

# ST. CLETUS CHURCH

## Rectory

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

**Rev. Robert Clark**  
*Pastor*

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

**Rev. Charles Gallagher**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

**Rev. Patrick Marshall**  
*Weekend Associate*

**Maria Arias**

*Director of Hispanic Ministry*

**Mary Beth Ford**

*Youth Director/Social Concerns*

**Jolene Hillgoth**

*School Principal*

**Patricia Kahl**

*Director of Religious Education*

**Bobbie Kallal**

*Business Manager*

**Carol Pogar**

*Liturgy Coordinator*

**Justin Sisul**

*Music Director*

**Christopher Wagner**

*Director of Grounds/*

*Technical Support*

**Dolores Wouk**

*Minister of Care Coordinator*

**PASTORAL OFFICES:**  
700 West 55th Street  
LaGrange, Illinois 60525  
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

**GROUNDS/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

## *Father Bob's Mutterings*

*I would like to thank everyone for the warm spirit of welcome that I felt from you here at St. Cletus Parish during this past week. I was truly made to feel at home and look forward to meeting each of you over the next several months. The reputation of St. Cletus Parish as being a strong Catholic Faith Community which is always welcoming became very real for me this past week. God has greatly blest me by sending me here and I thank Him for the honor of being named your new pastor.*

*I would like to publicly thank Fr. Pat Marshall (Parish Administrator for the past 4 months), Fr. Pat O'Neill, and Fr. Charles Gallagher for their dedicated service and unfailing love for this parish as demonstrated by their faithful ministry and presence within the parish. May God continue to bless them in their ministry and continue to bless this parish with their presence among us.*

*I am very pleased to announce that I have received some exciting news from Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.. He has informed me that as of August 14, 2006 St. Cletus will have another full time Associate Pastor, Fr. Charles Watkins. Father Charles is currently the Associate Pastor of Our Lady of the Ridge Parish in Chicago Ridge. I will be writing more about Fr. Watkins in the coming weeks. We, I know, welcome this news and thank God for the additional grace that He has chosen to bestow upon our parish with this recent appointment. We will now have three full time priests assigned to our parish to better minister to all the spiritual needs of our parish community. God is Good.*

*A big thank you to our Holy Name Society and all those involved in our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Liturgy last Tuesday. I would like to especially thank Tom McAtee and Fran Callaghan who were the Holy Name Society Committee Chairs along with all the members of our Holy Name Society for the success of our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration this year. Thank you, also, to Ed Ward and the wonderful group of volunteer musicians for their dedication, service, talent and commitment to this annual event.*

*I would like to thank all those who assisted with coordination and planning, especially, Justin Sisul our Music Director; Carol Pogar our Liturgy Coordinator; Chris Wagner our Director of Grounds and Maintenance; and all others who were involved in making this such a success. A special thank you goes out to Fr. Gallagher, our pastor emeritus, who presided at this wonderful celebration. Fr. Gallagher along with Ed Ward began this tradition here at St. Cletus Parish 30 years ago and with the support of the parishioners this celebration has grown over the past 30 years. I, as your new pastor, commit my support of this wonderful tribute to our freedom and to the dedicated contribution of all the men and women of our armed forces. Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Liturgy will continue to be celebrated during my term as your pastor.*

*Love,  
Father Bob*

## Summer Mission Appeal - Next Weekend

Next weekend, we welcome Sr. Michele Marth, MSC, to our parish. Who are the MSC? The MSC are Latin initials for Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. They are women who believe that nothing is more important than the saving power of God's love. Responding to the needs of the present day, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart continue Christ's mission by pastoral and parish ministries, care of the elderly, health services, education at all levels, various social works, and retreat work.

Sr. Michele will make an appeal on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, a religious congregation of more than 1,000 members, many of whom serve in mission lands throughout the world. The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are women who "have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us" (1 John 4:16). They burn with a passion to share that love with others. Please welcome her and make a generous sacrifice for the spread of the Gospel in mission lands. Envelopes are available in the pews.

