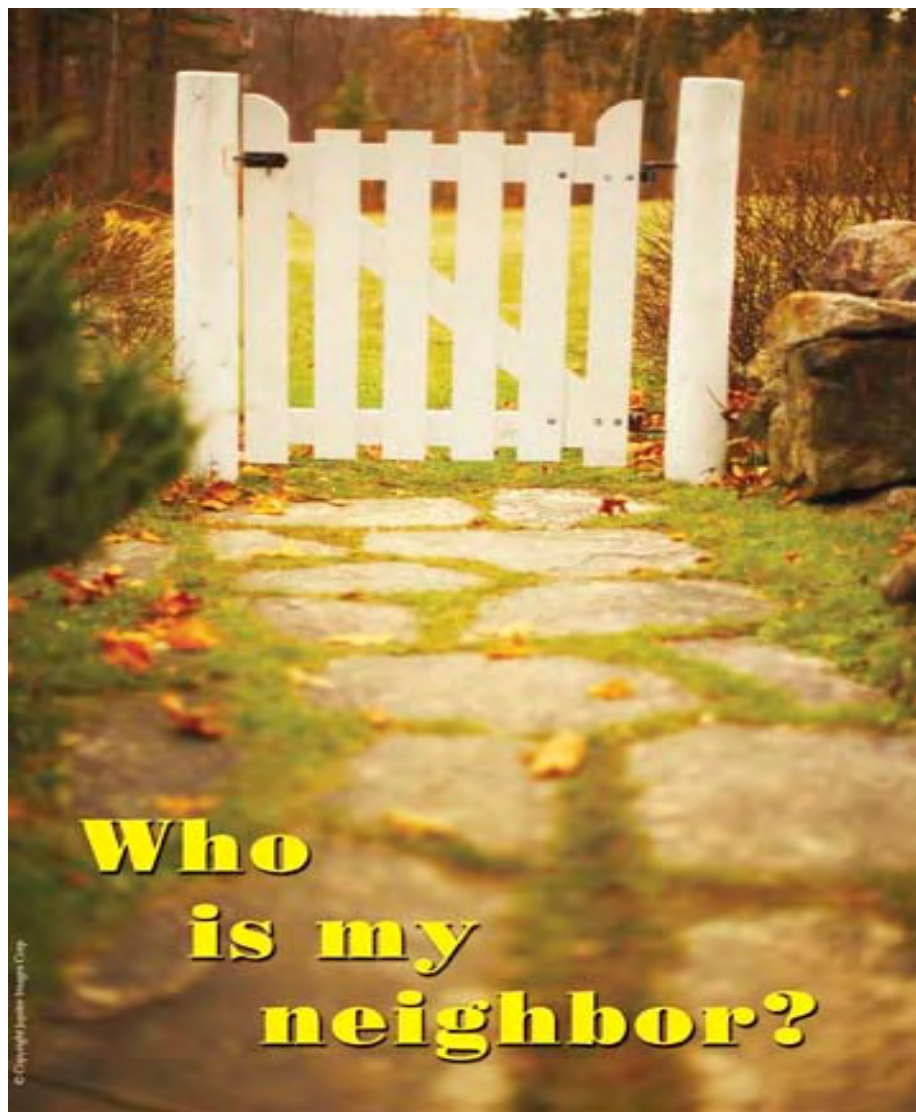


St. Cletus Canticle

July 15, 2007

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.**

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 16 - July 22

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph Megla
Tuesday	8:00am	Clare J. Idzik, Henry Maday
Wednesday	8:00am	Margaret Herzog, Evelyn Prevenas
Thursday	8:00am	Aubrey Olsen, Thomas O'Leary
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Erik Geyer, Brother Robert Fisher, Josephine & Anton Kuchta
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Jozef Slowik, Emma Palzer, Frances Sciacca, Maria Garcia
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	People of St. Cletus Purgatorial Society Virginia Shepler, Charles Keenan Al Jorn, Raymond Tobolski, Lottie Kluz, John Pavlik



July 21 - July 22

5:00pm - K. Zebus, A. Heslin, B. Kelly
 7:00am - RE
 8:00am - H. Griffin, J. Riccione, R. Mitchell
 9:30am - J. Babirak, H. Heim, D. Clarke
 11:00am - A. Rodriguez, M. Flannery, T. Gray



Please pray for those who have died and their families...

