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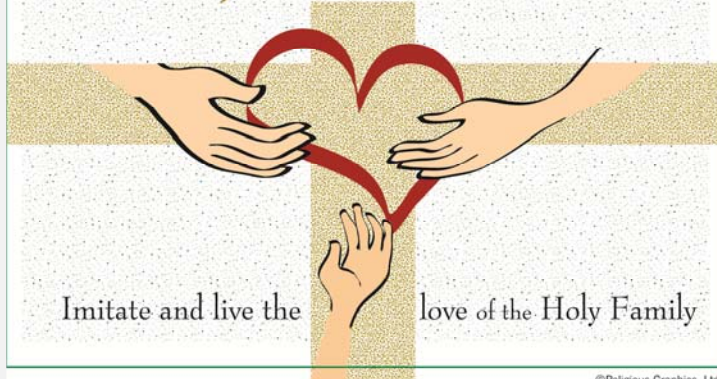
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Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 29, 2013

The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem where they found
Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

JESUS
MARY
JOSEPH



Imitate and live the

love of the Holy Family



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 December 30 – January 5, 2014

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday New Year's Eve	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	PARISH PRIESTS' INTENTIONS
Wednesday New Year's Day	9:00 a.m.	PARISH PRIESTS' INTENTIONS
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Jessica Panek
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Patricia Magee, Frank Wojcik
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Charles Fogarty Kenneth Baker, Sr., Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Edward Zajac
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	John Patrick McGinley, Alison Fitzpatrick Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Nilda Grzanich Chester Wojcik, Betty Rodriguez, Eugene Sorrentino Fred Czachor, Joseph Panek, Kadlec Family Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Fernando Cabral, Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Sue Engstrom, Ray Salstedt, 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, John Duda, George Duda, Steven Onusaitis, Lorraine Walter, Pam Wilson, Loretta Harwood, Marilyn Mateševac, 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 pray for those who have died and their families...



*Jennie Bernice Boerste,
mother of Bonnie*

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



Kristen Sheputis & Ken Uher

Angelina Pollina & Erich Serwas



WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, January 4/5, 2014 in Room 98 in the Education Building, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Please stop by, say hello, and become members.



RECTORY HOLIDAY HOURS

December 31, 2013 9:00 a.m. - Noon

January 1, 2014 CLOSED

The office will reopen Thursday, January 2, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 2013

The Christmas story recalls the fact that Mary and Joseph were unable to find room at the inn. Instead Jesus was born in a lowly stable; his companions were the ox and the ass, his cradle a manger. The Messiah, long-awaited by the Jewish people as a King, is born into poverty and instability. Shortly after his birth, to escape the persecution of Herod, Joseph is prompted in a dream by an angel to find safety and security. God sends a messenger to protect his family. The picture of Joseph leading the donkey carrying Mary and the child Jesus is very familiar and a beautiful picture of a family struggling against the power of evil and violence in search of safety.

Both the gospel and the first reading emphasize God's love for the vulnerable, whether the child or the older person. In biblical times, nomadic people who were constantly moving from pasture to pasture might have been tempted to abandon the weakest and oldest members of their families. The first reading shows how it is God's wish that the elderly have a special place in the family and are respected as "encyclopedias of wisdom" (Pope John Paul II).

The flight to Egypt is a reminder that many centuries before this journey, Joseph, of the coat of many colors, was taken to the court of Pharaoh as a slave. It was later that Moses, who was called by God, would lead the Jewish people from slavery to the Promised Land in the great journey of the Exodus. Indeed the return of the holy family to Nazareth recalls the journey from slavery to freedom. Jesus will be the New Moses who will free his people from the slavery of sin and give the promise of eternal life through death and resurrection.

In many ways, families in war torn parts of our world experience the flight into Egypt. It may be to escape persecution and violence. Refugees and asylum seekers, knocking on the door of Europe, America and the developed world, share in the common humanity of the family of God. As we witness their pain and sadness, the words of St. Paul ring in our ears: "Be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience." The orphan, the widow, the poor and the stranger have a special place in God's love. As Pope John Paul II said in the context of the Year of Jubilee, "if we recall that Jesus came to 'preach the good news to the poor', how can we fail to lay greater emphasis on the Church's preferential option for the poor and outcast?" This plea goes out to us and our governments and surely asks us to reflect on how our systems deal with asylum seekers. They must be treated with respect and their cases be examined in the light of justice and charity. Closer to home, the flight into Egypt will prompt us to think of families, usually women and children, seeking safety from domestic violence.

