

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thank you for supporting the Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign!

This weekend we are blessed to break ground on our new Parish Center. As we reflect on the path that has led us to this exciting step in our parish journey we would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has been a part of the campaign.

Thank you to our Committee Chairs Roman Szabelski, Rob Luxem and Pete Okkema and our Construction Committee. Thank you to everyone who participated in our committee meetings, finance meetings, phone-a-thon, mailing campaigns, home visits, bake sales, and school penny war competitions.

Thank you especially to all those who pledged to the campaign, contributed in the monthly envelopes, and everyone who participated in any way towards the success of the plan to build a new parish center.

It is an exciting time in our parish history as we continue together to build a strong faith community.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



JULY 4: 8:00 a.m. Independence Day Mass
SEPT 8-11: St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest

WELCOME *So glad you could join us!*

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Mass Intentions for the Week of June 27 - July 3, 2016

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests Past and Present
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Nicolas Fedyn
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Dcn. Walter and Frances Klimcke
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Josephine Kinastowski, Joseph & Kay Klemak, Mary Clare O'Connell Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Stella & Felix Gembala, Joyce Saibert, Bernie Kelly
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners Delphine Marciszewski, Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Jane Schaefer, George Duda, Marylyn Loughlin Special Intention - Ola Maveety, Bernard J. Hennessy, Mary Ann Drong, Margaret Maxwell Gene Kennedy, Lorraine Znojewski, Zofia Pawula, Lourdes Pacheco Gonzalez, Marie Wisniewska Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Natalie Blumenthal

Daughter of Kristen Feeney
& Nick Blumenthal

Charlotte Faith Campos

Daughter of Amanda Cronkhitte
& Alex Campos

Finley Elizabeth Ceretto

Daughter of Mary Scherle & Mike Ceretto

Alice Mary Dudak

Daughter of Angela Winkowski & Michael Dudak

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend there will envelopes in the pews to the support the Peter's Pence Collection. More information can be found on page 10 of the Canticle. Thank you for your generous support.

HOLY HOUR - JULY 5



Please note that beginning July 2016 St. Cletus Parish will no longer hold a full day each month of Eucharistic Adoration.

Beginning this Tuesday, July 5th there will be a Holy Hour from 6-7 p.m. and Hispanic Adoration 7-8 p.m. Holy Hours will be held the first Tuesday of each month.



Marriage Banns

Sara Dastice & Bradley Tlusty
Laura Battistoni & John Polivka

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES...

Marilyn Matesevac

Sister of Fr. Bob Clark

May she rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Frank Ciszek Nino Scimone, Germain Reynoso, Lee Ascencio, Michelle Mika, Jean Weekley, Laura Segel, Adrina Castillejo, Otto Stuckman, Dan Plecki, Patricia Pilleggi, Isaac Musser, Jean Takes, Robert William, Helen Borsilli, Gene Wallace, John Eterno, Vivian Swibel, Jennifer Streit, Julianne Hausknecht, Cynthia Cozen, Eleanor Tolan, Carol Piccolo, Pat Harris, Eleanor Brousil, Patricia Niwa, Allie DeRivera, Carmen Rodriguez, Tom Wolak, Christine Bell, Jenna Zimmerman, Rachel Lipman, Mauricio Aguilar, Patricia Krieger, Brian Cabral, Fernando Cabral, Enrique Pacheco, Steve Woynicki, Irina Fursman, Linda Mantey, Marshall Johnson, Diane Bridges, Catherine McCord, Nancy Gibson, Jean Weekly, Peter D. Rivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Judy Duque, Carolyn Sharpe, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahon, Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Ed Barnicle, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dziedzic, Collette Grisko -Dote, LaVerne Gill, Ed Vokurka, Sr., Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Loretta Johncola, Denise Rowalka, Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, John Duda. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

