

St. Cletus Canticle

October 26, 2008

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



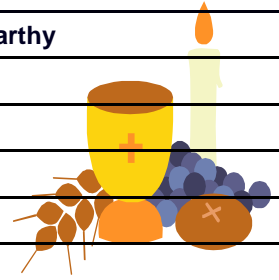
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Mass Intentions for the Week of October 27 – November 2, 2008

Day	Time	
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Henry Scaccia, Eleanor & Charles McCarthy
Tuesday	8:00am	People of St. Cletus
Wednesday	8:00am	Nan Rettig, Frank Wojcik, Ed Jablonowski
Thursday	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8:00am	Parish Priest's Intentions
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Purgatorial Society Dolores Magdziarz, Luczakow Family, James Bozec, Celina & Pedro Lopez, Stella & Felix Gembala, Mary & Stanley Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Lorene Felten, Lorraine & George Kurland, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Linda Felice Souls in Purgatory Louise Heidemann, Rosemary Tertel, Floyd Barbour Timothy Benrus Hispanic Priest's Intentions


**AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 1/2, 2008**

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Heyes, S.	Zmuda, R.	Micek, J.	Koch, B.	Bolton, P.
LR	Pawlowicz, R. Reynolds, C.	McDonnell, M	Okkema, P. Dalsin, P.	McMahon, H. Reisel, T.	Pisone, M.L. Rotunno, P.
B2	Heyes, S.	Zmuda, R.	Micek, J.	Koch, B.	Bolton, P.
B3	Schump, C.	Zmuda, L.	Hullinger, S.	Williams, A.	Agutyn, R.
B4	Bamberger, M	Hinton, G.	Szabelski, R.	Malcak, L.	Chaney, M.
B5	Delaloye, J.	Ward, L.	Biesadecki, C	Kuchta, A.	Gebka, M.L.
B6	Boyer, K.	Wouk, D.	Kensek, M.	Wehrmeister, R	Brannigan, R.
C1	DalPorto, K.		Okkema, A.	Tosheff, C.	Nilles, C.
C2	Heyes, M.		Bliss, G.	McGann, K.	Haggerty, F.
C3	Ryva, J.		Stopka, S.	Nolan, J.	Maday, J.
C4	Hockman, S.		DalPorto, K.	Keating-Gay, S	Mulderink, K.
C5	Ford, M.B.		Biesadecki, R	Horak, V.	Pavlik, L.
C6	Kensek, M.		Kwak, T.	Schump, C.	Ficaro, J.
Altar Servers	Grodek, M. Grodek, M. Rodriguez, A.	Rogan, L. Dostal, A. Heim, J.	Zebus, K. Temple, P. Temple, R.	Rhode, J. Sarantopoulos, G Kopicki, A.	Findley, T. Ruggiero, T. Bowie, D.

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



Wedding Banns

*Nicole Knoch
and
Andrew Adams*



**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Monday, November 3, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00am Mass followed by Benediction at 6:45pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD...



*Rudolf Kegl,
father of Mary Sue Kegl*

*Donald Ashworth,
father of Leslie Mrazek*

*May God Grant Them Eternal Rest.
Amen.*

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, we hear that God's anger will flare up because the widow and the orphan are treated harshly in society. The people of Israel, through their historical experience of slavery in Egypt, were very conscious of the sufferings of the people who were oppressed and needed liberation. At the same time, as their economic and social status improved in the Promised Land, there was the danger of forgetting their roots and the experience of slavery. The prophets called them back to this experience and reminded them of the experience of being slaves. They were called to extend justice to the poorest in society and especially to those who had no protection or rights. The widow and the orphan were especially marginalized since they had no male figure to protect them. The justice of people was to mirror the justice of God who was always concerned for the poor and weak in society.

Love is a very difficult word to understand these days. It has many different meanings. Often it can mean passionate, sexual, erotic, romantic love. Sometimes it can mean affection like the love of a dog or a pet. The dog responds with faithfulness and fidelity, usually for reward. It can also refer to friendship between men or women. Love in the gospel means self-giving love concerned totally for the other rather than self. Love of neighbor can be described as creating the conditions, which enable others to be themselves and achieve their full potential. It is a love leading to action, which respects, enhances, sees the best in the others, helps, acts justly and seeks only the good of the other person. Is this sort of love humanly possible? At first it might not seem possible but it can only be lived with God's help and assistance. The gospel calls for continual striving to love like this but it does not expect perfection. It is reassuring that the saints were always very aware of their failing to live as God called. This is always an ideal, for which the Christian can hope.

It is often said that love begins at home. There is a truth in this. Learning to respect and love at home can be most difficult, especially when families change; teenagers mature and readjustments have to be made. Love is always concerned for the good of another and this eventually means giving another freedom, which can be painful. Each person has to live his own successes and mistakes. Love allows this to happen and is ready to welcome home. The father of the prodigal son must have suffered much when his son went away. While he welcomed him home, he must have felt pain and joy when he returned. The commandment to love can be very difficult.

Love is never satisfied. If love begins at home, then it has to extend outside the home, even to the very margins of society. Who are the weakest and poorest in society? Who are the ones like the orphan and the poor in Jewish society? The asylum-seekers? Those fleeing from their homeland because of persecution? Love demands that we respect them and extend justice to the stranger and foreigner in society. This may need conversion as we overcome prejudice and stereotypes. Welcoming others and speaking up for others will often meet resistance and scorn; faithfulness to the gospel calls for perseverance in witnessing to the truth in love. Faithfulness to the gospel will always be rewarded.

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY 2008

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT ALL SAINTS DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST THIS YEAR IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASS ON THIS DAY FOR ALL SAINTS WILL ONLY BE THE 8:00 AM REGULAR SATURDAY MORNING MASS.

