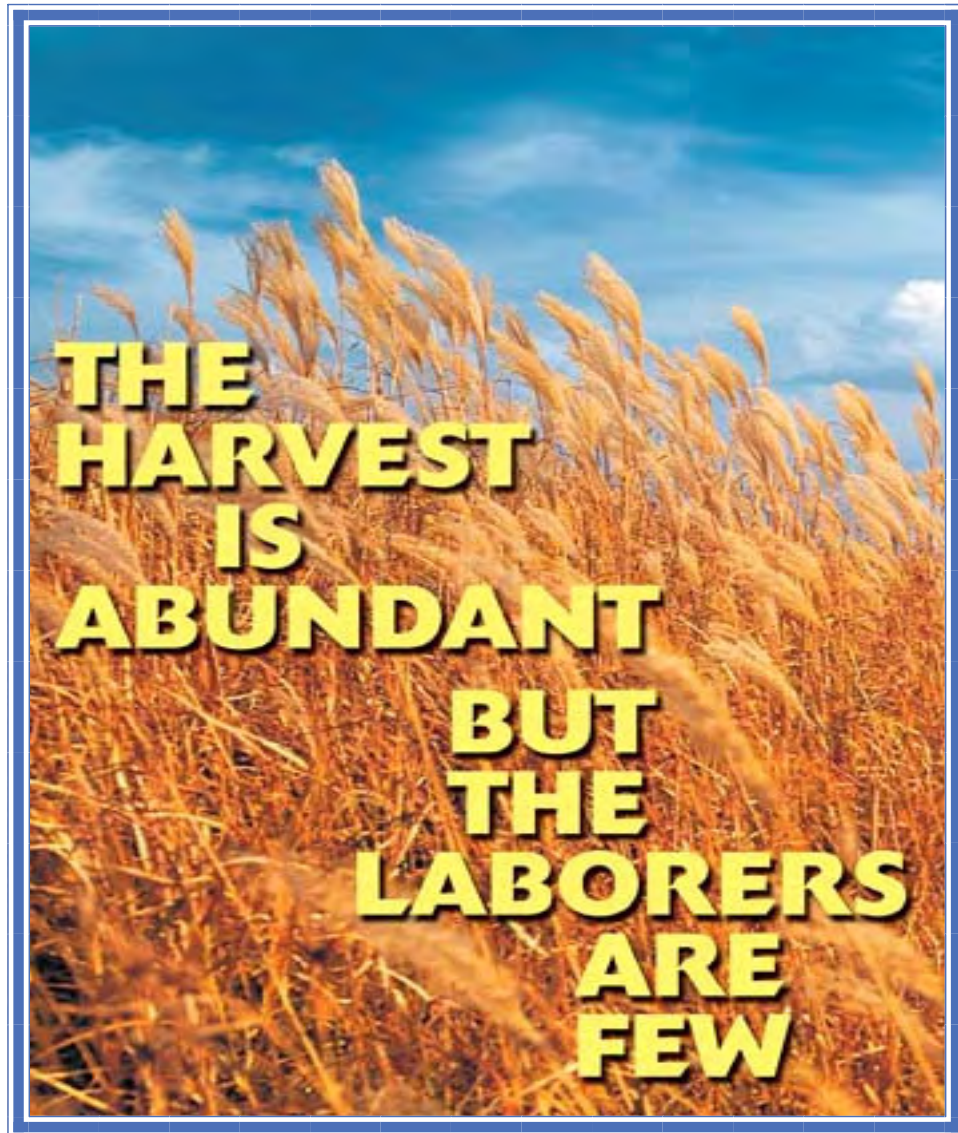


St. Cletus Canticle

June 15, 2008

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



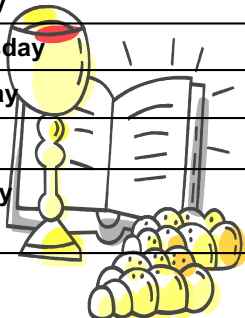
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Mass Intentions for the Week of June 16 - June 22, 2008

