

# 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

### 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***

***27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*We hear about God's gift of creation of our first parents Adam and Eve and God's desire that we not be alone. The Genesis writer tells us that God created this other, a woman from Adam's very body, and the two became one flesh. God wanted us to experience true communication and an intimate relationship with another just as he desires us to have an intimate relationship with Him.*

*In our times when the tools of communication such as cell phones and the internet are so readily available, it is a real tragedy that many of us fail or fear to reveal our real selves to others whom we may care about. We tend to keep from them our full selves: facts, ideas, opinions, hopes, dreams, fears, failures and needs. In not doing so we may find ourselves depressed and our relationships weak or damaged. Worst of all, these conditions make it nearly impossible for us to recognize and then experience that God himself wishes to be and is our intimate friend, that God truly wishes to reveal himself to us fully in his Son and through his Spirit.*

### ***Rededication of Our Convent Chapel Stained Glass Windows***

*It is with great pleasure that I announce the rededication of the three stained glass windows that used to be the windows of our parish convent chapel. The windows will be blessed at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday October 14, 2006. These windows, which will now hang on the rear walls of our church, have been refurbished and placed into shadow boxes so that they can be illuminated and enjoyed by all.*

*The windows will be rededicated to the all the Sisters of St. Joseph of La Grange who served our parish school for many years. May these windows on our church walls remind us of their faithful service to God and the children and families of St. Cletus Parish. The Sisters of St. Joseph served thousands of children over the years in our parish school. We rededicate these windows in thanksgiving to God for the many sisters who gave of themselves so generously to our children and our parish.*

*May God continue to bless the ministry of all the Sisters of St. Joseph of La Grange. St. Cletus Parish will continue to keep them all in our prayers and thoughts.*

*Blessings from Fr. Bob and the People of St. Cletus Parish*

## Make a Difference!

Put on your walking shoes and join your family, friends and neighbors to help stop hunger, step by step! The area CROP Walk against hunger is Sunday, October 15. The three-mile walk begins and ends at Highlands Presbyterian Church, 1902 W. 59<sup>th</sup> Street. Registration begins at 1:00pm, with the walk starting at 2:00pm.

Please contact me at (708) 352-4641 or e-mail [marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com](mailto:marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com) for more details and pledge packets. I hope to hear from you soon!

## Reminder: Year 1 Confirmation Candidates

Be sure to continue working on getting pledges for your walk in the CROP Walk next Sunday, October 15. Remember when you collect donations and walk with your fellow community members, you are standing (or walking) in solidarity with each other with the common purpose of recognizing hunger as the most extreme form of poverty. You are helping provide relief to the hungry, both locally and worldwide. Thank you for visibly following Jesus's instruction to "feed the hungry".

Mary Beth Ford  
Youth Director

## "Thank You" St. Cletus Parish

Proceeds from the collection taken at the Fourth of July Veterans' Mass have been sent to the Bishop Goedert Residence for senior citizen veterans and their widows. The remodeled building, on the campus of Hines Hospital in Maywood, is operated by Catholic Charities of Chicago.

"It was the wish of the Holy Name Society that the collection be used to help homeless veterans in the Chicago area. We'd like to thank the parish for its generous support of this worthy cause," Jim Matthews, HNS president said.

HNS member's Fran Callaghan and Tom McAtee, along with Justin Sisul, headed the committee that planned the July Fourth Mass. Father Patrick Marshall, parish administrator, and Father Clark, who arrived here July 1 as our new pastor, enthusiastically supported continuing the veteran's Mass, which was begun in the 1970's by former pastor HNS chaplain Father Charles Gallagher.

St. Cletus Holy Name Society

## 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!**

## Looking Ahead

Each year on our overnight Confirmation Retreat we have a group of young Confirmed adults (22-30 years-old) from our area, who form a team to be small group leaders and facilitators. They add an important dimension to our Sophomores retreat experience, and end up having an incredible experience themselves! This year's retreat is February 24-25, 2007. We have openings for young adults, who are able to attend a couple of training sessions, are available that weekend, and would like to share and strengthen their own faith. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact me for more details at [marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com](mailto:marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com) or (708) 352-4641. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford  
Youth Director

## Cardinal Pursuit

Cardinal Pursuit is a trivia game night sponsored by the Athletic Association. This is a fun evening to get together with friends, neighbors or co-workers. The games will be held on Saturday, October 21, starting at 7:00pm, in Morrissey Hall. Form your own team of eight players,

bring your snacks and beverages, and we'll have a table waiting for you! The cost is \$10 per person at the door. Call Karen Lang at (708) 354-2513 with any questions. We guarantee fun only if YOU show up! Until then, ponder this, on the TV show, 'The Brady Bunch', what was Alice's last name?

