

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

600 West 55th Street
LaGrange, Illinois 60525
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WEBSITE EDITION

Rev. Raymond Klees
Pastor

Rev. Patrick O'Neill
Associate Pastor

Rev. Charles Gallagher
Pastor Emeritus

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352-6209

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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

ART & ENVIRONMENT
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352-4547

GROUND/TECHNICAL SUPPORT
352-8597



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.

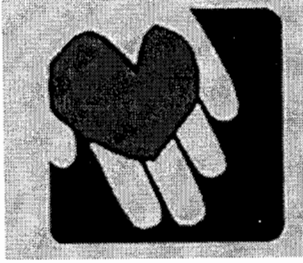
HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (352-4834).

CONFESSIONS

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

Archdiocese of Chicago The Annual Catholic Appeal



The Annual Catholic Appeal is one campaign that funds many ministries. By contributing to the Appeal, you help reach out to our brothers and sisters through Cook and Lake Counties. The Appeal works best when everyone plays a part.

Help for the Poor Locally and Around the World

- **\$500,000** in capital grants to parishes and schools serving disadvantaged communities.
 - 378 parishes
 - 11 Missions
 - 58 parochial schools
- **\$640,000** to Catholic Relief Services, to be with our needy brothers and sisters in foreign countries.

Teaching the Faith

- **\$3,500,000** in grants and scholarships for parochial schools serving disadvantaged communities.
 - 115,000 Catholic school students
- **\$1,350,000** to fund Catechesis, which helps prepare 8,500 volunteers to teach the faith to 125,000 Catholic children who attend public schools, and more than 1,000 adults whose catechetical outreach touched more than 133,000 adults last year; as well as Evangelization, whose program, *Spreading the Holy Fire*, is designed to work through every parish in the Archdiocese to reach those Catholics who have lapsed in their practice of the faith.
 - 125,000 Catholic children who attend public schools in catechesis programs
 - 39,000 infant baptisms
 - 2,245 adult baptisms
 - 30,630 first communions
 - 21,475 confirmations

Attracting, Forming and Sustaining Leadership for the Church

- **\$1,350,000** for the recruitment, education and formation of lay ministers and deacons, and for the continuing education and ongoing spiritual formation of priests.
 - 587 active diocesan priests in Archdiocese
 - 262 retired/sick priests in Archdiocese
 - 621 deacons
 - 1,740 lay ministers and Directors of Religious Education
 - Cardinal Stritch Retreat House - the only retreat house in the country whose primary audience is priests and those who collaborate with them in ministry.

Helping Those in Need

- **\$560,000** to support ministries that help those less fortunate suffering, imprisoned, or in need of counseling.
 - Kolbe House (Prison Ministry)
 - SPRED (Special Religious Education) active in 128 parishes
 - O'Hare and Midway Airport Chaplains
 - Fire Chaplain
 - Office for the Deaf – Mass signed in 36 parishes
 - Campus Ministry
 - Bereavement Ministry
- **\$125,000** to promote the Church's message of the dignity of life from conception through natural death.
 - Project Rachel
 - Chastity/Abstinence Programs for Youth
 - Elizabeth Ministries
 - Bereavement Ministry in 150 parishes

Annual Catholic Appeal 2006 A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to read and reflect upon the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "He has put His seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts." 2 Corinthians 1:22. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides a significant portion of the budget of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and Chicago is no exception.

The Archdiocese has been cutting its budgets, programs and staff significantly over the last several years. Now, it must have significant financial support from the Annual Catholic Appeal in order to be able to fund the work to be accomplished in the coming fiscal year.

The Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over five months. Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But, it does, because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many will enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministry and services.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and following weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given to us.

"We Care" Committee

Have you had a joint replacement, serious illness, accident or death in the family? If so, the "We Care" Committee is here to help with food, pickup of medicine or deliveries, whatever you need to help ease your situation. Call on your parish family from St. Cletus. Contact: Billie Kigin at (630) 734-9138. Please note: Transportation will not be provided.

