



St. Cletus Canticle

June 17, 2007

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Intentions for the Week of June 18 - 24

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Brother Robert Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda
Tuesday	8:00am	William Magee, Angelica Falicelli
Wednesday	8:00am	Gil Walker, Liam Connors
Thursday	8:00am	Louis Horak, Sven Nysten
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - John Hopp, Erik Geyer, Sandy Fisher, John Fisher, Paulina Slobodnik
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Angelo Cumbo, Sam & Maria Scopelliti, Wanda Knapp
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Ken Johnson, Alfredo Dante Loretta A. Bleau Robert Wertz, John Pavlik, John J. Crowley, Jr., Theresa Paolini, Lottie Kluz, Special Intention for Ray's friends in Thanksgiving



June 23-24

5:00pm - TBA
 7:00am - N. Gacek, A. Rodriguez, J. Krecek
 8:00am - A. Goethals, S. Frisbie, B. Kelly
 9:30am - E. Maldonado, K. Callahan, S. Patterson
 11:00am - J. Riccione, M. Bruce, N. Loblaco

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, June 23, 2007

5:00 PM		9:30 AM	LR McMahon, Helen
SM Curnutt, Rose	LR Augustine, Ellie	SM Wiley, Jackie	C1 Nilles, Carolyn
B2 Beales, Dave	C1 Loch, Len	B2 Horak, Veronica	C2 Benkert, John
B3 Bamberger, Mary A	C2 Beales, Nadine	B3 Schump, Cathy	C3 Williams, Alice
	C3 Delaloye, Joe	B4 Bleic, Deb	C4 Wiiley, Jackie
B4 Boyer Kathy	C4 Curnutt, Rose	B5 Stumreiter, Earl	C5 Burke, Kevin
B5 Hockman, Susan	C5 Andrews, Diane	B6 Reichl, Mickie	C6 Thuma, Mary
B6 Richards, Marge	C6 Guide, Alfreda		

Sunday, June 24, 2007

7:00 AM		11:00 AM	LR Bolton, William
SM Swindall, Toni		SM Hagen, Colleen	C1 Mangahas, Aurora
B2 Swindall, Toni		B2 Provan, Jim	C2 Provan, Karen
B3 Swindall, Vic		B3 Brannigan, Rita	C3 Meuwissen, Jean
B4 Severino, Laurie		B4 Gebka, Mary Lu	C4 Hagen, Colleen
B5 Parlier, Jon		B5 Nash, Sheila	C5 Ficaro, Jennie
B6 Parlier, Denise		B6 Bolton, Paulette	C6 Chaney, Marlene
	LR Chlapecka, Thoma		

8:00 AM			
SM McCartney, Sandra	LR Kuchta, Ann		
	C1 Koch, Barbara		
B2 Thornton, William	C2 Thornton, Madel		
B3 Micek, Judy	C3 Micek, Dan		
B4 Ford, Mary Beth	C4 McCartney, S		
B5 Stopka, Sharon	C5 Ghera, Alicja		
B6 Hagen, Emily	C6 Hagen, Julie		



Please pray for those who have died and their families:

Dema Rice,
mother of Dave Rice and Tina Fezekas

Ronald Hofstetter,
father of Brian

Virginia Geary,
mother of Karen Casella

Mary J. Farmer,
mother of Brendan

Wedding Banns

Jennifer Guido and Joseph Garazzo

Christine Kwak and Glen Pacek

Megan Moran and Jack Hynes

Welcome to St. Cletus Parish!

We are pleased to welcome Donald Struwe, Sheila Murphy, and Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Farmer and Family, to our parish family. If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not yet registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we hear about the mystery of mercy in our scripture readings. Life is mysterious. It's been observed that the people we get angry at the most are also the people we love the most. Somehow, if we are fortunate, out of that mélange of mixed emotions and conflicting dynamics we learn how to give and receive love. Still, we don't always understand how. On this Fathers' Day, let us give thanks to our heavenly father for being such a forgiving God.

New Parish Pastoral Council (P.P.C.)

