



St. Cletus Canticle
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2014



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
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Mass Intentions for the Week of January 27 – February 2, 2014

Day	Presider Subject to change	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Anglim	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Ann Jiganti
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Phillip C. Butkus, Dr. W. James Syms, Harry Fisher
Thursday	Fr. Rodriguez	8:00 a.m.	Sheila Delaney Santori
Friday	Fr. Rodriguez	8:00 a.m.	Ramona A. Syms, Harry Fisher
Saturday	Fr. Anglim Fr. Rodriguez	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Josephine & Anton Kuchta Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp
Sunday	Fr. Rodriguez Fr. Baker Fr. Anglim Fr. Clark Fr. Juan C.	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	John Patrick McGinley, Gary Reitz Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family Len Wehrmeister, Mary Ellen Nemec Fred Czachor, Joseph Panek, Mary Lou Pollard Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Kathy Wendell, LaVerne Gill,
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,
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, 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7,
10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]



WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, February 1/2, 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.



*St. Cletus Parish
Welcomes...*

*Olivia Maria Natale,
daughter of Michael & Emily (Uremovic) Natale*

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

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Matthew tells us that by settling in Capernaum, “a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali,” Jesus fulfilled the words of the prophet Isaiah. This is quite a startling affirmation. Without saying or doing anything particularly spectacular, Jesus fulfilled a prophecy in the scriptures by staying in a certain place. How can we understand this?

Zebulun and Naphtali were ancient tribes that settled in Galilee. During the time of the prophet Isaiah, these were the first two tribes to be crushed by invading Assyrians. The people of Israel were subjected to the darkness of oppression, ruled by a foreign power that worshipped false gods. But Isaiah looked forward to a new king in Jerusalem who would come and set Israel free, who would bring the light of hope to a people who walked in darkness.

For St. Matthew, Jesus is this new king. Jesus is the one who has come to call people from darkness into the light of a relationship with him. Preaching a message of repentance, Jesus brings the kingdom of God close in his very person. The fishermen of the Sea of Galilee instinctively and immediately responded to the invitation of Jesus. Whatever darkness meant to them, they saw and met Jesus a great light. It is a wonderful testimony to their generosity that when the light of God’s merciful love dawned on them they left everything and followed him.

Sometimes it is difficult not to romanticize the calling of the first disciples. It seems such an idyllic scene: the beautiful seashore; the simple life of the fishermen; the ease with which they encountered Jesus and went with him. There was probably much more to this than St. Matthew actually records in his Gospel snapshot. As we come to know Peter and Andrew, James and John, along with the other disciples, we realize they were far from perfect. They all had their own darkness: their fear; their lack of understanding; their struggle to believe. But they were also all captivated by the luminous presence of Jesus.

We too have experiences of walking in darkness. We don’t have to walk through an enclosure of bats to feel uncomfortable or afraid. Simple everyday things can weigh on our minds: paying the bills; waiting to see the doctor; worrying about a loved one; trying to mend a friendship; coping with the past. Whenever we have a sense of walking in darkness, we can take courage from the great light that has come into the world. Whatever shadows might fall across our lives. Jesus is the one who calls our name and invites us to tread in his steps. However we experience fear of the dark, we can take to heart the words of Blessed Charles de Foucauld: “One thing we owe to our Lord is never to be afraid.”

Disciples in Christ,

Fx. Bob Clark
Pastor

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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 News



Strong Finish by the 7th Grade Volleyball Team

The 7th Grade St. Cletus Girls Volleyball B Team finished their season of league play by placing 2nd in the Suburban Parochial League - West. Other schools in the Western Conference include: St. Francis Xavier (La Grange), St. John of the Cross (Western Springs), St. Isaac Jogues (Hinsdale), Notre Dame (Clarendon Hills), Visitation (Elmhurst) and Immaculate Conception (Elmhurst).

The end of the year tournament took place at St. Isaac Jogues on Wednesday, January 14th and Thursday, January 15th. On Wednesday, St. Cletus defeated Immaculate Conception in the Quarter Finals to advance to face St. Francis Xavier – Gold in the Semi-Finals. On Thursday, St. Cletus took the first set (20-14) but lost the second set (20-18)—forcing a tie breaking third set. At one point during the third set, St. Cletus was down by 7 points, but the Cardinal girls rallied to tie the score. At 19-19, St. Francis sided out, opening the door for St. Cletus to seize the game. Since a team must win by 2 points, parents, spectators and coaches watched from the edge of their seats as the teams battled it out for the game point. From spectacular digs to well-placed spikes, our Cardinal Setters, Middles and Outsides worked together to emerge victorious, taking the match and advancing to the Finals.

