

PARISH STAFF

REV. ROBERT CLARK

Pastor

REV. EDGAR RODRIGUEZ

Associate Pastor

REV. CHARLES WATKINS

Associate Pastor

REV. CHARLES GALLAGHER

Pastor Emeritus

REV. MR. JESÚS & SILVIA CASAS

Deacon Couple

PASTORAL STAFF

Paulette Bolton

Worship

(708) 215-5422

Deacon Jesús Casas

Hispanic Ministry

(708) 215-5440

Amy Cranny

Youth Ministry

(708) 215-5419

Mary Beth Ford

Social Concerns

(708) 215-5418

Debbie Lestarczyk

Business Manager

(708) 215-5405

Justin Sisul

Music

(708) 215-5423

Christopher Wagner

Technology

(708) 215-5420

Dolores Wouk

Ministry of Care

(708) 215-5407

SCHOOL STAFF

Jolene Hillgoth

School Principal

Kathy Lifka

Assistant Principal

Denise Parlier

Administrative Assistant

Mary Zwolinski

Receptionist/Office Assistant

(708) 352-4820

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF

Patricia Kahl

Director of Religious Education

Holly Kallal

Administrative Assistant

(708) 352-2383

RECTORY STAFF

Patricia Drobny

Bulletin Editor/Office Assistant

Nora Gardner

Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

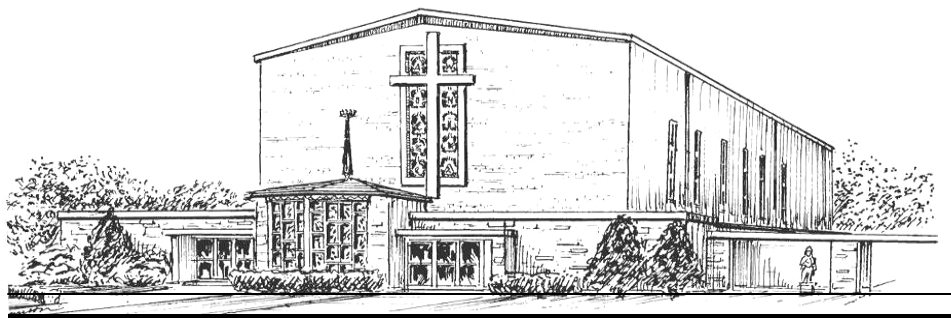
Bobbie Kallal

Human Resources/Records

Michele O'Brien

Parish Accounting

(708) 352-6209



St. Cletus Canticle

600 W. 55th Street - La Grange, IL

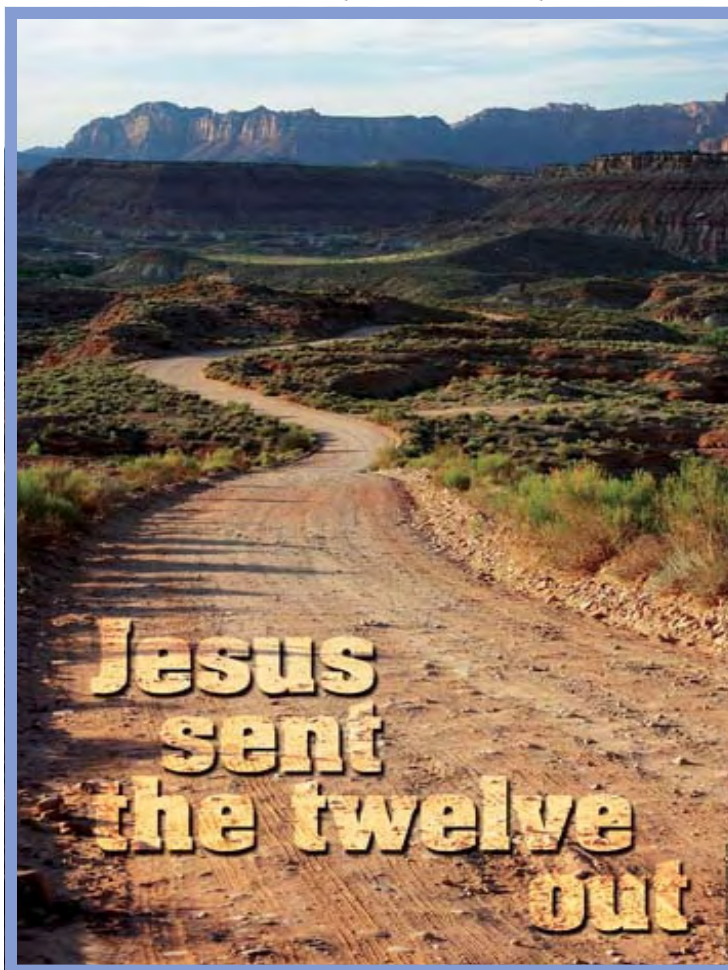
(708) 352-6209 Rectory

(708) 352-4820 School

www.stcletusparish.com

July 12, 2009

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



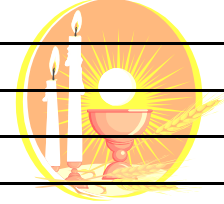
All are welcome.


Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 13 - July 19, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Tom Kigin, Elizabeth Falvey
Tuesday	8:00am	Stefan & Mary Slobodnik
Wednesday	8:00am	Johnston Family
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intention
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Henry Maday
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Evelyn Prevenas, Phyllis Prevenas, Fred & Ann Fahey - 50th Wedding Anniversary Rudy Kegl, Dorothy O'Neill, Rose Delaloye, Sophie Bogolin, Charles Moravec
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Marie Elliott Ron Grego Virginia Shepler, Charles Keenan, Charles Moravec, David Pozniak, Dorothy Lord Dan Rosko, George Cibula, Stella Kadlec, Elaine Bianco, Bea Roth Souls in Purgatory



