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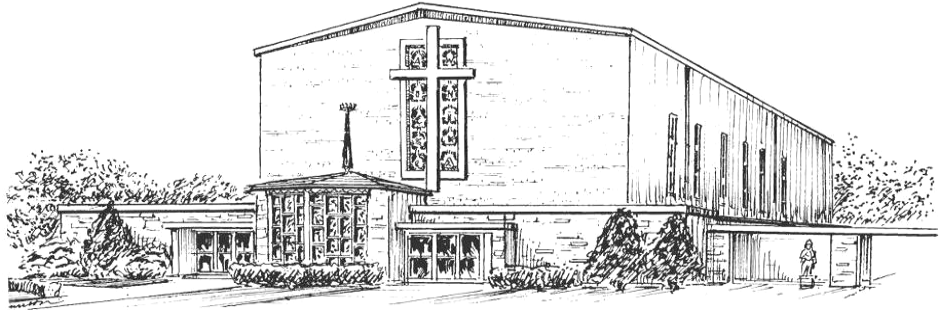
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September 20, 2009

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



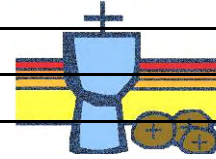
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Mass Intentions for the Week of September 21 - September 27, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Wayne Kral, Pauline Cuttill, Gus DeBartolo, Mary McMahon
Tuesday	8:00am	Johnston Family, Mary Tognetti
Wednesday	8:00am	Joseph Vieceli, Karen Marie Wilson
Thursday	8:00am	Patrick A'Hearn
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Theodore Borowski, Erik Geyer
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Joseph Vieceli Rudy Kegl, Dan Rosko, Ed Smithy, Sue Schiller, Ola Maveety-Special Intention
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Mario & Nancy Maturo, Thelma Lafido George Kessler Julia Hartnett, Michael Demato, Rosemary Ptak Timothy Benrus, Pavlik & McCarney Families, Harold and Helen Janecek, Sr., María Guadalupe C- de Almindárez, Damaso Almindárez Souls in Purgatory



Please Pray for Our Deceased
and Their families...



Anthony L. Barbaro,
father of Antonia Dubnicek

Roy J. Lane, Sr.
husband of Lorraine

Olga Olivia Charney,
mother of Wayne Charney

Otto C. Nerad,
husband of Muriel

May God Grant Them Eternal Rest.
Amen.

Wedding Banns

Kelly Gallagher
&
Chris Charlesworth

Molly Kirk
&
Robert Parlier

ST. CLETUS PARISH
WELCOMES...

Alex Hurtado Diaz,
son of Gambino Hurtado & Leticia Diaz

Santiago Garcia,
son of Everado Garcia & Claudia Nava

Sebastian Hernandez,
son of Francisco Hernandez & Maribel Villanueva

Alan Martinez Roldan,
son of Guadalupe Martinez & Marisol Roldan

Alexandra Martinez Roldan,
daughter of Guadalupe Martinez & Marisol Roldan

Brandon Martinez Roldan,
son of Guadalupe Martinez & Marisol Roldan

To the Catholic Faith through the
Sacrament of Baptism.

May God's love Always Bless Them.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The fourteenth century was a time of frequent wars and bloodshed in the city states of Italy. It was so bad that a nobleman, Bernardo Tolomei, withdrew to an isolated mountain, Monte Oliveto, together with other like-minded men, to found a monastery. There, the community spent its time in prayer and religious life, far removed from the violence and evils of the world. However, in 1348, the Great Plague swept through the nearby city of Sienna, and the community faced a choice of whether to stay in the security of their religious life, or to come down from their mountain sanctuary. They decided they could not stand by, watching people suffer and die, without attempting in some way to alleviate their suffering. They came down from their monastery and, despite the risks to themselves, spent their time ministering to the sick and dying. The whole community of eighty monks was wiped out by the plague – a danger they had been only too aware of.

