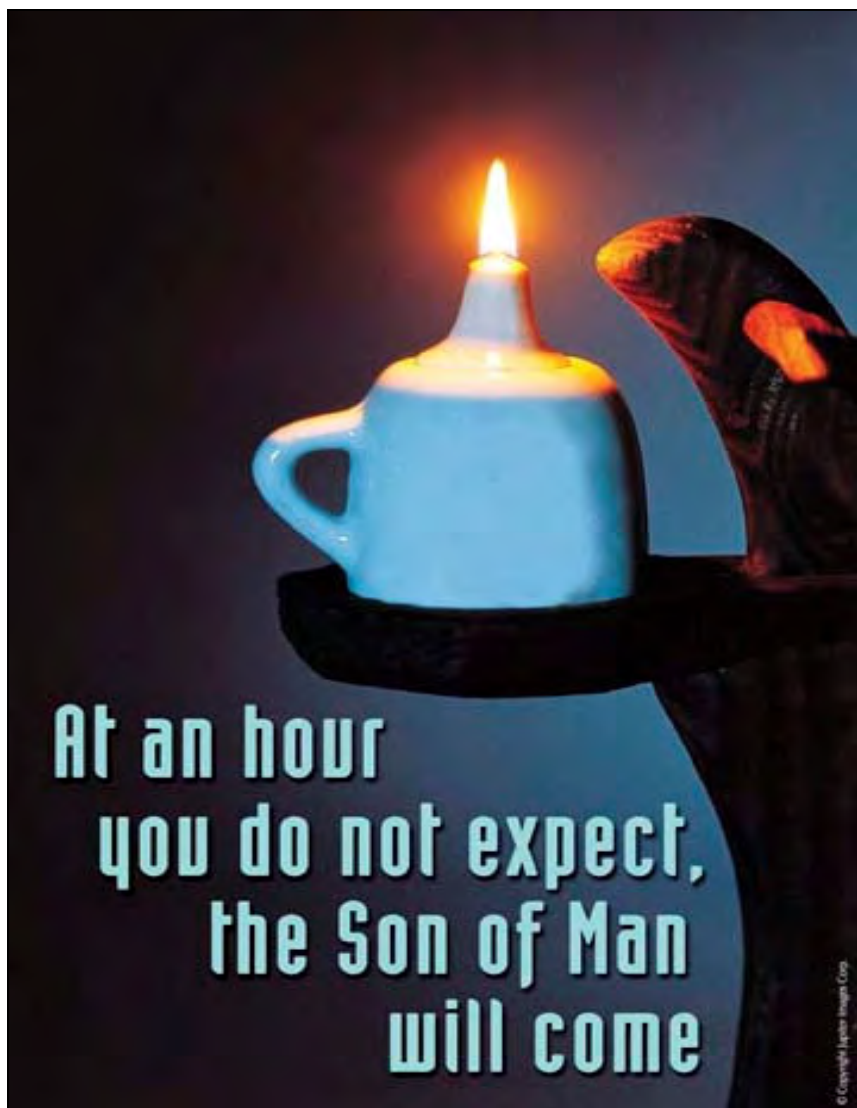


St. Cletus Canticle

August 12, 2007

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



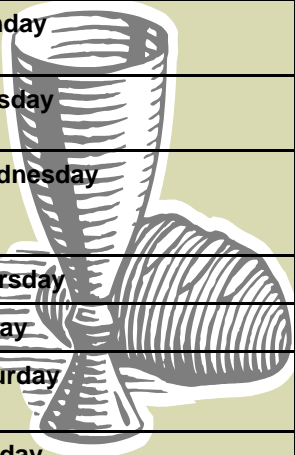
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Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.**