This is a wonderful historic moment for St. Cletus Parish because our new Parish Pastoral Council (P.P.C.) will meet for the very first time on the 26th of June. The new council has been formulated from all the existing ministry areas of our parish family. The Parish Ministry Commissions which consist of the following: Worship, Education, Youth, Social Concerns, Ministry of Care, Compassionate Care, Hispanic Ministry, and Development have all discerned and sent two representatives from their commissions to serve on the council. Also, the council membership includes the three parish priests, one staff representative, two at large members from the parish selected by the pastor, and a liaison from the finance committee.

The first meeting of the new council will, of course, be an opportunity for the council members to meet one another and discuss many practical issues that confront any newly formed board. We will discuss parish mission, meeting schedules, terms of office, selection of officers, and formulation of a constitution and by-laws.

Beginning immediately this month (June 28) the newly formed P.P.C. will be in-serviced by the Institute of School & Parish Development (ISPD) which is a National Catholic Development Consulting Firm. Stephanie Greenwood, who is our personal consultant from ISPD, will assist and guide the new P.P.C. and our parish as we move toward the development of a LONG-RANGE ADVANCEMENT PLAN that will advance St. Cletus' mission for the next 3-5 years. The newly formed Parish Pastoral Council (P.P.C.) will be central in providing the needed leadership and vision as our parish creates this plan.

This is indeed an exciting time for our entire parish community. You will not only be kept informed and updated throughout this entire process but will be asked to participate through your input and most importantly your prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide our newly formed Parish Pastoral Council (P.P.C.) and lead us into a future filled with the joy of God's grace.

New Parish Women's Club

*Our newly formed Parish Women's Club is off to a wonderful start. I had the great honor of attending their very first kick off event at Bella! Bacino's (36 S. La Grange Rd.) on Monday, June 4, and what a tremendous success it was. Thanks go to Linda and Dan Bacin, owners of Bella! Bacino's, who donated so much to this event. There were more than 100 of the parish women gathered together to meet and greet each other. Everyone had a great time and they were even willing to listen to me for a few minutes. I want to thank Diane Burke, Patty Burke, Tricia Amonson, and Kelly Machaj for their leadership, commitment, and hard work in bringing to reality their dream of a new women's club for St. Cletus Parish. **JOB WELL DONE!!!!!!***

*God's Abundant Blessings,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2007

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; FATHER'S DAY

Not so happy Father's Day

In a talk titled "The Father Wound," a chaplain mentioned that before Mother's Day and Father's Day every year, he would visit the local prison with cards and envelopes the prisoners could use to send greetings. "The Mother's Day cards were gone in minutes," he said. "I had very few takers for the Father's Day cards." Many men—and no shortage of women, for that matter—suffer from wounded relationships with their fathers, for a variety of reasons. So, Father's Day can be a bittersweet holiday. If you are one of the many with a wound, perhaps today you can simply pray for healing to a Father who does indeed know how to express love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Galatians 2:16, 19-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

"Her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love."

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Do your duty

Almsgiving was thoroughly endorsed by Jesus, but it's always a sticky issue for those to whom much has been given. The papal encyclical *Rerum novarum* (On labor and capital) offers some simple guidelines to help Christians know when to give: "If the question be asked: How must one's possessions be used?—the Church replies without hesitation: 'Man should not consider his material possessions as his own, but as common to all, so as to share them without hesitation when others are in need.'"

Although we are not required to give to others what we need for our own survival and reasonable maintenance, "when what necessity demands has been supplied," says the church, "it becomes a duty to give to the indigent out of what remains over."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42

"Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you."

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

FEAST OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

I am yours, you are mine

These words are the ancient motto of the monastic community Saint Romuald established. Romuald (c. 951-1027) was a man on a mission. Becoming a Benedictine monk in order to atone for a murder his father had committed, he sought ever simpler forms of monastic life, a desire that led him to establish monasteries and hermitages as places of silence and contemplation—a community known as Camaldolese monasticism. To his monks he wrote: "Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it. Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish." Devote some time to the journey within, not as something selfish, but as an inner pilgrimage to God. God is yours, and you are God's.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48

"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Storing up rewards in heaven

