



St. Cletus Canticle

October 7, 2007

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Respect For Life

**Loving God, Creator of all life, You have
known us from all eternity
Before You ever formed us in our mothers'
wombs, You knew us.**

**Teach us to foster the loving care of all Your
creation,
Including the unborn,
The elderly,
The handicapped,
The terminally ill.**



**Help us to see anew the miracle and
sacredness of all life
An give us a profound awareness of our
responsibility towards this gift from You.**

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of October 8 - October 14

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Lucille Magee, Eva & Stanley Grabowski, Eugene Lynn
Tuesday	8:00am	Ann Grundman, Al Cooke
Wednesday	8:00am	Sandy Fisher, Donald Wouk, Elide Albani
Thursday	8:00am	Celeste Klees, Bruno Bransberger, John Hopp, Wayne Kral, Christopher Quito
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph Jiganti
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Tom Kigin Joseph Kasperski, Frances Stefanski, Helen & Bruno Blachowitz, 50th Wedding Anniversary-Geri & Eddie Wisner
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Ethel Maveety & Family, Günter Linsmaier Catherine Mable Fregeau, Peter Woods Clay & Diane Glyzewski, Ted Dubas Frank Kwak, John Pavlik, Timothy Benrus, Harold Janecek, Marie Buttney, Stelle Tamkus, 40th Wedding Anniversary-Michael & Marysue Ronzone

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, October 13, 2007

5:00 pm LR DeMonte, L
SM Bolton, P C1 Nash, S
B2 Ghera, A C2 Kensek, M
B3 Guide, A C3 Reichl, M
B4 Sheridan, E C4 Bolton, P
B5 Ryva, J C5 Delaloye, J
B6 Boyer, K C6 Andrews, D

9:30 am LR Wehrmeister, R

SM Bolton, P C1 Schump, C
B2 Maday, J C2 Williams, A
B3 Blecic, D C3 Hullinger, S
B4 Nolan, J C4 Bolton, P
B5 Stumreiter, E C5 Nilles, C
B6 Zupanic, R C6 Haggerty, F

11:00 am LR Pfeiffer, I

SM Dunkovich, A C1 Hoskins, C
B2 Mangahas, A C2 Pavlik, L
B3 Brannigan, R C3 Gebka, M L
B4 Ficaro, J C4 Dunkovich, A
B5 Provan, J C5 Provan, K
B6 Augustyn, R C6 Meuwissen, J

Sunday, October 14, 2007

7:00 am LR Bellisario, J
SM Wouk, D
B2 Wouk, D
B3 Kalata, M
B4 Ward, L
B5 Mezan, M A
B6 Smith, P



8:00 am LR Curotto, L
SM Wiley, J C1 Kuchta, A
B2 Biesadecki, C C2 Biesadecki, B
B3 Dalsin, P C3 Stopka, S
B4 Kwak, T C4 Wiley, J
B5 Saban, J C5 Bliss, G
B6 Warren, C C6 Zaremba, E



October 13-14

5:00pm - A. Sandoval, C. Usher, S. Garvey
7:00am - A. Goethals, A. Bartucci, A. Balch
8:00am - N. Smith, M. Thomas, T. Gray
9:30am - M. Johnson-Dahl, H. Griffin, A. Anfield
11:00am- K. Guidice, R. Mitchell, J. Heim

Wedding Banns
Amy Cannon and Mark Johnson
Jane Simmons and Casey Larkin



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

† *Joseph Piccirillo*
Father of Bob Piccirillo

May the Lord grant them eternal rest and peace.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH

Faith is trust in the person who has given you his word. The AMOUNT of faith you have in that person isn't important. Whether you trust a little or a lot, the job is done for you. If your trust was small as a mustard seed, you could still enjoy the gift you've been given. It is the gift given that is the key. Faith is trust in the person who gives the gift.

END OF THE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you to all who continue to give generously to St. Cletus Parish. We have been able to maintain all of our wonderful ministries while taking the Parish in a new direction. The first Parish Pastoral Council has been established; we are in the process of formulating a Long Range Development Plan. Our Parish School and Religious Education programs continue with strong enrollments. During the past twelve months, several ministry areas have been expanded.

