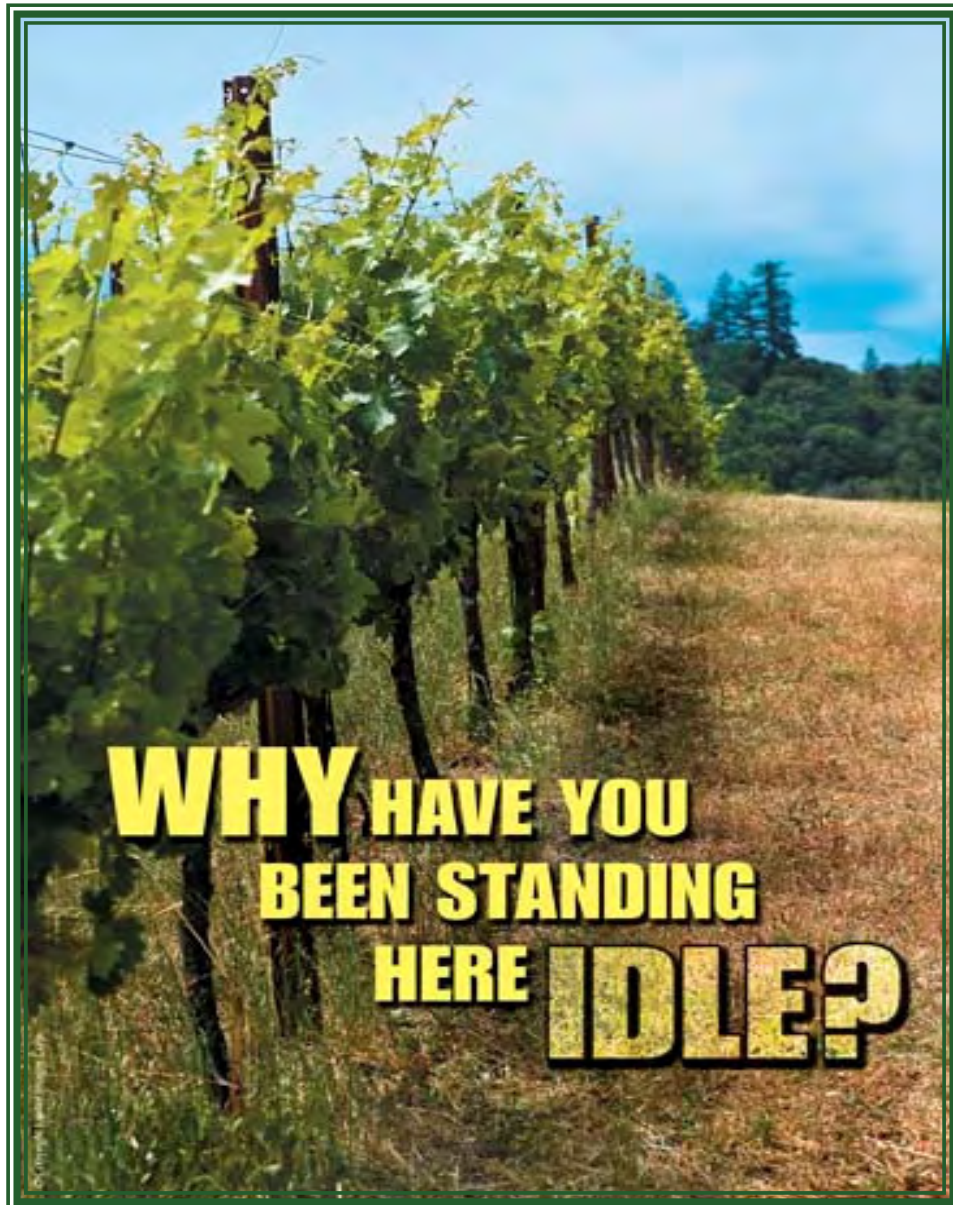


# St. Cletus Canticle

*September 21, 2008*

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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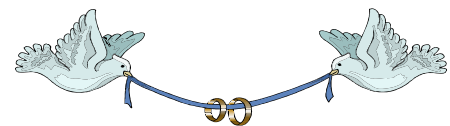
**Mass Intentions for the Week of September 22 - September 28, 2008**

