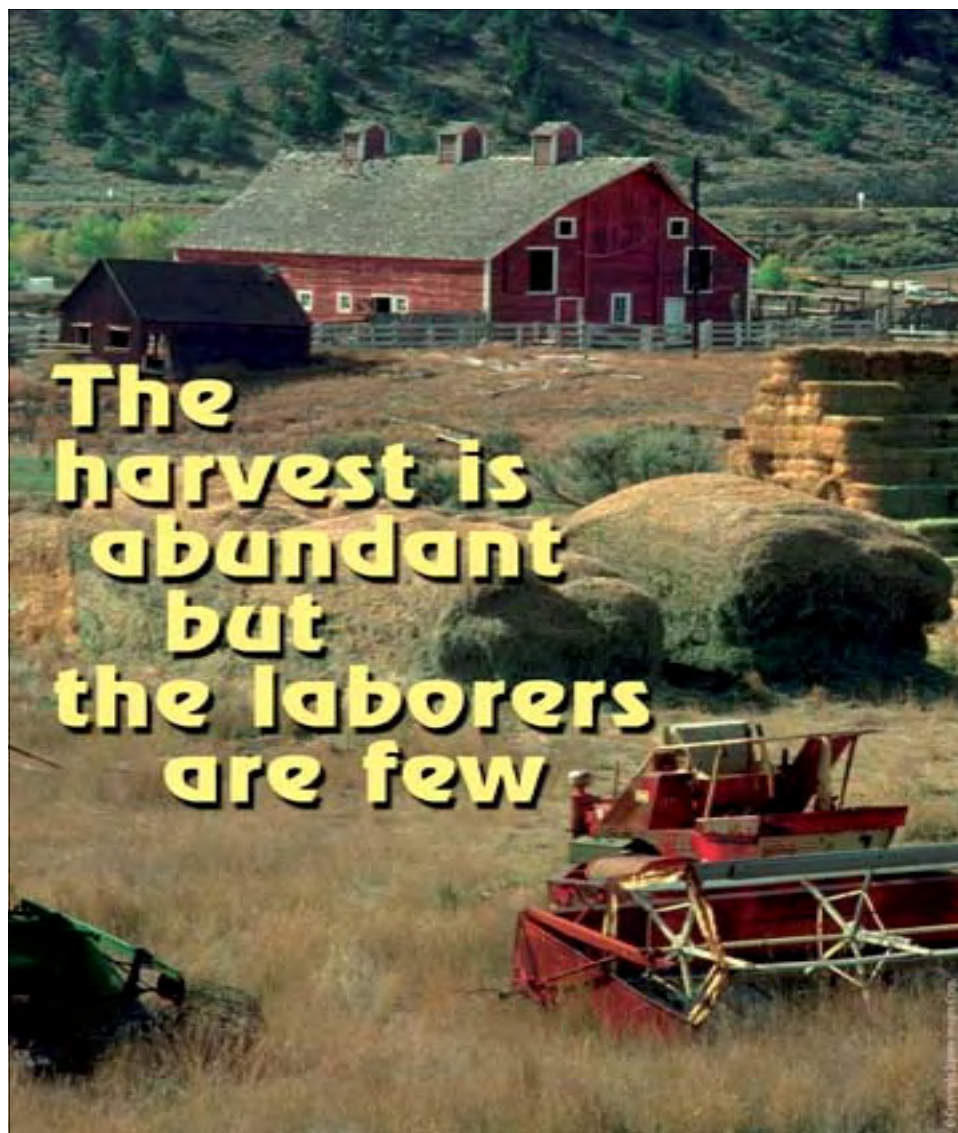


# St. Cletus Canticle

*July 8, 2007*

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



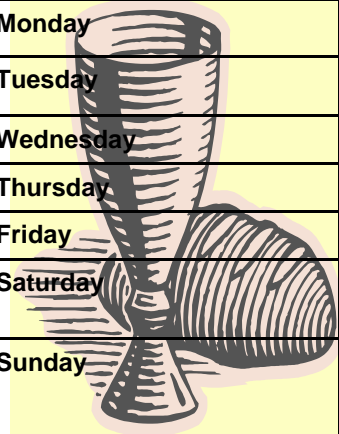
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## Mass Intentions for the Week of July 9 - July 15