- † *Karen Valek*
- † *Alice Burnett*
- † *John Salvato*
brother-in-law of
Geri & Al Hinton

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 21, 2007

5:00 PM		
SM Swindall, T	C1	Augustine, E Condon, M K
B2 Heyes, M	C2	Heyes, S
B3 Burke, J	C3	Burke, R
B4 Swindall, V	C4	Swindall, T
B5 Bozec, B	C5	Kensek, M
B6 Beales, N	C6	Beales, D

9:30 AM		
SM McCaffray, P	C1 DalPorto, C	
B2 Opila, M	C2 Opila, A	
B3 Hullinger, S	C3 Benkert, J	
B4 Fisher, H	C4 McCaffray, P	
B5 Keating-Gay, S	C5 Nilles, C	
B6 Reichl, M	C6 Horak, V	

Sunday, July 22, 2007

7:00 AM		
SM Wouk, D		
B2 Wouk, D		
B3 Smith, D		
B4 Ghera, A		
B5 Mezan, M		
B6 Smith, P		

11:00 AM		
SM Wiley, J	LR Pisone, M C1 Schump, C	
B2 Maday, J	C2 Nash, S	
B3 Brannigan, R	C3 Hagen, J	
B4 Meuwissen, J	C4 Wiley, J	
B5 Provan, K	C5 Provan, J	
B6 Ficaro, J	C6 Herzog, T	

8:00 AM		
SM Stamm, B	LR Hagen, K C1 Ward, L	
B2 Welch, J	C2 Koch, B	
B3 Curotto, L	C3 Samuelson, D	
B4 Stamm, R	C4 Stamm, B	
B5 Kigin, B	C5 Saban, J	
B6 Kwak, T	C6 Nicosia, C	



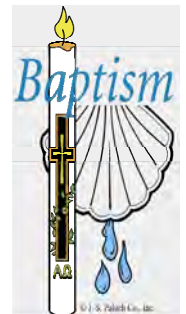
Welcome to Our Parish Family...

Samantha Elizabeth Kantz
daughter of Erik and Christine

Travis Jeffery Stamm
son of Jeffery and Cynthia

Kayla Jeanne Truesdale
daughter of Brian and Victoria

Lily Eileen Wenstrup
daughter of Greg and Megan



Wedding Banns
Sandra Froylaw
and
Jose Alfredo Jimenez

FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are about the mystery of human motivation. We humans are indeed a mysterious lot. We wonder why others do what they do, and even find ourselves perplexed over our own behavior. Where does it all come from, we wonder?

I found this article that may shed some light on this question. "Lawrence Kohlberg was a psychologist and professor at Harvard University. He studied human behavior and motivation and observed a typical progression in moral behavior through six different stages."

"At stage one we respond to the threat of punishment. We perform good acts because if we do not, we will suffer the consequences. This is why we slow down when we see a squad car monitoring traffic. At stage two we are motivated by a reward—like a raise in salary or a nicer home. Stage three suggests that we are motivated by public opinion and what people think of us. Kohlberg referred to it as the good boy/girl stage. Stage four, the motivating influence is law, our duty to society and good order. Kohlberg believed most people do not move beyond level three or four. At stage five a person is motivated by a sense of social responsibility for others. The world needs to be a better place, and we need to contribute to it. At stage six a person's motivation is totally and fully internalized. Now a person feels free to move outside the law or public opinion for the sake of doing good for others, for the sake of true and legitimate love. That alone matters and may even end in martyrdom. Kohlberg said that we call these people saints, and that few ever attain this level of motivation."

"What Kohlberg's theory suggests is that as we become more mature, the motivating principle for our behavior is more and more internalized. More and more we assume individual responsibility for who we are and for the world in which we live."