Immediately after defeating St. Francis Xavier-Gold, St. Cletus had to turn around and play the Championship game against Visitation. The Cardinals got off to a rough start and quickly fell behind 11-3. After a brief time-out, they rallied once again and brought the score to 11-13 before siding out. Being well rested the Vikings were able to stay tough and play a very disciplined game. After putting forth a great effort, the Cardinals fell to the Vikings 20-15 in the first set and 20-9 in the second set. St. Cletus received the Suburban Parochial League-West Tournament 2nd Place trophy for their terrific efforts.

School Prayer for January

During morning prayer, in addition to our regular student prayers, the school recites a specific chosen prayer together throughout the entire month. For January the school prayer is "Prayer of St. Francis". This famous prayer first appeared around the year 1915 A.D., and embodies the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi's simplicity and poverty.



Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Open House.....	January 26
Erin Potts Volleyball Tournament.....	February 8-9
Band Concert.....	February 19

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL

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Erin Potts Memorial Fund

SUPPORTING PATIENT EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS
ADVENTIST CANCER INSTITUTE

We're gearing up to host the **5th Annual Erin Potts Invitational Volleyball Tournament**, held in Morrissey Hall Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 9. Local 7th and 8th grade teams will compete in this action-packed community effort that, again, promises loads of fun as athletes and families support an important cause. Cancer Awareness.

The event also includes **Alumni Game Night** on Saturday, February 8, from 7:00–10:00 p.m. All alumni, male/female, are invited to come and play. Ask family, friends and neighbors to join you. Whether you graduated last year or 30 years ago, we want to see you. Don't worry, you don't need to be a good player! It's all about having some fun! The fee of \$20/person includes a T-shirt. Sign up as an individual, or come as a team. Email confirmation with T-shirt size to Sue Lovett Rejdkowski (class of '83) at suerej@sbcglobal.net

This annual tournament, which began in February of 2010, is held in memory of our daughter, Erin, who was a 2005 graduate of St Cletus School. She began playing competitive volleyball at the age of nine, and continued on to play for St. Cletus, LTHS and Lions/1st Alliance Volleyball Club. She was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare bone cancer at the age of fifteen and passed away when she was eighteen on December 18, 2009. Monies from past tournaments have been directed to organizations that both fund cancer research and support patients currently undergoing treatment for the disease.

This year, we're so excited to announce **Scatter Kindness** a fund created in memory of Erin through the Adventist Hinsdale Hospital Foundation. Going forward, proceeds from the Tournament each year, as well as your personal donations, will directly support cancer patients at the **Adventist Cancer Institute** through Patient Experience Programs.

For more information about the fund and how it was created, please visit my blog at <http://bethecandleorthemirror.blogspot.com/> Links will take you to the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation's website where you can learn more about our exciting new venture.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support in memory of our sweet Erin.

Can't wait to see you in Morrissey Hall in February!

Mary and Dave Potts
Chris, Sarah and Matthew



ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION



SATURDAY MARCH 8th 2014

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S EVENT A SUCCESS:

- Ask your employer to make a product or cash contribution, or to purchase an ad in our catalog. Email auction@stcletusparish.com for specific sponsorship information.
- Ask friends and family members who own businesses for a donation. Nothing is too small as items will often be packaged together with other items.
- For those local businesses you support, ask for a donation of support in return, such as gourmet grocery certificates, restaurants, sporting goods, specialty clothing, jewelry, spas, toy stores – the list is unlimited.
- Do you or someone you know have a second home you could donate for a week or a long weekend? These are some of our best donations.

- Do you have a special talent you could share, e.g., knitting, fused glass making, painting, tiling, woodworking, or jewelry craft? Your time and talent donation would be so appreciated.

- Want to donate a fabulous dinner by teaming up with friends to help host a great evening? Dinners and Parties are some of our bestselling items.

The more donations we receive, the more we can sell at auction, the larger the benefit to the school.

Donation Deadline for Auction items is Friday, February 14, 2014.

We truly appreciate the generosity of our St. Cletus Parishioners. Thank you for supporting our parish school.

MORE INFO AND DONATION FORMS - WWW.STCLETUSSCHOOL.COM

Youth Ministry Update!