During next week's Masses, we will discuss the parish's financial results and condition. Although the parish finished the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 "in the black," the news is somewhat mixed. When I arrived at St. Cletus, there were significant cash and investment balances and the parish plant was in good repair. I am pleased to report that St. Cletus remains in a healthy asset position and the facility continues to improve.

However, the parish ended the fiscal year with a surplus primarily because of our strong investment performance. The fiscal year just ended saw collections decline by almost \$149,000. If not for our strong investment performance, St. Cletus would have suffered a deficit of \$193,000. The parish finance committee has told me that our collections need to increase if St. Cletus is to maintain its solid financial condition. After viewing our financial results, I am confident you will agree.

Good stewardship asks us to review our yearly income and then return to God some percentage of our resources. The ancient Jewish prescription for tithing asked for 10% of income to be donated to the Temple. The Catholic concept of tithing suggests that 2½% of income be shared with the parish; while 2½% more is to be donated to worthy secular charities. Would you reassess your level of giving?

I am most grateful for your sincere review of contributions to our parish and for those who will be able to increase their offerings. Our parish expenses, like yours at home, continue to increase. You can be sure I will work to keep our expenses controlled.

I am confident you will do your part to support the parish with your time, your talent, and your treasure. Thank you for all of your contributions to St. Cletus!

In preparation for next week's presentation, we have included in today's Canticle a summary of the parish's assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Compendium – Catechism of the Catholic Church

372. WHAT IS THE MORAL CONSCIENCE?

Moral conscience, present in the heart of the person, is a judgment of reason which at the appropriate moment enjoins him to do good and to avoid evil. Thanks to moral conscience, the human person perceives the moral quality of an act to be done or which has already been done, permitting him to assume responsibility or the act. When attentive to moral conscience, the prudent person can hear the voice of God who speaks to him or her.

373. WHAT DOES THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON IMPLY FOR THE MORAL CONSCIENCE?

The dignity of a human person requires the uprightness of a moral conscience (which is to say that i be in accord with what is just and good according to reason and the law of God). Because of this personal dignity, no one may be forced to act contrary to conscience; nor, within the limits of the common good, be prevented from acting according to it, especially in religious matters.

(Compendium—Catechism of the Catholic Church—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., 2006) Item #'s 372 & 373.

*Blessings and God's Abundant Grace Always,
Father Bob*

**ST. CLETUS PARISH BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2007 AND 2006**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
ASSETS		
Assets		
Cash in bank	\$ 67,813	\$ 135,925
Tuition receivable	14,885	-
Parish investments at market value	1,362,819	1,257,952
Restricted School endowment investment (1) (2)	<u>637,340</u>	<u>560,823</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,082,857</u>	<u>\$ 1,954,700</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 183,955	\$ 38,858
Tuition deposits	170,151	171,413
Anticipated roof repairs	<u>100,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>454,106</u>	<u>360,271</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	991,411	1,033,606
Restricted School endowment (1) (2)	<u>637,340</u>	<u>560,823</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,628,751</u>	<u>1,594,429</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,082,857</u>	<u>\$ 1,954,700</u>

(1) - The Restricted School endowment investment is not available for general parish operations.

(2) - We have made a change in our presentation of the Restricted School endowment investment. This asset is now shown at fair market value rather than cost and the investment results of the endowment fund are now reflected in the parish's Statement of Revenue and Expense.

