

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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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



Father Bob's Mutterings

I would like to begin by saying how blest I feel to have been appointed your new pastor. St. Cletus parish has a strong history of being a faith community which is known for its commitment to the gospel message and the mission of this local church. Over the years St. Cletus has become a central force in the LaGrange area of what it means to be Christ to one another. I am proud and humbled to have been selected to lead this wonderful Spirit filled faith community as your next pastor.

I would like to take a moment to give you some insight on who I am and where I come from. I was born and raised in Joliet, IL. which is just south of here (let's just say a few years ago) and attended Joliet Catholic High School. My undergraduate studies were at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL. where I received a BA in Education. I hold a Master degree in Educational Administration from California State University, Fullerton, CA. and received a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL. I am currently completing a Doctor of Ministry in Homiletics at Aquinas Institute on the University of St. Louis campus, St. Louis, MO.

I spent 27 years involved in Catholic Education in Southern California before entering the seminary. I was a teacher for 10 years and served as a Catholic school principal for 17 years in the Dioceses of Orange and San Diego, California. I have worked extensively in both suburban and urban parishes. I have worked with the poor in the inner city and on several Native American reservations which has provided me with numerous opportunities to grow in my personal and communal relationship with Christ over the years. These experiences were the catalyst that both drew me and led me to answer God's call to ministry within the priesthood. These life events have been and continue to be the key to my development in ministry and my growth in priesthood.

I have spent the past 7 years as an Associate pastor of St. Michael parish in Orland Park during which time I was the parish Administrator for 6 months. Besides my regular duties as a parish priest I served as the Director of the Education Ministry Team, the Director of the Parish Life Ministry Team, and the Director of the Worship Ministry Team.

I look forward with great joy to my ministry here with my new family of St. Cletus. Together let us strive, with God's grace, to grow in faith and continue to be Christ to one another and to the world. The Holy Spirit will help and guide us to become an even stronger united faith community and an example of God's love in our world.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On July 1, twenty parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago will receive new pastors. This new pattern of assigning pastors according to a yearly schedule should result in greater continuity of pastoral governance, fewer temporary administrators of parishes and easier preparation for priests and parishioners as changes are made.

When we profess in the Creed that we believe in an "apostolic Church," we are saying that Christ wills that his people be governed by ordained bishops and priests. The methods of assuring the Church's governance are adapted according to many circumstances, but the assigning of bishops and priests is never merely an administrative action; it is an exercise of faith.

I ask all Catholics of the Archdiocese to pray for the priests newly assigned and the parishes they will serve. I also ask everyone to pray for all the priests of the Archdiocese, for our seminarians and for those who are now being called by God's grace to serve here as priests.

I am grateful to all our priests, especially those newly assigned this year. Their obedience to this new call fulfills the promise they made when they were ordained. As we all know, a promise is often easier to make than to keep. These are faithful priests who are keeping their ordination promises, and all of us should be proud of them.

May the Lord bless you and your families this summer. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Confirmation Program Registration

(1) Attention St. Cletus Parish teens and parents!

Don't forget it's now time to register for the two-year high school Confirmation Program. Letters were sent to all 8th graders enrolled in our School or Religious Education Programs this past year, explaining the process and inviting them to register. If you did not receive a registration packet, have misplaced it, or have any questions, please contact me at the Youth Ministry Office, (708) 352-4641 or online at youth@stcletusparish.com. You can also download a registration form from the Youth Ministry site on our parish website. Thank you!

(2) Calling Faith Filled Men and Women...

Do you remember your years as a teenager when you had a lot of questions about your faith, about what relevance it had to your day to day life, about how to make good choices? Were you lucky enough to have contact with someone who had more life experience and was interested in helping you discover answers to some of these questions? Our High School Confirmation Preparation Program is looking for some warm, honest and sincere parishioners who desire to grown in their faith and share it with others, as they give their time and talent to minister to teens in the position of Adult Small Group Leader (Advisor). 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. Feedback from past advisors acknowledges that they enjoyed the experience and received as much...or more...from it as the teens! Please contact me in the Youth Ministry Office, (708) 352-4641, for further details. And thank you for considering this opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Minister

Food Pantry

It's not too late to help us fill the grocery bags we will need for the July 13 Food Pantry! When you go shopping this week, please remember those in our community who are constantly struggling to put healthy food on their family's table. Your generosity continues to help ease some of the worries of those families who benefit from our monthly food distribution. A big THANKS to you all!!

