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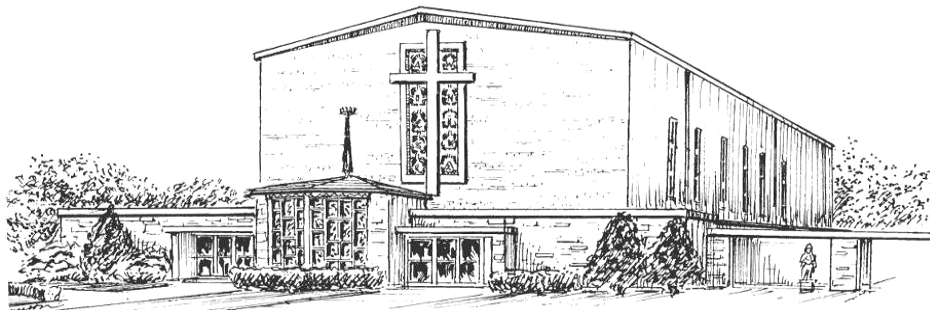
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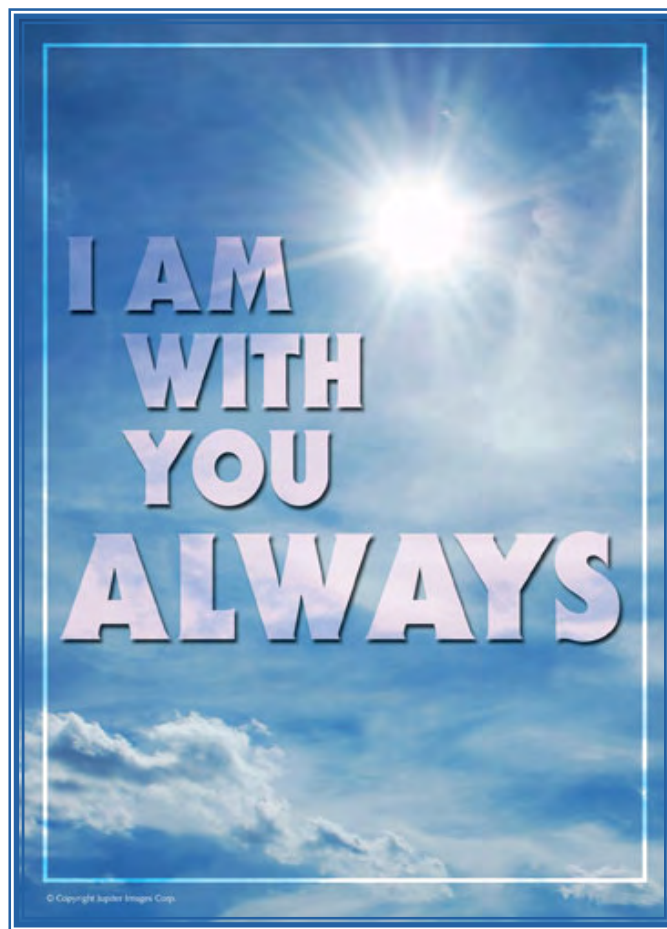
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Seventh Sunday of Easter



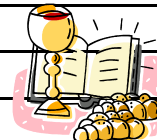
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Handicapped parking is located in front of church.


Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of May 17 - May 23, 2010**

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Frank & Leona Staniszewski, Marian Murphy
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Viececi, Walter & Marcella Johnston
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Frances Butkus
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Frank Wojcik, Erik Geyer, Joseph Jiganti, Pauline Cuttill
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	John Korkog Rino Santilli
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Albert and Agnes Hinton, Sr., Joe & Irene Megla, Albert and Frances Jachimek, Mario and Nancy Maturro Bob Battle, Tom Battle, Dorothy Pokorny Sue Schiller, John Cirone John Robert Pavlik, Timothy Benrus, John Patrick Russell, Robert Schaefer Souls in Purgatory