How sensitive is our parish community to all these issues and to the needs of the most vulnerable, especially children and the elderly? May the Feast of the Holy Family remind us of the gift and innocence of all our children. As a Church, improvements in policy regarding child protection have been needed and are being fully implemented. The aim is to protect children from violence and make the Church a place where the protection of the weakest is evident. And then there are the elderly: who deserve a privileged place in the community. God chooses each person in a special and unique way. The message of Christ is that the commandment of love must be visible and active in each family and every community, touching into the lives of each of us from the moment of conception to the day the Lord calls us to himself.

May our Families Experience the Peace of the Holy Family Always,

Father Bob
Pastor

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, JOSEPH, AND MARY



Called to Holiness and Unity

Compassionate Father,
you who have called us to holiness,
to live in unity with you and your people,
dwell in us richly in your Word.

May we always be people of compassion,
kindness, and humility.

May love and forgiveness
be the characteristic of your family,
the Church.

As we honor our parents today,
may we also learn to honor each other,
bearing with each other,
and embracing a love for all nations
and peoples.

Continue to shower upon your Church,
we pray,

abundant blessings and graces.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, December 29, 2013

Dwelling in Us Richly

Today's Readings: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14; Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5; Colossians 3:12–21 or 3:12–17; Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23. Most of us have felt, at times, the heaviness of family responsibilities—perhaps when chores kept us tied up, when personalities in the household clashed, or when a family member needed support in the face of a financial or health crisis. When confronted with duty and sacrifice, some may flee, some may screw up a steely determination, and some may simply resign themselves and march lifelessly ahead. But today's readings portray a different approach—in which love and compassion make service and forgiveness possible, even joyful. When we “let the word of Christ dwell in [us] richly,” a grim task can be transformed into a warm, colorful experience, like the illustration above.

The state of heart from which our family service comes has an impact on the effect of that service, and it can also open or close us to the opportunities the Spirit offers. Joseph, devoted to the care of his family, and a trusting believer, was highly receptive to the warning dream God sent him. When we “let the peace of Christ rule in [our] hearts,” new possibilities emerge.

What of people in nontraditional families, or without families? Paul envisions Christians binding themselves to others through love, out of which harmony flows. These readings suggest that the practice of family life, with the people God has given us or called us to, is a holy calling and a spiritual craft.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 30

Preparing for the New Year

In preparation for the New Year, you might take time to pray and fast, following the example of the holy prophetess, Anna, in today's Gospel. You might focus on a special need such as violence, hunger, the dignity of the human person, or the sick and suffering. Take your lead from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, who encourage fasting and prayer for world peace each Friday of the year. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:12–17; Psalm 96:7–8a, 8b–9, 10; Luke 2:36–40.

Tuesday, December 31

Memorial of Saint Sylvester I

Pope Sylvester (314–335), whose memorial may be celebrated today, preserved the essential independence of the Church, even against the pressures of Emperor Constantine. Let us pray for our current Holy Father that he remain steadfast in his role of peacemaker in today's world. In the Gospel reading today, Jesus is described as “close to the Father's heart.” One way to help your family keep the seasons of the liturgical year close to their hearts is with the book, *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (available from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Publishing Services). Today's Readings: 1 John 2:18–21; Psalm 96:1–2, 11–12, 13; John 1:1–18.

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

From ancient times, Mary has been the God-bearer (*Theotokos*); that is, the “Mother of God.” In AD 431, the Council of Ephesus proclaimed that Mary's divine maternity would be celebrated liturgically. She was described by the Second Vatican Council, in the document *Lumen Gentium*, as “Mother of the Son of God . . . and beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit.” As we mark the 50th anniversary of this document, read Chapter VII, “Our

Lady” (find online). Today's Readings: Numbers 6:22–27; Galatians 4:4–7; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8 (2a); Luke 2:16–21.