**ST. CLETUS PARISH
STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 AND 2006**

<u>Church Revenue</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 1,376,677	\$ 1,481,931
Christmas collections	239,622	275,809
Easter collections	112,352	119,868
Investment income	151,324	86,627
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	115,526	111,008
Other income	<u>107,765</u>	<u>180,046</u>
Total Church Revenue	<u>2,103,266</u>	<u>2,255,289</u>
<u>Church Expenses</u>		
Salaries & benefits	852,518	779,215
Utilities	63,998	78,889
Maintenance & repairs	164,141	192,537
Office / technology	73,468	40,875
Liturgical / books	149,644	109,070
Archdiocesan assessments	286,700	292,709
Miscellaneous	<u>161,563</u>	<u>71,130</u>
Total Church Expenses	<u>1,752,032</u>	<u>1,564,425</u>
Church Net Surplus	<u>\$ 351,234</u>	<u>\$ 690,864</u>
<u>School Revenue</u>		
Tuition & fees	\$ 1,416,072	\$ 1,304,903
Associations	176,300	176,300
Other	<u>187,083</u>	<u>178,832</u>
Total School Revenue	<u>1,779,455</u>	<u>1,660,035</u>
<u>School Expenses</u>		
Salaries & benefits	1,589,361	1,516,944
Utilities	69,517	82,280
Maintenance & repairs	87,605	59,551
Books / instructional / technology	114,148	79,210
Insurance / assessment	51,522	58,140
Other	84,431	69,063
Associations	<u>176,300</u>	<u>176,300</u>
Total School Expense	<u>2,172,884</u>	<u>2,041,488</u>
School Net Deficit	<u>\$ (393,429)</u>	<u>\$ (381,453)</u>
PARISH OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ (42,195)</u>	<u>\$ 309,411</u>
Restricted income from School endowment (2) (3)	<u>76,517</u>	<u>47,104</u>
NET PARISH SURPLUS	<u>\$ 34,322</u>	<u>\$ 356,515</u>

(3) - The Restricted income from the School endowment is not available for general parish operations.



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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2007

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Sing it out

“*R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me,*” sang Aretha Franklin in her 1967 rendition of the hit song “Respect,” written by Otis Redding, another legend of soul music. At the time, African Americans were struggling for recognition and acceptance as equal participants in society. In the 1970s the song was picked up by diverse groups struggling for acceptance in society. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, it is good to remember that respecting life involves respecting the diversity of that life. God creates in many hues and shades, many styles, shapes, and sizes. Yet though we are diverse, we are equal in God’s eyes. Equality and diversity together sing a harmonious song of respect.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10*

“The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’”

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Don’t fence love in

“Hear, O Israel,” says a famous Jewish prayer, taken from the Book of Deuteronomy, “. . . you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.” Sound familiar? How about this, from the Book of Leviticus: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” As you can see, the Christian teaching to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself was not new. What was new was the messenger: Jesus. And right before the “love your neighbor” quote, the Old Testament says, “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against *any of your people.*” Christ, however, made it clear that love wasn’t meant only for your own people. “Your neighbor” is everyone.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37*

“Wanting to justify himself, the lawyer asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’”

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

FEAST OF DENIS, BISHOP, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

The medium is the message

All martyrs’ stories sound alike. They certainly all end alike, with blood on the ground. But behind all these bloody endings are some pretty remarkable beginnings, each one as unique as you are to the person next to you. Each starts with an individual on fire with the beauty, hope, and truth of the gospel. So Bishop Denis, future patron saint of France, got together with six of his fellow bishops around the year 250 to bring the story of Jesus to Paris. It has been said that nothing is more eloquent than the blood of martyrs. These men became the message they brought.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42*

“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

The National Day of Forgiveness

OK: So there is no National Day of Forgiveness. But it got you thinking, didn’t it? What would it mean if we all agreed to set aside a day each year to forgive our debtors, as we hope to be forgiven? What would it mean if we forgave each other across race and gender,

generation and sexual orientation, social class and economic advantage, religious belief and political affiliation? What if each of us personally forgave that one person who has hurt us more than we can describe? It’s a day to dream about, and to live for.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4*

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.”

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Put some flesh in your prayers

Today Jesus states in no uncertain terms that every prayer is answered: “For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Yet surely every one of us has had the experience of having asked and not received. How do we reconcile Jesus’ assurance with our lived experience?

One possibility is that every prayer is answered—just not always in the way we expect. Another, according to author Ronald Rolheiser in *The Holy Longing*, is that we must “put skin on our prayer.” In other words, we have to work actively to bring our prayer about. We are God’s hands and eyes and mouth. *If not through us, then how? And through whom?*

TODAY’S READINGS: *Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13*

“If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!”

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Just use Evil-B-Gone!

Now here’s a product we could use: Evil-B-Gone—your one-stop fix-it for any bad behaviors, dieting problems, and relationship issues you may be experiencing. Just hold the can upright and spray on that lazy impulse, chocolate cake, urge to argue, or impure thought. One quick spritz and it’s history!