Day	Time	
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Lenore Madden
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph Viecei
Wednesday	8:00am	People of St. Cletus
Thursday	8:00am	Bobbie Janik
Friday	8:00am	Barbara McQuaid, Erik Geyer
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Parish Priest's Intentions Nancy Battle, Mary Jane Taylor, Claire Murphy, Marion Novak, Ida C. Stuart
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Andrew Jaskierski, John Falk, Pete and Carol Gordon People of St. Cletus Karen M. Wilson Ray Tobolski, Dan Rosko, Elwyn Seifert, Timothy Benrus, Sam & Joanne Mate Hispanic Priest's Intentions



**AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE  
WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27/28, 2008**

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Swindall, V.	Zmuda, L.	Hullinger, S.	Dunkovich, A.	Samuelson, D.
LR	Demonte, L.	Hagen, J.	Kuchta, A.	Wehrmeister, R.	Schump, C.
B2	Swindall, V.	Zmuda, L.	Hullinger, S.	Dunkovich, A.	Samuelson, D.
B3	Richards, M.	Zmuda, R.	Biesadecki, B.	Bartucci, C.	Provan, K.
B4	Hockman, S.	Parlier, J.	Walsh, M.J.	Meuwissen, J.	Fisher, H.
B5	Heyes, S.	Parlier, D.	Warren, C.	Nolan, J.	Ficaro, J.
B6	Nash, S.	Hagen, C.	Parlier, D.	Mulderink, K.	Herzog, T.
C1	Reichl, M.		Saban, J.	Burke, K.	Garske, E.
C2	Swindall, T.		Chaney, M.	Tosheff, C.	Gebka, M.L.
C3	Loch, L.		Biesadecki, c.	Blecic, D.	Provan, J.
C4	Kensek, M.		Zaremba, E.	DalPorto, K.	Ficaro, J.
C5	Heyes, M.		Thuma, M.	Williams, AM	Nicosia, C.
C6	Andrews, D.		Parlier, J.	Stumreiter, E.	Haggerty, F.
Altar Servers	Flannery, K. Flannery, S. Flannery, M.	Murphy, T. Anfield, A. Garvey, S.	Pusatara, S. Wuerl, K. Boland, A.	Vokurka, S. O'Malley, P. Stepuszek, B.	Roll, C. Roll, D. Dombro, J.



*Wedding Banns*

*Diana Patricia Martinez  
&  
Naveen Nanu*

*Sara Hamilton  
&  
John Hodak*

*Nicole Martin  
&  
Jonathan Wouk*

**AUTUMN**

Listen! The wind is rising,  
and the air is wild with leaves,  
We have had our summer evenings,  
now for October eves!

—Humbert Wolfe

Thank you so much for serving our parish as an Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or Usher.

Your skills and training are so valuable and we count on you and look for you at Mass.

Paulette Bolton  
Director of Liturgy

*Please Pray for Our Dead...*



*Paul Simon,  
father of Dennis Simon*

*May God Grant Him Eternal Rest.  
Amen.*

## **NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...**

### ***Twenty – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*Are we closed or open in our expectations and hopes? How do we feel when others seem to benefit from our hard work or gain rewards they do not seem to have worked hard for? Jesus asks us to be good workers in his vineyard. He wants us to work hard, with a recognition of the urgency of the task in hand, and he wants us to welcome all who join in the work with us, at whatever level. If, however, we are anxious about demarcation lines and worry about boundaries, bonuses and special privileges, then we hinder rather than help the harvest. God calls us all, each in his or her own way. We have an allotted task, and our business is to find out what that task is and then carry it out as well as we can. What we do know is that we are called to work in harmony, because it is only by working in harmony that the vintage can take place and God's kingdom come. To do that we have to accept and trust that God – and the other workers – have some idea of what they are doing. That is frightening at first, and we are more afraid of what we might lose than what we might gain. It is only when we are confident that it is God's love that lives within and through us that we are able to allow our generosity to go beyond the boundaries of family and friends.*

