

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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352-2383

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352-4834

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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

Dealing with Hurt and Disappointment

All of us know the humiliation of being rejected, over-looked, ignored, left for another. As well, we know what it feels like to be unable to actualize our persons, our talents, and our dreams in the way that we would like. And there are times too when we compromise ourselves, betray what's best in us, sin.

Our lives forever fall short of our dignity, our dreams, and our ideals, just as our capacity for self-expression forever falls short of our inner riches. Inside each of us, there's always a frustrated artist, musician, poet, writer, athlete, politician, lover, and saint. It's never a question of "Are we hurt".

And so we carry a lot of disappointment, frustration, and sadness inside. What we feel in that, really, is wounded pride, but that's no small, or ungodly, thing. In making us, God gave us a great dignity and we sense that dignity. Our hearts, minds, and dreams are huge, wonderful, and incurably restless. In them, we intuit the divine, it's hugeness and it's mystery. So we don't easily absorb limits, humiliations, indignities, rejections, and disappointments. And we don't easily absorb sin either. We hurt and that does something to us.

When we turn away in coldness from someone or something we once loved, perhaps even from God and religion, we usually do so out of hurt, wounded pride, out of the need to protect ourselves and keep our dignity intact.

While that's understandable, it isn't life giving. What is?

What can we do with wounded pride? With disappointment? With jealousy? With the sense of having been wronged? What can we do with all those feeling that invite us to become cold, bitter, angry, and cynical? What can we do when we've sinned and betrayed our own dignity and dreams?

The natural temptation is to deny, to lie, to pretend that none of this is happening inside us. And so when we're asked how we are, we generally say we're fine, even when our hearts are bleeding, our jealousy is raging, our faces are tense, our eyes are sad, our dignity is compromised, our fists are clenched.

Whenever we deny that we're wounded, we prepare the perfect breeding ground for bitterness, anger, cynicism, coldness, and rage. When we don't recognize and accept our wounds and frustrations, we easily grow cold, grow hard, and toughen our skins, minds, and hearts. We turn away in bitterness from what's soft and life giving to what's hard so as to put a protective shell over our wounded pride. It seems the only way to preserve ourselves.

But there's another option - grieving, mourning, tears. We can mourn our losses and cry the kind of tears that rip open our feelings of security and safety and bring us face to face with the painful truth that we are broken, not whole, disappointed, and unable to actualize our dreams. When we grieve, we soften, rather than harden, our hearts in the face of loss and humiliation.

Some months ago, I went to a wake service for a friend. For his vigil service, his family had prepared a wonderful collage of photographs of him in various mostly happy, poses. One photo, in particular, triggered a strong reaction in me. It was a picture of the deceased man holding his grandchild and beaming with a pride, joy, and happiness that can only come from holding your own grandchild. I was unexpectedly stung to the quick, knowing that as a celibate I would never know that particular deep, holy, unadulterated joy, that there would never be a photo of me looking like that, that my face would never radiate that particular kind of happiness and pride, and that one of the deepest, holiest experiences given in this life would never be mine.

I was suddenly very sad and as I walked out of church, mostly ignoring friends around me, everything inside of me was drawn towards coldness, bitterness, anger at my loss, jealousy of others, and frustration at my choices in life. I also felt fiercely restless. I treid eating, phoning friends, taking a walk, but nothing helped until I finally sat down to pray. Tears began to flow and I began a free-fall, literally, into my own chaos, brokenness, inadequacies, restlessness, and pathologies. It's not pleasant, but scary to enter into your own brokenness, into all those places that you've denied exist inside of you.

I felt scared, but strangely at peace, and the feelings I had then, while still painful, were no longer cold or hard because when we cry we learn that salvation lies not in our capacity to be strong enough never to be broken, but in the opposite, namely, in a surrender in helplessness to a God who can fill in all those places where we are helpless, lost, jealous, restless, and broken.

"The person who doesn't have a softening of the heart will eventually have a softening of the head." Chesterton said that. He's right..

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.

(1) Attention! Religious Education Families

Please register NOW for 2006-07 classes!! Registration forms were mailed to ALL of our current Religious Education Families. These completed forms and your deposit may be returned in person or via mail. New families or families with new students are asked to call or stop by the R.E. office or access the parish website at www.stcletusparish.com.

(2) Have You Been Considering Becoming a Catholic?

