

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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LaGrange, Illinois 60525
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Associate Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus

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352-4820

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352-2383

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352-4856

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352-4641

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352-4834

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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Spanish)
Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 PM
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM
Weekdays: 8:00 AM

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (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 (352-4834).

CONFESSIONS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 4:00 PM

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On Monday evening, January 30th, Rev. Richard Milek, a member of the Archdiocesan Clergy Personnel Board, along with Ms. Karen O’Kelly from the Archdiocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Staff, and our Episcopal Vicar, Bishop Thomas Paprocki, will come to St. Cletus.

Members of the Parish Staff are asked to meet with Ms. O’Kelly at 4:30pm at the rectory, and members of the Parish Finance Committee are invited to meet with Fr. Milek at 6:00pm at the rectory. I will also meet with Fr. Milek earlier in the afternoon.

Then at 7:00pm, all members of the parish are invited to meet with Fr. Milek and Bishop Paprocki in our church. There is a brand-new process for selecting and assigning pastors and associate pastors in the Archdiocese of Chicago. That procedure will be explained and parishioners will have the opportunity to discuss parish issues and needs.

The older system had priests applying for the pastorates of parishes and the Personnel Board reviewing applications and reporting their recommendation to the Cardinal for final approval. The new system has more direct involvement of the auxiliary bishops, the Episcopal Vicars, and the Cardinal, along with the Personnel Board members. It’s my understanding that the candidates or applicants for the pastorate will be considered by this more broad-based group and then they together will make the recommendation for the Cardinal’s final approval.

July 1st is the date when all new pastorates and associate pastorates will begin. As for my own future, I have received permission for a study-sabbatical, to begin on July 1st as well. I haven’t worked out all the details of the sabbatical yet. This is an important time for our parish: please keep all involved in your prayers.

Fr. Klees

Year-end Statement on Request Only

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2005 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the rectory with your request. **You may also visit our website at www.stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically.**

Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Envelope # _____

National Catholic Schools Week

Next Sunday, January 29, we will inaugurate Catholic Schools Week once again. The St. Cletus School community will gather on Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Open House in our parish school will take place immediately after the 9:30am liturgy. Please join us, even if you do not have children in the school. Your spiritual and financial support are most appreciated; we would like the opportunity to say "Thank you".

Our school is an educational ministry of our whole parish, so all are cordially invited and welcome to come over to school after Mass on Sunday and "Experience the Difference".

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St. Cletus Book Fair

The Family School Association's annual Book Fair will be held in Morrissey Hall next Sunday, January 29, 8:00am 'til noon and Monday, January 30, 8:15am - 'til 1:00pm. There are books for all ages. Proceeds benefit the school library.

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal

St. Cletus Parish Mission

Mark your calendars!

The 1st Sunday of Lent, March 5, begins our Parish Lenten Mission. Our Mission will be led by Fr. Bill Stenzel, former pastor of St. Francis Xavier.

Please spread the news about our exciting and spiritually enriching beginning to Lent. More details will be available in future Canticles and on our parish website. Let's fill the church and journey spiritually together.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Attention!

Lector and Auxiliary Ministers

...Schedules are available for pickup in the Minister's Room. Please stop by for your copy. Thank you.

Carol Pogar
Director of Liturgy

Second-Ever Catholic Festival of Faith Will be held February 16-18 in Rosemont



Inspiring and educating Catholics from across Chicagoland is the focus for the second-ever Archdiocese of Chicago-sponsored Catholic Festival of Faith, taking place February 16-18, 2006, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5500 N. River Rd., in Rosemont.

Catholics of all ages – and all those interested in the Catholic faith – are invited to attend!

There will be beautiful Masses, opportunities for prayer, concerts and a dinner theater, keynote speakers (Catholic Bishops, historians, and experts in Catholic Church history and family ministry will offer the keynote addresses), special sessions for teens and hundreds of workshops offered in several languages. Here is just a sampling of the hundreds of workshops you can attend 1) Mary: What Protestants and Catholics Are Thinking – offered by Fr. Richard Fragomeni, Ph.D., associate professor liturgy and homiletics and chair of the Department of Word and Worship at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. 2) Preparing Our Children – and Ourselves: Reconciliation and Eucharist – offered by Rev. Joseph Kempf, pastor of Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, MO. 3) Eight Great Opportunities to Nurture Spirituality in Your Home – offered by Tom McGrath, co-publisher of TrueQuest Communications and editorial director of "Prepare the Word: Homilies from the Heart that Hit Home." plus more.

Individuals may register for a single day's events for \$35, or for all three days of the Catholic Festival of Faith for \$70.

Learn more about the scheduled offerings at the Catholic Festival of Faith – or register to attend online – when you visit the official event website at www.catholicfest.org online registration will be accepted through February 1, 2006. Additional questions about the Catholic Festival of Faith can be answered via e-mail to catholicfest@archchicago.org or by phoning the Festival of Faith office at (312) 751-8388. Come learn more – and be a part of – the "new evangelization"!