### Attention Men of the Parish!

We are looking for coaches for our high school boys' Junior/Senior Church League team. Practice begins in mid-November and is only once a week. Games are on Saturday (and a few Sunday) evenings, December through early March. It's a short, but fun season!! This could be a great opportunity for one of our former players who are 22 or older. Would interested parties please contact me at the youth ministry office (708)352-4641 or youth@stcletusparish.com? Please consider helping out. Thank you.

Mary Beth Ford  
Youth Director

### Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive at St. Cletus on Sunday, November 26, 2006 - mark the date on your calendar! More details will be posted in the Canticle in the coming weeks.

Blood donors of all types are needed every day - for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those suffering chronic diseases such as cancer and Leukemia. More than 1,000 donors are needed on a daily basis just to meet the needs of patients in the Life Source Service area. Each unit of blood can be separated into the following components - red blood cells, plasma and platelets - so a single unit of blood may save the lives of up to three patients.

Clare Slowik

### A Weekly Thought from Matthew Kelly

"When you know you are doing the will of God, that alone is enough to sustain your happiness. When you don't have that, all the possessions in the world cannot sustain happiness in the depths of your hearts."

### Food Pantry Update

There's still a few days left for you to donate groceries for the Thursday, October 12 food distribution. We still need some of our staples, especially canned fruits and vegetables, soup, pasta and pasta sauce, tuna, rice and dry pinto beans. You can bring your contributions to the Minister's Room in church from 8:00am to 4:00pm on weekdays. Thank you for your faithfulness in responding to the needs of our Food Pantry.

Mary Beth Ford  
Director of Social Concerns

### Please Pray for


... our sick in your prayers: Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Mary Pogar, 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.

### Bereavement Committee Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00pm in Room 200 of the Education Building for a short meeting. Questions? Call (708) 482-4974.

Eugenia Callison

### October 1

<b>Budgeted revenue:</b>		<b>\$29,061</b>
<b>Collection Received:</b>		<b>26,129</b>
<b>Shortfall last week:</b>		<b>- 2,932</b>
<b>Revenue to budget</b>		
<b>Shortfall for this fiscal year:</b>		<b>- 42,024</b>
<b># of envelopes mailed:</b>		<b>3,187</b>
<b># of envelopes returned:</b>		<b>826</b>

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## Standing on the New Borders - Islam

In the early 1990s, Islamic extremists were terrorizing much of Algeria. Among other things, they'd warned all foreigners to leave the country. One group that didn't heed their warning was a group of Trapists who had been founded there in 1934 to be a Christian presence in the Muslim world. They'd been warned explicitly by a terrorist group to leave, but refused.

They were aware of the danger and their Abbott, Father Christian, wrote out a "last testament", to be opened if they were murdered. Two years later they were, Father Christian and six of his monks. What he shared in that letter is worth reflecting upon, as the tension between the Islamic and the Western worlds continues to heighten. Here, in part, is what he wrote:

*"If it should happen one day - and it could be today - that I become a victim of the terrorism which now seems ready to engulf all the foreigners living in Algeria, I would like my community, my Church, and my family, to remember that my life was given to God and to this country...I would like, when the time comes, to have a moment of lucidity, which would allow me to beg forgiveness of God and my fellow human beings, and at the same time to forgive with all my heart the one who would strike me down. I could not desire such a death. It seems important to state this. I do not see, in fact, how I could rejoice if the people I love [Islam] were to be accused indiscriminately of my murder...I am also aware of the caricatures of Islam, which a certain Islamism encourages. It is too easy to salve one's conscience by identifying this religious way [Islam] with the fundamentalist ideologies of the extremists...My death, clearly, will appear to justify those who hastily judged me naive, or idealistic: 'let him tell us now what he thinks of Islam.' But...this is what I shall be able to do, if God wills - to immerse my gaze in that of the Father, and contemplate with him his children of Islam just as he sees them. For this life lost, totally mine and totally theirs, I thank God."*

As I watch the news today, read the newspapers, hear political and religious commentators, and listen to friends share about the situation in the world, I find few words that challenge me as deeply as these.

What this extraordinarily courageous Abbott calls us to is what's deepest inside Christianity and all authentic religion, namely, a solidarity with others, all others, that's based upon a common God and a common humanity, a fact that revitalizes every other difference. We are brothers and sisters, all of us.

Muslims and Christians, and everyone else, under one gaze of love from God.

But that's not easy to see, nor accept, when daily we are hating, imprisoning, torturing, and killing each other in the name of God and our respective values. What Father Christian invites us to is to love out of the Gospel, not out of our feelings. What, in essence, does that mean?

The Gospels recount an incident where, one day, Jesus was "walking along the borders of Samaria, when he met a woman." Scripture scholars assure us that what is being described here is more than mere geography and more than a simple conversation between Jesus and a Syro-Phoenician woman. A border is a boundary, the edges of something foreign, and Samaria and this woman were what was particularly foreign at that moment.