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



***Robert Svoboda,***  
father of William Svoboda

***Kathleen A. Connors,***  
aunt of Kate Chatten

***May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.***



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Mary Metcalf, Darlene Klecka, Lucille Kliokiss, Edward Stosur, Richard Benka, Ben Mical, Shirley Severino, Cindy Harlan, Gerry Saban. Steven Blazek, Adrienne Wellenc, Joe Saban, Ola Maveety, Rosemary Sylvester, Mike Lotito, Harry Fisher, Jean Weekley, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf, Dolores Duda, Betty Jo Boden, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, Therese Wess, Scott May, Denise Kuchta, Anna Ciszek, Roberta Zeman, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Sister Arlene Gibson, Marilyn Matesevac, and Ruth Calandriello. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

***St. Cletus Parish Family welcomed the following children...***



***Nataly Martínez,***  
daughter of Martín Martínez & Adriana Cisneros

***Daniel John Brooks,***  
son of Daniel & Colleen (O'Connell) Brooks

***to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.***



***Wedding Banns***

***Judy Pileggi***

***§***

***Christopher Budlovsky***

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

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*A few weeks ago, you heard from me regarding the final stages in our parish's long range planning process. As this important initiative continues to progress, I wanted to give you a quick update on where we stand and how you can join us in the planning effort!*

*As a quick recap: St. Cletus has partnered with Laurus Strategies, who will conduct a Case Statement Process and develop a concrete set of prioritized recommendations for St. Cletus. This is the final step in a three-part process, and the recommendations made will serve as the foundation of a plan—a plan developed for the parish, by the parish—which will guide St. Cletus strategically into the future.*

*Parishioners Rob Luxem, Peter Okkema, and Roman Szabelski have agreed to serve as Case Committee Chairmen in this effort. The remainder of the Case Committee will be made up of parishioners who represent a wide variety of ages, interests, and engagements across both the parish and school. Their primary role will be to work hand-in-hand with Laurus Strategies to ensure the success of this final step, as well as represent the interest of the St. Cletus community throughout the Case Statement Process.*

*Again, the planning process has just begun! Over the next few months, there will be a number of opportunities for participation in the form of group discussions, opinion surveys, personal interviews, and more. We look forward to hearing from as many parishioners who wish to share their thoughts and ideas, and you will continue to hear more about the specific ways that you can get involved in this exciting initiative.*

*This is truly a time and a process which allows us to celebrate all the gifts God has given us and how we can express our gratitude to St. Cletus for allowing those gifts to come alive. As planning efforts continue over the next several months, please pray for the St. Cletus community and the success of this process.*

*I am grateful for your commitment to our parish community, now and always.*

### **FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2010**

*On May 1, 2010 we celebrated First Holy Communion at two separate liturgies and witness more than 117 young boys and girls receive our Lord in the Eucharist for the very first time. It was indeed an inspirational day for all concerned. These young people not only received Christ for the first time in Holy Communion but served to remind each of us of the joy of receiving him body and blood each time we approach the altar. Our prayers are with each of these new communicants and we thank God for their holy and innocent model of what it means to be a true and faithful disciple of Christ.*

*This Sunday afternoon we will witness another 80 of our young high school students as they are confirmed in the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. They have spent the past two years in study, discussion, prayer and reflection and service preparing to receive this joyous sacrament. Once again we thank God for their commitment to their faith and their modeling for us what it means to be faithful disciples. May the Holy Spirit of God grow and prosper within each of them today and always. Our prayers are with them as they continue their journey of faith.*

*Blessings,  
Fr. Bob  
Pastor*



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

**SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010 - SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - The sky's the limit**

The old logo of the paint manufacturers Sherwin-Williams shows the planet being colored by their product and the words: "We cover the earth." The image is apt as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The angels in the story chide the disciples for their "verticality": Stop standing around gazing up into the sky. Close your gaping mouths and get to work. The effect of the Paschal Mystery is to breathe into us the very Spirit of God, which impels us to get "horizontal." That is where we are sent to continue Christ's Easter work of healing, forgiving, and taking the part of the broken and excluded. May the angels catch us not staring into the sky but into the eyes of our sisters and brothers.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53*  
*"Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"*

