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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014



All are welcome.

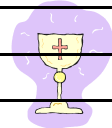
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in the rear of the church.

## Mass Intentions for the Week of December 8 – December 14, 2014

Day	Presider Subject to change	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Rodriguez Fr. Clark Fr. Baker	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory Karl-Heinz Dunkelberg Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Tony Frasca, Joseph Viecei, Walter Johnston
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Julio Battistoni, Stephen Michael Zurawski
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Erik Geyer, Cuono Arciuolo, Joyce Merges
Saturday	Fr. Rodriguez Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Tom Kigin, Frank Baggio Edward Hrszenjak, Wayne Kroll, Stan Nykiel, Georgia Popp. Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Frank Malinowski
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Baker  Fr. Rodriguez Fr. Anglim Fr. Rodriguez +	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.  9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Mary Jane Manley, Grabowski Family Nancy & Mario Maturo, Eileen Kurland, Mary Ellen Salvato, Danuta Witkiewicz, Dalphine Marciszewski Special Intention for Agnes Kale Bob Soldat Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Gerda E. Dorso, Jean Weekly, Judy Duque, Carolyn Sharpe, Stacy Rodey, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahon, Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Pauline Passardi, Bruce Byrne, Ed Barnicle, Grace Dominick, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dziedzic, Collette Grisko-Dote, David Harrington, Dave McCoy, LaVerne Gill, Richard Rottinger, Ed Vokurka, Sr., Fernando Cabral, Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Jacquelyn Fuchs, Loretta Johncola, Catherine Mlot, Denise Rowalka, Marty Weber, Barbara Kotus, Hector Gonzalez, Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, John Duda, George Duda, Steven Onusaitis, Lorraine Walter, Loretta Harwood, Marilyn Matesevac, Barbara Stamm, and Teddy Kowalski. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Next Weekend - December 13/14

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Many worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate saving for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous. Envelopes are available in the pews this weekend.



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

***Rev. Joseph R. Szabelski,***  
brother of Roman Szabelski

### PARISH FORGIVENESS SERVICE

**W**e have another opportunity to be graced by God's peace and extend it to others through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Parish Forgiveness Service will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Advent is a time to mend quarrels, to forgive those who have hurt us, and to pray for peace. What better way to "Be watchful! Be Alert! WE do not know the day nor the hour."



**Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception**

**Monday, December 8, 2014  
Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass Times: 6:30, 8:00, 9:00 (School) a.m.

## ***NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...***



### ***SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2014***

*Mark begins his gospel with a bid for credibility. He has to combine the old and the new. If Jesus fulfills our expectations, he also transcends them. Mark prepares the ground for the telling of the good news very carefully. His task is to introduce us to the person of Jesus, who is Christ, the Son of God. What Mark means by these titles will be made clear as the story unfolds. His story's claim to authenticity rests to begin with on its foundations in the Scriptures. The first person to appear is John the Baptist, who fulfills the role foreseen by the prophet Isaiah, preparing the way for the Lord by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John's authority is hinted at by his appearance and his habitat. He has the accouterments of Elijah, the one who tradition believes will come as the forerunner of the Messiah, and he lives in the desert, the birthplace of the chosen people. His message is simple: repent and be forgiven.*

*It remains the same for us. If we wish to prepare for the Lord, we too need to change our hearts and accept forgiveness. The old ways of doing and seeing are not enough. Preparation is, more than anything, learning to remove the objects that interfere with our vision and our openness to the Lord. John ends his announcement, like all good showmen, with the claim that we haven't seen anything yet. He just baptizes with water. The one who is coming after him will baptize with the Holy Spirit. The image recalls the life of God himself hovering over the waters at the creation of the world. We are left in a state of great suspense, wondering just who is to come. Who is this man whose arrival is couched in the language of a new creation?*

*We go through many processes of preparation. Our schooling prepares us for adult life. Special training prepares us for jobs and professions. In the Church we prepare carefully for the celebration of each sacrament. We also prepare for the special events of the Church's year, at this time of year, of course, for Christmas. Much of our preparation is making certain that we have what we need for what we are to do. No wonder our minds can be so overloaded. Have we remembered the presents, the cards, the tree, the food, the drink, the crackers, the invitations... and then what about the poor, the lonely, and the homeless? We all know the heart of the matter can get lost in the rush to get everything done.*