If so, then you need to join our R.C.I.A. program. I am waiting for your phone call, (708) 352-2383 to inquire about this program. The program meets on Wednesday evenings beginning September 27.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Rosary Prayer Group at St. Cletus

Please join us on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30pm in Room 200 in the Education Building to pray one rosary. Enter on the southeast side (flagpole entrance) of the Education Building. The meeting will last about 45 minutes and your rewards will be eternal.

Any questions? Contact me at (708) 482-7768. Please bring your rosary. The group will meet every Wednesday evening to pray the rosary.

Patti Boland

Please help...

As part of my Eagle Scout project, I am collecting school supplies to be used by the after school program conducted by Pillars in our community and the public school system of New Orleans. The city of New Orleans hopes to have as many schools as needed open by September and they are in desperate need of basic supplies. The items needed most are: pens & pencils, crayons & markers, notebooks & paper, and backpacks. Anything you wish to donate will be helpful. I will have boxes in the back of church to collect the items May 27/28 and June 3/4. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Matt O'Brien
(630) 887-1907

Golf Outing Ticket Sale TODAY!

Tickets may be purchased after all Masses this weekend for the Fifth Annual St. Cletus Golf 18 Hole Men's & Women's Scramble Outing on June 23, at Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont. Cost of the outing is \$125 for 18 holes of golf and buffet dinner with open-bar. All proceeds benefit the St. Cletus Athletic Association to help offset the cost of running the Athletic programs at St. Cletus.

Attention! Lector and Auxiliary Ministers!

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

Carol Pogar
Liturgist

Reminder: St. Cletus School Annual Plant Sale

St. Cletus School has once again teamed up with Vern Goer's Greenhouse to offer the best annuals, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, and other gardening supplies. Simply ask for a St. Cletus coupon 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 only be accepted Monday through Friday, 8:00am-8:00pm. Questions? Call Cathy Madden at (708) 352-1104. See you at the greenhouse!

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.



Cardinal Corner

News from the St. Cletus School Board

Four St. Cletus Students Selected for All-Illinois History Expo

Over 6,000 suburban Chicago students participated in local suburban Chicago History Fairs this spring. From these local fairs, 100 students competed at the Regional Suburban Chicago History Fair. Only 33 of those students were selected to appear at the All-Illinois History Expo in Springfield in early May, including four St. Cletus 7th graders. Congratulations to Jill Babirak, Kelsey Kelliher, Moira King and Cassie Levitske. At the All American-History Expo, each of these St. Cletus students earned a ribbon for participation. Congratulations to the students, and to their teacher, Mrs. Pat Dalsin.

2006 Make a Difference Day a Success

Thanks to all the St. Cletus School families who made a difference for senior parishioners as part of our annual Make a Difference Day, April 29/30. Your dedication to helping out those who need a hand with spring yard work shows our parishioners how much we appreciate their support.

Because of feedback from our senior parishioners, we will hold our next Make a Difference Day in the fall of 2006.

Blessings to First Communicants and Confirmandi

Please keep our newly confirmed and first communicants in your prayers. Confirmation of high school sophomores was held on Sunday, May 7, while our second graders received First Communion on Saturday, May 13.

Parish Cookbook under development

The St. Cletus Family School Association is publishing a cookbook filled to the brim with the best recipes from the best cooks in our parish. All the profits from the sale of the cookbooks will go to St. Cletus School to benefit all our school children. We need your favorite recipes! Please submit your recipe to the school office no later than Thursday, May 25, 2006. You can also e-mail your recipe to cookbook@stcletusparish.com.

The Fifth Annual St. Cletus Golf Outing 18 Hole Men's & Women's Scramble


The St. Cletus Athletic Association is proud to sponsor their Fifth Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 23 at Gleneagles Country Club, Lemont. The cost of the outing is \$125 for 18 holes of golf and buffet dinner with open-bar. All St. Cletus parishioners, their friends and families are invited to attend. All proceeds benefit the St. Cletus Athletic Association to help offset the cost of running the Athletic programs at St. Cletus.

For further information or to reserve a spot, please contact Dave or Jeanne Kelly, (708) 354-4625 or Angela Franklin, (708) 785-9009. For online reservations, please use the following link to register - www.stcletusschool.com.

