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Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of Christ the King

November 24, 2013



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 November 25 – December 1, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Marguerite Keating, Doretta Mucha, Louis & Sophie Egielski
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Ethel Maveety, Anton Mataitis
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Rybacki
Thursday Thanksgiving	9:00 a.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Anna Pleszka, John Karch, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Timothy & Ronald Wojtecki
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Alice & Edward Vonesh Georgia Popp, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Josephine Soltis, Robert J. Staniszewski
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Josephine & Anton Kuchta, Dolores E. Kuchta, Charles Fogarty Nilda Grzanich, Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, James Maveety Richard & Kathleen Mladenik Mae Vonesh, Donald Ralls Fred Czachor, Del Burce, Rodolfo Co Nicolas Arambula



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Loretta Johncola, Catherine Mlot,
Denise Rowalka, Marty Weber, Barbara
Kotus, Hector Gonzalez, Donna Cameron,
Dave McCoy, Eric Sanchez, Anna Mae McCormick,
Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Margaret Bauer
Fountain, Christine Anderson Rita, Shellye Bolton,
Emily Devine, Gerda Dorso, Betty Niwa,
Karen Stoltman, Judy Duque, Mark Bergnach,
Joan Curtin, Phil Hodak, Nancy Ptak, Jennie Boerste,
John Duda, George Duda, Steven Onusaitis,
Lorraine Walter, Pam Wilson, Loretta Harwood,
Marilyn Matesevac, Joe Butkus, Elizabeth Dougherty,
Barbara Stamm, Teddy Kowalski, and Frances
Klimcke. Also pray for our parishioners who are in
nursing homes or are homebound and are unable to
attend Mass.

Please know we pray daily for the sick and the dying.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN COLLECTION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THIS WEEKEND

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports self-help projects of people working together to break the cycle of poverty. You can make a difference. Be part of the numbers that care, give generously to CCHD today. Thank you.

Envelopes are available in the pews.

Mass of Thanksgiving Thursday, November 28 Mass Time - 9:00 a.m.

All parishioners, family and friends
are invited to gather and celebrate the
Eucharist on Thanksgiving.



IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING
ALL FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
November 26, 27, 28.

Wednesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

The Rectory Office will reopen on
Saturday, November 30, at 9:00 a.m.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 2013

Whenever there is change in the structure of power, the rise of a new leadership, a transfer of allegiance, then there usually follows much uncertainty, violence, even war between peoples and states. Usually it is only after much compromise and often a great deal of suffering that people can adapt to a new situation, come to terms with the new reality and begin to live in peace once again.

That's the situation in the first reading. Following the death of King Saul there is a power vacuum. For a while, there are two rival factions: one is led by Saul's weak and ineffective son, Ishbaal, the other by the charismatic leader David. The scene in our first reading comes at a time when the matter has finally been decided: David is acknowledged as king of all the people of Israel. Not only is he God's choice, but all the people and their leaders eventually move over to David's side and acclaim him as king. This brings an end to the bloody divisions within the people and opens the way to security, prosperity and peace. For this, David was remembered as the greatest of all Israel's kings, and over the centuries, the Jewish people looked for a descendant of David – another messiah, a man anointed by God – to restore that unity and peace.

In the gospel, Jesus is mocked on the cross for claiming to be that long-awaited king. The people stand looking at him, uncommitted, not sure what to make of him – not attacking Jesus, but far from acclaiming him. The elders – the leaders of the people – are in no doubt. They, together with the soldiers and one of the criminals, taunt Jesus for claiming to be the Christ, the one chosen by God, the so-called “King of the Jews.” Whereas David saved the people from internal division and external threat, Jesus is perceived on the cross to be totally incapable of saving even himself, let alone anyone else.

*These taunts are reminiscent of Satan's threefold temptation of Jesus: “If you are the Son of God...” **PROVE IT.** Jesus refused to use his powers for himself then, to dominate or gain control over people. The Devil would return at an opportune time. This is that time, but again, Jesus refuses the temptation to think of himself. Jesus' way is service. Jesus doesn't use his power to save himself. Rather, he is where he has always been throughout his ministry – in the company of those who are most despised and rejected by others. He is among the outcast, hanging between criminals. And his final act is not to save himself, but to save another – the “penitent thief” – by offering him salvation. In the words of St. Paul, Jesus creates a place for him in his kingdom. That means that he will be with Jesus, for Jesus is the kingdom.*

As we look at that scene, whose side are we on? Where do we stand as this struggle between the powers of good and evil goes on? Hopefully, we are not among those who scream for Christ's death. But perhaps we can see ourselves among the people – non-committal, waiting to see what will happen, unable to throw our lot in with Jesus for fear of what his way may cost in our own lives. Surely Luke wants us to be like the good thief, acknowledging our sins, turning to Christ in faith, seeking to belong to his kingdom.