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners who remembered to say a little prayer for our children who received First Reconciliation last Tuesday evening. Thanks to the beautiful environment provided by Kathie O'Neill, the peaceful music under the direction of Justin Sisul and Regina DeMarco, and the wonderful catechetical preparation by the parents and the catechists. The feelings

of peace, compassion, and mercy filled the church.

Thank you to the priests, who came from near and far to hear the confessions. Each priest made each child feel relaxed and comfortable. Each confession was listened to with respect and compassion. The children left the confessors with smiles on their faces, and peace and joy in their hearts.

Thank you also to Mary Lee Martinka and all volunteers who setup, served and cleaned up after our reception. Thank you to the first grade parents who provided the relish trays, snacks and deserts for our reception.

It was a wonderful sacramental experience. God heard your prayers!

Pat Kahl, Director of Religious Education

Confirmation Retreat

Each year on our overnight Confirmation Retreat we have a group of young Confirmed adults (post college age) from our parish, who form a team to be small group leaders and facilitators. They add an important dimension to our Sophomores retreat experience, and end up having an incredible experience themselves!

This year's retreat is on February 25/26. We have a couple of openings for young adults, who live in the area, who are available that weekend and would like to share and strengthen their own faith. For more details contact me at Marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com, or (708) 352-4641. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford, Youth Director

General Parish Meeting

In accordance with Archdiocesan policy regarding the recommendations of priests to the pastorate, representatives of the Priests' Placement Board will meet with our parishioners on Monday, January 30, at 7:00pm in church.

The purpose of this meeting is not to name a new pastor but to give the Board members an opportunity to meet with our people personally to discuss the needs of the parish and what they would like to see in a new pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting lasts one and one-half hour and concludes with a question/answer segment.

RCIA – Welcome, Jessica Garrison!

Saturday, January 21, at the 5:00pm Mass, Ms. Jessica Garrison will make an affirmation of faith and be welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church and St. Cletus Parish.

Jessica is the only individual to enroll in our RCIA program this year. She has been meeting faithfully with our RCIA team and exploring the Catholic faith for a number of years. All of Jessica's family are Catholics and parishioners of St. Cletus. Jessica anxiously anticipates joining the fold.

Jessica resides in Brookfield, IL, with her parents. Her sister Priscilla, married Jim Seith and moved next door to her mom and dad. Jessica is the proud aunt of Vaenessa, who made her First Reconciliation last Tuesday and will be making her First Communion this May.

On July 28, Jessica will marry Bruce Hofsteadter. Jessica has been worshipping at St. Cletus for years with her family and now decided that it is time to really become a member of the Church and become a one faith family.

Welcome, Jessica!


Pat Kahl, Director of Religious Education

Wanted! Men or Women for the Usher Ministry

This ministry is the first encounter by parishioners when they enter the worship environment. Ushers greet, answer questions, seat people, recruit gift bearers, take up collections and organize communion processions. Training is provided on a one-on-one basis. Please contact me at www.stcletusparish.com/liturgy or (708) 352-4834 if you are interested in joining us.

Carol Pogar
Director of Liturgy

January 15

Budgeted revenue:		\$30,000
Collection Received:		25,408
Shortfall last week:		- 4,592
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:		- 994
# of envelopes mailed:		3,181
# of envelopes returned:		968

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to use your offertory envelopes.

Remember using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Connie Kostecki, Connor Farrell, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, George Mrozek, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Robert Frost, Robert Salbego, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Fran Cirrincione, Louis Cesario, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowka, Judy Hofstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolicki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Bill Gilmer, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

"Giving Tree" Thank You

One of our clients who was picking up their "Giving Tree" family gifts on December 18, overwhelmed by the site of Morrissey Hall filled to overflowing with gifts, food baskets and volunteer helpers, asked "How can this be?" My answer was "It takes a Parish...like St. Cletus!"

I'd like to share with you a sampling of the outpouring of appreciation we have received from many recipients of our Giving Tree food baskets and gifts. "I cannot thank you enough. We received much more than we ever expected. It brought tears to my eyes to see the excitement on our children's faces. We also really appreciate the help you give us throughout the year at the monthly food pantry."

"I am on a fixed income with many medical bills. This is the first year I have ever had to rely on the generosity of others to help me with food over Christmas. It's hard to ask for help, but you made it easier. God bless you for your care and concern." "You made a very difficult Christmas a good one for our family. If not for your generosity, our holidays would have been bleak." "Our daughter can now ride a bike to school along with her friends."

"We appreciate the warm coats and clothing for our children this Christmas. They were so excited that they received some toys, too!" "Our children loved their presents, and it made my Christmas brighter because we were able to have some gifts for them". "Your remembering us at Christmas with gifts and a food basket have touched us

deeply and given us hope for better days ahead. Next year we want to be able to help others as you have helped us."