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JULY 18/19, 2009					
	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Benkert, K.	Zmuda, R.	Wiley, J.	Hullinger, S.	Curnutt, R.
LR	Rotunno, P. Augustine, E.	McDonnell, M.	Bellisario, J. Duffy, M.	McGann, K. Rotunno, P.	Reynolds, C. Pawlowicz, R.
B2	Benkert, K.	Zmuda, R.	Wiley, J.	Hullinger, S.	Curnutt, R.
B3	Chlapecka, R.	Zmuda, L.	Biesadecki, B	Wehrmeister, R	Ficaro, J.
B4	Swindall, V.	Mezan, M.A.	Hagen, J.	Micek, J.	Pristo, B.
B5	Ciraulo, S.	Sipek, S.	Hansen, B.	Schump, C.	Maday, J.
B6	Saban, J.	Lenz, R.	Welch, J.	Dunkovich, A	Brannigan, R.
C1	Hockman, S.		Stopka, S.	Tosheff, C.	Garske, E.
C2	Benkert, J.		Warren, C.	Severino, L.	Herzog, T.
C3	Ford, M.B.		Biesadecki, C	Dillane, J.	Hoskins, C.
C4	Swindall, T.		Hagen, C.	Micek, D.	Mangahas, A.
C5	Koch, B.		Karch, J.	Nash, S.	Chaney, M.
C6	Condon, M.K.		Kigin, B.	Haggerty, F.	Gebka, M.L.
Altar Servers	Hurley, D. Hurley, C. Pease, S.		Reisel, D. Grace, M. Rejudkowski, S	Vokurka, S. Stanczk, S. Madden, N.	Bogolin, K. Grodek, M. Grodek, M.

Wedding Banns

Erica Andrews
&
Mike Hearn

Rebecca Sharp
&
Patrick Gierut

Bridget Murphy
&
Brian Boam

 *Please Welcome...*

Lyla Anne Smart,
daughter of Todd and Julia (Mikusik) Smart

to Our Parish Family.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

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

Brian L. Flood,
husband of Mary Lou

Donald C. Schaid,
brother of Jean Ryan - uncle of Tim Ryan

William Patrick O'Brien,
husband of Monica

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is clear and direct, and there is no mistaking his instructions to the Twelve. In action and in word, the apostles are to communicate clearly the Good News of the one who sent them. The austerity of lifestyle commanded by Jesus is not in itself virtuous; Jesus knows, however, that comfort is often the enemy of zeal. If the apostles were encumbered by possessions, they could be distracted from their task. If they were confident of their daily bread, they could become complacent. If they were not well received, they might doubt their mission, so they must make a clear break from places that do not welcome the word. Everything about them must proclaim exactly what they are about.

The prophet Amos similarly has a strong and clear sense of purpose. Amaziah orders him to depart to Judah, but Amos knows by whom he has been sent, and to whom his loyalty lies; he cannot deny the Lord. God has called him, God has given him a mission, and God must be obeyed. Everything about him must proclaim exactly what he is about.

An apostle is only able to obey, and to endure the hardships which can follow from obedience, if he or she is committed to the one who commands, and believes the message which is to be proclaimed. The reading from Ephesians leaves us in no doubt as to the nature of the God who commands us, and the just cause we have for rejoicing in the message we bear. God is the God who has 'blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven'. The message is the 'truth' and the 'good news of our salvation'. It remains for us to be simple and direct in our proclamation.

The preaching of the apostles brings about a crisis to those who hear them. Unclean spirits are confronted; the inospitable are abandoned; devils are cast out, and sicknesses are cured. Clearly, the word the apostles bear effects a change in hearers and bearers alike. Clear and simple, like the good use of language, the gospel message bears fruit.

After Jesus left the apostles, they would miss his guidance and instruction. For this reason, he sent his Holy Spirit upon them, so that his mission would continue. In this same Spirit, we become apostles. In the footsteps of the Twelve, we preach repentance. We face the demons that haunt the human soul. We bring wholeness to those who are sick, praying for God's healing. We do as we have been commanded by the Lord, praying the Lord will work in us, amongst us and through us.

In the preaching of the apostles, that same mission which we continue, the judgment of the world has begun. All who meet the apostles of Christ are challenged by the word of God to declare themselves for the Kingdom. And the apostles are challenged too, being under the same word, subject to the same judgment.

To be apostles of Christ, we must be like Amos. We must know that we are sent by God, and cannot be deflected from our mission by the discomfort we cause to others and ourselves. We must be like the writer of the Letter to the Ephesians, who rejoices in the blessings we have all received from God in Christ. And we must be like the Twelve, obedient to Christ's command to live the Good News simply and directly.

*Blessings,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - “It’s a miracle!”

When something good happens but we don’t know how, we often say it’s a miracle. The word derives from the Latin *mirari*, “to wonder at.” The earliest believers in Jesus were in wonder at the healings he performed, healings that were inexplicable except through divine power. Not only that, Jesus called the believers themselves to heal others. And they did! They were ordinary people, just like you, doing the extraordinary. Jesus’ power of miracles attracted many people to his ministry. People likely were drawn by the sheer magnificence of Jesus’ deeds, then discovered how deeply fulfilling it was to be of service to humanity. Small wonder that the Latin word for miracles is also related to the word “smile.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mark 6:7-13*

“He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.”

MONDAY, JULY 13

FEAST OF HENRY - Serve God right here, right now

Henry was Holy Roman Emperor from 1002 until his death in 1024. During his reign he founded schools, protected borders, worked to establish peace throughout Europe, helped to reform the church, and was unfailingly kind and generous to the poor. After the death of his wife, Henry decided to become a monk. The abbot of the monastery declined his application, however, noting that Henry could do the most good for God and humanity by remaining emperor. Sometimes we think we have to move—to another job or even to another country—to live a life of service. It’s not true. Opportunities abound wherever we are.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1*

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

TUESDAY, JULY 14

What floats your boat?

You know the story: Pharaoh ordered all the male Hebrew children to be cast into the Nile to check the burgeoning Israelite population. One mother followed his command but with a twist: Trying to save her little boy, she floated him out onto the river in a basket. Pharaoh’s daughter, at the river to bathe, saw the little boat, gave the baby back to the mother, whom she paid to nurse and raise the child, until she was able to adopt the child as her own. She called him Moses, which means “drawn out.” A tragic tale for the rest of the unlucky babies, but also one that shows how God’s care shows itself in small ways. Where are the little signs of God’s love floating through your life?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24*

“She named him Moses, ‘because,’ she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’”

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

FEAST OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Useful gifts

So gifted with knowledge, wisdom, and understanding, our saint of the day has numerous colleges and high schools named after him, plus a starship, the *USS Bonaventure* (NCC-2977), in *Star Trek: The Animated Series*. Is it any wonder that we’ve still got his right arm and hand that he used to write his famous *Commentary on the Four Books of Peter Lombard* on display at his home parish in Bagnoregio, Italy? But all those smarts are simply the gifts of the

Holy Spirit, given to all for the sake of all. Saint Bonaventure put his to work for the church. What are you doing with yours?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27*

“All things have been handed over to me by my Father.”

THURSDAY, JULY 16

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Protect yourself

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is also known as the Feast of the Scapular, in honor of the protection the Virgin Mary is said to have given the Carmelite order in a vision to one of its early leaders, Saint Simon Stock. Scapulars, whether in the form of a religious habit, a neck ornament, or even a simple pin, are outward signs of the truth Jesus speaks in today’s gospel: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” The protective comfort Jesus provides is not through barriers he builds up around us but rather through the ways of meekness and humility he teaches us. Get some rest today.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30*

“I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Image matters

The Bible is replete with various images of God, from God as a judge and executor (Exodus 12:12) to God as a woman baking bread (Matthew 13:33). Often these images seem contradictory—a violent God killing firstborn children versus a God who nourishes with patience and care. Frequently these likenesses are used to describe some kind of attribute of God or the experience of a people’s encounter with God. How do we understand God in the 21st century? What images might we use to describe our experience of God? In a world more interconnected and interdependent than ever before, how does what happens in the Middle East or India affect us and our experience of God? What about the beauty and plight of God’s earth and creatures?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8*

“‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’”

SATURDAY, JULY 18

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Ready or not!

There are few things more Jewish than matzo, and nothing more Catholic than the Eucharist. In both cases it’s odd to remember that the unleavened bread was purely unintentional. The bread was flat on the day of the great Passover because there was simply no time for it to rise. God doesn’t mind making use of what’s available, no matter how untimely it seems to us. So God later chose a young girl, Mary, not yet married, to be the mother of the world’s great passover from sin, Jesus. When it comes to salvation, there’s no time like the present.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21*

“The dough . . . was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait.”

©2009 by TrueQuest Communications, L.L.C. PHONE: 800-942-2811; E-MAIL: mail@takefiveforfaith.com; WEBSITE: www.TakeFiveForFaith.com. Licensed for noncommercial use. All rights reserved. Scripture quotes come from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Contributors: Father Paul Boudreau, Alice Camille, Daniel Grippo, Father Larry Janowski, O.F.M., Ann O’Connor, Sean Reynolds, Joel Schorn, Patrice J. Tuohy, and Sister Julie Vieira, I.H.M.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Well, here we go again! It's time to restock our shelves for the August food distribution. We are extremely low on many of our staples, including canned fruit, meals in a can/box, pinto beans, pasta and pasta sauce, tuna, cereal, diapers and paper goods. There are also no extras such as coffee, juice, crackers, boxed side dishes, powdered or evaporated milk, condiments, etc on our shelves at this time. However, as always, all donations of in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated! Please drop off your contributions in the designated food bins located in the Madonna della Strada shrine in the Church vestibule. The church is open during weekend Masses and daily, from 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM. Your ongoing response to Jesus' message to "feed the hungry" has been awesome! Thank you for your generosity and commitment to this ministry.

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Youth Ministry News

Do you have enthusiasm for working with teens, concern for the growth and development of youth, and a desire to share your faith with others? I am looking for some warm, honest and sincere parishioners who are flexible and willing to give of their time and talent to minister to our teens in the position of Adult Small Group Advisor in our High School Confirmation Preparation Program. These Advisors share their home and their faith as they meet six times a year in groups of 10-14 teens to nurture the spiritual development of our youth.

Lesson planning/formation sessions are held monthly to give Advisors the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. Please pray and strongly consider this commitment. This position is a two-year commitment, which can be filled by couples, individuals or can be shared with a friend. I am happy to meet with you, answer any questions regarding this ministry and/or put you into contact with past/present Advisors. If you are interested, I can be reached in the Youth Ministry office at (708) 215-5419 or acranny@stcletusparish.com.

Amy Cranny
Youth Ministry



RUMMAGE SALE July 25, 2009

July 25th is the date of the 2nd Annual St. Cletus Rummage Sale! That gives you two weeks to gather "treasures" you have found while cleaning your house and garage! See the insert in today's Canticle for the items we will be accepting along with the drop/off pick up times, etc. Please look deep in your heart to find some TIME to donate. We are still in need of some strong men to pick up items. You do not need a vehicle. We will supply the truck! Thanks so much for all you do to make St. Cletus such a wonderful and giving Parish.