Thursday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Today we celebrate the memorial of these fourth-century bishops, theologians and administrators. Basil is particularly famous for shaping monasticism in the eastern Church, even influencing St. Benedict, founder of Benedictine monasticism in the West. Gregory and Basil were monks together in their younger days, but were needed to write and publically debate against the heresy of Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. That political and theological work continued after they were ordained bishops. Basil was also known for his charitable works and his liturgical compositions. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:22–28; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 1:19–28.

Friday, January 3

John the Baptist and Testifier

During Christmas Time, we continue to read about this remarkable figure. His conception was miraculous, as was his divine cousin's, for he was to prepare the people to hear Jesus's message about the Kingdom. He would also identify Jesus as the Lamb of God, the one on whom the Spirit would come down in the form of a dove. He would testify to the people of his time, and of all times since, that Jesus was the Son of God. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:29–3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd–4, 5–6; John 1:29–34.

Saturday, January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth was the first American to be canonized a saint. She was a convert, widow, and mother of five children when she established a school in Baltimore, Maryland in 1808, and then founded the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph. Even while organizing the community and its many charitable works, she was able to raise her children. She died at 46. Today's Readings: 1 John 3:7–10; Psalm 98:1, 7–8, 9; John 1:35–42.



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St. Cletus School's elementary program offers a strong educational curriculum guided by the Common Core State Standards in English, language arts, and math, as well as the State of Illinois Learning Standards. In addition to our 1st -8th grade program with an average classroom size of 22 students, St. Cletus offers 3- and 4-year-old, half and full-day preschool, as well as half and full day kindergarten classes. Our well-rounded academic program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computer technology classes. Daily religion classes, service hours, and regular school Masses also help our students to develop into mature, responsible young adults. Other opportunities available at St. Cletus School are Junior Great Books, Student Council, Scouting (for boys and girls), athletic programs, band, choir, various after school clubs, and before-and after care programs. If your child is just beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

Applications are now being accepted for new students for the 2014-15 school year.

Catholic Schools Week Open House is Sunday, January 26, 2014. Interested families are welcome to attend our 9:30 a.m. family Mass at St. Cletus Church, followed by our Open House in the Education Building next door to Church from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please join us!

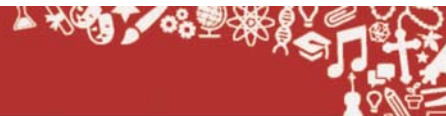
Feel free to call the school office Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. at (708) 352-4820 if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to visit our school. St. Cletus School is a great place to be—stop by to learn more!

Sincerely,

Margaret Hayes
PrincipalJolene Hillgoth
President



St. Cletus School News



Centers in Preschool Let Students Explore

Our preschoolers enjoy a variety of different centers as an important part of their daily work. Art and education are combined as they busy themselves creating projects. Each week, a letter of the alphabet is introduced and reinforced through different activities.

Technology is also incorporated as students experiment with educational games on iPads. Our play center allows children to build, create and have fun, all while learning to share and work together.



7th and 3rd Grade Students Make Fleece Blankets for Project Linus

On Thursday, Dec. 12, the 7th- and 3rd-grade students paired up to attend our school Mass together. After Mass they took the message of God's love and put it into action. Armed with scissors and reams of fleece they broke off into four rooms to create beautiful Christmas blankets to donate to Project Linus. These lovingly made blankets will be given to sick children and adults in various local hospitals. The 7th graders assisted the 3rd graders in cutting and tying the fleece while laughing and bonding with each other.

Thank you to everyone for all the donations for the fleece to make the blankets.

Project Linus has delivered more than 4,792,477 blankets since 1998. Now because of an inspired group of St. Cletus Cardinals, that number continues to grow!

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Resumes	January 6
School Board Meeting.....	January 7
Tuition Raffle Party	January 11

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL

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Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time

Reflect

One year closes and another begins. It's time for New Year's resolutions. The media is filled with suggestions and tips to eat better, exercise more, and save more money. But here's something else to think about—*something that* could have a valuable and lasting impact for generations to come.

