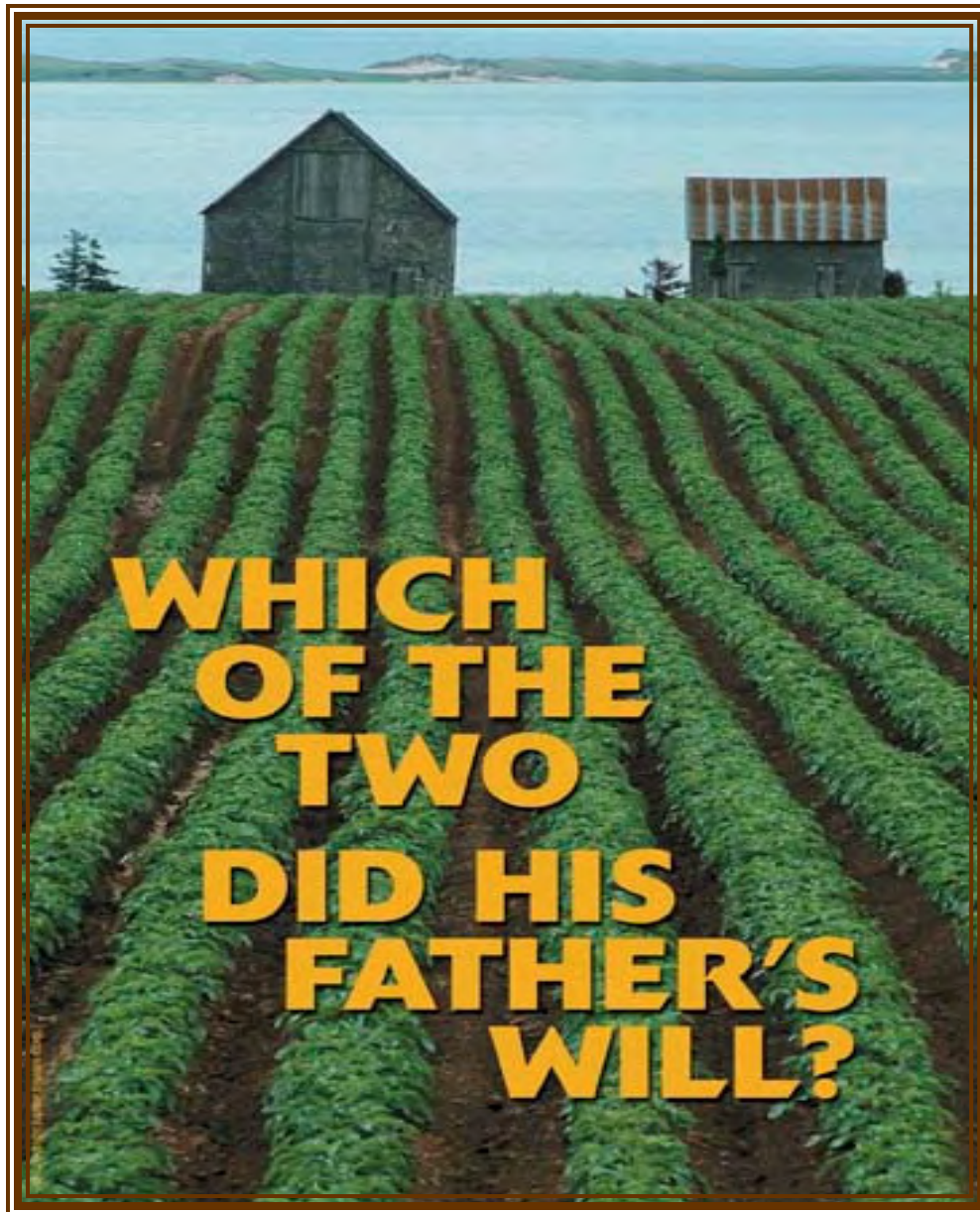


# St. Cletus Canticle

*September 28, 2008*

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



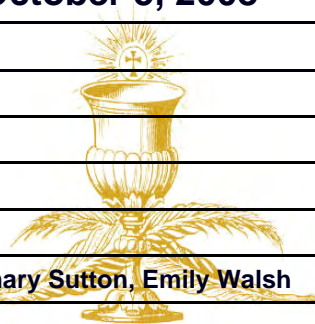
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**Mass Intentions for the Week of September 29 - October 5, 2008**

