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Feast of the Holy Family

December 28, 2014



**All are welcome.**

**Handicapped parking is located in front of church.**

**Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.**

**Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless  
in the rear of the church.**

## Mass Intentions for the Week of December 29, 2014 - January 4, 2015

Day	Presider Subject to change	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Rodriguez	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, Rich Zounczyk
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Rev. Joseph R. Szabelski, Genevieve Janis, Jeffrey Melton
Wednesday	Fr. Baker Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mike Kinastowski, Nick Zounczyk, Henry Zounczyk Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Deceased Parishioners of St. Cletus
Thursday	Fr. Rodriguez	9:00 a.m.	Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God St. Cletus Parishioners
Friday	Fr. Rodriguez	8:00 a.m.	Nan Rettig, Stan Kykiel
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Rodriguez	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Frank Wojcik, John Walsh Patricia Magee, Frank Malinowski
Sunday	Fr. Rodriguez Fr. Baker Fr. Baker	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Gloria Schiffler, Wilfred, Loretta & Patty Bleau Rev. Joseph R. Szabelski, Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family Maureen & Noreen Rahilly, Theresa McAlinden, Gene & Mitch Bialek, Eugene Sorrentino, Dolores Marcin, Jer & Catherine Hickey
Spanish	Fr. Anglim Fr. Rodriguez	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Bob Soldat, Deacon Walter & Frances Klimcke Harold Janecek, Helen Janecek, Damaso Almendrez, Maria Guadalupe Almendrez



### WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, January 3/4, 2015 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 the back of church, say hello, and become members.



*Tania Santiago*  
&  
*Francisco Gonzalez*

### TIME

**Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.**

—Benjamin Franklin

### RECTORY HOLIDAY HOURS

#### New Year's Eve

December 31, 2014 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

#### New Year's Day

January 1, 2015 CLOSED



The office will reopen Friday, January 2, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Carolyn McDonough, 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, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

**NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...****FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 2014**

*Today's feast offers much-needed support to marriage and the family, even if its title, at first hearing, seems less than helpful. A "holy" family can sound like an unreal family, a family that travels through life trouble-free. A family which consists of the Son of God and two great saints hardly seems to be the kind we could hope to identify with, let alone imitate. However, not everyone sees it that way. A little boy's painting of the Christmas scene showed the stable, the ox and the ass, and of course the Child, but on either side of the manger there knelt a punk-rocker. "I can see baby Jesus," said the teacher, "but who are these two young people? And where are Mary and Joseph?" "Well, Miss," said the budding artist, "they're the babysitters; Mary and Joseph have gone to the bingo game."*

*We laugh perhaps, yet I wonder if that child's understanding of the Holy Family isn't closer to reality than that of most adults. Of course Jesus, Mary and Joseph are a unique family. Nonetheless, as today's Gospel makes clear, they are a real family, as real as any family in this church today; they lived real lives, just like the people around them. They were Jews, humbly following the normal Jewish religious customs. So they complied with the ancient Jewish law which said that every first-born baby son should be presented in the Temple (as a thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of a new life) and then "bought back" from the Lord on payment of a few shekels, or, in the case of the poor, an offering of a couple of birds. The offering of the poor was all that Mary and Joseph could afford. Clearly, Jesus was born into a home where luxuries were rare and where the family struggled to make ends meet.*

*While Mary and Joseph were in the Temple at Jerusalem they met two elderly God-fearing people, Simeon and Anna, who had astonishing things to say about Jesus: how they had always longed for his coming and how he was the One everyone was waiting for. However, Simeon also made a mysterious prophecy: he told Mary that her heart would be pierced by a sword. There would be heart-rending times ahead for the Holy Family; being the Mother of Jesus would cost her dearly; situations would arise when she, like any of us, would be bewildered by God's ways.*

