

# ST. CLETUS CHURCH

## Rectory

600 West 55th Street  
LaGrange, Illinois 60525  
[www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com)

WEBSITE EDITION

**Rev. Raymond Klees**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Patrick O'Neill**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Rev. Charles Gallagher**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

**Rev. Patrick Marshall**  
*Weekend Associate*

**Maria Arias**  
*Director of Hispanic Ministry*

**Mary Beth Ford**  
*Youth Director/Social Concerns*

**Jolene Hillgoth**  
*School Principal*

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**PARISH SCHOOL**  
352-4820

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/RCIA**  
352-2383

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**YOUTH MINISTRY/  
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352-4641

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352-4834

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## MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM  
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Spanish)  
Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 PM  
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM  
Weekdays: 8:00 AM

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (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 (352-4834).

## CONFESSIONS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 4:00 PM

**Fr. Marshall's Musings**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

Today we congratulate our eighth graders who are graduating from St. Cletus School at the 12:15pm Mass. We are very proud of them and their accomplishments and wish them God's choicest blessings as they go forward to different schools. May the values that they learned at St. Cletus help them in facing the challenges of their lives.

My deepest gratitude goes to Mrs. Jolene Hilgoth, our Principal. She has done an outstanding job in her first year at St. Cletus and we look forward to working with her in the coming years. I would also like to express my gratitude to the faculty and staff of the School. I am always amazed at their dedication and hard work on behalf of the young people.

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Today is also Pentecost Sunday. Next to Christmas and Easter this is the third most important feast day of the Church. On Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Can you imagine the fear and trepidation that the early Church must have felt when Jesus had left them and ascended into Heaven? The Gospel story reminds us that they were afraid, confused and fearful. The fear they had was who would lead the Church and how was it going to be organized and how would this new entity of the Church grow in number and in grace.

In many ways, it's similar to our situation at St. Cletus. I think a lot of us are fearful of change and fear has a tendency to paralyze us. We get into ruts in our behavior and even in our religious practices and we get used to a particular form of leadership. When that changes we become closed-in or paralyzed because of the uncertainty of it all.

The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost and infused in them the gifts of the Spirit to help guide the young Church. It gave the disciples the ability to understand each other even though they were speaking different languages, to be compassionate and forgiving of one another as they recognized each of their faults. Leadership emerged which guided the young Church.

In the same way, I hope that this Pentecost is a new beginning for the Church of St. Cletus. I think that we have to mourn the past. We have to deal with the hurts and pains of the past, but if we just dwell in the past then we become stagnant and fearful and we will not grow. So we turn to the Holy Spirit to guide us on this Pentecost day, that he will give to our Church at St. Cletus new enthusiasm for the Gospel, the gift of understanding one another even if we have different viewpoints on things and that greater leadership will come forward to expand the ministries of the Church of St. Cletus.

This doesn't come without some trepidation, but if we believe in the power of God's Holy Spirit in our lives, we recognize that is indeed possible.

So let's celebrate today a new beginning for St. Cletus looking forward to a new Pastor and give prayerful hope that more leadership will come forward from all members of the Church so that we can have an even stronger effect on the lives of the people of our community.

Fr. Patrick Marshall

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop

Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

Pentecost 2006

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Church rejoices always in the gift of the Holy Spirit. The original outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost gave the Church her unity and gave life to her mission. Those who heard St. Peter in Jerusalem proclaim two thousand years ago that Jesus had risen from the dead were given one faith and began to live with one Spirit. One can recite the Creed; but without the Spirit, the words of Scripture and liturgy are dead. One can call oneself a Catholic; but without zeal to introduce others to Jesus, the apostolic mission languishes.

Pentecost is a feast of conversion. Our minds are converted to Christ in faith; and our hearts are converted to his mission in charity. Faith and charity are given with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Everything in the Church is a gift.

In this local Church which is the Archdiocese of Chicago, I hold each of you in my heart as I share with each of you the Catholic faith "which comes to us from the apostles." (Roman Canon) Each of us is on a path of continuous conversion to the Lord in his Body, the Church. Because the soul of the Church is the Holy Spirit, we are one. Because we are one, the actions of each affect the lives of all. One person's growth in holiness makes the path to holiness easier for all; another person's descent into sin diminishes all of us spiritually.

We celebrate Pentecost this year while still suffering from the sins of sexual abuse by some priests. Through your parishes and in other forms, I will continue to keep you informed about what the Archdiocese is doing to meet this scandal. With this note, I want only to express my hope that meeting the scandal's consequences will not absorb all our energies and co-opt the Church's mission. I hope as well that the unity that is the gift of the Holy Spirit will not be weakened and our spiritual fervor not diminished.

I have reason for hope in the reports from many parishes that participation in the life of the Church is deeper and generosity to the mission of the Church is greater. I thank all those who contributed to the great success of the Annual Catholic Appeal this year, without which not only the ministry but the very mission of the Church would suffer.