*Perhaps we should take a leaf out of John the Baptist's book. His preparation was not an overloading but a stripping down, a getting rid of the baggage we carry. John suggests we enter into a state of stillness and openness, so that we will then be ready to be filled. It is a paradox. How do we prepare for the unexpected? How do we get ready for the unknown? Our practice is often to try and out-give the great giver. We are asked instead to let go of everything so that we may be ready to receive. We cannot have open hands if they are full of shopping lists of carefully defined hopes and expectations. We have to give access to the unknown and the unexpected.*

### ***Important Upcoming Advent Dates to Remember***

- Sunday December 7, 2014: St. Cletus Fine Arts Christmas Carol Concert 4:00 p.m Church*
- Monday December 8, 2014: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION)*  
*Mass times on Monday are 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:00 am (School)*
- Monday December 8, 2014: Our Lady of Guadalupe Play (Spanish) 7:00 pm Church*
- Wednesdays December 10, 17, and 24, 2014: Advent Weekday Evening Mass 6:30 pm*
- Friday December 12, 2014: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Spanish) 7:00 pm Church*
- Saturday December 13, & Sunday December 14, 2014: Parish Giving Tree Gifts due at all Masses*
- Monday December 15, 2014: Parish Forgiveness Service (Sacrament of Reconciliation) 7:00 pm*
- Friday December 19, 2014: Advent Prayer Service 7:00 pm*

*Advent Blessings,  
Father Bob  
Pastor*



# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Source of All Kindness

Father of all comfort and consolation,  
in this holy season,  
as you speak tenderly to us,  
teach us to speak tenderly to

the hopeless

with acts of care and service.

Make us heralds of your Good News  
preparing your way with just deeds  
and repentant hearts

that answer the call of John the Baptist.

May your Church be a sign of your love,

ready for the Lord who is to come,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday, December 7, 2014**  
**Prepare the Way of the Lord**

Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14; 2 Peter 3:8–14; Mark 1:1–8. In today's readings, the Gospel echoes the reading from Isaiah. John the Baptist is the messenger crying out for people to prepare for the Lord. We see that John has completely centered his life on his mission to ready the people for the Messiah. He has only one aim: to point the way to the Lord through repentance. He makes no claim for himself, asserting that he is not worthy to loosen the man's sandals. For nourishment, he only takes in locusts and honey.

The message that John delivers is the "good tidings" to which Isaiah refers. The Savior is coming, John cries out from the desert, as the prophet predicted. But why does God send the Savior? Isaiah tells us that the Savior is coming because God "will feed his flock like a shepherd." God is

merciful and seeks to gather his lambs. When the Savior comes, God's glory will be revealed, and as Isaiah says, "all people shall see it together."

This concept of "all people" appears to be as central to today's readings as repentance. Peter insists that the Lord wants "all to come to repentance." The Lord does not want one of his lambs left to stray. It is obvious that God calls and saves us as a people. The prophet Isaiah cried out to the nation, and John the Baptist did likewise. The Church continues to call to the People of God to live, as Peter states, in "holiness and godliness." During this Advent, how will you repent to form your life into one of holiness and devotion? The Church gives us this time to strive to be, as Peter says, "without spot or blemish."





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, December 8, 2014

#### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the Patronal Feast day of the United States of America. Mary's faith and model of discipleship could be honored in many ways today. A simple way might be to place flowers by an image of her. Pope John Paul II referred to the "school of Mary." Consider what Mary's "yes" to God can teach about courage in answering God's call in our lives. Today's Readings: Genesis 3:9–15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12; Luke 1:26–38.

### Tuesday, December 9, 2014

#### St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

Juan Diego's indigenous name was *Cuauhtlatatzin*, which means "talking eagle." Juan Diego referred to himself as "a nobody . . . a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf." Yet the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared to him with a message to raise up the downtrodden. That God has raised the lowly is proclaimed in the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46–55). Consider praying daily over this text, from Luke's account of the Gospel, during Advent. Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 96:1–2, 3 and 10ac, 11–12, 13; Matthew 18:12–14.

### Wednesday, December 10, 2014

#### Come to Me

In today's Gospel Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). In the sections of Handel's *Messiah* leading up to Christ's birth is the oratorio "Comfort ye." There we hear words of consolation and solace proclaimed through the ages. You might want to consider listening to this or other music that might lead you to a spirit of contemplation as we prepare the way of the Lord who comes to comfort us. Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:25–31; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8 and 10; Matthew 11:28–30.

