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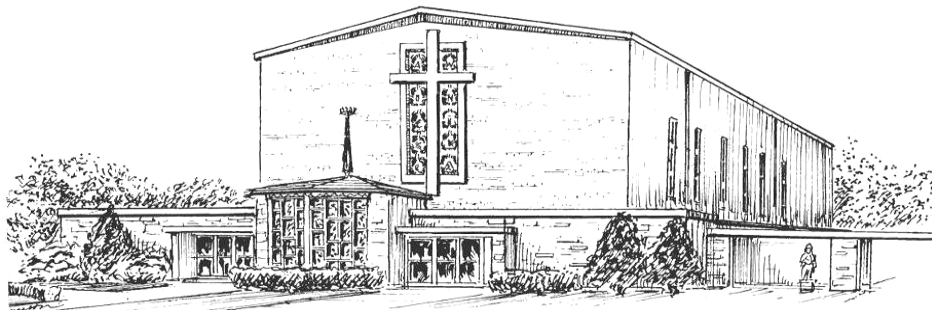
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July 5, 2009

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



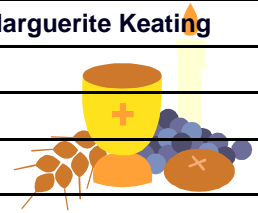
All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 6 - July 12, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph Vieceli, Mr. & Mrs. Gus DeBartolo, Andy Jaskierski, Marguerite Keating
Wednesday	8:00am	Andy Jaskierski
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family
Friday	8:00am	Marcie Johnston
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	John Hopp Stella & Felix Gembala, Mary & Stanley Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz, Ethel Maveety, Emil Grahovac, Wanda Irene Sucec
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Marie Elliott, Geri Hinton (Special Intention) Anthony Ambrose, Jr. Anna Feely, John Mataragas Timothy Benrus, Sophie Egielski, Julia Hartnett Souls in Purgatory



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JULY 11/12, 2009					
	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Kaletka, M.	Swindall, V.	Koch, B.	Benkert, K.	Bolton, P.
LR	Pfeiffer, Irv Bamberger, J.	Ciraulo, S.	Staelgraeve, M. Dalsin, P.	McMahon, H. Oboikovitz, L.	Pisone, M.L. Demonte, L.
B2	Kalata, M.	Swindall, V.	Koch, B.	Benkert, K.	Bolton, P.
B3	Ghera, A.	Swindall, T.	Bliss, G.	Haggerty, F.	Pristo, B.
B4	Ryva, J.	Hagen, J.	Gleich, S.	Smith, D.	Maday, J.
B5	Delaloye, J.	Sipek, S.	Okkema, A.	Nolan, J.	Provan, K.
B6	Burke, R.	Hagen, C.	Stopka, S.	DalPorto, K.	Samuelson, D.
C1	Andrews, D.		Karch, J.	Severino, L.	Herzog, T.
C2	Richards, M.		Nicosia, C.	Benkert, J.	Ficaro, J.
C3	Loch, L.		Kigin, B.	Meuwissen, J.	Hoskins, C.
C4	Bamberger, M		Welch, J.	Wehrmeister, R	Pavlik, L.
C5	Wouk, D.		Kuchta, A.	Smith, P.	Provan, J.
C6	Burke, J.		Dunkovich, A.	Zupancic, R.	Nilles, C.
Altar Servers	Lombardo, M. Rhode, J. Mavrenovic, B	Patterson, S. Nelson, J. Kennedy, E.	Krecek, J. Krecek, M. Cahill, K.	Funk, R. Clarke, T. Ciraulo, C.	Pristo, J. Fatora, J. Obikovitz, C.

Wedding Banns

Catalina Garcia

&

Andres Garcia

Erica Andrews

&

Mike Hearn

Rebecca (Sharp) Kramer

&

Patrick Gierut

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

Charles Moravec,
husband of Amalie

Teresa Fey,
wife of Edgar

May God grant them eternal rest.
Amen.



**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**
Monday, July 6, 2009

Immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction
at 6:45pm.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2009

In Jesus' day, as now, people gathered at the synagogue, the place of meeting and general assembly, to listen to the word of God that is read every day, but especially on the Sabbath. Often, someone in the congregation would be invited to speak on the sacred text, for the Spirit of God is in people, and many are gifted to speak the words that breathe life into people's hearts.

So on this day in Nazareth, Jesus is invited to speak, and his words cause wonder and amazement. How is he so wise? Where did he get all this? He never went to college. His people are just ordinary folk, yet here he is speaking words of wisdom. How is this possible? He belongs to a working family, not to the intellectual class. Something is not quite right here. And so, even though he amazes them with his genuine inspirations, he is not to be trusted, nor accepted. It cannot be.