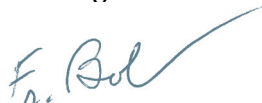
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As Jesus begins the long journey to Jerusalem where all will be fulfilled, he continues to instruct his disciples. The disciples have just been displaying their ignorance, firstly by arguing over who was the greatest and then by trying to stop a man casting out devils in the name of Jesus. They felt he should not be doing this because he was not one of them. Jesus now has to rebuke them again when two of the disciples want to smite the Samaritans who have refused to welcome him on his journey to Jerusalem. In their excitement at following Jesus the disciples are caught up in the feelings of power. They want to conquer the world and bring it under his rule. Jesus, through his replies to three potential followers, challenges such sentiments and turns them upside down. At one level Luke's gospel is the gospel of mercy and compassion for the poor, but it is also the gospel of absolute commitment. The commitment has to be unconditional, free from even the expected norms of social behavior and filial piety. The follower of Jesus has to be prepared to discount both the securities and the duties of custom. This may be the need for shelter and food; it may be the solemn duty to bury our nearest and dearest, the highest in the Jewish list of obligations. The reply Jesus gives plays on the difference between the spiritually dead and the physically dead. The urgency attached to the proclamation of the kingdom is such that even the hallowed rituals owed to the deceased should be left to the spiritually unenlightened so that the disciple may proceed with the task of the gospel. Paul reminds us that to reach such a state of wisdom we need freedom in the Spirit, brought to us by Christ. The focus is always on serving the other in works of love rather than falling back into self-indulgence or power-play.

Few of us are able to work without food and shelter. Few again would feel comfortable at failing to provide the due funeral rites for our families. Yet we are also aware of how our creature comforts and also an over-developed sense of duty or loyalty can get in the way of our openness to the gospel. We want our way to be the only way. We can be fearful of other churches, other faiths, other races, nations or groups. Such ultimately tribal feelings are very strong and can make the gospel a very tough proposition. We have to look carefully at whether loving goodness, justice and peace are really present in our behavior and practices. In a world that is still filled with injustice and discrimination, it is unlikely that we can claim total integrity in all aspects of our lives. In the

world of business we have to question the ethics of the bottom line. In the world of education we have to question the narrowness of standards of achievement and the lack of equal access to educational resources. In the world of employment we have to question discrimination of gender and race. In the world of the Church we have to question whether we practice what we preach. This is why the uncompromising stance of Jesus is so important for our openness to the truth. He asks us where we are caught up in our hidden agendas and where we need his helping hand to have the freedom to work for the freedom of others.

Blessings and Peace to all,



*Fr. Bob
Pastor*

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2016

**SAINT CLETUS
PARISH FALL FESTIVAL**



600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE

Parish School



★ 2014 ★
BLUE RIBBON
RECIPIENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

St. Cletus Cardinal Open Golf Outing June 24
First Day of School August 23

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Jolene Hillgoth, President **Lauren Lewandowski, Principal**
(708) 215-5426 (708) 352-4820
jhillgoth@stcletusparish.com llewandowski@stcletusparish.com



What Are Shop With Scrip Gift Cards?

Every year St. Cletus school and Religious Education families are receiving credit toward their next year's tuition by participating in the Shop With Scrip - Gift Cards for Education program. Shop With Scrip is run by the St. Cletus Family School Association. You buy gift cards and e-cards at face value for all your shopping needs like grocery, gas, restaurants, online shopping, clothing and more. Vendors sell their gift cards to us at a discount and we sell them to you at face value. The difference is a profit which is split 50/50 between the participating families and St. Cletus School. The more Shop With Scrip

you buy, the larger your tuition credit. It's like getting FREE money.

How It Works

Every Monday when school is in session, you can place an order for gift cards. New customers should set up an account using our new online ordering system. Our web address is: www.shopwithscrip.com. Orders are filled on Wednesdays.

We also offer Cash & Carry sales on select days from 2:30-3:15 p.m. in Morrissey Hall lobby at the school and after Masses on select weekends during the school year. During Cash & Carry sales, you can buy our most popular gift cards and take them home at the time of purchase.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has supported St. Cletus School by using our Shop with Scrip Program!

TEACHER Spotlight

Mrs. Becky Mahr



Educational background: B.A. in Elementary education with a minor in Early Childhood

Number of years as a Cardinal: 9

Teaching motto: My teaching motto is best described using the poem by Robert Fulghum:

All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten

Most of what I really need to know about how to live

And what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten.

Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain,

But there in the sandpile at Sunday school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life - Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work everyday some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, Watch out for traffic, Hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder.

Favorite St. Cletus memory: Too many, so I'll need to name more than 1! Thanksgiving Feasts, holiday parties, Christmas Masses, talent shows, Sweetheart Celebrations, field trips, Mother's Day teas... and teaching the little ones to be CARDINALS

Advice to students: Be respectful, be responsible, be compassionate. BE A CARDINAL!

Religious Education



BECOME A CATECHIST

The St. Cletus Religious Education Office is currently seeking adults and High School students interested in volunteering as Catechists and Aides.

