

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

600 West 55th Street
LaGrange, Illinois 60525
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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

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

Every Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM

FR. BOB'S MUTTERINGS

Reflecting on the gospel of Mark today reminds us that there is always hunger in our world and there is always bread. There is hunger of the body, and hunger of the soul. There is bread for the body, and bread for the soul. God provides enough to go around.

We don't always think so when we look at our diminishing farmland, our food-pantry lines, pictures of people starving both on the other side of the world and in our own cities.

God and the experts say there is enough to go around. Some come bearing bread: those who contribute to the food-pantry; those who influence government policies that the poor may eat and have the dignity of work; those who are breadwinners, cooks, medical personnel; those who staff houses of prayer, who counsel, who educate, who parent; those who are simply good and true friends.

Some people have more than they need—but they can be fearful, always seeking additional comfort, having the need for more security, feeling a sense of never having enough or the many other reasons that keep them from offering their bread. Jesus speaks gently but unequivocally: share with others what food you have.

We all have bread to share, small loaves though they may be. What is my bread-to-share?

May I be moved to offer it to someone who hungers for bread for their body or soul. The fragments left over will be more than enough refreshment for my own deep hungers.

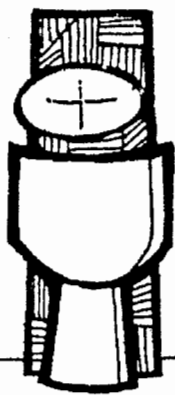
We need your help!!! Mary Beth Ford, our Youth Director, is looking for a few enthusiastic adults who are willing to share their faith and love of the Lord with some of our teens as Adult Small Group Leaders (Advisors) in our High School Confirmation Program. These Spirit filled Advisors would be asked to share their home and their faith six times a year as they host a group of 10-14 teens. The sessions would provide the opportunity for the Advisors to guide the teens as they discuss, support and nurture their spiritual development.

The commitment is for two years and would include monthly sessions to assist the Advisors in lesson planning and formation activities in support of their ministry. This can be a blessed opportunity to have a powerful impact on the faith development of our youth. The grace and rewards that you receive would be abundant. Please open your hearts to hear God's call so you may be Christ to our youth. These positions can be filled by individuals, couples or can be shared with a friend. Please contact our Youth Director, Mary Beth Ford, (708) 352-4641, for sign-up information or questions. You will be glad you did and greatly blest by God.

Let us continue to pray unceasingly for true peace in our world, especially in the Middle East.

Fr. Bob

It's Not Just a Fish Story



Today's interruption of St. Mark's Gospel gives us a description of the food that sustains us on our paschal journey. In the next month in what is often referred to as the Bread of Life Discourse, St. John makes it abundantly clear that Jesus is most certainly gathering us to feed us with bread, but also with the sustaining teaching about himself as the bread for the life of the world.

As Christ's followers, we are to serve others as he did. We are to freely use our time, our talent and our treasure as a means of easing the suffering of others. The liturgy for today prompts us to tend to the physical hungers of those whom God has entrusted to our care. Without minimizing the very real crisis of the millions upon millions who die from starvation around the world, we must be mindful of an even greater number who hunger for shelter, justice and self-worth — as Mother Theresa once said, "to BE somebody TO somebody!"

The challenge for us is far more than believing in Jesus' power to multiply loaves and fishes; the challenge is recognizing Jesus' self-giving as a sign of fulfillment and promise that we share even now. We Christians are to see our lives through the lens of God's lavish abundance. We are always called to "feed" the world in the literal sense, but our mission tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day. If we are unable to do that, like the crowd in today's Gospel, we miss the point of who Jesus really is.

