

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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LaGrange, Illinois 60525
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352-4820

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352-2383

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352-4856

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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

FATHER BOB'S MUTTERINGS

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus tells us in Mark's gospel today that we must take up our cross and follow Him. This is not a walk in the park but a call to make more than a few changes in our lives. Through the cross of Jesus we are called to "let go" instead of "get more." Jesus calls us on the path of the cross to be self-giving and other directed. It means that the wisdom of the world must give way to the wisdom of God. It is a fearful thing because it calls us to change. It challenges us to trust that we are already held in the hand of God who gives us life and gives life to our dying world. The questions for us this week are: Can we answer the challenges of this difficult call from God? Can we truly say that we are ready to take up our cross, with all that that entails, and follow Jesus?

The Collection for the Church in Latin America

Our second collection today is for support of the Church in Latin America. Please note the letter in the Canticle today from Bishop John Manz who is the chairman of the committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). I ask you to continue to be as generous as possible, as you always are, in support of this worthy cause.

St. Cletus School Homecoming

This weekend our parish school celebrates HOMECOMING. We wish all of school children both present and past a spirit filled weekend as they celebrate this great tradition. There have been all kinds of activities this past week celebrating the SPIRIT in our school community. The sports teams will be attending Mass together this Saturday at 5:00 pm along with their parents and coaches. There will be a parade on Sunday and of course our HOMECOMING game at LT following. "GO CARDINALS" Make us proud as you always do. May Our Lady of Victory be with us today!

*May God Bless Each of You Always,
Fr. Bob*



Faith Without Works

Jesus knew the cross was inevitable. Like teachers of any age, Jesus must have wondered many times during the previous three years if the disciples were “getting it”. The final test of their understanding came in Jesus’ question, “Who do you say that I am?” God has been revealed to us through Jesus. Through Jesus we come to understand God’s great and unconditional love. Through Jesus we learn how to return that love to God. Through us, God’s love shines to others. We can surely share that love verbally and in prayer, but mostly we can *show* that love.

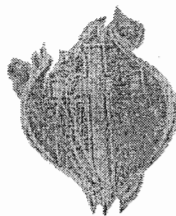
When it is difficult to share God’s love, we are reminded to pick up the cross of Jesus and die in him. There may be people who are difficult to love, or difficult circumstances that make it hard to do something that shows our love. But merely to profess our faith verbally is not sufficient. True discipleship means that we *do* something to care for our brothers and sisters. Really “getting” that, will make all of the difference in the world!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; J
 as 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!



A Catechist's Prayer

Lord Jesus,

*Having been called to be a catechist by my parish,
 I turn to you for help in accomplishing
 this important task.*

*Give me the patience to treat each person
 with the dignity and respect I have for you.*

*Help me to study, understand, and apply
 sacred scripture and tradition more fully
 in my own life.*

*Fill my heart with love for you and
 allow me to feel that same love for those I teach.*

*Knowing that you are beside me,
 I will have the strength to face every situation
 and the courage to speak the truth in love.*

*Help me to give glory to God
 —Father, Son, and Spirit—
 in all I do and say. Amen.*



Feast of St. Matthew

Chances are, you know Matthew’s Gospel better than you know the other three. It contains the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes and the Lord’s Prayer. It highlights the ministry of Peter. In it, Jesus urges the disciple to works of mercy because “what you do to the least you do to me.” It records stories about the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Magi, the flight into Egypt and the slaughter of the innocents. Its account of the death of Christ thunders with an earthquake. For centuries, Matthew’s popular Gospel dominated the scripture readings Catholics heard at Mass. But when the lectionary was revised in 1969, it became associated with the first of a three-year cycle of readings.

Most people assume that the author of this Gospel was the tax collector who decided to follow Jesus. However, this is not likely. The writer of Matthew’s Gospel is sometimes symbolized as a man or an angel, recalling the genealogy that opens the book. Even though this Gospel was probably written after Mark’s, it appears first in the New Testament and first in the lectionary cycle. Its central message is embedded in the title associated with Jesus at his birth, “Emmanuel—God with us.” In Jesus, God is with us. To Jesus, we respond as disciples.



