

# 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 Utterings*

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Bible Sunday

*This Sunday is designated as Bible Sunday on the church's calendar and it is appropriate that the scriptures we hear proclaimed today all point us to the feast we will celebrate next Sunday which is the Feast of Christ the King. Scriptures this week speak of the end of time and the second coming of Christ. They remind us that we do not know the exact day or hour Christ will return but that we should live each day of our lives as if it were our last. We should be about the work of Jesus in this world so we find ourselves ready to enter into our glory in the next. How are we doing? If Christ would come to us today to call us home would he find us prepared? Would Christ recognize in us the fruits of his labor as his messengers of his gospel? Let us use this opportunity to pray that Jesus would.*

#### Thanksgiving

*This Thursday we will once again celebrate Thanksgiving here in America. Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the priests of the parish and the entire staff to wish everyone here at St. Cletus Parish a blessed Thanksgiving.*

*This is a day when we gather together as family and friends to give thanks to God for the many blessings which he has bestowed upon each one of us. Please join your parish family in our annual Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Let us, together, start this holiday by giving thanks to the one who has made all our blessings possible, God who loves us beyond measure.*

#### Liturgy Coordinator

*Carol Pogar who has so wonderfully served this parish community for many years as our liturgy coordinator has decided to step down from this position. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carol for her dedicated service and leadership in this very important area of our parish worship. Carol spent countless hours in preparing our weekly liturgies, training and scheduling our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, sacristans, ushers and much more. Carol we thank you for your faithful service and ministry to God's people here at St. Cletus Parish. The priests, staff, and parishioners wish you nothing but God's abundant blessings and love now and in all your future endeavors.*

#### Help for Advent and Christmas Decorating

*Our Advent and Christmas Planning Committee has met and have come up with plans for our church environment for this coming season. We are now in need of people who have talents that can assist us in implementing these plans. If you have artistic or craft skills that you think may be of help to the committee or are available to help with the actual decorating process please share your skills with us. Contact Justin Sisul, our Music Director, at (708) 352-4547 for more information. Thank you in advance.*

#### Turkey Raffle

*Our Holy Name Society wanted me to remind everyone that the winning number for the Turkey Raffle is # 8. The turkeys may be picked up at Morrissey Hall, Sunday, November 19, between 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm.*

*Happy Thanksgiving to All and Don't Eat TOO Much---Love  
Fr. Bob*

# Mass of Thanksgiving

All parishioners, family and friends  
are invited to gather and celebrate the  
Eucharist on Thanksgiving morning.

Mass Time

9:30am



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2006

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28  
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44  
     . Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:  
     Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48  
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40  
 Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8;  
     Jn 18:33b-37

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!

## The choice is ours

In today's gospel we consider the end of this world as we know it — dying. Next Sunday we consider the triumph of Christ and what comes to all of us who live in accord with the Word — everlasting life. Dying and rising. This is what the whole liturgical year is about. This is what the whole Christian mystery is about and there's a lot at stake!

When the Lord spoke about the future he described all the things that really frighten us: wars, torture, catastrophe, people in misery. It's interesting, though, that he used these dire predictions to produce hope in the disciples. If the thought of these things causes us to hang our heads, instead of raising them high, then perhaps we need to be concerned about how we look at the future. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, then the future holds no fear for us. Rather than fear, we anticipate our future with joyful expectation.

We have been faced with a choice throughout our journey during this past liturgical year: to be rooted in this world or in the words of Jesus. If we lived as if we truly believed that we "know not the day nor the hour", we have nothing to fear. As always, God's actions on our behalf lead not to death and destruction but to life. The choice is ours to make — but be careful to choose wisely.



## The Feast of Saint Cecilia November 22nd

Saint Cecilia's ancestors loomed large in Rome's history. Cecilia told her new husband, Valerian, that she was accompanied by an angel, but in order to see it, he must be purified. He agreed and was baptized. Upon returning from the ceremony, he found her in prayer accompanied by a praying angel. Moved by this sight, Valerian and his brother developed a ministry of giving proper burials to martyred Christians. Eventually they were arrested and martyred for their faith. Cecilia buried them at her villa. She was arrested for this action, ordered to sacrifice to false gods, and when she refused, in 117 she too was martyred. Her body was discovered in 817 and removed to the Church of St. Cecilia in Rome. The tomb was opened in 1599 and her body was found to be incorrupt. She is the patron of music, singers, and musicians and is represented in art with an organ or organ pipes because she sang a hymn of love to Jesus in her heart.

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Second Collection

This weekend at all Masses, we are taking the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD supports self-help projects of poor people as they work together to change their lives. Please be generous and help thousands of people to help themselves. Envelopes are available in the pews this weekend. Thank you.