Maureen Soldat
Social Concerns



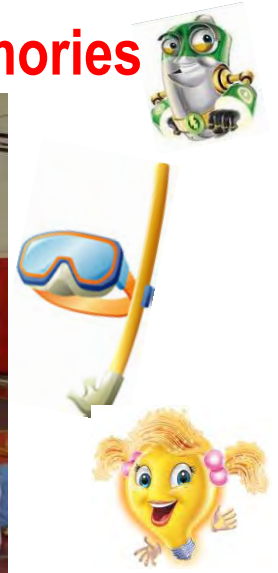
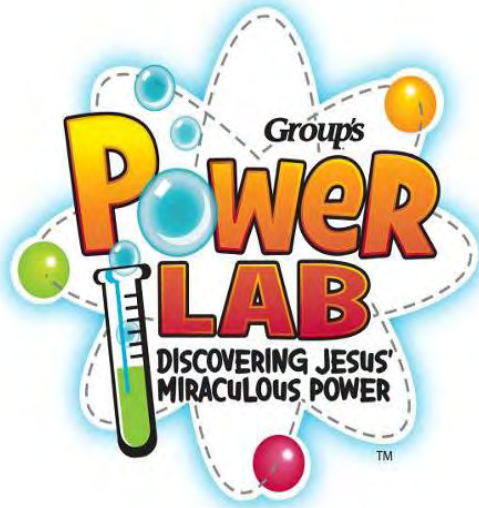
We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Sheehan, and Steven Bruce and Family.

If you attend St. Cletus but have not yet registered, please consider the commitment of parish membership.



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 Cizek, 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.

2009 St. Cletus Vacation Bible School Memories



**A GREAT TIME
WAS HAD BY ALL!**



Sunday Collection

Total Active Registered Families 2,479

June 28, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$28,325

Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used - this week	673
% of ACH contributions	59
% of registered families contributed	29%

Amount Collected

\$21,254	Envelope Users
3,946	Loose Checks/Cash
<u>6,637</u>	ACH
\$31,837	

This Fiscal Year 7/1/08-6/30/09

Actual Sunday Collections	\$1,369,103
Budgeted Sunday Collections	1,472,900
(Worse) than budgeted	\$ (103,797)

July 5, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$28,000

Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used - this week	662
% of registered families	26%

Amount Collected

\$21,665	Envelope Users
<u>2,922</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
\$24,587	

This Fiscal Year 7/5/09

Actual Sunday Collections	\$24,587
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>28,000</u>
(Worse) than budgeted	(3,413)



The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to St. Cletus on Wednesday, September 9th!
Show Times 4:30 & 7:30pm
Ticket sales will begin in August.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Does your marriage bloom like the beauty of the flowers in summer? Learn how to shine with God's love for all to see. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **September 11-13**. Early registration is recommended. For more information, please visit our website at www.wmchicago-gary.org or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442-3554. For Weekends in Spanish (other dates), contact Oscar & Luz at 847-675-2119.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <i>Co-Chairpersons:</i> | Anne Babirak,
Tom Finucane |
| <i>Vice - Chairperson:</i> | Rita Mayer |
| <i>Recording Secretary:</i> | Xavier Polanski |
| <i>Corresponding Secretary:</i> | Lori Ashe |
| <i>Worship Ministry:</i> | Elizabeth Goellner-McLean |
| <i>Finance Liaison:</i> | Brian Kapusta |
| <i>Parish Representative:</i> | Joe Bamberger, Lori Ashe |
| <i>Youth Ministry:</i> | Barb Mitchell,
Rita F. Mayer |
| <i>Education Ministry:</i> | Anne Babirak, (School)
Sharon Gleich
(Religious Education) |
| <i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i> | C. Rodger Brown,
Xavier Polanski |
| <i>Development Ministry:</i> | Maggie Nelson
Tom Finucane |
| <i>Staff Representative:</i> | Jolene Hillgoth |
| <i>Hispanic Ministry:</i> | Silvia Casas
Ignacio Saavedra |
| <i>Social Concerns:</i> | Maureen Soldat
Jim Ryva |
| <i>Technology Representative:</i> | Julie Lenz |

