

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

600 West 55th Street
LaGrange, Illinois 60525
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Pastor

Rev. Patrick O'Neill

Associate Pastor

Rev. Charles Gallagher

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Patrick Marshall

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Youth Director/Social Concerns

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School Principal

Patricia Kahl

Director of Religious Education

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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

Father Charles Gallagher
Our Beloved Pastor Emeritus

We hear in Mark's gospel today Jesus telling the disciples, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." These words reflect the generous gift of self that our beloved Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Charlie Gallagher, has been to this faith community for the past 35 years. Indeed this humble priest has been a servant to all and a witness to the presence of God's love among us. What a grace and a blessing he has been to thousands of parishioners and their families over the years. He has touched so many lives with the love of God which emanates from his life and his example of a true servant of the Lord.

Mark's gospel goes on to tell us that Jesus after taking a child and placing it in their midst with His arm around it said: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Fr. Gallagher for the past 35 years has received all in this parish as children of God and has ministered to and cared for them all in Jesus' name. I am confident that all parishioners of St. Cletus Parish, whether past or present, would and do express their grateful appreciation for Fr. Gallagher's selfless, generous, and faithful service to all over the years. Indeed Fr. Gallagher not only has received the love of Jesus through his ministry to the parishioners but has received the love of the One who sent Jesus.

It is with grateful and blest hearts that we, as a parish community, thank Fr. Gallagher and pray for God's continued blessings upon him. May the Father keep him in His loving care, the Son fill him with His grace, and the Holy Spirit strengthen him as he continues his journey of faith.

Fr. Gallagher: "YOU WILL BE MISSED BUT NEVER FAR FROM OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS."

God's Love Be With You Always,

Fr. Bob, Fr. Pat, Fr. Charles, and the People of St. Cletus Parish

How do you spell 'success'?

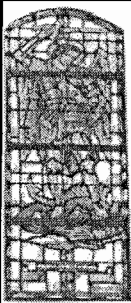
What are the leading indicators of success in our society today? Do we anxiously await the annual publication of the Fortune 500? The Oscar winners? The Nobel prize recipients? The world's ten most admired persons? The Heisman trophy winner? The ten wealthiest individuals in the world?

We all might be surprised, maybe even shocked and chagrined, to learn how much media space and time are devoted to these "success" stories. Why are we so intrigued? Let's face it, at least sometime in our lives we've all experienced a tinge of envy. Oh, to be among the rich, the famous, the most popular and admired!!

Jesus certainly plays havoc with our ambitions in today's gospel. Just when we might be dreaming of really being *somebody*, he tells us to be *nobody*. Can you imagine how red-faced his disciples must have been when he found them arguing among themselves as to who was the most important? They probably scrambled around in a game of musical chairs to get to the lower places at the table when Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

How would we score on Jesus' multiple-choice question: I consider my greatest achievement today a. Being named to represent an important organization; b. Getting the highest raise at work; c. Being recognized as a leading member of my parish, d. preparing and serving a simple meal to a lonely shut-in.

How do you think you scored? Remember, Jesus is grading this quiz.



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

The name Michael in Hebrew means "Who is like God." He is revered as the leader of the angelic army and in scripture is described as "one of the chief princes," and leader of the forces of heaven in their triumph over the powers of hell. In Christianity he is known as the defender against evil. Catholics look to him as the patron for soldiers and those in danger of death. In Jewish lore he emerged as patron angel of nations. Michael is more often represented in art than any other angelic being. He is frequently shown wearing armor, holding a sword and battling or standing in victory over a dragon, snake or Satan. We celebrate his feast day September 29th.



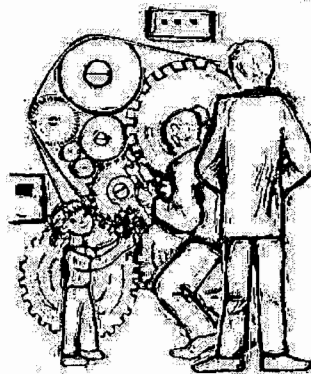
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

- Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
 Jn 1:47-51
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6;
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!

Whoever receives one child such as this
 in my name, receives me;
 and whoever receives me,
 receives not me
 but the One who sent me."

Mark 9:37



Always,
 right when we
 are most busy
 with something
 very important,
 a child comes up
 with something totally
 unimportant,
 just to show us
 how unimportant
 our importance is.

Dear St. Cletus Parishioners,

In 62 years as a priest, I have said "Farewell" many times. This will be the last. I came as your second pastor on September 26, 1971. I leave as Pastor Emeritus on September 26, 2006.