St. Cletus School Spirit Raffle Ticket Sale

This weekend, St. Cletus School is sponsoring their annual Spirit Raffle to help support the school operating budget. Tickets are \$50 each and tax deductible. Tickets may be purchased in the church foyer this weekend, February 11/12, after all Masses. The drawing will take place on March 4, at the Athletic Association Dance. If you are unable to purchase tickets at church, please call Rick Nelson at (708) 352-6324 or Pat Heslin at (708) 482-7523 and we will deliver the tickets to you. Thank you again for supporting St. Cletus School!

Religious Education Kid's Rummage Sale: Come to our Children's Rummage Sale on Saturday, February 18 from 9:00am 'til Noon in Morrissey Hall. Support our children as they part with clothes, games, CD's, etc., that are still in great condition. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Religious Education Reminder: Classes will not be held on February 19 and 20, due to the celebration of President's Day. Classes will resume on February 26 and 27.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

St. Cletus Parish Lenten Mission

Our Lenten Mission begins on the First Sunday of Lent with Fr. Bill Stenzel speaking at our weekend Liturgies. On Monday evening at 7:00pm in church, our theme will be "Reverence the Past." Fr. Bill will explore the traditions, experiences, and memories that WE, the parish of St. Cletus, all share. Join us on Monday evening, March 6, as we reverence our past. Pray for the moments that we celebrated, debated, and united into making us the parish we are today. We are counting on you to be present with us. Keep your canticles handy or check the parish website for more information!

Pat Kahl, Director of Religious Education

Welcome! New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Battista and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Beckert and Family, Mrs. Rochina DeBartolo, Mr. & Mrs. Bradford Livingston and Family, Roseann Marquez, Kevin Murray,

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nisbet, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Prendergast, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rehor and Family, and Mr. & Mrs. Mark Wiklund and Family.

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not yet registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

CATHOLIC FESTIVAL OF FAITH

Bringing together Catholics from across Chicagoland...February 16-18, 2006
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center

- 120 Breakout Sessions
- Sessions will be available in English, Spanish & Polish
- Sessions designed especially for teens in Catholic and public highschool
- Liturgy and prayer experiences
- Keynote Speakers
- Presentation
- Special Events and Exhibits



For additional information, visit www.catholicfest.org or call (312) 752-8388.


Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Michael Abalos, 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, 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.

Stewardship

God has taught us that you cannot love without giving. That giving includes giving of our time, talent and treasure.

If we give ourselves to God and let the Lord use our talents to serve others, we will be amazed by the results. Not only will our lives be changed but so will the lives of others.

February 5		
Budgeted revenue:		\$ 31,500
Collection Received:		33,772
Surplus last week:		2,272
Revenue to budget		3,834
Surplus for this fiscal year:		
# of envelopes mailed:		3,181
# of envelopes returned:		1,019

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

Donation to our Sharing Parishes: \$779

Raffle Ticket Sale Next Weekend

11th Annual John Paul II Newman Center
"\$25,000 Super Raffle"
April 7, 2006

Grand Prize	\$15,000
Second Prize	\$ 5,000
Third Prize	\$ 3,000
Ten Weekly Prizes	\$ 200*

(* \$200 Prize per week beginning January 29)

Each Chance \$200 (A maximum of 600 tickets will be sold.) Entries sent by mail must be received by Friday, April 7. *Winner need not be present.*

Students will be in the vestibule after Masses next weekend, February 18-19. For weekly updates, check out our website. WWW.JP2Newman.com.

St. Thomas Hospice Seeks Volunteers

Adventist St. Thomas Hospice is seeking adult volunteers to offer compassionate and friendly visits to area residents facing end-of-life issues.

Class will meet on 9 consecutive Tuesdays from 9:00am to Noon from March 14 through May 9. Training will be held in our Burr Ridge office, volunteers are assigned to patients in their own neighborhoods. If interested, please call Barb at (630) 856-6998 to reserve your spot.