Day	Time	
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Fran Cirrincione, Katherine Korkos
Tuesday	8:00am	Geraldine Okkema, Joseph Megla
Wednesday	8:00am	Kadlec Family, Denise Delaney
Thursday	8:00am	Frank Wojcik
Friday	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Robert Suchy, Dan Rosko, Bob Cowdrill, Donna Czerwinski
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	People of St. Cletus Jim Chrzanoski Kathy Wollscheid, Mary Ragsdale Fr. Patrick Murphy, Timothy Benrus, Jean Petricig, Paulina Slobodnik, Charles Daley Hispanic Ministry



**AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF JUNE 21/22**

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Kalata, M.	Zmuda, R.	Hagen, C.	Curnutt, R.	Dunkovich, A.
LR	Chlapecka, R.	Loch, L.	Goethals, K.	Rotunno, P.	O'Dowd, M.
B2	Kalata, M.	Zmuda, R.	Hagen, C.	Curnutt, R.	Dunkovich, A.
B3	Beales, N.	Zmuda, L.	Hagen, E.	Blecic, D.	Hoskins, C.
B4	Burke, R.	Ward, L.	Severino, L.	Zupancic, R.	Nash, S.
B5	Bozec, B.	Meade, M.	Parlier, D.	Schump, C.	Augustyn, R.
B6	Thornton, M.	Mezan, M.A.	Kuchta, A.	Severino, S.	Mulderink, K.
C1	Richards, M.		Zaremba, E.	Burke, K.	Mangahas, A.
C2	Ryva, J.		Hagen, J.	Baretucci, C.	Brannigan, R.
C3	Beales, D.		Hagen, Julie	Tosheff, C.	Fisher, H.
C4	Burke, J.		Micek, J.	Nilles, C.	Ficaro, J.
C5	Hockman, S.		Parlier, J.	Nicosia, C.	Gebka, M.L.
C6	Thornton, W.		Saban, J.	DalPorto, K.	Garske, E.
Altar Servers	Balch, J. Balch, A. Hurley, D.	Bogolin, K. Pett, D. Collins, K.	Goethals, A. Pristo, J. Sarantopoulos, G.	Pikul, K. Dalporto, T. Stanczyk, S.	Ruggiero, T. Ward, J. Oboikovitz, C.




Wedding Banns

Katie Moss & Mike Brazee

Kathleen Murray & David Patterson

Beata Avila & John Larson

Please pray for those who have died and their families.

 *Catherine "Go-Go" Hall,*
mother of Kathleen Hall

May God grant her eternal rest.
Amen.



*ST. CLETUS PARISH
Welcomes...*

Carter Jacob Kallal,
son of Kelly (Matulionis) & Jason Kallal
to the Catholic Faith through the
Sacrament of Baptism.

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.

—Book of Blessings, no. 1733

Notes from Father Bob...

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's hard for us to imagine what criteria Jesus might have used in selecting the twelve apostles. They were certainly a diverse group of people, from varied backgrounds, and each with their own characteristics. As Jesus' life and mission unfolds, we learn more and more about them: their great acts of faith, their loyalty and enthusiasm; but we also meet their doubts, their unfaithfulness and distress.

If we were looking today to employ people for an important job, we'd probably want strict interviews, good references, and the best qualifications possible. The amazing thing about Jesus is that he chooses people to work with him even though he knows all their faults. Jesus knew the disciples had human failings and fragile lives, but he chose them for who they were. Their willingness to respond, to follow his call, was far more important than any personal worthiness. In the midst of their ordinary lives, Jesus invited them to do extraordinary work and they said "yes". Perhaps they found courage to do this in the very attitude of Jesus himself. Matthew begins by telling us how Jesus saw the crowds and felt sorry for them. This incredible compassion, Jesus' immense love, may have helped shift the focus from their human weakness to the greatness of sharing in God's plan of salvation.

Appreciating more about God's love and less about our own weakness takes time; it was only slowly, that the people of Israel came to trust they were supported more by God's strength, than by their own efforts. Gradually, we too can begin to grasp more fully the truth set before us by St. Paul – that Christ died for us while we were sinners, while we were imperfect. There's a popular poster that shows an image of the crucifixion and states, "I asked Jesus, 'How much do you love me?'" Underneath is written, "He replied, 'This much,' and then stretched out his arms and died." As Jesus came into our broken world and conquered sin and death, so he meets us in our broken lives and calls us to discipleship.