We are looking for individuals willing to bring their faith alive and share it with children, and have fun doing it! We provide training, all resource materials and lesson plans.

Please contact the Religious Education Office today at (708) 352-2383 or email Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com to learn more about how you can become a Catechist or Aide!

ST. CLETUS PARISH
INDEPENDENCE
DAY MASS

Monday, July 4th
8:00 a.m.

★ MASS HONORING ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL ★

★ MUSIC LED BY THE ANNUAL ST. CLETUS ★
INDEPENDENCE DAY BAND

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned/dry milk
- Dry pinto beans
- Rice (2-3 lbs.)
- Hamburger Helper
- Boxed potatoes
- Flavored noodle/rice sides
- School Supplies



ARE YOU IN AN
UNHEALTHY
RELATIONSHIP
OR ARE YOU
AFRAID IN YOUR
OWN HOME?

CALL THE
24-HOUR PHONE
FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

*If you have questions or
would like to volunteer with
the Social Concerns Ministry
contact Kendall Grant
(708)215-5418
kgrant@stcletusparish.com*

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Donation Needs

Please see the list to the left in the weekly bulletin for items we are most in need of at this time.

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.

Thank You

Thank you to Weight Watchers-Countryside for the generous food pantry donations. Participants walked from their meeting location to St. Cletus to drop off their donations and promote an active and healthy lifestyle!

Volunteer Opportunity

If you're interested in helping with our next food pantry distribution on Thursday, July 14 please contact Kendall. We're looking for able-bodied helpers from 1:30-2:00 p.m. to help with set up and again from 6-8:30 p.m. to assist with distribution.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence this group may be very helpful.

The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant at 708.215.5418 (kgrant@stcletusparish.com) for more information.

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local 24 hour hotline for Pillars, found in the purple box to the far left.

You are not alone.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

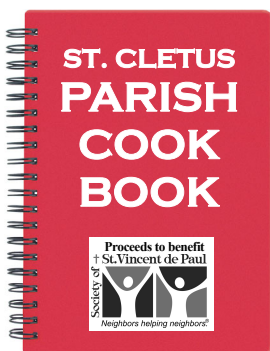
Calling all Cooks!

Due to construction, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is unable to hold its Annual Rummage Sale. We still need to raise funds to

continue our Mission of helping those in need. We are going to organize a parish cookbook! We are looking for some volunteers to help make this happen.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. More details to follow.

Contact Maureen Soldat at MRSTRAVEL2@aol.com or Kendall Grant kgrant@stcletusparish.com if you're interested in helping.



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK (ICN)

Get Answers to Your Most Perplexing Job Search Questions

Join us on Thursday, July 21 from 7-8:30 pm and discover new avenues to getting employed. Learn new tactics to build confidence and help accelerate your job search success. We'll share ideas on how to target the companies and contacts that can move your job search forward. You'll meet other job seekers who will share ideas on what has worked for them in their search and who can connect you with new contacts from within our community.

Please bring 10 copies of your resume and/or handbill to share with the group at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Help ICN Help Others

We have many tools to assist job seekers, but we need your assistance to provide the most important element of a job search which is open positions. If you are a hiring manager or aware of open positions in your company, please send this information to jobs@interfaithcareernetwork.org. Any and all postings are welcome. ICN job seekers are at all stages of their career, in every industry, with a broad spectrum of education and experience. All job postings will be communicated to our 400+ ICN Yahoo group. Ideally it will be a WIN/WIN for your company and a qualified job seeker in our community.

If you have any questions or for additional information you can also contact Judy Kennedy at jkennedy1333@ameritech.net or Tom Rohan at tom_rohan@yahoo.com.

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

OFFICE FOR IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION EDUCATION

The Response of the Gospel of Mercy



"El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala are currently experiencing some of the highest rates of homicide and violence in the world, resulting in the forced displacement of thousands of their citizens to neighboring countries, as well as to the U.S. Many of those targeted for deportation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE), have valid claims to humanitarian protection in the U.S. but lacked adequate legal representation or were fast tracked through legal proceedings without basic due process guarantees."

Source: Jesuit Refugee Service

ACTION: Urge your elected officials to stop the raids targeting Central American children and families. Visit <http://ccrcengage.com/jesuit/action> to take action.



Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education
Elena Segura (312) 534-5333, esegura@archchicago.org
www.CatholicsandImmigrants.org



WORD OF LIFE

"[M]iscarriage includes emotional, relational and spiritual suffering that requires assistance from family, friends and church leaders. ... Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering."

"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage" 2014-15
Respect Life Program. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
(www.goo.gl/vZPuIL)



St. Cletus Parish Preferred Partners



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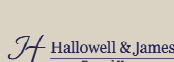
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Bill & Heidi



Lumes Pancake House
Klapis Family
Bon a Pit Restaurant
Klapis Family



Interested in becoming a St. Cletus Parish Preferred Partner?

Call us today at (708) 352-6209 and ask for information about 2016 Fall Fest Sponsorship Opportunities.

Youth Ministry

KAIROIS 23 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



This summer we will be having our 23rd Kairos retreat sponsored by the parishes of St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus and St. Francis. The summer Kairos retreat is open to any incoming juniors, seniors and college freshman for the upcoming school year. It is a four day retreat that allows teens to learn more about themselves, their relationship with God, and to take time out of their lives to disconnect from the rest of the world and reflect.

If you are interested in going, be sure to seek out teens that have already experienced Kairos; they are a great way to see if it's for you. You may also direct any questions to youthministry@sfxlg.org. The retreat will be held at LaSalle Manor in Plano, IL July 28-31. All registrations must be completed and submitted by June 25, including the retreat fee of \$275. You will find the link to our online registration at our website under the Youth Ministry tab. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

ADULTS NEEDED: ENCOUNTER GROUPS



Are you interested in helping youth grow spiritually? Do you enjoy working with teens? I am looking for enthusiastic, dedicated, and faith-filled parishioners who are flexible and willing to give of their time and talent to minister to our teens in faith-sharing groups. Called Encounter, these groups will allow teens and adults to come together to encounter Christ by looking at their lives through the lens of faith. As a leader, you will share your home (or partner with someone who shares theirs) and share your faith eight times per year with a small group of teens. You will be invited to help at a few large group sessions as well. A few facilitator meetings are held during the year to give you the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. This responsibility should be shared, and session outlines and curricula would be supplied. If you are considering making this commitment, please pray over it. We need you!

Contact Elizabeth Tomasek at
etomasek@stcletusparish.com
 (708) 215-5419
www.stcletusparish.com/youth

MISSION TRIP IS FAST APPROACHING!

St. Cletus will be sending 15 teens and 3 adults to Detroit, MI with Young Neighbors in Action on July 10th. We have been assigned to serve for the week at Detroit Environmental Vision doing physical work such as neighborhood clean-up, painting out graffiti, and gardening.

Thank you for your financial support in making this week of service possible. Please continue to pray for all the teens and adults preparing for the trip!

FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS : MAKE GOD AND HIS WORD A PART OF YOUR SUMMER!

High school and college students often have summers packed with summer classes, jobs, internships, family and friends, barbeques and pools, working out...sometimes Jesus and our faith gets pushed aside. We are juggling so many activities – how can we stay connected to God amidst all things competing for our attention? It can be easy to forget what is the most important – building a relationship with the Lord, the one who made us, loves us, and gives our life meaning.



IGNITE is a student-led small group that meets one hour each week over the summer. Groups of college or high school students reflect on a Scripture passage and how it is relevant to things we face every day. Many of us wonder how Jesus's teachings about things like sheep or fig trees could possibly help us understand our own daily struggles, and this is what IGNITE groups talk about. Anyone and everyone is welcome – you have to start somewhere, so whether this is your first Bible study or you've been around the block, IGNITE is for you!

IGNITE is open to all high school and college students who have completed at least one year of high school. The program started June 7th. We will continue to meet every Tuesday from 8-9pm in the parish center at St. John of the Cross throughout the summer, so stop by any time you are available! New members always welcome!

Please contact Ashley Klesken at 708-299-1737 or at ashleyklesken@gmail.com with questions.

Other Ministry Notes

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS

Rectory Hours June, July and August 2016

Monday thru Thursday:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

NOTICE REGARDING BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please note that all canticle articles are to be sent to canticle@stcletusparish.com. Please send as text with pictures separate. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday a full week before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

OVER 50 SINGLES SOCIAL GROUP



Are you interested in joining an over 50 Singles Social Group?

If so... We will be having our first get together on Sunday, June 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Mangia-Mangia Restaurant, located across from St. Cletus on Plainfield Rd. (slightly east of Brainard Avenue). We will be planning

other activities in the coming months.