Such is the terrible nature of prejudice. When our mind is made up about someone beforehand, before they even speak, not only do we block out their gifts and insights for enriching life, we also deprive ourselves of the true wealth and wisdom that only another can bring.

In every country throughout the world, in every society and culture, we will find the unacceptable ones, the ones who must never be allowed into our world, to share and enrich our world. They have nothing to offer in the eyes of the prejudiced person. In this way we perpetuate the hatreds, and we cause the next generation, our children, to grow up inheriting our inbred attitudes and narrow mindedness.

The only people who benefited from Jesus' day in his home town were the sick people. For sickness causes us to be rid of our sinfulness. It brings us home to ourselves and helps us to concentrate on the true values of life – namely, life itself, health of mind and body, the true humanity of every person, and so the gentle acceptance of people.

For these sick people the words of St. Paul today were so true. I will make my weaknesses my special boast for when I am weak then I am strong. The sick people of Nazareth were strong that day, in their ability to recognize the truth and goodness of Jesus, when the entire 'healthy' crowd fell to jeering him and casting him out. In this experience healthy people found out that prejudice had sickened them almost to the point of violence and murder. On the other hand the sick people, in their weakness, found a power truly to see and appreciate the prince of life. And they were cured.

At the end of his visit home Jesus is amazed at the lack of faith. For faith is not a hard or difficult thing. Nor is it magical or mysterious. Faith is the simple acceptance of people in their goodness and truthfulness as they appear before us. Goodness, love and truthfulness ask for simple acceptance. That is the beginning of having faith in someone. In the experience of accepting others, we will come to know them as reliable, and so we are able to commit ourselves to them. That is the fullness of personal faith.

The world needs such faith in order to live. Too often we operate out of caution, or distrust, and that makes life very difficult for us. Sometimes we operate out of prejudice. That makes life impossible. But a simple faith, in God and in each other – now -- that would make us truly wise. Let us not despise the prophets.

FOURTH OF JULY 2009

This weekend we celebrate our country's independence and freedom. Let us thank God for all those who have fought so bravely to maintain our freedom, especially the men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to our country. May God, and we, bless the brave souls past, present and future that have so willingly defended our liberty and freedom. Keep them all in your prayers and thoughts this weekend.

*Have a wonderful 4th of July,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Practicing faith

Did you ever go searching all over the house for your car keys only to find them right where you left them on the kitchen table? We tend to expect what we believe. When we're looking for those keys, there's a little voice in our heads chanting the mantra: I have to find my keys, I have to find my keys. And so it is. Faith is to believe despite all evidence to the contrary. Our single task as Christians is to practice our faith, to train our minds to believe, even when the evidence suggests otherwise. "I will find my keys" is a good start.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a*

"And he could do no deed of power there . . . And he was amazed at their unbelief."

MONDAY, JULY 6

FEAST OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Forgiveness lives on

One of the marks of sanctity is that it inspires radical change in the lives of those who encounter it. Such was the case with Maria Goretti, murdered in 1902 by a would-be rapist when she was only 11 years old. She forgave her killer, Alessandro Serenelli, on her deathbed. Serenelli, however, was unrepentant until he had a dream in which Maria gave him lilies that immediately burned his hands. After his release from prison decades later, Serenelli visited Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness. They attended Mass together the next day, receiving Communion side by side. On June 24, 1950 the repentant Serenelli was present for Goretti's canonization. Change someone's life today through forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26*

"My daughter has just died. But come, lay your hand on her, and she will live."

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Wrestlemania

When you think of an encounter with God, what's the first image that comes to mind? Wrestling? Maybe not, but it's a powerful biblical image. Think of Jacob, who grappled with the angel of God. At the time, Jacob feared for his life because he was in dangerous territory. Would God remain with him in his hour of need? For Jacob, a crisis of faith followed. So did a wrestling match. How often do we wrestle with God? In illness, financial hardship, and other troubles, we may wonder if God is with us. Jacob reminds us that holding fast to God in a crisis can be difficult. We may feel bruised and battered but also emerge with greater self-knowledge and stronger faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38*

"But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.'"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Hardly your dream job

We tend to think that the word *apostle*—which means "one who is sent"—appears only in the gospels, yet the term is also used in Saint Paul's letters to mean "one who has seen the risen Lord and has been commissioned to proclaim the resurrection." However they are defined, the 12 apostles had no easy task before or after Christ died. They were scoffed at, scolded, beaten, and tortured for delivering a message that frightened and confused many even as it liberated and heartened a few. Try spreading a little Good News yourself, but be prepared to be reviled more often than embraced.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7*

"Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them."

