

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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352-6209

PARISH SCHOOL

352-4820

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/RCIA

352-2383

HISPANIC MINISTRY

352-4856

YOUTH MINISTRY/ SOCIAL CONCERNS

352-4641

LITURGY/MINISTRY OF CARE

352-4834

ART & ENVIRONMENT

352-4834

MUSIC DIRECTOR

352-4547

GROUND/TECHNICAL SUPPORT

352-8597



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

Every Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM

FR. BOB'S MUTTERINGS

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus in today's gospel is trying to give us the answer to the question we often hear asked: "Is that all there is?" His answer is of course, "No." There is much more that we can experience about the fullness of life. We experience the fullness of life through the wisdom of God which is like bread that nourishes the mind and spirit.

God's wisdom is more than ordinary knowledge, it is the mind of God which is God's creative power, His spoken word. We hear in the first reading wisdom described as a lady who invites the foolish and ignorant to a lavish feast. What she really offers is the way for human life to be in accord with God's intentions for us. St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, suggests to us a blueprint for just such a well ordered life.

The suggestion that lives should be well ordered may not be enough to set our pulses racing, nor fully answer the question, "Is that all there is?" But what Jesus goes on to explain, in this important teaching on the Eucharist in John's gospel, is that the life God gives is more important than our ordinary lives. It is eternal life, God's very life, which is being offered to us. We can receive this life through Jesus Christ, who in His own person is the living bread from heaven. Our faith can be nourished by His words and our souls, our bodies, fed with this source of life, which is Christ Himself in the Eucharist. Taking the Eucharist into our own bodies we take the life of Jesus into the core of our lives. The Eucharist provides, too, a pledge of future life, for it is an earthly taste of the heavenly banquet.

HURRICANE RECOVERY COLLECTION

*The bishops of our country have asked that a **National Collection for Hurricane Recovery** be taken up on the weekend of August 26-27. Wait a minute; didn't we have a collection last year for this? Yes, we did, but that collection was for humanitarian relief and raised over \$130 million.*

In the Diocese of Biloxi, 428 of 433 Church owned structures were destroyed or severely damaged, with more than \$70 million of damage sustained. Insurance will only cover \$35 million of this amount. The Archdiocese of New Orleans estimates they have \$52 million in uninsured flood damage to buildings that have been reopened and another \$70 million in uninsured flood damage to buildings that cannot be reopened now. As Bishop Skyland, the President of the USCCB, states: "These costs place even greater burdens on people already overwhelmed by grief, dislocation and discouragement."

On the weekend of August 26-27 we will take up a second collection for Hurricane Recovery. Please be as generous as possible.

*Peace and Blessings,
Father Bob*



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

A trip to a local bookstore will reveal cookbooks representing the ethnic cuisines of countless cultures around the world. There are also cookbooks that feature the specialties of various regions in different countries and those that cater to varying health needs and concerns. Along with books concerning the preparation of food, there are those that address the human penchant for overeating. These diet books abound as one food guru after another hawks his or her diet as *the* way to lose weight. One by one, it seems, each diet fad is found to be unhealthy in some regard. In order to combat the craze over counting calories and offer a healthier alternative to fad dieting, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Council for Nutrition has developed (and redeveloped) what is called a Food Pyramid that offers guidelines for which foods to eat and in what quantity on a daily basis in order to maintain a healthy weight and maximum well being.

While we are concerned - and rightly so - about our physical condition, today's scripture selections invite us to be similarly, if not more greatly, concerned about our spiritual health and well being. To that end, the praying community is reminded of the two types of food that are necessary for maintaining the life of faith and service to which we are called as Jesus' disciples.

At each Eucharistic encounter, those who feed on Jesus' flesh and drink his blood are also privileged to grow in knowledge (intimate relationship) of God and thereby to have a share in eternal life. As today's gospel affirms, the one who feeds and drinks, *already* has eternal life and will be raised up on the last day. As we reflect on the gifts that have been given to us to share yet again today, and as we are fed to satisfaction by both bread and word, we are also challenged to recognize and satisfy the hungers of those among us as well as those outside the doors of our church.

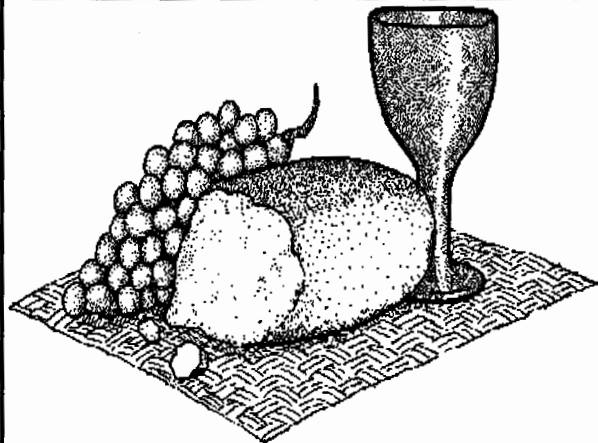


READINGS FOR THE
WEEK
OF AUGUST 20, 2006

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34;
 Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32];
 Jn 6:60-69

Table Prayer Before and After
Meals

Next week's gospel from St. John will finish the Bread of Life Discourse. We will then return to readings from St. Mark. Perhaps we can use this time to think about how we might improve our personal and family prayer before and after meals.