More than a Fashion Statement

In an age given to slogan T-shirts, one of the last bastions of "dressing up" is the wedding. Everyone seems to stretch toward the old ideal of "Sunday best" for these celebrations. In our tradition as Catholics, clothing is immensely important. Coming out of the baptismal water, we are immediately vested with a white garment. "You have clothed yourself in Christ," the new Christian is told, and a white garment is the token of being born into God's family. At the time of death, a white cloth is spread over



the coffin at the beginning of the funeral liturgy as a reminder of baptismal identity. In ancient Rome, sleeveless tunics of varying colors were worn by everyone, so at baptism the new Christians could be expected to wear their new garb under their everyday clothes. Sleeves were a problem for ancient Romans, who thought they were a barbarian fashion. As is so often the case, eventually the barbarians won the day and by the third century the long sleeved garment became the "alb" that liturgical ministers still wear today.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30, 2006

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97;
 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

*Encounter God through Reading
Scripture!*

Hunger: A Super-Sized Problem

The picture is not an easy one to look at. An emaciated African woman sits in front of an empty tin can. Next to her in the dust is her child, covered with flies and most likely dead. But according to the World Health Organization, what we see is far more common than we might allow ourselves to look at or think about:

- poor nutrition and calorie deficiencies cause nearly one in three people to die prematurely or have disabilities
- 11 million children younger than 5 die every year, more than half from hunger-related causes
- 1/3 of all children in developing countries are stunted, with heights that fall well below normal range
- 2 billion of the 6.39 billion people worldwide suffer vitamin and mineral deficiencies that even in a mild form increase the risk of severe illness and death



Our earth is rich. But we sometimes act as if the five loaves and two fish were meant only for us. When we really live the miracle of dividing and sharing, then truly everyone will be satisfied.

*You are cordially invited to the
Installation of
Fr. Bob Clark
as Pastor of St. Cletus Church
600 W 55th St., La Grange, IL
on Sunday, August 13, 2006
11:00 Liturgy officiated by
Bishop Thomas Paprocki
All are invited to attend the reception
following the Mass in Morrissey Hall.*

Reminder: Year 1 Confirmation Candidates and Parents

Please look through your "to do" pile and return registration forms for this fall program. If you need another packet or have any questions, please call me at (708) 352-4641 and I will gladly mail you the information. Or you can download the registration form from the Youth Ministry site on our parish website: www.stcletusparish.com. I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director

Virtus Training

Any person wishing to volunteer to work in any capacity with the children of St. Cletus Parish is required by the Archdiocese to attend and participate in a Virtus Training session. This is a one-time commitment. Virtus is part of the Protecting God's Children Program.

Sessions for Virtus are being held all around our area. The sessions to be held at St. Cletus are scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00pm., Sunday, September 24 at 1:00pm and Thursday, September 28 at 7:00pm. Each session will last two hours. Please register before hand at www.virtus.org.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

(1) Early Childhood Religious Education

This program is for children ages 3-5 years old. Classes meet during the 9:30am Mass on most Sundays throughout the school year. This fun-filled class provides the children a time to be with others their own age and learn of the Gospel in a way that is age appropriate. There is room available in all classes. Please call (708) 352-7693 for more information and a registration form.

(2) Early Childhood Volunteers Needed

Would you like to share your talents with young children? Our Early Childhood Program teaches Jesus' word to the 3, 4 and 5-year-old smiling faces of our parish. Your commitment would be once a month. Or, if you have a love of music to share with our little ones we have a position for you as well. Please contact me at (708) 352-7693 if you are interested. We would love to have you join us!

Mary Ellen Staelgraeve

Food Pantry Reminder

Next weekend is the first weekend of the month...the designated time to bring your grocery donations to the Minister's Room in church when you come to Mass. While all non-perishables are appreciated, we are still in need of some of our staples: rice, jelly, meals in a can, tuna, pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, soup and juice. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish ministry to the working poor of our community.

Also, the months of August and September have become the time for our "share the wealth" distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables from our gardens to our Food Pantry recipients. We will be open to accept donations of fresh produce on **Thursday, August 10, from 4:45-5:45PM**. It is important to remember that we can accept donations only on August 10, from 4:45-5:45PM, since we have no way to store/distribute perishable food except at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 352-4641 or online at marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com. Thanks!

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, 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, 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.

Rosary Prayer Group at St. Cletus

Please join us to pray one rosary in Room 208 of the Education Building on Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. The meeting will last about 45 minutes and your rewards will be eternal. If you have any questions, please call me at (708) 482-7768.

Patti Boland


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.

Stewardship

All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God - our time, our talent, and our money and even the gift of life itself. God gave us all these many gifts out of great love. He did not intend for us to be owners of these many gifts, but stewards who use them wisely.

