might have felt at home in that crowd of scribes and Pharisees was St. Paul. He was a real stickler for the law of his ancestors. He was as devoted a Jew as it was possible to find. Of the tribe of Benjamin, a Pharisee and a persecutor of the Church, Paul would have enjoyed the opportunity to trap the young carpenter of Nazareth. Intelligent and energetic, Paul would have delighted in destroying his enemies and upholding his own beliefs. It was so important to be right and to be in the right; so good to prove that others are in the wrong. However, then he met the Lord on the road to Damascus and, after the darkness of confusion, his eyes were opened to the realization that, in persecuting other people, he was, in fact, persecuting God. "Who are you, Lord?" "I am Jesus, and you are persecuting me."

This realization brought home to Paul the foolishness of trying to be perfect by his own efforts. From that time on, Paul would learn another way of life; he would "run his race" and live his life in the fervent love of other people. Why? ... because he had found, in Jesus, the true way to live. Paul would now try to reproduce in his own life the pattern of Christ's life. He wanted to share in Christ's sufferings, so as to share in his resurrection. Paul made peace with his past and now strove for the prize of salvation for the whole human race. This striving would lead Paul to Rome and to his own martyrdom. He had formerly dealt in death. Now he was not afraid to face his own.

Today's Gospel asks us to examine our own lives. Do we happily throw stones at other people? Do we regard ourselves as righteous and others as rubbish? Do we deal in oppression? Do we demand that others dance to our tune? Or can we tolerate difference? Can we cope with others' failings? Can we deal fairly and patiently with one another?

The work of salvation asks us to be gentle people, to be patient with others and to strive --always and everywhere-- for justice and peace. This will involve suffering on our part. However, this is a price worth paying. It is part of the mystery of knowing Christ Jesus, and as St. Paul discovered for himself, there is nothing that can outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing the Carpenter of Nazareth.

Lenten Success to All,

Father Bob Pastor

### THE MAJOR IMPERATIVES WITHIN MATURE DISCIPLESHIP

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OSM

In his autobiography, Morris West suggests that at a certain age our lives simplify and we need have only three phrases left in our spiritual vocabulary: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! He is right, if we understand fully what is implied in living out gratitude. Gratitude is the ultimate virtue, undergirding everything else, even love. It is synonymous with holiness.

Gratitude not only defines sanctity, it also defines maturity. We are mature to the degree that we are grateful. But what brings us there? What makes for a deeper human maturity? I would like to suggest ten major demands that reside inside both human and Christian maturity:

- 1. Be willing to carry more and more of life's complexities with empathy: Few things in life, including our own hearts and motives, are black or white, either-or, simply good or simply bad. Maturity invites us to see, understand, and accept this complexity with empathy so that, like Jesus, we cry tears of understanding over our own troubled cities and our own complex hearts.
- 2. Transform jealousy, anger, bitterness, and hatred rather than give them back in kind: Any pain or tension that we do not transform we will retransmit. In the face of jealousy, anger, bitterness, and hatred we must be like water purifiers, holding the poisons and toxins inside of us and giving back just the pure water, rather than being like electrical cords that simply pass on the energy that flows through them.
- **3.** Let suffering soften rather than harden our souls: Suffering and humiliation find us all, in full measure, but how we respond to them, with forgiveness or bitterness, will determine the level of our maturity and the color of our person. This is perhaps our ultimate moral test: Will my humiliations soften or harden my soul?
- **4.** Forgive: In the end there is only one condition for entering heaven (and living inside human community), namely, forgiveness. Perhaps the greatest struggle we have in the second-half of our lives is to forgive: forgive those who have hurt us, forgive ourselves for our own shortcomings, and forgive God for seemingly hanging us out unfairly to dry in this world. The greatest moral imperative of all is not to die with a bitter, unforgiving heart.
- **5**. Live in gratitude: To be a saint is to be fueled by gratitude, nothing more and nothing less. Let no one deceive you with the notion that a passion for truth, for church, or even for God can trump or bracket the non-negotiable imperative to be gracious always. Holiness is gratitude.

Outside of gratitude we find ourselves doing many of the right things for the wrong reasons.