On good days, my father used to wander through our family home, singing in a hearty brogue, "There's a tear in my eye and I'm wondering why, for it never should be there at all." That is my song now.

As a pastor, I have preached God's Word to young and old. I have baptized your children and grandchildren. I have married your sons and daughters. I have laid to rest your loved ones.

Here I have lived 35 years. I came as a "young man" of 52, dark hair, a spring in my step. I leave an old man of 87, white hair, faltering step but a full heart.

I have had a happy life here. You accepted me as your second pastor and cooperated in making ours "a special parish."

I have had the best of worlds. I have been an unmarried "Father" to thousands.

I have had a good run and it is time. I would like to paraphrase Abraham Lincoln's farewell to the people of Springfield as he was leaving for Washington. He began, "No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place and the kindness of the people, I owe everything."

Let me end with the words said at my retirement as pastor 16 years ago, I have done my best. Some priests could have done it better. Some not as well.

I have requested that there not be a party or celebration and Father Clark has agreed to respect my wishes.

I'll remember you. Please remember me.

Thanks.

Father Charles Gallagher
Second Pastor
St. Cletus Parish

Attention Lectors and Auxiliary Ministers!

...schedules are available for pickup in the Minister's Room.

Carol Pogar, Liturgist

Reminder: Year 2 Confirmation Candidates

Your kickoff large group meeting is this evening, September 24, from 7-8:15pm in Morrissey Hall. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director

Religious Education Update

And we're off...Catechists are in place, greeting students and sharing and teaching the faith. Students and parents are entering the hallways with smiles on their faces. We have 485 first - eighth graders enrolled in our parish program and 50 wonderful catechists gifting us with their time and their faith.

First Grade Parents... Remember to enroll your child NOW to have him/her receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion in second grade. The policy of the Archdiocese is that students MUST be enrolled in a religious program for two years to receive a sacrament. IF you have not registered your first grader, PLEASE call the Religious Education office NOW.

Aides Needed...especially for our Sunday Morning program (9:15-10:45). Some of our Sunday students have special needs, having a volunteer assist them makes the work of the catechist much easier. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please call Pat at (708) 352-2383. You will be happy that you made the call.

Blessing of Catechists...Last weekend, our catechists received special blessings as they embarked on a new step in their academic and faith journey. Please keep our catechists in your prayers, encourage the students, and their parents in their studies, and ask God's enlightenment upon all of them.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Eucharistic Adoration...

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every *first Monday of the month beginning October 2*. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 morning Mass and continues in the church until Solemn Benediction and Evening Prayer at 6:45.

We need volunteers to be present in the church during this time of exposition. Sign-up sheets are available in the church vestibule today. Please give of your time in stewardship and adoration of the Lord.

Make a Difference!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, October 15, to gather together with family, friends and neighbors to join this year's annual community CROP Walk to fight hunger, both here and worldwide. The three-mile walk begins and ends at Highlands Presbyterian Church, 1902 W. 59th St.

Last year our Food Pantry benefitted directly from this walk with a generous check for more than \$1,500. Help us to make this year's CROP Walk even more successful. Our goal is to increase both the number of walkers and donations. Please contact me at the Youth Ministry Office at (708) 352-4641 or e-mail marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com for more details and pledge packets.

Mary Beth Ford, Youth Director

The Cupboard is Bare!

Due to your generosity, our September Food Pantry was able to serve 130 families. Thank you! However, we are again facing nearly empty shelves. And our numbers traditionally increase as the weather becomes colder and our families face more bills. As you know, this ministry is ongoing, so please continue your very generous spirit of helping those who are less fortunate. In the weeks ahead I will try to be specific about our immediate needs, with your continual understanding that all in-date non-perishables are greatly appreciated. Here is the list of our staples which we strive to pack in every bag we distribute: Dry pinto beans and rice; hearty soups, meals in a can; peanut butter & jelly; canned tomatoes or tomato sauce; pasta and pasta sauce; canned fruits and vegetables; tuna; macaroni & cheese; cereal, paper goods, such as toilet paper and Kleenex. Much appreciated "extras" include juice, condiments and cooking oil. Please remember the Food Pantry when you do your family grocery shopping this week, and bring your donations to drop off in the Minister's Room when you come to Mass over the weekend. MANY THANKS!