*The Gospel ends with the simple statement that "the child grew to maturity." Jesus grew up, passed from childhood to youth to manhood. In the meantime Mary and Joseph did what all good parents do: they built a home, taught their little one how to pray, set a good example, provided food and clothing and, above all, surrounded him with love. But the very ordinariness of his growing-up was surely a challenge to them. It must have been their strong faith – and faith is a theme running through today's readings – that enabled them to hold on to the incredible truth that Jesus was not simply another boy from Nazareth, but the unique, long-awaited Messiah.*

*Jesus would one day promise that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, he is present with them. Already that promise was foreshadowed in the Holy Family: Mary and Joseph – and Jesus himself in the midst. In every Christian family that promise is fulfilled, though faith alone can discern his presence. Many a couple will say with a wry smile: "Just stay a few days in our house and you'll know we're no holy family." But I wonder. The Vatican Council spoke of the Christian home as "the domestic church", the Church in miniature; it is in and through the ups and downs of family living that most people are to grow in holiness.*

*Jesus is in the midst not just of perfect homes (whatever they might be) but of every Christian home; in the midst of everything that happens there: the bread-winning, the love-making, the messiness, the misunderstandings, the joys and the frustrations, the coping with growing children or aging parents. He wants every couple to know that he is with them, whatever their problems or difficulties. The kingdom of heaven is to be sought not high above the clouds but much nearer home; every family, however ordinary, can in its own small way be a holy family; and that is precisely what the Lord wants yours to be.*

*May God's blessing be with you and your family today and throughout the coming year.*

*Father Bob*  
Pastor



# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



## Thanksgiving for Families, the Place of Revelation

God our Father,  
you presented your Son to us  
and loaned us the wise old eyes  
of Anna and Simeon—  
they who could see salvation  
revealed in a young family.  
Give us light to recognize your love  
revealed in the people we call family,  
people who stand so close to us  
that often we cannot see you at work  
in them.  
Give us patience with each other  
and trust that you are with us in every  
chore and joy,  
helping us also to see and be a light  
for revelation.  
We ask this through the same Lord Jesus  
Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday, December 28, 2014**  
**Faith Unite Us**



Today's Readings: Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19; Luke 2:22–40. In today's First Reading and Gospel, we see portrayals of faith. When Abram voiced his concern that his heir would be the slave born to his household, God assured him of an heir. Abraham awaited the fulfillment of this promise, and when he was 100 years old, Sarah bore a son. Simeon awaited "the consolation of Israel." The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would see the Messiah. He allowed himself to be guided by the Spirit to the Temple on the day Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to be presented. And as a person of faith, he rejoiced upon witnessing God's revelation. It is important to note that Simeon is described as "righteous and devout" and that Abram's belief in what God has said is attributed to his "righteousness." Would Simeon

have allowed himself to be guided by the Spirit if he had not nurtured a relationship with God?

The passage from the Letter to the Hebrews lists Abraham's acts of faith. It was with faith that he left his homeland, received the power to bear offspring, and offered his son to God. This account of Abraham's faith is recounted in Hebrews alongside that of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Moses, and Jesus. The author of Hebrews prefaces these examples with an explanation of faith: "By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible" (11:3). On this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we may want to ponder how well to rest our faith in the Word of God. Such trust may lessen anxiety in our families. And such trust will help us realize the blessings in our families.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

**Monday, December 29, 2014**

**St. Thomas Becket,  
Bishop and Martyr**

Thomas Becket (1118–1170) took a stand against the leaders of his day that led to his death as a martyr. His actions have been a light to many through the centuries. It is good to contemplate how one person's actions can make an impression on lives nearly a millennium later. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:3–11; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 5b–6; Luke 2:22–35.

**Tuesday, December 30, 2014**

**Sixth Day within the Octave  
of the Nativity of the Lord**

We read in today's Gospel that the prophetess Anna constantly praised God, praying and fasting in the Temple. Although we need to be about our many duties and responsibilities during the day, we are still called to focus our lives on prayer. Beginning each day with a passage from Scripture may provide us with a more prayerful attitude. Could praying with Scripture daily be a New Year's resolution you are willing to make? Doing so could bring about changes in your life. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:12–17; Psalm 96:7–8a, 8b–9, 10; Luke 2:36–40.