*Most Rev. John R. Manz
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago*

September 10, 2006

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the past three years I have been privileged to serve as chairman of a committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) called the *Secretariat for the Church in Latin America*. Along with six of my brother bishops, this committee is charged with conducting a yearly national collection for the church in Latin America and to see that the funds raised are responsibly distributed. "Pastoral" projects in individual parishes and dioceses throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean are the beneficiaries of this annual collection.

Each year the committee receives hundreds of requests for local pastoral projects such as: youth formation and evangelization in the Dominican Republic, education of seminarians in Peru, and sacramental preparation for our brothers and sisters in Honduras. Last year we were able to provide financial assistance to 470 of these ministerial projects, in 21 countries of the southern hemisphere.

As we have witnessed here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Church in the United States is being fortified by clergy, religious and laity from many Latin American countries. Consequently, our generous support of this collection will directly impact hundreds of thousands within the Catholic Church in South America and the USA.

On behalf of those who, while lacking financial resources, are blessed in faith and love for Our Lord Jesus Christ, please accept my gratitude for your support of this effort.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ John R. Manz

Most. Rev. John R. Manz
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Catechetical Sunday

Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life. The adults who teach our faith are blessed as we begin a new academic year. We join with parishes all across our country in this ceremony today to recognize those men and women who serve as instructors of the faith. May they be blessed with the Wisdom of the Spirit and the message of the Gospel as they begin their journey.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

R.C.I.A.

...begins on Wednesday, September 27, 7:00pm, in Room 105 of the Education Building. If you have questions about the teachings of the Church or what it means to be Catholic, come and join us. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the program that welcomes non-Catholics into the Church. The R.C.I.A. team would love to welcome you. If you need more information, call the R. E. office at (708) 352-2383.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

Bereavement Program at St. Cletus "HARBOR OF HOPE"

A faith-filled bereavement program will be offered at St. Cletus this fall. Spiritual and emotional support will be provided for those who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend. Each week a different aspect of grief will be discussed as well as time for prayer and sharing. The group will meet on Thursday evenings for six consecutive weeks (September 21, 28 and October 5, 12, 19, 26) from 7:00-8:30pm, Room 200, in the Education Building.

A six month period since the death of a loved one or friend is suggested for participation in the group; all are welcome.

Questions, or more information, please contact facilitator, Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974.

BIG NEWS!

Matthew Kelly is coming to St. Cletus

Mark your Calendar for Thursday, November 16, 7:00pm!

Originally from Sydney, Australia, Matthew Kelly began his Catholic Ministry in 1993 at the age of 19. Since then, more than three million people from around the world have attended his talks, seminars and retreats. Millions more have been touched by his writings and appearances on radio and television.

Our D.R.E., Pat Kahl, heard Matthew at a convention she attended last December. She purchased several of his books which he autographed.

I borrowed his book, "The Rhythm of Life", to read while flying to California for a baptism last March. I am not much of a reader, but I couldn't put the book down. I wrote him a note to tell him how much I enjoyed and learned from it. A short time later two boxes appeared from the Matthew Kelly Foundation. When I opened the boxes, I found a nice note from Matthew and many CD's. The CD's are audio of three of his books.

- 1) The Seven Levels of Intimacy
- 2) Becoming the Best Version of Yourself
- 3) Building Better Families

He told me, "share them with the people you serve." You may check them out on a weekly basis and share his message with others. These CD's are available in Room 105, of the Religious Education Office in the Education Building. You can actually be inspired by Matthew before he gets here!

More later – and there is more.

Fr. Pat O'Neill

Choir Season is Beginning...Come Join Us!

The St. Cletus Choirs will resume rehearsals next week after a summer hiatus. The Chancel Choir sings at the 9:30am Mass, and the Contemporary Choir sings at the Saturday 5:00pm liturgy. Both groups are open to any singers high-school age and above. The Children's Choir is open to young singers in grades 3-8 enrolled in either the parish school or religious education program. No experience is necessary to join any of these groups! For more information, or to share your gift of song with us, please contact me at (708) 352-4547 or justin.sisul@stcletusparish.com.