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 13 - August 19

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Tom Kigin, Marjorie Burke, Joseph Kasperski, Edward R. Hefler, Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am 7:00pm	Jurgis Jurgutis, Petras Palys Vigil of the Assumption of Blessed Mary
Wednesday	6:30am 8:00am	People of St. Cletus Joseph Megia, Margaret & Bill Kenney, Jozef Slowik, Nellie Marshall, Don Wouk, Al & Agnes Hinton
Thursday	8:00am	Al Cooke
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph & Clare Idzik, Dolores Cronin
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Ronald J. Drobny Sr., Henry Maday
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Florence Rossi Edward Wendt, Jean Mathey Virginia Shepler, Eleanor Haskins Bill Ruddy, Lottie Kluz, John Pavlik



August 18 - 19

5:00pm - J. Krecek, B. Stepuszek, H. Griffin
 7:00am - M. King, K. Caplice, K. Lawler
 8:00am - A. Balch, T. Gray, A. Bartucci
 9:30am - K. Tosheff, C. Usher, K. Cernetig
 11:00am - Religious Education servers



Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- † Joseph J. Callahan
- † Melvin J. Callahan
- † James J. Callahan
brothers of Fran Knezevic
- † Margaret Sonsini
aunt of Edie Fatland



Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 18, 2007

5:00 PM	
SM Swindall, V	LR Okkema, P
B2 Benkert, K	C1 Okkema, A
B3 Loch, L	C2 Benkert, J
B4 Swindall, T	C3 Koch, B
B5 Burke, R	C4 Swindall, V
B6 Boyer, K	C5 Burke, J
	C6 Ward, L

9:30 AM

SM Bolton, P	LR Wehrmeister, R
B2 Haggerty, F	C1 Nolan, J
B3 Zupancic, R	C2 Stumreiter, E
B4 Thuma, M	C3 Horak, V
B5 Bartucci, C	C4 Bolton, P
B6 Fisher, H	C5 Bleic, D
	C6 Williams, A

Sunday, August 19, 2007

7:00 AM	
SM McCartney, S	LR Chlapecka, T
B2 McCartney, S	
B3 Hinton, G	
B4 Smith, D	
B5 Smith, P	
B6 Fahey, A	

11:00 AM

SM Bolton, P	LR O'Dowd, M
	C1 Mangahas, A
B2 Nash, Sheila	C2 Hagen, J
B3 Maday, J	C3 Gebka, ML
B4 Schump, C	C4 Bolton, P
B5 Meuwissen, J	C5 Brannigan, R
B6 Provan, J	C6 Provan, K

8:00 AM	
SM Welch, J	LR Hagen, K
B2 Stopka, S	C1 Curotto, L
B3 Warren, C	C2 Kuchta, A
B4 Hogue, K	C3 Zarembo, E
B5 Saban, J	C4 Welch, J
B6 Biesadecki, B	C5 Kwak, T
	C6 Biesadecki, C



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Welcome to Our Parish Family:

Giovanni Francesco Bernardo
son of Pasquale and Daniella
Giuseppe Attilio Bernardo
son of Pasquale and Daniella
Payton Stephanie Conway
daughter of Sean and Megan
Rylin Diane Conway
daughter of Thomas and Charise



FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

19TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is tempting to wish that our faith in God would enable us to have an unfailing trust that God will take us to where we want to be. It would free us from dithering with decisions, vacillating and second-guessing. Only that wouldn't be faith because it would be our own script we'd have God carrying out.

Faith in God surrenders the script. It also surrenders the outcome, which is why Abraham, when asked by God to pack up kin and belongings and move to another land, did just that without knowing where or how he'd eventually settle in. And much later, like the unpredictable thread of a good novel, Abraham's story finds him and Sarah with child when they are 100 and 90 years old. A decade or so later, Abraham again finds himself without any sensible or sane understanding of the storyline as he leads young Isaac up a sacrificial mountain to what would seem to be a failure of God's promise to Abraham to father countless generations. Once more God rewrites the ending. Throughout Abraham's life it is God's script that Abraham lives out, not his own.