Set aside time to reflect prayerfully on your life as a parent. Ask yourself, "What one thing would I like to do to be a better parent?" What comes to mind? Don't force it; let the idea come. It might be "listen more," "enjoy my kids more," or "get more rest so I can be a kinder person." You'll know it when it comes. Then ask God for the grace to embrace this resolution and to remove the obstacles to achieve it, one day at a time. —Tom McGrath



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YEAR OF STRONG CATHOLIC PARENTS

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LOVE

For generations, various cultures regarded family life merely as a utilitarian necessity. Sirach introduces honor and respect. For Jews and Christians alike, the value of family goes even further. The family is seen as the indispensable school where love is learned. Paul addresses the Colossians and offers a list of virtues that make for a solid and happy church. These values also make for a happy family at ease with itself and its members: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness. As a capstone, Paul urges love, which brings all of these domestic virtues to perfection. Paul seems to be on a roll as he lauds the virtues of the church at Colossae. With such heartfelt virtues, it is no wonder Paul bursts into song. Who wouldn't? It's clear that the center of the church is love. It is clear that no matter how far from home the members travel, the heart remains and all the members are connected by the gravitational pull of mutual love, a love first learned in family life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Wednesday:	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Thursday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Friday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday



Holy Family
pray for us!



"Love your children. In them you can see Baby Jesus. Pray for them a lot and every day put them under Holy Mary's protection."

~Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Youth Ministry...

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped with the Giving Tree this year! It was such a huge success and a humbling experience to pass gifts out to those in need! So thank you for your hard work, laughter and compassion it did not go unnoticed! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season and I look forward to seeing many familiar and hopefully some new faces at our first meeting of the New Year on January 19 (time and place to follow).

PLEASE NOTE: The freshman/sophomore **Hidden Treasure Winter Retreat Application and Registration form** is available on our website.

Amanda Birth

Youth Director

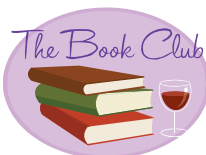
Thank you so much to all who contributed stamps for the KOLBE HOUSE Jail Ministry. You helped us reach our goal of 7,000 first class stamps so that detainees could send home Christmas cards to their loved ones. This ministry is always in need of stamps.

Once again a **BIG THANK YOU** to the St. Cletus community.

Marlene Heyes

Cook County Jail Catholic Minister

ST. CLETUS



The next book is

The View From Penthouse B
by Elinor Lipman

We will meet to discuss it on Tuesday:
January 21, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Room 98 in the Education Building

Questions? Email loriashe@aol.com



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Christ is the reason for the Season. Is Christ in your marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter can help you make your marriage Christ-centered. Sign up today to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 14-16, 2014, April 11-13, 2014 or June 20-22, 2014, all at Burr Ridge, IL. Early registration is highly recommended.

For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://www.wmjeoliet.org>.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Speaking with people of a different culture, making new contacts, and a feeling of self-satisfaction are some of the benefits one might reap from volunteering at *School on Wheels, sponsored by the Congregation of St. Joseph of La Grange Park*. Volunteers are needed for the school's Adult Literacy/English as a Second Language program. Tutors are asked to teach one hour or more per week, during the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at locations in Brookfield, Cicero, Downers Grove, Hodgkins, Woodridge, Villa Park, or Summit.

No prior second language skills are needed, however, it is necessary to attend a two-day tutor training session from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays, Jan. 11, and Jan. 25, 2014, at the Congregation of St. Joseph Center in La Grange Park. Volunteers must attend both training dates. Further information is available by calling (708) 482-5060 or (708) 482-5077.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 29, 2013

Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

— *Colossians 3:14*

Social Concerns Ministry

The Social Concerns Ministry wishes all of you a Blessed and Peace-filled New Year! 2013 gave us many opportunities to give hope to many of the people who are struggling in our midst, by providing food, shelter, transportation, and other basic necessities for their families. The generosity of our parishioners, neighbors and friends, abounds, which we witnessed, especially during this Holiday Season. The Giving Tree Project continues to be a large part of many people's Advent preparation to celebrate the greatest gift of all, God's own son, Jesus, sent into the world to bring us hope, peace and eternal life.