## Cub Scout Wreath Sale This Weekend



**Reminder...** the Cub Scouts are going to be selling Christmas wreaths in front of the church **this** weekend, November 18/19. The wreaths come in sizes from 24 inches to 60 inches in diameter. There will also be some other decorations available for purchase. The wreaths come from the north woods and are made of all natural materials. The scouts would be happy to carry your wreath to your car. All of the proceeds from the sale go to pay the expenses of the Cub Scout Pack here at St. Cletus School.

## Holy Name Turkey Raffle

Our annual Turkey Raffle winning number is 8. All turkeys may be picked up this Sunday, November 19, between 2:30pm - 4:00pm at Morrissey Hall.

A reminder: the Usher Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 1, at Saban's Restaurant. Cocktails with a cash bar will be served at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Hope to see everyone there!

St. Cletus  **BLOOD DRIVE**

Sign up today for the time you wish to donate blood next week. Remember that blood donors are needed every day - for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those suffering chronic illnesses. More than 1,000 donors are needed on a daily basis just to meet the needs of patients in the LifeSource service. Remember - you can make a difference in someone's life!

Clare Slowik – Parish Nurse

## Advent Giving Tree/Food Baskets



Please remember to take a tag from our Advent Giving Tree this weekend. Gifts are to be brought to church on the weekend of December 9-10 and food baskets to Morrissey Hall on December 17. If you know you are going to be out of town when the gifts and baskets are due and you wish to take part, consider these options.

- 1) Ask a friend or family member to bring your gifts or food basket on the designated weekend; or
- 2) Arrange with us to donate gift certificates beforehand, which we will use to purchase any needed gifts or food.

The needs in our community and in our sharing parish, St. Agatha's, increase each year, as does the generosity of our parishioners. Directions are printed on each tag, but if you have any questions, consult our website at [www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns](http://www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns) or call Mary Beth, (708) 352-4641 or Maureen, (708) 839-0345. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford  
Social Concerns

## Attention: Ministers of Care

Minister of Care schedules and directories are available for pickup in the Minister's Room this weekend. Please remember to stop by for your copy. Thank you.

Dolores Wouk  
Minister of Care Coordinator

## "Favorites for All Seasons"

The parish cookbook is available every weekend after every Mass throughout the month of November or until supplies last. This is a great gift for the holidays, house warming, or for any occasion. Cookbooks are \$15. All the funds raised from this event will go to St. Cletus School and is sponsored by the St. Cletus Family School Association. Thank you for your support!

### Dear St. Cletus Community,

With Thanksgiving only days away, we are all encouraged to "count our blessings" and certainly the children at St. Cletus School are keenly aware of this. As they add up the bounty of their lives – and much of this tally features their school experiences – we are mindful of the many others outside our doors who make this all possible. Thank you! Our mission and ministry are a reflection of the devotion and faith of our school and parish community, and we are ever grateful for the part you play.

This year our Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be offered on Tuesday, November 21 at 2:00pm, and I hope that you will be able to join us. It is a wonderful way to "kick off" the holiday season.

May God's blessings bring you peace and love this holiday season and throughout the year.

Prayerfully yours,

Jolene Hillgoth, Principal

and the children of St. Cletus School

### St. Cletus Spiritwear

Anyone interested in purchasing St. Cletus Spiritwear, should contact Cathy Caplice at (708) 352-0982. Items include hats, headbands, sweatshirts, sweatpants, nylon pullovers, fleece pullovers, aprons, and chef's hat. What a great Christmas Gift! Call now – Deadline for this order is November 20.

### Advent by Candlelight

Please join us for an evening of reflection, refreshments and friendship as we focus on the true purpose of Advent.

Location: St. Cletus Parish, Morrissey Hall

Date: Monday, December 4, 2006

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Contact: If you are interested in attending or hosting a table of 6 to 8 women, kindly RSVP to Karen McDonnell by phone at (708) 482-9218 or by email at mcdonnelljmj@aol.com.

Donation: Suggested \$10 per person

*Sponsored by the Legionaries of Christ and Regnum Christi.*

### School News

St. Cletus School offers 3 and 4 year-old half-day preschool, a half-day or full day kindergarten option and an average class size of 23 students in grades 1-8. Our well-rounded educational program offers art, music, physical education, library, and computers as part of the student's schedule. Daily religion classes, service hours, school Masses and a firm and fair discipline code help our students excel. Our athletic program, band, choir, Great Books and Student Council help meet the needs of all students. An aftercare program is available for families who need child care after school hours. If your child is beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- Currently enrolled school families are registering for the 2007-2008 school year from November 15 through November 30, 2006.
- Registration will be available for registered parishioners from December 1 through December 22, 2006.
- Open registration for the general population will begin when school resumes on January 8, 2007.