The question for you and I is what motivates our behavior? Which of Kohlberg's stages best describes us? Consider the Gospel's parable. At what stage of moral growth might each of the three passersby have been?

Msgr. Ralph Kuehner & Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis, Living the Word (World Library Publications, Franklin Park, IL., 2006) 164-165.

Summer Projects

This weekend we have the second of our collections for this year's summer projects. We appreciate the generous response and commitment to this program. Your help allows us to accomplish our goals. Work has already begun on the pipe repairs in the underground tunnels of our education buildings, which is the most expensive of all the summer projects, and without your help would have forced us to dip into our reserves in savings. Thank you once again for your help and financial support.

Madonna della Strada Shrine

I am very pleased to announce that we have passed our goal for the new shrine and are presently at \$22,800. The extra monies will allow us to do a few additional improvements to the area such as restoring the original chandelier for the area and cleaning of the flagstone walls in the shrine area. We look forward to the new shrine's blessing and dedication soon. Any additional donations will be used specifically for the maintenance of the shrine and the advancement of our outreach programs to the poor.

*Blessings of God in Abundance to All,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2007

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The checklist, please

The lawyer was just being a lawyer. He wanted to know what the bottom line was for acquiring eternal life, what rules had to be followed “or else.” Meanwhile, Jesus was getting used to this request for the bottom line. A young man once asked for it, and Jesus told him to sell everything and give it to the poor. A scribe inquired after it, and Jesus told him to love God and love his neighbor. This time, Jesus told a story about a man who showed mercy beyond reason. Truth is, Jesus gave the same answer every time.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37*

“Teacher,” the lawyer said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

MONDAY, JULY 16

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Standing shoulder to shoulder with Mary

Today the church celebrates the appearance of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to Saint Simon Stock. Simon appealed to Mary for the preservation of the Carmelite order. As a sign of her protection, she presented Simon with a brown scapular (a band of cloth worn over the shoulders) that would prevent any who wore it from experiencing everlasting death. The brown scapular became a distinctive part of the Carmelite habit, and miniature scapulars worn by laypeople as symbols of unity with the Carmelites became popular over the centuries. Although the church makes no claims of supernatural benefits to wearing a scapular, the spiritual benefits of remembering Mary's discipleship and recommitting with her each day to doing God's will are undeniable.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1*

“Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

TUESDAY, JULY 17 - Free at last

Moses had a keen sense of injustice that compelled him to lead his people from slavery to freedom. The movement from slavery to freedom serves as an apt metaphor for all of the spiritual life. We are constantly struggling with our own “captivity”—to unhealthy habits, negative emotions, and the like—but with God as our guide and Jesus as our liberator, we can make the journey from captivity to freedom. People of many faiths can look to Moses for inspiration in the ongoing struggle to achieve personal spiritual freedom as well as social justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24*

“... Moses ... went out to his people and saw their forced labor.”

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

FEAST OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

Three steps to heaven

Saint Camillus (1550-1614) is known to have said: “Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven,” and he apparently mastered all three, but not without great trial. Camillus joined

the army at a young age, received a terrible leg wound that never properly healed, became addicted to gambling, and eventually wound up on the doorstep of the Capuchin monks, who converted him. Camillus founded the Congregation of the Servants of the Sick (the Camillians) and devoted his life to total patient care. Wondering how to turn around a few misspent days in your youth? Let Camillus be your guide.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27*

“I thank you, Father, because you have hidden these things from the wise and have revealed them to infants.”

THURSDAY, JULY 19 - You deserve a break today

Reading of the great personal sacrifices Jesus and his disciples made for the sake of their beliefs may cause us to question if we are up to the task. It is important to remember, however, that Jesus is not some cruel task master but rather a loving companion who knows what we need—including rest—even before we ask for it. If you've been feeling a little frayed at the edges recently, it may be time to take a day to kick back and rest. Call it a “spiritual wellness day.”