### Thursday, December 11, 2014

#### Optional Memorial St. Damasus I, Pope

Pope Damasus was a patron/sponsor of St. Jerome, whose Latin translation of the Scripture (the Vulgate) was declared eleven centuries later as the official translation of the Bible. In today's Gospel, Jesus says to the crowds, "Let anyone with ears listen!" (Matthew 11:15). We are called to listen attentively to the Word of God. It is easier to listen to the Word at Mass if we have read it beforehand. You might want to plan to make time to read the Scriptures for Sunday a day beforehand. Today's Readings: Isaiah 41:13–20; Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10–11, 12–13ab; Matthew 11:11–15.

### Friday, December 12, 2014

#### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Today we celebrate the feast of the Mother of the Americas, as Pope John Paul II called Our Lady of Guadalupe. A young Native American maiden dressed as an Aztec princess appeared at the hill of Tepeyac to a poor local man, St. Juan Diego, on December 9, 1531. To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, you might want to place an image of her near the Advent wreath. Pray for the day when all will be afforded the dignity due them as a child of God. Today's Readings: Zechariah 2:14–17; Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26–38.

### Saturday, December 13, 2014

#### St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

In the year 304, this young Christian woman refused to renounce her faith during the persecution by the Emperor Diocletian and was martyred. Today, countless women and men have given their lives defending the Christian faith. Consider searching for stories of modern-day martyrs, such as Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, lay missionary Jean Donovan, and Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, who were abducted and martyred in El Salvador on December 2, 1980. Pray for those who suffer persecution or face a martyr's death. Today's Readings: Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11; Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15–16, 18–19; Matthew 17:9a, 10–13.



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## Social Concerns Update!

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you to all who faithfully support this community outreach by giving of their time, talent and treasure! It is your generosity that enables us to reach out to our struggling neighbors as Jesus taught us.

- ◆ All non-perishables are greatly appreciated, especially those on our 'most- needed-at-this- time' list, which includes **canned chili/meat, powdered or canned milk, pudding cups, cooking oil, paper goods, canned fruit, coffee, hot cocoa mix and juice.**
- ◆ 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 AM – 4:00 PM.
- ◆ We are collecting **Jewel stamps for Cuisinart Stainless Cookware** for our Advent Giving Tree Outreach. If you are not collecting them for yourself, please put the stamps in an envelope and place with your food donations, or drop the envelope in the collection basket, or at the rectory.
- ◆ Special thanks to Little People's Country Daycare & Preschool of La Grange, Kensington School of the Highlands, First United Methodist Church of La Grange, and The Western Springs Christian Reform Church for their recent food collections benefitting the St. Cletus Food Pantry.
- ◆ A sincere word of appreciation to First United Methodist Church of La Grange, CSA Fraternal Life and Pleasantdale Park District for their recent monetary support of the pantry.

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns



### MARY AND MARTHA

We are approaching *Holiday Time* once again. We hope you have been saving little items for the Briar Place residents Christmas packages. We will be putting our gift bags together in the Rectory Basement on December 19, at 9:00 a.m. Small items e.g. lotions, shampoo, combs, tooth brushes, toothpaste, denture cleaner, deodorant, playing cards, small books, and jewelry are needed. We usually assemble 70 bags. Please drop off your donations at the rectory. Thank you for your kindness.



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### WORD OF LIFE

*"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'"*

*-Luke 1:41-42 (NABRE @ 2010 CCD. Used with permission*



### GIVING TREE UPDATE

- Don't forget to return your Giving Tree **gifts** to the **Church next weekend, December 13-14, when you come to Mass.** Please arrange for a friend or family member to return them for you if you will not be in town.
- **Remember, each tag represents a real person. When you took a tag from the tree, you made a commitment to that person, and to returning your gift(s) on time.**
- **After Sunday Masses on December 14, gifts are sorted for distribution to St. Agatha's or to the needy in our community. Be sure the gift tag is securely attached to the packages. If you have more than one package for the same person, please attach a gift tag on each package indicating his/her name and family number, to make sure all gifts go to the correct person. If you have more than one package for Family Request, please mark 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc.**
- Volunteers are needed to accept gifts at one of the Masses on the weekend of December 13-14. (Junior high students on up) or to help sort gifts in Church on Sunday, December 14, from 2:00 -6:30 p.m.. ( Jr. High students accompanied by an adult and high school students on up). Contact Mary Beth, (708) 215-5418 or [mford@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mford@stcletusparish.com) to volunteer.
- Many Student (Jr. High accompanied by an adult, high school on up) and Adult volunteers are needed here at St. Cletus on **Sunday, December 21** to help check -in and distribute food baskets. If you can help for a few hours **between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall**, please contact Mary Beth, (708) 215-5418 [mford@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mford@stcletusparish.com) or Maureen, (708) 839-0345. Thank you!



