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The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2014



Here is my servant whom I uphold



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 January 13 - January 19, 2014

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Kigin
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Ann Tisa
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Beloved Parishioners of St. Cletus
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Gilbert Rudy
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Bessie Darcas, Dan Keller, Christine Anderson Rita, John Akalaitis, Margaret Salmon, Jim Roach
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Frank Baggio Angelo Cumbo, Benjamin Patrick Hyink
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Mary & Joe White Sik Chin, Antoinette Zykan Consuelo Parra, Jesús Parra Sue Shannon, Matthew Mack Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Kathy Wendell, LaVerne Gil, Richard Rottinger, Ed Vokurka, Sr., 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, 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 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.



Angelina Pollina & Erich Serwas



*St. Cletus Parish
Welcomes...*

Liam John Heyes,

son of Haydon & Kristen (Feldes) Heyes

Leana Joan Burke,

daughter of Conor & Erin (Morrow) Burke

Michael Robert Tynski,

son of Michael Tynski & Emilia Olewinski

*to the Catholic Faith through the
Sacrament of Baptism.*



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

Christine Anderson Rita,
wife of Michael

Ann Marie McManigal,
mother of Susan Tranchida

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



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 2014

The nature of the creation of the universe continues to fascinate the human mind. The big bang theory may have superseded the poetic description found in Genesis, yet there are striking similarities between the two accounts. At first sight it seems hard to reconcile the modern claims of random chance in the creation of life to the picture in Genesis of an all-seeing God directing the stages of evolutionary development. But there may be more similarities than we think. The idea of God as an unmoved mover or a necessarily existent and intelligent director of the universe owes more to Greek philosophy than to the Scriptures. In the Scriptures the driving force behind creation is God's Spirit, hovering over the waters. And elsewhere in the Scriptures we know Jesus himself will refer to the Spirit as being as free as the wind, blowing where it wills. When we look each day at the creation that surrounds us, what strikes us first is not its uniformity or simplicity, and certainly not its intelligibility. What amazes is its sheer abundance and variety, much of it to no seeming purpose and yet offering us a breathtaking panorama we naturally imitate in our own myriad and sometimes mad moments of human creativity. There is risk involved. There is always the possibility of death, destruction and despair. Yet nothing remains outside the kingdom of God's love.

The Acts of the Apostles are the gospel of the Holy Spirit. Firstly Peter and then Paul appear as the main agents of the Spirit at work in the world of the early churches. They are examples of the true disciples, followers of Christ who are open to the Spirit and led by him in ways they do not expect. For Peter this meant particularly that he had to come to a new understanding of who was meant to receive the good news and what conditions should be imposed on those receiving it. He had to discover that Jesus was the Lord of all. The watershed in this discovery was his great vision of a sheet being lowered from heaven with God's instruction to kill and eat of the animals on the sheet. The moral of the vision was not just that the followers of Christ were no longer to be bound by the dietary restrictions of Jewish Law. The vision symbolized the universality of Christ's salvific mission. Peter recognized that Christ himself was only empowered to take up and accomplish his mission through the power of the Spirit. It was through this anointing by the Spirit at his baptism that Jesus was inspired to go about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. What we see Peter and the other apostles doing after their experience of receiving the Spirit at Pentecost is exactly the same. They too are given the confidence to go about doing good and healing those in need.

By baptism we too are anointed by the Spirit. This means that we too are inspired to follow in the footsteps of Peter in the living out of Christ's message. We too may need to make breakthroughs in our understanding of that message as we go through life. It is not a message that is given in a fixed package in advance. It is a message that unfolds more and more as we allow ourselves to be guided by the Spirit, and, again, the Spirit may lead us down uncharted paths. But if we want to check whether the underlying direction of the Spirit is active within us, we need only look again at the examples offered us by Peter and Paul. Are we conveyors of the good news of peace? Are we unifiers and reconcilers or do we drive others apart? Are we healers? Have we got in touch with that inner power that can bring about healing and renewal in the lives of others? The Church has always been involved in the service of healing, whether spiritual or physical. Many Christians give themselves to the healing professions under the Spirit's inspiration, but through the power of baptism we are called to heal each other through the little acts of daily care. Finally, when we look at our lives, do we, like Jesus, go around doing good? Is the world a better place for our presence in it? When we are touched by the Spirit, we are all able to be life-giving performers in the great dance of creation.