Faith is unpredictable, like good novels that twist and turn and keep us in suspense. If novels are well written, they keep us up long into the night. On the other hand, we like our lives quite the opposite. The appearance of the unpredictable tends to unsettle and undo our living. We presume that good lives, unlike a good novel, are interesting and engaging but always knowledgably focused and without unwarranted surprises. And so we expect good novels and good lives to be like the tracks of the railroad—parallel, but never touching or crossing lest someone or something be derailed.

Growth and change are always the result of conflict, of clashing visions that force adaptation. This is not to say God writes tragedies and suffering into the script, but only that God uses all the unfolding twists and turns of the plot to bring the story to a divine conclusion.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Wednesday, August 15, 2007, we celebrate the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION which requires all Catholics to attend Mass on this feast day. St. Cletus Mass schedule for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is as follows:

Mass of Anticipation - Tuesday evening August 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Feast Day - Wednesday August 15th at 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

Summer Projects Collection

The third and final collection for our summer projects will take place next weekend, August 18th & 19th, at all Masses. Thank you so much for the wonderful support you have shown regarding these projects. Work is now being completed on the deteriorating heating pipes in the education building and is expected to be finished soon. We have leveled the ground for the new play area in the courtyard in anticipation of our new play equipment for our kindergarten and preschool programs. New replacement computers have been ordered for the school and offices that were in need of them. We have been able to continue to beautify our parish grounds with mulching and plantings throughout. The other projects will hopefully be scheduled soon. The great generosity and support of these projects is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all our supporters.

Church Ceiling

I am sure you have noticed the wonderful improvement to our church ceiling that has taken place. The new painting of the ceiling is now complete and it has been a great improvement to the environment of our church. The good news is that our insurance paid for this entire project. The damage was caused by problems with our heating and cooling system which has been repaired and paid, also, by our insurance coverage. It is wonderful to look out from the sanctuary and see the beautiful new ceiling.

May God Continue to Bless Each One of You,

Father Bob



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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2007

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dressed for action

Most of us know how to dress for success, depending on the situation. Don't wear flip-flops on a hiking trip. If you have to call ahead for restaurant reservations, it's probably best to wear a good shirt. If you're a superhero, bright colors and an artful disguise may be the way to go. But how do you dress for success if you're a follower of Jesus? Forget fashion tips. Just be prepared to act at the first sign of someone's need. Where need is, Jesus is.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48*

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit."

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

FEAST OF PONTIAN, POPE, MARTYR, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYR Mom, what's an antipope?

When differences arise, popes, like family members, choose sides. In the third century, a Roman priest, Hippolytus, took exception to the teachings of the pope and gathered followers to his side. He was the first of what became known as the antipopes, those leaders who gained a significant following over and against legitimate popes. He lasted 10 years until, under a new pope, Pontian, the emperor had them both executed, just to make sure he got the right one. Tradition holds that the two were reconciled before they died, and thus became today's martyr saints together. Conflict and betrayal are part of every human life, but reconciliation is the way of true faith. With whom can you reconcile today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27*
"The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

FEAST OF MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR A witness to the end

The Franciscan Maximilian Kolbe is best known for the way he died: He offered his life in the Auschwitz Nazi death camp in exchange for another prisoner, a husband and father. But he led an incredibly active life before then. He founded a society for people consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (still in existence), a Franciscan community near Warsaw that in 12 years grew from 18 to 650 friars, and a publishing house that produced religious booklets and a newspaper and monthly magazine with circulations of 230,000 and more than 1 million respectively. He even established a missionary center in Nagasaki Japan in 1930. His hard work reached its fulfillment in his martyrdom. Let the dedication of this saint serve as an example in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14*
"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Body and soul

In the years after World War II, which saw the deaths of tens of millions of people, the destruction of whole cities, and immeasurable suffering and heartbreak, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the doctrine of the physical assumption of Mary into heaven. One of his reasons: so that "exalted destiny of both soul and body may in this striking manner be brought clearly to the notice of all persons"—a destiny and dignity the war had, in an equally striking

manner, so degraded.