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30*

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

FRIDAY, JULY 20 - Put your weapons down

Religious people are no less prone to getting mixed up about what's important than anyone else. And misplaced priorities can do even more damage when it comes to faith matters, because people can try to put the power of God behind things that are not of ultimate significance. The Pharisees, for example, made this mistake when they attacked Jesus' followers for “working” on the Sabbath by scavenging for grain to eat. Jesus turned their criticism back on them: Starving people are more important than religious rules, he said. What is more, it was Jesus who said what was acceptable, not the law. Let's not use religion as a weapon to hurt people rather than help heal them. TODAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8

“The Pharisees said to Jesus, ‘Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.’”

SATURDAY, JULY 21

FEAST OF LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST, DOCTOR

Give your faith a workout

A theological and biblical scholar, fluent in several languages, renowned preacher, diplomat, minister general of the Capuchin order, diplomat, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi (1559-1619) pretty much did it all. Yet he never forgot the purpose of his work. “God is love,” he wrote, “and all his operations proceed from love.”

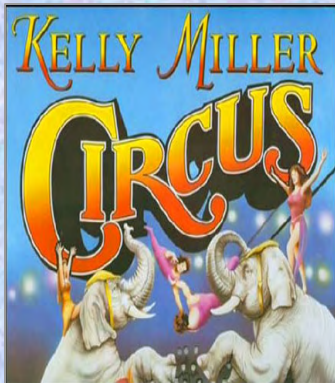
Saints like Lawrence show us the strength of faith and inspire us to stretch ours. They also demonstrate how all our activity needs the guidance of love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21*

“I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.”

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The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to St. Cletus on Wednesday, September 5th.

Show Times at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Advance tickets will be available after all Masses starting Sunday, July 29, 2007.

Early Childhood Religious Education

This Sunday School is for children ages 3-5. Classes meet during the 9:30am Mass on most Sundays throughout the school year. This fun-filled class provides the children a time to be with others their own age and learn of the Gospel in a way that is age appropriate. There is room available for all classes. Please contact Mary Ellen Staelgraevae (708) 352-7693 for more information and a registration form.

Catechists Needed!

The Religious Education Catechetical Team is in need of a few catechists. What could be more wonderful than praising God, sharing your faith, and joining a wonderful team of people? For more complete information, please call me at the Religious Education office at (708) 352-2383.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education



our sick in your prayers: Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferschek, 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.

Youth Ministry Reminder...

Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

Do you have enthusiasm for working with teens, concern for the growth and development of youth, and a desire to share your faith with others? I am looking for some warm, honest and sincere parishioners who are flexible and willing to give of their time and talent to minister to our teens in the position of Adult Small Group Advisor in our High School Confirmation Preparation Program. These Advisors share their home and their faith as they meet six times a year in groups of 10-14 teens to nurture the spiritual development of our youth.

Lesson planning/formation sessions are held monthly to give Advisors the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. Please pray and strongly consider this commitment. This position is a two-year commitment, which can be filled by couples, individuals or can be shared with a friend. I am happy to meet with you, answer any questions regarding this ministry and/or put you in contact with past/present Advisors. I can be reached at 215-5419 or acranny@stcletusparish.com.

Amy Cranny
Director of Youth Ministry

Summer Projects Collection This Weekend

We are asking each parish family to contribute an extra \$50 the months of June, July and August, to help us with particular projects around the parish that we don't get a chance to address during the course of each year. Our second installment will be taken up this weekend. Again, thank you so much for your support.

Stewardship

Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure you have received. (1Pt 4:8-10)



St. Cletus School has limited openings available for the 2007-2008 school year. In addition to our first through eighth grade classes, we offer:

Preschool: Our preschool classes meet for half-days: 3-pre on Tuesday and Thursday; our morning 4-pre class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and our 4-pre afternoon class Monday through Friday.

Kindergarten: We offer both half-day and full-day programs.

Before and Aftercare Programs are also available. Please contact the school office at (708) 352-4820 for information on openings for specific programs. Our website: www.stcletusparish.com/school is always available for information on the school and registration forms.