Anointed in the Spirit,

Father Bob

Pastor



Office of the Cardinal

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This January, as was announced a month ago in a press conference by a plaintiff's lawyer, documents relating to the sexual misconduct of thirty priests of the Archdiocese will be released as part of settlement agreements over the past years. All these incidents were reported over the years to the civil authorities and claims have been mediated civilly. Almost all of the incidents happened decades ago, perpetrated by priests whom neither I nor many younger clergy have ever met or talked to, because the priests were either dead or out of ministry before I came to Chicago as Archbishop.

Nevertheless, the publication puts the actions of these men and the Archdiocese itself in the spotlight. Painful though publicly reviewing the past can be, it is part of the accountability and transparency to which the Archdiocese is committed. For more than twenty years, the Archdiocese has reported all allegations of sexual abuse to the civil authorities and to DCFS. Records of priests have been shared with civil authorities when asked for. Accountability to the civil authorities constitutionally responsible for the protection of children is part of the life of the Church here. The names of priests known to have abused a minor are published on the Archdiocesan website, and the Archdiocese will offer more information in the future. But publishing for all to read the actual records of these crimes raises transparency to a new level. It will be helpful, we pray, for some, but painful for many.

Pope Francis has spoken several times in recent months about "clericalism" as a vice. Clericalism appears when a person or group decides it is not accountable for its actions. Clericalism in the clergy is evident when a priest decides he is not accountable to his bishop or to the faithful for what he teaches or how he celebrates the Church's liturgy or pastors the Church's people or when a bishop, in turn, is not accountable to his Councils and his clergy for his own ministry. Clericalism is spiritually deadly when a priest decides he is not accountable even to God and breaks his promise of chaste celibacy as well as the commandments of the Lord himself. The general discipline of the clergy weakened during the years when sex abuse was most prevalent, during the 1970's and 1980's. Chicago followed the now well-known national trends. In the late eighties, however, the Archdiocese began to put its house in some order and started, sometimes hesitantly, to follow the path of accountability and transparency.

Through the nineties, Archdiocesan policy still allowed some perpetrators a restricted form of ministry, with monitoring, that kept them from regular contact with minors. In 2002, the National Bishops' Conference decided that zero tolerance was the only certain means to be sure children would not be molested, and I removed from all public ministry those who had been allowed some pastoral work under the rules in effect under my predecessor. Others have been removed as accusations came forward. So far as can be known from all our records, there is no priest in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been found to have sexually abused a child, no matter when the abuse took place.

A more recent episode that has created distrust and injured the Archdiocesan community is that of Daniel McCormack. The public story, up to this point, has been largely fashioned by plaintiffs' lawyers and other activists and deliberately distorts or ignores points that would mitigate the charge of Archdiocesan neglect. For the sake of complete transparency, as well as accountability, I want to put on the public record the following facts:

1. Neither in Chicago nor in any previous posting as a bishop or a religious superior have I assigned to pastoral ministry or transferred for ministry a priest whom I knew to have sexually abused a child.
2. When I came to Chicago as Archbishop, Fr. Daniel McCormack had a reputation as a dedicated priest and an effective pastor. He had been ordained by Cardinal Bernardin, who vetted his seminary record. He was already, before I became Archbishop, appointed to a seminary faculty, a position of trust. He had been elected by his peers to represent them on the priests' placement board, a sign of confidence in his judgment by those who knew him best. Just months before his first arrest, he was recommended by those who worked with him in re-organizing the parishes on the west side to serve as dean for that area. He was dedicated to ministry in African American parishes in poor neighborhoods. He was trusted and admired.
3. The first association of his name with the possible sexual abuse of a minor was made for me in September 2005, when I was told that the police had arrested him, questioned him about the allegation and then released him without charges. He was put under monitoring and his ministry with children restricted while the Archdiocese began to investigate whether there was "reasonable cause to suspect" that he had sexually abused a child. The investigation was hampered because the various offices involved did not consistently share what they knew with each other or with me. Nor did the civil authorities share with the Archdiocese what they came to know in their investigations. From the time he was arrested and released to the time that he was arrested a second time and eventually pled guilty, no one involved in investigating the allegation, not even the review board that struggled with their justified concerns, told me they thought he was guilty.
4. After McCormack's second arrest in January 2006, a number of incidents came forward that might have served as warning signals along the way, if people had been more wary. Each of them, when the record is fairly presented, was examined and responded to by the authorities concerned. The response, in retrospect, was not always adequate to all the facts, but a mistake is not a cover up.