**MONDAY, MAY 17**

**EASTER WEEKDAY - Believe it or not**

The disciples confidently assured Jesus they believed in him, suggesting an unshakeable faith. Jesus knew better; he knew they would flee at the first sign of the trouble that was coming his way. When we are most sure of ourselves and most persuaded by our own arguments, we most need to be careful. When it comes to faith, Jesus knows we can talk a good talk, but can we walk the walk—especially when it leads us to risk or hardship? The Easter season is a good time to bring to mind both our own limitations and God's limitless power to help our unbelief. Pray for an extra dose of humility mixed with a little courage.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33*  
*"You will be scattered . . . and you will leave me alone."*

**TUESDAY, MAY 18**

**FEAST OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR - The spirit of sacrifice**

You might think that martyrdoms always mean dying violently for faith. Some deaths, however, are slow—but they are martyrdoms nonetheless. Take Pope Saint John I's death, for example. In the sixth century he got caught up in the rivalry between two emperors. As a result he was put in prison, where he died slowly of starvation. Whatever form it takes, martyrdom involves the willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice for what you believe and to remain faithful to what you hold to be important. Let some of that spirit into your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a*  
*"I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course . . . to testify to the good news of God's grace."*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**

**EASTER WEEKDAY - The way of the world**

In the Marian prayer *Salve Regina* we call the world "this vale of tears," an image not so different from Saint Paul's when he warns us of "savage wolves" who will not spare believers. In John's gospel Jesus, too, refers to the world as a place where believers will find the rejection that he experienced. It's easy to become cynical, to see salivating wolves lurking everywhere. But it is precisely this valley of tears that God so loved as to give us his Son. Jesus never promised, "Let me take you away from all this," like some cornball movie hero. He promised to be with us so that we could

continue the good fight. As a matter of fact, he prays to his Father, "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world"—into the fray, not as victims but as lovers.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19*

*"We must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

**THURSDAY, MAY 20**

**FEAST OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST**

**Finding strength in weakness**

Bernardine had the makings of a saint from an early age. In 1400 at the age of 20 he voluntarily nursed the sick and dying during a devastating plague. Later he cared for an ill aunt. Eventually Bernardine joined the Franciscans, an order of missionary preachers—a seemingly odd choice for a poor speaker! Nevertheless, after years of prayer and meditation he went to Milan where he astounded the crowd with his eloquence. He spent the rest of his life traveling around Italy spreading the word of God through his inspired preaching. Bernardine reminds us that God makes use of our weaknesses as well as our strengths. Can I accept my limitations today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26*  
*"That night the Lord stood near him and said, 'Keep up your courage!'"*

**FRIDAY, MAY 21 - Breakfast is served**

The gospel contains a lovely story we can take with us from this Easter season, which ends this Sunday with the celebration of Pentecost. Peter and the other disciples were at a loss as to what to do with themselves after Jesus' death, so they did the only thing they knew how to do: They went fishing. After a fruitless night on the sea, they returned to shore to find the risen Christ cooking breakfast for them over a charcoal fire. Jesus serves the hungry fishermen and they share a meal. Wouldn't you love to have been there? The fact is, we have a standing invitation. The kitchen is open, the cook is available. Have a seat at the table.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19*  
*"Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"*

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**

**FEAST OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS—The patience of a saint**

When Saint Paul went to Rome a prisoner, he lived under a lengthy house arrest, awaiting word of his fate but also receiving all who visited him and sharing the Good News with them. Life also called Saint Rita (1381-1457) to patient endurance. First was her marriage to an abusive husband. Then, after becoming a widow, several refusals on the part of religious communities who didn't want her. When she finally did become a nun, she suffered the daily pain and indignity of a forehead wound that did not heal. But, like Saint Paul, she remained patient and generous. When she died, a local official wrote of her as "having spent 40 years as nun . . . desiring to show all the faithful a model of life." Try to meet your own difficulties with the same spirit of serenity and service.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25*  
*"He lived there two whole years . . . and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God."*

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## Cardinal Corner

News from the St. Cletus School Board

Faith, Family, *Future*

### St. Cletus Third Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following St. Cletus students who made the honor roll for third quarter.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - High Honors

