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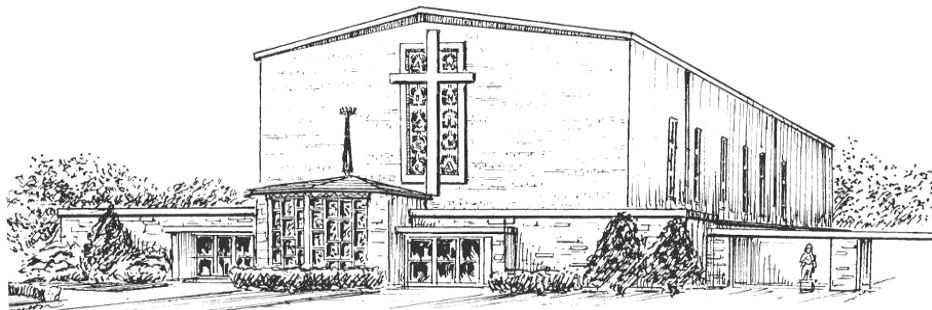
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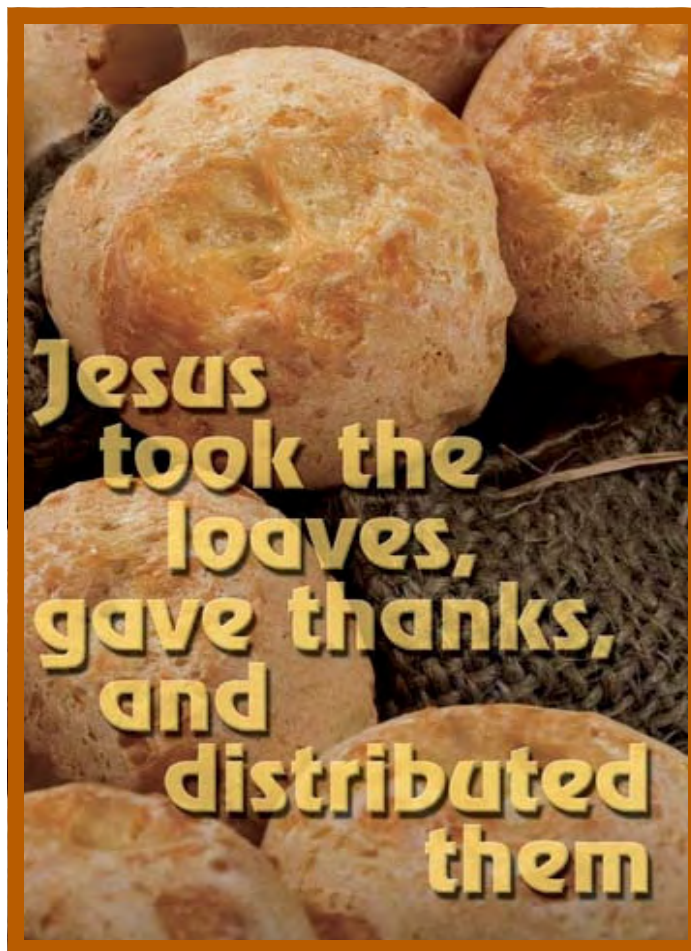
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July 26, 2009

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



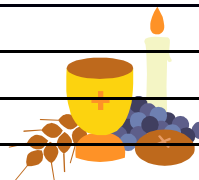
All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.


Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 27 - August 2, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Walter Rogers
Tuesday	8:00am	Robin Peters, Dolores & John Slowiak
Wednesday	8:00am	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Thursday	8:00am	Karen Marie Wilson
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Katie O'Connell, Joseph Maly, Anne & Chester Koziol
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Phyllis Prevenas, Robert J. Haws Ed Smithy, Stella & Felix Gembala, Mary & Stanley Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz, Kenneth Wolf, James F. Slowik
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Linda Felice, Marco & Emilia Rattin Souls in Purgatory Julia Hartnett, Florence Lenhardt Harvey Lord, Florence Connors Riley, Rosalie Bajor Souls in Purgatory



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1/2, 2009

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Bolton, P.	Zmuda, L.	Hagen, C.	Bolton, P.	Benkert, K.
LR	Pawlowicz, R. Bolton, W.	Loch, L.	Hagen, J. Hagen, K.	McMahon, H. Hagen, K.	Demonte, L. Augustyn, R.
B2	Bolton, P.	Zmuda, L.	Hagen, C.	Bolton, P.	Benkert, K.
B3	Beales, N.	Zmuda, R.	Biesadecki, C	Zupancic, R.	Pavlik, L.
B4	Swindall, V.	Mezan, M.A.	Hansen, B.	Micek, D.	Provan, J.
B5	Burke, J.	Karch, J.	Kigin, B.	Dillane, J.	Ficaro, J.
B6	Ryva, J.	Wouk, D.	Nicosia, C.	Meuwissen, J	Hoskins, C.
C1	Condon, M.K.		Curotto, L.	Hullinger, S.	Rotunno, P.
C2	Andrews, D.		Hagen, E.	Williams, AM	Benkert, J.
C3	Beales, D.		Biesadecki, B	Nolan, J.	Brannigan, R.
C4	Swindall, T.		Martinez, J.	Micek, J.	Provan, K.
C5	Burke, R.		Bliss, G.	Samuelson, D.	Schump, C.
C6	Delaloye, J.		Kalata, M.	Blecic, D.	Haggerty, F.
Altar Servers	Ashe, E. Muldoon, K. McDonnel, B.	Patterson, S. Temple, P. Lawler, J.	Balch, J. Babirak, M. Smith, J.	Finucane, M. Curran, N. Garner, M.	Jacobs, A. Rohrbacher, J. Severino, G.

Wedding Banns

Bridget Murphy & Brian Boam
Jessica Cegielski & Justin Luedeke
Danielle McDermott & Chris Martin

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

† *Virginia H. Oliva,*
wife of Joseph

† *Mary E. Hixon,*
mother of Daniel Hixon
Mary Kay Weber

† *Margaret Rosa,*
mother of Carl

† *Mary Ann Southard,*
sister of Rick & Tom Chlapecka

Attention Lectors - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion - Altar Servers

Please note that beginning the weekend of August 9-10, the schedule for serving assignments will no longer be printed in the bulletin. Each minister should refer to his/her individual schedule and/or calendar. This will free up needed space for other information. Thank you. Your faithfulness is greatly appreciated.

Paulette Bolton
Worship Ministry

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2009

The word, 'diet', is usually applied to a strict regime of calorie counting. This practice is more common in countries where people are overfed and accordingly overweight. In such situations the body's weight can increase rapidly and the person becomes physically and emotionally uncomfortable. In some countries overeating produces many medical problems. Part of the cure is a balanced diet. Food is necessary for life and a good variety helps to keep us healthy. Today we are aware, more than ever, of the inner goodness in all foods. We know how each food provides us with the vitamins and minerals that are necessary for our good health. We are aware, too, of the social importance of food. Meals, banquets and parties are laid out when we celebrate birthdays, jubilees, anniversaries and other great events. Food is enjoyed most when it is taken in a meal shared with others. To share food is to share life.

In a remote and lonely place a multitude shared food and life to an extent they did not appreciate. In this hour appointed by God to reveal his Word made flesh, the great liberation of Israel from captivity is re-enacted. Just as God had fed the Israelites in the wilderness with manna, so now Jesus multiplies the bread and feeds them. Just as God, through Moses, led his people into physical freedom, so now Jesus offers God's people spiritual freedom. On both occasions people gladly received the gift but failed to appreciate the giver. The multiplication of the loaves is but a hint of something greater. We notice that out of a little they all ate as much as they wanted, and that there was even some left over. At this hour, then, the people had a good opportunity to reflect on their spiritual history. Throughout the Hebrew Bible God feeds his people both physically with food and spiritually with wisdom. Both are expressions of his loving care and both are equally important. The wisdom here is the faith and insight which is needed to put people in a right relationship with God. But this particular nourishment is not always appreciated or well received. It is a banquet for which an invitation is given, but the response is not always forthcoming. God's gift always includes the challenge to put him first in all things. It is a blessing to hunger for God. In this gospel scene the physical hunger of the people was but a surface reminder of that deeper hunger by which we yearn constantly for God. Elsewhere in John's Gospel Jesus teaches that his food is to do the Father's will and to complete his work on earth. To hunger for God is to receive God. The hungry heart is receptive to the wisdom of God.

As we get energy and sustenance from food, so we are fed and grow healthy in faith as we hear and receive the word of God in the Scriptures. We are truly blessed that God's nourishing word is proclaimed to us at our regular worship. The Scriptures help us to grow in our knowledge of the Lord and challenge us to adjust our living to his word. But we can never be satisfied, because our knowledge of the Lord is meant to grow day by day. We ourselves can contribute actively to that growth. When did I last spend time studying the Bible? Our hunger for the word of God must never be suppressed or ignored, but satisfied. The more we feed on it the more we will want, because we will discover our huge capacity for God. God's love completes us. We receive God's word in our minds and in our hearts. The Christ-centered person is very open and receptive. The nourishing word always produces good results in that person's life. It brings us close to Jesus and to one another in his body. To know Jesus is to be alive with him. Ignorance is far from bliss. The well-known saying that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ remains true. But it can also be said that faith-filled knowledge of Scripture will lead us to a deep and loving knowledge of Christ. Now is the time to seek the wisdom that comes from God. Saint Paul speaks of Christ as the power and the wisdom of God. Time spent in bible study is time well spent on ourselves as we dine on the nourishing fare that is God's word. Thanks be to God.

*Peace and Blessings,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Waste not, want not

According to *AmpleHarvest.org*, one out of eight Americans needs food assistance but can't get fresh produce from local food pantries. Meanwhile, an estimated 100 billion pounds of food is thrown away annually in the United States. The website provides a way for food pantries and gardeners with extra produce to find each other. Food pantries can be listed in a central directory so that local gardeners can find them and, garden-by-garden, help diminish hunger in America. Think twice the next time you throw good food away; instead, help multiply the loaves and fishes in your community.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15*

"Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

MONDAY, JULY 27

Are we ready for that mustard seed to grow?

Jesus uses the parable of the mustard seed to illustrate that when the reign of God takes root even from the smallest seed, it will grow to great size. But is that what most of us want? Do we really hope to see the establishment of God's reign—where the lowly are lifted up and the mighty are brought to their knees? Scripture scholar John Dominic Crossan points out that in Mediterranean areas the mustard bushes that sprout from tiny mustard seeds are considered weeds—a nuisance to any garden. Hmm . . . how many of us find God's ways an irritant to our best-laid plans? God's reign is messy when judged by worldly standards. Weeds are welcome.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35*

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed . . . It becomes a large bush."

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Heed the weeds

Anyone who has kept a garden knows that with weeds timing is everything. If the weeds are left to grow for too long, they cannot be pulled without damaging or uprooting the valuable crop. They must grow together or die together. When Jesus compares the world to a field and the righteous to good seeds, the weeds become the actions that lead away from Christ. If we aren't careful, we may find that the weeds have overgrown us and cannot be cleared without doing much damage to our hearts. What weeds can you clear from your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43*

"The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

FEAST OF MARTHA

Please sit still for a moment

"Martha, Martha!" Whenever someone calls my name twice, I pay attention. It evokes a childish, "What have I done now?" response. But Jesus' double "Martha, Martha" seems like gentle, particular words of care for someone who finds it hard to stop the spinning wheels of her mind and the anxious work of her hands. She knows and trusts her work. While Jesus is kind to her, he sees things quite differently, and he is likewise firm and

clear. What he needs from Martha, his friend, is more akin to what all of us need from those we love: less work and more presence. Because most of us are such good workers, we easily assume that good and hard work is the best we have to offer others—our practical way of caring. It may be this but only to a point. What others really need is more of our time, our attention. That is the "better part" that Jesus says Martha's sister, Mary, has chosen in sitting near Jesus and listening. It's a part we can all choose, and it won't be taken away.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 34:29-35; John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42*
"Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things."

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Always at your side

If you read the biblical story of the Israelites' journey from slavery in Egypt to the land God promised them you'll see the trip was not a smooth one. Conflicts with Moses, their great leader, as well as with their ultimate leader, God, hunger, and other obstacles plagued them along the way. But they made it, and one of the reasons they made it was because no matter what, God stayed with them. God goes with those on the lifelong journey of faith. It's nice to have a traveling companion, isn't it?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53*

"Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on each stage of their journey."

FRIDAY, JULY 31

FEAST OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

A prayer for generosity

The spirit of giving doesn't come naturally to all of us. Saint Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, had a prayer for that, as he did for most things: "Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give without counting the cost, to fight heedless of wounds, to labor without seeking rest, to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward, save the knowledge that I have done your will." When the giving gets tough, the tough get on their knees and pray for wider hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58*

"When you enter the land that I am giving you . . . you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Mistaken identity

When word came to King Herod about Jesus and what he was doing and saying, Herod mistook him for John the Baptist—whom he had murdered—come back from the dead. Perhaps Herod's error grew out of a fear that John had come back to haunt him or seek revenge of some kind. Fear can lead people to many kinds of misjudgments: avoiding problems, damaging relationships, not speaking out, holding back from taking steps to go forward in life. Move through fear to see clearly and act with courage.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12*

"At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; and he said to his servants, 'This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead.'"

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WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, August 1/2, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become a member.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION!

REGISTRATION

Don't let another day go by without enrolling your child for the 2009-10 Religious Education Program. The time is NOW! Please stop in the office, call (708) 352-2383 or go on line to obtain the forms/tuition information, classes and options, and other information needed for your child to share in a great year of learning about our loving and generous God. Remember that you must be a registered parishioner to enroll your child. We also need a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if you are new to the program.

RCIA

Is God calling you to join the Church? Have you felt this yearning in your spirit to become a member of the Church? WE, the Rite of Christian Initiation Team, on behalf of St. Cletus Parish, say WELCOME and Join! Our opening meeting date is Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00pm, in the Education Building. The first three sessions make up the "Period of Inquiry." That means YOU may bring your questions, concerns and feelings to our sessions and learn about us, our faith, and our beliefs. Our journey continues until Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil, when you will be welcomed back or received into the Church. For more information, please call me at (708) 352-2383.

YOU ARE INVITED...to become a catechist in the St. Cletus Religious Education Program IF YOU like children, if you like the unexpected. If you want to be a part of a team, and IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION THEN call me at (708) 352-2383 for more details. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:45am or Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. Invite a spouse or neighbor to join you and Team Teach, after all faith is a sharing in community.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On August 22/23, the St. Cletus Music Ministry will present a program entitled "A Joyful Noise"! This evening of entertainment, in the Church, will feature the unique and varied talents of many of the members of our music ministry, including everything from operatic arias to folksongs and sing-alongs. "A Joyful Noise" will serve as the launch of the St. Cletus Fine Arts Series, a program which will bring a number of performances to the parish and community each year with the goal of promoting and sponsoring quality musical presentations outside of the liturgical setting. Details on both "A Joyful Noise" and the Fine Arts Series will follow, but mark your calendars now for an event you won't want to miss!

Justin Sisul
Music Ministry



**AD GENTES MISSIONARY
SUMMER MISSION APPEAL**

Sister Lucia Benedict is a member of the Ad Gentes Missionary Congregation who will be visiting to share her mission experience with us the weekend of August 1/2. Sister was born in Nigeria and has been a religious for more than twenty five years. She works with the young teenage mothers, school drop outs and children in the rural areas of Shiroro in Nigeria. She is a teacher and coordinates the ministry of her community.

The Ad Gentes Missionary Society was founded in 2003, by Father Vitalis Ejike Anyanike, an African native and a priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha, Nebraska. They are an association of men and women of African descent. They subscribe to the missionary vision of the Vatican II Council and the African Bishops Synod while ambassadors of the gospel to countries with long Christian traditions. Resources are needed to help continue present services and to provide for future needs of Catholics in the community. There will be a second collection next weekend, August 1/2.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



There's no peanut butter on our shelves, and we still are in need of many of our other staples, including canned fruit & vegetables, meals in a can/box, canned meat, rice, dry pinto beans, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, tomatoes, soup, cereal, boxed side dishes, all sizes of diapers, and paper goods. Our supply of "extras" is also depleted. Some favorites include coffee, powdered or evaporated milk, juice, crackers or cookies, toiletries, laundry detergent and dish washing soap. Thank you for your continuing generosity in this much needed and appreciated ministry.

Here's some good news for our Food Pantry: Last month's group of volunteers at the Chicago Food Depository earned more than \$500.00 worth of credits for us to use as we "shop" for bargains there. Thanks to all involved! The heads of all ministries have received information about future volunteering at the Food Depository and will share that information with their Parish Council Commissions. If you need further details, you can contact me in the Social Concerns Office at (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com.

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

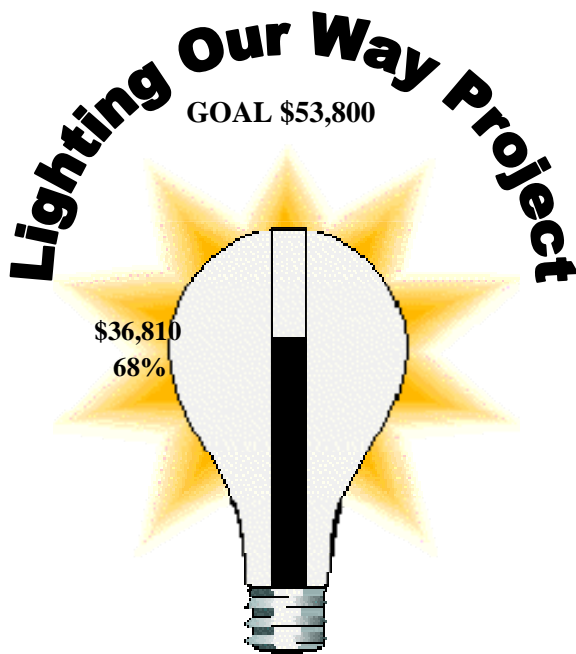


Please remember our sick in your prayers: Betty Jo Boden, Nolan Blair, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, George Kessler, Norma Evans, Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Dr. Karen Chermel, Denise Kuchta, Anna Cizek, Blasé Cinquegrani, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Richard Imholt, 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.

Sunday Collection

Total Active Registered Families 2,479
July 19, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$24,000

<u>Collection Statistics</u>		<u>Amount Collected</u>	
# of envelopes used - this week	622	\$16,124	Envelope Users
% of registered families	25%	<u>3,073</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
		\$19,197	
Year-to-Date as of 7/19/09			
Actual Sunday Collections	\$ 66,382		
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>75,500</u>		
(Worse) than Budgeted	\$(9,118)		



MISSION LADIES REQUEST

We are in need of white eyelet fabric and small silver or gold crosses to continue making Christening Bibs. For more information, please call (708) 839-9605. Thank you.

Dolores Scaletta



Please Welcome...

Shaylin Abrego,
 daughter of Leonel & Elizabeth (García) Abrego

Adam Xavier Barrette,
 son of Matthew & Sheri (Baldwin) Barrette

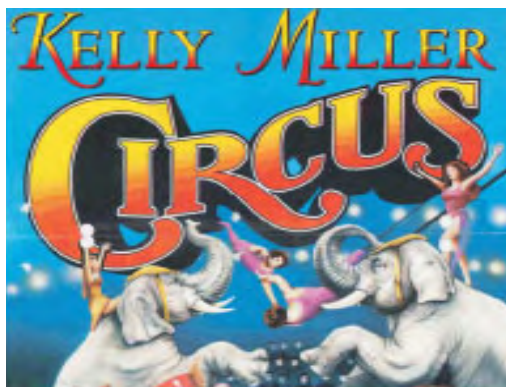
Annabella Marie Conway,
 daughter of Thomas & Charese (Basil) Conway

Joseph Paul Flakus,
 son of Brian & Julie (Jakubowski) Flakus

Yurem Getsuri Orejel,
 son of Eliseo & Leticia Josefina (Mendoza) Orejel

Jennifer Resendis,
 daughter of Jesús & Elsa Yesenia (Rodriguez) Resendis

to Our Parish Family.



**The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to
 St. Cletus on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH!**

Show Times 4:30 & 7:30pm

**Beginning the weekend of August 1/2, tickets will
 be available for purchase in church (after all
 Masses), school and the rectory.**

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

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

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

CONFESSIONS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK...

**Resume Review – Saturday, August 1st,
9:00am – 11:00am - St. Cletus School**

Bring your resume for a free one-on-one review with a Human Resources Professional. Get advice on how to make your resume more effective from pros who review resumes every day. Time permitting, you will also get tips on how to search for jobs and network more effectively. Bring a friend and learn some helpful advice with these individual review sessions. Location: 600 West 55th Street, La Grange.

**Career Networking Session
St. Francis Xavier Rectory
Thursday, August 6th, 7:00pm**

Come meet with other job seekers in our community and exchange contacts and leads that may be very helpful in your job search. Meet others who understand the value of networking to help you find your next new job. Hope you can join us for this free session and gain some important new contacts that could lead to your next new job. Location: 124 N. Spring Avenue, La Grange.