| Day       | Time                                  | Intention  |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Monday    | 8:00am                                | Purgatorial Society - Jack Carter, William Taylor, Joseph Sorce  |
| Tuesday   | 8:00am                                | Bruno Bransberger, Roger Vandriessche, Ray Janikas   |
| Wednesday | 8:00am                                | Celeste Klees, John Hopp   |
| Thursday  | 8:00am                                | Johnston Family  |
| Friday    | 8:00am                                | Purgatorial Society - Tom Kigin, Joseph Kasperski  |
| Saturday  | 8:00am<br>5:00pm                      | Stefan & Mary Slobodnik<br>Ann Grundman  |
| Sunday    | 7:00am<br>8:00am<br>9:30am<br>11:00am | People of St. Cletus<br>Purgatorial Society<br>Michael Arpaia, Virginia Geary, Camille Serpico<br>Martin "Bud" McDonnell, L. B. Russell, Edward Cassidy, Ray Janikus,<br>John Pavlik |



### July 14 - 15

5:00pm - M. King, Q. Collins, K. Collins  
 7:00am - N. Lobraco, J. Ward, M. Johnson-Dahl  
 8:00am - RE  
 9:30am - J. Krecek, B. Stepuszek, M. Thomas  
 11:00am - N. Smith, N. Magats, J. Jaskierski



### Welcome to Our Parish Family...

*Madelyn Maegan Brennan*  
 daughter of Peter & Karen  
*Madison Marie Pyrcce*  
 daughter of Jennifer

### Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 14, 2007

|                 |       |                              |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------------|
| <b>5:00 PM</b>  |       |                              |
| SM Swindall, T. | LR C1 | Staelgraeve, M. Bozec, Betty |
| B2 Heyes, S.    | C2    | Heyes, M.                    |
| B3 Thornton, M  | C3    | Thornton, W.                 |
| B4 Swindall, V. | C4    | Swindall, T.                 |
| B5 Nicosia, C.  | C5    | Kensek, M.                   |
| B6 Ford, MB     | C6    | Zaremba, E.                  |

Sunday, July 15, 2007

|                |    |                 |
|----------------|----|-----------------|
| <b>7:00 AM</b> |    |                 |
| SM Curnutt, R. | LR | Staelgraeve, M. |
| B2 Curnutt, R. | C1 | Bozec, Betty    |
| B3 Smith, P.   | C2 | Heyes, M.       |
| B4 Smith, D.   | C3 | Thornton, W.    |
| B5 Fahey, A.   | C4 | Swindall, T.    |
| B6 Hinton, G.  | C5 | Kensek, M.      |
|                | C6 | Zaremba, E.     |
|                | LR | Chlapecka, T    |

|                      |       |                       |
|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| <b>8:00 AM</b>       |       |                       |
| SM Welch, J.         | LR C1 | Curotto, L. Saban, J. |
| B2 Stamm, R.         | C2    | Stamm, B.             |
| B3 Kwak, T.          | C3    | Dillane, J.           |
| B4 Warren, C.        | C4    | Welch, J.             |
| B5 Biesadecki, C, C5 | C5    | Biesadecki, B.        |
| B6 Kuchta, A.        | C6    | Borsilli, H.          |

**9:30 AM**

|    |            |       |                           |
|----|------------|-------|---------------------------|
| SM | Opila, M.  | LR C1 | Wehrmeister, R.           |
| B2 | Burke, K.  | C2    | Severino, L. Williams, A. |
| B3 | Gleich, S. | C3    | Stumreiter, E.            |
| B4 | Opila, M.  | C4    | Opila, M.                 |
| B5 | Blecic, D. | C5    | Blecic, D.                |
| B6 | Micek, J.  | C6    | Micek, D.                 |

**11:00 AM**

|    |               |       |                           |
|----|---------------|-------|---------------------------|
| SM | McCaffray, P. | LR C1 | DalPorto, C. Dalporto, K. |
| B2 | Samuelson, D. | C2    | Fisher, H.                |
| B3 | Mangahas, A.  | C3    | Haggerty, F.              |
| B4 | Maday, J.     | C4    | McCaffray, P.             |
| B5 | Meuwissen, J. | C5    | Hagen, J.                 |
| B6 | Provan, J.    | C6    | Provan, K.                |



### Wedding Banns



Mary Patricia Murphy and Matt Ramirez  
 Paula Banser and Michael Osterhout  
 Sandra Froylaw and Jose Alfredo Jimenez



Please pray for our deceased and their families...