Day	Time	
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Frank Wojcik, Michael Maly
Tuesday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society
Wednesday	8:00am	Adam & Marie Pietrzak
Thursday	8:00am	Parish Priest's Intentions
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Nan Rettig, Frank Wojcik, Rosemary Sutton, Emily Walsh
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Frank Baggio Robert Suchy, Mary Jane Taylor, Ida C. Stuart, Dolores Magdziarz, Stella & Felix Gembala, Mary & Stanley Micniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Mabel & Ed Gordon, Christine Walton Brian Luczak Bill Magee, Louise Heidemann, Jack Lewis Timothy Benrus, Robert Snyder Hispanic Priest's Intentions


**AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE  
WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 4/5, 2008**

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Benkert, K.	Zmuda, R.	Samuelson, D.	Micek, J.	Bolton, P.
LR	DeMonte, L.	McDonnell, M.	Dalsin, P.	Reisel, T.	Rotunno, P.
B2	Benkert, K.	Zmuda, R.	Samuelson, D.	Micek, J.	Bolton, P.
B3	Sheridan, E.	Parlier, D.	Bliss, G.	Provan, J.	Fisher, H.
B4	Ford, M.B.	Parlier, J.	Szabelski, R.	Malcek, L.	Ficaro, J.
B5	Hockman, S.	Zmuda, L.	Karch, T.	Nolan, J.	Mulderink, K.
B6	Kessler, T.	Hinton, G.	Gleich, S.	Stumreiter, E.	Pristo, B.
C1	Andrews, D.		Zarmba, E.	Kuchta, A.	Keating, Gay, S.
C2	Benkert, J.		Kwak, T.	Wehrmeister,	Condon, M.K.
C3	Ryva, J.		Curotto, L.	Provan, K.	Nilles, C.
C4	Delaloye, J.		Dunkovich, A.	Meuwissen, J.	Chaney, M.
C5	Kensek, M.		Karch, J.	Blecic, D.	Schump, C.
C6	Bozec, B.		Meade, M.	Tosheff, C.	Augustyn, R.
Altar Servers	Donatelli, L. Hurley, D. Callahan, K.	Murphy, M. Bowie, D. Findley, T.	Finucane, M. Dostal, A. Figura, M.	Geraci, M. Mrazek, M. Tosheff, K.	Bendyk, D. Heim, J. Ruggiero, T.

**Wedding Banns**

*Nicole Martin  
&  
Jonathan Wouk*

*Sara Hamilton  
&  
John Hodak*

**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, October 6th, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00am Mass followed by Benediction at 6:45pm.

Thank you so much for serving our parish as an Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or usher. Your skills and training are so valuable and we count on you and look for you at Mass.

Paulette Bolton  
Director of Liturgy

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DEAD...**

*Ruth D. Prusha,*  
mother of Joanna Boyle and  
grandmother of Donna Boyle

**AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS.**



## ***NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...***

### ***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*Someone (Socrates) once said that a life not reflected on is no life at all. In today's gospel, Jesus is asking us to reflect on our lives and see if we have been trying to build up his kingdom. We will know this by the lack of conceit among us. We walk in his kingdom when our actions lead others to believe that living in love is possible. The author of the letter to the Philippians lets us know what the kingdom might look like. In a normal grouping of people there will always be personality clashes, petty rivalries and a certain degree of ambition. The task of any Christian community is to gradually overcome those initial differences, building up trust by the love we share among us. When we rely on only our own resources this will be impossible. Any progress we make in virtue will not be of our own making but is gained for us by the cross of Christ. The proper attitude then is not one of pride but one of gratitude and humility.*