- **6.** Bless more and curse less: We are mature when we define ourselves by what we are for rather than by what we are against and especially when, like Jesus, we are looking out at others and seeing them as blessed ("Blessed are you!") rather than as cursed ("Who do you think you are!"). The capacity to praise more than to criticize defines maturity.
- 7. Live in an ever-greater transparency and honesty: We are as sick as our sickest secret, but we are also as healthy as we are honest. We need, as Martin Luther once put it, "to sin bravely and honestly". Maturity does not mean that we are perfect or faultless, but that we are honest.
- **8.** Pray both affectively and liturgically: The fuel we need to resource ourselves for gratitude and forgiveness does not lie in the strength of our own willpower, but in grace and community. We access that through prayer. We are mature to the degree that we open our own helplessness and invite in God's strength and to the degree that we pray with others that the whole world will do the same thing.
- **9.** Become ever-wider in your embrace: We grow in maturity to the degree that we define family (Who is my brother or sister?) in way that is ever-more ecumenical, interfaith, post-ideological, and non-discriminatory. We are mature only when we are compassionate as God is compassionate, namely, when our sun too shines those we like and those we do not. There comes a time when it is time to turn in our cherished moral placards for a basin and a towel.
- 10. Stand where you stand and let God protect you: In the end, we are all vulnerable, contingent, and helpless both to protect our loved ones and ourselves. We cannot guarantee life, safety, salvation, or forgiveness for ourselves or for those we love. Maturity depends upon accepting this with trust rather than anxiety. We can only do our best, whatever our place in life, wherever we stand, whatever our limits, whatever our shortcoming, and trust that this is enough, that if we die at our post, honest, doing our duty, God will do the rest.
- God is a prodigiously-loving, fully-understanding, completely-empathic parent. We are mature and free of false anxiety to the degree that we grasp that and trust that truth.



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.ronrolheiser.com.

# LENT 2013 HOLY WEEK Worship Opportunities

#### March 28 - Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Silent Adoration until 12:00 A.M.

#### March 29 - Good Friday

9:30 a.m. "Vía Crucis Viviente" en Español in MH 11:30 a.m. "Las Últimas Siete Palabras de Cristo"

en Espaňol in MH

1:00 p.m. "Pasión del Seňor y Adoración de la Cruz"

en Espaňol in MH

3:00 p.m. Passion of Our Lord

Veneration of the Cross—Holy Communion

#### March 30 - Holy Saturday\*

12:00 noon Blessing of Food Baskets in Morrissey Hall

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

\*There will be **no** confessions *or* 5:00 p.m. Evening Mass

#### March 31 - Easter Mass Schedule

7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 11:15 (Morrissey Hall), and 12:30 p.m. Spanish

#### Triduum







The Sacred Triduum refers to the three days before Easter. They include Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper and Christ's Passion and approaching crucifixion. Good Friday is a solemn time in which we remember the suffering death on the cross of Jesus Christ. On Holy Saturday we observe the Easter Vigil and anticipate Christ's triumphant resurrection from the dead. The Sacred Triduum is the apex of our liturgical year, and its glorious fulfillment. Let us observe these days as a special time of prayer and meditation.



#### KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME





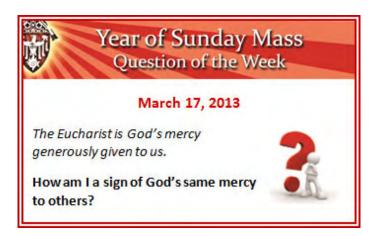
We die in and through our celebration of Mass. It sounds strange, but it's true. We need to start with our Baptism. This is how Saint Paul describes our Baptism: "Do you not

know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3–4).

Each time we celebrate Mass, as Saint Paul says elsewhere, we proclaim the death of the Lord, we join him once more in his dying so as to rise with him. At Mass, we keep renewing our baptismal immersion into his death, until one day—at the moment of our physical death—we fully surrender ourselves into his hands to be raised up by him. In every Mass, we take hold of our life and anticipate our death and resurrection to the fullness of life.

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#### **IRELAND**

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.

-Venerable Bede

#### BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

The CREDO Committee is facilitating the DVD Bible study class *Matthew: The King and his Kingdom* in 2013. As the class has progressed, we have realized that while each session is connected to the others, each DVD presentation also stands alone somewhat and can be of interest even if one has not seen other episodes.

If you would like to try a session of DVD Bible study, please join us on Wednesday, March 20 (or at any of the other future sessions we will announce in coming weeks) in the Kindergarten Room of the Education Building as we study Chapter 9 of the Gospel of Matthew. Before the session read Chapter 9.