Stephen Hubona, Michael Lombardo, Matthew Mrazek, Elise Tomasian

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Honors

John Balch, Kristen Bogolin, Katelyn Cahill, Meghan Caplice, Gino Cavalieri, Thomas Clarke, Julia Condotti, Meagan Finucane, Kerrigan Flannery, Shannon Flannery, Daniel Hurley, Andrew Jacobs, James Kern, Camille Lang, Jack Lawler, Amber Loveshe, Miles McAtee, Michael McGrath, Meghan Murphy, Joseph Nelson, Carly Oboikovitz, Sabrina Pusatera, Dennis Reisel, Lucy Rogan, Cody Roll, Stephen Stanczyk, Patrick Temple, Kristen Wuerl



#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – High Honors

Caroline Hurley, Michael Krecek, Robert Morales, Joseph Okkema, Sam Okkema, Jill Porretta, Charles Schramka, Michaela Walsh

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Honors

Amy Burke, Michael Caplice, Carly Ciraulo, Nicollette Curran, Daniella DeLaurentis, John Fatora, Katherine Figura, Matthew Flach, Maxwell Garner, Michael Grace, Katherine Lively, Sarah Lively, Oliver Martinez, Kirby Muldoon, Blaze Nacker, Jake Rohrbacher, Kacie Ryan, Grace Severino, Bethany Tomasian

### St. Cletus students advance in State History Fair

Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> graders who advanced to the State History Fair Expo on May 6 in Springfield:

**Sam and Joe Okkema** for Great Lakes Naval Training Center

**Jill Porretta** for I & M Canal

**Matt Babirak and Jake Rohrbacher** for Union Stockyards of Chicago

### Award winners galore!

Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup> grader, **Thomas McGing**, a 1<sup>st</sup> place finalist in Nicor's Energy Design contest for grade category 3-5. Thomas' award proudly displays his winning entry drawing. **Paola Fuentes** won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Bill Lipinski President's Essay Contest. Congratulations, Paola...great work! The following students were selected to have their poetry published in the Anthology of Poetry, Inc.: **Emma Decker, Ivana Escobedo, Teresa Finucane**, and **Sydney Hawley**. Congratulations to our special winners!

### Winning in athletics, too!

Congratulations to the track team. JV boys won 1<sup>st</sup> place, and the Varsity boys won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the first track meet of the season on April 24. At the second meet, the JV boys won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Brendan Jacobs** and 8<sup>th</sup> grader **Stephen Hubona** won the pentathlon for their respective grades. Congratulations to all our student athletes on their hard work.

**CONFIRMATION 2010**

This weekend, on Sunday, May 16, at the 12:30 P.M. Liturgy, our eighty high school candidates celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Paprocki, their families, friends, advisors and sponsors, who represent the larger Christian community, especially those of us who could not be present. We congratulate these confirmandi, who have spent the past two years preparing for the reception of the sacrament. We welcome them into a deeper and fuller participation of our faith community and pray that all our lives will be renewed by the special gifts of the Holy Spirit.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the Year II Confirmation Advisors who helped prepare our confirmandi. They are: Joan & John Cardone, Silvia Casas, Barb & Sean McDermott, Barb Mitchell and Liz Valdes, Tricia & Mike Pusatera, and Christine & Chris Tosheff. Also, special thanks to Araceli Kiessling, our Confirmation reception coordinator, and all of those who assisted in making this day special.

*Amy Cranny*  
Youth Ministry

**MANNA CASH & CARRY THIS WEEKEND!**

There will be MANNA Cash & Carry after all Masses in the church vestibule **THIS WEEKEND, May 15/16**. Thank you to all who have supported the MANNA program this school year! Please call Erin Rhoads (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty (708) 482-0257 or visit the parish website at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) with any questions



**Computer Open Lab**

May 16 | Noon - 1pm

Get help with computer and technology questions in a fear free environment

**How to get to the Learning Center**

Enter door #11 on 54th Street and follow the signs



**BOY SCOUT TROOP 19  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Please join fellow parishioners and Boy Scouts for their annual Pancake Breakfast *this* Sunday, May 16, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. at the American Legion Hall - 900 S. La Grange Rd., LaGrange. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the door.