*Jesus welcomes sinners into his kingdom, saving his condemnation for the Pharisees in their hardness of heart. They are too stubborn to see that they are being called to conversion. In their arrogance they believe they have the fullness of the truth and have no need of any new prophets, or messiahs for that matter. But to those who know their need for forgiveness, those who have fallen but are trying to turn their lives around, Jesus offers the possibility of redemption from past mistakes.*

*We all spend much of our lives looking after those who have been given to us, our spouse, and our children. It is through this self-giving that we follow the example of Jesus. We come together in the Eucharist, to share our faith, and to draw strength from God and each other. Of course, it can sometimes be difficult to admit that we are in need of help. But reflecting on our lives we could all say that we need the strength of Jesus. Is there anything in our lives that needs to change if we are to be faithful to the example of Christ?*

*We often fail each other and fail ourselves in word and deed. But we can take courage from the message of Jesus that the first in the kingdom are those we might consider least. It is never too late. Saint Augustine, who spent many years far from Christ, finally admitted his need for forgiveness. He later penned the words: "Late have I loved thee, O beauty so ancient and so new." No one is beyond the power of Jesus and his redeeming love. He proves that love by pouring his life out for us on a cross.*

### ***Faithful Citizenship***

*The 2008 elections are quickly approaching and there are numerous issues confronting our country at this time. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in their reflection "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" (2004) offers us some questions to consider during the campaign:*

- After September 11, how can we build not only a safer world, but a better world – more just, more secure, more peaceful, and more respectful of human life and dignity?*
- How will we protect the weakest in our midst – innocent unborn children? How can our nation not turn to violence to solve some of its most difficult problems – abortion to deal with difficult pregnancies; the death penalty to combat crime; euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with burdens of age, illness, and disability; and war to address international disputes?*
- How will we address the tragic fact that more than 30,000 children die every day as a result of hunger, international debt and lack of development around the world?*
- How can our nation help parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, a sense of hope, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility? How can our society defend the central institution of marriage and better support families in their moral responsibilities?*
- How will we address the growing number of people without affordable and accessible health care? How can health care better protect human life and respect human dignity?*
- How will our society combat continuing prejudice, overcome hostility toward immigrants and refugees, and heal the wounds of racism, religious bigotry, and discrimination?*
- How will our nation pursue the values of justice and peace in a world where injustice is common, desperate poverty widespread, and peace is too often overwhelmed by violence?*
- What are the responsibilities and limitations of families, community organizations, markets, and government? How can these elements of society work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good and care for creation?*
- When should our nation use, or avoid the use of military force – for what purpose, under what authority, and at what human cost?*
- How can we join with other nations to lead the world to greater respect for human life and dignity, religious freedom and democracy, economic justice and care for God's creation?*

*Please see [www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship) for the complete "Faithful Citizenship" statement from the USCCB.*

*Blessings and Peace,*

*Father Bob*

**ST. CLETUS PARISH  
BALANCE SHEETS  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in bank	\$ 160,833	\$ 67,813
Cash - Auxiliary groups (1)	114,330	100,452
Tuition receivable	2,135	14,885
Parish investments at market value	1,194,028	1,362,819
Restricted School endowment investment at maket value	<u>665,323</u>	<u>637,340</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 2,136,649</u>	<u>\$ 2,183,309</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 80,495	\$ 183,955
Tuition deposits	<u>210,087</u>	<u>170,151</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>290,582</u>	<u>354,106</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted (1) (2)	1,180,744	1,191,863
Restricted School endowment (3)	<u>665,323</u>	<u>637,340</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>1,846,067</u>	<u>1,829,203</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 2,136,649</u>	<u>\$ 2,183,309</u>

(1) - The Archdiocese asked all parishes to include the bank accounts of their auxiliary groups, such as Family School Association and Athletic Association, in parish financial statements. These financial statements have been modified to include the bank accounts of parish and school auxiliary groups for both years.