Class discussion begins at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend the discussion, but without a study book you will need to look on with someone else. A sample discussion question: Jesus is not the only man in the Bible who did miracles. Moses performed many miracles in his day, so did Elisha and others. Yet the people marveled at his healings. "Never was anything like this seen in Israel," they say (verse 33). What stands out about Jesus' miracles that makes him so different?"

If you only wish to view the video presentation, and skip the discussion, please arrive at 7:45 p.m. We will check the flagpole doors at that time to let you in.

CREDO charges class participants a small class fee to cover the cost of the class DVDs. To be fair to those who registered, we ask a donation of \$1 per class session for drop-ins. We hope you will consider attending one or more sessions, and trying out DVD Bible Study.

CREDO (Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities)



### ST. CLETUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

The Holy Name Society is holding their annual "Walter Klimcke" Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 24, from 7:00 a.m. `til 1:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall in the Education Building.

Tickets may be purchased **this** weekend, after all the Masses. Tickets are \$5/adults & \$3/children. Please come and support our Holy Name Society. Tickets are also available at the door.

Dan Gibbons



### Bake Sale

Sponsored by the Capital Campaign Committee



Stop by Morrissey Hall on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 7am and 1pm and take home some baked goods for Sunday's dinner and support the *Living our Faith*, *Building our Future* capital campaign. The Bake Sale is being held in conjunction with the Holy Name Society's Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast.

If you are interested in baking for the Bake Sale, thank you and you can drop off the baked goods on Saturday, before the 5pm Mass or early Sunday morning to Morrissey Hall. Thanks for the donation and please remember to label your baked good (Lemon Cake, Soda Bread, etc) and include a list of ingredients – we need to be mindful of those with allergies! Questions? Please call Judy M @ 708-482-8582. See you Sunday!

## 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. 55<sup>th</sup> Street La Grange, II 708.352.6209

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 19 for a spiritual evening of healing and hope.



#### JESUS CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO SHARE

### A LENTEN EVENING OF FOOD, FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

ON

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

SOUP DINNER: 6:15 p.m. Room. 98 (Kindergarten) in the Education Building

Followed by

PEACE & JUSTICE STATIONS: 7:00 p.m. Church

**RSVP**:

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



In today's Gospel story from John, we hear Jesus respond to the scribes and Pharisees, who brought to him a woman caught in adultery: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Meanwhile, Jesus bends down and begins writing in the sand. The Gospel writer is silent about what Jesus was actually doing. What is clear is that no one bends down next to Jesus to find out; this itself may be the test. The word "humility" comes from the Latin world humilis, "of the ground." And it is there that Jesus is waiting for his accusers. But they do not bend down to meet him there; they are not interested in what truth he might have for them. Instead they are dealing in humiliation, that debasing of human dignity that would set a religious trap for a holy man using a woman as bait. How has God invited you to bend down in humility to learn important truths about yourself and the world? How has God been waiting for you in places you did not want to explore?

#### **PRAY**

- From your heart, for the humility that opens doors to the voice of God.
- For the grace to keep from quickly judging, condemning or excluding people who are poor, marginalized or just a little bit different.
- Participate in this week's Lenten services at Church: Monday, March 18, Parish Forgiveness/ Reconciliation, 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, March 19, Special Lenten Stations, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 20, Mass, 6:00 p.m.; Friday, March 22, 6:15 p.m., Lenten Soup Dinner in Room 98 in the Education Building, followed by Peace & Justice Stations at 7:00 p.m.

#### **FAST**

- From judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- From discontent; feast on gratitude.

#### LEARN

- Pakistan, our featured CRS country, is located in Southern Asia, bordering the Arabian Sea, between India on the east, Iran and Afghanistan on the west, China in the north.
- Slightly less than twice the size of California, with a population of 117,276,594, Pakistan is one of the world's poorest countries. It is vulnerable to a range of natural and manmade disasters, including earthquakes, droughts, floods, landslides and civil conflict.
- A lack of clean water is a particularly serious problem in the rural areas of Pakistan. CRS works with local partners to ensure that communities have access to clean, safe water sources for both domestic and livelihood
- Read how CRS helped bring life-giving water to Ismael and the residents of his small town in Pakistan at crsricebowl.org.
- Visit Catholics Confront Global Poverty, www.confrontglobalpoverty.com to learn more about how the ways we use our natural resources can affect people in poverty—for better or for worse.

