

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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LaGrange, Illinois 60525
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Associate Pastor

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352-6209

PARISH SCHOOL

352-4820

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/RCIA

352-2383

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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 MUTTEINGS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have been reading from the 6th chapter of John for the past several weeks and we conclude this week with the clear message that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you." This is a very strong message. We see this week's reading that many had difficulty in accepting this statement and no longer followed the way of Jesus. It comes down to all of us making a choice to believe or not to believe.

We have been challenged through these weeks to face our own faith in the Eucharist and the consequences of our faith. Have we come to accept that what we eat and drink is more than mere symbol? Have we come to accept and have faith in the miracle of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the form of bread and wine?

As some of his followers bail out, Jesus asks Peter if he and the others are going to leave also. Peter's answer is "Master, to whom shall we go?" Peter and the disciples understood little else than Jesus was the one sent from God, and that eternal life was not available to them through any other person or means. They were coming to faith. Through the Eucharist we come to faith and trust which are essential elements of our understanding and growth as followers of Jesus Christ.

St. Cletus School 2006-07

Our parish school resumes operations this week. We wish the Administration, faculty, support staff, students, and parents a grace filled school year. It is our hope and prayer that everyone may grow in the Love of God as experienced in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our parish school has a long history of academic excellence grounded in the values and doctrines of our faith and may this great legacy continue and flourish during the coming year.

A Clarification

Father Charles Watkins is our newest Associate Pastor but he is not replacing Father Pat O'Neill. We will have BOTH of these fine men assigned here in the parish full time to assist me in ministering to the needs of the people of St. Cletus Parish. I heard a few people this past weekend asking if Father Charles was replacing Father Pat. The answer is NO he is an addition to our pastoral staff and much welcomed by both me and Father Pat.

Collection for the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi

Today we are taking up a second collection to assist the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi in their efforts to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Bishops of the United States have asked that every parish take up a second collection this weekend for these two dioceses and encourages all of the faithful to be as generous as possible. I know you will respond with love and charity to this needed appeal for help and I appreciate anything you can do to help our fellow Catholics.

Peace to each of you and to our world,

Father Bob



"Decide today whom you will serve"

There comes a time when talk must turn to action, when words must move into works, when dialog must become deed. As far as Jesus is concerned, that time has come. It is time to stop talking and start walking.

For the past three Sundays, Jesus has been talking about the bread of life: God's bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world; the bread that is Jesus' own flesh for the life of the world; the living bread that enables anyone who feeds on it to live forever. Jesus has said everything he could say to explain what he means: the bread of life and anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

Now it is our turn. What are we to do with that kind of talk? Accept it or reject it? Belittle it or believe it? Let it shake our faith or strengthen our belief? Complain or proclaim? Murmur or mediate? Take it or leave it? We have to decide. About this, we cannot be noncommittal or neutral.

Jesus does not force us to follow him, believe him, love him. He offers us the same option he offered the disciples: "Do you also want to leave?" Jesus has not formed a chain gang but a community of free people whose motto is written in today's reading from Joshua: "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods."