2014 TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with our 2014 Freshman/Sophomore retreat Hidden Treasure! We had a lot of fun and were lucky enough to bring in musician, Jon Pressimone, for music over the weekend! This was a retreat put together through a partnership with St. Francis Xavier Parish and we ended it all with celebrating Mass at St. Cletus!



Amanda Birth

Director of Youth Ministry

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

When you go grocery shopping this week, please don't forget to pick up an item or two for the Food Pantry.

Some reminders:

- All in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off in the designated food bins in the Church narthex when you come to church on the weekend, or daily from 7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- This week's **most needed staples** include **tuna, cereal, evaporated or dry milk, canned chili, and canned fruit.**
- **Most needed extras** include laundry detergent, dish soap, paper goods and size 5-6 diapers. Each family we serve receives an "extra" or two in their pre-packed bags, as well as a choice of one or two items from our "extra" table.
- Please keep our Food Pantry families in your prayers.

A special word of appreciation goes to the **Countryside Lions Club**, for their generous donation to our Social Concerns efforts. Parishioners' support, along with that of community organizations such as the Lions Club, allows us to keep this ministry up and running! THANK YOU!

SVDP

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "...proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, and cured people of every disease and illness." Our parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join our volunteers in bringing the good news of the kingdom, Christian Hope, to our clients who are suffering from the effects of poverty. The proceeds of our annual Rummage Sale go a long way in financing this outreach to the struggling in our community, but we also rely on monetary donations to help us in our efforts to provide emergency assistance for necessities, including utilities, rent, food, medical prescriptions, eye-care, gasoline cards, etc.

Three easy ways to donate:

- Place your donation in the St. Vincent de Paul Box, found right outside the Minister's Room in the Church narthex.
- Drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Mass, either in an envelope marked SVDP, or specify St. Cletus SVDP on the check.
- Drop-off or mail your donation to the rectory, indicating SVDP as the recipient..

Thank you for your generous consideration.

Questions? Contact Mary Beth Ford, (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns



HEADS UP!

Please take extra care walking in and out of church this time of year. With cold and icy weather, floors and sidewalks tend to be slick.

MORE SOCIAL CONCERNS...**ICN****NEW YEAR? NEW JOB?**

Interfaith Career network invites you to join us for an empowering 5-week Career Transition Workshop beginning Tuesday, February 4, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. During the 5 consecutive Tuesday sessions you will learn how to mentally prepare for your job search, how to access your skills and quantify your accomplishments, how to craft your elevator speech, the keys to successful Networking, how to prepare for phone and onsite interviews and how to get the job if you are over 50 or re-entering the workforce. This workshop is open to all and there is no charge to attend. Meetings will be held in Westminster Hall; please enter church on Catherine Avenue. Join us for one or all of these sessions and gain new skills to help land your new position.

FROM COLLEGE TO CAREER

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us for a not-to-be-missed Job Search Workshop specifically for college students and recent grads. Join us on Thursday, February 6, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. Learn how to attract hiring managers, recruiters and executive search firms. Learn how to develop a strategy and market yourself for success in today's challenging job market. Our speaker, Bob Podgorski, is founder of St. Hubert's Career Ministry in Hoffman Estates. His insight and experience is certain to help you increase employer interest in your background and enable you to creatively pursue a meaningful career opportunity. This program is open to all and there is no charge to attend. Tell a friend. Bring a friend. We look forward to welcoming you.

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org



**COME TO A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE BOOK
*REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM***

We hope that you are enjoying your Christmas present from St. Cletus Parish – the Matthew Kelly book *Rediscover Catholicism*. Didn't the introduction make you proud to be Catholic!

To give parishioners a chance to discuss the book, CREDO will be hosting several book discussions.

There are three options to attend the discussion groups, all will be the same so you need only attend one to cover all the content.

- Sunday mornings from 9-10:30 in the Rectory basement. February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2.
- Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30 in the Rectory basement. February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4
- Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 in Room 98 of the Education Building (Kindergarten). After the Olympics on Feb. 26, March 12, 18, 26, and April 2.

We hope you can join us for an interesting discussion. No sign up needed, just show up! Make it a New Year's resolution to learn more about your faith!

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)



**NEW WORLD POPE
FEBRUARY 7-8, 2014**

The Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology at DePaul University (525 S. State St., Lake Room, Chicago, IL) is featuring a conference "New World Pope: Pope Francis and the Future of the Church" on February 7 & 8. This event is free and open to the public but advance registration is required. Distinguished speakers from Europe, South America, and the United States are being featured. Advance registration is required. For more information, contact las.depaul.edu/cwcit/events or (773) 325-4158.

Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time

Work



There's an old story about a traveler who approached two stone masons and asked each one what he was doing. The first mason grumbled, "All day long I have to take these big stones and break them into smaller stones." The second one smiled and said, "I get to build a cathedral!" Work can sometimes seem like a curse, but our Catholic faith tells us work is a blessing. Our attitude plays a big part in whether we experience work—whether on our jobs or in our homes—as drudgery or joy. Instead of saying, "I have to...", practice saying, "I get to...". Rather than "I have to take my kids to soccer practice," say, "I get to take my kids to soccer practice." This trick can turn dreary days into wonderful opportunities for you and your family. —Tom McGrath

YEAR OF STRONG CATHOLIC PARENTS

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www.CatholicParentsChicago.org

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Do you know a student in LT High School District 204 (Brookfield, Countryside, La Grange, La Grange Park, Western Springs and more) who has lost a parent and is in need of college scholarship help? The Legacy Guild, a La Grange are not-for-profit that was formed in 2012, is now accepting applications.

See "TheLegacyGuild.com" and select Application for more details. Deadline is March 20 for the 2014-2015 school year.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. Angela Merici
Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Friday: St. John Bosco; Chinese New Year 4712
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MOMS AND BABIES COULD USE YOUR HELP!

The Women's Care Center of La Grange is looking for volunteers to help women in our community facing unexpected pregnancies to choose life for their babies, and to provide them with the material and emotional support they need throughout their pregnancy and after their babies are born. There are many ways to help:

- Office volunteers
- Computer assistance
- Lay counselors (training provided)
- Material donations as needed: we are now in need of new or gently used **winter and spring maternity clothing**, especially large and extra large sizes, as well as **diapers** (sizes one, two, four and five) and **wipes**. We could also use a couple of strollers in very good condition, as well as a three-drawer lateral filing cabinet in very good condition.

Do you have an empty room or space in your basement? We are also looking for storage space for clothing, car seats, strollers, etc.

Please contact Laura or Arlene at (708) 352-5000 if you can share your time, talents or treasures in any of the above ways! Thank you and God bless you for caring!

DIVISION

It is a situation that plays itself out in more and less significant ways: Christians divided.

A CYO basketball game between two neighboring parishes. Parents of the young players scream insults and threats at one another and assert their "superiority."

A Protestant and a Catholic church sit on adjoining properties. Each is vigilant about having parking violators removed from its own "private" parking lot.

An old pastor retires but continues to reside at the parish. A new pastor arrives and quickly finds his faith "community" choosing sides against him.

Saint Paul addresses similar disagreements in the early church at Corinth. He encourages the church there to make up their differences and to be united again in their belief and practice.

Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of a people weighed down by the yoke of sin and darkness. Certainly the bickering and differences among us can be classified as such. The Gospel tells of the beginning ministry of Jesus. The Light has come, encouraging us to "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP (SCSG)

**Multi Parish Ministry
For singles in their 40's and 50's**

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Saturday, February 8 – Starved Rock Eagle Watching – We'll be car pooling - meet at Panera Bread in La Grange Park at 7:30 a.m. and leave promptly at 7:45 a.m. This is a day trip and we'll return around 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 22 – Las Palmas Restaurant, 311 W. Ogden Ave., Westmont – 6:00 p. m. – followed by bowling at Suburbanite Bowl, 201 W. Ogden Ave., Westmont – approximately 8:00 p.m.

KINDNESS

Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place.

—Chinese proverb

JOURNEY TOWARD HEALING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

**THE FOLLOWING ARE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS
FOR WINTER OF 2014.**

Widow/Widower Grief Support Group

For adults who are grieving the loss of a spouse.
Tuesday, January 28-February 25, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Young Widow/Widower Group

For adults 50 years of age and younger who are grieving the loss of a spouse.

Wednesday, March 5-April 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Adult Loss of a Parent Group

For adult men and women who are grieving the loss of a parent.

Monday, March 10-April 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

All groups are held at **Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood**. To register, please call Nancy Kiel, Bereavement Coordinator at (708) 216-1646.



OH COME ON! – COME OUT AND PLAY! (THE SPIRITUALITY OF FUN)

Saturday, February 8: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm with facilitator Terry Nelson Johnson, from Old St. Pat's.