#### **GIVE**

Even with inexpensive access to clean water running from our faucets, we are often tempted to buy it in multiple plastic bottles, which cost much more to produce and often make their way to landfills. This week...

- Fill a reusable bottle with water to carry with you, and place what you could have spent on bottled water in vour Rice Bowl.
- Drink water instead of soft drinks or coffee; put the money you save in your Rice Bowl.

We are called to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Through protecting the environment in which we live, we respect the goodness of nature, a gift God has given us.

**REMINDER:** Please return your CRS Rice Bowls to the Church and place in the designated receptacles on Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FOCUS: Care for God's Creation: We are called to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Through protecting the environment in which we live, we respect the goodness of nature, a gift God has given us.



#### HOLY THURSDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

This year's collection will once again benefit Taller de José, (Joseph's Workshop), a community resource center, located in Chicago's Little Village which offers accompaniment to people in need, connecting people to services and services to people. Sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Taller de José exists to fulfill the mission of Jesus, "that all may be one." Checks should be made payable to St. Cletus/Taller de José. If you would like to make a direct contribution, you may send it to Taller de José, 3047 W. Cermak, Chicago, IL 60632. Please feel free to contact Sr. Kathy Brazda, CSJ, for more information at (773) 542-1019 or **srkathy@tallerdejose.org.** Thank you for your generosity.

### social Concerns Ministry

#### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE...

Your support continues to put smiles on the faces and hope in the hears of our clients. Thanks You!

- This week's most needed items include: tuna, canned tomatoes/sauce, canned vegetables, canned chili/beef stew/meat, canned beans (black, great northern, kidney, etc.) and hot cocoa mix.
- Special thanks to our Religious Education staff, catechists, students, families and donors, for sponsoring and participating in a very successful Lenten "Good Neighbor's Food Collection." Our Pantry volunteers were overwhelmed by the generous number of bags collected, and are most grateful to the 5th grade students and parents for sorting and delivering the donations to the Pantry door. You are true people of Christian service!

#### **SVDP**

Don't forget to drop off your gently used clothing and shoes in the drop box, conveniently located in the church parking lot, next to the paper recycling bins. Your donations provide help to many who come to the SVDP stores for clothing assistance. Thank you!

#### 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 in the St. Cletus Education Building, 700 West 55<sup>th</sup> 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.** 

#### Mary Beth Ford

**Director Social Concerns** 

## Youth Ministry Undate!

#### TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Sophomore and Junior/Senior small groups will meet at designated times this Sunday, March 17, at the homes of our catechists. Since the freshman group is so large, we will be meeting in Room 201 in the Education Building from now on and the time may vary. We will be meeting this month from 4:30pm to 6pm.

#### LIVING STATIONS

Thank you very much to all of the teens and adults who performed the Living Stations for us! We couldn't have done it without you!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Our sophomore boys' church league basketball team has made it to the championship! Good luck on your game this weekend!

#### **DROP-IN**

Our next drop-in is Tuesday, March 19, from 5:30-7:00 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!

#### 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!

#### Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

## Thank-You!

The Mission Ladies would like to "Thank" all those who gave their time and those who donated material so that we could continue with our work of making dolls, lap robes, wheel chair bags, scarves, hats, and baby christening bibs.

We are in need of black yarn—we could also use red, yellow and brown yarn—but mostly black. We could also use "helping hands" to sew, knit or crochet to help with our projects. No special talent is required to participate. This can also be done at home, if you are unable to attend on Wednesday morning.

If interested, please call (708) 839-9605. All are welcome. We meet in the rectory basement at 9:15 a.m.- until noon. Do drop in to say "Hello."

Again "Thank you all" so much.

Dolores Scaletta



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

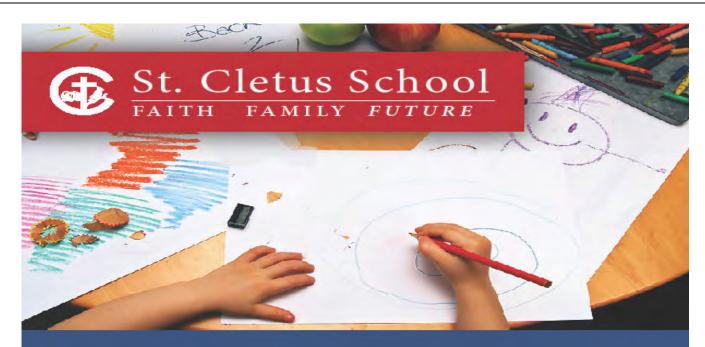
Another Great Bible School Adventure Week begins on June 17, from 9:00 a.m.–Noon. Registration forms are now in the

Religious Education Office or on-line. For more details or information call the Religious Education office at (708) 352-2383 and talk to Mrs. Bolton or Holly. The cost is \$30 per child. Don't delay in sending in your forms.

