

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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LaGrange, IL 60525
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WEBSITE EDITION



MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00p

Sunday: 7:00a, 8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a, 6:00p (Spanish)

Evening Before Holy Day: 7:00p

Holy Days
6:30a, 8:00a, 9:00a

Monday - Saturday
8:00a

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the rectory office at 708-352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates & times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME / HOSPITAL VISITATION & COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office at 708-352-4834

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 PM

Rev. Robert Clark
Pastor

Rev. Patrick O'Neill
Associate Pastor

Rev. Charles Watkins
Associate Pastor

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Director of Hispanic Ministry

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director / Social Concerns

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708-352-8597

Fr. Bob's Utterings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

I was reading an article the other day by Mark Strobel about today's readings and he reminded me clearly what the message of Paul's letter is truly all about when he stated: "You are the body of Christ, Paul declares. This unity, this oneness of body is a gift of God to us in our baptism. And Paul can't proclaim it enough. At another point in First Corinthians he says, 'We have all been baptized in one Spirit to form one body.' And in Galatians he says, 'As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ...for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.' This unity is a gift of the Lord in our one baptism. And while we are a generous mix of persons and ideas, of goals and ideals, no matter how different we may be from one another, our lives are brought together in one body of God through the waters of baptism."

"There is one Lord, one baptism, Paul says. The ministry Jesus inaugurated continues in us. The Spirit of the Lord is upon us...to bring good news to the poor...to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Ministry Appreciation Sunday

This Sunday we recognize and give thanks for all those in our parish family who minister to and for us in so many different ways. They truly are the body of God through their generous response to their baptismal call of service. We ask for God's special blessing upon them and their ministry this day. Please know that your talents and gifts of time are greatly appreciated by all within our parish community.

Commitment Sunday

This is also Commitment Sunday within the parish. We thank you for your generous support of your parish this past year and ask that you recommit your generous support for the New Year. Your financial support allows us to continue to provide for your spiritual, formational and educational needs throughout the year. Without your help we would not be able to maintain the programs and facilities to the quality degree that we have in the past. Please pray for God's guidance before making your new commitment to the future support of your parish.

*Thank You and God Bless,
Fr. Bob*



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Good news?

It's been said that what's good news for one person is always bad news for someone else.

Good news: A storm misses my town. Bad news: It wrecks havoc on another. My favorite team wins a big game, while another team's fans are left brokenhearted. This apparently iron rule even seems to apply to religion: Good news for the poor means bad news for the well-off, right? Freedom for the captive is a bad job evaluation for the jailer, no?

Maybe not. The good news—the gospel—Jesus proclaimed is good for everyone. Sure, there may be some painful readjustments, but it's like another piece of good news Jesus has: sight for the blind. With this one, everyone benefits. All of us need to regain our vision of God's kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

"The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

DAY OF PENANCE FOR ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE

Cross the divide

In this era of red states and blue states, black and white racial divides, war and peace supporters, prolife and prochoice protesters, it is difficult to imagine a house, a nation, a kingdom that isn't divided against itself. But Jesus very clearly calls us to unity despite our divisions. As we atone for the most divisive issue of our generation, we are called to cross the divide and find creative, compassionate, and faith-filled ways to help all citizens to see the value of human life. Start the process by trying to understand the needs, fears, and well-meaning intentions of those who stand on the opposite side of the fence from you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30*

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Give your all

You can't give yourself in bits and pieces. You have to give all of yourself. Just as Jesus gave his whole self out of love for us, so we give all of ourselves out of love for him. We join ourselves whole to his sacrifice. We are parts of one body, the Body of Christ, and we encounter this connection in the Eucharist and in the church. Our sacrifice cannot be just a symbolic one either. It needs to come from inside, or else what we do will be only an external ritual. Throw yourself into the good things you do.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35*

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

FEAST OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

God's eyes are fixed on you

Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622) is a patron to journalists because of the tracts and sermons he wrote and distributed door to door throughout Swiss Calvinist territory. Francis was determined to begin dialogue with other Christians ultimately to bring them back to the Roman Catholic Church but initially to bring about an end to fighting and division. In Francis' gentle, patient way, he drew people to look at their lives more clearly and direct

their focus on personal piety: "As often as you can during the day, recall your mind to the presence of God. . . . Consider what God is doing, what you are doing. You will always find God's eyes fixed on you in unchangeable love." Remember this gaze of love as you sow the seeds of Christian unity this week.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20*

"The seeds sown on good soil hear the Word and accept it and bear fruit."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE
The art of the possible

Have you or someone you know ever experienced a conversion? Conversion can take many forms in addition to religious ones. Someone turns their life around—recovering from an addiction, bouncing back from an illness or a setback and going at life in a whole new way. The amazing thing about Saint Paul's conversion (and despite numerous depictions in paintings to the contrary, no horse was involved), was that he went from persecutor of Christians to a devout Christian himself. The change in him was so incredible not everyone believed it at first. Could this person who was out to imprison and kill us now be one of us? For God all things are possible. With God's help, that makes a lot of things possible for us, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18*