(2) - In prior years, the parish showed a liability for roof repairs. A \$100,000 repair liability was previously reflected for June 30, 2007. Because a roof repair was not required, this \$100,000 liability has been reduced to zero as of the date it was accrued.

(3) - The Restricted School endowment investment is not available for general parish operations.

**ST. CLETUS PARISH  
STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE  
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b><u>Church Revenue</u></b>		
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 1,466,370	\$ 1,376,677
Christmas collections	241,212	239,622
Easter collections	120,374	112,352
Investment income	77,370	151,324
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	124,921	115,526
Summer Projects	88,773	19,462
Bequest/Memorials	30,505	-
Net Auxiliary groups' revenue (4)	13,878	16,490
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	80,440	49,440
Other income - i.e. vigils, sacrament fees, mass stipends, outreach	115,116	88,303
<b>Total Church Revenue</b>	<u>2,358,959</u>	<u>2,169,196</u>
<b><u>Church Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	906,454	852,518
Utilities	61,793	63,998
Maintenance & repairs	140,699	164,141
Office / technology	54,590	73,468
Liturgical / books	97,706	149,644
Archdiocesan assessments	308,968	286,700
Summer Projects	78,491	19,462
Long Range Plan/Development	37,731	2,692
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	80,440	49,440
Miscellaneous - i.e. food, transportation, outreach, hospitality	140,401	139,409
<b>Total Church Expenses</b>	<u>1,907,273</u>	<u>1,801,472</u>
<b>Church Net Surplus</b>	<u>\$ 451,686</u>	<u>\$ 367,724</u>
<b><u>School Revenue</u></b>		
Tuition & fees	\$ 1,486,267	\$ 1,416,072
Associations	188,600	176,300
Other	202,906	187,083
<b>Total School Revenue</b>	<u>1,877,773</u>	<u>1,779,455</u>
<b><u>School Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	1,751,404	1,589,361
Utilities	68,548	69,517
Maintenance & repairs	105,181	87,605
Books / instructional / technology	105,584	114,148
Insurance / assessment	54,626	51,522
Other	66,635	84,431
Associations	188,600	176,300
<b>Total School Expense</b>	<u>2,340,578</u>	<u>2,172,884</u>
<b>School Net Deficit</b>	<u>\$ (462,805)</u>	<u>\$ (393,429)</u>
<b>PARISH OPERATING (DEFICIT)</b>	<u>\$ (11,119)</u>	<u>\$ (25,705)</u>
<b>Restricted net income from School endowment (5)</b>	<u>27,983</u>	<u>76,517</u>
<b>NET PARISH SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$ 16,864</u>	<u>\$ 50,812</u>

(4) - Net Auxiliary groups' revenue is now reflected in both years.

(5) - The Restricted net income from the School endowment is not available for general parish operations.





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

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Please join me

Changing minds and hearts is each Christian's mission. Sometimes the task requires involved argument and persuasive debate. But more often than not all it takes is a simple invitation: Everyone is welcome. Meet my friends. Participate in this event. Gather at our fundraiser. Join in our liturgy. Please forgive me. And the greatest invitation of all—I love you unconditionally. “Ask and you shall receive” works well with neighbors as well as God. Ask away and see the smallest gesture turn a no into a yes, a maybe into a most definitely!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32*

*“The son answered his father, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went.”*

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

### FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

#### There are angels, and then there are angels

When God needs to communicate something, God frequently calls on angels to carry the mail. In scripture angels announce important events, help people, and at times do God's judgment. They are divine beings, or somewhere in between God's perfection and the material world. In fact this speculation about what they are led in the early church to a hierarchy on which the Archangels, three of whom we celebrate today, are only *eighth* on the list, just above Angels and one notch below Principalities (the first six, in descending order of wonderfulness, are the Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominations, Virtues, and Powers). The *arch*—“chief”—angels, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, appear in Jude 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 12:7; Daniel 8:16, 9:21 and 10:13, 21; Luke 1:11, 26; and Tobit 12:15. Take a look and see what they're up to.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51*