This is not a story that fits the template that has been used to report sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, which is why it's difficult to set the record straight. Nor is the record, even when set straight, one that any of us can easily put together with what we expect the Church to be. Telling the truth does not create an excuse for failure. But it makes a difference, as we go forward, to know in what the failure consists, to know that the truth has been told and that the Church is committed to accountability and transparency.

Most of all, this Archdiocese is committed to trying to help victims of sexual abuse achieve the freedom necessary to live with dignity. The Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth is a ministry that brings hope and freedom to many victims. It is responsible for the extensive system of background checks and training in child protection that every employee and volunteer in the Archdiocese must undergo. Its story should be better known, again for the sake of accountability and transparency.

Monetary recompense is part of helping victims and making reparation to them. The funding of sexual abuse settlements comes from a stream of revenue entirely separate from regular donations or investments. Over the years, the Archdiocese has bought a great deal of property for possible institutional expansion. Sale of some of that undeveloped property is the source of the revenues for funding sexual abuse settlements. It has not been and would not be used for normal Archdiocesan operating expenses.

Finally, all our actions are transparent to the Lord, to whom each of us is accountable. He is a merciful judge, and I ask you to commend to him in your prayers the victims, the perpetrators and the Archdiocese at this time in our history. Once again, I apologize to all those who have been harmed by these crimes and this scandal, the victims themselves, most certainly, but also rank and file Catholics who have been shamed by the actions of some priests and bishops. Thank you and God bless you.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

ST. CLETUS



The next book is
The View From Penthouse B
by Elinor Lipman

We will meet to discuss it on
Tuesday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m.
(Room TBD)

Questions? Email: loriashe@aol.com

ST. CLETUS CARDINAL PURSUIT

Grab your teams of 8 to 12 and join us in Morrissey Hall on January 17, for the St. Cletus Annual Trivia Night. Bring snacks to share and all your useless knowledge. The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. and is \$10 at the door plus mulligans will be sold throughout the night. Please join us!

Contact Robin Bourjally with questions at bourjbbk2@yahoo.com.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Hilary
Friday: St. Anthony
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity begins

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19;
Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1,
4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5,
7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11,
14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:
16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;
Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



SAINT CLETUS PARISH

Living our Faith, Building our Future.

Prayer for the success of Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign

Heavenly Father, as St. Cletus Parish moves into the future, we ask that you bless our founding parishioners, those who have come before us and those here today. Their sacrifices and dedication over the past 60 years have provided us our present day facilities.

Lord Jesus, as we move into the future, please bless our efforts to provide for a new Parish Center to meet our continually growing needs. May our sacrifice and dedication to the future of our parish match that of all our brother and sisters from the past.

Holy Spirit, as this effort moves forward, please send your Spirit to inspire us. May we know your will and follow it as we continue to Spread the Good News of the Gospel within our St. Cletus Community.

St. Cletus, pray for us.



Update

Families Contributing with Pledge	630
Families Contributing with non-pledge gift	275
Total Families Contributing	905
Total Contributions through Family Pledges and non-pledged gifts	\$3,049,311
Total Collected to date	\$1,811,130

SECOND COLLECTION - Weekend of January 18th & 19th – please be generous!