† *Joseph Galat*  
 father of Wanda Sanders

## ***FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS***

### ***14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*Jesus continues his journey toward Jerusalem and along the way appoints seventy-two to go ahead of him in pairs to prepare the way for him by preaching and healing. Here Jesus endows his disciples with his authority and power to heal. He wants them not only to work in the abundant harvest, but also to pray for more laborers.*

*The focus of today's readings is about this restless itch to advance the work of the Lord that is often met with resistance and rejection. Jesus continues to call us to not only follow but to take action in his name.*

*There seems to be an instinct sewn into the fabric of who we are that moves us outward. Some folks need to be a success. Others need to make a difference. Still others need to mix it up in life. Something will not leave us content. Could that be the call of JESUS?*

### ***New Parish Pastoral Council (P.P.C.)***

*The new Parish Pastoral Council (P.P.C.) met for the every first time on June 26<sup>th</sup> beginning a new period of history for our parish family. The new council members were selected from our existing ministry commissions which are each overseen by a parish staff member. Each Ministry commission was asked to send to the new council two representatives to represent their particular ministry area. There were two representatives appointed by the pastor from the general parish population and a liaison selected from the parish finance committee. The parish staff selected one representative to serve on the council. Please check the Parish Web Site for the meeting minutes. They were all in-serviced by the Institute of School and Parish Development on Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*The Institute is a national consulting firm that works with Catholic parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. Stephanie Greenwood will be our personal consultant and will be working with our new P.P.C. and the parish over the next 12 months to guide the parish through a process that will create a 3-5 year development plan for the future. There will be an opportunity for every parishioner to get involved and participate in helping to develop our plan for the future.*

### ***P.P.C. MEMBERS***

#### ***Pastor***

***Fr. Bob Clark***

#### ***Associate Pastors***

***Fr. Pat O'Neill, Fr. Charles Watkins***

#### ***Staff Representative***

***Ms. Jolene Hillgoth***

#### ***Finance Liaison***

***Brian Kapusta***

#### ***Parish Representatives***

***Joe Bamberger, Still to be announced***

#### ***Worship Ministry Commission***

***Jackie Wiley, Sue Schiller***

#### ***Ministry of Care/Compassionate Care Commission***

***C. Rodger Brown, Xavier Polanski, Rita Pawlowicz***

#### ***Education Ministry Commission***

***Anne Babirak, Sharon Gleich***

#### ***Social Concerns Commission***

***Maureen Soldat, Jim Ryva***

#### ***Youth Ministry Commission***

***Barb Mitchell, Rita F. Mayer***

#### ***Hispanic Ministry Commission***

***Arturo Flores, Still to be announced***

#### ***Development Ministry Commission***

***Maggie Nelson, Tom Finucane***

#### ***Technology Ministry Commission***

***Mark Staelgraeve, Still to be announced***

#### ***Parish Life Ministry Commission***

***Still to be announced, Still to be announced***

***God's Blessings on Everyone,  
Father Bob***



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

### SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2007

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### Always new

After 2,000 years it may be hard to see what's new about your faith. The focus tends to fall on what is unchanging—the truths of the faith that tell us who God is, who we are, where we're going. But Christians also believe God constantly offers newness. The Christian message is that God has recreated and renewed the world in Jesus; that through forgiveness people can always start over. The first Christians embraced this newness. It should be no less exciting today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

*"A new creation is everything!"*

### MONDAY, JULY 9

#### FEAST OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

##### The faith that perseveres

It's hard to be a faithful Catholic in China. The government there rejects the authority of Rome and tries to impose its own will on the church. But there are an estimated 10 million Chinese Catholics who refuse to obey the government and remain faithful to Rome. Some even go to prison for their faith. On today's date in 1815, Saint Zhao Rong died in a Chinese prison for being a Catholic. So when American Catholics question and even disobey the law in order to follow God's justice, they can look to Saint Zhao, who understood what was illegal but obeyed a greater authority.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26*

*"Seeing the woman, Jesus said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.'"*