*“Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”*

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

### FEAST OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Get the message

Saint Jerome (c. 340-c. 420) lived out his famous dictum: “Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” At the encouragement of the pope he made a new translation of the Old Testament into Latin and revised the existing translation of the New Testament. He also wrote commentaries on biblical books, including the prophets. He knew that the more deeply one explores scripture, the closer to Christ one gets. And to get the message of the Bible makes us messengers ourselves, just like Saint Jerome. What can you do to deepen your knowledge and understanding of scripture—and also of God—and pass that along?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56*

*“When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him.”*

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

### First things first

Jesus didn't exactly embrace the concept of the traditional family. Rather he preferred to call “family” those who followed him and spread his gospel—in other words, his disciples. For example, when a would-be disciple said he had to first perform the sacred duty of burying his deceased father, Jesus replied, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Harsh words, but it was his way of saying that those who did not completely respond to his

call were dead—not physically like the father, but spiritually dead. How can you recommit yourself to Christ?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62*

*“No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

### FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

#### Guard against powerful temptation

Saint Augustine once wrote, “There is a certain greatness in the angels. . . every person desires the power of the angels, but their righteousness every person loves not.” Who wouldn't want to be able to fly like an angel, perhaps carry a fiery sword or possess magical healing powers? But would we use our supernatural powers to accomplish the will of God, or would we join the swollen ranks of the fallen angels? The temptations of power are many and great; better to let angels take care of the heroics while we keep our feet firmly planted on the ground.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 19:21-27; Matthew 18:1-5, 10*

*“Take care not to despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father.”*

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

### What to do?

When something bad or difficult happens in our lives, we immediately cry to God, “Why has this happened?” and “When will it be over?” And we would like an answer—today if possible; tomorrow at the latest.

Unfortunately, our salvation does not lie in quick resolutions. Instead we need to learn to stand silently before life's great mysteries. We need to learn to hold them without trying to resolve them too quickly. We need to learn to “ponder.” Asking questions, demanding answers, complaining, and generally making noise is what we *want* to do. Standing silently before God is what we *need* to do. Next time, what will you do?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16*

*“Behold, I am of little account; what can I answer you? I put my hand over my mouth.”*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

### FEAST OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI, RELIGIOUS

#### Less is (so much) more

Franciscans have been trying to get their man out of the birdbath for years. It's charming and sweet to picture him swathed in bluebirds, but even as we haul our pets to church to have them blessed, how about remembering Francis' conviction that amassing things not only damages the planet, it gets in the way of loving God and others? Nearly 40 years ago then-*Newsweek* religion editor Kenneth Woodward was asked what Franciscans could offer the church today. He said their gift was to teach us all “how to live with less, thereby freeing the spirit from slavery to ‘things’ so that we can concentrate on humanizing (even sacramentalizing) our lives.” Franciscans worldwide are not only men and women religious but an entire order of laypeople, all on the front lines. Woodward said their “example must be strong, humble, practical, a practical wisdom of the spirit. . . . Come in not with answers, but with experiments in living on less for more.”

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24*

*“I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.”*

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OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

September 27-28, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we again celebrate Seminary Sunday in all the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. In fact, we celebrate the lives of the many priests who serve you so faithfully each day and those who are preparing to serve you with that same charity in the future. The love of a priest for his people makes present Christ's love for His Church.

The seminary is the place where the vocation to the priesthood is nourished and grown. Pope Benedict XVI, in a message to seminarians at World Youth Day in 2005, captures the essence of what we celebrate this Seminary Sunday:

*"Dear friends, this is the mystery of God's call, the mystery of vocation. It is part of the life of every Christian, but it is particularly evident in those whom Christ asks to leave everything in order to follow him more closely. The seminarian experiences the beauty of that call in a moment of grace which could be defined as 'falling in love.' His soul is filled with amazement, which makes him ask in prayer: 'Lord, why me?' But love knows no 'why'; it is a free gift to which one responds with the gift of self."*