## Religious Education

(1) Religious Education registration for 2006-07 is in motion! Registration materials were mailed to all current families. New families may call the R.E. Office at (708) 352-2383 or obtain forms and information online at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the Religious Education tab. If you have any questions, please call our office Monday thru Thursday between 9:00 and 3:00pm.

(2) If you are considering becoming Catholic, the R.C.I.A. Program is for YOU! The R.C.I.A. classes begin on Wednesday, September 27. Meet other adults seeking information about the Catholic Church. Explore the answers to questions you might have about the Church. Please call me at the Religious Education Office (708-352-2383) to enroll in our program.


Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

## 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 been blessed with.

July 2

Budgeted revenue:		\$28,000
Collection Received:		26,868
Shortfall last week:		- 1,132
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:		- 1,132
# of envelopes mailed:		3,187
# of envelopes returned:		876

**Thank you for your continued support. Please 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.**

## No Vacation for the Church

**Gentle reminder: The Church does not take a holiday. Please do not forget to continue with your weekly envelopes to the church. Stewardship is not something that takes a vacation, it is a continuous, on-going process.**

## 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.

## Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, 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.

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office at (708) 352-6209. Please advise us when a person no longer needs to be on the prayer list.

### **Theology-on-Tap - July 9 ~ August 6**

...a speaker & discussion series for women and men in their 20s & 30s, married & single.

This summer, 40 parishes throughout the city and suburbs are opening their doors to young adults in search of meaning. For the twenty-sixth consecutive season, exciting speakers will present challenging information and lead thoughtful discussions about key young adult issues.

Theology-on-Tap is sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and runs four consecutive weeks, starting July 9. The series will end Sunday, August 6, when Cardinal George will celebrate Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, followed by a picnic at his residence. For complete details, contact the Young Adult Ministry Office: phone: 312/466-9473 - fax: 312/466-9474 or our website is : [www.yamchicago.org](http://www.yamchicago.org).

### **"My Grace is Sufficient for You..."**

Come and see what graces are available to your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend dates are August 4-6. For information or reservations, consult our website at [www.wmmechicago-gary.org](http://www.wmmechicago-gary.org). or call Jim and Kris at 1-800-442-3554.

### **Foster Care Information Meetings**

Catholic Charities is searching for loving foster homes! If you would consider opening your home and your heart to someone in need of a home, you might plan on attending one of the following foster parenting classes. Everyone is welcome, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or economic circumstances. Information on how to become a Catholic Charities foster parent will be presented at the following meeting: August 1, 2006 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at Catholic Charities, 651 W. Lake Street, Chicago. For more information, please call: (312) 655-7200.

### **Intercountry Adoption Information Meeting**

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Intercountry Adoption Program is hosting an informational session for families interested in learning more about international adoption.

Thursday, August 3, 2006

Catholic Charities West Suburban Office

1400 S. Austin

Cicero, IL 60650

6:30 - 8:30pm

Representatives of Children's Home Society and Family Services, an International Placement Agency located in Minnesota, will be present to speak about their adoption programs in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. Advance reservations would be appreciated. Please call, (312) 655-7070.

### **Our Lady of Fatima Church**

The 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Novena in Honor of Saint Anne will be held on July 18-26 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 38<sup>th</sup> Place & California, Chicago. For more information, please contact Our Lady of Fatima Church at (773) 927-2421.

### **Mother McAuley Golf Outing at Stony Creek**

The St. Xavier Academy/Mother McAuley Alumnae Association will host its annual golf outing: Putt & Party on Friday, July 21, Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn. All net proceeds will go towards financial assistance for students.

For more information, contact the Alumnae Office at 773-881-6565 or go online at [www.mothermcauley.org](http://www.mothermcauley.org).

### **Joyful Again!**

Joyful Again! Is a two-day program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the grief they feel inside and begin to live again after the death of their spouse.