Mary gave her whole self, body and soul, to the coming of her son Jesus, who saves us body and soul. Humans have the unique ability to both embody life and destroy it on a mass scale. In celebrating Mary today, remember the value our bodies and souls have as places of the Spirit and the ultimate value of all human life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56*

"Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

FEAST OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Crowning achievements

Stephen (975-1038) was the son of the chief of the Magyars, a warlike tribe of pagans from Western Asia who settled in modern-day Hungary in the ninth century. He was baptized along with his family when he was 10 and became his people's leader when he was 22. He was tireless in his efforts to help the poor and bring Christianity to the land. Because most of the people couldn't read, he filled the churches with statues and mosaics that told the stories of the faith through art. For his efforts, the pope sent Stephen a crown that is still treasured in Hungary today. What might you do with your life, so that you are remembered and treasured 1,000 years from now?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1*

"This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Chastity in the 21st century?

Teaching teen abstinence can be a thankless job to the teacher who loses the lunchroom lottery and gets the assignment. But it's not just our young people who might benefit from the idea of chastity. In a culture that exploits human sexuality to sell everything from soft drinks to homeowners' insurance, the holy power of our capacity for intimacy has been heartlessly dumbed down and devalued. When adults stop marketing themselves as commodities with the currency of themselves, the next generation will learn self-respect from us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12*

"And there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

FEAST OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Forgiveness one step at a time

One of the most difficult spiritual tasks we can face is to forgive someone who has harmed a loved one. Jane Frances de Chantal had to do just that when her husband was killed in a hunting accident. Wisely, Jane took it in steps. She began by greeting her husband's killer on the street. When she mastered that, Jane invited him to her home. Eventually she forgave the man so fully that he asked her to be the godmother of his child.

Forgiveness is a process, sometimes taking many years to be complete. We don't have to accomplish it all at once. What is one thing you might do today that constitutes a first step toward forgiving another?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15*
"The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey."

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Feast of the Assumption
Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Our Holy Day Masses are as follows:
Tuesday: 7:00pm Vigil
Wednesday: 6:30 & 8:00am



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, 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.

Youth Ministry News...

Still looking...We still have openings for Advisors for our high school Confirmation Preparation Program. If you are seeking a way to grow in your faith and share it with others in a personal and rewarding way, please consider becoming an Advisor. The time commitment is not overwhelming and lesson planning/formation sessions take place before each of the six small group meetings to assure you the support and guidance needed to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. Please call Amy Cranny, (708) 215-5419 for further details. Thanks!

Welcome New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Casabal and Family, Michael Jesewitz, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kizlauskas, Kathleen Manna, Mr. & Mrs. Edward McNamara, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Paterniti and Family, Marie Rahilly, Mr. & Mrs. Guillermo Tavares and Family and Toczek-Availa Family.

If you have been attending St. Cletus but have not yet registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.



(R.C.I.A.: What Is It?)

Many Catholics I talk to know that these letters mean Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and refer to the preparation of adults seeking full membership in the Catholic Church. Our parish program begins on Wednesday, September 26, at 7:00pm in Room 200 of the Education Building.

Our sessions cover these topics:

- Journey – RCIA - What is it all about?
- Church
- Symbols in Worship
- Holy Bible
- Prayer
- Liturgy
- Advent, Lent, the Liturgical Year
- The Trinity
- Sacraments

To participate one must be 18-years-old or older, either not baptized or baptized in another non-Catholic denomination.

For more information, please call me at the Religious Education office at (708) 352-2383.