2nd Collection Next Weekend - August 26/27 2006 Hurricane Recovery

The needs for recovery of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi remain staggering and extremely urgent. The need for rebuilding and restoration in these two dioceses is as great now as it was immediately after the storms. Your generosity in helping the people of these dioceses as they continue the struggle to rebuild and recover their hope and their lives is greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to the Archdiocese of Chicago, with the notation that the funds are to be directed to Hurricane Recovery.

(1) Year I Confirmation Candidates Final Registration Reminder

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 who had been enrolled in our School or Religious Education Program, explaining the process and inviting them to register. We are now forming groups. 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) High School Teens of the Parish

You are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Youth Rally 2006, on Sunday, September 17, from 1-7pm at St. Terrence Parish in Alsip. The day's events feature Steve Angrisano & the St. Terrence Church Band & Teen Choir. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gustavo Garcia Stiller. This is a great opportunity to share a fun faith-filled day with Youth from other parishes. For further details and registration forms, please contact Mary Beth Ford in the Youth Ministry Office, (708) 352-4641 as soon as possible. I hope to hear from you. (Depending on the number of interested teens, we may also need some adult chaperones. Please contact me if you can lend a hand.) Thanks!

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Minister

Religious Education Reminder:

Registration: NOW is the time to register for Religious Education Classes. Classes begin on Sunday/Monday, September 10/11. Please stop by the Religious Education Office on Sunday morning or Monday - Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm to register your child/ren. Remember to bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Registration forms are also available off the parish website at www.stcletusparish.com. Remember that our program begins in 1st grade and continues through 8th grade.

Volunteers: I am looking for anyone over the age of 14 to serve as classroom aides, substitute catechists, or catechists for this year. Please join us for fun, excitement, laughter, and community. Call me and I will find the perfect position for you based on your time schedule. We would love to have YOU and YOU will love working with US.

R.C.I.A.: Do you know someone that has questions about the Catholic Church or might be considering becoming Catholic? Do not be afraid to invite him/her to the start of the R.C.I.A. Program. The program begins on Wednesday, September 27, 7:00pm, in Room 105 of the Education Building. If you have questions about the program, please call the R.E. office at (708) 352-2383. The Welcome Mat is out, join us!

Pat Kahl, Director of Religious Education

Early Childhood Religious Education

This Sunday School Program is for children ages 3-5 years. Classes meet during the 9:30am Mass on most Sundays throughout the school year. This fun-filled class provides the children a time to be with others their own age and learn of the gospel in a way that is age appropriate. There is room available in all classes. Please contact me at (708) 352-7693 for more information and a registration form.

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Early Childhood Volunteers Needed

Would you like to share your talents with young children? Our Early Childhood Program teaches Jesus' word to the 3, 4 and 5 year-old smiling faces of our parish. Your commitment would be about once a month. Or, if you have a love of music to share with our little ones we have a position for you as well. Please contact me at (708) 352-7693 if you are interested. We would love to have you join us!

Mary Ellen Staelgraeve

Food Pantry

“Thank You” to all who contributed to the August Food Pantry. We served 105 families this month thanks to your generosity even during these summer vacation months. Our share-the-wealth distribution of fresh produce was respectable...we’re sure there will be even more garden surpluses during September! Watch the Canticle for details about drop off times for fresh fruits and vegetables on September 14.

In the meantime, please keep our Food Pantry in mind when you do your grocery shopping. Remember, non-perishables can be dropped off in the Minister’s Room of church when you come to Mass. Although our specially designated time for drop off is the first weekend of the month, we would like to suggest that you bring your donations next weekend (August 26/27) if you will be gone over the Labor Day weekend.

We are in need of all the usual staples: Pinto beans, rice, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, soup, meals in a can, macaroni & cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, juice. Other “extras” that are most appreciated include coffee, cooking oil, crackers, cookies, condiments. Thank you for your continuing support.

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns

Attention Lector and Auxiliary Ministers

...schedule questionnaires are available for pick up in the Minister’s Room.