All non-perishables are greatly appreciated, but here's what we need most at this time: Rice, jelly, canned vegetables, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, meals in a can, cereal and juice. Please bring your donations with you when you come to church next weekend. And thanks again for your continuing support!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Independence Day Mass Honors Veterans

Reminder: On Tuesday, July 4, at the 8:00am Mass we will once again honor veterans of all branches of military service. We invite those who have served our country to wear a piece of their military uniform or some insignia that represents their service, and to sit with their fellow veterans in a place of honor in our church. The Mass will include a color guard presentation and the "Musical Salute to the Services" performed by a 40-piece band.



Independence Day


The Fourth of July is our greatest patriotic holiday. It celebrates the birthday of our nation. On this day, let us remember and appreciate the liberty that we enjoy as Americans.

Stewardship

Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of time, talent, and treasure allotted to us.

"What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?" (Psalms 116:12)

June 25

Budgeted revenue:		\$25,869
Collection Received:		21,455
Shortfall last week:		- 4,414
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:		- 33,687
# of envelopes mailed:		3,187
# of envelopes returned:		794

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

Please remember, using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket

No Vacation for the Church

Gentle reminder: The Church does not take a holiday. Please do not forget to continue with your weekly envelopes to the church. Stewardship is not something that takes a vacation, it is a continuous, on-going process.

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.

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, 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.

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office at (708) 352-6209. Please advise us when a person no longer needs to be on the prayer list.

Franciscan Village Picnic

Franciscan Village, Lemont: Accepting donations for White Elephant Tent Sale, now through August 4. Items will be sold at "Picnic in Our Backyard" on Sunday, August 20. Also accepting donations for the Liquor Booth Game. Volunteer opportunities are available at the picnic. We would love to get to know you! For additional information call the Picnic Hotline (630) 243-3435, or you can email Joan, Franciscan Village Development Office: jswigon@franciscancommunities.com.

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Coping with the Divine Fire Within

"Our life is a short time in expectation, a time in which sadness and joy kiss each other at every moment. There is a quality of sadness that pervades all the moments of our life. It seems that there is no such a thing as a clear-cut pure joy, but that even in the most happy moments of our existence we sense a tinge of sadness. In every satisfaction, there is an awareness of limitations. In every success, there is the fear of jealousy. Behind every smile, there is a tear. In every embrace, there is loneliness. In every friendship, distance. And in all forms of light, there is the knowledge of surrounding darkness...But this intimate experience in which every bit of life is touched by a bit of death can point us beyond the limits of our existence. It can do so by making us look forward in expectation to the day when our hearts will be filled with perfect joy, a joy that no one shall take away from us."

Henri Nouwen wrote that and the older we get the more we experience its truth. In this life, there's no such a thing as a "clear-cut pure" joy. But that doesn't make our lives less-worth living, it simply changes our perspective. Karl Rahner said a simple thing: "In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we learn that here, in this life, all symphonies remain unfinished."

What this means is that we aren't restless creatures who occasionally get restless, fulfilled people who occasionally are dissatisfied, serene people who occasionally experience disquiet. Rather we are restless people who occasionally find rest, dissatisfied people who occasionally find fulfillment, and disquieted people who occasionally find serenity. We don't naturally default into rest, satisfaction, and quiet, but into their opposite.

Why?

We too easily assume that we must be doing something wrong to trigger all this restlessness and disquiet. Sometimes that's the case, but our deepest emotional aches and pains have their real root in what's best in us rather than in what's worst in us. Ultimately, our profoundest dissatisfactions take their root in what's deepest inside us, the image and likeness of God.

As Christians, we believe that we bear the image and likeness of God inside of us and that this is our deepest reality. We are made in God's image. However we tend to picture this in a naive, romantic, and pious way. We imagine that somewhere inside us

there is a beautiful icon of God stamped into our souls. That may well be, but God, as scripture assures us, is more than an icon. God is fire-wild, infinite, ineffable, non-containable.

If that same fire is inside us, and it is, then there are divine appetites inside of us too, appetites that are not ever satiable in this life. There's a divine restlessness written right in our DNA.

And that divine fire is at the root of most of what is problematic in our lives: grandiosity, jealousy, rage, egotism, our incapacity to be satisfied, our constant longing for more, our restless ambitions, our pathological complexities, our greed, and our prosperity for addiction. It's difficult to live in this world and be satisfied, humble, chaste, and not jealous of others. It's difficult to have to share this world with six billion others who are just as special as we are. Something in our very make-up wants always to stand out, to be recognized as unique, to own the world, and to be acknowledged as godly. No wonder there are so many jealousies and wars on this planet.

