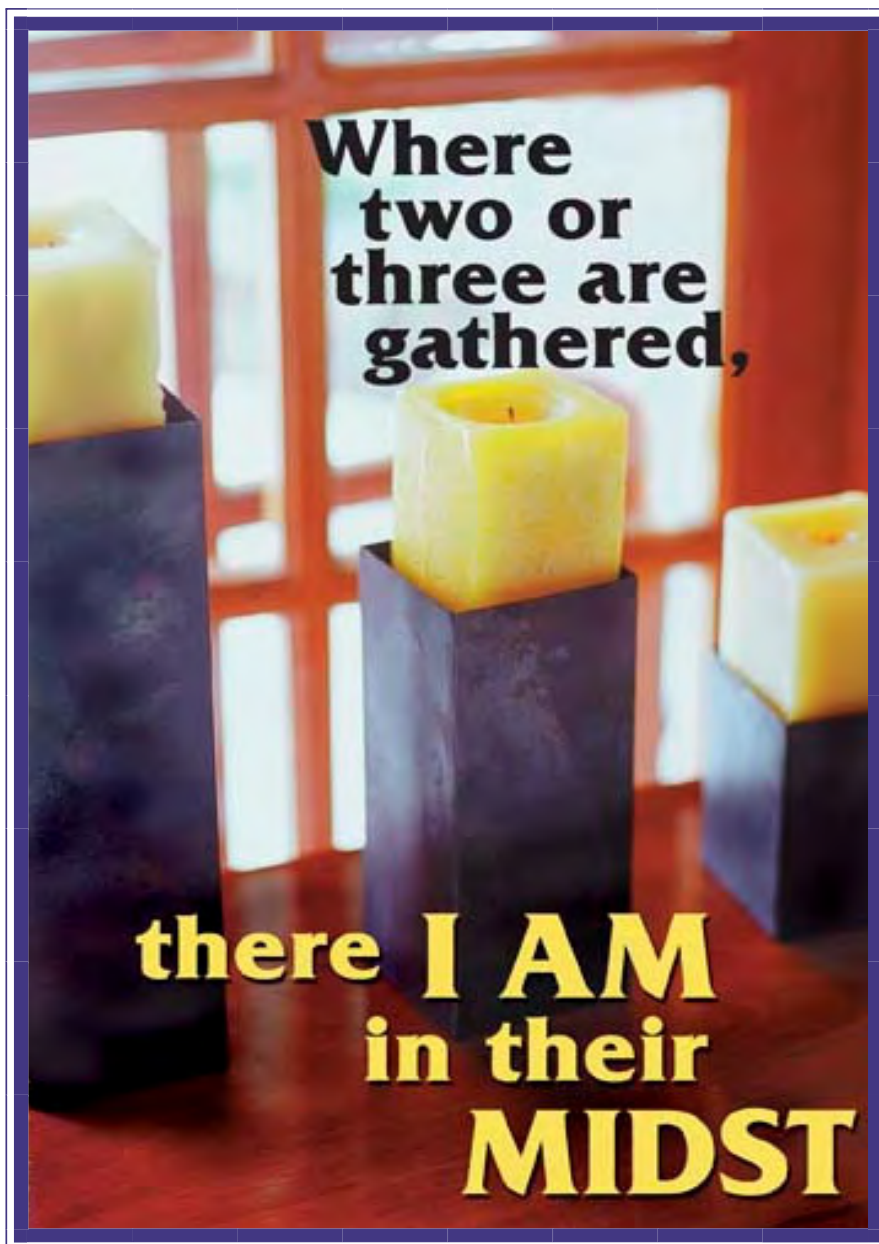


St. Cletus Canticle

September 7, 2008

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



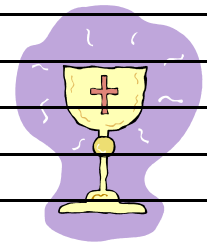
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Mass Intentions for the Week of September 8 - September 14, 2008

Day	Time	
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Frank Wojcik, Johnston Family
Tuesday	8:00am	Julie Leahy
Wednesday	8:00am	William Dunn, Nancy Bain
Thursday	8:00am	John Hopp, Joseph Barrett, Sr.
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph Megla, Emily Walsh
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Tom Kigin, Linda Bagel Robert Suchy, Andrew Schlidt, Donna Czerwinski, Mary Jane Taylor, Jozef Slowik, Beth Salvitti
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Frank Wojcik, Christine Walton John Burns, John T. McTigue Gerald Scanlon, Robert Slahetka, Andrew Jaskierski, Lenore Madden Agnes Findor, Timothy Benrus, Frank & Lottie Mendrala, Agnes Findor Priests of the Missionaries of St. Charles



**AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 13/14, 2008**

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Koch, B.	Wouk, D.	Wiley, J.	Benkert, K.	Bolton, P.
LR	Bamberger, J.	Loch, L.	Okkema, P.	McMahon, H.	O'Dowd, M.
B2	Koch, B.	Wouk, D.	Wiley, J.	Benkert, K.	Bolton, P.
B3	Heyes, M.	Thornton, W.	Kuchta, A.	Horak, V.	Kigin, B.
B4	Delaloye, J.	Thornton, M.	Biesadecki, B.	Severino, L.	Brannigan, R.
B5	Beales, D.	Mezan, M.A.	Hogue, K.	McCaffray, P.	Agustyn, R.
B6	Boyer, K.	Ward, L.	Warren, C.	Nolan, J.	Maday, J.
C1	Chlapecka, R.		Okkema, A.	Chaney, M.	Garske, E.
C2	Andrews, D.		Kwak, T.	Benkert, J.	Mangahas, A.
C3	Heyes, S.		Walsh, M.A.	Hullinger, S.	Ficaro, J.
C4	Richards, M.		Biesadecki, C.	Bartucci, C.	Haggerty, F.
C5	Beales, N.		Stopka, S.	Keating-Gay, S.	Rotunno, P.
C6	Bamberger, M A		Bliss, G.	Stumreiter, E.	Severino, S.
Altar Servers	Stanczyk, S. Mrazek, M. Heim, J.		Jacobs, A. Gray, T. Franklin, M.	Flannery, K. Flannery, S. Flannery, M.	Grodek, M. Grodek, M. Luxem, C.



*Lisa Siambanes
&
Steve Dudash*

*Abby Fulton
&
James Whiteside*

*Diana Patricia Martinez
&
Naveen Nanu*



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Dorothy O'Neill, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Cacilia Ziegler, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz and Scott May. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew's gospel gives very practical sound advice for dealing with conflict and division. Jesus teaches the danger of failure to address wrongdoing and the way in which the spiral of violence can develop. The spirit of the peacemaker has been praised in the Beatitudes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Like any group of people, the Church will have to deal with conflict and division between members. The Christian community now has to live out the practical details of the meaning of the Sermon and the commandment of love of neighbor. Only in heaven will we be freed from such tasks. The process of reconciliation is developed. Honesty and respect call for naming the wrongdoing between the persons involved. If conflict can be resolved in the early stages, it can be contained and does not grow. Realistically it may be impossible for the two parties to meet and resolve their difficulty. It may not be safe to meet. Emotions are high and tensions are deep. The meeting may need to be facilitated by a mediator. If the person refuses to listen, then those in authority in the community must decide what is to be done.

One of the important features of this process is the need for listening to the case of each party. Conflict and division usually result from an inability to see the other's point of view or recognize the depth of the feelings of hurt and anger, which are involved. A process of listening can begin to name the feelings and the perceived injustice as well as begin to clarify the facts and the situation and foster understanding between the parties. Listening is the primary starting point of the process of reconciliation.

Finally the gospel speaks of the need for prayer about peacemaking. Perhaps the first prayer is a desire to be reconciled. If this desire is missing because of hurt, perhaps it is a prayer to pray for the desire to be reconciled.

Conflict and division are part of the human condition. For Christians, the gospel teaches that one is not to be limited or satisfied by the situation. Maybe there are questions I need to ask? What are the areas of division in my life? Which are the areas that need reconciliation? Who are the people with whom I have tensions?

In the celebration of the Eucharist, we recognize that God has reconciled the world to himself and given us the ministry of reconciliation. In the Eucharistic prayer we thank God for this gift and pray for the transformation of the community through receiving the body and blood of Christ. We name our division in the penitential rite. We commit ourselves to be bridge-builders and peacemakers when we leave the church. In joy we celebrate the hope that God promises, pray deeply for peace in our world and ask God's blessing on those who are peacemakers.