**Religious Education Summer Bible School**

Call Pat Kahl at (708) 352-2383 to join in the fun as a Group Leader at Crocodile Dock. The fun begins the week of June 21st from 9:00 - Noon.

## SAINT CLETUS PARISH 2010 CONFIRMANDI

James Timothy Aldofino IV  
Miriam Anacleto  
Madeline Marie Grace Anderson  
Andrew Keith Thomas Balch  
Andrew Gabriel Peter Bartucci  
Staci Lynn Audrey Bechtold  
Brendan Reginald Leo Blaber  
Martin Malcolm Patrick Bruce  
Isael Calderón  
Patricia Maribel Calderón  
Caley Elizabeth Osceola Callahan  
Emma Louise Regina Cardone  
Arthur William Vincent Catrambone III  
Kyle Andrew Robert Cernetig  
Madeline Maeve Teresa Cole  
Theodore Steven Christopher Cook  
Nicholas Michael Louis Cozzi  
Michael Nikodem Francis Crouchelli  
Coraima Veronica De la Cruz  
Gyanelin Cecilia De la Cruz  
Jacob Leo Vincenzo DiPompeo  
Patrick Henry James Donatelli  
Jesús Leo Espitia  
Alexander Dale Anton Fisher  
Julio Cesar Toribio Flores  
Neil Donald Walter Galivan  
José Garcia  
Martin Patrick George Garvey  
William Allen Maximilian Gleich  
Kyle Thomas Stanislaus Gosiewski  
Lauren Mary Terese Joan Gronke  
Hayley Elizabeth Hanley  
Martin Conrad Augustine Hasler  
Laura Ann Cecilia Hill  
Lauren Ashley Ann Huebner  
Julie Ann Amelia Jaskierski  
Marie Cahill Rita Johnson-Dahl  
Molly Marie Gabriela Joseph  
Joseph Francis Cletus Kern  
Abigail Hare Catherine Kittler  
William Christopher Charles Koziel

Michelle Magdalene Kulach  
Troy Joseph William Lenz  
Cassandra Lynne Grace Levitske  
Nikko Francis Vincent Lobraco  
Emily Xochitl Carmen Maldonado  
Claire Kathleen Renee Manley  
Connor Francis Joseph McDermott  
Anne Therese Bridget McQuillan  
Kelly Margaret Frances Meade  
Antonio Luis Jude Medina-DelaRosa  
Robert Steven James Mitchell  
Christopher Michael Mosquera  
Adriana Mary Murillo  
Kelly Grace Cecilia O'Connell  
Nicholas Edward Francis Paprocki  
Mark Richard Anthony Pawula  
Dalia Mary Perales  
Anthony Michael Thomas Pusatera  
Matthew Lawrence Rincon  
Alejandro Michael Rivera  
Manuel Matthew Ruiz  
Diana Lilliana Santana  
Jessica Alessandra Santana  
Matthew Thomas Francis Serafin  
Arthur Joseph Seter  
Kimberly Anne Deborah Sipek  
Justin Charles Supple  
Veronica Marie Elizabeth Szigeti  
Matthew Joseph John Thomas  
Michael Joseph Robert Thomas  
Kendra Francesca Tosheff  
Michael Joseph Christopher Trefil  
Catherine Therese Eleanor Usher  
Gabriel Wolfe John Valdes  
Baudelio Francis Vicuna  
Lora Elizabeth Sarah Vietzen  
Amanda Rose Vinerta  
Jonathon Robert Giuseppe Ward  
Daniel James Wulff  
Kyle William Michael Young

## Saint Cletus ~ New Principal Announcement

**FAITH**

**FAMILY**

**FUTURE**

### New Principal Named

I am most pleased to announce that we have a new principal for next year. Our principal search committee, advisory board, and I, interviewed a number of candidates over the past several weeks and we were all very impressed with Mrs. Terri Langellier.

Terri comes to us from SS. Cyril and Methodius Elementary School in Lemont. She brings many years of administrative and classroom experience. I am confident she will lead our parish school to new heights of excellence.