*If we belong to his kingdom, there will be certain consequences in our life. Being loyal to him means seeking to serve as he did, being found among the outcasts, in solidarity with the poor, the powerless, the despised. It means offering and receiving forgiveness. It means quite simply being with the Lord. Jesus promised the thief: “Today you will be with me in paradise.” Paradise is an ancient term symbolizing the deepest trust and intimacy between a king and his friends. We can be with Christ in the “today” of our own lives: in prayer and the sacraments, in his word, in serving the poor and needy, in the ordinary events of our lives. As today's final prayer tells us: it is by **OUR DAILY LIVING OF HIS GOSPEL** that we will be brought to **THE JOY OF HIS KINGDOM**, to enjoy unending intimacy and friendship with Christ.*

Blessings on this Feast of Christ the King,

Father Bob

Pastor

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus, Christ King of the Universe
Monday:	Thirty-Fourth or Last week in Ordinary Time St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day; Hanukkah begins
Saturday:	St. Andrew

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	Dn 1:16, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; L 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21: 29-33
Saturday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Sunday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

ADVENT REFLECTIONS /ACTIONS

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS containing daily Advent reflections & actions will be available November 30/December 1 in Room 98 (Kindergarten Room) in the Education Building. Suggested offering: \$1.

Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time**Eat**

For ancient Jews, sharing a meal was a sacred act because it involved giving thanks to God. Today, family meals can prepare us to gather at the table of the Lord, but the reverse is true as well. Actively celebrating the Mass prepares us for a deeper connection and joy at our own kitchen tables. Remember, Jesus' gift of his Real Presence invites our real presence as well.

Beyond regular attendance at Mass, here are six tips for making your meals a blessing for you and your family: 1. Bring your real presence (no distractions). 2. Be grateful. 3. Pray together. 4. Remember those less fortunate. 5. Connect by listening and sharing. 6. Thank the cook and help clean up! —Tom McGrath

YEAR OF STRONG CATHOLIC PARENTS

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**St. Cletus Parish Welcomes...**

Andrew Brian Meyers,
son of Brian & Janet (Haubenreiser) Meyers

Jan Mario Flaseca,
son of Domingo Flaseca & Beatriz Campos

Luke Andrew Whitaker,
son of Scott & Anne (Crowe) Whitaker

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

PARISH FORGIVENESS SERVICE

We have another opportunity to be graced by God's peace and extend it to others through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Parish Forgiveness Service will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Advent is a time to mend quarrels, to forgive those who have hurt us, and to pray for peace. What better way to "Be watchful! Be Alert! WE do not know the day nor the hour."

NEW WORSHIP AIDS

The Catholic Church's liturgical calendar concludes each year on the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe which we celebrate this weekend. Next weekend marks the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year – The Year of Grace 2014. With the start of the new year comes a new cycle of scripture readings, and so as happens every year at this time, we change out our previous years' *Sunday's Word* worship aid, found in the blue binders in each pew. This year we have chosen a new worship aid which will both replace the *Sunday's Word* and will also give us a new yearly hymnal. Beginning next weekend, the blue binders will contain *Today's Missal* and *Today's Missal Music Issue*. *Today's Missal* offers larger print, both English and Spanish responses, readings and prayers for Sundays and holy days, as well as daily mass propers and seasonal music. The new missal also contains devotional prayers, the prayers offered for Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, the Rites for the RCIA, the Rite of Penance: Reconciliation and The Way of the Cross. *Today's Missal Music Issue* will be a musical supplement to our current red Gather hymnal. The *Music Issue* includes new and revised mass settings, responsorial psalms, contemporary music and new hymns. We are extremely excited to begin using these new worship aids as they will make participation accessible to all who attend our parish liturgies and will greatly enhance our music program. As is the case with anything new, it will take some time to get acquainted with these new worship aids, but we believe that the breadth of what they offer will truly allow greater participation at all of our parish liturgical celebrations. We appreciate your patience during the transition of adding *Today's Missal* and *Today's Missal Music Issue* to our worship.