Food Pantry Fact: Did you know that three or four dedicated parishioners pack all those bags each month...expertly including the staples I mentioned above? Before they begin to pack the bags, they have to shelve all the donated items! For them it is a labor of love and compassion. It is deeply appreciated.

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Respect Life

On Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00pm, the Respect Life Committee will meet in Room 200 of the Education Building.

Wayne & Marianne Hamilton
Respect Life Committee

2006 Life Chain

Next Sunday, October 1, from 2:30-3:30pm

St. Cletus Parishioners will again participate in the annual *Life Chain* across America. Our portion begins at La Grange Road along Ogden Avenue. For those loyal souls who take part every year in this prayerful, one-hour vigil, all they need to know is that signs will be distributed on Ogden Avenue at La Grange Road and to be there at 2:30pm.

For the great majority of parishioners who heard about the *Life Chain* but have never taken part, perhaps this is the time to stand up and be counted. *Life Chain* is a peaceful, lawful and ecumenical Witness for Life.

Christians of all denominations and all ages will stand with their clergy on countless routes throughout the country, with each person holding a sign that reads, "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN" or "ADOPTION THE LOVING OPTION" or "ABORTION HURTS WOMEN". No graphic signs will be used.

From the ever-increasing positive reaction to *Life Chain* that we have received from passing motorists in recent years, it would seem that our society is beginning to reject the culture of death (although not reported so in the popular media) that has engulfed it for so long. This is an opportunity for you and your family to affirm your belief in God's wonderful gift of human life. **Please join the 2006 Life Chain and show the world that the people of St. Cletus Parish stand for Life!**

Call parishioners Wayne or Marianne Hamilton at (708) 579-0118 for more information.

Calling All Pets

On Saturday, October 7, at 1:00pm, ALL are invited to bring your pets to the grassy area behind the church for a special pet blessing, through the intercession of St. Francis.

We will begin with a prayer service, then invite you to bring your special pet to one of the priests for an individual blessing. So, mark your calendars now!

An Unforgettable Evening with Matthew Kelly 9 LESSONS FOR ENDURING HAPPINESS

You are invited to join us as we welcome **Matthew Kelly** to St. Cletus Church on November 16, at 7:00pm.

Matthew Kelly is a *New York Times* best-selling author and is widely recognized today as one of the best speakers in the world. With his keen sense of humor and heart-warming charm, Kelly has been effortlessly elevating and energizing audiences in more than 50 countries for more than a decade. Kelly's presentation at St. Cletus Church will be based on his latest book, **Perfectly Yourself: 9 Lessons for Enduring Happiness**. This presentation is about moving beyond past conditioning and other peoples' expectations of who we are or who we should be to discover that we are PERFECTLY IMPERFECT...and that's okay!

"Only then do we come to the stunning realization that: Anything or anyone that does not bring you alive is too small for you."

Do not miss this opportunity to hear one of the most captivating and sought-after voices of our time!

For more information, call 708.352-6209.

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND!**

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 Johnson, Robert Frost, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Louis Caesario, 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, Scott May and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office (708-352-6209).

Reminder: 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 next weekend, 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

Stewardship

How much should a Christian give to God? When we give from the depths of a cheerful heart, the amount and the substance will be clear.



September 17

Budgeted revenue:	\$29,061
Collection Received:	22,997
Shortfall last week:	- 6,064
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 35,458
# of envelopes mailed:	3,187
# of envelopes returned:	855

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.

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.

Those who sing, pray twice...why not join the choirs?

The St. Cletus Parish Choirs resume their regular rehearsal schedules this week, and we are always looking for eager new faces to join us! There are four opportunities to become involved in the parish music ministry, all of them no experience necessary!

The **Chancel Choir** is the choir that regularly sings at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday. This group rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:15pm. This choir sings on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and other special liturgical events. The Chancel Choir is our traditional "adult choir," and consists of over 35 members ranging in age from "post-collegiate" to "quite experienced!" The **Contemporary Choir** typically leads the congregation in song at the 5:00pm liturgy on Saturday. This group consists of high school aged singers as well as adults and leans toward the slightly more "praise and worship" style of music when possible. Guitars, flutes, and other instruments (as well as piano) regularly accompany the Contemporary Choir. Rehearsals are 4:00pm on Saturdays (before the 5:00pm Mass).

The parish **Children's Choirs** are open to students

in grades 3-8 who are currently enrolled in our parish school or religious education programs. The Junior Choir (grades 3-5) rehearses from 5:15-6:00pm on Thursday afternoons, while the Senior Choir (grades 6-8) rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:00pm. Students in 5th grade may attend either practice based on availability. This choir sings approximately once each month at a parish liturgy, including holidays such as Christmas Eve and Easter.