Possibly one of the greatest barriers in the Christian life is an unhelpful sense of our unworthiness. We are sometimes so aware of our shortcomings that we ask: Would Jesus really want to call me as a disciple if he truly knew what I was like? Well the answer is "yes." Jesus knows each one of us through and through and he chooses us to follow him and work with him. We are not called because of our talents, useful though these might be in building God's kingdom. No, Christ summons us because he loves us and in loving us opens up the way for us to love and serve him and each other. We could never be worthy enough to earn eternal salvation; this is God's free gift in Christ. Discipleship is about our willingness, not our worthiness.

Father Pat O'Neill

Next weekend we will set some time aside to thank Father Pat for his seven years of dedicated service to our parish community. Father Pat will celebrate these past years at the 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by a reception in his honor in Morrissey Hall.

We thank Fr. Pat for his years with us and wish him God's blessings and our sincere gratitude as he moves on to St. Alexander's Parish in Palos Heights as of the 1st of July. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts as he prepares for this new ministry assignment. The faith community of St. Alexander's is blest to have him as their new associate pastor.

Come next Sunday to the 11:00 a.m. Mass and help to celebrate Father Pat's service to our parish family. We all thank God for his dedication and his wonderful sense of humor.

*Extraordinary Blessings,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Looking for laborers

Fathers, wouldn't it be great for your children or grandchildren to land the best job in the world? What a great Father's Day present that would be. How about encouraging them to become a different kind of father—or a sister or brother? A recent survey listed "clergy" as the career choice offering the most job satisfaction. Despite the scandals that have rocked the church, Catholic priests are still among the happiest people on earth, and religious brothers and sisters also have unusually high job satisfaction. Jesus told his disciples to pray for vocations to the ministry of the harvest. Combine your prayers with words of encouragement and some literature from vocation directors or diocesan vocations offices. A lifetime of happiness is all that we could wish for our children.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8*

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

MONDAY, JUNE 16 - Bottomless pockets

People often seek guidance about how to respond to the "spare change" people who camp out on city streets. They also want to know what to do with the mountains of solicitations they receive in the mail. Obviously, if we gave every single time we're approached, some of us would be asking for spare change ourselves before long. But the secret truth we don't like to acknowledge is that most of us could give far more than we do. The best advice I've received is: Give till it scares you. That's the threshold where the faith walk begins.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42*

"Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you."

TUESDAY, JUNE 17 - Breaking even

The love to which Christ calls us is not a zero-sum game. But we often treat it that way. We are polite to the coworkers who are polite to us. We send birthday gifts to those who remembered ours. Perhaps we only give that amount of affection to our spouses that we can be sure he or she will reciprocate. When we treat people according to the way they treat us, our love is a slave to the wills of others. It can never flow freely. We seek to break even in our love, when all we do is allow the other party to dictate its limits. This attitude is so contrary to the love of Christ, who loves each according to his own will, his own grace. Pray today that your love will flow through the freedom Christ has given us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48*

"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Left holding the bag—or the mantle

Elijah's farewell is less about a prophet's grand exit in an F-4 tornado and more about what remains of him. Like Elisha, the friend and disciple left behind, we may feel the absence of Jesus and overwhelmed by the task he has left us. But Elisha is left with more than memories and a ministry. He has his master's mantle, and a "double share" of his spirit. In our turn on the planet, we, too, may feel our Master has left us on our own, but Jesus assures us that here on earth we will do the same things he did

"and greater besides"—not walking on water or changing water to wine but "righteous deeds," acts of compassion, justice, and forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18*

"As Elijah and Elisha continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven."

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

FEAST OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

Note to myself: Become a saint

Sometimes the life of a saint can seem so far beyond our ability to model that we feel defeated before we start. How many of us have thought, "I could get close to God, too—if I didn't have this demanding job, or these children to care for, or this household to manage. Anyone can pray in a monastery!" Saint Romuald, who spent his life in pursuit of solitude, silence, and contemplation, understands our dilemma. He wrote, "The fact that we cannot duplicate their [the saints'] lives does not change the call to us to be totally open to God in our particular circumstances." Yes, we are busy. But God is calling us "in our particular circumstances." How can we be open to God today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15*

"In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words."