*Reconciliation and Peace Always,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's OK not to talk about it

For many people it helps to talk about how they feel when something traumatic happens to them or they have suffered a loss. But not everyone. A university study not long ago found that people who did not talk about their inner pain “can cope quite successfully,” said researcher Mark Seery, “and, according to our results, are likely to be better off than someone who does want to express his or her own feelings.” So express yourself—or not—in a way that is healthy for you and, in the spirit of Christian love, respect the ways others choose to express themselves.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20*

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Go with God

The church calendar honors three special births: those of Jesus, John the Baptist, and Mary. Only two are found in scripture. Mary's birth and early life, however, were popular subjects in extra-biblical literature. In *The Protevangelion of James* quoted often by the church fathers, Mary is born to Joachim and Anna in their senior years—another birth with no explanation outside of divine providence. At nine months Mary takes nine steps away from her mother—an early “novena of steps” demonstrating how in step she is with God. Start praying a novena in honor of the Mother of the church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23*

“But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel.”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

FEAST OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

Raise your conscience-ness

Spanish Jesuit Peter Claver (1580-1654) dedicated his life to serving the many thousands of slaves who were unloaded every year at the port of Cartagena, in present-day Colombia. About a third of the slaves died on the passage over from Africa, and those who survived were desperately sick and starving. Claver and his fellow missionaries served them tirelessly in ways both material and spiritual. Though accused by the Spanish colonial elites of “profaning” the sacraments by administering them to slaves, Claver persisted until his death. He became a hero and role model to later abolitionists. Don't be persuaded to adopt prevailing attitudes without deeply examining your own conscience first.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19*

“All in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

A horse of a different color

A famous Chinese folktale tells of an old man whose horse runs away. His neighbors comfort him on his loss, but he says, “I'm not sure this is a bad thing.” The following day the man's horse returns with another horse. His neighbors congratulate him on his gain, but once again he refuses to judge, saying, “I'm not sure this is a good thing.” The story continues in this vein, with ups and downs flowing one from another, so that it is impossible to tell whether anything that happens is ultimately “good” or “bad.” Life is change. Health can turn into illness and sadness can change into happiness very quickly. All we can do is

hold the “good” very lightly and know the “bad” will not last forever.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26*

“Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.”

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING AND REMEMBRANCE

How to bless an enemy

A day of remembrance is more than a day to recall where we were when the Twin Towers fell, more than kindling horror and fear, and certainly more than stirring up hatred or vengeance. A Christian remembers when he or she puts the broken parts—the members—together again, defying disintegration. Christians, including Christian patriots, must remember Jesus' remarkable “but” when addressing what seems so natural: Love your friends, hate your enemies. “But I say to you, do good to those who harm you.” This may be Jesus' most radical demand of those who belong to him and certainly challenges those who have lost loved ones or have family in the armed services. Today is a day on which we remember to keep our balance, hold our center, and above all, pray for those who curse and abuse us. This is Jesus' path to victory—over sin and death.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38*

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

Our Mother of Action

The Mother of God had an image problem in the 1970s. Pope Paul VI responded by issuing *Marialis Cultus (On Devotion to Mary)*, a document outlining Mary's role in the modern church. Contemporary women want to get off the pedestal and participate with decision-making power in the affairs of the community, the pope noted. At the Annunciation, Mary herself entered into a dialogue with God, not to solve a simple problem but the world's greatest problem, the power of evil over human hearts. Pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary in thanks that Mary got off her pedestal!

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42*

“Everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.”

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

FEAST OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Praying for both sides

Saint John Chrysostom, the archbishop of Constantinople from 398 to his death in 407, often reminded his subjects to offer prayers universally—that is, to pray for everybody in the whole world. “For [Jesus Christ] did not say ‘thy will be done in me or in us,’ but ‘on earth,’ the whole earth,” he wrote. Because of the influence of this great doctor of the church, the prayers of the faithful after the Creed at Mass are called “general intercessions.” We pray for friends and enemies, the poor and the rich, the weak and the powerful, the victims of violence and those who inflict it. Our prayers for the “bad guys” are lights that shine in the darkness.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49*

“A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good.”

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**CHOIR SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!
IS THIS THE YEAR YOU WILL FINALLY JOIN US?**

In the coming weeks, our parish choirs will begin their new season. This year we are pleased to offer five unique ensembles; surely there is a place for your voice to join us! Remember, all of our choirs are “no experience necessary” – if you enjoy singing and want to share your gift of song with like-minded people, come and see what the St. Cletus Choirs are all about! Not sure if you can make a full year commitment? Stop by and check out a rehearsal or two with no pressure to join. All first rehearsals are open to new members! For more information, read on about our ensembles. If you have any questions, contact Justin Sisul at jsisul@stcletusparish.com or (708) 352-4547.