Then again, maybe not. Jesus says it’s not enough to get rid of the evil spirit. You have to replace it with the spirit of goodness. That, regrettably, doesn’t come in a can. But it is available for the asking.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26*

“Seven other spirits more evil enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Bear Christ in your heart

There are 144 unnamed females in the Bible. Many are referred to as someone’s wife, mother, or daughter. Even queens don’t always merit a name. But on one occasion, a woman who remains merely a voice raised in the crowd spoke to Jesus. It took some courage for her to speak in public—this was not approved of, as we know from the letters of Paul that debate this right. Jesus immediately used her blessing to point to a deeper reality: that blessings are due to the one who bears him in the heart and not just in the womb. Mary, happily for us, did both.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28*

“A woman in the crowd raised her voice and said, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!’”

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October is Respect Life Month

This Sunday afternoon, the *annual Life Chain* will be held all across the United States, from 2:30-3:30pm. As in past years, St. Cletus parishioners will join those from St. Barbara, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross and other local churches of Berwyn, Lyons, Brookfield, La Grange, and Western Springs to take part in the Ogden Avenue Chain.

All you have to do is show up at Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road at 2:30pm, pick up your sign and stand (or bring your lawn chair) in silence along Ogden Avenue for one hour.

Life Chain is a lawful, silent, powerful, peaceful, and prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. Tell your friends about it, bring your family, and join us in prayer as we **STAND UP FOR LIFE!...**

The St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities

ST. CLETUS LIVING ROSARY



Want to hear more about Medjugorje?

Fr. Marshall will speak about Mary's appearances on Tuesday, October 9, at 7:30pm in church. He has personally visited several sites (Lourdes, Knock and Medjugorje) and hopes to share his abiding devotion to our Blessed Mother with us.

Mary first appeared at Medjugorje in 1981 to two young girls. Over the next few days, she appeared to several teens, who describe her as being young and beautiful. Her appearances have continued on a frequent basis, with an overall message of spreading peace by reconciling ourselves with God and each other. Many miracles have occurred, and there is a very holy presence in the area. On March 25, 2002, she said,

"Dear children, today I call you to unite with Jesus in prayer. Open your heart to Him and give Him everything that is in it: joys, sorrows and illness. May this be a time of grace for you. Pray, little children, and may every moment belong to Jesus. I am with you and I intercede for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

We invite you to join us on Sunday, October 14, after the 11:00am Mass to pray the entire Rosary together. It only takes about one hour and is a profoundly moving prayer of humility and petition. We hope you will be able to join us and consider becoming a member of the Living Rosaries. For more information, please call Mary Lu Gebka at (708) 579-3987.

Pray for Our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our thoughts and prayers: Dorothy Walega, Hazel Purcha, Jerry Pastore, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita Donofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, 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, 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 in nursing homes or homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick and the dying.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday; National Children's Day
Monday:	Canadian Thanksgiving Day; Columbus Day
Tuesday:	St. Denis and His Companions; St. John Leonardi
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; Eid al-Fit'r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan) celebrated this week

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Food Pantry Update

This Thursday, October 11, is our monthly Food Pantry...and we still have bags to fill. There's time this week, Monday – Wednesday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM to drop off your food donations. Here's the details:

- All in-date non-perishables are greatly appreciated, especially our staples of rice, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, jelly, meals in a can/box, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruits, soup, and cereal.
- Some favorite “extras” include coffee, juice, crackers, baby food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and dish washing soap. (Usually one of these extra items is put in each pre-packed family bag.)
- These items can be dropped off in the Church vestibule in the bins provided in our beautiful Madonna della Strada Shrine.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this community outreach, as you live out our Baptismal call to serve all of God's people who find themselves in need. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 215-5418, or by e-mail at mford@stcletusparish.com. Thanks again!