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Eyes on the prize

Perhaps you have heard of a monastic discipline called "custody of the eyes," which originally was promoted as an aid to chaste living. In our age of total media exposure and graphic representations of sex and violence, we would do well to exercise a measure of this discipline in our own lives. If the eyes are the window to the soul, there might indeed be good reasons to keep the blinds half drawn much of the time. Overexposed eyes can lead to a washed-out soul. Focus on your higher calling and exercise discipline as to where you let your eye wander, for there your heart may soon follow.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23*

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

As you sow, so shall you reap

"If we are rushed for time, sow time and we will reap time," Dorothy Day wrote in her memoir *The Long Loneliness*. "Go to church and spend a quiet hour in prayer. You will have more time than ever and your work will get done. Sow time with the poor. Sit and listen to them, give your time lavishly. You will reap time a hundredfold. Sow kindness and you will reap kindness. Sow love, you will reap love." How many of us would try to cope with our busy schedules by actually taking time for something not on our to-do lists? Yet if we trust, God will multiply the time we invest in prayer, love, and generosity into a great harvest.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34*

"Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY...

Thank You! for your generosity in helping us fill 150+ bags for our June food distribution. The struggling economy has affected all of us, and so we especially appreciate your continuing to make it part of your routine to pick up some items for the Food Pantry when you do your weekly grocery shopping. Our pantry shelves have many empty spaces. Here are a few reminders as we begin to restock them:

- During the summer months our food donations fall off somewhat because of people on vacation, etc. However, our need remains constant. Please remember us!
- At this time we have no pasta and a great shortage on these staples: pasta sauce, tomatoes, meals in a can/box, tuna, canned vegetables & fruits, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, soup, rice, and pinto beans.
- Each month we try to include a few extras in each pre-packed family bag. We also have a “specials table” from which each family may choose an item or two. Some favorites include coffee, powdered or evaporated milk, oatmeal, juice, crackers or cookies, diapers (especially sizes 4& 5), toiletries, laundry detergent and dish washing soap.
- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated. Please remember to check expiration dates to avoid out of date goods which we cannot use.
- These items can be dropped off in the designated food bins located in the Madonna della Strada shrine in the Church vestibule. You can bring them when you come to Mass over the weekend, or daily, from 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM.
- As you tend your gardens, remember that we have a “Share the Wealth” distribution of fresh produce on the days of our August and September food distributions. Watch the Canticle for details.
- The Food Pantry distributes groceries from the vestibule of the Church on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Our next distribution will be on July 10.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com.
Thanks again!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 MASS: On Wednesday, June 25 at 6:00pm, there will be a special Mass for all youth in the Archdiocese held at St. John of the Cross in Western Springs by Francis Cardinal George. This will be followed by food and a free outdoor concert. Please see the enclosed flier in the canticle. If you'd like to go with the high school teens from St. Cletus, please RSVP to me at 708-215-5419 or to www.stcletusparish.com. We will arrange a place to meet so we can sit together.

GREAT AMERICA: Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 13! We will once again be going to Great America with the teens from St. John of the Cross in Western Springs. The day will begin with 9:00am Mass at St. John's and we will leave from their parking lot immediately following Mass. The cost is \$38 for your ticket and bus transportation. We will return to St. John's at approximately 11:15pm. This trip is open to all high school teens in the parish and their friends. You can download the permission slips/info from our website at www.stcletusparish.com and click on the youth ministry icon. We've always had a great time so come out and join us!

Amy Cranny
Youth Director

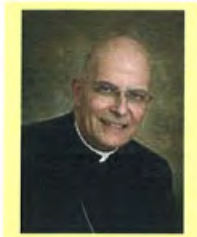


World Youth Day 2008 Mass

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witness"

"Recibiréis del Espíritu Santo la fuerza que descenderá sobre vosotros, y seréis mis testigos"

"Gdy Duch Święty zstąpi na was, otrzymacie Jego moc i będziecie moimi świadkami"



Francis Cardinal George, OMI

Mass will include a special blessing and sending forth

Wednesday, June 25, at 6 p.m.

St. John of the Cross
5005 South Wolf Road
Western Springs

Youth and Young Adults

All youth, young adults, and adults who will be going to World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney, Australia and those who will be celebrating WYD Chicago Style, please join us in inviting youth ministry leaders, pastors, parish staffs, family and friends.