Pat Kahl
 Director of Religious Education



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

Show Times are at 4:30 & 7:30pm

Advance Tickets available after all weekend Masses through September 2nd or at the following ticket outlets in La Grange:

- De Vries Grocery & Market
- Little Joe's
- Palmer Place Restaurant & Bier Garten
- Park District of La Grange
- St. Cletus Rectory & School

TICKET PRICES			
In Advance		On Circus Day	
Adult.....	\$9.00	Adult.....	\$12.00
Child.....under 12.....	\$5.00	Child.....under 12.....	\$ 6.00



Chicago White Sox Bus Trip
Sponsored by the St. Cletus Athletic Association

Hey, White Sox Fans! Tickets are still available for the White Sox Bus Trip Outing for the Monday Night, August 20, SOX vs. KANSAS CITY GAME. All proceeds from the outing support the St. Cletus Athletic Association. Tickets are \$75 each and include the following:

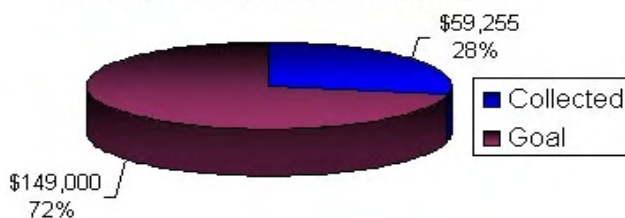
- Bus Transportation to and from the game (departing from St. Cletus parking lot)
- Pre-Game Patio Party underneath the right field bleachers 1 hour before the game and 1/2 hour into the game, including an all-you-can-eat and drink picnic menu fare.
- A ticket in right field (Section 104) - A perfect spot for a Jim Thome home run!

Please consider joining us for some end-of-summer fun. For tickets and any/all questions, please contact Marie and Bob Usher at (708) 354-4329.

August 5, 2007

Budgeted revenue: \$28,500
Collection received: 28,573
Surplus last week: 73
Revenue to budget
Shortfall for this fiscal year: - 13,625
Of envelopes mailed: 3,291
Of envelopes returned: 890
Thank you for your continued financial support.

Summer Projects Campaign



Earn Valuable Money for St. Cletus School by Shopping at Dominick's

In addition to the 10% Back to Schools program, Dominick's is now providing us with another fantastic fundraising opportunity called eScrip.

eScrip is easy to use and this is a year round program with no date restrictions or slips to track. Dominick's contributes up to 4% of your purchases to St. Cletus every time you shop and present your Fresh Values card. All you need to do is register your Fresh Values card with the program. Remember your family members may also register their cards as well.

To sign up:

- Have your Dominick's Fresh Values card number ready
- Visit www.escrip.com
- Click on the link to sign up as a new member
- Locate St. Cletus School (Group ID # 500014509) and register your card number


If you have any questions regarding this program or are having trouble registering your Fresh Values card, please contact me at (708) 482-0511.

Thanks for your support.

Holly Kallal

St. Cletus FSA

Reminder: General Mills box tops can be dropped off in the Minister's room in church.



10% BACK TO SCHOOLS

A) Buy participating products marked with these Yellow School Bus tags.

B) 10% of the purchase can support your school when you use your Club Card July 18th through September 4th, 2007.

FILL YOUR CART. HELP YOUR SCHOOL.

Dominick's Shares With St. Cletus

When you purchase participating products with your Fresh Values Card from now through September 4th, Dominick's will donate 10% of the purchase price back to St. Cletus. Look for participating products marked with the yellow school bus tags throughout the store. Check your register receipts beginning September 10th and send them to the St. Cletus School Office before October 6th. Thank you for your participation!

Mary Jane Walsh

Religious Education News

Please register for the 2007-2008 religious education classes NOW. Remember to include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with your registration form. Parents of First Grade Students are reminded that children MUST be in the program for two years before they can receive a sacrament. Register your first grader NOW! Call the religious education office at (708) 352-2383. I look forward to hearing from you.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Monday of the Month immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm. *Adoracion Nocturna* continues until 8:00pm with song and prayer.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Thursday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Friday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday:	8:00am-1:00pm

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.

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