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**Sunday  
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## Youth Ministry Update!

### ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. BEYOND THE FOURTH RETREAT: DEC 28 - DEC 30

St Francis Xavier and St Cletus are offering a Retreat at David Darst Center: This is an exciting opportunity for college freshmen and sophomores who are home for the holidays to get together with others for conversation, discussion and relaxation.

Check out the details on The St. Francis Xavier web site from where you can also print out the registration form: [youthministry.sfxlg.org/upcoming events](http://youthministry.sfxlg.org/upcoming events)

The fee is \$100 payable to St Francis Xavier / memo College Retreat.

Emily Brabham - Youth Minister @ SFX

Dcn Stuart Heyes - Acting Youth Minister @ St. Cletus.

Questions?? Contact Dcn Stuart @ (708) 215-5407 or [sheyas@stcletusparish.com](mailto:sheyas@stcletusparish.com)

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND THEIR FAMILIES. FRETUS = ST. FRANCIS XAVIER + ST. CLETUS - JANUARY 9-11, 2015

We are offering an exciting opportunity to for HIGH SCHOOL freshmen and sophomores to get together with others for a retreat at Camp Manitoqua, Frankfort IL [manitoqua.org](http://manitoqua.org) it will be lead by Juniors and Seniors who made a video for your interest. Check out the video and information on The St. Francis Xavier website where you can also print off the registration form: [youthministry.sfxlg.org/upcoming-events](http://youthministry.sfxlg.org/upcoming-events).

The fee is \$125 payable to St Francis Xavier / memo Fretus Retreat.

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### HELP NEEDED!

Ladies and gentlemen are needed to serve as ushers in our Hospitality Ministry. The duties are first and foremost to be hospitable and helpful to all. You attend Mass as usual (and may sit with your family) but offer to assist people before and after Mass-finding seats, answering questions, handing out bulletins, taking up the collections, and generally being friendly and welcoming. If you could share your talents in these areas, we would be most appreciative. Please contact Paulette Bolton at (708-352-2383) or email [pbolton@stcletusparish.com](mailto:pbolton@stcletusparish.com). Thank you. This is a great way to spread the St. Cletus Parish spirit.



### THE DEACON'S WIFE IS COLLECTING STAMPS AGAIN!

If you would like to donate stamps in any denomination (1¢ up to first class postage) please put them in an envelope and drop them off at the rectory marked "Kolbe House Stamps - c/o Marlene." Thank you on behalf of the detainees at Cook and Lake County Jails and the staff and ministers of Kolbe House. God Bless You All,

*Marlene Heyes*



### ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the book club will be January 12, 2015. The book is "All the Light We Cannot See" by *Anthony Doerr*. More details to follow.





# **ST. CLETUS PARISH 2014**

**December 3-12 - Spanish Ministry**  
**Christmas Novena**  
**7:00 p.m. in Room 201 in the Education Building**

**December 7 - 4:00 p.m. Church**  
**Fine Arts Christmas Carol Concert**

**December 8 - 7:00 p.m. in Church**  
**Musical Play "La Morenita"**  
*A musical narration of the Miracle of Tepeyac*

**December 12- 4:00-6:00 a.m. Mañanitas in Church**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**7:00 p.m. in Church**  
**8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Fiesta de OLG in Morrissey Hall**