There is always a cost involved in service; just as there is always a need for us to come down from our “spiritual mountain”. On the mountain which Jesus and his disciples had just left, they had seen Jesus transfigured – they had glimpsed his divinity as God’s Son, and they had wanted to remain there on the mountain – to build three tents, three shrines to prolong that marvelous religious experience. But they had to come down – to leave that experience behind. Jesus wanted to explain to his disciples the nature of his mission – to be a servant to all, and that this would inevitably lead to him paying the cost of his life: he would be a ransom for many. Three times after that mountain top experience, Jesus explained that his mission would lead to his passion, death and resurrection, and that his disciples would have to make that same journey in their own lives. But the disciples are slow to understand, even though Jesus specifically takes them away from the crowds to teach them.

They are afraid to ask him what he means. Perhaps they don’t ask because the last time Jesus spoke of his impending death: Peter had protested that this must not happen, and for his pains, Jesus had called him “Satan”, accusing him of thinking as man thinks, not as God thinks. But perhaps too, the disciples simply prefer not to know what Jesus is talking about. He keeps referring to suffering and death, but they are obviously more interested in who is the greatest. They wonder which of them will get the important jobs, the key positions, in the kingdom which they are sure Jesus, as the Messiah, is about to establish in Jerusalem. The real news hasn’t sunk in about the true nature of discipleship. They think it is about glory, prestige and power. Jesus speaks simply in terms of service – and of the cost of service. It is as if the disciples are still up there on their religious mountain, refusing to come down to face the consequences – and the cost – of their faith in Christ.

What does Jesus’ teaching about the need to be “servant of all” and to “welcome little children” mean for us today? A child is someone of no legal status – in a sense, an unimportant person. Anything done to or for a child is done simply for the sake of the child, without hope of reward or advantage. They provided an opportunity to show genuine, disinterested love, unfeigned respect. This is to be the hallmark of Christ’s disciples: that they will love without hope of profit or reward; that we will respect the intrinsic dignity and worth of others, no matter what their position, power or wealth. God loves unconditionally. When we love like that, then we do not just love like God, we love God himself. In welcoming the lowest and the least important, we are – in a very real way – welcoming and worshipping God. We are coming down from our religious mountain and really putting our faith into practice. There is always a price to be paid for true service – love is not cost-free, even though that is an illusion which we – like the disciples – like to maintain. But Christ’s teaching about the need to be prepared to suffer and die also contains the promise that this road leads to the glory of the resurrection. Like the monks of Oliveto, we have to decide if we want the illusion of pure, unsullied religion, or whether we are ready to get our hands dirty in serving real people in real situations, no matter the cost. That is the only way to offer real love to God, and the only way to enter real, eternal life.

Peace in Service,

Father Bob



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Great expectations

It is perhaps a coincidence (or the work of an unknown editor) that in Mark's gospel the story of the disciples arguing over "who was the greatest" directly follows Jesus' revelation of his impending death. But looked at another way, squabbling that follows immediately upon news of a death is an all-too-common pattern when someone dies and his or her heirs quarrel over who deserves the greatest share. Humans often instinctively react to a shock by "looking out for number one." Jesus, however, instructs his disciples to rise above their ego-preserving instinct and instead devote themselves to selfless service. Are we up to the challenge?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37*

"What were you arguing about on the way?"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

Disciple—who, me?

We can presume Jesus had no illusions about who Matthew was. The dude was sitting right at the booth where taxes were gathered for the Roman occupiers. A traitor! A man willing to compromise plenty to make sure he and his family didn't go under in tough times, even if his friends and neighbors weren't so lucky. Yet when Jesus looked at Matthew, he saw beyond all that. Jesus saw a disciple in the making. Where does Jesus find you? And what do you suppose he sees?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13*

"[Jesus] saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.'"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Family first

People like to say that the most important thing in life is family. That may be true for some people. But for others, family is their worst nightmare. We're not all graced with perfect parents. And our relationships with relatives can be much more problematic than our dealings with friends. That is why, in Christ, we have a Heavenly Father, a Blessed Mother, and countless brothers and sisters both on earth and in heaven. That is real family we can truly rely upon for understanding, support, and help in times of trouble. When it comes to family, God knows what is most important.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21*

"Jesus said to them, 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the Word of God and do it.'"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

FEAST OF PIO OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Car talk

A few years ago Padre Pio's old car came up for auction at a major European auto show. Pio—the Capuchin monk famous for hearing confessions, miracles, and bearing the wounds of Jesus—had received the 1959 Mercedes-Benz 190 D as a gift. The padre didn't drive. In fact, he rarely left the monastery. When he did get in a car, someone else would be behind the wheel and it was usually to go a little ways up the hill to inspect the state-of-the-art charity hospital Pio was building. While for many of us cars are something of a necessity, the Ex Padre Pio Mercedes, as it became known at the car show, which spent part of

its life sitting in a monastery garage, testifies to the fact that most of us probably need much less than we have.