Fr. Ken Baker

Associate Pastor/Worship



“APPROACHING ADVENT IN PRAYER”

TAIZÉ PRAYER

DECEMBER 6th

7:00 P. M.

IN CHURCH

ENTER ADVENT IN PEACE - SONG - SCRIPTURE - SILENCE

ALL ARE WELCOME

Taizé prayer is a gathering of people using music, scripture, prayer, and silent reflection to pray for peace and reconciliation in our world.

It originated in Taizé, France after World War II, by the late Brother Roger who saw a need for forgiveness and healing. It has steadily grown throughout the world as that need is ever more evident. Thousands of young people gather in Taizé weekly recognizing the power of this community prayer. Please come and experience the peace of this prayer. It is a beautiful way to begin Advent and set our Christmas preparations in the right direction.

Paulette Bolton,

Director of Parish Catechesis/Formation

THE YEAR OF FAITH

MARY THE EMBODIMENT OF FAITH

by Dr. Sean Innerst

“Throughout her life and until her last ordeal when Jesus her son died on the cross, Mary’s faith never wavered. She never ceased to believe in the fulfillment of God’s word. And so the Church venerates in Mary the purest realization of faith.”—CCC 149

Last week we celebrated the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when, according to Tradition, Joachim and Anne presented the young Mary, their only child, to serve in the Temple at Jerusalem until she became a young woman. According to one tradition, Mary was put in the care of Anna, who later rejoiced at the birth of Mary’s Son (see Lk 2:21-38).

St. Augustine of Hippo described faith as thinking with assent. In so saying, he reminds us that there are really two vital parts to the act of faith, one intellectual and one volitional. The grace of faith must for that reason perfect both the intellect and the will. What God reveals to us about himself is not just information that might leave us as cold as a mathematical formula would. God’s revelation of himself happens in time and in history and has consequences in our lives that call for action. Whether we choose to swim with the tide of this revelation or against it, it demands a response, a “yes” or “no” to the God who is the Lord of history. Faith is the “yes,” “a personal adherence of the whole man to God” (CCC 176).

Mary, of course, is the “purest realization of faith” in every sense. She is the ponderer of God’s history par excellence. Twice in Luke’s Gospel (Lk 2:19 and 2:51) he speaks of her as keeping and pondering in her heart the things connected with the infancy of her divine Son. Her beautiful canticle called the Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55) is a celebration, an extended fiat (meaning, “let it be done”), to the whole plan of God coming to realization in Christ, an event to which she had already consented at the Annunciation (Lk 1:38). Mary’s faith was such that she never withdrew that complete “adherence of the whole” of herself to God’s plan from crib to cross and beyond, and so we rightly say that she “most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith” (CCC 148).

ACTION STEP

The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is traditionally observed as a special day of prayer among cloistered religious. Consider what you might do to honor women religious—whether cloistered or serving the Church in the world—this week.



HOLY NAME TURKEY PICK-UP

REMINDER: Turkey Raffle winners can pick up their bird this Sunday, November 24, between 2:00-4:00 p.m., in front of Morrissey Hall. The winning raffle number is Seven (7). Thank you so much for your continued support.

Dan Gibbons



HOLY NAME CHRISTMAS PARTY

The HNS annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 6, at Sawa’s Old Warsaw Restaurant, 9200 Cermak Road, Broadview. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. You can sign up in the Ministers’ Room. HNS members, ushers, and money counters, please bring a gift for the raffle.

Dan Gibbons

CUB SCOUT WREATH SALE



St. Cletus Cub Scouts will be selling cash and carry Christmas wreaths in front of the church **this** weekend, **November 23/24**. Please stop by to make a purchase and help support the Pack. All proceeds from the sale are used to pay expenses of the Cub Scout Pack at St. Cletus School. Thanks for your help; the whole pack thanks you!

CREDO MOVIE NIGHT - DECEMBER 6

Begin your Advent journey to Christmas by experiencing the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Join CREDO to view the movie, "The Nativity" followed by Adoration and Benediction.

The movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 98 in the Education Building. The movie ends in the stable at Bethlehem where all are adoring Jesus.



We will then move to church so that we can adore Jesus as well. If you only wish to attend Adoration and Benediction they will begin at 9:00 p.m.

We hope this event will be a meaningful start to Advent for you. Older children and families are welcome.