Justin Sisul

Music Director

Who Do You Say That I Am?



In the United States, more than half a million catechists serve in the nation's parishes, missions, and schools. The dedication and commitment of these catechists is something that deserves to be celebrated. The annual celebration of Catechetical Sunday is an occasion for recognizing, affirming, and supporting their efforts through a formal rite of blessing. In like manner, all Catholics, especially parents, are called to renew their commitment to hand on the faith and to serve as witnesses of the Good News in ways that are more informal but just as important.

This year's Catechetical Sunday theme is "Who Do You Say That I Am?" It comes from Mark 8:27-35, the Gospel reading for today. The question that Jesus asked his disciples so long ago is one that each Christian must answer for her- or himself even today. How we respond to this question affects how we live, pray, make decisions, and form relationships. It is a question that goes to the very heart of Christian discipleship.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

By living the question "Who do you say that I am?" we make an intentional effort to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Our response is best lived out within the ordinary pace of our lives. There are some ways we might do this.

Share What You Know

Think about enriching the lives of our young people participating in religious education programs

by being a catechist. Share your insight by working with those preparing to baptize a child or to marry through our baptismal or wedding preparation programs.

Deepen your participation in the Eucharist

Dedicate yourself to being present each Sunday at Mass and to pay close attention to the words, gestures, music and rituals that are part of our Eucharistic celebrations. Prepare yourself to participate more fully in the liturgy by reflecting on the readings before and after mass.

Base your choices on Christian principles

Each day brings multiple possibilities for choosing a Christian way of life. How do the things you buy and the way you spend your time reflect your faith in Jesus? How do you choose to treat others at home, in the workplace, at school, and in the neighborhood, mall, or parish so that your love is reflected in your words and in your deeds?

Set aside time for prayer

Pay attention to the benefits that come with the wise and wonderful spiritual practice of prayer. Commit yourself to a dedicated time for reflection each day. Give thanks for those people, living or dead, who inspire you to live generously and graciously.

Reach out to those in need

Accounts of global terror and tragedy can leave us feeling overwhelmed and powerless to do anything to help. Follow the example of Jesus to transform your fear into faithful action. Participate in the many parish social outreach projects that are named in the parish bulletin. While doing so, remember we create change in the life-giving and positive action we take.

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**St. Cletus Preschool...
Come Experience the Difference**

There are a few spaces available in our three-year afternoon preschool class. This class meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 12:15 and 2:45. Contact the school office at (708) 352-4820 for enrollment information. We look forward to providing a developmentally appropriate environment for your three-year-old.

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal

Girl Scout Gold Project

I am collecting new, donated teddy bears and sewing pocket hearts on their chests. They will go to children who are sick or have lost a family member.

A box will be placed in the back of church to collect the teddy bears the weekends of September 30/October 1 and October 7/8. Please help me accomplish my goal and make many children feel a small piece of hope. Thank you.

Annalyse Doria

September 10



Budgeted revenue:	\$30,000
Collection Received:	24,055
Shortfall last week:	- 5,915
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 29,434
# of envelopes mailed:	3,187
# of envelopes returned:	870
Sharing Parish Collection:	791

Thank you for your continued support.

Please Pray for

... our sick in your prayers: Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Mary Pogar, Lorraine Waszak, 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 Johnsohn, Robert Frost, Robert Salbego, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Louis Cesario, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Janich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowka, Judy Hoffstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolicki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

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.

Anointing of the Sick

The St Cletus Parish Family will celebrate the **Sacrament of Anointing** during a special 12:30pm Mass on Sunday, October 8. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament. If you are unable to attend the Mass and would like to be anointed, please call (708) 352-4834. A reception will follow in the foyer of the church.

Please fill out the registration form below and return it to the rectory office or drop it in the collection basket. Questions? Call Dolores Wouk in the Ministry of Care Office at (708)352-4834.

