

# ST. CLETUS CHURCH

## Rectory

600 West 55th Street  
LaGrange, Illinois 60525  
[www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com)

WEBSITE EDITION

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**Rev. Patrick O'Neill**  
*Associate Pastor*

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*Pastor Emeritus*

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700 West 55th Street  
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352-6209

**PARISH SCHOOL**  
352-4820

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/RCIA**  
352-2383

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**  
352-4856

**YOUTH MINISTRY/  
SOCIAL CONCERNS**  
352-4641

**LITURGY/MINISTRY OF CARE**  
352-4834

**ART & ENVIRONMENT**  
352-4834

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
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

### Fr. Marshall's Musings

I would like to thank all of those who so generously donated to our Easter collection this year. This is an important part of our budget and through your generosity, I think we will obtain our budgeted goal. I also thank you for being so hospitable to those who came to Mass on Easter weekend.

Last Sunday we heard the story of Thomas the doubter wanting to feel the hands and side of Jesus to be sure he had risen from the dead. Doubt is a daily part of our lives and seems that especially when things don't go our way or when things happen to us that are incomprehensible we doubt God's presence.

The only way to confront doubt is through maintaining a good relationship with the Risen Christ. This means that prayer has to be integral to who we are. I think in many ways the Monks have it right. We should be praying at the beginning and at the end of the day, before and after meals and at various times throughout the day to recognize God's presence.

We also know that God is with us because of our experience. Has there ever been a time in your life or mine when God has not been there for us? Maybe not in our way or in our timing, but in His way and in His timing. So let us look back over our shoulders and recognize how much God's presence is a part of who we are.

This Sunday's Gospel again gives us a story of how Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection. But again they were troubled, questions arose in their hearts. He invited them again to touch and see him and he showed them his hands and his side. Then he asked if they had anything to eat. Isn't it peculiar that when Jesus wants to prove his Resurrection, it always is around food.

This should give us an indication that when we eat with those we love, especially our family members, Christ becomes present. The last line of the Gospel for this Sunday is the most important, it says, "you are witnesses of all these things". What does it mean to be a witness of the Risen Christ in the world today?

To be a witness to the Risen Christ we must stand up against the lies that our culture imposes on us, that it is not an easiness of life or pleasure or power or prestige that one discovers the Risen Christ. For all of those things in and among themselves can be good, but if we think they are going to fulfill us, we are mistaken and disillusioned. The only way to find the Risen Christ is to look for signs of his presence in our daily lives. Those signs come to us mainly through those people whose lives are mingled with ours. So this week let's try to identify who reveals the Risen Christ to us. Is it our children, our parents, our spouse, our friends, our neighbors, our Church? When we open our eyes and see, we will know that Christ is with us for he loves us so much.

May the Easter Season, which we celebrate for the next 50 days, be a time of great spiritual enlightenment for all of us.

Fr. Patrick M. Marshall

## Parish Celebration Sacrament of Confirmation

Next weekend, on Sunday, May 7, we invite you to join our Confirmation Candidates, their families, sponsors, advisors, pastoral staff and Bishop Thad J. Jakubowski at a 12:30pm Liturgy for our parish celebration of Confirmation. We pray that the Holy Spirit will renew all our lives, strengthen our relationship with God and urge us onward in our faith journeys. A reception follows in Morrissey Hall.

## Confirmation Rehearsal Reminder

All Year II Candidates, their sponsors and a parent are required to attend the Confirmation rehearsal on Wednesday, May 3, 7:30pm in church. If you have any questions, please call me in the Youth Ministry Office at (708) 352-4641.

Mary Beth Ford  
Youth Director

## Welcome Sunday/Next Weekend

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, May 6/7, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

## Leisure Loafers

Our May meeting is on Thursday, May 4, at 1:00pm in Morrissey Hall. Come and enjoy some nice songs by Judee Marsh and refreshments (cake and coffee).

Alice Katzmarek

## Attention! Holy Name Members

Our Past President's Dinner will be held on Friday, May 5. The dinner will be held at Sawa's Old Warsaw located at 9200 Cermak Rd., Broadview. The cost of the evening is \$10 per person. Please bring a donation for the raffle. Cocktails: 6:30pm, Dinner: 7:00pm. Please sign up in the Minister's Room or call Fran Callaghan at (708) 352-3878.