Please call the school office at (708) 352-4820 between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm if you have questions or would like to make an appointment to visit our school.

Jolene Hillgoth  
Principal

### Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, 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, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, 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, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari.



### "Bending Towards the Light"

On Saturday, December 2 at 2:30pm, St. Cletus will present "Bending Towards the Light: a Jazz Nativity." This 60-minute presentation is a musical telling of the nativity, complete with Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, and the three kings - one of whom plays the trumpet, one with drums, and one who is a tap dancer!

This is the second annual production of this wonderful show, but the first to be held at St. Cletus. Most of our ensemble consists of master jazz musicians, whose careers have included performing and recording with the leading jazz artists of our time, including Peggy Lee, Teddy Wilson, Clark Terry, Frank Sinatra, Flora Purim and Tony Bennett.

The featured vocal soloists will include Dawn Lauber, Gayle Bisesi, John Rudy, David Molnar, and Emma Bolam. The instrumentalists include Bobby Lewis, trumpet, Mark Olen, trumpet, Bobby Scoff, piano, Jerry Coleman, drums, Tim Coffman, trombone, Geraldo de Oliveira, Latin percussion, Marlene Rosenberg, bass, Ken Jandes, saxophone, and Andy Tecson, Saxophone. Our own parish choirs will provide the choral backdrop for the performance, and Justin Sisul will conduct the entire ensemble.

Please consider joining us on December 2. The music is a wonderfully diverse outpouring of joy, tenderness and wonder. In the midst of the hectic schedule created by the secular aspects of this season, these services promise to provide a journey filled with surprising flashes of color, humor and a quiet contemplation of the mystery of God breaking into our realm in the form of an infant.

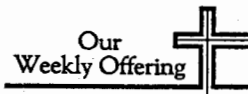
Justin Sisul – Music Director

#### 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.

### Stewardship

At this time of the year, a day is set aside to reflect on all those good gifts bestowed upon us by our Lord. What we do as a nation once a year, we as Christians should do on a daily basis. Take the time each day to realize where those blessings come from.



November 12

<b>Budgeted revenue:</b>	<b>\$29,061</b>
<b>Collection Received:</b>	<b>26,356</b>
<b>Shortfall last week:</b>	<b>- 2,705</b>
<b>Revenue to budget</b>	
<b>Shortfall for this fiscal year:</b>	<b>- 58,511</b>
<b># of envelopes mailed:</b>	<b>3,187</b>
<b># of envelopes returned:</b>	<b>852</b>

**Thank you for your continued support.**

### Pancake Breakfast Today!

The Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Post/Unit #1941 will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale and Raffle this Sunday, Nov. 19, from 8:00am 'til 1:00pm at 900 S. La Grange Rd., La Grange.

### The Church in South Africa Today

A Mission Evening will be held at the Comboni Mission Center, 1615 E. 31<sup>st</sup> St., La Grange Park, IL (708-354-1999) on Monday, November 20 at 7:00pm. Fr. John Converset, will focus on his mission experiences, the truth and reconciliation process and the present and the future of the Church in South America. Light refreshments will be served after the presentation. Join us and bring a friend!

### On Track Singles

...is open to all single men and women age 21 and over who have never been married, are divorced, or are widowed. For more information about the group, which is sponsored by St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Chicago, call Steve, (708) 268-9482, or Lucy (773) 778-8239, after 7:00pm.

St. Cletus Family School Association

*Poinsettia Sale*

Let the St. Cletus Family School Association help you during the Holiday Season with your gift giving and decorating.

For your convenience, you can pre-order florist quality poinsettia plants by calling Laura Ward (708) 482-0774 (daytime) or Madeline Thornton(708) 588-1446 (evening) by Tuesday, November 21, 2006. Orders can also be sent in through the school office with/without payment by Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

Pick up is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2006 from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the Kindergarten hallway. Enter the school by the flagpole. We know this is a busy time of year, so we will give a reminder call on the day before pick up.

Poinsettia plants are provided by Clovers Garden Center. A limited amount of extra plants will be available for purchase on pick up day.