CREDO

(Continuing Religious Education Opportunities for adults)



**LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER
THOSE IN THE MILITARY ESPECIALLY...**

Ryan McDonell, USA
1st Lt. Sara Jean Sedlacek, USA
Pvt. Paul Jacobson, USMC
Nick Radziwon, US Navy
1st Lt. Thomas G. Dybicz, USA Ranger
Lt. Cdr. Amy Sloan Bloyd, US Coast Guard
Michael Carr, USA
Captain Anthony Cech, USA Chaplain
Sgt. Franklyn Cuchana, USA
2nd Lt. Thomas G. Dybicz, USA Ranger
Sgt. Michael Fittanto, USA
M/Sgt. Patrick Hegeman, USMC
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Kevin Lewis, USA
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Capt. Charlie Drucker, USA
Major Christopher Strahlman, USA
M/Sgt. Anthony Zito, USA

**MATER CHRISTI HOLY NAME SOCIETY - TURKEY SHOOT 2013**

The Mater Christi Holy Name Society will host its annual Turkey Shoot **this** Sunday, November 24, from 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., at the school in Menarik Hall, 2400 S. 10th Avenue, North Riverside.

Turkeys will be raffled off every 5 minutes. Hams, prasky, salami, bread, pumpkin pie, houska, and other grocery items are available to win. Split the pot and pull-tabs with cash prizes will be available.

Hot dogs, chips, pumpkin pie, beer, wine, soda, and coffee from the kitchen for refreshments. Several televisions will be tuned to NFL action. For information, contact (708) 442-5611.

Bring in this bulletin for a chance to win a turkey or bag of groceries in a special raffle!



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King



Breakfast with Santa! **SAVE THE DATE!**

Please join us on December 1, for our *Breakfast with Santa Pancake Breakfast* at the

Robert E. Coulter Jr., American Legion Post 1931, 900 S. La Grange Rd., La Grange. We will be serving from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. Enjoy a wonderful breakfast and a visit with Santa. Adults/\$8; Children under 12/\$4.

Social Concerns Ministry

This Advent, our Giving Tree outreach provides many opportunities for you and your family to respond to those in need, to ensure they receive their share of the richness of God's gifts given to us.

- Take a tag or two from the trees in the Church vestibule to help us make the holidays a little brighter for those in need in our community. Instructions are on the tags. Encourage your friends to take a tag, also!
- Volunteer to accept gifts at one of the Masses on the weekend of December 7-8. (Junior high students on up) or to help sort gifts in Church on Sunday, December 8, from 2:00 -6:30 p.m. (Jr. High students accompanied by an adult and high school students on up).
- Transport gifts down to St. Agatha's Parish in Chicago on Sunday, December 8, around 4:00 p.m. Please consider helping out, especially if you have a van or truck.
- Sign up to help out in Morrissey Hall on Sunday, December 15. We will be accepting food baskets from 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., organizing food baskets and family gifts until 1:00 p.m. when we will begin distributing baskets/gifts to our community families (junior high students accompanied by an adult, and high school students on up.) Our day will end around 6:00 p.m. after clean-up.
- A special request: If there is anyone in our parish who is able to donate some medium to large **new** boxes for us to use for the groceries we are distributing to our local Giving Tree recipients on December 15, please contact Mary Beth Ford at (708) 215-5418 or **mford@stcletusparish.com** and we can work out details.

Contact Mary Beth Ford at (708) 215-5418 or **mford@stcletusparish.com** to volunteer, or for further information. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Because of the generous donations of our parishioners and friends throughout the community, we were able to serve over 325 families at our November, 14 monthly distribution. Thank you!

- Items most needed at this time are **dry pinto beans, canned fruit, canned meat, boxed potatoes, cereal, juice, hot cocoa mix, and all sizes of diapers.**
- Don't forget we are collecting **Jewel stamps for Rachel Ray Dinnerware** for our Advent Giving Tree Outreach. If you are not collecting them for yourself, please put the stamps in an envelope and place with your food donations, or drop the envelope in the collection basket, or at the rectory.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

The Social Concerns Ministry, along with all those who benefit from our many parish outreach efforts, "THANK YOU" for your continuing support. In this Thanksgiving Season and throughout the year, may you and your families enjoy God's bountiful blessings!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

SOCIAL CONCERNS CONTINUED**INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK REQUEST FOR JOBS**

Thanksgiving...a time to reflect on our many blessings and give thanks. For someone in a job search...a time of stress, worry and continued frustration. Unemployment statics have improved from a few years ago, but many of your neighbors remain unemployed or underemployed.