For additional information please contact Marge at 630-974-6509 or Rhea at 630-881-0385. Hope to see you there!

FR. LORENZO'S NOTES



Our parish has a great sense of compassion in caring for the sick. Our ministers of care and volunteers make all possible efforts to bring the healing presence of Christ to the sick through their ministry. But sometimes there are questions like the ones that are presented in this short article that come to the surface as we minister the sick. Let us take these two questions as a moment of catechesis with regard to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Why some people say Extreme Unction and others Anointing of the Sick?

"Extreme Unction," which may also and more fittingly be called "Anointing of the Sick", is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly arrived." (Sacrosanctum Concilium, Chapter III paragraph 73).

This paragraph clarifies that Extreme Unction or Last Rites are other names that through the centuries were given to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and, as it says, it is not necessarily administered to a person who is at the point of death. For example, if you have been scheduled for a surgery, you may call the parish and set a time with a priest to receive Anointing of the Sick before surgery, and since you are at the parish you may wish to use the sacrament of confession. Also, if you have been admitted to the hospital and would like to receive Anointing of the Sick, ask the chaplain to call a priest. Do not wait until the last minute if the illness is worsening. One thing to take in consideration is that if you are requesting anointing of the sick for a family member or for yourself in a hospital on a Sunday, remember that most parish priests are celebrating Masses on Sunday morning, this may delay the anointing.

"The first grace of this sacrament, Anointing of the Sick, is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God, and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death. This assistance from the Lord by the power of the Holy Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will. Furthermore, "if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." (CCC 1520).

Can a priest give the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to a faithful who has passed away?

The church teaches that: "it is certain that the sacrament of the anointing of the sick- which is also the sacrament of the dying in the case of those who were unable to be anointed or in fact were not anointed at an earlier and proper time in the illness – may not be given to a dead person." This would be improper; **none of the seven sacraments may be given to a person who is dead.**" (Code of Canon Law Book IV). However, prayers are offered for the faithful who has passed away, including the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Litany of the Saints, the Psalms etc. And at the proper time a funeral Mass may be celebrated. During Mass we come together in faith and pray for the eternal rest of the faithful departed that their sins may be forgiven and may be admitted to the company of saints and angels in heaven.

Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
Charity

"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU." (JN 15:12)

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called each of us to be a **witness of charity** for our suffering brothers and sisters living on the margins. He encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" (*Misericordiae Vultus* [MV], no. 15).

Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we unite with the Holy Father as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. We stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works and outreach of the Holy See.

In Pope Francis, we have a joyful witness of charity. By supporting this collection, we can experience more fully how "mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope" (MV, no. 10).

Join Pope Francis and be a **witness of charity** throughout the world. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Peter's Pence Collection.

**"Charity is
infectious, it
excites, it risks
and it engages!
For true charity is
always unmerited,
unconditional
and gratuitous!"**

POPE FRANCIS,
HOMILY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015



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Sunday Notes

FOCUS ON THE MISSION

“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old and still vital treasure in our tradition is a document called the “Apostolic Traditions,” giving us a snapshot of church life in third-century Rome. Its author, Hippolytus, describes the liturgical life of the church and records the actual texts of the prayers. The way he explained the various “orders” of the church was the basis for a major reform of the rites of ordination by Pope Pius XII in 1947, and later for the Second Vatican Council. Hippolytus tells us that a bishop had to be elected by the entire people, and that ordination had to take place on a Sunday in the presence of the people, the presbyters, and neighboring bishops. The bishop-candidate is ordained by the other bishops, who impose their hands on his head while everyone else keeps a profound silence, awaiting the outpouring of the Spirit. There is a prayer of blessing said by one of them, on behalf of all, asking for the Spirit and describing his ministry.

Later centuries layered new features on top of this liturgy, including the requirement for three bishop consecrators. Today, whenever a new bishop is announced (election by the people is no more), a kind of genealogy is provided, tracing his pedigree through the consecrating bishops down through the centuries to Peter and the first body of believers. Every bishop today can trace his office through his consecrators back to the beginning in a tradition called “apostolic succession.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Gospel — While journeying to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks of the costs of discipleship (Luke 9:51-62).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: *Vigil*: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;
 Jn 21:15-19 *Day*: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131;
 Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
 Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
 Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
 Tuesday: St. Irenaeus
 Wednesday: Ss. Peter and Paul
 Thursday: The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
 Friday: Blessed Junipero Serra; Canada Day; First Friday