"You will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 FEAST OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS
Great expectations

Christ tells his followers that the kingdom of God is like mustard seed strewn about the ground. From a small seed is born a great body of believers. So today we recognize two "seeds" of the early church, Timothy and Titus, who were sown by Paul in the pagan lands of Ephesus and Crete, respectively. Around these two men sprouted the Body of Christ. The recognition of these saints reminds us that the church has small beginnings, not just historically but in each of our lives as well. It may appear to us now that we have only small seeds of faith, but let us enjoy the great expectations Christ's words brought forth.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5;*

Mark 4:26-34

"When the tiny mustard seed grows up it becomes the greatest of all shrubs."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 FEAST OF ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN
Life and death

When Angela Merici (1474-1540) was a girl, she lost her entire family to death. While living with her uncle, she had a spiritual experience while working alone in the fields that convinced her both that her family was in heaven and also to establish a religious community, which eventually became the Sisters of Saint Ursula. Out of the gaping holes in her life and in the lives of those around her, Angela brought forth life and hope, presence from absence, love from loneliness, community from isolation. To get to new life we sometimes have to go through losses and deaths—just as Jesus teaches us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41*

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

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(1) High School Teens of the Parish

Chicago's critically acclaimed Imagination Theater, Inc. will be presenting a program "Show Some Respect" on Sunday, January 28, 7:00-8:15pm in Morrissey Hall. The program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council. This is a required event for Confirmation Candidates, but is also open to other interested high school teens. Please contact me with any questions.

(2) An Urgent Plea to Our Young Adults!

HELP...I know you are out there! The dates for our overnight Confirmation Retreat (Feb. 24-25) are drawing closer and we still need young adults (21+) for our retreat team. NOW is the time to contact me for details' ~ marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com, (708) 352-4641 work or (708) 354-0862 home. You will add an important dimension to our sophomore's retreat experience by acting as small group leaders and facilitators...sharing your faith and life experiences with our teens who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring. I guarantee a worthwhile, enjoyable time which will nourish your own spirituality! If you are not a young adult yourself, but know of someone who might be interested, I'd like to hear from you, too. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director

Attention Religious Education Parents!

Please note that Religious Education Classes are NOT Scheduled for January 28 or January 29 because of the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Classes resume on February 4/5. Enjoy your week off.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Food Pantry Update

- Thank you for your generous donations to the January Food Pantry. We served about 90 families.
- We are now busy filling bags for our February 8 food distribution. As the weather gets colder, we traditionally experience an increase in the number of people in need of our assistance.

■ At this time we are most in need of dry pinto beans and rice*; pasta sauce and pasta; jelly, canned fruits and tuna. Other staples we use include peanut butter, soups, meals in a can, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese and cereal. (* I am often asked what size bags of pinto beans and rice we prefer. The 1-3 pound size works best for us as we pack the bags.)

■ Of course, all **in-date** non-perishables and paper products are always appreciated.

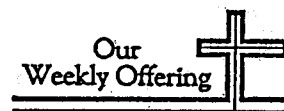
■ Please drop off donations in church when you come to weekend Mass.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in anticipating our need and continuing to remember the Food Pantry when you do your grocery shopping! Please contact me if you have any questions, (708) 352-4641 or marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com.

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Stewardship

Stewardship is the product of our gratitude. With grateful hearts we thank God who provides for us our past, our today, and our tomorrow, and we show our gratitude by giving of ourselves generously.



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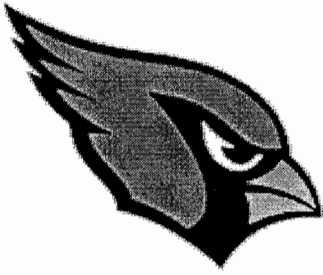
Budgeted revenue:	29,061
Collection Received:	25,160
Shortfall last week:	- 3,901
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 76,045
# Of envelopes mailed:	3,190
# Of envelopes returned:	890

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.

Fiscal 2006 Contribution Statements

Please note: All registered parishioners will receive a 2006 contribution statement. Anyone who gave regularly but is not registered will also receive a contribution statement. Statements will be in the mail by January 25.



CARDINAL CORNER

News from the St. Cletus School Board

Catholic Schools Week Open House

St. Cletus School is once again celebrating Catholic Schools Week with an Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Come find out more

about the *Good News in Education* at St. Cletus School:

- Tour our classrooms, library, computer lab, science lab, art room and music room
- Meet one-on-one with our experienced teachers
- View our students' entries into the 8th grade Science Fair, 7th grade History Fair and 6th grade Consumer Fair
- Meet our current families, and Experience the Difference at St. Cletus!

