

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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LaGrange, Illinois 60525
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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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352-4547

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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

Fr. Marshall's Musings Ascension Sunday

Doesn't it still feel awkward to call this Ascension Sunday instead of Ascension Thursday? Until a few years ago, this was always considered a Holy Day of Obligation, but because of its importance in the life of the Church it was transferred to Sunday and I think that's a justifiable reason for that transference.

The Ascension basically speaks about Jesus being taken up to Heaven and His mission on Earth has been accomplished. His teachings have been received by some, rejected by others. He went through the Passion and death of Good Friday only to rise gloriously, overcoming death, on Easter Sunday. Since Easter, the Church has been celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus and it should give us pause to hope that no matter when we are faced with death or illness or discouragement or despair that we will find new life because that is what Jesus promises us.

The Ascension though is really about us, the Church. By Jesus going to Heaven he is no longer guiding the Church in the same way that he did when His physical presence was on Earth. In a sense he entrusts the Church over to those who are baptized so that the good news may continue to be proclaimed and that the Eucharist will continue to be celebrated.

In the past we probably looked too much to the ordained or the religious for the governance of the Church. Today, with decreasing numbers of Priests and Nuns, I think that the governance of the Church falls more into the hands of the baptized.

At our recent Parish meeting, one sign of hope for me was that people were interested in forming a Parish Council here so that they could assist the new Pastor in the governance of the Church. I will make sure that Fr. Clark is aware of this and I'm sure that he will act upon it shortly after his arrival here. But other groups are also needed. I know I've been most grateful with the finance council in the last four months taking a look at the finances of the Parish. These are dedicated lay women and men who are professionals in business and finance who give good advice and guidance in overseeing a \$4 million operation like St. Cletus. There are also other councils that help in the governance of the Church. The School Board is one and the Religious Ed Board is another. These too are dedicated lay people who give guidance to those programs and are valuable resources to the people who direct both the school and the religious education program.

My question to you would be, what can you do to help in the governance of the Church and make sure that the Church is taken care of as Jesus would want it to be? All of us have a responsibility to do our part and it is our responsibility by being baptized to participate in this way.

I am confident that in the 14 years that I've been coming here, there are many, many people who would be willing to direct new ministries in the Parish. My hope is that after Fr. Clark gets his feet wet, you will approach him with ideas, suggestions and then with the creativity needed in order that more programs can be developed and the evangelization of our community may grow even further.

We look forward next Sunday to celebrating the Feast of Pentecost which is the conclusion of the Easter Season and the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. More about that next week.

Fr. Patrick Marshall

Welcome Sunday - Next Weekend

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, June 3/4, 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.

(1) Confirmation Program Registration

Attention St. Cletus Parish teens and parents! It's now time to register for the two-year high school Confirmation Program. This week, letters will be sent to all 8th graders currently enrolled in our School or Religious Education Programs, explaining the process and inviting them to register. If you do not receive a registration packet in the next week and wish to do so, or if you have any questions about our program, please contact Mary Beth Ford at the Youth Ministry Office, (708) 352-4641 or go online at mary.bethford@stcletusparish.com. Thanks!

(2) Looking for a Few Good Men & Women

Do you have enthusiasm for working with teens, concern for the growth and development of youth, a desire to grow in faith and share it with others? We are looking for some warm, honest and sincere parishioners who are flexible and are willing to give their time and talent to minister to teens in the position of Adult Small Group Leader (Advisor) in our High School Confirmation Preparation Program. These Advisors share their home and their faith as they meet six times a year in groups of 10-14 teens, to discuss, support and nurture their spiritual development.

Lesson planning/formation sessions are held monthly to give Advisors the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. Please take a few minutes to consider becoming an Advisor. This position is a two-year commitment, which has been filled by individuals, couples or can be shared with a friend. Please contact the Youth Director, Mary Beth Ford, (708) 352-4641, with any questions. I will be happy to meet with you and/or put you into contact with past/president advisors. Thanks!

(3) Food Pantry

A big THANK YOU! to the parishioners of St. Cletus, who always come through to help us replenish the shelves in our Food Pantry. There are many people in our community who continue to struggle to make ends meet...and our monthly Food Pantry helps to ease some of their worries. Several reminders:

- During the summer months our food donations fall off somewhat because of people on vacation, etc. However, our need remains constant. Please add some nonperishable for the Food Pantry to your summer shopping lists!
- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated, but this month our most needed items include jelly, soups, meals in a can, tuna, pasta and pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, juice and cereal.
- These items should be dropped off in the Minister's Room in church when you come to Mass, especially on the first weekend of the month.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 352-4641 or online at marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com. Thanks again!

Other Food Pantry news: Our Pantry received a \$1,526 check from the proceeds of last Fall's annual La Grange/Western Springs CROP Walk. Many thanks to the Year I Candidates who participated in the walk, and to all other parishioners who took part as walkers or sponsors of those who walked. The funds were used to give an Easter gift food certificate for perishables to each family who benefitted from our April food distribution.