The ***Chancel Choir*** is our traditional Sunday choir. This 40-member (and growing) adult ensemble leads us in song most Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. liturgy. They rehearse each Thursday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the school music room. This group of faith-filled singers ranges from classically trained singers to those with no formal musical training. This choir is a wonderful place to enter our singing community! Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m.** We look forward to welcoming new members!

Brand new to our parish is the ***St. Cletus Youth Choir!*** This choir will be open to all parishioners currently in grades 7-12 and will be directed by Justin Sisul. This group will rehearse weekly and lead our parishioners in song at a variety of masses throughout the year, averaging twice a month. The Youth Choir will learn the standard repertoire of our parish while exploring some more contemporary music available to our liturgies. We are extremely excited about this new opportunity for our young adult parishioners! Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the music room.** The rehearsal schedule for the remainder of the year is still tentative, so if you can't make the first rehearsal but are interested, contact Justin by phone or email.

With the beginning of our youth choir, the ***Contemporary Choir*** will be changing its membership. This ensemble will now be open to post-high-school aged parishioners who enjoy singing in a smaller group. The Contemporary Choir will rehearse 1-2 times each month and lead song at a variety of liturgies (3-4 times each month.) While none of our choirs require formal experience, some musical/vocal background will be an asset to members of this group. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the school music room. New faces – and returning faces – are all welcome!

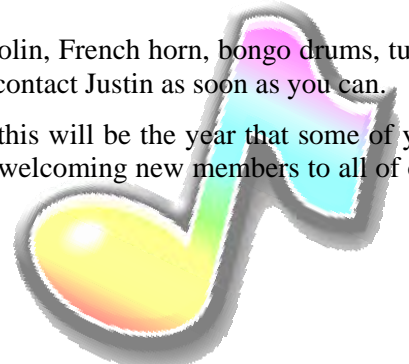
Our parish ***Children's Choir*** will be open to children in **grades 3-6** this year. Directed by Mrs. Regina Gibbons, this group will rehearse weekly and lead our congregation in singing once each month including holidays. Our first practice will be **Thursday, September 18 from 5:00-5:45 in the music room;** practices will continue on Thursdays at this time. We hope to see many of our young people take advantage of this important and valuable opportunity to serve our parish – and have fun while doing it!

The ***Good Shepherd Choir*** is the ensemble that provides music for the funeral liturgies at St. Cletus. This dedicated group of volunteers rehearses prior to each funeral Mass and also sings at selected parish-wide liturgies throughout the year. New members are always welcomed!

Instrumentalists are welcomed in all of our ensembles! If you play guitar, violin, French horn, bongo drums, tuba, or any other instrument and would like to share your gift with our parish, please contact Justin as soon as you can.

Each Sunday, I hear such glorious singing from our congregation—I hope that this will be the year that some of you decide to share your gifts with us as part of one of our choirs. I look forward to welcoming new members to all of our choirs!

Justin Sisul
Director of Music





Please help us fill our grocery bags for the September 11 food distribution. We are scrambling to make up 150+ bags, but don't have the needed staples on our shelves. There's still time to drop off your donations in the designated food bins in the Church vestibule on Monday through Wednesday, 7:45 AM-4:00 PM. The items we especially need include dry pinto beans, rice, jelly, tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, meals in a can/box, tuna, soup, pasta, pasta sauce and cereal. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

CEDAR RAPIDS FLOOD RELIEF

St. Cletus parishioners generously responded to a special second collection in July to help two Cedar Rapids, Iowa Churches, St. Patrick and St. Wenceslaus. We were able to send a check to them for \$4,140.25. Dan Kigin, son of parishioner Billie Kigin and our contact in Cedar Rapids, writes:

"As school starts, we are using existing funds to make sure the kids who were affected have school supplies and other essentials to get started. Unfortunately, many will be attending a different school, but at least they will be attending. The long process of recovery has just begun and people are still in great need. Please pass on our thanks to the parish of St. Cletus, our new "sister parish" in Illinois! Your generosity is a testament to your faith and to your compassion for your fellow man."

