

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

**600 W. 55th Street
LaGrange, IL 60525
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WEBSITE EDITION



MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00p

Sunday: 7:00a, 8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a, 6:00p (Spanish)

Evening Before Holy Day: 7:00p

Holy Days
6:30a, 8:00a, 9:00a

Monday - Saturday
8:00a

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the rectory office at 708-352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates & times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME / HOSPITAL VISITATION & COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office at 708-352-4834

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 PM

Rev. Robert Clark
Pastor

Rev. Patrick O'Neill
Associate Pastor

Rev. Charles Watkins
Associate Pastor

Maria Arias
Director of Hispanic Ministry

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director / Social Concerns

Jolene Hillgoth
School Principal

Patricia Kahl
Director of Religious Education

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FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 5:1-11

Life is never easy. It always presents us with challenges, some difficult, some easier but it also presents us with opportunities. We see in today's gospel Peter facing a challenge from Jesus. Peter is sure that Jesus' request for them to return to fishing that day was not only a challenge but most likely a waste of their time and energy. After all this was Peter's profession, he knew what he was doing when it came to fishing but Jesus is about to teach him what faith can bring you. Peter respects Jesus' request and takes a chance and is amazed, overwhelmed, and moved by the result. He finds himself buried in fish, almost to the point of sinking his boats.

When have we been called by Jesus to move in a new direction or meet a new challenge that at first sight seems unreasonable or hopeless? When we have found the courage and strength to accept the challenge we come to discover that the outcome is one filled with grace. Jesus challenges us through the gospel to have faith and trust in Him and our lives will forever be changed with abundant grace. This is often not an easy thing for us to do in our lives. We have been taught and conditioned to be in control and self sufficient at all costs. Jesus tells us to persevere in faith and trust in Him. Let us be recommitted today to openness to the Lord even when it doesn't appear to be safe or logical. The result may amaze, overwhelm, and move us to a closer relationship with Jesus, family, neighbors, and friends.

New Children's Bulletins

I am very pleased to announce that as of last weekend we will have weekly Children's Bulletins available for the young children of our parish after the Masses in the vestibule. The bulletins are filled with fun activities based on the scriptures each week. I encourage all of our young children to take one each week and grow in their knowledge of the scriptures while having fun completing the activities. Hopefully this will be one more way we can reach out to our younger parishioners each week. After all they are a vital part of our worshiping community here at St. Cletus.

The Cardinal's Annual Appeal

You will find a brochure in this week's Canticle regarding the Cardinal's Annual Appeal. I will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend regarding the appeal. Next weekend you will hear the Cardinal's address regarding the appeal and we will be asked to complete the pledge envelopes. I ask that you read the brochure and pray that you will be open to this year's campaign which helps to provide for all the services and works of our Archdiocese.

*Blessings,
Fr. Bob*



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
People of dedication

“What would become of the world if there were no religious?” Saint Teresa asked in her *Autobiography*. Let’s hope none of us ever has to experience the answer to that question! Pope John Paul instituted the first World Day for Consecrated Life in 1997 “to promote a knowledge of and esteem for the consecrated life by the entire People of God.” A world without these dedicated women and men who teach, preach, and minister to us in sickness and sorrow, serve as missionaries, spiritual directors, pastors, and leaders in every aspect of society is unthinkable. Give them your support and thanks.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11*

“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Spencer Tracy was right

If you’ve ever seen the 1960 movie *Inherit the Wind*, you’ll remember it’s a dramatization of a trial in which a teacher, John Scopes, was prosecuted in 1925 for teaching the theory of evolution in violation of a Tennessee anti-evolution statute in force at the time. A climactic moment occurs when Clarence Darrow, played by Spencer Tracy, squares off with William Jennings Bryan, played by Fredric March, about whether the seven days of creation were literal days. Darrow wins the day by arguing that “day” may be a metaphor; thus the Bible was still right without holding it to the 24-hour standard.

The point of the creation story lies not in how long creation took but in the fact that it was *God* who created the world and did so out of a desire to share God’s love. Let’s return that love by caring for and sustaining God’s beloved creation.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56*
“And God saw that it was good.”

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
FEAST OF PAUL MIKI, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
Forgiveness lessons

“Forgive and forget” is not a phrase from scripture. “Forget and forgive” is what Shakespeare’s King Lear asks, on the grounds that he is “old and foolish.” These days, forgiveness itself is presented as a choice of those who are foolish: If you let those who wrong you off the hook, they’ll just come back for more. Yet Jesus from his cross offers forgiveness to his executioners, and the Jesuit Paul Miki imitated this grand freedom to forgive during his crucifixion in Nagasaki in 1597. Forgiveness must be freely given, because that’s how it comes to us from God in Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13*
“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
The enemy within

“She looks like a tart!” Lynn complained to her mother, Margaret, about the way her daughter Holly dressed. Margaret recalled to her that she thought Lynn dressed a little trashy when she was in high school. Then she remembered that her own mother griped about her looking like a “hippie” when she was a kid.

“And great-grandma dressed like a flapper,” Margaret laughed. “Holly isn’t a tart,” she went on. “She’s a good girl and just wants to dress like the other kids.” Lynn didn’t need to change the way her daughter dressed. She needed to change the way she looked at her.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23*

“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come.”

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 FEAST OF JEROME EMILIANI, PRIEST
No child left behind?

Born into a noble family, Jerome Emiliani (1481-1537) led the life of a carefree and dissolute soldier. After being captured and imprisoned, however, he underwent a conversion. Upon release he began devoting his resources to overseeing the educations of his nephews then caring for the sick and poor. Eventually he dedicated himself to abandoned children—of whom he is the patron saint. In a time of celebrity adoptions of orphaned children, Jerome helps us to remember that unwanted children are everywhere, including at our doorsteps, and that all children need care and support.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30*

“Sit, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
A garden-variety problem

A theology professor once explained the story of Adam and Eve eating the forbidden fruit like this: Imagine someone owns all the property in a large city, and they decide to give it to you. The only condition is that the giver can have one apartment where the light always stays on. You agree. But then the first thing you do is rush to that city, go to that apartment, and turn off the light.

The Israelites set down the “fall of man” story to help explain why people suffer and sin: Because they willfully do harmful things they really don’t have to do. God wants the good for us. To turn to God brings abundant life. God always stands ready to welcome us back and heal us when we have turned away. Take a step toward God today.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37*

“Did God say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?’”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 FEAST OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN
What a wonderful world

Saint Scholastica (480-543), founder of the Benedictines along with her twin brother, Benedict, continues to play a powerful role in the lives of modern monks, including the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, who state in their mission: “We are committed to the gospel and the vision of life practiced by Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica. . . . We lead an ordinary lifestyle of prayer and work, but do so for an extraordinary reason: We want to change the world. We want a world that is more compassionate, just and forgiving. . . . where children can grow up without violence. . . . where there are no hungry and no homeless. . . . where all people are treated with dignity and respect, where all creation is seen as sacred.”

What a world that would be. Do your part to make it so.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10*

“If I send them away hungry to their homes they will faint on the way.”

Reminder: Year II Confirmation Candidates

The Rite of Election/Enrollment of Names will take place at the 11:00am Sunday Mass this weekend..

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director

“Meet Our R.C.I.A. Candidates”



Hello. I am Bill Cerwin. We moved to La Grange from Wadsworth and the St. Patrick Parish in 2005. We have been attending St. Cletus since 2005 and have enjoyed our time with Men’s Monday Night Basketball and

meeting many new friends. My wife Carol recently gave birth to our second child, Kathleen Marie and we have a 3-year-old named Luke who goes to Kensington School in La Grange. Carol is a Quality Manager for a Stainless Steel Company and I sell information and technology to the Legal Industry. We enjoy our cottage in Northern Wisconsin on Keyes Lake as much as possible in the summer with boating, four wheeling, swimming and an occasional game of golf.

I feel that RCIA will help bring our family closer by having one religion in our house and I have enjoyed the process immensely so far. With my bride growing up Catholic and myself having been confirmed a Missouri Synod Lutheran, the transition has been a very smooth one.

My personal sponsor is James Krecek, who I grew up with and worked with at the Brookfield Zoo in the 1980’s. My parish sponsor is Linda Lofgren and I have enjoyed getting to know her during the Wednesday night classes.

Eucharistic Adoration...

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Monday, February 5, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00am Mass and continues in the church until Solemn Benediction and Evening Prayer at 6:45.

Volunteer adorers please keep your usual schedule.

Compassionate Care Ministry - In Service

Reminder: On Tuesday evening, February 6, at 7:00pm in Room 201 of the Education Building, a training session will be held for all those who have volunteered to participate in the Compassionate Care Ministry. This is a very important gathering and we strongly urge all those who have volunteered for this new ministry to attend. If you have any questions, please email us via the St. Cletus website, ccm@stcletusparish.com. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Eugenia Callison
Committee Member

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Zack Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, 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, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, 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 Krolecki, Mary O’Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

Mission Ladies “Thank You”

I would like to say “Thank You” to all those who gave of their time and those who donated material so that we could continue our work of making dolls, lap robes, stuffed animals, wheel chair bags, and toys.

This past Christmas we were able to make 1,480 items of the above and distribute to ten different charities.

Mission Ladies are still in need of either worsted yarn or baby yarn and of fabric. Also we still can use more helping hands – those who can sew and donate their time each Wednesday morning from 9:15am`til Noon.

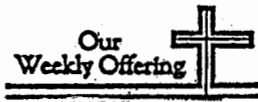
No experience is required. If you are interested, please give me a call at (708) 839-9605.

Again, “Thank You All So Much.”

Dolores Scaletta

Stewardship

"We follow your will and put our hope in you...Everything that we achieve is the result of what you do." (Isaiah 26:8-12)



January 28, 2007

Budgeted revenue:	29,061
Collection received:	26,356
Shortfall last week:	- 3,705
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 84,250
# Of envelopes mailed:	3,291
# Of envelopes returned:	890

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.

Champions of Faith

The First Annual Champions of Faith Awards Reception and Benefit will be held on February 11, from 2:00 - 4:00pm at the Cadillac Club at Soldier Field. The Champions of Faith Project is a Catholic evangelization mission which hopes to showcase the intersection of sports and faith by profiling many of the most accomplished and devout figures in sports both on and off the field. Juan Pierre - former Chicago Cub and Champion of Faith, and Jack McKeon - former Manager of the 2003 Champion Florida Marlins, will be awarded for their leadership and virtue both on and off the field. This event is hosted by Chicago Bears owner Patrick McCaskey and will feature keynote presentations from featured guests and a stunning sneak peek from the groundbreaking new title film - Champions of Faith. If you need more information, please visit www.ChampionsofFaith.com.

Thought for the Day

The stronger your belief in goodness, the better your chance of discovering it.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2007

A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to read and reflect upon the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "Your reward shall be great in Heaven" (Luke 6:23).


This theme comes from the Sermon on the Mount. Christ is not saying, "If you give money, your reward shall be great in Heaven". That would be too easy. He is saying, That through our actions and interactions with others, each of us has an obligation to leave the world a better place than it was when we arrived. A significant gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal enables each of us to touch the lives of many others in a very positive way.

The Annual Catholic Appeal provides a significant portion of the budget of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. Chicago is no exception.

The Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over five months. Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But, it does, because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many will enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministry and services.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.


 Mass Intentions for the week
 February 5 – February 11

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society –Jozef Slowik, Ken Soldat, Martin Kelley, Nan Rettig, Mr. & Mrs Joseph Haraburda
Tuesday	8:00am	Timothy O’Connell, Marcie Johnston
Wednesday	8:00am	Catherine Rondelli, Stefan & Paulina Slobodnik, Francis Herzog
Thursday	8:00am	Bruno Bransberger, Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Celeste Klees, Velma Gartland
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Stella & Felix Gembala, Brenda Lively
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	John Hopp John Gil, Chester Stalmack Lorraine & Frank Peck, Michael Arpaia Elizabeth A. Weller, Walter Depa Maryann & Louis Frandsen - 50 th Wedding Anniversary

Readings for the Week	
Monday:	Gn 1:1-9; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1-20 — 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15-12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:
 ...Francisca Recia Flores, grandmother of Ariel Flores
 ...Dolores M. Bechen, mother of Dorey Kuhn
 ...Tyler Duelm
 ...Diana Pahlman, mother of John

Planning

If you are planning for a year,
 sow rice.
 If you are planning for a decade,
 plant trees.
 If you are planning for a lifetime,
 educate a person.
 –Chinese Proverb

Altar Servers



February 10/11

5:00pm - G. Valdez, T. Lenz, N. Magats
 7:00am - J. Kern, K. Cernetig, A. Heslin
 8:00am - Q. Collins, J. Cripe, M. Gray
 9:30am - N. Smith, M. Thomas,
 M. Johnson-Dahl
 11:00am - J. Newman, A. Driscoll, B. Okkema

Heads Up!



Please take extra care walking in and out of church this time of year. With cold and icy weather, floors and sidewalks tend to be slick.

Wedding Banns

Christine Arturi and Greg Vaupell