### TUESDAY, JULY 10

##### Think charitable thoughts

A woman once refused to extend her hand at the Sign of Peace during Mass. At the time it seemed unfriendly, even rude to the other churchgoer. But after Mass, she explained that her arthritis was painning her terribly and shaking hands would have hurt her. Then the person sitting next to her felt embarrassed that she had taken offense so wrongly. How often do we, like the Pharisees, leap to a negative assessment of the motivations of another person only to find out they meant nothing of the kind? Think gently of others as you would like them to think of you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38*

*"When the demon was cast out, the Pharisees said, 'By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.'"*

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

#### FEAST OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

##### A monk for all seasons

Saint Benedict basically invented monasticism in the West. After some ups and downs he established a community of monks around the year 529 on Monte Cassino in Italy. The rule he wrote to guide the monks in their life together proved to be a blueprint for making monasteries stable communities in which knowledge and culture could flourish in an often unstable society.

While in the church's history—to borrow a current phrase from politics—"mistakes were made," the church has also contributed to establishing and protecting important human values like dignity, faith,

justice, and others. What Christian values influence you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7*

*"As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'"*

### THURSDAY, JULY 12

##### Do these instructions come with instructions?

Ever read a how-to manual and find that you don't understand the directions? Jesus' directives to his disciples can sound equally confusing. How are we supposed to do what Jesus asks when what he asks is, to put it mildly, miraculous? Maybe we can't cure the sick, but we can give them support and encouragement. We can't raise the dead, but we can keep their good example alive by telling their stories. We can't cleanse a leper, but we can befriend a social outcast. We can't toss a demon, but we can name it plainly for what it is.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15*

*"Jesus instructed his disciples, 'Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.'"*

### FRIDAY, JULY 13

#### FEAST OF SAINT HENRY

##### Room at the inn

When he became emperor of Germany in 1002, it is said that Henry prayed for one thing—humility. He was well aware of the allure of the trappings of power and worked hard to maintain a simple lifestyle. During his frequent travels, he stayed at monasteries as much as possible, so as to maintain a faith perspective while dealing with his many worldly affairs. If you feel burdened by the "affairs of the world," perhaps a visit to a nearby monastery is just what you need. Many monastic communities offer guest lodgings and individual and guided retreats. Book one today!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23*

*"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."*

### SATURDAY, JULY 14

#### FEAST OF BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

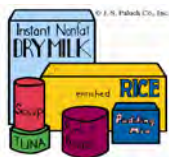
##### A small but powerful light

Blessed Kateri was a child of the often hostile social and political collision of the Old European world with the Native American New World. An Indian virgin of the Mohawk tribe, Kateri wore this confrontation physically upon her face, being marred and half-blinded by the small pox carried over by Europeans. However, as Father Pierre Cholenec reported, at her deathbed the face so disfigured by the world suddenly became transfigured by Christ. Her look turned so beautiful before death that the French missionary could only conclude the girl had been received into heaven at that moment. Kateri experienced a kind of transfiguration. Through this experience she was claimed as a citizen not of the world old or new, but of the heavenly kingdom. Where are our ultimate allegiances?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33*

*"What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops."*

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### Food Pantry Last call!

There's a few days left for you to donate groceries for the Thursday, July 12, distribution. We still need some of our staples, especially rice, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits, pasta sauce, meals in a can/box, and cereal. Of course, all in-date non-perishables are welcome! You may drop off your contributions in the designated area of the church vestibule from 8:00AM to 4:00 PM this week. Thank you for your faithfulness in responding to the needs of our Food Pantry.

### Good News!

Our St. Cletus Community Food Pantry just received a check for \$924.85 from the proceeds of the 2006 La Grange/Western Springs CROP Hunger Walk. The letter from Church World Service states "This contribution to your work represents the commitment and compassion of CROP Hunger Walk volunteers, walkers and donors, and is presented in recognition of the outstanding work you're doing to help stop hunger and poverty in your community."

Our **THANKS** to all who took part, especially to our first year Confirmation Candidates! We also plan to take part in this year's Walk, so watch the Canticle for details as we come closer to Fall. Besides reaching out in partnership to poor and hungry people, here and in some 80 countries around the world, the CROP Hunger Walks elect to share up to 25% of what they raise with effective local hunger-fighting agencies such as ours. That is good news!