What if we made it a habit to do nice things for people without reward every day? The Jewish community calls it *mitzvot*, the obligation to do a good deed each day to fulfill the commandments of God. But if in fulfilling the commandments we gain the worldly reward of public

recognition, then justice is done and we have nothing more to gain. Jesus has a better plan for the coming of the kingdom: Let's do our good deeds in this life so that nobody sees and nobody knows. That way we gain an everlasting reward in heaven.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

"When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

FEAST OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

The blueprint for prayer

Around 16th-century Italy, few were more educated than Saint Aloysius Gonzaga. Not only did he learn military strategy and languages, he also studied widely in philosophy, mathematics, and theology. Audiences were amazed that even as a young man he could make brilliant public expositions on any question posed to him. But with famine and pestilence in Italy, it was this Jesuit who volunteered to help the sick. One of the most learned young men in the church used his life to change bandages. What good is it to speak about God if one cannot, in the end, make an act of love?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15

"Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

FEAST OF PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP

Share from your treasure chest

Paulinus of Nola was born "silver spoon in hand," as they say. His family's great wealth allowed him to receive an excellent education, become a lawyer, governor, and poet, and travel extensively. But in 389, he and his equally wealthy wife, Therasia, became Christians, sold their estates, and gave the money to the poor. Paulinus' friend (and later saint) Jerome said that "east and west were filled with their gifts." We all have treasure to give away, whether it be in the form of material wealth or our time and talents. What can you "give away" today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23

"Store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and thieves do not break in and steal."

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Inside Mary's closet

Often statues of Mary depict her as simply clad, but we also have images of her with elaborate dress, such as with Our Lady of Guadalupe and her blue-green mantle and Our Lady of Czestochowa with her gilded veil. How we dress our images of Mary says much about the diversity of Christian culture. Yet Mary's universal appeal as a protectress stands as a sign of Christian unity as well. May you be wrapped in the cloak of Mary's goodness today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34

"Why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

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St. Cletus Women’s Club

Thank You to all who attended the Women’s Club kick off at Bacino’s! We are off to a great start with 108 registered members! If you would like to join, please visit the parish website, download the registration form and send dues to:

Kelly Machaj
937 S. Spring Ave.
La Grange, IL 60525

Please make checks payable to St. Cletus Women’s Club. If you have any questions, please direct to womensclub@stcletusparish.com.

Also, look for more information to come for the following upcoming events:
October (date TBD) - movie night at La Grange Theater



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Rosemary Sylvester, Anna Mae Sica, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Robert Orrico, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, 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, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O’Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

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Budgeted revenue:	\$29,061
Collection received:	29,414
Surplus last week:	353
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 127,872
# Of envelopes mailed:	3,291
# Of envelopes returned:	890

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Catholic Charities
Cooke’s Manor Hines
13th Annual “Gift of the Spirit”
Brunch & Silent Auction
Sunday, June 24, 2007
12 Noon to 3 p.m.
Drury Lane
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
Tickets are \$50 per person

For more information, contact Dave Gardner at (312)655-7907 or you can email dgardner@catholiccharities.net.

Catechists Needed

Jesus says, “Through you I teach love. Through you I teach challenge. Through you I bring life. I will send you students who will challenge you to be more than you ever dreamed, who will touch my passion, my cross, my resurrection and my love for all people. In you I have trust and hope.”

Please consider responding to Jesus by serving His children as a catechist. Call me at (708) 352-2383 to find out about this challenge.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Music Ministry Notes



I was truly encouraged last week to hear so many voices join together in our first congregational communion meditation hymn. We will continue this practice on alternating weekends, and next week we'll see the first "new" song introduced by this practice. I continue to encourage you to "pray twice" and join in singing throughout the Mass!

You may notice some minor shifts in the lyrics found in the new hymnals. These slight changes are a result of the desire of composers and publishers alike to include inclusive language in the hymnals; that is, masculine references to God are often changed to neutral pronouns. In most cases, this does not affect the integrity of the song ("We are *His* People" becomes "We are *God's* People") and soon these changes will be a part of our vernacular. The reality is that every single publisher is taking this approach to some degree; GIA, the publisher of our hymnal, has worked with the composers and lyricists to make the changes fit the music as best they can.