Volunteers from all areas of this ministry – Social Concerns Commission, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Rummage Sale, Interfaith Community Partners, Food Pantry, Interfaith Career Network, Respect Life, Mission Ladies, Lenten Almsgiving, Adult Service Project, Advent Giving Tree, and other special efforts-join you in our goal of responding to human needs with justice and love, in Christ's name.

My prayer to the Lord for each of you in 2014 is for

A few friends who understand you and remain your friends;

Work to do that has real value, without which the world would be poorer;

A mind unafraid to travel, though the trail not be blazed;

An understanding heart;

A sense of humor;

Time for quiet, silent meditation;

A feeling of the presence of God;

The patience to wait for the coming of these things,

With the wisdom to recognize them when they come.

FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Food Pantry in 2013. You can be proud that our Food Pantry continues to meet the need for food support in our community, because of the St. Cletus parishioners' ongoing positive response to Jesus' call to help the less fortunate and to see Him in the faces of those we serve. Your concern and generosity was apparent every month with your food donations and monetary contributions...you are the foundation of this outreach!

We are grateful, too, for the donations and sponsored food drives from so many community schools, organizations and businesses. Lastly, our food pantry could not operate without the many hours of service provided by our volunteers. THANK YOU for your dedication in sorting and shelving groceries, packing bags, carrying them to church to set up for the monthly food distribution, donating hours of service to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which helps pay for food we order from them each month, and most especially for representing St. Cletus Parish as you serve our clients. As Jesus would say "Well-done, good and faithful servant!" With the continued support of donors and volunteers, in 2014 we will strive to keep our shelves stocked, to adequately serve those who come to us for help.

Several reminders:

- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated, especially the items on each week's "most needed at this time" list. At this time, we are low on cereal, tuna, canned meat, boxed sides, juice, coffee, and all sizes of diapers. However, all in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated.
- Remember to check expiration dates to avoid out of date goods.
- Contributions can be dropped off in the designated bins in the Church narthex when you come to Mass on the weekend, and daily from 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Our next food distribution will be on Thursday, January 9, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Church narthex.

Thanks, again!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

STEWARDSHIP — SUNDAY COLLECTION – DECEMBER 15, 2013

Total Active Registered Families 2,752

Collection Statistics**Amount Collected**

of envelopes used this week 13

\$ 23,779 Envelopes Users

% of registered families 22%

3,453 Loose Check/Cash

1,674 Electronic Giving

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000**\$ 28,906 Total Collected****Over (Under) Budget: \$1,906**

This fiscal Year @ 12/15/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 616,183

Budgeted Sunday Collections 648,000

YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (31,817)

Due to the early printing of the Canticle, the December 22 Collection amount will be printed in the January 5, 2014 Canticle.

During this Holy and Sacred time of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your generous support of our parish. Please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless this faith community for their time, talent and treasure. Your efforts on behalf of the Good News of the Gospel is remarkable and a sure sign of the presence of Christ amongst us.

*Blessings Always,**Fr. Bob Clark**Pastor***ST. CLETUS INTRODUCES ONLINE GIVING**

St. Cletus has begun accepting online donations through GiveCentral, our new online donation service. GiveCentral is a safe, secure, and paperless way to make your contribution. It was designed specifically for Catholic churches and schools in the Chicago area, and many other parishes have already found success with it. The site allows you to make automatically repeating payments on a schedule that works best for you, using any credit card, debit card or electronic bank account.

We believe that having a flexible online giving option will make it easier for many of you to support St. Cletus. Please visit **www.stcletusparish.com** for more information.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski in the rectory at (708) 352-6209.

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, December 29			
Monday, December 30			
Tuesday, December 31	5:00 p.m.	C	New Year's Eve Mass
Wednesday, January 1	9:00 a.m.	C	New Year's Day Mass
Thursday, January 2			
Friday, January 3	8:00 p.m.	S-98	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, January 4	5:00 p.m.	S-98	Welcome Committee
Sunday, January 5	7:00 a.m.	S-98	Welcome Committee
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.

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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