All of you are in my prayers, that the Holy Spirit may preserve us in unity and let us together taste the joy that is the sign of God's presence to his people. Happy Pentecost!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

### (1) Confirmation I Program Registration

Attention St. Cletus Parish teens and parents! It's time to register for the two-year high school Confirmation Program. If you have not received a registration packet or if you have any questions about our program, please contact the Youth Ministry Office, (708) 352-4641, or online at mary.bethford@stcletusparish.com. Thanks!

### (2) Year II Candidates and Parents

Registration packets for the second year of the Confirmation Preparation Program were mailed last week. If you did not receive your packet or have any questions, please contact me at (708) 352-4641 or via e-mail: youth@stcletusparish.com. Thank you!

### (3) Looking for a Few Good Men & Women

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

Lesson planning/formation sessions are held monthly to give Advisors the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. Please take a few minutes to consider becoming an Advisor. This position is a two-year commitment, which has been filled by individuals, couples or can be shared with a friend. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office, (708) 352-4641, with any questions. I will be happy to meet with you and/or put you in contact with past/president advisors. Thanks!

Mary Beth Ford  
Youth Director

### Lector and Auxiliary Ministers

The next training sessions for Lectors and Auxiliary Ministers of Communion will be held in August. Please contact me at (708) 352-4834 or

liturgy@stcletusparish.com if you are interested in joining.

Carol Pogar  
Liturgist

### R.C.I.A.


Do you hear a whisper in your ear from God inviting you to join His Church? If so, or if you are not sure, call the R.E. office to inquire about the R.C.I.A. Program. Remember, it is not nice to keep God waiting.

Pat Kahl  
Director of Religious Education

### Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Michael Abalos, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Robert Frost, Robert Salbego, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Louis Cesario, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowka, Judy Hofstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolicki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Bill Gilmer, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

### May 28

 Budgeted revenue:	\$26,500
Collection Received:	21,435
Shortfall last week:	- 5,065
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 18,603
# of envelopes mailed:	3,187
# of envelopes returned:	810
<b>Easter Collection</b>	<b>\$116,113</b>

Thank you for your continued support. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.

**Please note:** Many parishioners have elected to have their weekly Sunday offering contribution debited out of their checking account once or twice a month. If you would like more information, contact Bobbie at the rectory office, (708) 352-6209.

### The Mystery of Presence and Absence in Love

Someone needs to write a book with one of these titles: *The Metaphysics of a Goodbye*, *The Anatomy of a Farewell*, *The Pain of Moving On*, or, better still, *A Spirituality of the Ascension*. Why such a book?

Because we experience many painful goodbyes in life. There are so many times when someone we love has to go away, or we have to go away. There are many times when, for whatever reason, someone has to move on and irrevocably change a relationship. Almost always this is painful, sometimes so painful that it leaves us feeling restless and empty, as if all the colour, energy, and joy have gone out of our lives.

But, as we know, usually this isn't the end of the story. Most of the time, after the restless, dark heartache of a painful goodbye has worn off, we experience the opposite, a deep joy in sensing now our loved one's presence in a different way.

Parents, for example, experience this when their children grow up and leave home to start lives of their own. At first, when a child leaves home to go to college, to get married, or to take a job elsewhere, we are often left with a restless heartache that leaves us feeling empty. But, after a while, especially when our child, in the full bloom of adulthood, comes back to visit us our heartache can just as quickly disappear because our loved one, now no longer a child, can offer us a richer love and presence than he or she could when they were little. The pain of losing someone turns into the joy of finding something deeper in the one whom we thought we had lost.

When Jesus was preparing his disciples for his ascension, he told them: "It is better for you that I go away! You won't understand this now. You will grieve and have heavy hearts, but, later, this will turn to joy and you will understand why I have to do this because, unless I go away, I can't send you my spirit."

These are the unspoken words that children say to their parents when they leave home to begin lives on their own; these are the unspoken words we say to our friends when we have to move on from a certain circle of friendship to get married; these are the unspoken words spouses sometimes say to each other when they have to grow in ways that, at the end of the day, will make their marriage stronger, but which, on a given day, leave their partner with a heartache; and these are the unspoken words we say to each other every time we

have to say goodbye, even if it's just to go off to work for the day: "It is better for you that I go away, even if there is sorrow now!"

The paradoxical interplay of presence and absence in love is a great mystery. We need to be present to each other physically, but we also need to be gone from each other at times. We bring a blessing both when we visit someone and when we leave after the visit is over. Presence is partly predicated on absence and there is something of our spirit that we can only give by going away. Why is this so?

Because absence is sometimes the only thing that can purify presence. When we are physically present, there are always certain tensions, irritations, disappointments, flaws in our bodies, and faults in our character that partially block full love and blessing. That's why we rarely appreciate our loved ones fully, until they are taken away from us.