**Wednesday, December 31, 2014**

**St. Sylvester I, Pope**

Pope Sylvester I, who died in the year 335, served the Church at the time of the Edict of Milan, the emergence of the Church from the catacombs, and the building of great basilicas, including Saint John Lateran. He presided over the Council of Nicaea (325). Such devotion to the Church surely was spurred by a sense of the need for evangelization. Just as we read in today's Gospel that John testified to light, so did St. Sylvester. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:18–21; Psalm 96:1–2, 11–12, 13; John 1:1–18.

**Thursday, January 1, 2015**

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Since the Council of Ephesus in 431, *Theotokos*, or God-bearer, has been included among the many titles with which we honor Mary. That Council noted that since Christ is both divine and human, Mary is the Mother of God. Since 1967, today also has been observed as a day of prayer for world peace. It is appropriate to ask the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Peace, as we pray for an end to strife. Today's Readings: Numbers 6:22–27; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:16–21.

**Friday, January 2, 2015**

**Sts. Basil the Great  
and Gregory Nazianzen**

Sts. Basil (329–379) and Gregory (329–390) modeled the Christian life in so many ways. Both fought the Arian heresy, which held that Christ was not, as we pray in the Creed, “consubstantial with the Father.” Both, too, held prayer as the center of their lives. St. Basil was the founder and father of Eastern monasticism. Gregory lived as a hermit for a time, but also did pastoral work and was an esteemed orator. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:22–28; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 1:19–28.

**Saturday, January 3, 2015**

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Jesus is “God's chosen one,” we hear in today's readings. A name expresses the nature of a person. Persons who played prominent roles throughout salvation history often received their names from God: Adam—man of the earth; Eve—mother of all the living; Abraham—father of many nations; Peter—the rock. What is the origin of your name? If you do not know the day and date on which you were baptized, find out so that you can celebrate your baptismal name day. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:29–3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd–4, 5–6; John 1:29–34.



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## YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

## Cry



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Infants **cry**. We all know it. In their vulnerability, they let us know that they need nourishment or need to be held. We know that this is true of the newborn Jesus. The Eternal Word made flesh shares the human vulnerability of every other infant on earth. And this infant vulnerability—their need and their smallness—draws us close to them.

We may grow up, but we never leave behind our fundamental vulnerability. In different ways, we continue to cry for sustenance, for mercy, for strength, for healing, and for connection and communion. In our vulnerability, God draws close to us, as Scripture says, with bands of love. When our deepest needs and vulnerabilities prompt us to cry, the Lord draws us to himself through sacramental signs and rituals. He hears our every cry, and the sacraments of the Church tell us that this is true.

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## WORD OF LIFE

“Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid.”

-Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their: Ad Limina: Visit Feb. 3, 2001

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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



## MASS SCHEDULE

### *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



## St. Cletus School News

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Classes Resume..... January 5  
School Board Meeting..... January 6  
Athletic Association Meeting..... January 12

### FOR INFORMATION OR SCHEDULE A TOUR

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## Happy New Year from St. Cletus School!

God's richest blessings to all our parishioners for a happy and peaceful 2015.



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



Thank you to the following St. Cletus Parish providers. Your patronage to the vendors would be greatly appreciated.

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



***James Don Burns,***  
father of Mary Vondrasek

**May he rest in peace. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN OF ETERNITY**

**You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.**

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

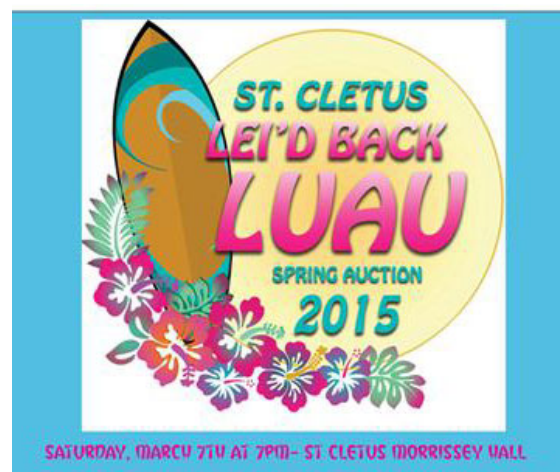
### **ST. CLETUS**



The next book is:

***All the Lights We Cannot See***  
by *Anthony Doerr*

We will meet to discuss it on  
Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Room to be determined





## ADVENT HAPPENINGS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

After all had gathered for an Advent Prayer Service, each class went with their catechist to hear Scripture stories of the first Nativity and engaged in various projects relating to the celebration of Christmas: the preschool performed a little play with carol singing, students made Advent calendar wheels and decorated and wrote messages to be mailed to our homebound parishioners.



The primary grades also sent Thanksgiving messages in November. Several junior high students joined one of our catechists to work in a soup kitchen in the city last month. We hope to be able to continue to provide first-hand experiences for our young people. We are resurrecting the formation of a Religious Education Advisory Board. We currently have three volunteer participants. If you are interested, please contact the Religious Education Office at (708) 352-2383.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Paulette Bolton*

Director of Parish Catechesis/Formation



# ACTS

## *The Spread of the Kingdom*



A Twenty-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins



### Dates, Times, Location

January - May, September - November 2015  
First class is January 28, 2015, 20 sessions total  
We meet usually three times a month, not every week.

Time: 7-9pm. Wednesday nights.

Where: Kindergarten room of St. Cletus School

### Cost/Registration

Class fee is \$20. Study kit fee is \$30 if you wish to order a study kit (highly recommended). Total cost \$50.

Registration will be after masses on Jan 3/4 and 10/11.  
Class materials will be ordered on Jan 12. If you register and/or pay after that date you must order study kit yourself.

### For More Information

Stop by the registration table on Jan 3/4 or 10/11 to talk to a CREDO member or go to website below.

This is a DVD study course, Jeff Cavins is not present.

*Acts* is a story of hope. It's the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They taught as Christ did. They performed miracles as he did. Some even gave their lives for him. They faced secular forces, internal strife, hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men. *Acts* will enrich your faith and rekindle your love for Christ as you live the lives of his first disciples.

*"Once you start learning he makes you hunger for more. Jeff pulls everything you need to know out of the Bible and it all starts to make sense like it never did before."*

—Margaret A. Tirpak, NY



Visit [BibleStudyForCatholics.com](http://BibleStudyForCatholics.com) to learn more!



## Social Concerns Ministry

The Social Concerns Ministry wishes all of you a Blessed and Peace-filled New Year! 2014 gave us many opportunities to give hope to many of the people who are struggling in our midst, by providing food, shelter, transportation, and other basic necessities for their families. The generosity of our parishioners, neighbors and friends, abounds, which we witnessed, especially during this Holiday Season. The Giving Tree Project continues to be a large part of many people's Advent preparation to celebrate the greatest gift of all, God's own son, Jesus, sent into the world to bring us hope, peace and eternal life.

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

In the New Year, we ask you to pray along with us:

*Lord God, grant us a vision of your world as your love would have it:*

- *a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;*
- *a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;*
- *a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;*
- *a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.*

*Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Food Pantry in 2014. You can be proud that our Food Pantry continues to meet the need for food support in our community, because of the St. Cletus parishioners' ongoing positive response to Jesus' call to help the less fortunate and to see Him in the faces of those we serve. Your concern and generosity was apparent every month with your food donations and monetary contributions... you are the foundation of this outreach!

We are grateful, too, for the donations and sponsored food drives from so many community schools, organizations and businesses. Lastly, our food pantry could not operate without the many hours of service provided by our volunteers. THANK YOU for your dedication in sorting and shelving groceries, packing bags, carrying them to church to set up for the monthly food distribution, donating hours of service to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which helps pay for food we order from them each month, and most especially for representing St. Cletus Parish as you serve our clients. As Jesus would say "Well-done, good and faithful servant!" With the continued support of donors and volunteers, in 2015 we will strive to keep our shelves stocked, to adequately serve those who come to us for help.