June 7 White Sox Tickets Still Available

Tickets are still available for the Athletic Association outing to the White Sox game on Wednesday, June 7. Tickets cost \$65 and include bus transportation to and from the game and a pre-game party at the park. Contact Marie Usher (708-354-4329) for more details and to reserve your tickets now.

May 14

Budgeted revenue:		\$30,000
Collection Received:		29,792
Shortfall last week:	-	208
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	-	8,572
# of envelopes mailed:		3,187
# of envelopes returned:		1,021

Thank you for your continued support.
Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.

Stewardship

We don't give because we have a lot and can afford it; we give because of a desire to share what we have with others.

Please note: Many parishioners have elected to have their weekly Sunday offering contribution debited out of their checking account once or twice a month. If you would like more information, contact Bobbie at the rectory office, (708) 352-6209.

News from the Web

Register from home! Religious Education registration forms are available on the parish website to print from your desktop. Check out their tabs at the top of our parish website at www.stcletusparish.com.

Instructions are on the forms.

Chris Wagner

chris.wagner@stcletusparish.com

St. John of the Cross Annual Garage Sale

St. John of the Cross Parish (51st & Wolf Road, Western Springs) is holding it's 33rd annual Garage Sale. Over the years, this sale has been a great success because there are thousands of items at very low prices. Everyone is invited to come find a favorite bargain from among rooms full of furniture, clothing, housewares, toys, treasures, books, lamps, lighting fixtures, bikes, hardware, garden supplies and more!

The garage sale will be held Saturday, June 24, 9:00am-2:00pm. There will be a ½ price bag sale on Monday, June 26, from 10:00am-1:00pm.

Love One Another as I Love You

Loving as Jesus calls us to in today's gospel can be difficult in modern, busy lives. Yet, you can fall in love all over again on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend dates are June 2-4, August 4-6.

For reservations, please consult our website at www.wmchicago-gary.org or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442-3554.

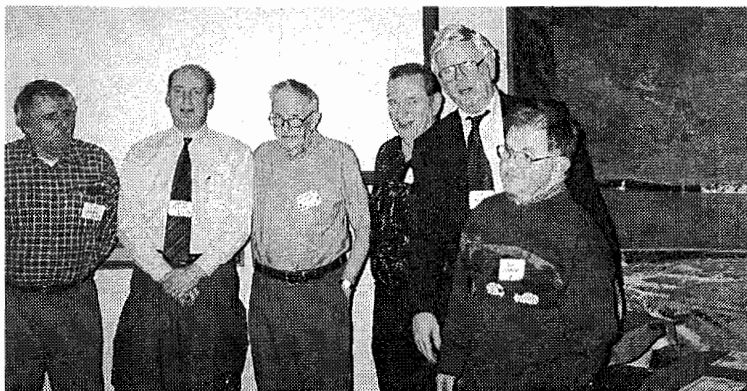
Prayer

Prayer is so simple, It is like quietly opening the door and slipping into the very presence of God: there is the stillness to listen to His voice; perhaps to petition or only to listen. It matters not; just to be there in His presence is prayer.

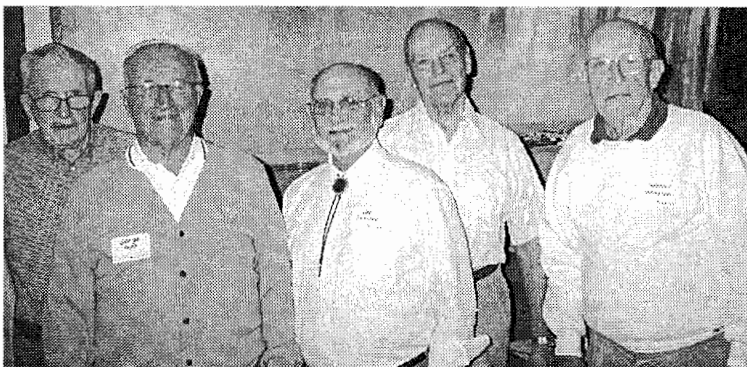
Holy Name Society

At the Past President's Dinner on May 5, 2006, Fr. Gallagher was the guest of honor. There were 14 Past President's present among the 44 members at the dinner.