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

BEDS PLUS...Volunteer Opportunities

Will you help us with our mission to provide emergency overnight shelter and to assist the homeless people of West Suburban Cook County to become self-sufficient? Join your neighbors and become a BEDS PLUS volunteer. We need warm, caring people to act as

1. **Site Volunteers** to work a 4-hour shift once a month from October 15 - April 29. There are evening shifts daily, and one daytime shift from 11 AM to 3 PM on Wednesdays and Fridays. Activities vary according to shift times, but in general volunteers greet and interact with clients, set up and clean up the site, serve lunch or dinner, and monitor the site. These workers must be at least 21 years old.
2. **Substitute Site Volunteers** to fill in for regular site volunteers as needed.
3. **Support Volunteers** to serve in a wide variety of ways:
 - Launder bed and bath linens from a shelter site.
 - Provide meals for a site, as part of a cook team.
 - *Shopper*: Pick up supplies twice-a-month at Sam's Club, Office Max & Wal-Mart.
 - *Supply Delivery*: Pick up site-requested supplies at the BEDS Office; deliver supplies to shelter sites on Tuesdays and Fridays.
 - Donate professional services: office assistance, computer support, website development and maintenance.
 - Contribute financial support: We welcome contributions, memorial gifts and grants.

New volunteers are asked to attend a **Volunteer Orientation Class**. *St. Cletus is planning to offer a class on Tuesday, September 23, from 7-8:30 PM in Room 213.* Please call the BEDS PLUS office, (708) 354-0858 or visit www.bedsonline.org for updated classes and/or any questions you may have. Thank you for helping make a positive difference in our community!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns



Saturday

October 18, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Oktoberfest Opens with
The Happy Wanderers

9:00 p.m.

Frank and Dave on stage

Midnight

Oktoberfest Closes

Join us for Pretzels, Brats, Beer and all things German!

Proceeds benefit St. Cletus School:
Early Childhood Education, Technology upgrades,
Math and Science projects, and Extracurricular activities

Admission and Ticket Information:

In Advance: \$25 At the Door: \$30

Admission includes: Entertainment, a German meal
and a beverage of your choice.

Tickets will be available in the St. Cletus School office
and after Masses on the following dates:

- 9/20 & 9/21 • 9/27 & 9/28 • 10/4 & 10/5 • 10/11 & 10/12

Only adults 21 and older with valid ID admitted.

No outside food or beverages permitted.



St. Cletus School

**Beginning
Fall 2008!**

FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL

Combined 3 and 4 year-olds
Hours 8:15am to 3:00pm

Monday through Friday
Before and AfterCare available



Tuition: \$4,000

Fees: \$ 133

Total: \$4,133

(ten installments of \$413.30)

For more information, call the school office at
(708) 352-4820.

STEWARDSHIP

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for
the house of Israel." Ezekiel 33:7*

How well are you watching over God's house and
all that He has left in your care?

Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend..... \$ 30,701
A Year Ago..... -0-

Sunday Collections thru 08/31/08..... \$ 228,279
Sunday Collections thru 08/31/07..... 232,772

Note: There were 5 Sundays in August 2008 and only
4 Sundays in August 2007.

ST. CLETUS WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Attention all women of the parish - we are now accepting
dues for the 2008/09 year. If you would like to become
involved in social and charitable events for the
upcoming Women's Club year, we invite you to either
download a registration form off of the St. Cletus website
or stop by the rectory to pick up a copy. The first
meeting is anticipated to be in late September.

Please Note: Many parishioners have elected to
have their weekly Sunday offering contribution
debited out of their checking account once or twice
a month. If you would like more information,
contact Bobbie at the rectory office (708) 352-
6209.

Youth Ministry Reminder!

All high school teens: “*Romance Without Regret*” given by **Jason Evert**, a national chastity speaker for Catholic Answers, will speak to over 4000 young people in the Archdiocese. All evening events are free and open to the public. The presentations are:

September 14: Life Night IV Youth Rally - St. Frances of Rome, Cicero; 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

September 15: Youth Presentation at St. George in Tinley Park at 7:00pm.

September 16: Youth Presentation at St. Julian Eymard in Elk Grove at 7:00pm.

If you are in high school and would like more information regarding these presentations, please call Amy Cranny, Director of Youth Ministry at 708-215-5419. If we have a group of teens interested, we can carpool and go together! Hope to hear from you.