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers many tools to assist job seekers, but we need your assistance to provide the most important element in a job search which is open positions. If you are a hiring manager or aware of open positions at your company, please send the information to **jkennedy1333@ameritech.net** or **tom_rohan@yahoo.com**. Any and all postings are welcome. ICN job seekers are at all stages of their career, in every industry, and with a broad spectrum of education and experience. All job postings will be communicated to the 400 member ICN Yahoo group. Ideally it will be a WIN/WIN for your company and a qualified job seeker in your community. If you have any questions or for additional information you may also contact Judy Kennedy at (708) 352-8943 or Tom Rohan at (708) 772-4231.

Lastly, to learn more about ICN please visit us at **www.interfaithcareernetwork.org**.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The next training service will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 9:00 a.m. `til 12:00 Noon. The training will be held at the Congregation of St. Joseph Ministry Center, 1515 W. Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park.

BECOME AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER! Contact the ICP office at (708) 579-8929 or email **interfaith@att.net** to sign up or for more information.

NEW PARISH PILOT PROGRAM

Starting in December all ministries and organizations will have the opportunity to sell, promote or hand out literature each weekend in Room 98 (Kindergarten Room) in the Education Building. Back in the fall we thought of initiating this change but held off. Due to space constraints in the Narthex it was now decided to initiate this as a pilot program that we will focus on from December through June. Then we will survey the parishioners for feedback.

Room 98, directly across from the west side church entrance, is the closest most accessible room near the church. This will allow 5 or 6 groups at a time to promote their ministries and organizations. We will also have hospitality available the first weekend of the month to welcome our new parishioners and gather with current parishioners.

As is the current policy all rooms in the Education Building, Rectory and Church must be reserved for any and all activities. Please contact Bobbie Kallal by email **bkallal@stcletusparish.com** and/or Debbie Lestarczyk **dlestarczyk@stcletusparish.com** to reserve this space.

We hope you understand the reasoning behind this change and will help promote it with your ministries and organizations. We think this will be a great way to gather parishioners, exchange welcomes and hospitality.

God bless,

Fr. Bob

St. Cletus School Update



Dia de los muertos (Day of the dead)

As part of our Spanish curriculum here at St. Cletus, students had the opportunity to celebrate a very special Hispanic celebration called "El dia de los muertos". This holiday is celebrated mostly throughout Mexico and Central America. During this special celebration families and friends gather to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. The celebration takes place on November 1st and 2nd.

Our students had a great time discovering how Hispanics remember their beloved ones by making their own colorful "calacas" (masks), and discussing about the similarities between this celebration and their own. Most students commented that they would love to celebrate it at home, and enjoy some sugar skulls and "pan de muerto" with their family.



Our School's Inspiring Teachers and Staff

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."

— William Arthur Ward

2013 Annual Fund Kick Off!

We are excited to kick off the 2013 St. Cletus School Annual Fund campaign. St. Cletus parish school has been providing children challenging academic programs in a faith filled community for over 60 years!

Our goal this year is increased participation. Gifts of all sizes are meaningful to St. Cletus and its students. No matter the amount you are able to donate, all gifts express your belief in the value of an education that starts with faith and inspires critical thinkers and life-long learners. Making this gift accessible to as many children as possible is a common goal of every parent, parishioner, priest, minister and teacher.

Please consider giving a gift to the St. Cletus School Annual Fund. The amount of your gift is not important, but your participation is! The Annual Fund is the perfect place to put gifts of all sizes to work by pooling them together.

Please watch your mail or visit <http://www.stcletusschool.com/fundraising/annualfund/> for more details on how you can contribute. Together we can meet these financial challenges and continue to provide our children with an outstanding Catholic education

Thank you in advance for your support.

Dan & Heather Alpe
Annual Fund Chairs



DATES TO REMEMBER

Book Fair November 25-26
Dining 4 Dollars - Countryside McDonalds December 9
School Christmas Performance December 11

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL

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SAINT CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES

The Tower Chorale

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

Patrick Godon
Music Director

Accompanied by Dennis Zimmer
on organ and a brass quartet

Guest appearance by the
St. Cletus Youth Choirs
Karen Ziemba, Director

**Tickets on sale
11/30 & 12/1
Special Price
\$15 per person**

DECEMBER 14TH 15TH

**SATURDAY 8:00PM
SUNDAY 4:00PM**

INFO: TOWERCHORALE.ORG

**ST. CLETUS CHURCH
600 W 55TH STREET
LA GRANGE**

**ADULTS: \$20
SR/STU: \$17
CHILDREN 10 & UNDER
FREE**

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Upcoming St. Cletus Fine Arts Series Performances:

**SUNDAY
MARCH 30TH
4 PM**

**Fr. Ken Baker
& Friends**

Proceeds benefit
the St. Cletus
Capital Campaign

**LTHS North Campus
Reber Center
100 South Brainard Ave
La Grange, IL 60525**

**SUNDAY
APRIL 27TH
4 PM**

**An Afternoon of
Chamber Music**

**Grant Street Quartet
with Jeffrey Panko, Piano**

**St. Cletus Church
600 W 55th St. La Grange, IL**

The St. Cletus Fine Arts Series was created in 2009 to present high quality musical performances outside of the liturgical setting. Most concerts are presented free of charge. Freewill offerings are collected to support the St. Cletus Fine Arts Series or other selected charities as announced. More information at <http://stcletusparish.com/our-parish/fine-arts-series/>



REMINDER!

**BE THANKFUL FOR BOOKS!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR ST. CLETUS 2013 BOOK FAIR!**

**Sunday, November 24th 3-5PM
Monday, November 25th 8AM-4PM
Tuesday, November 26th 8AM-8PM**

Location: Morrissey Hall

**Author Tom Watson will join us on Sunday, November 24, at 3:30 p.m.
He is the author of the Stick Dog Books. His presentation will be geared for students in 2nd-8th grade.**

Cash, Checks, and Credit Cards will be accepted.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!**2013-2014 TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

Our next group gathering will be SUNDAY , December 8, from 2:00-6:15 p.m. All High School Age Teens are welcome to join us! We will be sorting gifts for our annual Giving Tree project! Please let me know what times you can come to help.

**GIVING TREE**

We are looking for Teens to help with our annual Giving Tree project on December 8 & 15. Please contact me to sign up!

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2013/JANUARY 2014

December 8 - Giving Tree 2:00-6:15 p.m. (St. Cletus)

**December 15 - Giving Tree 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Pizza and White Elephant gifts after till 7:30 p.m.
(St. Cletus)**

January 12, 2014 - Teen Mass 11:00 a.m. (St. Cletus)

Merry Christmas! Check your email for updates. Our first small group meeting of the New Year will be January 19!

Freshman/ Sophomore Retreat is January 10-12, 2014 (more information to come)!

Any questions? Contact Amanda Birth at abirth@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419.

Amanda Birth,
Youth Director

STEWARDSHIP — SUNDAY COLLECTION — NOVEMBER 17, 2013

Total Active Registered Families 2,754

Amount Collected

of envelopes used this week 603

% of registered families 22%

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000**Over (Under) Budget: (1,857)**

This fiscal Year @ 11/17/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 504,343

Budgeted Sunday Collections 540,000**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (35,657)****Collection Statistics**

\$ 19,243 Envelopes Users

3,813 Loose Check/Cash

2,087 Electronic Giving**\$ 25,143 Total Collected**

***T**hank you for responding to my request to help us lower the budget deficit by adding a few extra dollars to your collection donations. I am pleased to say that we have been able to slightly reduce the deficit over these past few weeks. Please continue to help us reduce the shortfall even more by continuing to try to raise your weekly donation by a few dollars. Together we can continue to reduce the deficit and continue to support the important ministries within our parish.*

Fr. Bob Clark, Pastor

GRATITUDE

What is gladness without gratitude, and where is gratitude without a God?

-Coventry Patmore

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, November 24	7:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Front Lawn MH Lobby	Cub Scout Wreath Sale Holy Name Turkey Raffle Distribution
Monday, November 25	7:00 p.m.	S-200	Youth Ministry
Tuesday, November 26	12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	MH-Lobby C-Narthex C MH-Lobby Rectory Din Rm S-201	MANNA Cash & Carry Food Pantry Turkey Distribution Combined Choir Rehearsals MANNA Cash & Carry RCIA Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group
Wednesday, November 27		All Facilities Closed after 8:00 a.m. Mass	
Thursday, November 28		All Facilities Closed after 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass	
Friday, November 29		All Facilities Closed after 8:00 a.m. Mass	
Saturday, November 30	5:00 p.m.	C-Narthex	Fine Arts Ticket Sales
Sunday, December 1	7:00 a.m.	S-98 (Kindergarten Room)	Fine Arts Ticket Sales
C...Church Narthex...Church Vestibule MH...Morrissey Hall		(East & West)	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).

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month: 4:15-4:45pm.

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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