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director/Social Concerns

Leisure Loafers

Please join us for an ice cream social on Thursday, June 1, 1:00pm, in Morrissey Hall. This will be our last meeting until the fall. We look forward to seeing you!

Alice Katzmarek

Holy Name Society

Our last meeting before summer arrives is Friday, June 2, 8:00pm, Room 201 of the Education Building. We will discuss plans for the upcoming year. Please join us and bring a friend. See you then!

Dan Gibbons

Parish Cookbook Reminder

We need your favorite recipes! So, please remember to drop your recipes in the boxes in the church vestibule. One box is available for recipe forms and one for completed forms. Thanks!

St. Cletus School Board

Thank You...

The St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities wishes to thank all who brought items to the Baby Shower baskets in the foyer on Mother's Day weekend. Also, thanks to those who made donations designated to purchase items for this, our 15th Annual Baby Shower and Carnation Sale. It was one of our most successful Mother's Day activities.

Wayne & Marianne Hamilton

Please Help...

Reminder: 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 this weekend, May 27/28 and June 3/4. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Matt O'Brien
(630) 887-1907

Church Women United

One of our parishioners, Mary Beth Ford, was recognized along with other young women from the La Grange-Western Springs area for their dedicated efforts at their parishes.

About two hundred people were in attendance at the luncheon held at St. John of the Cross Parish on May 5 in celebration of Church Women United's 85th anniversary in our area.

Thank you Mary Beth!

Mary White


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.

Stewardship

"They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability" (2 Cor 8:3).

May 21

Budgeted revenue:		\$28,000
Collection Received:		23,035
Shortfall last week:	-	4,965
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	-	13,538
# of envelopes mailed:		3,187
# of envelopes returned:		866

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

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.

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.

Needed: A New Maturity to Match Our Freedom

We are the freest people to ever walk this planet, at least in terms of opportunity. Our freedom is so great that, at times, it's almost a burden, an over-choice. We often find it difficult to commit ourselves to marriage, to a vocation, to a career, and to a friendship precisely because we are so free and have so many choices.

Freedom is a great gift. But it's easily misused and easily becomes a destructive thing. We've all hurt others and ourselves through the misuse of our freedom.

But something doesn't become bad just because it's misused. Food remains a good thing, even when we overeat. It's the same with freedom. It remains always the greatest gift that God has given us, even though we don't always use it maturely. Jesus came to bring us freedom.

But it's easy to lose that perspective and, today, it's not uncommon to hear sincere, good-hearted, religious people speak out against freedom, as if it were an enemy, something that should be restricted in the name of God, church, and morality.

While that's sincere, it's also misguided. What's needed today is not less freedom but more maturity. We don't need to roll back freedom in the name of God and morality; we need raise the level of our maturity to match the level of our freedom. Simply put, we are often too immature to carry properly the great gift of freedom that God has given us. The answer to that is not to denigrate freedom in the name of God and morality, but to invite a deeper maturity so as to more properly honour the great gift that we have been given.

Our model here is Jesus, himself. Nobody has walked this earth as freely as he did. But he also had the maturity to carry such great freedom without ever misusing it. If we can believe the gospels, Jesus wasn't afraid of anything - Satan, temptation, tax-collectors, prostitutes, street people, rich people, poor people, church people, non-church people, moral people, and immoral people. He went into the singles' bars of his time, but he didn't sin.

And in that lies the challenge: To walk in freedom, but not compromise ourselves in doing so. Not an easy thing to do. There is always a double danger: On the one hand, we can be too timid and too frightened to use our freedom to take God's presence and grace into places that are morally threatening, like Jesus did. That's often where we, as church people, sell ourselves and our freedom short. We are so afraid of seemingly godless places that we simply stay away

from them, fearing for our own safety. That's sometimes a very prudent thing to do; it isn't always an imitation of Jesus. He wasn't afraid to go into godless places.

As well, there's the opposite danger, namely, that we go into morally dangerous places and lose ourselves there. Like Jesus, we eat and drink with sinners, but, unlike him, we sin because we don't have the maturity and moral strength to be in dangerous situations without falling.

But, dangers notwithstanding, the great challenge is to become mature enough to walk in the freedom of Jesus without compromising. Whenever we are able to do that, we become missionaries in the true sense, namely, we take God's love and light into places that are devoid of them. But that's not easy to do. We need models to help us.

Someone who can help mentor us on this, I believe, is Henri Nouwen. One of his great gifts was his honesty about his own moral and emotional struggles and the capacity to share that in a way that helps us in our own struggles.