*Mary Beth Ford*  
Director of Social Concerns

### Youth Ministry News

#### Looking for a Few Good Men and Women....

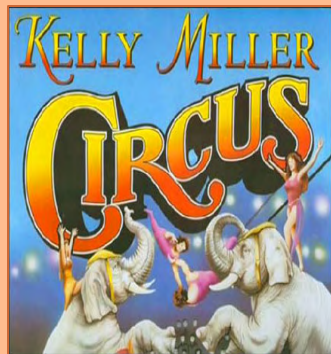
Do you have enthusiasm for working with teens, concern for the growth and development of youth, and a desire to share your faith with others? I am looking for some warm, honest and sincere parishioners who are flexible and willing to give of their time and talent to minister to our teens in the position of Adult Small Group Advisor in our High School Confirmation Preparation Program. These Advisors share their home and their faith as they meet six times a year in groups of 10-14 teens to nurture the spiritual development of our youth.

Lesson planning/formation sessions are held monthly to give Advisors the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. Please pray and strongly consider this commitment. This position is a two-year commitment, which can be filled by couples, individuals or can be shared with a friend. I am happy to meet with you, answer any questions regarding this ministry and/or put you into contact with past/present Advisors. I can be reached at 215-5419 or [acranny@stcletusparish.com](mailto:acranny@stcletusparish.com).

#### Great America....

Great America is on July 25th! Looks like we will have a large group.....but you still have time to get permission slips in! Bring your high school friends and have a great day! Buses will depart at 12:30pm from St. John of the Cross. Permission slip forms can be downloaded from our website at [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth) and turned into the youth ministry office by July 16th. Any questions, please call Amy Cranny at 215-5419.

*Amy Cranny*  
Youth Director



The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to St. Cletus on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Show Times at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
Advanced tickets will be available after all Masses starting Sunday, July 29, 2007.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Robert Orrico, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach 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, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Debbie Broz, Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

### Early Childhood Religious Education

This Sunday School is for children ages 3-5. 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 for all classes. Please contact Mary Ellen Staelgraeve (708) 352-7693 for more information and a registration form.

### Christian Giving



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| <b>Budgeted revenue:</b>                               | <b>\$ 29,060</b> |
| <b>Collection received:</b>                            | <b>29,395</b>    |
| <b>Surplus last week:</b>                              | <b>895</b>       |
| <b>Revenue to budget</b>                               |                  |
| <b>Surplus for this fiscal year:</b>                   | <b>895</b>       |
| <b># Of envelopes mailed:</b>                          | <b>3,291</b>     |
| <b># Of envelopes returned:</b>                        | <b>880</b>       |
| <b>Thank you for your continued financial support.</b> |                  |

### Catechists Needed!

What are you doing on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm? Nothing can be as rewarding as sharing your faith with our students as a religious education catechist. You will be filled with the joy of knowing that you serve a God of joy and laughter and are helping to spread the kingdom of God to a world in need of joy. Call the religious education office (708-352-2383) for more details.

*Pat Kahl*

Director of Religious Education

### *Fiesta*

...is now over, but we would like to thank the Fiesta Crew who worked so hard for the week.

Ms. Regina Augustine led us in play and song! Mrs. Michelle Mellgren helped us make many crafts all week.

Mr. Bob Linkowski showed us the videos at Cheddar's Drive-In! Also, our delicious snacks were prepared and served by the loving hands of Georgian Rekash.

Our teen leaders included: Derek Hebal, Michele Jasinski, Ed Marchese, Kelly Meade, Sarah Sipek, and Kendra Tosheff.

Gracias to all of the individuals that made our FIRST Bible School in many years a Big Success!

*Pat Kahl*

Director of Religious Education

Please note on page seven the names of the children who attended *Fiesta*!



**Gracias to all these  
friends who made  
Fiesta the best  
VBS ever!**



**MASSES**

Saturday Evening: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:00AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM,  
11:00AM, 6:00PM (Spanish)

Monday: 8:00AM

Tuesday: 8:00AM

Wednesday: 8:00AM

Thursday: 8:00AM

Friday: 8:00AM

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00PM

Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00AM

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00AM

**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 (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 (215-5407)

**CONFESSIONS**

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45 PM

**Rectory Office Hours**

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>9:00am-5:00pm</b> |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>9:00am-5:00pm</b> |
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| <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>9:00am-5:00pm</b> |
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| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>8:00am-1:00pm</b> |

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