Blessings,  
*Fr. Bob*  
Pastor

*You are cordially invited  
to attend a Mass of  
Recognition  
11:00 a. m.  
for  
Mrs. Jolene Hillgoth  
on her retirement as Principal  
of  
St. Cletus School  
Sunday, June 6, 2010  
Reception to follow  
in Morrissey Hall*



### *Baby Shower "Thank You"*

The St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities wishes to thank all who brought items to the *Baby Shower* baskets in the foyer on Mother's Day weekend. Also, thank you to those who made donations designated to purchase items for this our 19th Annual Baby Shower and Carnation Sale. The many expectant new mothers in our area are always so appreciative of your generosity. Thank you and God Bless!

*Marianne & Wayne Hamilton*, Coordinators  
Committee for Respect Life Activities - St. Cletus Parish

### **THE LABYRINTH ~ PRAYER IN MOTION**

You are invited to walk the sacred path of the Labyrinth on Monday, May 17. A labyrinth is an archetype, symbol, found in many religions in various forms around the world.

Walking the labyrinth is a spiritual act and a physical mediation-prayer in motion. The labyrinth is a large circle with a single path with twists and turns. You cannot get lost. It is a metaphor for our spiritual journey.

This is a wonderful form of meditative prayer. The labyrinth will be available during the hours of 6:30-8:30 P.M. in Morrissey Hall. Stop by and take time for yourself with God.

*Eugenia Callison*



**SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

We received a large food donation as one of the recipients of the United States Post Office Food Drive last weekend. Thanks to all who donated to that event, to the food pantry volunteers who picked up, delivered, and sorted the groceries, and to Boy Scout Troop and Crew 216 for lending a much appreciated hand in the carrying and sorting of the goods received. Their cheerful work made a huge undertaking go very smoothly!

**SVDP REMINDER**


The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rummage Sale sponsored by our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference is just a little over two months away, on Saturday, July 24. Please remember us as you do your Spring/Summer cleaning and organizing. Visit Social Concerns/SVDP/Rummage Sale on our parish website, [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) to see a list of the items we will be accepting the weekend and week before the event. Your donations at that time will help provide necessary funding as the SVDP volunteers go in pairs on home visits to ascertain client's needs and to offer Christian encouragement and hope, as well as one-time emergency financial assistance. Thank you.

*Mary Beth Ford*  
Social Concerns

**SEVEN OBSTACLES TO A SUCCESSFUL JOB SEARCH**

**INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK** invites you to join us for a very positive and helpful session for job seekers. Our speaker, Jim Fitzgerald, is a founder of the Career Transition Center located at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago, an accomplished Career Transition Specialist and Executive Coach. Job seekers fail in their search efforts for many different reasons. You can overcome these obstacles by taking these seven steps: 1) get out of the gonna syndrome, 2) defeat rejection, 3) organize the process, 4) get in their faces, 5) develop persistence, 6) be in control, 7) do your homework. If you are interested in some candid and insightful information regarding these seven steps, be sure to attend Jim's presentation on Thursday, May 20, 7:00 P.M., at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5000 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. This program is open to all and there is no fee for attending.

ICN has created a local LinkedIn Group, "La Grange Links", for anyone in the La Grange area and surrounding communities. Visit LinkedIn, then search for "La Grange Links" under the LinkedIn Groups heading. We hope you will join and discover new contacts within our community.



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 16, 2010**

"I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end."

— Revelation 22:13

## ST. CLETUS LONG RANGE ADVANCEMENT PROPOSAL

**CHALLENGE NO. 4:** How can we ensure that St. Cletus offers activities and programs for all age groups?

In order to meet this challenge, the Parish Life Commission was formed by volunteers from several of the different Parish Life Ministry organizations. The Parish Life Commission is a ministry committed to planning social programs and activities that will provide opportunities for the Parish Community to meet and interact, and to share our Christian faith. Over the past year the Parish Life Commission has sponsored several Family Game Nights, the St. Cletus Parish Picnic, The Kelly Miller Circus, the St. Cletus Pot Luck Dinner, Co-ed Basketball Gym Night, and a Book Club that meets every other month. The Parish Life Commission, together with a variety of social and community organizations (Christian Family Movement, Cub Scout Pack 83, Girl Scouts, Holy Name Society, Leisure Loafers, Welcoming Committee and the Women's Club), provides fellowship opportunities for parishioners of all ages. Please check the weekly Canticle for upcoming programs and activities.