John Angotti, who performed on April 17 with Spanish tenor Plácido Domingo and American mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves for Pope Benedict XVI's first U.S. papal Mass. John is a full-time Pop/Contemporary music missionary, who travels throughout the United States and abroad with his musical message of faith and hope.



Jorge Rivera, Hispanic Young Adult Ministry Coordinator in the Archdiocese of Chicago will bring his riveting Latin rhythms and God's message of hope to Central and Latin America. Jorge's recording entitled ENTRA is a contemporary Latin/pop-styled CD that features great anthems of discipleship, testimony, and witness.

Refreshments, light supper
FREE Outdoor Concert
Following the Mass



Free will donations are graciously accepted **to defray the cost of the concert.**

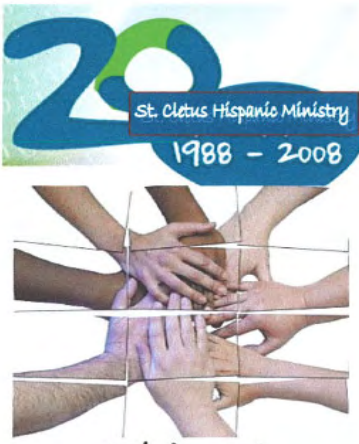
Please mail them to: **OFC/Youth Ministry**

Attn: **WYD 1025 W. Fry Street, Chicago, IL 60622**

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

Maria (**Cooky**) Perez-Eraci, Coord. of Youth Ministry for Vicariate V 708-370-3674 meraci@archchicago.org





Celebrate!
 Twenty Years of reaching out and
 Sharing the Good News
 Twenty years of being a Voice of Hope
 On June 29, 2008
 Thanks giving Mass at 12.30 noon.
 Presided by Bishop John Manz
 Concelebrated by the Scalabrinian Brothers
 Accompanied by the Holy Cross Marimba Band
 of Fr. Bruce Wellems
 Followed by a Parish Picnic

Stewardship

“If everyone would take only according to his needs and would leave the surplus to the needy, no one would be rich, no one poor, and no one in misery.” -St. Basil

Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend..... \$ 25,531
 A Year Ago 29,414

Sunday Collections thru 06/08/08.....\$1,357,940
 Sunday Collections thru 06/10/07..... 1,272,944

PROPER VALUES

Jesus does not condemn money in itself, but neither does he uphold material wealth as an ultimate goal in itself.
 He wants us to learn to value things rightly, understanding that our lives are transitory and short, and that our goal should not be wealth and security here and now, but the eclipsing wealth of eternal life with him.



CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

Please join us for a fun day on the golf course, followed by dinner, open bar and raffle. We have great give-a-ways and raffle prizes.

The St. Cletus Athletic Association is sponsoring it's *7th Annual Cardinal Open Golf Outing*, June 27, at the Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont. All proceeds benefit St. Cletus School.

For further information, please visit our parish website www.stcletusparish.com and follow the link to the golf outing. Or, contact Dave or Jeanne Kelly to reserve a spot (708-354-4625). Thank you for supporting St. Cletus School.

The St. Cletus Athletic Association

Put Your Faith Into Action!

**Interfaith Community Partners
 Volunteer Training Sessions**

For people who want to serve older adults through visitation, telephone reassurance or providing assisted transportation. Open to all.

Sunday, June 22, 11:00am
 Presbyterian Church of Western Springs
 5250 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL
 A light lunch will be served.

Registration & Questions: (708) 579-8929



BIBLE SCHOOL

Are you looking for adventure this summer? Then **COME TO THE RANCH, THAT IS AVALANCHE RANCH.** We are having our staff meeting on Monday, June 16, at 10:00am. Join us as we plan an exciting week of Round-Up activities for our campers. You won't be sorry that you did. Students in Grades 6and up-adults through age 99 are welcome to participate as a helper in the fun! Please call me, (708-352-2383) or just come to our planning meeting. The one thing that I will guarantee is ***You Will Find Adventure and Fun at the Ranch!***

Pat Kahl
 Director of Religious Education

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Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

**Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)**

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 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 4:15-4:45pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

1st Monday of the Month immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00pm Friday, **one full week** prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to canticle@stcletusparish.com.