Several reminders:

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

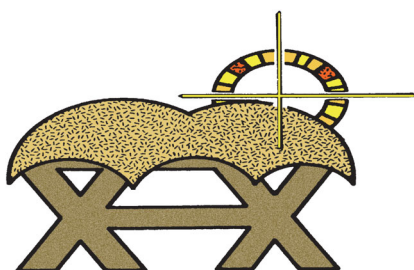
Thanks, again!

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns

**WANT A GOVERNMENT JOB?**

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, January 15, from 7-9:00 p.m. for a **MUST ATTEND** event. Learn from nationally recognized government HR pro, Nancy Segal, who has spent her entire career working to find people employment with the Federal Government (these same techniques work for state government also). Are you in your 50's or 60's? To quote from our speaker: "I frequently see people in their 50's, and 60's getting hired. This is nowhere close to a big issue in federal hiring. Its more about the qualifications and how they are presented." Nancy has hired hundreds of federal employees during a distinguished government career and can help you unlock the maze of how to get a job from the nation's largest employer, the Federal Government. Learn: where to find federal jobs, what to look for, how to apply, how to create a federal resume, how to complete the application and how to interview. Everyone interested in learning about Federal Government jobs should join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs. This meeting is open to all and there is no charge to attend.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

**WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY**

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

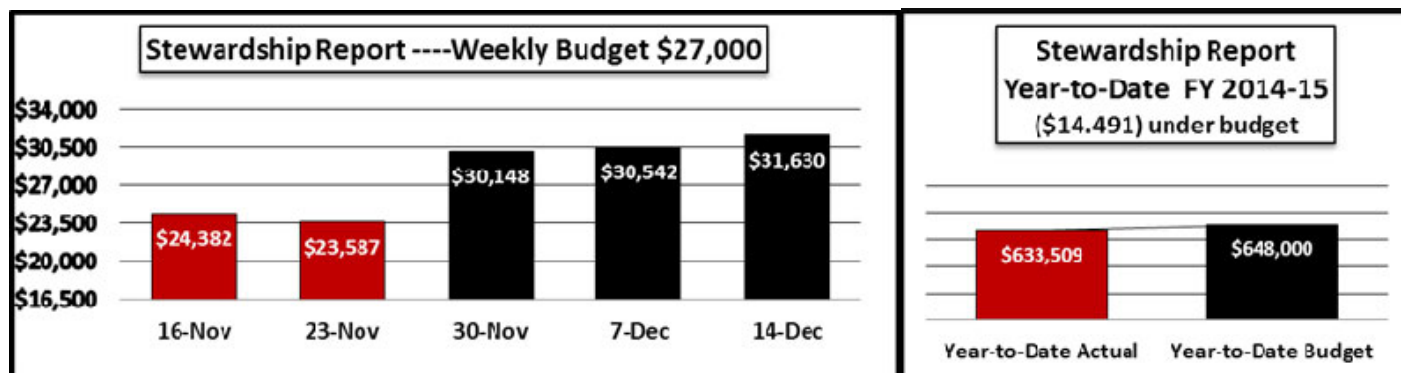
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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**  
**DECEMBER 28, 2014**

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
 which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31





**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
**“as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” Colossians 3:14**

Forgiveness - one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family,. Maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, December 28			
Monday, December 29			
Tuesday, December 30			
Wednesday, December 31	5:00 p.m.	C	<b>All Facilities Closed After 12 Noon</b> New Year's Eve Mass
Thursday, January 1, 2015	9:00 a.m.	C	<b>All Facilities Closed After the 9:00 a.m. Mass</b> New Year's Day Mass
Friday, January 2	8:00 p.m.	S-98	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, January 3	5:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/E C-Narthex	CREDO Registration for Bible Study Welcome Committee
Sunday, January 4	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	C-Narthex/E C-Narthex	CREDO Registration for Bible Study Welcome Committee
<b>C...Church Narthex...Church Vestibule (East &amp; West) MH...Morrissey Hall</b>			<b>S...School (Education Building) 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-12:30 p.m.

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

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