Please Print All Information

Name(s) of those to be anointed _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone # _____


Do you need transportation? YES _____ NO _____

Number of people attending the reception after Mass in the church foyer _____

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
September 18 - September 24**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Sandy Fisher, Elpidio Godinez, Thomas Cecil, Velma Gartland, Joseph Lattal
Tuesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Frances Cirrincione, Adam Wyczolkowski, Vito Pesoli, Jr., Lillian Stumreiter
Wednesday	8:00am	Karen Gorak, Amelia S. Baricevich, Arthur Dalton
Thursday	8:00am	Wayne Kral, Gaetana Chiappetta, Adam Wyczolkowski
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Antonino Sciacca, Gil Walker, Evelyn Weaver
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Rosalie Bajor, Christine Fuchs People of St. Cletus Jeanette Harris Theodore Borowski, Don Weiss

Altar Servers

September 23/24 

- 5:00pm - N. Dentamaro, N. Lobraco,
C. Callahan
- 7:00am - J. Ward, B. Franklin, C. Usher
- 8:00am - M. Garvey, K. Tosheff, C. Mosquera
- 9:30am - A. Pusatera, J. Jaskierski, K. Kages
- 11:00am - M. Bruce, A. McQuillan,
E. Maldonado

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:
...Thorbie Murphy
...Catherine M. Higgins

Wedding Banns 

Cathy Carroll and Dominic Hernandez

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 23, 2006

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| 5:00 PM | LR Staalgraave, Mark | SM Opila, Andy | LR Haggerty, Frank |
| SM Koch, Barbara- | C1 Chlapecka, Rick- | B2 Severina, Laurie- | C1 Keating-Gay, Sus- |
| B2 Kensek, Maggie- | C2 Bazec, Betty- | B3 Williams, Alice- | C2 Reichl, Mickie- |
| B3 Heyes, Marlene | C3 Heyes, Stuart | B4 Opila, Marga | C3 Stumreiter, Earl- |
| B4 Richards, Marge- | C4 Koch, Barbara- | B5 Warren, Catherine- | C4 Opila, Andy |
| B5 Hackman, Susan- | C5 Boyer, Kathy- | B6 Anfield, Therese- | C5 Tosheff, Christine |
| B6 Kalata, Marcie- | C6 Ghera, Alicja- | | C6 Chaney, Marlene- |

Sunday, September 24, 2006

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| 7:00 AM | LR McDonnell, Michae | SM Hagen, Colleen- | LR DalPorto, Christine |
| SM Zmuda, Ron | | B2 Hoskins, Celine | C1 DalPorto, Karen |
| B2 Zmuda, Ron | | B3 Pavlik, Loretta | C2 Hoskins, William |
| B3 Zmuda, Louise | | B4 Samuelson, Debra- | C3 Augustyn, Ron |
| B4 Hinton, Gari- | | B5 Brannigan, Rita- | C4 Hagen, Colleen- |
| B5 Mezan, Mary Ann- | | B6 Garske, Elizabeth- | C5 Ficaro, Jennie- |
| B6 Smith, David- | | | C6 Gebka, Mary Lu- |



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| 8:00 AM | LR Okkema, Peter |
| SM Stamm, Richard | C1 Okkema, Ann |
| B2 Sevarino, Shirley- | C2 Kigin, Billie- |
| B3 Welch, Jerry- | C3 Kuchta, Ann- |
| B4 Stamm, Barbara | C4 Stamm, Richard |
| B5 McCartney, Sandra- | C5 Walsh, Mary Jane |
| B6 Ward, Laura- | C6 Zarembo, Elizabe |

You're Invited

Jeff Cavins, renowned Bible scholar and developer of "The Great Adventure" Bible study will be speaking at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale on Saturday at September 30, at 7:30pm. His seminar is titled "The Church is the Kingdom of God". After hearing this presentation, your perspective on the Catholic Church will never be the same. Please join us. Tickets are free and available to the public September 20. For more information, call (630)655-6668 or e-mail: marilyn@stisaacjoguescc.org.