THURSDAY, JULY 9

FEAST OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

God's ways are mysterious

Grace doesn't move in a straight line. It's more like the Yellow Brick Road to spiritual success, winding through both friendly cornfields and haunted forests and adding companions to the journey along the way. So Joseph, Jacob's favorite son, was sold into slavery by his brothers and later rescued his family from famine as a result. Evil intent turns to good in God's hands. So Chinese soldier Augustine Zhao Rong once accompanied a bishop to his execution. As a result of that encounter, the soldier became a Christian, priest, and martyr himself—later on down the road.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15*

"And now do not be distressed . . . for God sent me before you to preserve life."

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Lead us into temptation?

The third-century theologian Origen once asked a very important question about the Lord's Prayer: "How is it that our Savior commands us to pray not to enter temptation, since God somehow tempts everyone?" Indeed temptation appears to be the hallmark of many biblical trials, coming even to Jesus himself. If being put into the midst of harm can be a sign of God's loving will, we can understand that entering into temptation means to become part of it. So Origen says that what one prays for is the strength and discipline to withstand temptation without sinning. Consider what temptations are before you today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23*

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves."

SATURDAY, JULY 11

FEAST OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

A good rule to follow

Saint Benedict's famous Rule was originally written as a guide for those living in monastic communities he had founded or had gathered around him. Ever since, though, the Rule of Benedict has been a source of guidance and inspiration for many kinds of people seeking to live a better and more faithful Christian life. "To you," Benedict wrote in the Prologue to the Rule, ". . . my words are now addressed, whoever you may be, who are renouncing your own will to do battle under the Lord Christ, the true King, and are taking up the strong, bright weapons of obedience." Many paths can lead to holiness. Which path are you on?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33*

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

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SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



There's still a little time left to donate non perishables for our July 9 food distribution! Most needed staples include canned fruit, meals in a can/box, cereal, tuna, canned tomatoes and dry pinto beans. Also we would appreciate "extras" such as crackers, cookies, boxed side dishes, baking mixes, juice, and diapers, sizes 4-5-6. Donations can be dropped off in the designated food bins in the church vestibule, daily 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM, or when you come to Mass over the weekend. THANK YOU for your caring response to this ongoing need!

2ND ANNUAL ST. CLETUS RUMMAGE SALE

We need every single parishioner's support to make our Rummage Sale on Saturday, July 25 successful!!! We need your time, your talent and your treasure.

Time: Please take the time to tell your friends and neighbors about the sale and ask them to donate and attend.

Talent: Please volunteer to help organize, sell or clean up.

Treasures: Please clean out your closets, basements, attic, etc for items to donate to the sale.

Remember all proceeds will benefit our St. Vincent DePaul Society, which allows us to reach out and help more people struggling in our community. Next weekend there will be a Rummage Sale Flyer inserted in the Canticle detailing times for item pick up or drop off, as well as dates and times of when volunteers are needed. That information is also available on line: www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns/rummage.sale. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Maureen at (708) 308-7345 or rummagesale@stcletusparish.com THANK YOU. We're looking forward to having YOU join in this fun and worthwhile parish wide event!

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS is a coalition of local churches, dedicated to helping older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their community. Trained volunteers are available to provide:

- Home Visits
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Grocery Shopping
- Phone Calls to Provide Reassurance

If you or a friend could benefit from these services, or if you'd like to become a volunteer, please call Interfaith Community Partners at (708) 579-8929. Or, contact me at (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com for further information. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford

Social Concerns

**ST. CLETUS
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**



St. Cletus School is currently enrolling students. Consider building a strong foundation for life-long learning for your child. We have limited openings in classrooms from Preschool through 8th grade for the 2009-2010 school year. Our preschool program has half-day openings in the afternoon for two, three or five days from 12:15 until 3:00 for students ages 3-5. Please call (708) 352-4820 for more information.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



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



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Bernice Hyatt, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, George Kessler, Norma Evans, Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Dr. Karen Chermel, Denise Kuchta, Anna Ciszek, Blasé Cinquegrani, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Sister Arlene Gibson, Marilyn Matesevac, Ruth Calandriello. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and dying.

Please note...the Rectory office will be closed on Monday, July 6 and will re-open on Tuesday, July 7, at 9:00am.