Please call one of us if you have any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_


Pot size/ Plants per pot	Red	White	Pink	Jingle Bell	Price	Quantity	Dollar Amount
4 1/2" / 1 ppp					\$5.00		
6 1/2" / 2 ppp					\$15.00		
8" / 3 ppp					\$20.00		
Cash	Check #			Account name			

Please make checks payable to "St. Cletus FSA"  
Thank you, Merry Christmas, Laura and Madeline


  
**Mass Intentions for the week**

**November 20 - November 26**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Stanley Berg, Gaetana Chiappetta, Chester & Anne Koziol, Robert Frost
Tuesday	8:00am	Phillip C. Butkus, Angela Clifford, Joseph Megla, Brian Luczak, Josephine & Anton Kuchta
Wednesday	8:00am	George Gambini, Al Unites, Dolores Heuer, Patricia Owsiak, Jozef Slowik, Helen Walker, Mary McMahon
Thursday	9:30am	Frances Stefanski, Bill McCollom, Kadlec Family, John Gil, Bruce Hunter
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Marguerite Keating, Louis J. Kadlec, Jim Bozec, Velma Gartland
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Maria Guadalupe C. Al-Mendarez, Harold Janecek, Helen Janecek, Damaso Almendarez
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Stanley Wojciechowski Elliott Zavislak Barry, Clifford & Alice Pokryfke, Arthur Evans Michael Arpaia, Lucille Magee & Family, Gerry Rincon Jeanne & Mike O'Brien, Arthur J. Jalove, Celina & Pedro Lopez

**Altar Servers**   
**November 23 - Thanksgiving**  
 9:30am - R. Bogolin, T. Christopher, J. Falch

**November 25/26**  
 5:00pm - Q. Collins, J. Cripe, M. Gray  
 7:00am - N. Gallivan, J. Doyle, A. Smith  
 8:00am - J. Newman, A. Driscoll, B. Okkema  
 9:30am - R. Bogolin, T. Christopher, J. Flach  
 11:00am - T. Callahan, B. Kelley, D. Clarke

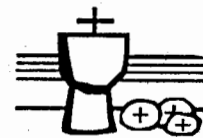
**Program for Homeless Seeks Volunteers**

BEDS operates a shelter for the homeless seven nights per week in seven church locations in La Grange, La Grange Park, Western Springs and Riverside. Volunteers are still needed at all shelter sites to serve meals, as overnight volunteers, or to cook and do laundry. Also needed are volunteers to pick up and deliver supplies to shelter locations. You can help by giving as little as four hours of time a month. For more information, call (708) 354-0858.

**Auxiliary Minister Schedule**

*Thursday, November 23, 2006*

**9:30 AM**  
 LR Demonte, Linda  
 SM McCaffray, Paul- C1 Meuwissen, Jean  
 B2 Skupien, Kathy C2 Kensek, Maggie  
 B3 Mezan, Mary Ann- C3 Nicosia, Christine  
 B4 Zupanic, Robert- C4 McCaffray, Paul  
 B5 Kelliher, Karen C5 Kelliher, Larry  
 B6 Smith, Paul C6 Smith, David



*Saturday, November 25, 2006*

**5:00 PM**  
 LR Schump, Cathy-  
 SM Swindall, Toni C1 Nicosia, Christine  
 B2 Ghera, Alicja- C2 Kensek, Maggie  
 B3 Richards, Marge- C3 Nash, Sheila  
 B4 Swindall, Vic C4 Swindall, Toni  
 B5 Micek, Judy C5 Micek, Dan  
 B6 Hockman, Susan- C6 Kessler, Trudi

**9:30 AM**  
 LR Wehrmeister, Rhe  
 SM McCaffray, Paul- C1 Horak, Veronica  
 B2 Stumreiter, Earl- C2 Dunkovich, Alice  
 B3 Opila, Andy C3 Opila, Margo  
 B4 Mulderink, Ken- C4 McCaffray, Paul  
 B5 Benkert, John C5 Benkert, Kim  
 B6 Nolan, Jeannine- C6 Williams, Alice

*Sunday, November 26, 2006*

**7:00 AM**  
 LR McDonnell, Michae  
 SM McCartney, Sandra-  
 B2 McCartney, Sandra-  
 B3 Nault, Helen-  
 B4 Walsh, Mary Jane-  
 B5 Karch, John  
 B6 Karch, Terri



**11:00 AM**  
 LR O'Dowd, Mary  
 SM Hagen, Colleen- C1 Severino, Shirley  
 B2 Brannigan, Rita- C2 Gleich, Sharon  
 B3 Mangahas, Aurora- C3 Rogan, Janina  
 B4 Hagen, Julie C4 Hagen, Colleen  
 B5 Augustyn, Ron C5 Drago, Irene  
 B6 Garske, Elizabeth- C6 Curnutt, Rose

**8:00 AM**  
 LR Okkema, Peter  
 SM Welch, Jerry- C1 Okkema, Ann  
 B2 Biesadecki, Carol C2 Biesadecki, Bob  
 B3 Kuchta, Ann- C3 Kwak, Tecla  
 B4 Warren, Catherine- C4 Welch, Jerry  
 B5 Bliss, Georgia- C5 Kigin, Billie  
 B6 Sipek, Sarah- C6 Caruso, Carole