Reminder:

The annual La Grange/Western Springs CROP Walk against hunger is next Sunday, October 14. If you'd like to support the cause by walking or sponsoring a walker, contact me this week. (See contact information above.) Thank you.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the **Sacrament of Anointing** during a special **10:00am Mass on Saturday, October 20**. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament. A reception will follow in the foyer of the church.*

Please fill out the registration form below and return it to the rectory office or drop it in the collection basket. Questions? Call Dolores Wouk in the Ministry of Care Office at (708)215-5407.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name(s) of those to be anointed _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone # _____

Number of people attending the reception after Mass in the church foyer _____

Religious Education Update

The Religious Education Students are studying the Parts of the Mass. We have been discussing the Introductory Rite and the importance of "Feeling at Home" when we attend Mass. The students are introducing themselves to one another and introducing themselves to God in prayer.

Meet some of our first – third graders:

Hi, I am Kelly. I have three special talents. I love to draw pictures. I love to play soccer. I love to read!

My name is Michael. I am 7 years old. I live in Burr Ridge. I am in the 2nd grade. My favorite subject in school is computers. I like it because we play fun games. I love my family because they do nice things for me.

My name is Antonio. I am 8 years old. I like to play soccer. My family takes me to special places, especially the mall.

My name is Phallyn. I am 7 years old. I like to play with my teddy bear. I love my family because we care about each other and have fun together.

Our fourth grade class is studying the Creed. They composed their own fourth grade Creed.

OUR CREED

We believe in God the Father, Our Father. He is real. He is nice and pure of heart.

We believe in Jesus, God's Son, who died on the cross for us and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. He is wonderful and He is magical. We believe in His stories.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who is part of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit is the word of wisdom and gives us ideas. The symbol for the Holy Spirit is fire and wind.

*We believe in the Catholic Church and all that it teaches us about God. We are the Church.
Amen.*

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

Please Join St. Cletus Rosary Prayer Group

Begins: Sunday, October 21, 2007
Where: St. Cletus Church
Time: 12 Noon after the 11:00am Mass
Why: The Blessed Mary invites you to pray for your intentions and our parishioners' intentions.
Bring: Your Rosary to recite the Glorious Mysteries. We will meet at 12:00 Noon; every Sunday near the Tabernacle.
Questions: Contact Sue at (708) 352-6422
Patti Boland will be the group leader.
 May God Bless You.

St. Cletus Women's Club



Ladies Movie Night

La Grange Theater – Downtown La Grange
Thursday, October 11, 2007

7:00 pm - \$10 per person

Price includes: admission, popcorn, soda, and candy

(The movie title is TBD, but it will be a "chick flick.")

Ladies Only, but please feel free to bring a Friend!

No need to RSVP prior to the event.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

To give back to our parish community:

Please bring an unopened "beauty product" donation for women in need in the St. Cletus Community.

(i.e. scented lotion, shampoo, make-up, perfume, etc.)

Please Note: You do not have to be a Women's Club member to attend the event. So invite your friends to join us. If you are interested in joining the club, please visit www.stcletusparish.com and click on the Women's Club tab to download a registration form. We would love to have you join us.

Mark your calendars for the St. Cletus Women's Club Christmas Tea—December 8, 2007
 La Grange Country Club—1:30pm-3:30pm

STEWARDSHIP

When we think of gifts, we often think of material things. Yet, the greatest gift we can give is the gift of self—time, love, prayer, talents.

Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend.....	\$ 32,440
A Year Ago.....	26,129
This Fiscal Year (thru 9/30/07)	\$366,556
Last Fiscal Year (thru 10/01/06)	345,659

Actual Collections - July - September	\$366,556
Budgeted Collections-July - September	381,500

Please note: the Budget amount each Sunday is \$27,250. When the budget was prepared in March 2007, the budgeted amount per Sunday was \$28,500. After a review of the results of the last year, the budget amount per Sunday has been revised to \$27,250.

As always, we sincerely thank all who generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent, to support the work our parish does in the name of Jesus Christ.

Family Stewardship Activities: the role of Family

Family is the key environment to nurture learning, values formation, and spirituality; family is also the best place to form stewards. Parents are encouraged to model stewardship to their children, reinforce the idea of sharing one’s time, talent and treasure, and make children aware of the joy, peace and happiness that come with a commitment to stewardship. Below are a few suggestions for family stewardship activities.