July 23

Budgeted revenue:		\$24,000
Collection Received:		20,920
Shortfall last week:	-	3,080
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	-	12,982
# of envelopes mailed:		3,187
# of envelopes returned:		812

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

The Warrenville Cenacle

Rev. Charles H. Miley, D.Min., will present "God Loves Me! And I Do Too!" an interactive retreat on August 11-13. This interactive small group experience (limited to 15 participants) will teach participants to be more self-accepting, self-affirming and self-motivated. Come and discover the potential that dwells deep within your heart during this stimulating and spiritual experience. The cost is \$165 for a single room/\$150 for a double. This presentation is being held at The Cenacle Retreat House, 29 W 012 Batavia Rd., Warrenville, IL. For further information, or to register, please call (630) 393-1231.


St. Richard Family Fest and Carnival

St. Richard Parish, 50th and Kostner Avenue, is sponsoring their Annual Family Fest and Carnival Thursday, August 3 through Sunday, August 6. The Family Fest and Carnival will feature carnival rides, food and delicacies from various local restaurants, merchandise booths and various attractions. We will also have Bingo, a grand raffle with a \$3,000 First Prize, plus a Super Bingo/Raffle on Sunday, beginning at 1:00pm; plus live entertainment nightly. Admission is free!

For more information, please call (773) 585-1221.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
July 31 – August 6**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Angela Clifford, Gil Walker, Kim Doyle Schendorf
Tuesday	8:00am	Josephine & Anton Kuchta, Frank Wojcik, Sr., Danny McGinley, Frances Ference
Wednesday	8:00am	Linda Felice, Marcie Johnston, Joseph George Kutta, Peter Sakowicz, Frances Ference
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Dorthy Kaczinski, Chester Kruczek
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Jeanne O'Brien, Nan Rettig, Karen Gorak, Ann Jiganti, Celeste Klees, Thomas O'Leary, Stella Kadlec
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers 
August 5/6

5:00pm - A. Kison, A. Pusatera, E. Maldonado
7:00am - S. Lenz, J. Ward, R. Mitchell
8:00am - M. Micek, G. Valdez, M. Garvey
9:30am - E. Mrazek, K. Sipek, B. Franklin
11:00am - J. Babirak, T. Lenz, K. Tosheff

Wedding Banns 

Michele Oliverio and Casey Grabenstein
Ruth Heyes and Jon Remkus
Karoline Drobyny and Michael Whittaker

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 05, 2006

5:00 PM
SM Kalato, Marcie-
B2 Ryva, James-
B3 Richards, Marge-
B4 Ward, Laura-
B5 Wouk, Dolores-
B6 Loch, Len-

9:30 AM
LR DalPorto, Christine
C1 DalPorto, Karen
C2 Gleich, Sharon-
C3 Tosheff, Christine
C4 Koch, Barbara-
C5 Kwok, Tecla-
C6 Micek, Dan

Sunday, August 06, 2006

7:00 AM
LR Hagen, Jim
SM Stamm, Barbara
B2 Stamm, Barbara
B3 Stamm, Richard
B4 Smith, David-
B5 Hagen, Colleen
B6 Fahy, Ann-



11:00 AM
LR Pisone, Mary Lou-
C1 Herzog, Terri-
C2 Haggerty, Frank-
C3 Provan, Karen
C4 McCaffray, Paul-
C5 Ficaro, Jennie-
C6 Schump, Cathy-

8:00 AM
LR Curatto, Louis-
C1 Hogue, Kay-
C2 Ghera, Alicja-
C3 Biesadecki, Carol
C4 Karch, John
C5 Farnsworth, Vicki
C6 Dolsin, Pat-

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

... Virginia Shepler, wife of Joseph
... Maria Garcia, mother of Sandy (Mike) Ruffner
Grandmother of Natalie and Samantha Ruffner

A Summer Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for the roses.
The petals remind me of my own life unfolding.
Teach me to be an experience of beauty for others.
As I work off my thorns, help me to bloom more fully in your love.

Amen

**“Live in a Manner Worthy of the Call
You Have Received...”**

Marriage is not only a sacrament, but a calling sanctified by our Lord. Come away with your spouse for a very special Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, and let God guide your marriage into a deeper unity with each other and with Him. The next weekend is September 22-24. For more information/reservations, please call Jim or Kris at 1-800-442.3554 or consult our website at www.wmchicago-gary.org.