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

"Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Harvest of shame

The people of Israel, it seems, had more important things to do than rebuild the temple of the Lord—there was wealth to be made, food and drink and fine clothes aplenty, and comfortable homes to build. Sort of reminds you of recent economic history, where fortunes were being amassed hand over fist while basic ethical practices fell to the wayside. Prosperity has a way of undermining core values and making people forget the promises they have made—to their God and to one another as a society. Will economic recovery bring moral recovery this time around? Not unless we attend to the things that matter most to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9*

"You have sown much, but have brought in little."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Words at work

Considering the enormous flow of words we can encounter with nothing more than the movement of a finger, it is difficult to imagine the ordeal required for a library in the Middle Ages to acquire even a single new book. Monks would often spend their entire careers travelling between monasteries and at each stop transcribing by hand whatever text their home library was in want of. The English monk Saint Ceolfrith (642-716) was renowned in his time for his tortuous travels and prolific transcribing efforts. His protégé, the famous Saint Bede, writes that Ceolfrith alone doubled the holdings of their monastery's library, which was already considered sizeable. How can you treasure the written word?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22*

"Take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

FEAST OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Medical drama

In the national discussion about health care policy, doctors, health care corporations, insurance companies, politicians, and the businesses and ordinary people who pay the bills wrangle over how services are provided and where the money goes. Seventeen centuries earlier the twin brother-physicians Saints Cosmas and Damian traveled Syria, sharing the good news of Christ by treating the ill for free. What would happen if into the health care debate walked Drs. Cosmas and Damian, known as "the penniless ones," who without regard for payment or liability put sick people ahead of everything else?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45*

"I looked up and saw a man with a measuring line in his hand."

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Religious Education Update!

We are looking for volunteers to serve as classroom aides for our Sunday Morning (9:15-10:45AM) religious education classes. Your tasks would include helping the catechists with special projects, serving our students with special needs, and helping all of our students feel welcome and appreciated. If you have time to give and a smile to share PLEASE call the religious education office at (708) 352-2383. I am waiting to hear from you!

SCRIPTURE CLASSES

Many parishioners have expressed an interest in learning more about Scripture. Our Religious Education Program is hosting a four week presentation on general information about Scripture. It is part of the Archdiocesan Fostering Faith Program. Our presenter is Mrs. Lois DeFelice. Lois is on staff at the Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry. She is a Pastoral Associate and has been involved in Ministry for the Archdiocese for 35 years. Class begins on Thursday, October 22 from 7:00PM – 9:30PM in Room 201 of the Education Building. Our sessions continue on October 29, November 5, and November 12. There is no cost but all participants are asked to register by e-mail to pkahl@stcletusparish.com or call the religious education office at (708) 352-2383. Also, remember to bring your Bible to class!

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We were able to serve 225+ families at our September distribution this year. Last September we served 170 families and had to send some home without a bag of staples. YOUR generous food and cash donations are what made it possible to answer the growing need for food assistance in our community. A heartfelt THANK YOU for your continuing support. As we begin assembling bags for next month, we find our shelves empty of meals in a can/box, canned meats, soup, boxed side dishes, paper goods, and diapers. Other staples in short supply include cereal, jelly, tuna, canned fruits, pasta, pasta sauce, powdered or evaporated milk, and juice. As always, we welcome all in-date non-perishables, but if you could also add one or more of the most needed items listed above to your shopping list, we'd really appreciate it. Your food donations may be dropped off in the designated food bins in the church vestibule. Again, thank you for your continuing faithfulness to this ministry.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE...

Mark your calendars now for two upcoming ways to live out our Catholic Call to Service:

Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 PM, St. Cletus Education Building, Room 207 – A BEDS Plus Volunteer Orientation Class. BEDS Plus provides emergency overnight shelter and assistance towards self-sufficiency for the homeless people of West Suburban County. The volunteers they need include site volunteers, substitute site volunteers, people to cook, shop, pick up supplies, etc. Visit www.bedsonline.org for more information.