Helping Each Other into Heaven

“To really love someone is to say to that person, you at least will not die!”

Gabriel Marcel wrote those words and they speak of more than simple romance. Inside the human family, especially inside the Body of Christ, to love someone is to help him or her enter eternal life. What we bind on earth, Jesus assured us, is also bound in heaven, just as what we loose on earth is also loosed in heaven.

What’s meant by this?

For Christians, in the Incarnation, God takes on concrete flesh, a body here on earth. We call this the Body of Christ and it’s enfleshed in Jesus, the historical God-man who walked on earth for thirty-three years; in the Eucharist, which we hold to be the Body of Christ; and in the community of believers, the church. Each of these is the body of Christ.

Thus to receive the Eucharist or to touch the community of believers is to be touched by Christ, just as surely as if we had been touched by Jesus himself. And that touch is what heals us, forgives us, and links us to the community of salvation.

If this is true, and it is, then it is also true that when we love each other here on earth, we also hold each other in grace and bind each other to the community of salvation. Simply put, if we are inside the community of grace and we love someone, our love for that person is the cord of grace and forgiveness that helps connect him or her to salvation. As long as that person is connected to us in love he or she will never be outside the community of salvation. Put crassly, if we are inside the community of grace and we love someone, unless that person positively rejects our love he or she cannot go to hell. When we love someone we do say: “You at least will not die!”

Partly this is mystery, though partly it can be understood inside our ordinary categories of love and relationships.

Karl Rahner once explained it this way: Our love for each other does not just give us friendship and companionship here on earth, important though these are. It does something else too for us. It links us to love in such a way that when we stand before God and make our choice, a fundamental choice for all eternity, we stand there already connected in love to a community of grace and therefore much more prone to choose love and God.

Here’s how he puts it:

“As regards to our salvation, we remain dependent on other human beings. This is perfectly obvious, and yet still very difficult to grasp. One might think: when it comes to how God stands to me and I stand to God, when we are dealing with the final decision about eternity, when we are dealing with how I ultimately come through when I am completely isolated before the face of God by the remorseless loneliness of my death, then for this question I am one who is completely on my own, left to myself. Then there will remain only God-alone and me; God’s heart, God’s mercy, and my individual freedom of a guilt and a grace that are unavoidably my own.

And yet it is not like this. Everything said above is true, but it is not the whole truth. The whole truth is this: even then we are still part of each other. All persons have their own, inalienable, once-and-for-all freedom, from which they cannot run away, and which they cannot unload onto anyone else. But yet this does not mean that this freedom is an isolated freedom, not even when it is deciding the eternal fate of a human being, or when it is finally shaping a person’s being forever...

In nature and in grace, therefore, existence is a reality in common. This works itself out in a shared reality of sin and guilt, a shared reality of God’s mercy and God’s grace, a shared reality of origin and goal. But guilt and grace, beginnings and ends, are matters for God. And therefore this human reality in common extends into the sphere of human salvation before God. Human beings are in a communion of salvation and its opposite.”

A priest-friend of mine recently shared with me how he feels loved in certain friendships. He told me: “If I died today, what would be the clearest on my mind as I say good-bye to this life is that I’d leave knowing for certain I’m loved!” Given this wonderful grace, how could he possibly choose against love after his death?

The love we experience from each other on this earth will, no doubt, greatly sway our choice when we stand alone before God and have to choose between love and its opposite for all eternity.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award winning author is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronholheiser.com.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 13

8:00 a.m. - Purgatorial Society

Al Cooke, Angela Clifford, Bruno Bransberger

Tuesday, February 14

8:00 a.m. - Frank & Lorraine Peck, Mike Casale,
Tom Kigin, Joseph Megla, Frances Moore

Wednesday, February 15

8:00 a.m. - Frank Michalowski, Marcie Johnston,
Delores Denkhoff, Josephine LaBanca