Nouwen was scarily honest in admitting that he struggled. He shared that, even if you are sincere, prayerful, morally honest, and trying your best, it doesn't mean that you won't at the same time, also be weak, complex, tempted, torn, discouraged, forever at war with certain parts of yourself, sinful, and subject to obsessions, addictions, and pathologies. Our desires are deep, complex, unyielding, wild horses, bent on their own path - and all of this co-exists with what's healthy, good, and best in us. So it's not easy to be whole, mature, and to walk into morally dangerous places and not sin.


Nouwen was so honest and humble about this that there were seasons in his life when he wouldn't travel by himself, but always took along a companion, because he recognized that there are a lot more moral dangers traveling alone than there are when we have family, companions, and community along with us.

We aren't all as mature and as strong as Jesus. Like Nouwen, we need to be honest and humble about our weaknesses, sometimes we simply don't have the maturity to walk into dark places alone. We're wise to take someone with us so that, in the strength given by family and our community, our maturity can measure up to our freedom.


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.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
May 29 - through June 4**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Sandy Fisher, John Fisher, Edgar Bedwell, Christine Cihak, Frances Moore
Tuesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Peter Sakowicz, George & June Foy, Ed Condon, Beatrice Sullivan, Beverly Kasperski
Wednesday	8:00am	Joseph Megla, Walter Dunkovich, B.J. Archer, Maisie Lammert
Thursday	8:00am	Howard Madsen, Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Alex Konsarvich, Celeste Klees
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Nan Rettig, Robert McLaughlin, Karen Gorak, Linda Felice, Celeste Klees, Patricia Fairchild
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11 am, 12:15pm	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers 
June 3/4

- 5:00pm - J. Babirak, A. Kison, P. Oboikovitz
- 7:00am - S. Boland, M. King, E. Mrazek
- 8:00am - C. McCollom, A. Condotti, K. Caplice
- 9:30am - C. Madden, K. Kelliher, H. Heim
- 11:00am - K. Baro, M. Micek, S. Lenz
- 12:15pm - 8th Grade Graduation

Wedding Banns 

Katie Moran and Peter Rufa

Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed... Isabelle Bailey Gregie, Gabriela Marie Kapusta and William Srejma to Our Parish Family.

Angels Have Wheels

All medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair by Medicare.

For information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, June 03, 2006

- 5:00 PM**
- LR Augustine, Ellie-
 - SM Wouk, Dolores- C1 Schump, Cathy
 - B2 Delaloye, Rose C2 Delaloye, Joe
 - B3 Beales, Dave C3 Beales, Nadine
 - B4 Bozac, Betty C4 Wouk, Dolores-
 - B5 Hockman, Susan- C5 Richards, Marge-
 - B6 Burke, Ruth- C6 Fard, Mary Beth-

Sunday, June 04, 2006

- 7:00 AM**
- LR McDonnell, Michael
 - SM Zmuda, Louise
 - B2 Zmuda, Louise
 - B3 Zmuda, Ron
 - B4 Parlier, Jon-
 - B5 Smith, David-
 - B6 Nicosia, Christine-



- 8:00 AM**
- LR Spizzirri, Susan-
 - SM Stamm, Barbara C1 Kigin, Billie
 - B2 Biesadecki, Bob C2 Biesadecki, Carol
 - B3 Karch, Terri C3 Karch, John
 - B4 Stamm, Richard C4 Stamm, Barbara
 - B5 Benkert, Kim C5 Benkert, John
 - B6 Micek, Dan C6 Micek, Judy

9:30 AM

- LR DalPorto, Christine
- SM Dunkovich, Alice- C1 DalPorto, Karen
- B2 Hoskins, William C2 Hoskins, Celine
- B3 Wehrmeister, Rhea- C3 Williams, Alice-
- B4 Bartucci, Carol- C4 Dunkovich, Alice-
- B5 Nillas, Carolyn- C5 Stumreiter, Earl-
- B6 Gleich, Sharon- C6 Reichl, Mickie-

11:00 AM

- LR Pawlowicz, Rita-
- SM Samuelson, Debra- C1 Pavlik, Loretta-
- B2 Augustyn, Ran- C2 Nash, Sheila-
- B3 Heyes, Stuart C3 Heyes, Marlene
- B4 Fisher, Harry- C4 Samuelson, Debra
- B5 Ficaro, Jennie- C5 McCaffray, Paul-
- B6 Mady, Josephine- C6 Meuwissen, Jean

**The Sisters of St. Joseph Announce
Spring Raffle Winners!**

The Sisters of St. Joseph thank everyone who bought tickets for their Spring Raffle. The winners were: \$5,000-Nancy Leonard, La Grange; \$2,500 - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Zidek, Indian Head Park; \$1,000 - Mary P. Dugan, Warrenville; and \$500 - Nancy Walsh, Wood Dale. Congratulations! Proceeds from the raffle help support the Sisters' ministries, e.g., the School on Wheels mobile and literacy program, the Well Spirituality Center and the Office of Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation.