

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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PASTORAL OFFICES:

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LaGrange, Illinois 60525
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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark's Gospel has Jesus answering the wealthy young man's question of how he may obtain eternal life by telling him to give all his possessions and wealth to the poor and come follow Him. The young man leaves sad and disappointed with Jesus' answer.

Talking about money issues in church and the gospel's call for each of us to give not only of our time and talent but also to give generously of our financial resources is never easy. Just as with the wealthy young man we tend to want to walk away saddened and disappointed by this gospel demand on us. The gospel of Jesus Christ does not provide this response or reaction as a viable option if we are to be recognized as true followers. Jesus calls the young man and us to give equally of our time, talent, and treasure until it hurts. This becomes quite a challenge not only for the young man in the gospel but for us, as well, who have chosen to follow the Lord.

Next week you will find in the Canticle a summary of the end of the year financial report regarding the finances of St. Cletus Parish for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for your information and review. Please read it carefully. If you have any questions or need clarifications please direct them to the rectory and a member of the parish finance committee or I will be glad to try to provide you with the answers. Thank you for your generous support of our parish community with your time, talent, and treasure.

Parish Pastoral Council

I would like to update you on where we are with the creation of a new Parish Pastoral Council for our parish. I have been working with individual ministry areas that already exist in our parish to formulate advisory or consultative boards similar to our parish school board, our parish religious education board, athletic board, etc. Other areas we are looking at to establish representative boards are Worship which includes things like liturgy, music, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, and environment; Youth ministry/Social Concerns; Technology; Home Visitors; and others.

It is my hope that after the first of this year (2007) we would have the opportunity for these established ministries to elect representatives to serve on the parish pastoral council. The pastor would, also, appoint representatives from the parish at large and one parish staff member to serve as members of the council.

Once these members were in place their first task would be to formulate a constitution and by-laws for the newly established Parish Pastoral Council. It is my hope that we can have a functioning Council in place with a completed constitution and by-laws by the fall of 2007.

I will keep you informed of the progress and the development of our Parish Pastoral Council as we move along. Please keep this important project in your prayers. May it develop under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the continued spiritual well being of our parish family.

*God Bless You Always,
Father Bob*



Eternal Life: Deal or No Deal

Judging from the number of game shows on TV and the large viewing audiences they attract, there is really nothing that compares to riches. That's a significant observation in light of the text from Wisdom: "I deemed riches nothing in comparison to wisdom." Yet, there are numerous TV game shows developed specifically to appeal to our get-rich-with-little-effort enthusiasm. When someone wins a fair amount of money the host usually asks the contestant what he or she plans to do with it. Answers vary but often include taking a long vacation, buying a house or car, paying off debts or quitting a job and taking it easy. Once in a great while, though, someone might even mention that they would give some of their winnings to their favorite charity. But has anyone ever said the plan was to give it all away? Has anyone ever added that the plan also included selling everything else they have and giving it to the poor and then, follow Jesus? The shock of today's gospel is that keeping the commandments isn't sufficient for inheriting eternal life. More is asked of us. Jesus tells us exactly what that is. We are to sell what we have, give it to the poor and then follow him.

To inherit eternal life we must dispossess ourselves of anything that gets in the way of responding to the invitation to follow Jesus. We must look to God for salvation rather than to ourselves and our possessions. Sometimes the dispossession we need to consider most seriously has nothing to do with material things. At times we need to dispossess ourselves of our opinions in order to listen carefully to what another is saying. Perhaps, we need to dispossess ourselves of prejudice or of being obstinate. Perhaps it might be our tendency to gossip or our air of self-importance, arrogance or

In the gospel story, the man "ran up" to Jesus and later "went away sad." This man's departure from Jesus' company begs us to allow Jesus' words to challenge us. Shall we too depart? Are we too unwilling to forego the comfortable niche we have carved out for ourselves in this world, among our friends, within our comfort zone, surrounded by our possessions? There is no doubt that the cost of discipleship is high. But in the final analysis, it is up to each of us to decide whether eternal life is worth it. So, deal. . . or no deal?



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2006

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16;
Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!

October 15, 2006 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

These words of Jesus are so harsh that sometimes we are tempted to ignore them, thinking that He really could not have meant them. Yet when our lives revolve too much around material possessions it is difficult to find the necessary time for God, for salvation and for God's beloved poor.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs Edmund Burke, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Carson & Family, Mr. & Mrs John Casiello & Family, Donald DeRubis, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Martin & Family, Claudia & Christa McGlynn, Mr. & Mrs. Federico Perez & Family, James & Ann Reimann and Robert F. Suchy. If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not yet registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

An Unforgettable Evening with Matthew Kelly 9 LESSONS FOR ENDURING HAPPINESS

You are invited to join us as we welcome **Matthew Kelly** to St. Cletus Church on November 16, at 7:00pm.

Matthew Kelly is a *New York Times* best-selling author and is widely recognized today as one of the best speakers in the world. With his keen sense of humor and heart-warming charm, Kelly has been effortlessly elevating and energizing audiences in more than 50 countries for more than a decade. Kelly's presentation at St. Cletus Church will be based on his latest book, **Perfectly Yourself: 9 Lessons for Enduring Happiness**. This presentation is about moving beyond past conditioning and other peoples' expectations of who we are or who we should be to discover that we are PERFECTLY IMPERFECT...and that's okay!

"Only then do we come to the stunning realization that: Anything or anyone that does not bring you alive is too small for you."

Do not miss this opportunity to hear one of the most captivating and sought-after voices of our time!

For more information, call 708.352-6209.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

World Mission Sunday Second Collection - Next Weekend

Next Sunday, World Mission Sunday, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, calls every Catholic to celebrate, at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionaries and to help the Missions. Please be as generous as possible. Envelopes are available in the news today. May God bless you!

Cardinal Pursuit

Cardinal Pursuit is a trivia game night sponsored by the St. Cletus Athletic Association. This is a fun evening to get together with friends, neighbors or co-workers. The games will be held Saturday, October 21, starting at 7:00pm, in Morrissey Hall. Form your own team of eight players, bring your snacks and beverages, and we'll have a table waiting for you! The cost is \$10 per person at the door. Call Karen Lang at (708) 354-2513 with any questions. We guarantee fun only if YOU show up! Until then, ponder this, on the TV show, 'The Brady Bunch', what was Alice's last name?

(1) Reminder to Year I Confirmation Candidates and All Other Walkers:

The community CROP Walk against hunger is this weekend, on Sunday, October 15. So put on your walking shoes and check in at 1:00pm at the starting point, Highlands Presbyterian Church in La Grange Highlands, 1902 W. 59th St. Before we begin the 5K (about 3 miles) walk at 2:00pm, we will enjoy the music of the Praise Band from First United Church of La Grange. I am looking forward to seeing you then!

(2) Attention Men of the Parish!

We are looking for coaches for our high school boys' Junior/Senior Church League team. Practice begins in mid-November and is only once a week. Games are on Saturday (and a few Sunday) evenings, December through early March. It's a short, but fun season!! This could be a great opportunity for one of our former players who is 21 or older. Would interested parties please contact me as soon as possible at the youth ministry office (708)352-4641 or youth@stcletusparish.com? Please consider helping out. Thank you.

(3) High School Students

You are invited to take part in a special prayer experience, Taize Prayer, at Ascension Parish, 815 S. East Avenue in Oak Park, IL on Friday, November 3, at 7:00pm. Taize prayer is an ecumenical service developed in 1940 by a community in Taize, France. It consists of prayer, meditation and song, reflecting on the words of the scriptures and psalms, using the beautiful chants of the Taize Community. Why not come and join teens from all over the diocese in experiencing this unique prayer opportunity? Please contact me at (708) 352-4641 or marybeth.ford@stcletusparish for more details.

Mary Beth Ford

Respect Life

Male and female were created equally by God. Yet, they are different. Simone de Beauvoir feels that "woman's misfortune is to have been biologically destined for the reproduction of life." Shulamith Firestone views "the heart of woman's oppression is her childbearing and child rearing roles." Jeffner Allen defines a mother as: "She whose body is used as a resource to reproduce men and the world of men...Motherhood is men's appropriation of women's bodies as a resource to reproduce patriarchy." These attitudes are held by western medical feminists who seek to make men and women equal by undoing the tie between women and childbearing. They seek the social empowerment of women by making them the physical equivalent of men, and androgyny where nature and technology are manipulated and the nuclear family becomes obsolete. They suggest that a woman's road to freedom, equality, dignity and success is to start acting like men.

The Catholic Church and Pope John Paul II see men and women as equal but different. Men and women are essential to one another's growth as persons, as children of God. Women have the potential to understand and form relationships with the world and others in ways men cannot duplicate. Men should learn what women know of love, sensitivity, and nurturance; take woman's virtues and develop them albeit in a masculine way. The Catholic Church desires a world where woman's distinctive character is acknowledged and valued as a model for all human beings, where men and women work together to create the world in the image and likeness of God's original creation: Male and female, He created them.

Dr. Mike McDonnell

Please Pray for

... our sick in your prayers: Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Joanne Mate, Adrienne 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, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Louis Caesario, 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.

Stewardship

"Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gifts he has received from God." (1 Peter 4:10)



October 8

Budgeted revenue:	\$29,061
Collection Received:	23,837
Shortfall last week:	- 5,224
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 47,248
# of envelopes mailed:	3,187
# of envelopes returned:	990

Thank you for your continued support.

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.



Fr. Bob blesses pets and their owners on Saturday, October 7. The Pet Blessing was a great success.

Please Join US!

The St. Francis Xavier Men's Club is hosting their annual Pig Roast on Friday, October 20, 7:00pm to 1:00am in Joyce Hall. For further information, please contact Bill Mulaney at (708) 352-8289 or Joe Petro at (708) 482-8560.



**Mass Intentions for the Week of
October 16 - October 22**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Jozef Slowik, Angela Clifford, Eleanor Maday, Willard Sargeant, Ida Heffler
Tuesday	8:00am	John Fisher, Sandy Fisher, Velma Gartland, Gaetana Chiappetta, Lillian Stumreiter
Wednesday	8:00am	Paula Slobodnik, Bill McCollom, Warren Duckertt
Thursday	8:00am	Amelia S. Baricevich
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Marcie Johnston, Special Intention
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Mary McMahan Frances Ferrence, Brian Luczak, Stella & Felix Gambala, Nola Virruso
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	People of St. Cletus Ann Wojciechowski Judy & Pat Gleason, Thorbie Murphy, William McCollom, Mary McMahan Mike & Jeanne O'Brien

Altar Servers
October 21/22

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

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, October 21, 2006		9:30 AM	LR Dalsin, Pat
5:00 PM	LR Demonte, Linda-	SM Curnutt, Rose-	C1 Severino, Laurie-
SM Kalata, Marcie	C1 Toshoff, Christine	B2 Kelliher, Larry	C2 Kelliher, Karen
B2 Bamberger, MaryA	C2 Kessler, Trudi	B3 Nash, Sheila-	C3 Nolan, Jeannine-
B3 Boyer, Kathy-	C3 Ryva, James-	B4 Koch, Barbara-	C4 Curnutt, Rose-
B4 Bartucci, Carol-	C4 Kalata, Marcie	B5 Zupancic, Robert	C5 Hagen, Julie-
B5 Reichl, Mickie-	C5 Sipek, Sarah-	B6 Maday, Josephine-	C6 Nicosia, Christine
B6 Sheridan, Erin-	C6 Condon, Mary Ka-	11:00 AM	LR Banser, Kelly-
Sunday, October 22, 2006		SM Dunkovich, Alice-	C1 Brannigan, Rita
7:00 AM	LR Loch, Len-	B2 Smith, David	C2 Smith, Paul
SM Stamm, Barbara		B3 Gebka, Mary Lu-	C3 Fisher, Harry-
B2 Stamm, Barbara		B4 Gleich, Sharon-	C4 Dunkovich, Alice-
B3 Stamm, Richard		B5 Heyes, Marlene	C5 Heyes, Stuart
B4 Beales, Madine		B6 Hoskins, Celine	C6 Hoskins, William
B5 Beales, Dave			
B6 McCartney, Sandra-			
8:00 AM	LR Curotto, Louis-		
SM Welch, Jerry-	C1 Hogue, Kay		
B2 Thornton, Madeline	C2 Thornton, William		
B3 Micek, Dan	C3 Micek, Judy		
B4 Wouk, Dolores-	C4 Welch, Jerry-		
B5 Anfield, Therese-	C5 Kuchta, Ann-		
B6 Wiley, Jackie-	C6 Bliss, Georgia		

Wedding Banns

Vanessa Felice and Jeff Zuffrano

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- ...Mary Pogar, mother of Carol Pogar
- ...Ann Grundman
- ...Mary Nugent
- ...William Magee, husband of Joan
- ...Lucille Magee, mother of William and Marty Magee

A Weekly Thought from Matthew Kelly

“The human heart has an incredible healing power. Reach out to someone today and just hold their hand or hold them in your arms and comfort them”.

God’s love does not differentiate between the newly conceived human infant still in his or her mother’s womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the 12th General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life, February 27, 2006