We invite those of you who are widowed and wondering:

If it ever gets better? - Yes, it does.

If anyone knows what I am going through? - Yes, we do.

If anything helps? - Yes, it can.

To learn more about the program call, (708) 354-7211.



## In Pursuit of Innocence

In the novel, *The Stone Angel*, Margaret Laurence describes a woman, Hagar Shipley, who after overhearing a very unflattering comment about herself one day, goes into a public toilet and examines her face in a mirror. She's taken aback by what she sees, scarcely recognizing herself. What she sees in the mirror is a face grown old and hard in experience - bitter, cynical, full of disdain. There's nothing left in her face of the innocent child or young woman she once was and still imagines herself to be.

She's stunned and asks herself: How can this have happened? How can one, imperceptible to one's self, change and become so different, so cold, so lifeless, so devoid of freshness and innocence?

It can, and does, happen to all of us. Most of us have long ceased being the type of person that the child we once were would want to be friends with. In a word, we've lost a lot of our innocence and, with that, a lot of the freshness, wonder, and fire that we had when we were little. We pay a heavy price for that.

Towards the end of his life, the American Educator, Allan Bloom, wrote a book he entitled, *The Closing of the American Mind*. In it, he suggested that our perspective on life is narrowing, that our minds are in fact closing, and that what has perhaps contributed the most to this is precisely our progressive loss of innocence as we have grown more and more sophisticated.

For Bloom, innocence means chastity, not just sexual, but in every area of our lives. Chastity, for him, means experiencing things only if and when we can experience them in such a way that we remain integrated. In simple language, this means we lack chastity and we lose innocence whenever we have experiences that unglue us, psychologically, emotionally, spiritually, or sexually. Obviously a lot of healthy experiences, necessary to growth, will do that to us, but there are experiences that unravel a deeper, moral part of our being. It's these experiences that close our minds and harden our faces.

In Bloom's assessment, today, many of us have lost too much of our innocence and this manifests itself both in a certain hardness and in a lack of idealistic fire inside of us. He coined a phrase for this "*erotically lame*." For him, there is a kind of sophistication that takes the fire out of our eyes and out of our dreams and leaves us limping when we walk anywhere inside the arena of sublimity. We have already, he believes, become somewhat unglued.

How do we recover our innocence? Adult innocence should not be confused with the natural

innocence of a child. Children are innocent precisely because they are still children, naive, and inexperienced in life. For an adult, innocence has to mean a certain "*second naivete*" a "*post-sophistication*", that has already accounted for experience. Childishness is not childlikeness. The former takes its roots in naivete and lack of experience; the latter takes its root in an experience and a knowledge which is both wise and chaste enough to take on the wonder of a child.

How do the Gospels look on this? Jesus challenged us to innocence by inviting us to have both the heart of a child and the heart of a virgin... "*Unless you have the heart of a child you will not enter the kingdom of Heaven.*", "*The Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to ten virgins waiting for their bridegroom.*"

For Jesus, the heart of a child is one that is fresh, receptive, full of wonder, and full of respect and the heart of a virgin is one that can live in in-consummation, without experiencing the finished symphony. The child and the virgin both have to live inside a great patience because many of the things they intensely desire cannot not be had just yet. Both hearts may not test their God.

Deep down, we all still long for this. Just as any healthy child spontaneously longs for the experience of an adult, any healthy adult longs for the heart of a child. But it isn't easy to keep the heart of a child.


Innocence, Pulitzer-Prize winning author Annie Dillard suggests, "*is not the prerogative of infants and puppies, and far less of mountains and fixed stars, which have no prerogatives at all...Like any other of the spirit's good gifts, it is there if you want it, free for the asking, as has been stressed by stronger words than mine. It is possible to pursue innocence as hounds pursue hares: single-mindedly, driven by a kind of love, crashing over creeks, keening and lost in fields and forests, circling, vaulting over hedges and hills, wide-eyed, giving loud tongue all unawares to the deepest most incomprehensible longing, a root-flame in the heart, and that warbling chorus resounding back from the mountains.*"

It's time to pursue innocence as hounds pursue hares, single-mindedly, crashing over creeks, keening in lost fields, driven by a kind of love.