Sunday, October 18, at 1:30 PM, 1st Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 S. Ashland Ave. – the 26th annual CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty). Plan to walk or sponsor a walker. Walker forms to collect sponsor donations are available by contacting me. Details of this year's walk are found at lagrangewesternspringscropwalk.org.

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Oktoberfest Raffle

1st Prize
Panasonic 42" Flat Screen TV

2nd Prize
Dell Laptop Computer

3rd Prize
Horton's Patio Set with
\$150 Q-BBQ Gift Certificate

4th Prize
iPod touch - 8GB

TICKETS
1 for \$5
-or-
5 for \$20

Special thanks to Hortons Home Lighting and Q BBQ for supporting St. Cletus and the Oktoberfest Raffle.

Drawing will be held at event.
Winner need not be present to be eligible.

Saturday, October 3rd 5:30 - 11 p.m.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

Admission:
In Advance: \$25

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 admission and raffle tickets after weekend Masses or in the St. Cletus School office.



At the Door: \$30

THERE IS STILL TIME TO BECOME A SPONSOR AND HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS. PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION OF \$100 OR \$250. ALL SPONSORSHIPS INCLUDE TICKETS TO THE EVENT.



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**WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN
SAINTS OF THE AMERICAS
St. Martin de Porres
1579 - 1639
Feast Day November 3**

Martin was born in Lima, Peru. His father was Spanish, and his mother was a freed black slave from Panama. Martin was reared in poverty and locked into a low level of Lima's society. His father abandoned his family and Martin was forced to enter the working world at a young age. Suffering himself from racial discrimination, due to his mixed heritage, Martin was particularly sensitive to people of all colors, races, or social status.

Martin became a Dominican brother and spent his life doing simple good works for those in need. He went throughout the city caring for the poor and sick. His charity extended to animals as well as being a formidable fundraiser for the poor.

Pope John XX111 remarked at his canonization in 1962, "He excused the faults of others. He forgave the bitterest injuries...He provided food, clothing and medicine for the poor..." He deserved to be called by the name people gave him "Martin of Charity".

He is a fitting patron of Christian forgiveness and Christian justice.



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

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

The **Chancel Choir** is our traditional Sunday choir. This 40-member (and growing) adult ensemble leads us in song most Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. liturgy. They rehearse each Thursday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the school music room. This group of faith-filled singers ranges from classically trained singers to those with no formal musical training. This choir is a wonderful place to enter our singing community! Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m.** We look forward to welcoming new members!

Returning with a new zeal is the **St. Cletus Youth Choir!** This choir will be open to all parishioners currently in grades 7-12 and will be directed by Justin Sisul. This group will rehearse weekly and lead our parishioners in song at a variety of Masses throughout the year, averaging twice a month. The Youth Choir will learn the standard repertoire of our parish while exploring some more contemporary music available to our liturgies. We are extremely excited about this new opportunity for our young adult parishioners! Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 18, 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the music room.** We will continue to rehearse on Thursdays at 6:00 through December.

The **Contemporary Choir** will again be open to post-high-school aged parishioners who enjoy singing in a smaller group. The Contemporary Choir will rehearse 1-2 times each month and lead song at a variety of liturgies (3-4 times each month.) While none of our choirs require formal experience, some musical/vocal background will be an asset to members of this group, as rehearsals are less frequent and our repertoire is musically challenging. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 24 at 6:45 p.m.** in the school music room. New faces – and returning faces – are all welcome!

Our parish **Children’s Choir** will be open to children in **grades 3-6** this year. Directed by Mrs. Regina Gibbons, this group will rehearse weekly and lead our congregation in singing once each month including holidays. Our first practice will be **Thursday, September 17 from 5:00-5:45 p.m. in the music room;** practices will continue on Thursdays at this time. We hope to see many of our young people take advantage of this important and valuable opportunity to serve our parish – and have fun while doing it!

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

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

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

Justin Sisul
Director of Music

ST. CLETUS PARISH EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2009



Our entire school student body came out to see the Big Top go up. Good job on the elephant's part!



Gail Stone, Director of Interfaith Community Partners, and Mary Beth Ford, Parish Director of Social Concerns, meet at the annual ICP benefit at the Western Springs Theatre on September 9.