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal

Christian Giving

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Budgeted revenue:	\$28,500
Collection received:	26,355
Shortfall last week:	- 2,145
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 1,250
# Of envelopes mailed:	3,291
# Of envelopes returned:	872

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Foreign Student Seeks Host Family

One or two "Host Families" are being recruited to offer Housing for a visiting Ph.D. candidate from Kazakhstan who plans to visit here for research for her thesis for several weeks in August. The doctoral candidate is female, age 29, attends Kazakhstan State University; Almaty, and has studied in Switzerland and Germany and with the Korean government; and has wide language skills. Program info: www.caprc.org.

To volunteer, please call (708) 246-5556.

Comboni Missionary Leaving Our Area

Fr. Valentino Saoncella, a Comboni Missionary who for the past 20 years has served in our pastoral area, will retire and move to Verona, Italy, where the Comboni Missionaries have their mother house and a comfortable facility with professional staff that cares for elderly and infirm missionaries.

A Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass will be celebrated at the Ascension of the Lord Parish in Oak Brook Terrace on Sunday, August 5, at noon. It will be followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Anyone planning to attend, please RSVP by calling (708) 354-1999 by July 28.

Fr. Val and the Comboni Missionaries wish to thank you for allowing us to minister in your midst. Please continue to remember us and Fr. Val in your prayers.

You Shall Love Your Neighbor As Yourself...

For the married, our closest neighbor is our spouse. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be August 3-5. For information or reservations, consult our website at www.wmchicago-gary.org or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442-3554.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The first “presbyters” were advisers to the bishops rather than what we would call “priests,” yet by the year 1000 our present-day understanding of the ordained priesthood is clearly in place. The Germanic influence was strong in those days, reflected in a series of questions posed to the candidate about his intentions.

The priest’s role in the celebration of Mass had by then come to the fore, as the ritual notes that Mass vestments must be worn, the hands of the priest must be anointed with chrism, and a chalice with wine and water and a paten with a host must be given. Up to then, the ordination rite had stressed the presbyter as a collaborator with the bishop and a member of the order of presbyters. Then, in a not-so-subtle shift, the presbyter came to be seen as a “priest” designated to celebrate the Mass and, as the prayer suggests, to touch the chalice. By these days, remember, the cup had long vanished from Communion for the laity. A thousand years ago, today’s patterns were already in place. The priest no longer saw himself as a member of a council of elders, a presbytery, and in some dioceses he had little influence over the bishop. Instead, he was either a pastor, with relationship to the Eucharistic community in the parish, or he was a priest monk, offering Mass for the salvation of the departed or the intentions of the living.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and his companions
 Wednesday: St. Benedict
 Friday: St. Henry
 Saturday: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha;
 Blessed Virgin Mary

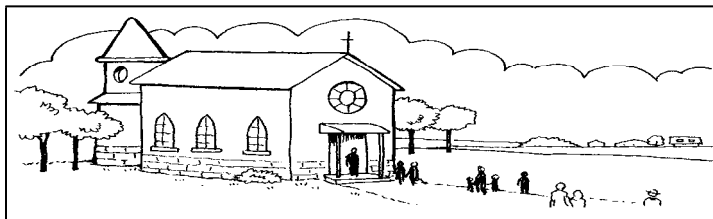
GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Miss Collins, the dean of students at Olympic High School, was past the point of scolding Matt, though she liked him very much. “Four detentions in two weeks are too many.”

Still Matt wouldn’t tell. It was only after Miss Collins went on a morning neighborhood patrol that she found out the real reason for Matt’s tardiness. Thump, thump, thump, came the wheelchair down the stairs. It was Matt, steadying Shawnetta as he helped lower her down the stairs and then push her to the corner bus stop.

“She’s a girl in my parish youth group,” Matt explained to Miss Collins.

There are many ways to describe Matt’s actions—a random act of kindness, making a difference one person at a time. Jesus would understand. When the lawyer correctly identified the good Samaritan as the one who had treated the injured man with compassion, Jesus said simply, “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37).



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 Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body, the church.
Colossians 1:15, 18

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: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 9:00AM
Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00AM

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 (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.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday: 9:00am-5:00pm
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Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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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.

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