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE
BALL GAME**

The Holy Name Society is getting a group together to attend a minor league baseball game in Joliet's new downtown stadium on Sunday, July 26; the Jackhammers play the Kansas City T-Bones in a Northern League game that begins at 5:05pm.

Tickets are \$10 and ballpark food, beverages, and souvenir prices are much lower than at one of Chicago's big league ballparks. Free parking in the lot between Silver Cross Field and the Old Joliet Central High School is available. Parishioners can get discounted tickets at a group rate by phoning HNS CHAIRMAN Joe at (708) 354-3165 by July 10.

We think it will be low cost fun for families who join us. I hope this is the kind of activity that parishioners can support.

Jim Matthews

Please Welcome...

Melanie Monserath De la Rosa Almaraz,
daughter of Juan Humberto & Lorena (Almaraz Vargas)
De la Rosa

Angel David Pacheco-Duran,
son of Leonel & Francisca (Duran) Pacheco

Wendy Yadira Pacheco-Duran,
daughter of Leonel & Francisca (Duran) Pacheco

Vanesa López,
daughter of Rinaldo & Irma (Mejia) López

Mareli López,
daughter of Rinaldo & Irma (Mejia) López

Charlotte Marie Remkus,
daughter of Jonathan & Ruth (Heyes) Remkus

to Our Parish Family.

The collection amount for June 28 is not available due to the early printing of the Canticle this week.

AUTOMATIC DEBIT/CREDIT

Technology available today makes many areas of our lives easier and more productive. Even our responsibilities to financially support St. Cletus can be made simpler through automatic debit alternatives. Automatic charges to either a credit card or a bank account can be beneficial by eliminating the ongoing need to remember to support our Parish. They allow you to budget your expenses more accurately. Also, they provide the opportunity to possibly get miles or cash back from your credit card.

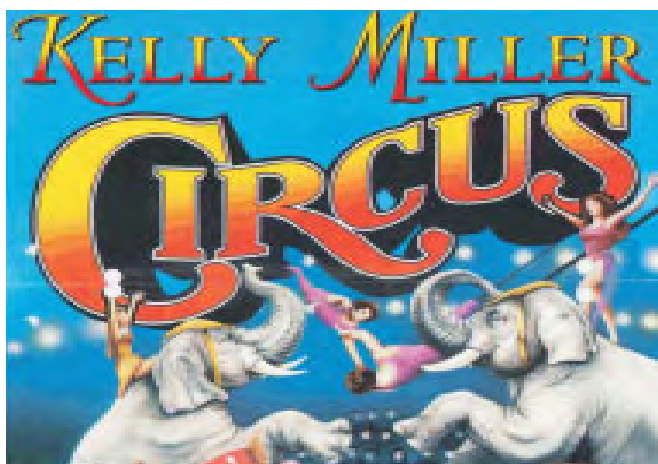
St. Cletus benefits by ensuring that families give regularly, even when they need to attend Mass elsewhere. This can be a significant financial factor for St. Cletus. For example, if 300 families giving \$40 per week in an envelope attended Mass out of town 3 times a year, the revenue lost to St. Cletus would be \$36,000 unless each family remembers to double its contribution the following week. In the current financial environment, the loss of this amount greatly affects the St. Cletus.

Please call the rectory (708-352-6209) to make arrangements to use either the ACH or a credit card for your weekly/monthly giving.

Michele O'Brien
Parish Accounting

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Sunday:	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Maria Goretti
Thursday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong and his companions
Saturday:	St. Benedict

SAVE THE DATE!



September 9, 2009



OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We, too, sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

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 (708-352-6209)

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 (708-215-5407).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Co-Chairpersons: Anne Babirak, Tom Finucane
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Congregation of St. Joseph Presents... Summer Institute at The Well

Noted authors and prominent speakers Margaret Swedish, Michael Morwood and Margaret Silif promise an uplifting and informative program on July 10/11 at The Well, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., as they reflect on "Living Beyond the End of the World: A Spirituality of Hope;" "Prayer in a New Story of the Universe;" and God's Unfinished Story." Come for one day, stay the night, or plan on both days. Costs vary. Register with Bridget at (708) 482-5039, or email thewell@cjoseph.org or use the registration form on the website www.csjthewell.org.



THE WOMEN'S CENTER

We are in need of volunteer ultrasound sonographers, RDMS Certified, for our Cicero Avenue and Evergreen Park offices. Call Kathy Michalak at (773) 783-6100 for information.

Volunteers are needed (bi-lingual helpful) to answer calls on our crisis counseling line at our Cicero Avenue and Evergreen Park Offices. Training to be provided. For more information, please call (773) 794-1313.