*"The seminary years are a time of journeying, of exploration, but above all of discovering Christ. It is only when a young man has had a personal experience of Christ that he can truly understand the Lord's will and consequently his own vocation. The better you know Jesus the more his mystery attracts you. The more you discover him, the more you are moved to seek him. This is a movement of the spirit which lasts throughout life, and which makes the seminary a time of immense promise, a true 'springtime.'"*

As our seminarians spend years in formation and discernment, I thank you for your financial contributions which provide them with the environment to "prepare well" to serve God's faithful for years to come. I ask you to pray for them and for those whom God is now calling to the ordained priesthood from among our families and friends.

Finally, I pray that God will continue to bestow on you and your families His choicest blessings for your generosity to the seminarians. You are in my prayers, and I ask you to remember me and our Archdiocese in your prayers each day. Thank you.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

**THAT WE MAY HAVE PRIESTS  
SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The collection for the Seminary System for the Archdiocese of Chicago is this weekend. Because of your prayers and support the healing touch of Jesus will live through the work of these future priests for you, your children and grandchildren, well into this century. Envelopes are available in the pews today.



**Pet Blessing at St. Cletus  
October 4, 2008**

Saturday is the day. October 4th is the date. One o'clock is the time! The football field behind the rectory is the place to be with your pet or pets for the 2008 St. Francis Pet Blessing. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to transform the life of your pet. Be prepared for kinder barks, more perfect meows, and better behavior from your treasured pet. It will be an exciting afternoon of wagging tails, and friendly petting. Bring your pet and invite the neighbors to bring their pets. Remember, St. Francis invites all of us to be a Channel of God's Peace.

**Pat Kahl**

Director of Religious Education

**WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND**

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, October 4/5, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Robert Zeman, James Prucha, Pauline Cuttill, Anthony Regalado, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Adrienne Welenc, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Dorothy O'Neill, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Cacilia Ziegler, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Agustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz and Scott May. Please know we pray daily for our sick.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the *Sacrament of Anointing* during a special 12:30pm Mass on *Sunday, October 12, 2008*. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament. A reception will follow in the foyer of the church.

Please fill out the registration form below and return it to the rectory office or drop it in the collection basket. Questions? Call Dolores Wouk in the Ministry of Care Office at (708) 352-4834.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

Name(s) of those to be anointed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



## ***Social Concerns***

### **WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!**

**1) Interfaith Community Partners**, a network of trained volunteers from local churches, helps older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their communities through Home Visits, Transportation to Medical Appointments, Grocery Shopping, and Phone Calls to Provide Reassurance. If you or a friend could benefit from these services, or if you are able to volunteer to help, please call Interfaith Community Partners at (708) 579-8929.

**2) ICP** is proud to present a free educational seminar on Friday, October 3rd, 1:00 PM, in Dole Hall at Plymouth Place, 315 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park, featuring:

- Margaret Brownlie, DC, of the Brownlie Chiropractic Center, giving a talk on "Happy Bands". You will learn how to use therabands to reshape your body, tone your look, and stay healthy.
- Natalie Johnson, Older Adult Coordinator at Grace Lutheran Church, who will present "Good Humor is Not Just An Ice Cream Bar". You will learn how humor is essential to good health.

### **Food Pantry**

We need your help! In September, although we served 170+ families, we had to send some away because we ran out of food. As we restock our shelves for the October 9th food distribution, we are mindful that the need in October is traditionally higher than in September. It is a national trend that the number of working poor needing supplemental food pantries is growing, so our challenge to keep up with this need is not unique. We are so grateful for the continuing generosity of our parishioners, for the St. Cletus School 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, who have made the Food Pantry their service project this year, and for the extra help we receive from the First Methodist Church of Western Springs, the Highlands Presbyterian Church, the Scouts, and other local community and school organizations.