Dan Gibbons

## Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop #19 of La Grange/Countryside will hold a pancake breakfast from 7:00am until Noon on Sunday, May 7, at the Robert E. Coulter American Legion Post headquarters, 900 S. La Grange Road. All you can eat pancakes and sausage will be served, along with juice, coffee and milk. Cost is \$4 although children 5 and younger may eat free. For tickets call Patrick Heslin at (708) 482-7523.

## Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Michael Abalos, Connie Kostecki, Connor Farrell, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, 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.

## Visits to the Hospital

Ministers of Care make pastoral visits and Communion visits to patients in La Grange Hospital. Five parishes are included in this ministry. St. Louise de Marillac, St. Barbara, St. Francis Xavier, St. John of the Cross and St. Cletus.

The census this past year (2005) has totaled 3,723 Holy Communions, and 7,317 visits by these ministers.

* St. Louise de Marillac	828 visits
* St. Francis Xavier	833 visits
* St. Barbara	643 visits
* St. John of the Cross	472 visits
* St. Cletus	4,673 visits

More than 4,000 of our St. Cletus homebound also received Communion from our Ministers of Care.

Throughout the year, 5,200 communions have been given during the Rosary Prayer Services at Lexington and Briar Place.

Thank you Ministers of Care. You are a prayerful example of God's presence and demonstrate what God's presence in your life means to you. You are also an example of personal faith.

Dolores Wouk  
Minister of Care Coordinator

**(1) Memorial Tree**

A healthy, new maple tree was planted last fall in the front lawn of the kindergarten with a memorial stone for Nancy Battle Scavuzzo. The yellow tulips represent Nancy's favorite color while the lone red tulip represents the red of the school mascot, the cardinal, and her phrase "It's a great day to be a cardinal."

**(2) Arbor Day**

National Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday of April. Arbor Day is often celebrated with the planting of a new tree. The Village of La Grange Public Works donated a New Bradford Pear tree which was planted on the west side of the school grounds. This new addition brings the total number of trees on the parish grounds to 128.

Chris Wagner  
Director of Grounds

**Stewardship**

"We follow your will and put our hope in you...Everything that we achieve is the result of what you do." (Isaiah 26:8-12)

**April 23**



<b>Budgeted revenue:</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>
<b>Collection Received:</b>	<b>32,919</b>
<b>Surplus last week:</b>	<b>4,919</b>
<b>Revenue to budget</b>	
<b>Shortfall for this fiscal year:</b>	<b>- 7,370</b>
<b># of envelopes mailed:</b>	<b>3,187</b>
<b># of envelopes returned:</b>	<b>1,036</b>

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

**Please note:** Many parishioners have elected to have their weekly Sunday offering contribution debited out of their checking account once or twice a month. More information? Contact Bobbie at the rectory office, (708) 352-6209.

**Our Sharing Parishes**

The parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Presentation and Our Lady of Lourdes have been integrated into St. Agatha's Parish. In order for this Catholic Community to succeed, they need our help and prayers. Please continue to be generous with our Sharing Parishes the first Sunday of the month.

**50<sup>th</sup> Golden Wedding Anniversary**

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 751 N. State St., Chicago.

Couples married in 1956 and are interested in attending should contact our Parish Office (708) 352-6209 by **June 7** to register.

**St. Cletus School - Annual Plant Sale  
May 1 - May 31**

Once again it is time to start thinking of planting your flowers. Since last year was such a success St. Cletus has again teamed up with Vern Goer's Greenhouse to offer the best annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, and other gardening supplies. Simply present the coupon below at the time of payment and St. Cletus School will receive 12.5% of the purchase price. Purchase as much as you like and as often as you like during the month of May. Coupons will be accepted Monday-Friday, 8:00am-8:00pm.

For further questions, please contact Cathy Madden (708) 354-1104. See you at the greenhouse.

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**St. Cletus School Plant Sale - Vern Goer's Greenhouse  
5620 South Oak, Hinsdale  
(one block west of County Line Rd., and one block south of 55<sup>th</sup> Street)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Sale \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## A Mellow Heart in a Bitter Time

In her novel, *A Good House*, Bonnie Burnard tells the story of a relatively happy family. But even happy families have unhappy moments where bitterness chills an otherwise warm house.