### ***Annual Financial Report to the Parish***

*Thank you to all who continue to give generously to St. Cletus Parish. We have been able to expand our ministries while continuing to chart a new direction for the parish. Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has announced the findings of the parish convocation and is working with our various ministry commissions to address the parish's suggestions for improvement and growth. Our Parish School, Religious Education and Youth programs continue with strong enrollments. We are pleased that a number of our ministry areas have been able to expand during this past year. It truly is an exciting time to be a member of the St. Cletus Parish Family.*

*During next week's Masses, we will discuss the parish financial results and condition for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. There is good news to report. I am pleased to report that our collections for the fiscal year increased by 5%. Of course, with the expansion of our ministry areas, our expenses increased a similar amount. Nevertheless, the parish finished the fiscal year in a healthy asset position and for that we are grateful.*

*Since the close of the fiscal year, however, we have noted an unusual decline in offertory collections; much of this may be related to current economic conditions. The Parish Finance Committee has told me that our collections need to increase if St. Cletus is to maintain its solid financial condition.*

*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 be donated to worthy secular charities. Would you reassess your level of giving to St. Cletus?*

*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 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 years ended June 30, 2007 and 2008.*

*May God continue to bless your generous spirit of giving as we spread the Good News of the Gospel within our parish community.*

*Thankfully Yours in Christ,  
Father Bob*

**ST. CLETUS PARISH  
BALANCE SHEETS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in bank	\$ 160,833	\$ 67,813
Cash - Auxiliary groups (1)	114,330	100,452
Tuition receivable	2,135	14,885
Parish investments at market value	1,194,028	1,362,819
Restricted School endowment investment at maket value	<u>665,323</u>	<u>637,340</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,136,649</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,183,309</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 80,495	\$ 183,955
Tuition deposits	<u>210,087</u>	<u>170,151</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>290,582</u></b>	<b><u>354,106</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted (1) (2)	1,180,744	1,191,863
Restricted School endowment (3)	<u>665,323</u>	<u>637,340</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>1,846,067</u></b>	<b><u>1,829,203</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,136,649</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,183,309</u></b>

(1) - The Archdiocese asked all parishes to include the bank accounts of their auxiliary groups, such as Family School Association and Athletic Association, in parish financial statements. These financial statements have been modified to include the bank accounts of parish and school auxiliary groups for both years.

(2) - In prior years, the parish showed a liability for roof repairs. A \$100,000 repair liability was previously reflected for June 30, 2007. Because a roof repair was not required, this \$100,000 liability has been reduced to zero as of the date it was accrued.

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

**ST. CLETUS PARISH  
STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE  
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b><u>Church Revenue</u></b>		
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 1,466,370	\$ 1,376,677
Christmas collections	241,212	239,622
Easter collections	120,374	112,352
Investment income	77,370	151,324
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	124,921	115,526
Summer Projects	88,773	19,462
Bequest/Memorials	30,505	-
Net Auxiliary groups' revenue (4)	13,878	16,490
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	80,440	49,440
Other income - i.e. vigils, sacrament fees, mass stipends, outreach	115,116	88,303
<b>Total Church Revenue</b>	<u>2,358,959</u>	<u>2,169,196</u>
<b><u>Church Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	906,454	852,518
Utilities	61,793	63,998
Maintenance & repairs	140,699	164,141
Office / technology	54,590	73,468
Liturgical / books	97,706	149,644
Archdiocesan assessments	308,968	286,700
Summer Projects	78,491	19,462
Long Range Plan/Development	37,731	2,692
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	80,440	49,440
Miscellaneous - i.e. food, transportation, outreach, hospitality	140,401	139,409
<b>Total Church Expenses</b>	<u>1,907,273</u>	<u>1,801,472</u>
<b>Church Net Surplus</b>	<u>\$ 451,686</u>	<u>\$ 367,724</u>
<b><u>School Revenue</u></b>		
Tuition & fees	\$ 1,486,267	\$ 1,416,072
Associations	188,600	176,300
Other	202,906	187,083
<b>Total School Revenue</b>	<u>1,877,773</u>	<u>1,779,455</u>
<b><u>School Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	1,751,404	1,589,361
Utilities	68,548	69,517
Maintenance & repairs	105,181	87,605
Books / instructional / technology	105,584	114,148
Insurance / assessment	54,626	51,522
Other	66,635	84,431
Associations	188,600	176,300
<b>Total School Expense</b>	<u>2,340,578</u>	<u>2,172,884</u>
<b>School Net Deficit</b>	<u>\$ (462,805)</u>	<u>\$ (393,429)</u>
<b>PARISH OPERATING (DEFICIT)</b>	<u>\$ (11,119)</u>	<u>\$ (25,705)</u>
<b>Restricted net income from School endowment (5)</b>	<u>27,983</u>	<u>76,517</u>
<b>NET PARISH SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$ 16,864</u>	<u>\$ 50,812</u>