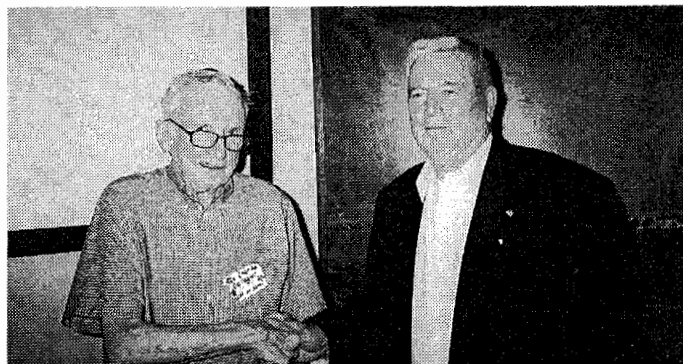
Below are some memories of that night.



Fr. Gallagher is flanked by recent Holy Name Presidents: Dick Maday, Charles Schiller, Bill Gozdecki, Jim Matthews, and Dan Gibbons.




Fr. Gallagher poses with some Holy Name Society past presidents. From the left are Fr. Gallagher, George Popp, Joe Delaloye, Elwyn Seifert, and Walter Johnston.




Chairman of the Holy Name Past President's Dinner was Fran Callaghan, (right). Fran has worked with HNS presidents for 55 years, since 1951. Fr. Gallagher who was the guest of honor, congratulates Fran.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
May 22 through May 28**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Bob Cowdrill, Camille Beranek
Tuesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, John Maly, Patricia Kapa, Ed Stanwood, Louise Sommerman
Wednesday	8:00am	Fran Cirrincione, Bob Battle, Amelia S. Baricevich, Joseph Shaker, Virginia Kallal
Thursday	8:00am	Louis J. Kadlec, Velma Gartland, Raymond & Alice Stoinski, Gladys Wonsowicz,
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Samuel Miramontes, Thomas Cecil, Ida Hefler, Janet Flanagan
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7,8,9:30,11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers 
May 27/28

5:00pm - Q. Collins, J. Cripe, M. Gray
7:00am - N. Galivan, J. Doyle, A. Smith
8:00am - D. Delaurentis, N. Dentamaro
9:30am - D. Anfield, J. Zak, A. Fisher
11:00am - E. Pavlik, K. Pach, J. Kubiszyn

Wedding Banns 

Nancy Overholt and David Nobile

50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

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 who are interested in attending this celebration should contact the rectory office, (708-352-6209), by June 7 to register. For further information, call the Family Ministries Office, (312-751-8351) or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 27, 2006		9:30 AM	LR DolPorto, Christi
5:00 PM	LR Staelgraeve, Mark	SM McCaffray, Paul-	C1 DolPorto, Karen
SM Wouk, Dolores-	C1 Ryva, James-	B2 Dunkovich, Alice-	C2 Nolan, Jeannine-
B2 Burke, Jack	C2 Burke, Ruth	B3 Thuma, Mary-	C3 Forsyth Sullivan,
B3 Bamberger, MaryA	C3 Guide, Alfreda-	B4 Kwak, Tecla-	C4 McCaffray, Paul-
B4 Zaremba, Elizabeth	C4 Wouk, Dolores-	B5 Warren, Catherine-	C5 Mulderink, Ken-
B5 Ghera, Alicja-	C5 Kensek, Maggie-	B6 Stumreiter, Earl	C6 Burke, Kevin-
B6 Boyer, Kathy-	C6 Lach, Len-	11:00 AM	LR Haggerty, Frank-
Sunday, May 28, 2006		SM Koch, Barbara	C1 Kigin, Billie-
7:00 AM	LR McDonnell, Michae	B2 Condon, Mary Kay-	C2 Garske, Elizabeth
SM Karch, John		B3 Drago, Irene-	C3 Brannigan, Rita-
B2 Karch, John		B4 Maday, Josephine-	C4 Koch, Barbara
B3 Karch, Terri		B5 Schump, Cathy-	C5 Rogan, Janina-
B4 McCartney, Sandra-		B6 Gebka, Mary Lu-	C6 Meuwissen, Jean
B5 Beales, Dave			
B6 Beales, Nadine			
8:00 AM	LR Hagen, Jim		
SM Micek, Judy	C1 Hagen, Colleen		
B2 Skupien, Kathy	C2 Pogar, Carol		
B3 Kalata, Marcie-	C3 Curnutt, Rose-		
B4 Micek, Dan	C4 Micek, Judy		
B5 Stamm, Richard	C5 Stamm, Barbara		
B6 Kuchta, Ann-	C6 Samuelson, Debr		



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