Kelly Miller Circus clowns, Steve and Ryan, get ready for the show performed on September 9.



Father Bob and Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. prepare to enter the Church prior to the Respect Life Celebration, September 12.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YEAR II CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Next weekend will be our first session of this school year. We will be going on buses to Holy Family Parish in Inverness, IL to listen to nationally known speaker, Jason Evert. He is sponsored by the Chicago Archdiocese and the Right to Life committee to speak at a Youth Rally on the topic of chastity and respect. This session will include a reconciliation service and Mass. Please arrive at St. Cletus parking lot promptly at 1:00pm. We should return about 6:30pm. Please remember to bring your permission slips to attend this event. Looking forward to seeing all of you again! Any questions, contact me in the youth ministry office at youth@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419.

Amy Cranny
Youth Ministry



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Robert Haws Nolan Blair, Betty Jo Boden, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, Norma Evans, Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Dr. Karen Chermel, Denise Kuchta, Anna Cizek, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, 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 2,462
September 13, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750

<u>Collection Statistics</u>		<u>Amount Collected</u>	
# of envelopes used - this week	677	\$20,554	Envelope Users
% of registered families	27%	<u>2,360</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
		\$22,914	

This Fiscal Year @ 9/13/09
 Actual Sunday Collections \$266,903
 Budgeted Sunday Collections 294,250
 (Worse) than Budgeted \$(27,347)

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Day/Date	Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event
Monday, Sept. 21			
Tuesday, Sept. 22	7:00pm	RB	PPC Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 23	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	RB S-200 S-207 S-208	Mission Ladies RCIA Ministry of Care Mtg. Worship Ministry Board Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 24	5:00-5:45pm 6:00-6:45pm 6:45pm 7:30-9:00pm	S-Music S-Music S-Music S-Music	Children's Choir Youth Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir
Friday, Sept. 25	6:00pm	S-Music	Hispanic Min. Choir
Saturday, Sept. 26	12:30pm 5:00pm	S-200 CV	YM Kairos Retreat Mtg Oktoberfest Ticket Sale
Sunday, Sept. 27	8:00am-12Noon	CV	Oktoberfest Ticket Sale St. Cletus School Homecoming
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

**SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND**

Envelopes are available in the pews this weekend for the annual **Seminary Collection**.

We welcome our guest speaker, Julio César Jiménez, a first year student of theology He is studying to be a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago.



Regular **Flu and Pneumonia** shots will be offered at St. Cletus in Morrissey Hall on October 11, from 7:30am to 12:00noon. This year everyone is advised to take this precaution. For those with Medicare there is no cost (be sure to bring your ID), for others the cost will be \$25.

Clare Slowik
Parish Nurse

SAVE THE DATE!

Saint John of the Cross Men's Club Lecture Series

All men are invited to attend & hear **FATHER FRANCIS J. "ROCKY" HOFFMAN**. Fr. Hoffman's column appears regularly in The Catholic Answer (Our Sunday Visitor) and The Catholic New World. Fr. Hoffman is heard weekly on the Relevant Radio Network's Morning Air and has appeared on other radio and television networks.

"Exclamation marks not question marks" Catholic American Men and the Church Today. SJC Parish Center, September 24, 7:00pm at St. John of the Cross Parish, 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs. Refreshments will be served!

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).

EUCHARISTIC 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.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
(708) 352-6209

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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<i>Parish at Large:</i>	Joe Bamberger
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<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Stuart Heyes Xavier Polanski
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Ed Burke Tom Finucane
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Jolene Hillgoth
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<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Julie Lenz
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COSSITT SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CLOTHING CONSIGNMENT SALE

Cossitt School will hold its annual Fall Children's Clothing Consignment Sale from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 at Cossitt Elementary School, 115 West Cossitt Avenue in LaGrange. Excellent quality, gently used boys' and girls' fall and winter clothing sized infant to 20. Costumes, uniforms, sport shoes, baby equipment and bikes are among the thousands of items available in this much-anticipated sale.

Seller registration is at the LaGrange Public Library on Tuesday, September 22 (9:00am-3:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm) or Tuesday, September 29 (5:00-7:00pm). Sellers keep 60% of sale price; 40% benefits school PTC programs.

For more information, please call (708) 352-1931, en Espanola (708) 354-8510 or 354-0469.