Register for the 2007 – 2008 school year in one of our faith-based programs:

- 3 year-old Preschool (2 days a week)
- 4 year-old Preschool (3 days a week in the morning and 5 days a week in the afternoon)
- Half-day Kindergarten
- Full-day Kindergarten
- Grades 1 – 8

Save the date: Parent and Child Activity Time

Bring the little ones and join us for another Parent & Child Activity Time. Mark your calendars now with our **new dates**: Thursdays, April 19, April 26 and May 3 at 9:30 a.m., in the St. Cletus School Library. Play instruments, sing along with the guitar and listen to stories as you and your child(ren) interact with other families. This activity is open to infant age children through 3 years old. Please contact Diane Burke at 708-352-9773 with any questions.

Join us for some bowling fun

The kids have had their fun, now it's time for the adults to "light up the town." By Candlelight, that is. The St. Cletus Athletic Association invites adults to a Candlelight Bowl on Saturday, January 27 at the Forest Lanes in Lyons.


Check in and buffet dinner begins at 8:30 p.m.; bowling goes from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cash bar available. Cost is \$45/couple; single and dinner only rates are available as well. Reservations are required by January 22. Please contact Janet Rausch at 630 654-4665 or email janet.rausch@comcast.net for reservations. Don't miss the 1st big outing of 2007!

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Marguerite May, 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, 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 Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May and Jackie Zaccari.

Speak Out Illinois...

Are we ready for an end to Roe (the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion)? Please attend the **Be informed: Speak out Illinois** 2007 annual conference, "**Horizons of Hope: the End of Roe**", on Saturday, February 3 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Come hear about legislative efforts to create a culture of life, more sophisticated crisis pregnancy centers and the influence of law on the culture. The day will include three dynamic speakers, including local hero, attorney Thomas Brejcha of the Thomas More Society, who fought and won a 20-year Supreme Court battle against NOW (National Organization of Women), two workshops, a reception, lunch, and a memorial for the unborn with special guest, **Bishop Thomas Paprocki**. For more information, for speaker details, or to register, visit www.speakoutillinois.org or call (773) 777-2900.



Mass Intentions for the week
January 22 – January 28


Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Lawrence Vieceli
Tuesday	8:00am	Mildred Spomer, Michael Wrozek
Wednesday	8:00am	Eleanor Haskins
Thursday	8:00am	Robert McLaughlin, Lou Kadlec, Rose Slatin, John H. O'Donnell
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph Megla, Erik Geyer, Donna Gjeldun
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus June Blake, Bobbie McQuaid, James Michael O'Rourke, Sr.
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Stella Wojciechowski Phillip C. Butkus Brother Robert Fisher, Frank Lusson, Gerry Okkema, Arlene Skryd Maria Garcia, Anthony DeMory


Readings for the Week	
Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30, or Any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 27, 2007		9:30 AM		LR
5:00 PM	LR Augustine, Ellie-	SM		C1
SM Koch, Barbara-	C1 Kalata, Marcie-	B2		C2
B2 Bartucci, Carol-	C2 Richards, Marge-	B3	CATHOLIC	C3 SCHOOL
B3 Kessler, Trudi-	C3 Boyer, Kathy-	B4	SCHOOLS	C4 BOARD &
B4 Zaremba, Elizabeth	C4 Koch, Barbara-	B5	WEEK	C5 FACULTY
B5 Ghera, Alicja-	C5 Ford, Mary Beth-	B6		C6
B6 Ryva, James-	C6 Dillane, Jennifer-			
Sunday, January 28, 2007		11:00 AM		LR
7:00 AM	LR Hagen, Julie-	SM	Wiley, Jackie-	C1 Severino, Shirley
SM McCartney, Sandra-		B2	Drago, Irene	C2 Herzog, Terri-
B2 McCartney, Sandra-		B3	Augustyn, Ron-	C3 Ficaro, Jennie
B3 Hinton, Geri-		B4	Nilles, Carolyn-	C4 Wiley, Jackie-
B4 Zmuda, Ron		B5	Hoskins, William	C5 Hoskins, Celine
B5 Zmuda, Louise		B6	Heyes, Marlene	C6 Heyes, Stuart
B6 Mezan, Mary Ann-				
8:00 AM				LR
SM Hullinger, Shirley-	C1 Doria, Annalyse-			
B2 Stamm, Richard	C2 Stamm, Barbara			
B3 Hagen, Colleen	C3 Hagen, Jim			
B4 Stopka, Sharon-	C4 Hullinger, Shirley			
B5 Borsilli, Helen-	C5 Welch, Jerry-			
B6 Karch, Terri	C6 Karch, John			

Altar Servers 
January 27/28
 5:00pm - D. DeLaurentis, M. King, E. Mrazek
 7:00am - C. McCollom, A. Condotti, K. Caplice
 8:00am - C. Madden, K. Kelliher, H. Heim
 9:30am - K. Baro, M. Micek, S. Lenz
 11:00am - J. Babirak, A. Kison, P. Oboikovitz

 **Baptism**
 This Past Week We Welcomed... Elise Magdalene Quandt to our Parish Family.

Wedding Banns 
 Christine Arturi and Greg Vaupell

Rest in Peace
 Please pray for those who have died and their families:
 ...Thaddeus Biedak