Samaria was a different ethnicity and a different religion, and the woman a different gender. In essence, the Gospels are saying: "One day Jesus was walking along the edges of ethnicity, religion, and gender, as those there then knew and accepted." I doubt that we will find anywhere, in scripture or elsewhere, a more succinct and accurate description of where the Christian churches today, all of them, are standing: We are standing on the borders of ethnicity, religiosity, and gender, as we once knew these, particularly as these pertain to Islam

And to what does this call us?

Precisely to what Abbott Christian both incarnated and articulated: to stay in the relationship, to not caricaturize, to not misunderstand, to not let what's worst in each other eclipse what's best in each other, to continue to trust in our common God, to die in love if necessary, and especially to not forget, ever, that we are brothers and sisters, given equal life by a common Father.

And this is not a dangerous flight into idealism, biblical but impractical, a child's naivete. It's also astutely political, a brutal realism. Until we and Islam embrace as brothers and sisters, there can be no peace, and no military power in the world, as we are painfully learning, can provide us with security.


But for that to happen we have to, like Fr. Christian, immerse our gaze with that of the Father and contemplate the children of Islam as he sees them.

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  
October 9 - October 15**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Al Cooke, Eva & Stanley Grabowski, Marjorie Burke, Walter Dunkovich
Tuesday	8:00am	Sandy Fisher, John Fisher, Evelyn Weaver, Mr. & Mrs Joseph Haraburda, Marguerite Taylor
Wednesday	8:00am	John Hopp, Wayne Kral, Celeste Klees, Joseph George Kutta, Bruno Bransberger
Thursday	8:00am	John Ruzas, Ann Jiganti, Frank J. Kwak
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Tom Kigin, Angela Clifford, Frances Ference, Teresa McDonald
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Sophie Klein Jeanette & Jerry Jearas, Stella & Felix Gembala
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Linda Felice People of St. Cletus Jeanette Harris Theodore Borowski, Gloria Farrell

**Altar Servers**   
**October 14/15**

5:00pm - N. Smith, M. Thomas, M. Johnson-Dahl  
7:00am - R. Mitchell, Z. Quick, K. Meade  
8:00am - G. Valdez, T. Lenz, N. Magts  
9:30am - J. Kern, K. Cernetig, A. Heslin  
11:00am - A. Bartucci, A. Balch, K. Sipek

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

...James Popp, brother of George Popp  
...Lorraine Waszak

**Auxiliary Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, October 14, 2006**

<b>5:00 PM</b>	LR Staelgraeve, Mark	<b>9:30 AM</b>	LR Reisel, Tom-
SM Koch, Barbara-	C1 Chlapecka, Rick-	SM Hagen, Colleen-	C1 Mulderink, Ken-
B2 Sheridan, Erin-	C2 Dillane, Jennifer-	B2 Kelliher, Karen	C2 Kelliher, Larry
B3 Fard, Mary Beth-	C3 Reichl, Mickie-	B3 Williams, Alice-	C3 Harak, Veronica-
B4 Sipek, Sarah-	C4 Koch, Barbara-	B4 Hullinger, Shirley-	C4 Hagen, Colleen-
B5 Burke, Ruth	C5 Burke, Jack	B5 Nicosia, Christine	C5 Stumreiter, Earl
B6 Micek, Judy	C6 Micek, Dan	B6 Chaney, Marlene-	C6 Keating-Gay, Sus-

**Sunday, October 15, 2006**

<b>7:00 AM</b>	LR Hagen, Julie-	<b>11:00 AM</b>	LR McMahon, Helen-
SM Stamm, Barbara		SM Bolton, Paulette-	C1 Augustyn, Ran-
B2 Stamm, Barbara		B2 Samuelson, Debra-	C2 Garske, Elizabeth
B3 Stamm, Richard		B3 Schump, Cathy-	C3 Ficaro, Jennie
B4 Curnutt, Rose-		B4 Mangahas, Aurora-	C4 Bolton, Paulette-
B5 Parlier, Jon		B5 Rogan, Janina-	C5 Gebka, Mary Lu
B6 Parlier, Denise		B6 Provan, Karen	C6 Provan, Jim



<b>8:00 AM</b>	LR Gaethals, Kyle-
SM Wiley, Jackie-	C1 Kigin, Billie-
B2 Stopka, Sharon-	C2 Barsilli, Helen-
B3 Skupien, Kathy	C3 Pogar, Carol
B4 Dalsin, Pat-	C4 Wiley, Jackie-
B5 Biesadecki, Bob	C5 Biesadecki, Carol
B6 Carusa, Carole-	C6 Ward, Laura-

**Baptism**

This Past Week We Welcomed...Colleen Ann Ramicone to Our Parish Family.

[The] boundless and incomprehensible love of God for the human being reveals the degree to which the human person deserves to be loved in himself, independently of any other consideration - intelligence, beauty, health, youth, integrity, and so forth. In short, human life is always good, for it "is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (The Gospel of Life, n. 34).

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life, February 27, 2006.