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  
July 10 – July 16**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Marjorie Burke, Roger Vandriessche, Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Adam Wyczolkowski, Celeste Klees, John Hopp, Warren Gerler,
Wednesday	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Eva & Stanley Grabowski, Gloria Walach
Thursday	8:00am	Erik Geyer, Tom Kigin, Theresa Podlasek
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Angela Clifford, Stefan & Mary Slobodnik, Julius Chevigny, Ramona Mossey
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

**Altar Servers**   
**July 15/16**

5:00pm - E. Mrazek, K. Tosheff, K. Meade  
7:00am - J. Flach, A. McQuillan, A. Balch  
8:00am - A. Kison, C. Callahan, N. Lobraco  
9:30am - M. King, A. Bartucci, A. Heslin  
11:00am - S. Lenz, B. Franklin, M. Garvey

**Auxiliary Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, July 15, 2006**

**5:00 PM** LR Demonte, Linda-  
SM Wouk, Dolores- C1 Bartucci, Carol  
B2 Delaloye, Rose C2 Delaloye, Joe  
B3 Hockman, Susan- C3 Guide, Alfreda-  
B4 Reichl, Mickie- C4 Wouk, Dolores-  
B5 Chlapecka, Rick- C5 Boyer, Kathy-  
B6 Ryva, James- C6 Anfield, Therese-

**Sunday, July 16, 2006**

**7:00 AM** LR McDonnell, Michae  
SM Zmuda, Louise  
B2 Zmuda, Louise  
B3 Zmuda, Ron  
B4 Maltby, Terry-  
B5 Loch, Len-  
B6 Mezan, Mary Ann-



**8:00 AM** LR Hagen, Ken-  
SM Kalata, Marcie- C1 Ward, Laura-  
B2 Micek, Dan C2 Micek, Judy  
B3 Ford, Mary Beth- C3 Walsh, Mary Jane  
B4 Mulderink, Ken- C4 Kalata, Marcie-  
B5 Zaremba, Elizabeth C5 Bliss, Georgia-  
B6 Dalsin, Pat- C6 Curatto, Louis-

**9:30 AM** LR Staelgraeve, Mark

SM Samuelson, Debra- C1 Gleich, Sharon  
B2 Opila, Margo C2 Opila, Andy  
B3 Zupancic, Robert C3 Koch, Barbara-  
B4 Farnsworth, Vicki C4 Samuelson, Debra  
B5 Kunkel, JoAnn C5 Tosheff, Christine  
B6 Nolan, Jeannine C6 Fisher, Harry-

**11:00 AM** LR Pisone, Mary Lou

SM Curnutt, Rose C1 Meuwissen, Jean  
B2 Gebka, Mary Lu- C2 Augustyn, Ron-  
B3 Wehrmeister, Rhea C3 Nash, Sheila-  
B4 Kwak, Tecla C4 Curnutt, Rose  
B5 Benkert, John C5 Benkert, Kim  
B6 Maday, Josephine- C6 Nilles, Carolyn-

**Wedding Banns** 

Alison Sanders and Cullen Myers  
Michael Walski and Linda Heinemann  
Jessica Garrison and Bruce Hofstader

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

...Agnes Campbell, mother of Christine Mulhern  
...Frances M. Ference, wife of Peter  
...George "Bud" Supplitt, husband of Ann

**I Shall Not Pass This Way Again**

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow being let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

**Baptism** 

This Past Week We Welcomed... Samuel Robert Burcal and Katelyn Allayn Hadraba to Our Parish Family.

**Reminder**

During the summer please remember the safety rules in biking, riding, swimming and playing.