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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
Principal

Jolene Hillgoth
President



St. Cletus School
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

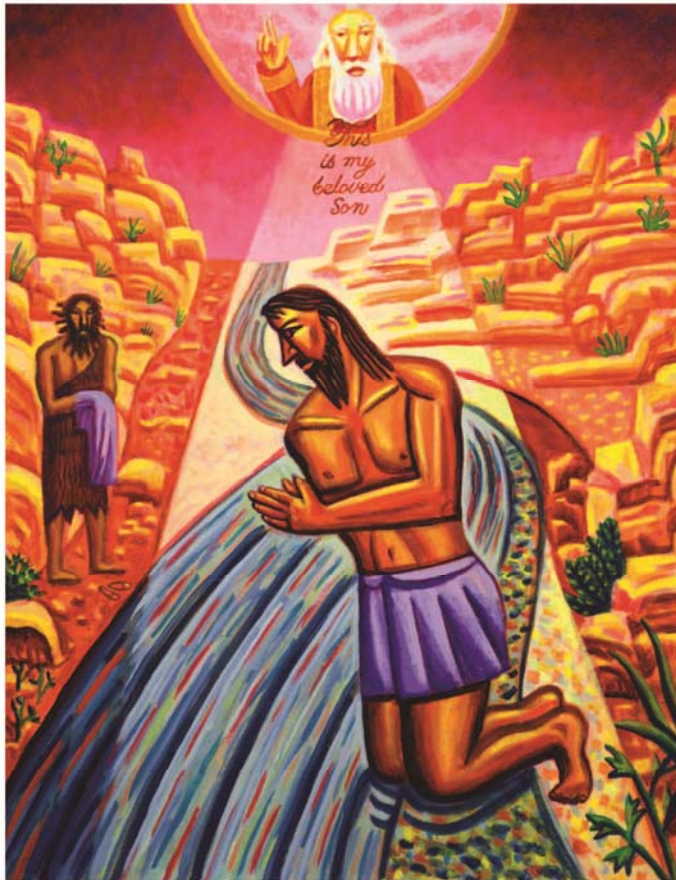
St. Cletus School invites you to join us for our Catholic Schools Week Open House Sunday, January 26th from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Take a tour and learn why St. Cletus is the right choice for your family.



- ◆ Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- ◆ Half-day and Full-day Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Christ, the Beloved Son

Father of new birth,
today your beloved Son
is baptized by John in the River
Jordon.

May our world embrace
the peace that Christ gives,
and may we seek after justice
for all the nations.

As you anointed Jesus with the Holy
Spirit and power
so his disciples are anointed with
the Spirit
so that we may do good as he does
and advocate for those who face
oppression.

Recalling our Baptism into the life
of Christ,
may we never cease to proclaim your
light to the nations.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 12, 2014

The Son Revealed

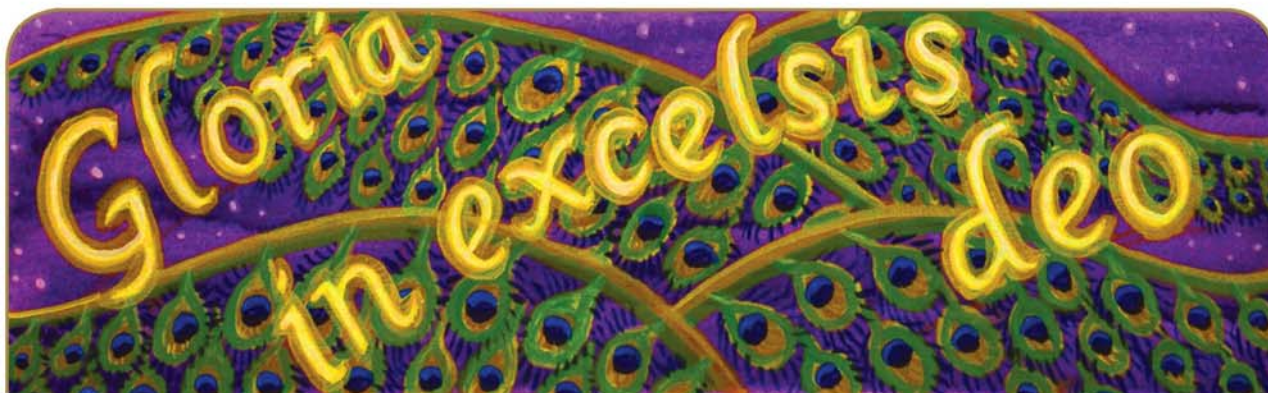


Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Acts 10:34–38; Matthew 3:13–17. The baptism of Jesus is truly an inaugural event in today's Gospel account. John seems to realize that this will not be a baptism of repentance; rather it is a demonstration of Jesus's solidarity with humankind and a sign (for Matthew and his audience) of Jesus's relationship to the Father.

In this scene, the Gospel writers show us Jesus's credentials for the work that will follow. The Alleluia verse for today's liturgy is not taken from Matthew's Gospel, but rather from Mark 9:16, the scene of Jesus's Transfiguration. At this moment of baptism, the Church reminds us of another moment in which the Father revealed the Son's identity and hinted at his destiny: the Transfiguration. In both

events, God reveals his power through the Son, who willingly submits himself as servant of the Father and servant of all humanity. Today's psalm reminds us that just as the Holy Spirit descends "like a dove" on Jesus in today's Gospel, the Spirit, or "wind" "swept over the face of the waters" at Creation (Genesis 1:2). The Holy Spirit is always and everywhere the active, transforming agent at work in the Church, calling us to cultivate holiness, and challenging us to change our lives.

Our Baptism, unlike Jesus's, was a Baptism of repentance and cleansing, befitting us for union with him. In the waters of Baptism we were joined to him, and with him, as adopted children, we enjoy the dignity of belovedness and mission.



THE WEEK AT HOME AND BEYOND: ORDINARY TIME IN WINTER; SPECIAL DAYS

Monday, January 13 Counted Time

Today we return to the season of Ordinary Time, derived from *ordinal*, meaning counted time. We move from Sunday to Sunday: second, third, fourth, and so forth. Yet there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time, for each Sunday we celebrate *Dies Domini*, the Day of the Lord. In July of 1985, the late Blessed Pope John Paul II issued an apostolic letter on the Lord's Day. Let's try to remember the psalmist's words as we begin each Sunday: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

January 18–25

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

On January 25, 1958, Blessed Pope John XXIII announced the convening of a major Ecumenical Council in the Church. It would begin in 1963. One of the greatest fruits of the Second Vatican Council was the strengthening of unity among the Christian Churches. As we observe the 50th anniversaries of the council documents, read the Church's Decree on Ecumenism (http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decree_19641121_unitatis-redintegratio_en.html), *Unitatis Redintegratio* and pray that "all will be made one."

Wednesday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Third Edition of the Roman Missal now includes a day of prayer and penance for abortion. On this day we give thanks to God for the gift of human life and recall a central teaching of the Church that upholds the dignity of each human person. If you have been setting aside change (see entry for December 6), take this money to an agency that advocates on behalf of the unborn. Readings: 1 Samuel 17:32–33, 37, 40–51; Psalm 144:2, 9–10; Mark 3:1–6.

Sunday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This feast celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple when two wise old people, Simeon and Anna, recognize his holiness. Since the eighth century, the blessing and distribution of candles has been part of this celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas. Light a candle this day for the peace of Christ in the world. Readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.

Tuesday, February 11

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Fittingly, on this day designated as an optional memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, we also pray for those who are sick and suffering. Consider joining efforts to care for the sick and the homebound in your community. Take a day to give a caregiver some free time. Come forward to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound in your parish or in a local hospital or care center. Readings: Isaiah 66:10–14c; Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19; John 2:1–11.

Tuesday, March 4

Mardi Gras

Known as Carnival or Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday is celebrated with parades and feasting, dancing, music, and colorful masks. Tradition calls for pancakes on this day as the Church burns last year's palms for Ash Wednesday. (Encourage the children in the parish school or religious education program to participate in this ritual). As you approach Lent, what traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will you embrace this year? Today the Church cries out "Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God alleluia, alleluia." Today's Readings: 1 Peter 1:10–16; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; Mark 10:28–31.



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Keeping the Seasons
Reproducibles for Advent-Christmas 2013–2014

SOCIAL CONCERNS UPDATE!

GIVING TREE

2013 ended on a hopeful note for the 470 families who were grateful recipients of Christmas gifts and/or food baskets during our Advent Giving Tree Project. That hope and good will was shared by the myriad of parishioners and people in our community who participated in the project by taking and filling gift and/or food basket requests from the trees; by volunteering countless hours to help in the necessary preparation, organization, and distribution of the beautifully wrapped and carefully selected gifts and food items; by offering financial assistance to make sure everyone who registered for the program was remembered; by spreading the word in our community about this project to ensure support even beyond that of our faithful parishioners; or by praying for the struggling families we serve, and for the stamina and health of our volunteers.

Thank you to all – organizations, groups and individuals, from grade school students to retired older adults – who contributed in any way to the overwhelming success of this year's Giving Tree Project. The workings of the Holy Spirit were most apparent in every step along the way! A special word of gratitude to several individuals who volunteered countless hours from start to finish in this year's project Maureen Soldat, Kathy Wendell, Denise Parlier, Pauline Szabelski and her husband, Roman. There was no job—big or small—which they did not take on with good cheer!

This outreach program continues to give to all volunteers involved an inspiring perspective to the Advent and Christmas Season. We are filled with awe, humility, and gratitude as we act as ambassadors of this caring parish. In the weeks to come, I will share some of the many words of appreciation I continue to receive from the families we help at Christmas and throughout the year. As this New Year unfolds, may the same Spirit who guides us in this project continue to dwell among us all!



Watch next week's Canticle for photos of this successful outreach program.

In the beginning...

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity which enabled us to have 175+ bags ready for our January food distribution. Once again, we ask your help as we restock our shelves and begin making up bags for our next distribution.

- The most needed staples at this time include cereal, dry pinto beans (1-3lb bags work best for us), pasta (assorted noodles, as well as spaghetti) pasta sauce, canned tomatoes/sauce, boxed side dishes, canned meat, and jelly.
- We are also low on our "extras." Some favorites include coffee, powdered or evaporated milk, juice, crackers or cookies, all sizes of diapers, toiletries, laundry detergent and dishwashing soap.
- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated. Please remember to check expiration dates to avoid out-of-date goods.
- You drop off your donations in the designated bins in the Madonna Della Strada shrine in the church Narthex when you come to Mass over the weekend, or daily from 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thanks again for your faithfulness in supporting this much needed and appreciated outreach. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Stewardship — Sunday Collection — January 5, 2014

Total Active Registered Families 2,748

Collection Statistics**Amount Collected**

of envelopes used this week 597

% of registered families 22%

\$ 18,684 Envelopes Users

3,311 Loose Check/Cash

2,103 Electronic Giving

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000**\$ 24,098 Total Collected****Over (Under) Budget: (\$2,902)**

This fiscal Year @ 1/5/14

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 699,500

Budgeted Sunday Collections 729,000

YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (29,500)

*Thank you for increasing your weekly giving.
The extra dollars are helping us to be better prepared
to meet our weekly financial obligations. Thanks for
your stewardship efforts!*

Happy New Year!

Fr. Bob Clark, Pastor

ST. CLETUS INTRODUCES ONLINE GIVING

When you think of giving to St. Cletus Parish, Sunday offertory envelopes probably come to mind. As a convenient alternative we encourage you to make online donations by logging onto our website, **www.stcletusparish.com** click on the “DONATE” button and register your electronic donation using your checking account, debit card or credit card.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, January 12	2:00 p.m.	S-201	YM Teen Meeting
Monday, January 13	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-200 MH	Junior Choir Treble Choir Athletic Association Men's Basketball
Tuesday, January 15	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-208 C Rectory DR S-201 MH	Teen Drop In 1st Reconciliation Service RCIA Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group YM Church League
Wednesday, January 15	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-213 MH	FSA Meeting YM Church League
Thursday, January 16	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music MH	Children's Choir Contempo Choir Chancel Choir YM Church League
Friday, January 17	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-Music MH	Hispanic Choir Cardinal Pursuit
Saturday, January 18	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	S-98 S-98	Respect Life Committee MANNA Cash & Carry
Sunday, January 19	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	S-98 S-98	Respect Life Committee MANNA Cash & Carry
C...Church Narthex...Church MH...Morrissey Hall	Vestibule (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).

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.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

DEPARTMENT

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Athletic Assoc President
Tech Comm Liaison

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

BULLETIN ARTICLES

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00 p.m. Friday, one full week prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to pdrobny@stcletusparish.com.