(4) - Net Auxiliary groups' revenue is now reflected in both years.

(5) - The Restricted net 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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CATECHETICAL SUNDAY God lives in these words

This month begins the fall TV season when we start watching new shows with new characters and new situations. Today is also Catechetical Sunday, an invitation to begin something wonderfully new and rewarding. It's the year of the Bible, and Catholics are encouraged to begin reading scripture with the same dedication and commitment we have for our TV shows. It's never too late to begin learning the Word of God. Even if you're the last one to start, you could end up first because God is generous and God's rewards are eternal.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a*

*"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near."*

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - Wisdom beyond history

At this time in the liturgical calendar the church returns to three of what are called the wisdom books of the Old Testament: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job. These books stand out considerably from the rest of the Old Testament. In them, there is no telling of the history of the Israelite people. Rather, we do find consideration of the nature of human existence, with a strong focus on those events that are universal to all who walk the earth. In the following weeks consider how taking a broader view of humankind could help you understand your particular history.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18*

*"Do not plan harm against your neighbor who lives trustingly beside you."*

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - FEAST OF PIO OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST No cutting in line!

So many people wanted the 20th-century Capuchin Franciscan priest Padre Pio to hear their confession they usually had to wait in a long line. On the other hand the padre sometimes made up the time by already knowing what it was you came to confess.

Take the example of an Italian crime figure. The man, who called himself *Il Commendatore*, thought he deserved to go ahead in line. "Everybody is a *commendatore* here," said Padre Pio's friend, the actor Carlo Campanini. "He'll just have to take his turn." He entered the confessional but in an instant came out "like a bullet from a gun." "He did not give me time to say a word," the man said of Padre Pio, "but straightaway called me an old pig and told me to get out!" "Well," Campanini said, "you must know more about why he called you that than I." "I can't think why," the man said, "unless it is because I happen to be living with a woman who is not my wife." We are all equal in the eyes of God; knowing that will keep you humble and wise.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21*  
*"When a scoffer is punished, the simple become wiser."*

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - In excess

Too much of a good thing is too much of a good thing. Eat too much candy, and you'll rot your teeth and get a stomachache. Fail to put limits on yourself, and you'll be exhausted and unhappy. Fail to put limits on your children, and they'll be chronically dissatisfied and ungrateful. "Give me neither poverty nor riches," the Proverbs writer prays. An excess of the first can lead to despair and of the second to arrogance. Either way we lose sight of the sole purpose of our existence: to love God with our whole hearts and minds and our neighbors as ourselves.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6*

*"Provide me only with the food I need, or I shall be full, and deny you, and say, 'Who is the Lord?'"*

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - The Qoheleth in all of us

*Qoheleth* is the Hebrew name of the author of today's first reading (the name *Ecclesiastes* comes from a later Greek translation of the Hebrew). There is a bit of *Qoheleth* in all of us. He voices that part of us that struggles—and mostly fails—to make logical sense of life as we see it unfold in the world around us. How to make sense of all the cruelty, foolishness, greed, and violence? The *Qoheleth* in us wants to throw up our hands and declare that our strife and struggle is all in vain. The message is at times so seemingly bleak that if the Jewish people hadn't attributed the book to King Solomon—mistakenly, most scholars now believe—the book likely would have been cast aside long ago. Instead it takes its place in the marvelous canon of Hebrew scripture Christians call the Old Testament. Return to *Qoheleth* every time you find yourself taking your accomplishments a little too seriously.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9*