### FAREWELL BLESSING

In the Hebrew scriptures the "farewell blessing" is a fairly common way to end the story of the lives of the great figures in Israel's faith. The farewell blessings of Jacob, Moses, and David are particularly notable. At the end of Luke's Gospel, we have a "farewell blessing" by Jesus; it is the only time that Jesus is described as giving a blessing to his disciples. Jesus' farewell, of course, is different. Unlike Jacob, Moses, and David, who gave this blessing at the time of their deaths, Jesus bestows his blessing as he prepares to enter into new and glorious life seated at the right hand of God in heaven. His blessing, like that of his predecessors, is meant to give them strength and courage. But it also has another purpose: it prepares them to be sent out on mission. In this way, it is a precursor to the dismissal blessing we receive at the end of every Mass. Yes, the grace of God's blessing strengthens us, but it is also a dynamic force that sends us out on a mission to continue the life and the work of the Risen Christ.



**SENDING YOU  
FORGET-ME-NOTS:  
MESSAGES OF HOPE FROM THE OTHER  
SIDE**

Adolf Funeral Home - 7000 S. Madison St.  
Willowbrook, IL

Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Please join us for a special event at Adolf Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 1, from 7:00-9:00 P.M. Karen Rose Schultz LCSW will be speaking on after death communication, near-death experiences, angels and heaven. If you came to the session held here at St. Cletus, you can come to this one and learn more. There is no charge, and refreshments will be served. We encourage sharing, and we hope this program can help you move forward in your grief process. We offer peace, healing and guidance. It does not matter how long ago your loss was, we care. Please RSVP to Donna at Adolf Funeral Home (630) 325-2300.

### ELUSIVE HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

-Anonymous

**Sunday Collection**

**Total Active Registered Families      2,501**

Collection Statistics

Amount Collected

# of envelopes used - this week      720  
 % of registered families              28%

\$24,493      Envelope Users  
2,489      Loose Checks/Cash  
**\$26,981**

**May 9, 2010 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750**

**Weekly (Under) Over Budget      \$231**

**This Fiscal Year @ 5/09/10**

Actual Sunday Collections              \$1,217,446  
 Budgeted Sunday Collections          1,203,750  
 (Under) Over than Budgeted          \$ 13,696

*Thank You* for your continued generous support.  
 Your extra two to three dollars helps the parish  
 meet our weekly budgeted needs.

*Fr. Bob*  
 Pastor

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE</b>			
<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Location/ Rm. #</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday, May 17	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH S-98	Labyrinth Bible Study
Tuesday, May 18			
Wednesday, May 19	9:00 a.m.	RB	Mission Ladies
Thursday, May 20	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music S-Music RB	Children's Choir Youth Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Meeting
Friday, May 21	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-207	Hispanic Ministry Choir Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, May 22	9:00 a.m.	S-201	Hispanic Ministry
Sunday, May 23	9:00 a.m.	S-213	Hispanic Ministry/English Classes
<b>C CV MH</b>	<b>Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall</b>	<b>S RB</b>	<b>School Rectory Basement</b>

### 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, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

### BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. 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 first Monday of the Month.

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

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Rita F. Mayer
<i>Vice - Chairperson:</i>	Jim Ryva
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Xavier Polanski
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
<i>Worship Ministry:</i>	Colleen Hagen Justin Sisul
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	Joe Bamberger
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Dawn Dion
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Anne Babirak, (School) George Pach (Rel. Ed.)
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Stuart Heyes Xavier Polanski
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Ed Burke Tom Finucane
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Jolene Hillgoth
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Silvia Casas Fuldencio Torres
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Dick Ford Jim Ryva
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Julie Lenz
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Lori Ashe Fr. Edgar Rodriguez



### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord
Tuesday:	St. John I
Wednesday:	Shavuot (Jewish celebration)
Thursday:	St. Bernardine of Siena
Friday:	St. Christopher Magallanes and His Companions
Saturday:	St. Rita of Cascia