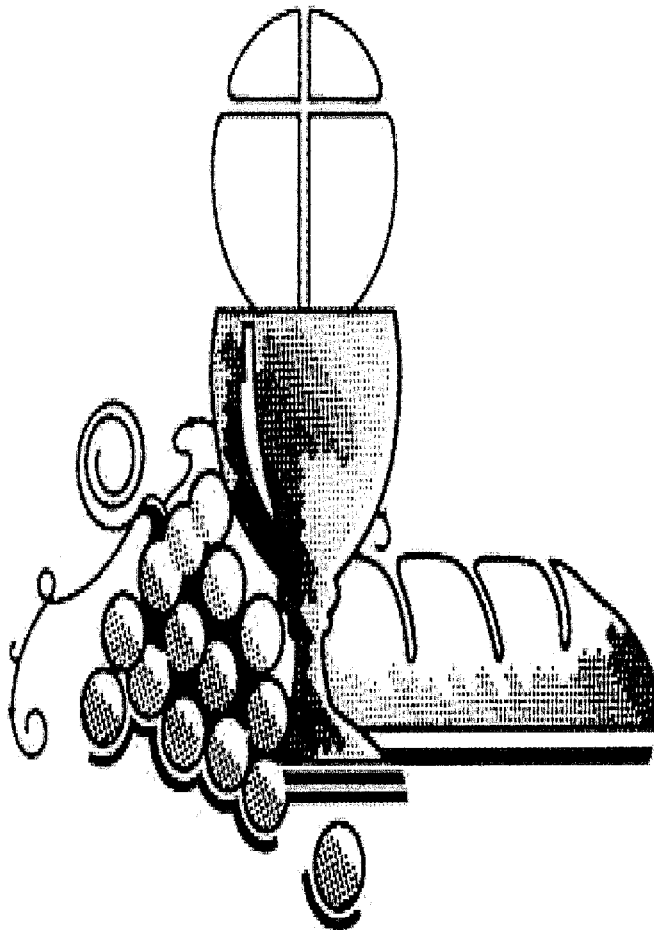
Peter speaks for all of us when he asks, "Master, to whom shall we go?" Is there anyone else who talks so clearly, so powerfully, so lovingly? Is there anyone else who acts so calmly, so decisively, so compassionately? Is there anyone else who could give us more than Jesus has given us? Who else has both the words of life and the bread of life to nourish us with? It looks as though it's either Jesus or nobody. So let's keep walking and let's be ever mindful of the gift we have been given and are called to share in our journey together.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
OF AUGUST 27, 2006

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mk 6:17-29
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18,
 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!



Welcome Sunday/Next Weekend

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration will be available next weekend, September 2/3 after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass, and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

Religion Education

Registration Reminder: Please remember that Now is the time to register for Religious Education classes. Classes begin on Sunday/Monday, September 10/11. Please stop by the R.E. 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. 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. Please 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.

Mary Ellen Staelgraeve

Attention! Holy Name Members

Our first meeting for 2006-07 will be held on Friday, September 1. We will meet at 7:45pm in front of church for prayers. Our meeting will begin at 8:00pm in Room 201 of the Education Building. A few annual events to discuss are, the turkey raffle, usher Christmas party, pancake breakfast. Dues (\$5) will also be collected and refreshments will be served after the meeting. Meetings are held the first Friday of every month. All men of the parish are invited to join us.

Dan Gibbons

Leisure Loafers ~ Mark Your Calendar!

Alice and I cannot believe that summer is coming to an end, and September is just around the corner. Our September meeting is scheduled for the 7th in Morrissey Hall at 1:00pm. After refreshments we will be entertained by Bill Bailey's Banjos. If you have not heard this group you will really enjoy them. If you have heard them, you know they are worthwhile and can enjoy hearing them again. So, members and non-members please join us, enjoy and have a good afternoon. Hope to see you there!

Mary White

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Mary Pogar, 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 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, 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.

Attention Lector and Auxiliary Ministers


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

Carol Pogar
Liturgist

Stewardship

"The measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Lk 6:38).

August 20

Budgeted revenue:		\$26,500
Collection Received:		23,233
Shortfall last week:	-	3,267
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	-	24,239
# of envelopes mailed:		3,190
# of envelopes returned:		854

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 allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.

Our Sharing Parishes

The parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Presentation and Our Lady of Lourdes have been integrated into St. Agatha's Parish. In order for this Catholic Community to succeed, they need our help and prayers. Please continue to be generous with our Sharing Parishes the first Sunday of the month.

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.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Who Is It For?

It's for any married couple who desires a richer, fuller life together, whether they have been married only a couple of years or many years. Come away with your spouse to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and truly enrich your marriage! The next weekend is September 22-24. For reservations or info, please consult our website at www.wmmechicago-gary.org or call Jim or Kris at 1-800-442-3554.

Walk for Life


Every year The Women's Center of Chicago hold their Walk for Life to raise money to help teen girls and young women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy situation. This year's event "The Women's Center 32006 Walk4life", will be held on Sunday, September 17, at St. Joseph High School, 1840 S. Mayfair Ave., Westchester. Please join others who care about life for a day of importance, purpose and fun! There will be prizes, food, music and activities for all ages. Registration is at 11:00am, Kickoff begins at 12:00pm, Sunday Mass is at 4:00pm. Register as a walker or donate on line at womenscenterwalk.ewalk.org. You can call with any and all questions. Please support this important fundraiser! God Bless You. The Women's Center at (773) 794-4770.