At this time we are in need of most of our staples and extra items, including dry pinto beans, rice, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, meals in a can/box, tuna, cereal, boxed side dishes, powdered or evaporated milk and paper goods. As always, we welcome all in-date non-perishables, but if you could also add one or more of the most needed items listed above to your shopping list, we'd really appreciate it. Your food donations may be dropped off in the designated food bins in the church vestibule. Thank you for your continuing support for this ministry!

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

You've saved the date, and now it's time to come to the ***Society of St. Vincent DePaul Volunteer Information Meeting*** on **Wednesday, October 1st, 7-8:15 PM, St. Cletus Education Building, Room 213**. You are invited to join us as we serve Christ's poor in our community neighborhoods through this new, exciting ministry at St. Cletus Parish. Members will find Christ as they join other caring people in assisting people in our community needing food, clothing, rent or utility assistance, and other emergency needs. Christ said, "Whatsoever you do for the least of my brethren, you do unto Me." We hope to see you on October 1st.

### **CROP Walk**

Please stop by our table in the church vestibule next weekend to see how you can help by sponsoring a walker or walking yourself in the 25<sup>th</sup> annual LaGrange/Western Springs CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) on Sunday, October 19th at 1:00 PM, First United Methodist Church of La Grange. If you can't visit our table, you can contact me for walker packets and/or other details at (708) 215-5418 or **mford@stcletusparish**. Thank you!

***Mary Beth Ford***

Director of Social Concerns

## Youth Ministry News

**Confirmation Program:** Just a reminder to Year II parents: there is a **Parents Only** meeting that will be held this Tuesday, September 30th, at 7:00pm in Room 201 of the Education Building. Looking forward to meeting you and working with your teens as they begin their final year of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Hope to see you there!

**Fright Fest:** - All teens of St. Cletus Parish... we are going to Great America on Columbus Day, October 13th! We will depart from St. John of the Cross in Western Springs at 9:00am and will return there at around 7:15pm.

Come out, bring a friend and have a great day!! Permission slips are due by October 6th and can be downloaded from our website [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) under the Youth Ministry icon. Tickets are \$35 (\$8 for season ticket holders). For more information, call the Youth Ministry office at (708) 215-5419.

*Amy Cranny*  
Director of Youth Ministry

## Chair"ity" Auction Update!

We received an email from the La Grange Business Association to let us know how St. Cletus did on the Adirondack chairs that were auctioned off on September 4<sup>th</sup> in downtown La Grange. Our masterpieces went as follows:

- #45 St. Cletus Parish – sold for \$850
- #46 St. Cletus RE – sold for \$300
- #47 St. Cletus Youth – sold for \$200
- #48 St. Cletus School – sold for \$450

The chairs that were sold for less than \$325, the LGBA will make up the difference so that we do not lose money on the initial cost of the chair (which was \$325).

Great job artists!! - Last year elephants, this year chairs, who knows what next year will bring. - Keep your paint and brushes ready.

*Bobbie Kallal*  
Administrative Assistant

## STEWARDSHIP

### A STEWARD'S WAY

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

### Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend .....	\$ 21,168
A Year Ago.....	23,358
Sunday Collections thru 9/21/08.....	\$302,759
Sunday Collections thru 9/23/07.....	334,116
Budgeted Collection thru 9/21/08	\$339,900

**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.



### BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION TO SAVE LIVES

**WomanCare Services** a crisis pregnancy center in Berwyn which is recognized as a "preferred provider" by the Archdiocese of Chicago, will distribute baby bottles after each Mass on the weekend of October 4/5, Respect Life Sunday. When you take a bottle and fill it with change and dollars you may have spent on treats or entertainment during the following two weeks, you will be helping to save lives.

Women and teens in our area facing unexpected pregnancies come to us looking for answers. We help them to choose life for their babies by providing them with crisis counseling, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, maternity and baby clothing, baby furniture, medical and housing referrals - all free of charge. Your generosity makes this possible.

The baby bottles will be collected after all Masses during the weekend of October 25/26. Thank you for participating in this life-saving event!