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION

Yet again in Ordinary Time, Jesus seems to demand extraordinary commitment. A would-be disciple enthusiastically volunteers to follow Jesus “wherever” (Luke 9:57). Jesus replies that “wherever” means “nowhere to rest his head” (9:58). To other candidates, Jesus brusquely denies reasonable requests to fulfill family obligations (9:59, 61), declaring that discipleship demands total commitment—now! But Jesus also demands that we not judge how others respond. When James and John volunteered to “call down fire from heaven” (9:54) to destroy an unwelcoming town, Jesus “turned and rebuked them” (9:55). All violence of any kind is completely unacceptable among Jesus’ disciples, a lesson this Jubilee Year of Mercy is teaching the Christian community once again. Paul’s challenge to the Galatians and us reinforces Jesus’ decisive command to James and John that they express their commitment to him through compassion for others. We must abandon the violence of “biting and devouring one another” (Galatians 5:15), choosing instead to “serve one another through love” (5:13).

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Community Bulletin Board

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



In the second reading today we are told, *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* Our spouse is our closest neighbor. Are we striving every day to love our spouse as Christ calls us to? Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter on August 12-14, 2016 or October 7-9, 2016 or December 9-11, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

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SOCIAL ACTION SUMMER INSTITUTE

Join us for the 30th annual Social Action Summer Institute July 17-21 at St. Xavier University for "Who is my Neighbor? Discipleship in the Year of Mercy." We will examine issues facing our neighbors including racism, violence, and poverty. Participants will come away with resources and tools for use at the parish level as well as within other aspects of public life. You may register for single days or for the full conference. There will be workshops, keynote sessions, liturgies and one full day for field trips to visit organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Financial assistance is available, and registration ends July 7. Go to www.CatholicPeaceandJustice.org/SASI for more information.

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JUBILEE OF MERCY EXTEND

The mercy of God is not thwarted by the lack of human response. God will continue to extend his mercy until it reaches and touches those who will receive it. Our mercy, too, ought not to be thwarted by the lack of response. We need to continue to extend ourselves until our mercy can come to rest on those in need. *"Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame."* (Luke 14:21)



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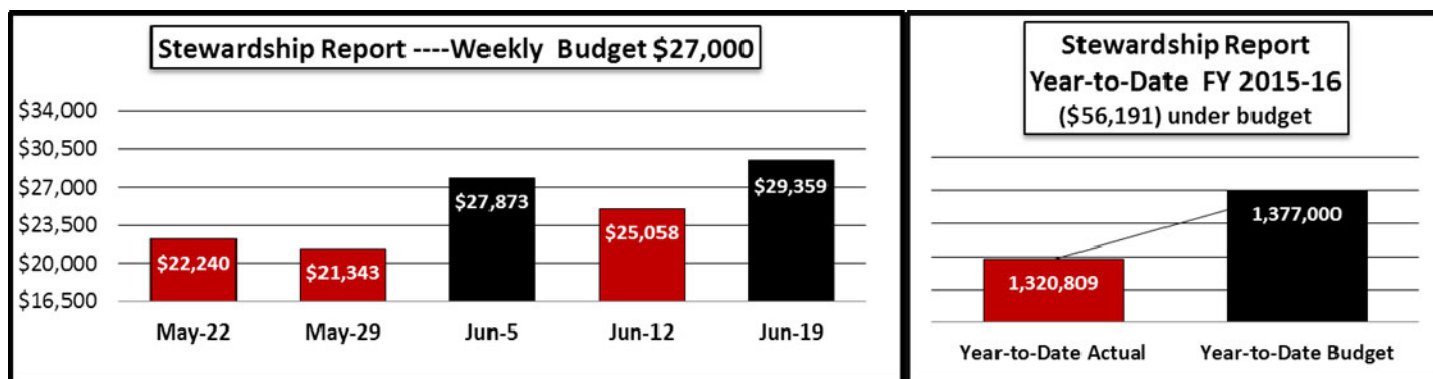
Week at a Glance

C...Church S...School (Education Building) Narthex...Church Vestibule RB...Rectory Basement MH...Morrissey Hall

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, June 26			
Monday, June 27			
Tuesday, June 28			
Wednesday, June 29			
Thursday, June 30			
Friday, July 1			
Saturday, July 2			
Sunday, July 3			
Monday, July 4	8:00 a.m.	Church	Independence Day Mass

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



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