She describes one such incident: A young couple, solid and trusting in their relationship, are having a rather intimate talk one afternoon when the woman's instincts tell her that her husband is hiding something from her, not necessarily at the level of infidelity, but something that he, for whatever reason, will not share with her.

Instantly a door begins to close inside of her, her warmth, and trust harden, and she feels the need to protect herself, assert some independence from her husband, and let him know that there are aspects of her life that he doesn't necessarily know about either. Their intimacy, so warm and trusting just minutes before, dissolves for a while into a certain coolness and distance. What's happened here?

What's happened is what happens to all of us, spontaneously and daily, in virtually all of our relationships, particularly with those with whom we are most intimate. Such is our emotional metaphysics, the way our hearts try to protect themselves: We tend spontaneously to replicate the energy we feel around us and feed it back in the same way as we feel it.

Quite simply, whenever we feel warmth, mellowness, vulnerability, transparency, generosity, trust, and big-heartedness in a relationship, we tend to respond in kind, with warm, mellow, vulnerable, transparent, generous trusting hearts. But the reverse is also true: When we feel coldness, bitterness, self-protection, jealousy, dishonesty, pettiness, or distrust, we tend to become cool, hard, self-protective, assertive, small-hearted, and distrustful.

It's not easy to do this. More than anything else, our hearts crave the warmth and trust of intimacy, but, precisely because these make us vulnerable, our hearts also tend to close doors rather quickly at the first signs of betrayal, distrust, or dishonesty.

Fear, especially, tends to do this to us. Most of our fears and anxieties arise out of a lack of confidence, from a poor self-image. Then, because we are insecure, we try to assert ourselves, to prove that we are loveable, attractive, talented, and worthwhile. When we are afraid, we can't risk vulnerability, instead we try to do things to show that we aren't weak or needy. But, to do this, we have to harden ourselves precisely against the type of vulnerability that invites others into our lives.

Jealousy, especially of a person we love, but

whose love we can't have, also creates that same hardness in us. That's why we can be caught up in that strange anomaly where we are cold, distant, and perhaps even hostile, to a person whose love we badly want. Our coldness and feigned indifference towards that person is simply the heart's attempt to protect itself, to cope with an intimacy it can't have and the loss of self-esteem that comes with that.

The heart has its reasons, even for turning cold.

Given the truth of this, what makes for a truly big heart is the strength to resist this emotional metaphysics and remain mellow, warm, trusting, and present to others in the face of bitterness, coldness, distrust, jealousy, and withdrawal. More than anything else, this is what defines a great lover.

This is perhaps the greatest moral challenge Jesus left us: We all do pretty well in love when the people we are loving are warm and gracious, but can we be gracious and mellow in the face of bitterness, jealousy, hatred and withdrawal? That's the litmus test of love. It's also one of the deeper invitations towards maturity. Everywhere in our world - in our most intimate relationships, in our families, in our workplaces, in our churches, and in society as a whole - we forever find ourselves in situations where we meet suspicion, jealousy, coldness, distrust, bitterness, and withdrawal. Our world is often a hard, rather than an intimate place.

The challenge is to offer a heart that creates a space for warmth, transparency, mellowness, vulnerability, and trust inside of hard places. The challenge is to offer our hearts as a space within which people can be honest, where nobody has to assert herself, where no games of pretense need be played, and where intimacy isn't held hostage to the momentary fears, jealousies, hurts, and emotional acting out that forever assail us.

And, the more bitter and the more emotionally trying the situation, the more this is needed. When times are bitter, angry, cold, full of disrespect, and fraught with jealousy, when it seems everyone is withdrawing into his or her own world, when most everything seems a lie, and when we are feeling most hurt, taken for granted, slighted, and marginalized, what's called for is not less, but more, attention to the quality of graciousness and warmth within our response. Bitter times call for, precisely, a deeper response of warmth, mellowness, transparency, truth, and compassion.

What's needed most in a bitter time is a mellow heart.

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.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com).