One note addressed to St. Cletus Parish says: "Dear Guardian Angels, Your kindness and generosity were a Godsend. Our wish for your parish family is for health and happiness in this new year!" These expressions of gratitude from those we helped demonstrate the tangible impact your gifts made. Thank you for truly making a difference!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Respect Life

This weekend begins the remembrance of the 33rd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade when the Supreme Court legalized abortion at all stages of Life. The St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities has information at their tables and in the literature racks and the bulletin board at the east side of the foyer today. Pick up a flyer to find out what the court really said about abortion. Details and facts of the live television coverage of the Masses and March in Washington, D.C. on this Sunday and Monday (January 22 and 23) can be found on the Respect Life Bulletin on the East wall of the foyer.

Thank you...

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton (708) 579-0118 for the St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities

That We May Have Priests...

Mundelein Seminary, as Cardinal George so proudly proclaims, is one of the finest major seminaries in the world. This year nearly 80 men are preparing to be priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your support enables us to provide these young men with the educational and spiritual formation necessary to face the challenges of priesthood. Because of you, the healing touch of Jesus will live through the work of these future priests for you, your children and your grandchildren, well into this century.

The Collection for the Seminary System for the Archdiocese of Chicago is February 4-5, 2006.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 23

8:00 a.m. - Purgatorial Society
Thomas Cecil, William Jaworski

Tuesday, January 24

8:00 a.m. - Dolores Heuer, Frank Caruso,
Donna Clark

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 a.m. - Louis J. Kadlec, Julius Chevigny

Thursday, January 26

8:00 a.m. - Thomas Kigin, Elsie Wagner,
Mary Louise King

Friday, January 27

8:00 a.m. - Purgatorial Society
Phillip C. Butkus, Joseph Megla, Ann Jiganti,
Eleanor Johnson, Edward Durmaj,
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda

Saturday, January 28

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 29

7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am

Altar Servers



January 28/29

5:00 p.m. - Q. Collins, J. Flach, J. Cripe
7:00 a.m. - K. Baro, T. Callahan, S. Lenz
8:00 a.m. - R. Bogolin, J. Newman, N. Galivan
9:30 a.m. - S. Boland, K. Caplice, P. Oboikovitz
11:00 a.m. - D. Clarke, B. Kelley, B. Okkema

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers these parishioners or loved ones of parishioners who recently died:

...Robert Cutler, father of Julie Abuska
...Helen Geier

We extend our condolences to all families who have lost a loved one during this past week.



Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed... Luke William Furey, Tyler Brice Lehman and Lianna Gail Noel to Our Parish Family.

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 28, 2006

5:00 PM LR Demonte, Linda-
SM Micek, Judy C1 Boyer, Kathy-
B2 Delaloye, Joe C2 Delaloye, Rose
B3 Ryva, James- C3 Soldat, Mary Rita
B4 Micek, Dan C4 Micek, Judy
B5 Provan, Jim C5 Provan, Karen
B6 Benkert, John C6 Benkert, Kim

Sunday, January 29, 2006

7:00 AM LR McDonnell, Michae
SM Wouk, Dolores-
B2 Wouk, Dolores-
B3 Fahey, Ann-
B4 Malby, Terry-
B5 Mezan, Mary Ann-
B6 Smith, David-



8:00 AM LR Hagen, Emily-
SM Karch, John C1 McCartney, Sandr
B2 Severino, Shirley- C2 Hogue, Kay-
B3 Saban, Jackie- C3 Ward, Laura-
B4 Karch, Terri C4 Karch, John
B5 Stamm, Richard C5 Stamm, Barbara
B6 Welch, Jerry- C6 Murphy, Katy-

9:30 AM

LR
SM C1
B2 C2
B3 CATHOLIC C3 FACULTY AND
B4 SCHOOLS C4 SCHOOL BOAR
B5 WEEK C5
B6 C6

11:00 AM

LR Spizzirri, Susan-
SM McCaffray, Poul C1 Doria, Annalyse-
B2 Samuelson, Debra- C2 Schump, Cathy-
B3 Haggerty, Frank- C3 Augustyn, Ron-
B4 Mangahas, Aurora- C4 McCaffray, Paul-
B5 Kigin, Billie C5 Kigin, Tom
B6 Keating-Gay, Susa C6 Chaney, Marlene-

Kathleen Pyrcce
and Steven Gonzalez



Common Hope

Are you looking for a way to make a difference one life at a time? Would you like to feel connected to a cause? Have you found yourself thinking that you would like to sponsor a child from one of those ads - if you only knew that the organization was legit? Would you consider a work tour to get yourself totally immersed in working with the poor?

If so, you will be interested to know that at noon on Sunday, January 22, parishioners and their friends are invited to come to the Parish Center at St. John of the Cross to meet with Mr. John Huebsch, whose family founded Common Hope (a nondenominational organization that helps break the cycle of poverty through education, health care and housing in Guatemala.)

The story of Common Hope is one well worth hearing. Anyone interested in learning a little bit about the organization before John speaks, go to www.commonhope.org for more information.

Found: A gray Cingular cell-phone in church. Please call the rectory at (708) 352-6209 if you think it could be yours.