Absence can help wash clean. What the pain of absence does is stretch our hearts so that the essence, the beauty, the love, and the gift of the one who is absent can flow to us without being coloured by the tensions, disappointments, and the flaws of everyday life. As well, the other's absence can work to stretch our hearts so that we can receive him or her in a way that more fully accepts and respects who he or she really is. That's why our children have to go away (and we have to feel that bitter heartache) before we can accept that they are no longer children, but adults like ourselves, with lives of their own.

The mystery of saying goodbye is really the mystery of the Ascension, the most under-understood mystery both inside and outside of religion. The Ascension is about going away so that our loved ones can fully receive our spirit. It's about the mystery of saying goodbye, when goodbye isn't really goodbye at all, but only love's way of taking on a different modality so that it can be present in a way that's deeper, purer, more permanent, less-clinging, and less-limited by the tensions, disappointments, inadequacies, wounds, and betrayals that, this side of eternity, forever make our intimacy a work in progress.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com).

**Mass Intentions for the Week of  
June 5 – June 11**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Fr. Jim Johnston, Kathleen Regalado, Anne Koziol, John McTigue, Alex McGurdy, Velma Gartland
Tuesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Johnston Family, James McCarthy, Stella Kadlec
Wednesday	8:00am	Virginia & Gene Carrey, Catherine Williams, John Ruzas, Joseph George Kutta
Thursday	8:00am	Stanley & Stella Waszak, Lorraine Nilsen, Elvina Klonowski
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Mildred Vendegna, Marcie Johnston, Celeste Klees
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7,8,9:30,11am	People of St. Cletus

**Altar Servers**   
**June 10/11**

- 5:00pm - J. Newman, A. Driscoll, B. Okkema
- 7:00am - R. Bogolin, T. Christopher, J. Flach
- 8:00am - T. Callahan, B. Kelley, D. Clarke
- 9:30am - Q. Collins, J. Cripe, M. Gray
- 11:00am - N. Galivan, J. Doyle, A. Smith

**Auxiliary Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, June 10, 2006**

- 5:00 PM**
- LR Chlapecka, Rick-
  - SM Kalata, Marcie- C1 Burke, Ruth-
  - B2 Boyer, Kathy- C2 Kensek, Maggie-
  - B3 Loch, Len- C3 Guide, Alfreda-
  - B4 Thuma, Mary- C4 Kalata, Marcie-
  - B5 Ryva, James- C5 Wouk, Dolares-
  - B6 Andrews, Diane- C6 Hackman, Susan-

**9:30 AM**

- LR Reisel, Tom-
- SM Hullinger, Shirley- C1 Burke, Kevin
- B2 Gardner, Joan C2 Gardner, Fred
- B3 Zupancic, Robert- C3 Severino, Laurie-
- B4 Horak, Veronica- C4 Hullinger, Shirley
- B5 Kigin, Billie C5 Curnutt, Rose-
- B6 Mulderink, Ken C6 Koch, Barbara-

**Sunday, June 11, 2006**


- 7:00 AM**
- LR Chlapecka, Thoma
  - SM Swindall, Toni
  - B2 Swindall, Toni
  - B3 Swindall, Vic
  - B4 Fahey, Ann
  - B5 Parlier, Jon
  - B6 Parlier, Denise



**11:00 AM**

- LR O'Dowd, Mary-
- SM McCaffray, Paul- C1 Chaney, Marlene
- B2 Provan, Karen C2 Provan, Jim
- B3 Gebka, Mary Lu- C3 Brannigan, Rita-
- B4 Haggerly, Frank- C4 McCaffray, Paul-
- B5 Samuelson, Debra- C5 Dunkovich, Alice-
- B6 Benkert, Kim- C6 Wehrmeister, Rht

- 8:00 AM**
- LR Hagen, Jim
  - SM Hagen, Colleen C1 Farnsworth, Vicki
  - B2 Skupien, Kathy C2 Pogar, Carol
  - B3 Stopka, Sharon C3 Bliss, Georgia-
  - B4 Hagen, Emily C4 Hagen, Colleen
  - B5 Saban, Jackie- C5 Borsilli, Helen-
  - B6 Dillane, Jennifer C6 Kunkel, JoAnn-

**Wedding Banns** 

Katie Moran and Peter Rufa  
Stephanie Glasco and Eric Kraus  
Jennifer Lube and Richard LeGrand

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- ...Eileen F. Galivan, mother of Daniel
- ...Adam Wyczolkowski, husband of Urszula
- ...Frances M. Fatigati, mother of Linda Kusalik

**Baptism**

This Past Week We Welcomed... Julia Jana-Jordan Ludden to our Parish Family.

**Please Be Courteous!**

Although we all love our cell phones, not all of us wish to hear them ringing during Mass. As a courtesy, please either put your phone on vibrate or turn it off completely when entering the church. Thank You!

Carol Pogar  
Director of Liturgy