*"Vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?"*

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - The cycles of life

American author Hanna Rion (1875-1924) famously noted that the "greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses." True enough. But a garden is more than a sensual feast. It is the place we are most aware of the rhythms of life. In a garden we never question that there is "a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot the plant." Why do we believe that our lives are any different? Like the flowers and trees, our lives have a rhythm, and we are most at peace when we are in harmony with it. There is much to learn from a garden, if we only take the time. Plan to visit one and let it teach you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22*

*"There is a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."*

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - FEAST OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST Friends of the poor walk

*Ecclesiastes'* famous and gloomy "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity" can be the mantra of those stuck in the glass is half empty mode, insisting that everything used to be better. But Saint Vincent de Paul's slogan might have been, "Reality, reality. All is reality." He was not blind to the plight of the poor. It was and is real. It demands action. Followers of de Paul today celebrate the 175th anniversary of their society, not by pointing to themselves or their own work but by drawing our attention, again, to those in need. Check out [www.svdfriendsofthepoorwalk.org](http://www.svdfriendsofthepoorwalk.org) and read about the St. Vincent de Paul Society's first national "Friends of the Poor Walk." Jesus says, "Pay attention to what I am telling you. The Son of Man is to be handed over to men." That handing over for the sake of the lost and broken resulted in the poor having the good news delivered to them. The poor are handed over to us. Who will fill their glasses?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45*

*"Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands."*

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**THAT WE MAY HAVE PRIESTS**

*Today, more than 500 men are discerning God's call to the priesthood at one of our archdiocesan seminary programs. Your support enables us to provide these men with the education and spiritual formation necessary to face the challenges of priesthood in the new millennium. Because of you, the healing touch of Jesus will live through the work of these future priests for you, your children and your grandchildren, well into this century.*

The collection for the Seminary System for the Archdiocese of Chicago will be next weekend, September 27/28. Envelopes are available in the pews today.



(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church... the period of Inquiry begins Wednesday, September 24, at 7:00pm in Room 200 of the Education Building. If you have any questions, please call me at (708) 352-2383. We look forward to welcoming you!

*Pat Kahl*



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Robert Zeman, James Prucha, Pauline Cuttill, Anthony Regaiado, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Adrienne Welenc, 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, Agustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz and Scott May. Please know we pray daily for our sick.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the *Sacrament of Anointing* during a special 12:30pm Mass on *Sunday, October 12, 2008*. 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) 352-4834.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

Name(s) of those to be anointed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### FOOD PANTRY

It's not news to any of us that food prices and the cost of living are on the rise. We all face hard choices, and this is especially true of our Food Pantry clients. Their hard choices between rent and food, utilities and food, health care and food, often lead to hunger. Your generous assistance in providing supplementary food each month helps make ends meet and for that they are most grateful. We are once again building up our supplies of staples to fill our bags for next month's food distribution. At this time we have no canned fruit and vegetables and a very small supply of tuna and soup. We also need our regular staples, including dry pinto beans, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, meals in a can/box, boxed side dishes, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, evaporated or condensed milk, diapers, and paper goods. Please choose an item or two from the above or any other in date non-perishable & bring it/them to church when you come to Mass. Thank you for your continued generosity, even in these tough economic times.

### HERE ARE SOME GREAT WAYS TO LIVE OUT OUR CATHOLIC CALL TO SERVICE...

***BEDS Plus Volunteer Orientation Class*** on **Tuesday, September 23, 7-8:30 PM, St. Cletus Education Building, Room 207.** BEDS Plus provides emergency overnight shelter and assistance towards self-sufficiency for the homeless people of West Suburban Cook County. They are looking for warm and caring individuals, 21 or older, to serve as site volunteers, substitute site volunteers, people to cook, shop, pick up supplies, etc. Visit [www.bedsonline.org](http://www.bedsonline.org) for more information.



***Society of St. Vincent DePaul Volunteer Information Meeting*** on **Wednesday, October 1, 7-8:15 PM, St. Cletus Education Building, Room 213.** Are you a naturally caring, compassionate and giving person? Were you blessed with parents or other role models in life from whom you learned that the joy of living is the joy of giving? Then please join us as we begin this exciting ministry at St. Cletus Parish. Members will find Christ as they assist people in our community needing food, clothing, rent or utility assistance, and other emergency needs. We hope to see you on October 1.

**THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CROP WALK (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)** on **Sunday, October 19th at 1:00 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church of La Grange.** Plan to walk or sponsor a walker. Walker forms to collect sponsor donations are available by contacting me. More information and a route map can be found at [lagrangewesternspringscropwalk.org](http://lagrangewesternspringscropwalk.org). There will also be a sign-up in the vestibule of the Church at all the Masses on **October 4-5.**

If you have any questions about any of our Social Concerns activities, please contact me at (708) 215-5418 or [mford@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mford@stcletusparish.com). **THANK YOU!**

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns



### PET BLESSING AT ST. CLETUS - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008

Fr. Bob and I invite you to bring your pets and receive a special pet blessing to celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. As you may or may not know, Francis is the author of the prayer of St. Francis, the Brother Sun Prayer, and the founder of the Franciscan Order. He is one of the first nature and pet lovers and would probably be speaking out today for a safe environment for pets and people. Join us as we celebrate this special day with our special pets and fellow pet loving parishioners. Feel free to invite non-Catholic neighbors and their pets. Francis loved ALL ANIMALS AND PEOPLE. The blessing will take place on *Saturday, October 4th*, at 1:00pm on the football field behind the rectory. We hope to see You and Your Pet there.

*Pat Kahl*

Director of Religious Education



# Youth Ministry

**Reminder!** Year II Confirmation Large Group: This Sunday night, September 21st, is our first gathering in Morrissey Hall at 7:00pm! This gathering is for all Year II Candidates and should last until 8:15pm. See you there!

*Amy Cranny*, Director of Youth Ministry


## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS REMINDER...

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 the St. Cletus website or stop by the rectory to pick up a copy. Our 1st meeting is scheduled for September 24, at 7:30pm in Room 98 in the Education Building. Visit [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click on Women's Club.

## FLU & PNEUMONIA SHOTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Flu and Pneumonia shots will be given at St. Cletus in Morrissey Hall on October 19th, from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon. Young children and older adults are most susceptible to the Flu, but All are urged to be vaccinated.

*Clare Slowik*



**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 Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
 for Pretzels, Brats, Brews  
 and all things German!

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

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



Admission includes: Entertainment, a German meal and one beverage of your choice. Additional food and beverage tickets will be available for purchase at the event. Only adults 21 and older with valid ID admitted.

Purchase your tickets Sundays after Mass or in the St. Cletus School office.

## ONE MORE REQUEST

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

## STEWARDSHIP

*“Going out around five o’clock he found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them ‘You too go into my vineyard.’”*

*Matthew 20:6-7*

## Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend.....	\$ 22,615
A Year Ago .....	19,944
Sunday Collections thru 9/14/08.....	\$281,591
Sunday Collections thru 9/16/07.....	310,758
Budget Collection thru 9/14/08	311,575



A Veteran's Mass, honoring all who served, is scheduled for September 28th at St. Richard's Catholic Church, 5000 S. Kostner, Chicago. Several veterans' organizations will gather at 2:15pm for a brief parade (including a rifle salute) outside the church. Mass is at 3:00pm with refreshments following. Please call (773) 585-1221 for more details.

## EWTN Family Celebration 10/4 - 5/08

The trip planned to DeKalb for this event has now changed. Since the majority of participants have chosen Sunday ONLY for the trip, Saturday will now be *on your own* in terms of transportation for the day or any portion thereof. Transportation from the parish will still be provided as planned for the Sunday portion of the trip only. There are still some seats left; call the Rectory at (708)352-6209 to reserve.

## EWTN Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage planned for November to EWTN/St. Bernard Abbey has been postponed and will be rescheduled when more interest is evident. We will likely plan to offer this trip in mid-late 2009.

## Mexico Pilgrimage – December 7 – 13

Spend some time visiting the shrines of Mexico as we celebrate the Feast on the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Basilica in and around Guadalupe, Mexico. Marvel at the pyramids and other religious sites. Flyers are available in the vestibule for those who are interested. An informational meeting will be planned in the near future.

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**Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm**

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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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com).