Finally, more than half of our blue Gather books have already been donated to local churches in need of additional hymnals to serve their congregations. If anyone is aware of churches, schools, or religious programs that would benefit from receipt of some of our old hymnals, we still have more than two hundred to donate. Please contact me if you know of anyone that would like these books—I would hate to see these hardcover, usable books reach the recycling bins!

— *Justin Sisul*
Director of Music

Compassionate Care Ministry Recognized...

After a period of training and formation, our "public ministers" from *Compassionate Care* are now beginning their work. Helping with Funeral Planning and Vigil Prayer Services are Betsy Stiles and Stuart Heyes. Eleanor Mlot and her sister Loretta Johncola, along with Jim Matthews will serve by conducting Vigil Prayers at the funeral home. In a short time these ministers will be commissioned at one of our Sunday Masses. Many others who are less "public" but no less important to the ministry are also continuing their most valuable work. Let us thank God for these people and for their willingness to help this ministry be a reality!

Fr. Charles Watkins
Associate Pastor



Independence Day Mass Honors Veterans

On Wednesday, July 4, at our 8:00am Mass we will once again honor veterans of all branches of military service. We invite those who have served our country to wear a piece of their military uniform or some insignia that represents their service, and to sit with their fellow veterans in a place of honor in our church. The Mass will include a procession of the military flags carried by local veterans, and our musical "Salute to the Services" performed by a 40-piece band under the direction of Mr. Ed Ward. A light reception will be provided on the parish grounds following the Mass. Please join us to honor our veterans on this special day!



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I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.
— *Galatians 2:20*

Come Join Us and Put Your Faith into Action!

St. Cletus Church has joined Interfaith Community Partners, a faith-based alliance of local churches, whose mission is to help older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their communities through:

- Home Visits
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Grocery Shopping
- Phone Calls to Provide Reassurance

Interfaith Community Partners (ICP) trains volunteers to effectively meet the needs of older adults. St. Cletus Church will be hosting a training session on Sunday, June 24, from 12:15-3:30 PM in the rectory basement. A light lunch will be provided. For registration and questions, you can call ICP: (708) 482-6597. For more information about this ministry, please contact Mary Beth Ford at (708) 352-4641 or marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com. Thank you.

Reminder to Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation Candidates and Parents:

A few weeks ago, registration packets for the parish Confirmation Preparation Program were mailed out to graduating 8th graders and to our continuing candidates. Don't forget to mail or drop off your registration by July 1. If you have misplaced your registration packet or have any questions, please contact the Youth Ministry Office at (708) 352-4641 or youth@stcletusparish.com. Thank you!

High School Teens:

Gather some friends together and sign up for the St. Cletus/St. John of the Cross Summer Trip to Great America and Hurricane Harbor Water Park on Wednesday, July 25. The cost is \$35, which includes transportation (\$7.00, if you have a season pass). It's first come, first serve, with forms due by Monday, July 16. If you did not receive a flyer with permission slip in the mail, you can download it from the youth ministry site at the parish website: www.stcletusparish.com. Check your calendars and make plans for some summer fun! Contact the youth ministry office with any questions: (708) 352-4641 or youth@stcletusparish.com. Let your voices be heard, your faces be seen, and your presence be felt!

We have some great opportunities to offer you to become more active St. Cletus parishioners. Among them are:

- Become a Lector (reader) at parish Liturgies.
- Become an Usher (greeter and guide) at weekend Liturgies.
- Join a Teen Advisory Board, which would plan social, spiritual and service events for St. Cletus teens and their friends.
- Join the Contemporary Choir

Please give serious consideration to each of these areas, because **you have a lot to offer!** If you have any questions, contact the youth ministry office at (708) 352-4641 or youth@stcletusparish.com. Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:00AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM,
11:00AM, 6:00PM (Spanish)

Monday: 8:00AM

Tuesday: 8:00AM

Wednesday: 8:00AM

Thursday: 8:00AM

Friday: 8:00AM

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00PM

Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00AM

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00AM

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 (215-5407)

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45 PM

Bulletin Articles

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00pm Friday, **one full week** prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to canticle@stcletusparish.com.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday: 8:00am-7:00pm
Tuesday: 8:00am-7:00pm
Wednesday: 8:00am-7:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am-7:00pm
Friday: 8:00am-7:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-7:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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