The **Choir of the Good Shepherd** is the choir that provides music primarily at our funeral liturgies. Open to anyone, this choir meets for rehearsal approximately 45 minutes prior to a funeral Mass, and occasionally will meet for a longer rehearsal to learn new and upcoming music. This is a very special group of singers who serve a specific and important role in our parish music ministry.

While each choir has specific rehearsals, the choir member with perfect attendance is rare indeed. If you have time to give, a heart to sing, and a desire to connect with like-minded people, I invite you to join one of our parish choirs. In seven years I have yet to see someone who gave choir a try and walked away disappointed. I look forward to answering any questions and meeting potential new members who are ready to praise God with their voices...and get extra credit for "praying twice!"

Justin Sisul

Director of Music

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 25 - October 1**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Theodore Borowski, Margaret Lucente, Louis J. Kadlec, Frances Cirrincione, Harry Taylor, Ted Dunbar, Ervin and Angelina Harej
Tuesday	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Erik Geyer, Nicholas Monzel and Family, John O'Connor, Bob Donofrio
Wednesday	8:00am	Nancy Battle Scavuzzo, Arthur "Ed" Burns, Charles Diminski
Thursday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Elizabeth Hefler, Joseph Cosgrove, Thorbie Murphy, Roland Barile
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Michael Maly, Philip Jeffrey, Janet Flanagan, Maria Petrizzo
Saturday	5:00pm	Frances Ference, John O'Connor, Raymond Trainor
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	People of St. Cletus Primo Montoya Bernard & Sally Dikselis, Ann Wojciechowski Nancy Battle Scavuzzo, Alvis & Florence Costello, Thomas W. Bahr, Jeffrey Ferrer

Altar Servers



September 30/October 1

- 5:00pm - D. Anfield, E. Pavlik, J. Zak
- 7:00am - T. Lopez, C. Manley, D. DeLaurentis
- 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:

- ...Robert Salbego, son-in-law of Kathy Vehe
- ...John McKillip, father of Sister Regina, O.P.
- ...Rose Glowinski

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 30, 2006

- 5:00 PM**
- LR Okkema, Peter
 - SM Kalata, Marcie- C1 Okkema, Ann
 - B2 Burke, Ruth C2 Burke, Jack
 - B3 Beales, Nadine C3 Beales, Dave
 - B4 Hockman, Susan- C4 Kalata, Marcie-
 - B5 Loch, Len- C5 Ryva, James-
 - B6 Boyer, Kathy- C6 Bartucci, Carol-

9:30 AM

- LR Schump, Cathy-
- SM Opila, Margo C1 Mulderink, Ken-
- B2 Nash, Sheila- C2 Haggerty, Frank-
- B3 McCaffray, Paul- C3 Nilles, Carolyn-
- B4 Opila, Andy C4 Opila, Margo
- B5 Smith, David C5 Smith, Paul
- B6 Hullinger, Shirley- C6 Nolan, Jeannine-

11:00 AM

- LR Pawlowicz, Rita-
- SM Dunkovich, Alice- C1 Garske, Elizabeth
- B2 Benkert, Kim C2 Benkert, John
- B3 Hoskins, Celine C3 Hoskins, William
- B4 Brannigan, Rita- C4 Dunkovich, Alice-
- B5 Provan, Karen C5 Provan, Jim
- B6 Kwak, Tecla- C6 Fisher, Harry-

Sunday, October 01, 2006

- 7:00 AM**
- LR Chlapecka, Thoma
 - SM Karch, John
 - B2 Karch, John
 - B3 Karch, Terri
 - B4 Nault, Helen-
 - B5 Ghera, Alicja-
 - B6 Hinton, Geri-



- 8:00 AM**
- LR Kuchta, Ann-
 - SM Koch, Barbara- C1 Bliss, Georgia
 - B2 Chaney, Marlene- C2 Dalsin, Pat-
 - B3 Wiley, Jackie- C3 Samuelson, Debr-
 - B4 Welch, Jerry- C4 Koch, Barbara-
 - B5 Wouk, Dolores- C5 Ward, Laura-
 - B6 Thornton, William C6 Thornton, Madeli

Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed... Dominic Lapid Nueva Espana, Michael James Seith and Sophia Caroline Szymanski to Our Parish Family.

Wedding Banns

Cathy Carroll and Dominic Hernandez

Holiness

Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God.

-Mother Teresa