*Wayne & Marianne Hamilton*  
Coordinators for Respect Life Committee



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

The Religious Education program would like to invite "You" to become a classroom aide or an office helper on Sunday mornings from 9:00-11:00am. If you have some extra time and would want to fill it with a meaningful activity, please give me a call at (708) 352-2383. *I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN THE PROGRAM.*

**Pat Kahl**

Director of Religious Education

**LEISURE LOAFERS...**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 2nd, at 1:00pm in Morrissey Hall. We will serve refreshments after the meeting. Then we will sit back and enjoy entertainment by Nicko Naidenov. Do come by and relax with us. Bring a friend or relative! All are welcome.

**Mary White**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Please join us for our next meeting on Friday, October 3rd, at 8:00pm, in the Kindergarten Room of the Education Building. Our main topic of conversation will be the Turkey Raffle. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. New members are always welcome. Dues are \$5. We meet the first Friday of the month.

**Dan Gibbons**

**LIFE CHAIN - OCTOBER 5, 2008 - WHAT REALLY IS IT?**

It is that spectacular event that annually draws the attention of hundreds of thousands of Americans. The concept is simple, the effect stunning.

People of all ages and faiths stand reverently in silent prayer, for one hour along a major street or highway, holding signs that proclaim the importance of human life. The Life Chain is a visual statement by the Christian community that it supports the sanctity of human life. Uniform signs (no graphic depictions) are provided for participants, so the overall impression is one of solidarity in belief and purposes.

In Illinois there are dozens of chains. The St. Cletus Chain begins at La Grange Road along the South side of Ogden Avenue. Joining us are parishes in Brookfield, La Grange, La Grange Park, and Western Springs.

Questions? Call parishioners Marianne or Wayne Hamilton at (708) 579-0118 or check site **LifeChain.Net**.

**Baptism**

**This Past Week We Welcomed...**

**Reese Callahan Cassidy**

daughter of Sean & Lori (Callahan) Cassidy

**Elise Anna Cole**

daughter of Patricia Cole

**Emma Anna Cole**

daughter of Patricia Cole

**Bridget Grace Gilmartin**

daughter of Michael & Catherine (Reynolds) Gilmartin

**Kayla Marie Reum**

daughter of Bryson & Becky (Campoverde) Reum

**to Our Parish Family.**

**MONDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL**

**ALL** men of the parish, 30 or older, are invited to participate. We play from 8:30-10:00pm on all available Mondays starting 10/06/08 and continuing until 4/22/09. Good sportsmanship and a desire to stay in shape are all that is required. New teams are picked each week so you come when you can. Players are asked to bring a white and a black/or dark blue top each week to help set up the teams. Questions? Call Frank Haggerty at (708) 352-1140.



**October 18, 2008**

**6:30 p.m.**

Oktoberfest Opens with  
*The Happy Wanderers*

**9:00 p.m.**

*Frank and Dave* on stage

**Midnight**

Oktoberfest Closes

**Join us Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
for Pretzels, Brats, Brews  
and all things German!**

Proceeds benefit St. Cletus School Early Childhood Education, Technology upgrades, Math and Science projects, and Extracurricular activities

**Admission:**

**In Advance: \$25**

**At the Door: \$30**

**Admission includes:**

Entertainment, a German meal and one beverage of your choice. Additional food and beverage tickets will be available for purchase at the event. Only adults 21 and older with valid ID admitted.

**Purchase your tickets Sundays after Mass or in the St. Cletus School office.**

**Bonus!**  
Souvenir mugs to  
the first 500  
tickets sold!



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*Co-Chairpersons:* Anne Babirak, Tom Finucane*Recording Secretary:* Sue Schiller*Vice - Chairperson:* Rita Mayer*Corresponding Secretary:* Lori Ashe*Worship Ministry:* Sue Schiller, Jackie Wiley*Finance Liaison:* Brian Kapusta*Parish Representative:* Joe Bamberger, Lori Ashe*Youth Ministry:* Barb Mitchell, Rita Mayer*Education Ministry:* Anne Babirak, (School)  
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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.****EUCHARISTIC 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  
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