Carol Pogar
Liturgist

Please Pray for


...our sick in your prayers: Lorraine Waszak, Joanne Mate, Adrienne and Jerry Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, 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, Robert Frost, Robert Salbege, 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, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

Stewardship

“While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people – but especially to those of the household of faith.” (Gal 6:10)

August 13

Budgeted revenue:		\$27,500
Collection Received:		22,732
Shortfall last week:		- 4,768
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:		- 20,972
# of envelopes mailed:		3,190
# of envelopes returned:		820

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember, using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner. It allow the parish the latitude to budget effectively. 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.

Divine Providence School Presents...

“The Daily DP3” Drawings will be held daily, from Sept 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007, winning numbers based on the Illinois evening pick three game. Tickets are \$30 and active for the full year! That is 365 chances to win! For more information or to order your tickets, please call Jill Franklin (708) 562-9844 or Lisa Urzen (708) 345-0627.

Please Support Our Advertisers

We encourage you to patronize the businesses using our bulletin for advertising. Tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
August 21 - August 27**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Velma Gartland, Anna & Anton Grock, Gaetana Chiappetta
Tuesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Othon Delabra, Gerry Jackson, Joseph Megla, Joseph Hellmuth
Wednesday	8:00am	Adam Wyczolkowski, Frances Ference, Celeste Klees, Viginia Kallal, Lorraine & Frank Peck, Lillian Haumann
Thursday	8:00am	Frances Stefanski, Amelia S. Baricevich, Vito Pesoci, Jr., Lillian Stumreiter
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Louis J. Kadlec, Janet Flanagan, Peter Sakowicz
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers



August 26/27

5:00pm - A. Condotti, J. Babirak, R. Mitchell
 7:00am - K. Caplice, S. Lenz, T. Lenz
 8:00am - D. Clarke, E. Pavlik, C. Usher
 9:30am - J. Newman, A. Driscoll, G. Valdez
 11:00am - J. Doyle, J. Flach, A. Pusatera

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 26, 2006

5:00 PM LR Staelgraave, Mark
 SM Wouk, Dolores- C1 Loch, Len-
 B2 Burke, Ruth- C2 Ghera, Alicja-
 B3 Chlapecka, Rick- C3 Guide, Alfreda-
 B4 Walsh, Mary Jane- C4 Wouk, Dolores-
 B5 Beales, Dave C5 Beales, Nadine
 B6 Ford, Mary Beth- C6 Thuma, Mary-

9:30 AM

LR Demonte, Linda-
 SM Opila, Andy C1 Anfield, Therese-
 B2 Hullinger, Shirley- C2 Fisher, Harry-
 B3 Micek, Dan C3 Micek, Judy
 B4 Opila, Margo C4 Opila, Andy
 B5 Zupancic, Robert- C5 McCaftray, Paul-
 B6 Wehrmeister, Rhea C6 Samuelson, Debr

Sunday, August 27, 2006

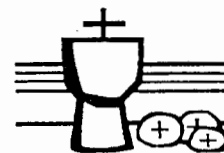
7:00 AM LR Chlapecka, Thoma
 SM Stamm, Richard
 B2 Stamm, Richard
 B3 Stamm, Barbara
 B4 Hinton, Geri-
 B5 Smith, David-
 B6 Nicosia, Christine-



11:00 AM

LR O'Dowd, Mary-
 SM Dunkovich, Alice- C1 Augustyn, Ron-
 B2 Provan, Karen C2 Provan, Jim
 B3 Nilles, Carolyn- C3 Curnutt, Rose-
 B4 Meuwissen, Jean- C4 Dunkovich, Alice-
 B5 Drago, Irene- C5 Haggerty, Frank-
 B6 Hoskins, William C6 Hoskins, Celine

8:00 AM LR Staelgraave, Mark
 SM Karch, John C1 Dillane, Jennifer-
 B2 Hogue, Kay- C2 Mulderink, Ken-
 B3 Biesadecki, Carol C3 Biesadecki, Bob
 B4 Karch, Terri C4 Karch, John
 B5 Burke, Kevin- C5 McCartney, Sandr
 B6 Bliss, Georgia- C6 Kigin, Billie-



Wedding Banns

Julie Crotty and Scott Fineron
 Maureen Hickey and Jason Lovelace

Hospice Volunteers Needed

St. Thomas Hospice is seeking adult volunteers to offer compassionate support and friendly visits to area residents facing end-of-life issues. Classes will meet for 9 consecutive Tuesdays from 9:00am until 12:00noon from September 19 through November 14, 2006. While training is held in our Burr Ridge office, volunteers are assigned to patients in their own neighborhoods. If interested, please call Barb at (630) 856-6998 to reserve your spot.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

...Frank Cihek, father of Frank E. Cihek
 ...Bill Gilmer, brother-in-law of
 Bobbie Kallal