But this divine fire is also the root of all that's good in us. When we have divine fire inside of us, it's also impossible to be satisfied with mediocrity, with sin, with lack of meaning, with only this world, with what's second best, and with anything less than a full surrender in love to all that's good - others, the world, God. When we're in the image of God it's impossible not to go through life and be relentlessly driven to search for love and to search for God.


Being in the image of God is our greatest blessing and our greatest struggle. Because of it, we search for meaning, give our lives for each other, create magnificent works of art, and bow in worship to God. But because of it we also spend too many sleepless nights, are often furiously jealous of each other, and too often see others as rivals, give in to rage, and murder each other. It's not a simple thing to carry infinity in a finite body and a finite world.

St. Augustine summarized it all in one line: "You have made us for yourself Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Given the way we're made, it's hard to live in this world and settle for second-best and, in that, lie the roots for both greatness and self-destruction.

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.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
July 3 – July 9**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Chester Koziol, Linda Felice, Florence Curtis, Velma Gartland, Howard Madsen, Robert J. Blaising
Tuesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Marcie Johnston, Joe Slowik, Pat and Clem Dombro
Wednesday	8:00am	Bruno Bransberger, John Ruzas, Joseph George Kutta, Celeste Klees, Stella Kadlec
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Peter Sakowicz, Warren Gerler, Arthur “Ed” Burns
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Nan Rettig, Karen Gorak, William Taylor, Joseph Megla, Celeste Klees
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers 
July 8/9

- 5:00pm - D. Anfield, M. Thomas, C. Usher
- 7:00am - J. Doyle, A. Pusatera, J. Ward
- 8:00am - E. Pavlik, M. Garvey, A. Heslin
- 9:30am - M. Gray, K. Kages, M. Johnson-Dahl
- 11:00am - C. Madden, N. Magats, E. Maldonado

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Tuesday, July 04, 2006

8:00 AM	LR	Curotto, Louis	
SM Welch, Jerry-	C1		
B2 Mezan, Mary Ann	C2		
B3 McCaffray, Paul	C3	NO	
B4 Nilles, Carolyn	C4	WINE	
B5 Walsh, Mary Jane	C5		
B6 Dalsin, Pat	C6		

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 08, 2006


5:00 PM	LR	Augustine, Ellie-	9:30 AM	LR	Wehrmeister, Rhea
SM Wauk, Dolores-	C1	Ryva, James-	SM Opila, Margo	C1	Stumreiter, Earl
B2 Pogar, Carol	C2	Skupien, Kathy	B2 Gardner, Joan	C2	Gardner, Fred
B3 Bamberger, MaryA	C3	Bozac, Betty	B3 Anfield, Therese-	C3	Farnsworth, Vicki
B4 Kensek, Maggie-	C4	Wouk, Dolores-	B4 Opila, Andy	C4	Opila, Margo
B5 Thornton, William	C5	Thornton, Madeli	B5 Horak, Veronica-	C5	Schump, Cathy-
B6 Beales, Dave	C6	Beales, Nadine	B6 Haggerty, Frank-	C6	Bartucci, Carol-

Sunday, July 09, 2006

7:00 AM	LR	Loch, Len-	11:00 AM	LR	O'Dowd, Mary
SM Swindall, Toni			SM Hagen, Colleen	C1	Hagen, Emily
B2 Swindall, Toni			B2 Herzog, Terri-	C2	Garske, Elizabeth
B3 Swindall, Vic			B3 Provan, Karen	C3	Provan, Jim
B4 Sullivan, Patrick-			B4 Chaney, Marlene	C4	Hagen, Colleen
B5 Parlier, Jon			B5 Wash, Sheila	C5	Drago, Irene-
B6 Parlier, Denise			B6 Hoskins, William	C6	Hoskins, Celine



8:00 AM	LR	Rapacki, Sandy-
SM Welch, Jerry-	C1	Burke, Kevin-
B2 Biesadecki, Carol	C2	Biesadecki, Bob
B3 Dillane, Jennifer-	C3	Stopka, Sharon-
B4 Hullinger, Shirley-	C4	Welch, Jerry-
B5 Karch, Terri	C5	Karch, John
B6 Kuchta, Ann-	C6	McCartney, Sandr

Wedding Banns 

Alison Sanders and Cullen Myers
Michael Walski and Linda Heinemann

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- ...Louis Horak, husband of Veronica
- ...Mary Campbell, mother of Jeanne Danhauer

Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed ...John Charles Sisul to Our Parish Family.