Thursday, February 16

8:00 a.m. - Eva & Stanley Grabowski,
Edward J. Ryan, Clare J. Idzik, Florence Curtis

Friday, February 17

8:00 a.m. - Purgatorial Society

Jolana Vrabec, Marguerite Taylor, Betty Benson

Saturday, February 18

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 19

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



Altar Servers

February 18/19

5:00 p.m. - R. Adamec, M. Shannon,
C. Schwendner

7:00 a.m. - A. Hess, R. Lenz, J. Baker

8:00 a.m. - M. Baro, C. Lang, S. Vcelka

9:30 a.m. - P. Rhode, C. Mosquera, T. Bruce

11:00 a.m. - J. Babirak, A. Kison, P. Oboikovitz

Rest in Peace

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

...Santa Sally Ferro, mother of Charles

...Tony Messineo, brother of Rose Delaloye

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



Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed...Sophia Marie
Jing Si Morrissey to Our Parish Family.

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 18, 2006

5:00 PM
SM Swindall, Vic LR Chlapecka, Thoma
B2 Benkert, Kim C1 Reichl, Mickie
B3 Delaloye, Rose C2 Benkert, John
B4 Swindall, Toni C3 Delaloye, Joe
B5 Beales, Nadine C4 Swindall, Vic
B6 Burke, Ruth C5 Beales, Dave
C6 Burke, Jack

Sunday, February 19, 2006

7:00 AM LR Loch, Len-
SM Zmuda, Ron-
B2 Zmuda, Ron-
B3 Wouk, Dolores-
B4 Soldat, Mary Rita-
B5 Kalata, Marcie-
B6 Smith, David-



8:00 AM LR Kuchta, Ann-
SM McCartney, Sandra-C1 Walsh, Mary Jane
B2 Karch, Terri C2 Karch, John
B3 Parlier, Denise C3 Parlier, Jon
B4 Welch, Jerry- C4 McCartney, Sandr
B5 Stamm, Barbara C5 Stamm, Richard
B6 Ghera, Alicjo- C6 Bliss, Georgia-

9:30 AM

SM Opila, Margo LR Reisel, Tom-
B2 Nolan, Jeannine- C1 Doria, Annalyse-
B3 Zupancic, Robert- C2 Hullinger, Shirley
B4 Opila, Andy C3 Bartucci, Carol-
B5 Thuma, Mary- C4 Opila, Margo
B6 Chaney, Marlene- C5 Forsyth Sullivan,
C6 Williams, Alice-

11:00 AM

LR Pisone, Mary Lou-
SM McCaffray, Paul- C1 Burke, Kevin-
B2 Curnutt, Rose- C2 Dunkovich, Alice-
B3 Haggerty, Frank- C3 Ficaro, Jennie-
B4 Brannigan, Rita- C4 McCaffray, Paul-
B5 Kwak, Tecla- C5 Drago, Irene-
B6 Gebka, Mary Lu- C6 Rogan, Janina-

De La Salle to Hold Lourdes High School All-Class Reunion

On February 18, De La Salle Institute will hold an All-Class Reunion for all alumnae and friends of Lourdes High School. The Reunion will take place at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. In Oak Forest. The evening begins at 6:00pm with cocktails, followed by dinner at 7:00pm. The cost is \$65 per person and \$100 per couple. Jubilee Class of 1981 will be feted along with all anniversary reunion classes. Those interested in attending can register online at www.dls.org or by contacting Bob Fiorentino at (312) 842-7355 ext. 146 or by e-mail at fiorentinor@dls.org.

Looking for Baby Items for Needy Moms

Woman Care Services, a crisis pregnancy center in Berwyn, is presently in need of disposable diapers in sizes 3 to 6 as well as baby outfits in sizes 12 mos. and 18 mos. (new) If you have diapers or other new or gently used baby items that you would like to donate, please call Laura or Robert at (708) 795-6000.

We can only learn to love— by loving.

Dris Murdoch