1. Teach the “stewardship of time” by praying daily and spending significant quality time with family.
2. Instill gratitude in children by reminding them that all we have, are and will be is a gift from God.
3. Include care for the poor in family holiday traditions.
4. Help elderly neighbors with mowing, snow shoveling, and yard work.
5. Put children in charge of family recycling efforts.
6. Encourage the use of parish donation envelopes as a way of “wrapping” our gifts to God.

High School Night

On Tuesday, October 23, 2007 **St. Cletus School** is sponsoring a High School Night from 7:00-8:00pm in the school. Fifteen Catholic high schools will be present to provide information about their schools and answer any questions. Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student and their parents are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact me at (708) 352-4820.

Kathy Lifka
Assistant Principal

Music Ministry News



New Mass Setting for Ordinary Time

Last weekend there was much new music to be heard at St. Cletus! We introduced a new Mass setting, "Do This in Memory of Me," by David Haas, at all of our Masses. A Mass setting typically includes a Gloria, Alleluia, Holy Holy (Sanctus), Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died), Amen, and Lamb of God. This is also known as the "service music" that we use week after week. The new setting is energetic and very catchy, and will be used for the remainder of Ordinary Time this year.

If you are inclined to look at the words and musical notes, they can be found in our Gather hymnals beginning at number 196. We won't announce these numbers during Mass so as not to interrupt the flow of the liturgy, but feel free to follow along in your hymnals.

I appreciate your efforts in learning this new Mass setting along with the choirs and cantors—within a few weeks, this music will become familiar to us. Until then, please continue to sing along as we learn, "Do This in Memory of Me" together.

Justin Sisul
Director of Music

OPTIMISM DEFINED

A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.

—Anonymous

THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?

*Is God calling you to be a priest?
What is life as a priest really like?*

If you feel an inclination to consider the priesthood, then this is an ideal opportunity for you. Post college-age, working men are invited to participate in *InSearch* to pray, learn about, reflect upon, and discuss with like minded men and priests the possibilities of diocesan priesthood in Chicago.

Our first *InSearch* meeting will be Tuesday, October 16. For more information please contact: Fr. Joe Noonan at (312) 751-8298 or jnoonan@archchicago.org.

For more details, see our website at www.ChicagoPriest.com.

2007 Annual Catholic Appeal

“We have done what we are obliged to do.” (Luke 17:5,10)

In Luke’s Gospel Christ reminds us that everything we are and everything we have come to us as a gift from God. We must grow our gifts and return them generously to be used in God’s work.

Gifts of our time, talent and treasure to our parish and our Archdiocese are an important part of our commitment to proper stewardship of God’s gifts. Those who have contributed to the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal are not only demonstrating their stewardship, but also are providing critical resources necessary to continue the ministries and services of the Archdiocese.

On behalf of Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. and the many beneficiaries of the Annual Appeal, thank you for completing your pledge payments. Every gift is important and appreciated.

If you wish to be part of the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact Karen Whitehead at (312) 655-7461 or at kwhitehead@archchicago.org.

Experience an “At-Home” Directed Retreat

Take advantage of this “time-out” retreat to experience God in the beauty of creation revealed in the season of Autumn. The Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph will gather retreatants of Monday, October 15 from 7:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday, October 27 from 8:30am-9:30am for the opening and closing sessions at 1515 W. Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park. Participants are asked to commit to pray for one half hour a day at a convenient time and place, and meet with an assigned Spiritual Director five times during the two weeks. A minimum good will offering of \$75 is requested. Enjoy the discovery of the closeness of God in your life and in all creation by registering at thewell@csjlagrange.org or call (708) 482-5088 or (708) 482-5048.

Guy’s Like Us

Guy’s Like Us is a not-for-profit corporation that deals with the social development of boys whose fathers have died. This program is specifically geared toward boys ages 8-12.

Our program has three components:

1. Mentoring program
2. Monthly gathering
3. Overnight camp.

Each of the components is a critical part to our program and the boy’s success.

For more information, please contact! Ellen Janus—Director of Marketing, at (630) 632-4572 or e-mail EJANUS@SJRGUYSLIKEUS.ORG.

*Praise the Lord who heals the
brokenhearted.*

(Ps 197)

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Monday of the Month immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm.

Adoración Nocturna continues until 8:00pm with song and prayer.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday thru 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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