To play is to explore, tease and challenge our perceived limits. To play is to access energy and take intentional risks. To play is to remember that participation trumps production. To play is to remember that laughter is healing and courageous and liberating. To play is to enter into Holy Communion with Jesus – Player Par Excellence. So with respect to your marriage, your health, your job, vocation or lack of employment; with respect to your divorce, your retirement, your parents, your soul, your church, your world, your God...Terry Nelson Johnson invites us to Come Out and Play!

Cost: \$30

GROWING IN CONSCIOUSNESS OF OUR CONNECTEDNESS IN THE COSMIC CHRIST

Saturday, March 1: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with facilitator Michael Crosby

Human beings have been called "creation-becoming-conscious-of-self." This insight becomes even more awesome when people of faith discover the Christ that is at the heart of everything in creation. Michael Crosby will develop this theme that is discussed seminally in his book Repair My House: Becoming a Kingdom Catholic.

Cost: \$60 - includes lunch.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS APPRECIATED.

All programs are held at The Well Spirituality Center, located at The Congregation of St. Joseph, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park, 60526. To learn more about The Well's programs or to register, please call 708-482-5048 or email thewell@csjoseph.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being “clothed in Christ,” and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown. Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe was wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called “Sunday *in Albis*,” because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes.

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ST. XAVIER UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR RELIGION AND PUBLIC DISCOURSE

Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J.;
Vatican Observatory: Wednesday, February 19.

An American research astronomer and planetary scientist, Br. Guy is the curator of the Vatican Observatory’s meteorite collection, one of the largest such collections in the world. In “Faith and the Scientist,” Br. Guy will discuss religion and science as complementary rather than conflicting ways of exploring the world and contributing to the human quest to understand the origins and operations of the universe. Presentation, illustrated by images from the Vatican Observatory, in McGuire Hall. The presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the University’s main building, the Warde Academic Center. No charge and is open to the public.



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Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.
— *Psalm 27:14*

“NOW THE LORD HAS SPOKEN WHO FORMED ME AS HIS SERVANT FROM THE WOMB...”
Isaiah 49:5

God has formed each of us as His servants from the womb. He blessed us with unique gifts and He provided us with the talents and skills we would need to do His work. If we do not fulfill the unique vision that God had for us alone, who will do it?

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.

STEWARDSHIP — SUNDAY COLLECTION — JANUARY 19, 2014

Total Active Registered Families 2,729

Amount Collected

of envelopes used this week 602

% of registered families 22%

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000**Over (Under) Budget: (\$3,585)**

This fiscal Year @ 1/19/14

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 751,259

Budgeted Sunday Collections 783,000**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (31,741)****Collection Statistics**

\$ 19,019 Envelopes Users

2,293 Loose Check/Cash

2,103 Electronic Giving**\$ 23,415 Total Collected**

*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!*

*Blessings,
Fr. Bob Clark, Pastor*

FISCAL 2013 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please note: All registered parishioners will receive a 2013 contribution statement. Anyone who gave regularly but is not registered will also receive a contribution statement. Statements will be in the mail this week.

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, January 26	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	C Entire School MH-Lobby S-200	Catholic Schools Week Mass Catholic School Week OPEN HOUSE MANNA Cash & Carry Youth Ministry
Monday, January 27	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music RB MH	Junior Choir Treble Choir PPC Men's Basketball
Tuesday, January 28	6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.\ 9:00 p.m.	S-201 S-201 MH	Mission Trip Parent Meeting Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group YM Church League
Wednesday, January 29	9:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB MH	Mission Ladies YM Church League
Thursday, January 30	5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music MH	Children's Choir Chancel Choir YM Church League
Friday, January 31			
Saturday, February 1	5:00 p.m.	S-98	Welcome Committee
Sunday, February 2	5:00 p.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.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

DEPARTMENT

POSITION

Administration

Fr. Bob Clark

Pastor

Jolene Hillgoth

President

Margaret Hayes

Principal

Executive Committee

Mike Pusatera

Chairperson

Marty Mulcrone

Vice Chairperson

Heather Alpe

Secretary

Finance Committee

Mike Magee

Bob Gray

Policy

Shawn Temple

Development & Marketing

Michael Gilmartin

Chris McLean

Zlata Kozul-Naumovski

Ron Skrip

Ann Foley

Rachel Luna

Doug Rausch

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Mary DeGroot

FSA President

Kevin Dahill

Athletic Assoc President

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Tech Comm Liaison

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.