**December 15 - 7:00 p.m. Church**  
**Parish Forgiveness (Reconciliation) Service**

**December 16-23 - Spanish Ministry**  
**Christmas Novena**  
**7:00 p.m. in Room 207 in the Education Building**

**December 10, 17, 24 Church**  
**Advent Weekday Evening Mass**  
**6:30 p.m. Mass**

**December 19**  
**Advent Prayer Service**  
**7:00 p.m. Church**

**December 19/20 - Spanish Ministry**  
**Christmas Posada**  
**7:00 p.m. - Room 98 in the Education Building**

## **CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY** **MASS SCHEDULE** **2014**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**2:00PM...CHURCH**  
**2:15PM... MORRISSEY HALL**  
**3:30PM... CHURCH**  
**3:45PM...MORRISSEY HALL**  
**5:30PM...CHURCH**  
**7:00PM...CHURCH/SPANISH**  
**10:30PM...CHURCH**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**7:00AM...CHURCH**  
**8:00AM...CHURCH**  
**9:30AM...CHURCH**  
**11:00AM...CHURCH**



### **ACCOMPANIMENT**

**CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**  
**VOCALIST/PIANO**  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
**VOCALIST/PIANO**  
**CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**  
**HISPANIC CHOIR**  
**CHANCEL CHOIR**

### **ACCOMPANIMENT**

**ORGAN/CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING**  
**VOCALIST/PIANO**  
**CHANCEL CHOIR**  
**CONTEMPORARY CHOIR**

## **New Year's Eve/New Year's Day**

**DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**8:00AM & 5:00PM**

**5:00PM-VIGIL MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**JANUARY 1, 2015**

**9:00AM**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



Nothing gets surer or quicker attention than hollering, "**Look out!**" The words alert others, perhaps to some impending danger. We may not see a car coming or a box about to crash down. And when we hear those words, we do look out. We see something that we didn't notice before.

In Advent, the prophets, especially Isaiah and John the Baptist, cry, "Look out! Be aware. Notice what is happening and what is about to happen." They are the voices of Advent that grab our attention. The sacraments, too, are signs that speak to us and call for our attention. Whether it is the Eucharist or Penance or any other sacrament, they alert us to realities that we may not notice—the presence of the Lord, the possibility of mercy, or the visibility of God's love in a married couple's life together. Listen to the voices of Advent. And then look out for and listen to for the sacramental signs around us.

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### THANKS A MILLION!



Women's Care Center of La Grange would like to thank all St. Cletus parishioners who donated to our recent **baby bottle collection** at the parish.

The total amount collected to date is **\$8,400**. We are so pleased with your response and are very blessed by your generosity! You have made it possible for us to continue our life-saving and life-affirming work helping women and babies in our area.

We are deeply grateful to Fr. Robert Clark, pastor, and to Wayne and Marianne Hamilton, pro-life coordinators, for all their support and leadership in this event. We also want to give a big **THANK YOU** to the Girl Scouts who passed out the bottles after all the Masses.

Because of your sacrifices large and small, Women's Care Center of La Grange will be able to help save babies' lives through compassionate counseling, free ultrasounds, medical referrals and material assistance given to their moms and dads in crisis. As we approach the Christmas season, we and the babies give thanks for all of you and count you as one of our greatest blessings.

## Thank you to our St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers



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# St. Cletus School News

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Dining 4 Dollars: McDonalds (Countryside) .. December 9  
 Band Concert.....December 17  
 Preschool Christmas Program.....December 19

## FOR INFORMATION OR SCHEDULE A TOUR

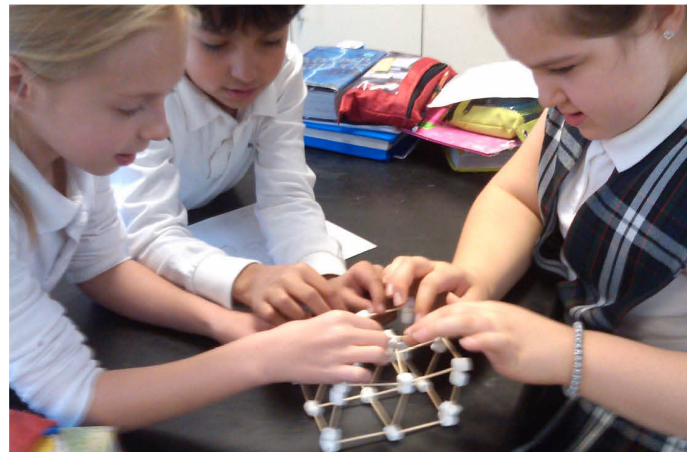
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### Genetics by the Flip of a Coin

Fifth-graders dug deeper into their study of genetics during a recent trip to the St. Cletus Science Lab. Students “flipped” a coin to determine dominant and recessive genes for creating their five-member families.