**Mass Intentions for the Week of  
May 1 - through May 7**


Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Paulina Slobodnik, Sven T. Nylen, Robert D’Onofrio, Leona Luczak
Tuesday	8:00am	Maria Guadalupe C. De Almendasez Damas, Linda Felice, Edward B. & Mary Louise King
Wednesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Jozef Slowik, Ellen O’Donnell, Robert D’Onofrio, Michelle Guide, Harold and Helen Janecek
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Eva & Stanley Grabowski, Patricia Fairchild, Celeste Klees
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Rev. Robert Shannon, Nan Rettig, Karen Gorak, Virginia Kallal, Thomas Cecil, Paulina Slobodnik
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

**Altar Servers May 6/7** 

- 5:00pm - M. Baro, C. Lang, S. Vcelka
- 7:00am - P. Rhode, C. Mosquera, K. Kodatt
- 8:00am - J. Babirak, A. Kison, P. Oboikovitz
- 9:30am - S. Boland, A. Sansone, T. Bruce
- 11:00am - C. McCollom, A. Condotti, K. Caplice

**Baptism** 

This Past Week We Welcomed... John Matthew Barrette, Cameron Padraec Cole and Kasey James Cole to Our Parish Family.

**Wedding Banns** 

Nicole Mikowski and Jesse Castillo  
Laura Holdman and Dan Lieber

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a powerful experience for couples who believe that the Sacrament of Matrimony is a sign of love in a world that hungers for stability and commitment. The next date is June 2-4. For more information contact our website [www.wmchicago-gary.org](http://www.wmchicago-gary.org) or call Kris and Jim at 800-442-3554.

**Auxiliary Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, May 06, 2006**

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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>5:00 PM</b>      | LR Pfeiffer, Irv-   | <b>9:30 AM</b>        | LR Pisone, Mary Lou-  |
| S1 Swindall, Vic    | C1 Boyer, Kathy-    | S1 Opila, Margo       | C1 Tosheff, Christine |
| B2 Hockman, Susan-  | C2 Richards, Marge- | B2 Nolan, Jeannine-   | C2 Williams, Alice-   |
| B3 Beales, Dave     | C3 Beales, Madine   | B3 Zupancic, Robert-  | C3 Thuma, Mary-       |
| B4 Swindall, Toni   | C4 Swindall, Vic    | B4 Opila, Andy        | C4 Opila, Margo       |
| B5 Chlopecka, Rick- | C5 Pavlik, Loretta- | B5 Heyes, Stuart      | C5 Heyes, Marlene     |
| B6 Bamberger, MaryA | C6 Bozac, Betty     | B6 Warren, Catherine- | C6 Dillane, Jennifer- |

**Sunday, May 07, 2006**

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|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>7:00 AM</b>        | LR Loch, Len- | <b>11:00 AM</b>       | LR McLoughlin, Sheila |
| S1 Karch, John        |               | S1 Koch, Barbara-     | C1 Herzog, Terri-     |
| B2 Karch, John        |               | B2 Samuelson, Debra-  | C2 Forsyth Sullivan,  |
| B3 Karch, Terri       |               | B3 Dunkovich, Alice-  | C3 Ficara, Jennie-    |
| B4 Maltby, Terry-     |               | B4 Drago, Irene-      | C4 Koch, Barbara-     |
| B5 Thornton, William  |               | B5 Gorske, Elizabeth- | C5 Mewwissen, Jean    |
| B6 Thornton, Madeline |               | B6 Brannigan, Rita-   | C6 Augustyn, Ron-     |



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| <b>8:00 AM</b>     | LR Okkema, Peter     |
| S1 Stamm, Richard  | C1 Okkema, Ann       |
| B2 Dalsin, Pat-    | C2 Welch, Jerry-     |
| B3 Curotto, Louis  | C3 Saban, Jackie-    |
| B4 Stamm, Barbara  | C4 Stamm, Richard    |
| B5 Bliss, Georgia- | C5 Severino, Shirley |
| B6 Kwok, Tecla-    | C6 Zarembo, Elizabe  |

**“To be sure, Roe has its defenders in terms of the Court’s result; many law professors and activists like legal abortion on demand – unfettered private ‘choice’. But I cannot recall ever seeing a serious scholarly defense of Roe’s legal reasoning, on its own terms, by a distinguished legal academic (or even by an undistinguished one).”**

Michael Stokes Paulsen “The Worst Constitutional Decision of All Time” Notre Dame Law Review 78 (2003); 995-1043, at 1008