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**Mass Intentions for the Week of
August 28 - September 3**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Margaret and Francis Herzog
Tuesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Chester Szot, Linda Bagel
Wednesday	8:00am	Gil Walker, Evelyn Weaver
Thursday	8:00am	Joseph Megla, William Caplice
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Nan Rettig, Karen Gorak, Sam J. Mate, Jr., Linda Felice, George "Bud" Supplitt
Saturday	5:00pm	Lorraine & Frank Peck
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Bill Gilmer Robert Peck Virginia Shepler, Beth Salvitti Othon Delabra

Altar Servers 
September 2/3

- 5:00pm - J. Babirak, A. Kison, P. Oboikvitz
- 7:00am - D. Delaurentis, M. King, E. Mrazek
- 8:00am - C. McCollom, A. Condotti, K. Caplice
- 9:30am - C. Madden, K. Kelliher, H. Heim
- 11:00am - K. Baro, M. Micek, S. Lenz


Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed... Jack Richard Bingham, Maura Louise DeGroot, Stella Jane Gordon, William Henry Mineau and Dylan Edward Rickman to Our Parish Family.

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 02, 2006		9:30 AM	LR Reisel, Tom-
5:00 PM	LR Schump, Cathy-	SM Opila, Andy	C1 Horak, Veronica-
SM Koch, Barbara-	C1 Kensek, Maggie-	B2 Heyes, Stuart	C2 Heyes, Marlene
B2 Bamberger, MaryA	C2 Bozec, Betty	B3 Kwak, Tecla-	C3 Bartucci, Carol-
B3 Richards, Marge-	C3 Boyer, Kathy-	B4 Opila, Margo	C4 Opila, Andy
B4 Zaremba, Elizabeth	C4 Koch, Barbara-	B5 Nolan, Jeannine-	C5 Kunkel, JoAnn-
B5 Andrews, Diane-	C5 Hockman, Susan-	B6 Gardner, Fred	C6 Gardner, Joon
B6 Reichl, Mickie-	C6 Ward, Laura-	11:00 AM	LR Pisone, Mary Lou-
Sunday, September 03, 2006		SM Samuelson, Debra-	C1 Pavlik, Loretta-
7:00 AM	LR Loch, Len-	B2 Gleich, Sharon-	C2 Wehrmeister, Rh-
SM McCartney, Sandra-		B3 Benkert, Kim	C3 Benkert, John
B2 McCartney, Sandra-		B4 Dunkovich, Alice-	C4 Samuelson, Debr-
B3 Wouk, Dolores-		B5 DalPorto, Karen-	C5 Garske, Elizabeth
B4 Fahey, Ann-		B6 Ficaro, Jennie-	C6 Brannigan, Rita-
B5 Smith, David-			
B6 Mezan, Mary Ann-			
8:00 AM	LR Okkema, Peter		
SM Stamm, Richard	C1 Kuchta, Ann-		
B2 Farnsworth, Vicki-	C2 Saban, Jackie-		
B3 Okkema, Ann	C3 Dalsin, Pat-		
B4 Stamm, Barbara	C4 Stamm, Richard		
B5 Curotto, Louis-	C5 Hogue, Kay-		
B6 Karch, Terri	C6 Karch, John		



Wedding Banns 

Julie Crotty and Scott Fineron
Maureen Hickey and Jason Lovelace
Cassandra Johnson and Nicholas Rushing

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:
 ...Florence Rossi, mother of Angeline Rossi
 ...Catherine Fregeau, mother of Mary Yelton
 ...Tracy Lynn Carlisle, daughter of Dan & Kathleen

Joyful Again!

...is a two-day program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the grief they feel inside and begin to live again after the death of their spouse. Joyful Again! is based on the belief that with God's help all things are possible; that through Him we can help ourselves and each other. For more information on upcoming dates and locations, please call (708) 354-7211.