### Constructing Earthquake Proof Structures

After studying earthquakes and why they are destructive, fourth-graders built earthquake-proof structures using 30 toothpicks and 30 marshmallows. Then they tested the structures on a surface of Jell-O. All the students enjoyed the delicious challenge.



### It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas

Our Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts braved the cold weather last weekend to decorate the Christmas trees outside the school entrance. The troops and dens had a great time hanging their handmade ornaments while singing carols, drinking hot chocolate and eating cookies.



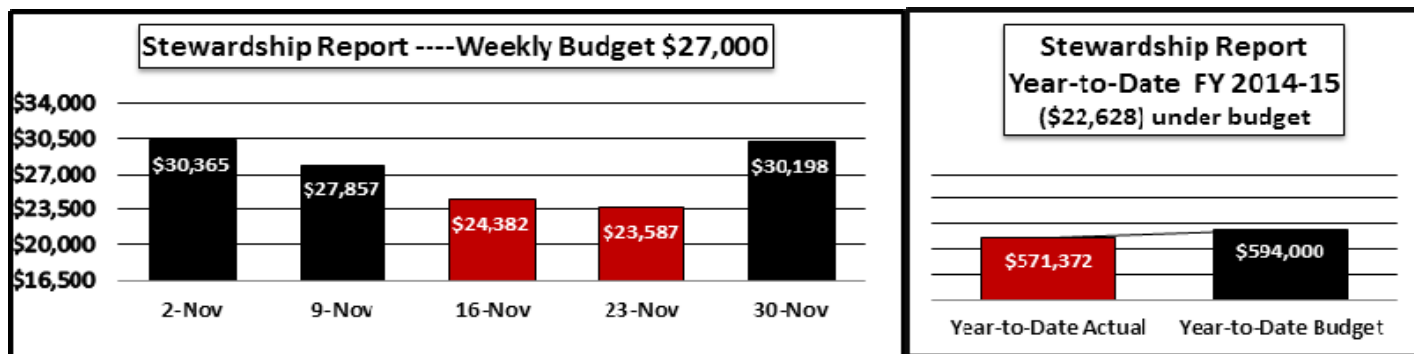


## CREDO FALL TRIP TO MUNDELEIN AND MARYTOWN



Thirty-eight parishioners attended the third CREDO fall trip. Our first stop was Mundelein seminary, where our tour included two chapels, the library, grotto, lakefront, plus a residence hall and the cafeteria for lunch. We then traveled to Marytown: The National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe where we heard a lively talk from Brother Don followed by a movie about St. Maximilian and a visit to the Kolbe museum. We also learned about the work of the Militia of the Immaculata and received blessed Miraculous Medals. We then had time for prayer and adoration in the marvelous chapel, followed by a group blessing upon departure. The group then visited Long Grove for a bit of holiday shopping.

**The CREDO Committee (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)**



***“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD...MARK 1:3***

We are called to live a holy life. We are called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that - it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, December 7	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/E C-Narthex C S-201	MANNA Cash & Carry Welcome Committee Fine Arts Christmas Concert Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
Monday, December 8	6:30, 8:00, 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	C S-Music C S-201 MH	Immaculate Conception Mass Times Junior Choir Girls Grades 5-8 Our Lady of Guadalupe Play Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Men's Basketball
Tuesday, December 9	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-201 S-202 MH	Our Lady of Guadalupe Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group Boys' Church League Fresh/Sophomore
Wednesday, December 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH C S-201 S-200 MH	Market Day Advent Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Baptism Prep Boys' Church League/Juniors
Thursday, December 11	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-201 S-Music MH	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boys' Church League/Seniors
Friday, December 12	4:00-6:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	C MH Lobby C MH	Our Lady of Guadalupe MANNA Cash & Carry Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta
Saturday, December 13	5:00 p.m.	C	Giving Tree Gift Return
Sunday, December 14	7:00 a.m.	C	Giving Tree Gift Return
<b>C...Church</b> <b>Narthex...Church Vestibule (East &amp; West)</b> <b>MH...Morrissey Hall</b>			<b>S...School (Education Building)</b> <b>RB...Rectory Basement</b>

### 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-12:30pm

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

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### 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](mailto:pdrobny@stcletusparish.com).