**NEEDED**—Adult Station Leaders and teen Crew Leaders from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and up willing to help our young adventurer's *Explore God's World*. from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. If you are able to help, call Mrs. Bolton or Holly at (708) 352-2383 or email to **re@stcletusparish.com**.

#### Paulette Bolton

Director of Parish Catechesis/Formation



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 Eigth Grade
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- Strong Curriculum including Spanish, Art, Music, PE, Science Lab, Technology Learning Center and Library
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### Crusaders for Teddy



The family and friends of Teddy Kowalski are asking for the community's support.

Teddy was diagnosed with myelodysplasic syndrome in May of 2012. It is a rare cancerous blood disease that occurred when the bone marrow manufactures dysfunctional

red blood cells and platelets.

He is undergoing chemotherapy and has had more than 150 blood and platelet transfusions to date. He is hospitalized two to three times weekly for numerous hours of transfusing.

We are humbly asking support from local business and individuals to offset the financial burden associated with this type of cancer.

Donations of items, small or large will be used for raffles and auctions. If you prefer to support this most worthy cause with a monetary donation, your check can be made payable to:

> Crusaders for Teddy c/o Archer Bank 3435 W 111th St., Chicago, IL 60655 773-840-2000

A benefit event will be held on Sunday, April 7, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Mama Vesuvio East, 6361 W. College Dr., Palos Heights, IL 60463 - (708) 371-2500.

Contact Barb Scapardine for raffle and auction items: (708) 246-8405. Thank you for your generosity.

Crusaders for Teddy Benefit Committee



#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third

Scrutiny; St. Patrick's Day

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Tuesday: St. Joseph
Wednesday: Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-

5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-

42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56

[23:1-49]



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All programs are held at the Well, located at 1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park. To learn more about The Well's programs or to register, please call (708) 482-5048 or visit the website at **www.csjthewell.org.** 

#### Sunday Collection – March 10, 2013

Total Active Registered Families 2,729

<u>Collection Statistics</u> # of envelopes used this week 641

% of registered families 23%

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000 Over (Under) Budget: (\$1,608)

This fiscal Year @ 03/10/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 974,635 <u>Budgeted Sunday Collections 999,000</u> **YTD Over** (Under) budget: \$ (24,365)

#### **Amount Collected**

\$ 21,178 Envelopes Users 2,558 Loose Check/Cash 1,656 Electronic Giving

\$ 25,392 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

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)

Learning to detach ourselves from our material possessions and seeing them as "rubbish" is an important step in growing closer to Jesus Christ. Then we are able to give more freely and joyfully.

WEEK AT A GLANCE					
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT		
Sunday, March 17	7:00 a.m.	C-Narthex/East	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale After All Masses		
	4:30 p.m.	S-201	YM Teen Meeting		
Monday, March 18	7:00 p.m.	С	Parish Lenten Forgiveness Service		
Tuesday, March 19	5:30 p.m.	S-208	YM Teen Drop-In		
	7:00 p.m.	C	Living Stations of the Cross Presented by Our YM		
	7:00 p.m.	S-200	PreCana		
Wednesday, March 20	9:00 a.m.	RB	Mission Ladies		
	6:00 p.m.	C	Lenten Mass		
	7:00 p.m.	S-98	CREDO		
Thursday, March 21	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-201 S-213 S-Music	Children's Choir Rehearsal Contemporary Ensemble Interfaith Career Network SVDP Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal		
Friday, March 22	10:00 a.m.	S-208	Parents of Teens Prayer Group		
	6:00 p.m.	S-Music	Spanish Choir		
	7:00 p.m.	C	Lenten Prayer Service		
	7:00 p.m.	S-200	Spanish Lenten Preparation		
Saturday, March 23	8:30 a.m.	MH	Easter Egg Hunt		
	5:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/West	MANNA Cash & Carry		
Sunday, March 24	7:00 a.m.	MH	HN Pancake Breakfast		
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#### **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.

#### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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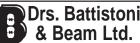
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