Year I Confirmation Parents Meeting: This beginning of the year meeting is scheduled for **parents only** on **Tuesday, September 9, at 7:00pm in Room 201** of the Education Building. Looking forward to meeting you!

Amy Cranny

Director of Youth

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE...

CATECHISTS NEEDED: First grade Sunday and Monday catechists are needed desperately. Jesus says, “Let the children come to me.” Are you going to be the one to tell Jesus, “I was too busy to help?” Call me at 352-2383 if you have time to share with our first graders. The students, Jesus, and I are depending on YOU!

I also would like to add to my “needed” list another 3rd and 4th grade catechist for Sunday and a 6th grade catechist for Monday evening. I know that I can rely on the wonderful parishioners of St. Cletus to respond to this important plea for help.



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Sign up now for the program for Adults that desire to become Catholic or may be interested in finding out the answer to that question. We, the team at St. Cletus, are ready to welcome you, answer your questions, and continue to journey with you if you decide that the Catholic Church is for you. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00pm. For more information, call me at (708) 352-2383.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

Looking for a Job? Ready for a Career Change? Interested in New Career Alternative?

Attend the Career Workshop, sponsored jointly by St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier Parishes, on **Thursday, September 18, 7:00 PM, SJC Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Rd, Western Springs.** The focus of this workshop will be to provide helpful and targeted information for all in career transition. Topics will include: “Valuable Support Services & Resources in Our Area for Job Seekers”; “Effective Resume Writing Tips”; and, “The Future of Work: Exploring Alternative Work Arrangements.” Take advantage of this opportunity to hear from engaging speakers who will share new perspectives on how to find the job that is right for you. All are welcome to attend this free event. To better anticipate attendance we would prefer an RSVP by September 17 to the SJC Parish Center at: (708) 246-4404. However, walk-ins are still welcome to attend. All attendees will benefit from the resources that will be offered.

St. Cletus Mini-Pilgrimage Opportunities

As part of our new effort in the area of Adult Formation, we will plan to offer this fall two Pilgrimage opportunities for our parish family. The first venue is the EWTN Family Celebration in DeKalb in early October [details follow below] and the second is a *Mini-Pilgrimage* to EWTN Studios [Birmingham, AL], the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament [Hanceville, AL] and St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama in early November. These pilgrimage groups will be led by Fr. Charles and are open on a first-come basis. We will need about 25 to 35 participants each in order to make these trips feasible. If you are interested in either or both, please join Fr. Charles for an organizational meeting on *Monday, Sept. 15th at 7:00pm* in the church. Details and any questions will be addressed at that time.

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) Brings a Family Celebration to the Convocation Center

Saturday & Sunday, October 4 & 5, 2008

Family Celebration October 4th and 5th live at Convocation Center at Northern Illinois University. Don't miss a chance to celebrate with all of your EWTN Family including the Poor Clare Nuns and Franciscan Friars. Doors will open at 8:00am and opening prayer at 9:30am.

The event will feature talks by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Marcus Grodi and more. You'll have the opportunity to be a part of a Live Show audience on EWTN's "Life on the Rock", attend Mass and meet some of your favorite EWTN hosts. There will also be a special area just for kids where they can visit and enjoy EWTN's "Faith Factory" and a special performance by Rob Evans "The Donut Man".



Fr. Mitch Pacwa

It's a weekend you will never forget and best of all, it's FREE - no tickets required.

Check EWTN's website at www.ewtn.com for more details.

Join Fr. Charles and other members of our parish family for this exciting Pilgrimage opportunity. We will travel to the University by mini-motorcoach, leaving each morning at 6:30am from St. Cletus and returning after the schedule is completed each day. On Saturday we will return after 7:00pm and on Sunday after 3:15pm. Since there is no cost for tickets at the Convocation, the only cost to you is for the bus trip *plus* two lunches and one dinner at the Center's concessions venue. Please join us on Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm in the church for an organizational meeting.

Mini-Pilgrimage

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), Shrine and St. Bernard Abbey

This trip is tentatively planned for early November, 2008 and will consist of a short retreat format at the Abbey with trips to EWTN Studios and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. We will plan to fly into Birmingham, Alabama and use bus transportation locally for all the venues. Pilgrims will be housed at St. Bernard Abbey [Benedictine] in Cullman with day trips out to the other sites. Meals and housing along with airfare will be included in the cost. Please join us on *Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm* for an organizational meeting.

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Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm
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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm
**Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)**
Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 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 4:15-4:45pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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

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.