ALL SOULS DAY IS CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND THIS YEAR. WE WILL REMEMBER OUR DEAD AT ALL MASSES STARTING WITH THE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST VIGIL MASS AT 5:00 P.M. AND AT ALL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND MASSES.

*May All Our Faithfully Departed Rest in Peace,
Father Bob*



November 1, 2008

This year the solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday, thus, it is not observed as a holy day of obligation. However, we are all encouraged to celebrate the Eucharist honoring all those faithful disciples who have gone before us. We rejoice in the communion of saints of which we are a part, for while they have gone, we hope to follow on the day of resurrection. Mass will be at 8:00am.



November 2, 2008

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will be observing the feast of All Souls. This is the day we set aside to pray for all our beloved dead. There are many customs surrounding this day. Some people plant a tree, donate to a charity or bring flowers to the cemetery in remembrance of their loved ones. Our Hispanic brothers and sisters will have a decorated altar in the vestibule of church which will include food, flowers, pictures, figurines, and other remembrances of the departed. Their celebration is filled with life. All Souls reminds us it is good to speak about the dead, and to remember, and pray. At each liturgy on Sunday, anyone who has lost a loved one this past year will be invited to come up into the sanctuary and light a candle. Together we will all honor the faithful departed as one Family of God.

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy



YEAR OF ST. PAUL RESOURCES

As we observe this Year of St. Paul — June 29, 2008 - June 29, 2009, you might want to consult the following websites for some “insightful” information on this saint who “turned the world upside down”.

americancatholic.org/newsletters
catholicupdate.org
jesuswalk.com/year-of-st-paul/
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catholic.org/saints
catholicnews.com/data/stories
yearofstpaul.com
newadvent.org
allaboutturkey.com/paul
caseresources.org/stpaul.htm

You can also “Google”- “website for year of st. paul the apostle”. These and other sites will come up and lead to other resources that might spark your interest. Another comprehensive website on many issues that affect our church is: usccb.org

Our new banners are gracing our parking lot, hoping to inspire us with some of the messages of St. Paul as we make this year a “Journey of Transformation”.

BALANCE

Today’s scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn’t always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Tuesday:	Ss. Simon and Jude
Friday:	Halloween
Saturday:	All Saints; First Saturday



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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Support your local priest

The ministry of the priesthood has taken quite a beating in recent years. The crimes committed by some priests are horrific, and the consequences for the victims, their families, and the entire community of faith have been truly tragic. Yet it's also important to remember that the vast majority of priests are honest, sincere, faith-filled, loving, and compassionate human beings. They are present and active at the most important moments of our lives: baptisms and weddings, first communions, reconciliations, illnesses, and funerals. If you have ever heard an inspiring homily or received a blessing that was truly healing or been present at a prayerful wedding or a meaningful baptism, take a moment to give thanks for priests today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus: 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-30*

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Come any day to be healed

How law-abiding we can be when we spot someone else getting away with an infraction—speeding, shoplifting, cheating in one way or another. We can wax eloquent about the decline of moral standards and write our "Enough is enough!" letters of outrage to the editors of the world. So the synagogue leaders, upon seeing Jesus raise up a woman bent in two by years of infirmity, were indignant that Jesus had done this astonishing, good thing on the Sabbath, a day when it was forbidden to work. It seems that those who choose external compliance over compassion are more bent over—bent in upon themselves—than the woman whom Jesus bids, "Stand up." To be truly upright or, as some say, a "stand-up" person, sometimes means going against convention, expectation, and even laws.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17*

"Ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day?"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES - Join the right club

The Zealots, of which the apostle Simon was a member, were the radical and militant resistance to the Roman military occupation of Palestine in the first century. Today we would call them insurgents. We don't think the apostle Jude belonged to the Zealots, but the devotion that bears his name today is one of the most zealously fervent in the church. Both Simon and Jude, then, join with us in fighting against the oppression that would take away our hope. To that end we are invited to join our resources with organizations like the National Shrine of St. Jude and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help carry on the fight.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16*

"He called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve . . . Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James."

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

You can't take it with you

Jesus speaks of entering salvation through the "narrow door." Other translations refer to it as the "narrow gate." Walled portions of Jerusalem contained some gates that were so narrow it was said a person would have trouble passing through them carrying much with them. Perhaps this image can help us consider why the path to salvation involves a narrow passage—we can't carry anything with us to the other side; it's only us, shorn of our props and possessions, and God. It might be a good idea to begin detaching

from those possessions now, so that we will be free and unburdened when the time comes to pass through the narrow gate.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30*

"Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able."

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

I have overcome the world

People who take religion seriously can sometimes see the world in black and white—especially black—alert to every danger to their faith, real or imagined. Yet there is a difference between being alert, watchful, and wary, and being paranoid. In recent years, for example, some people have found Halloween to be a threat to Christianity, unaware, apparently, that the very name is a contraction of All Hallows (that is, All Saints) Eve. One is hard pressed, however, to see children dressed as dinosaurs and robots (or even ghosts and goblins) to be signs of turpitude. A parent who constantly agonizes over the physical, moral, and emotional pitfalls surrounding a child may become so overprotective that the child, while kept "safe," may very well be unable to grow up healthy and able to face the real challenges of life. While never underestimating the power or reality of evil in the world, we must not be crippled by fear. Christ is with us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35*

"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power."

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Take some time

"How sour sweet music is / When time is broke and no proportion kept / So is it in the music of men's lives." In this passage from *Richard II*, William Shakespeare was commenting on the critical ingredient of time in our lives: the necessary pauses and silences that keep everything from happening at once. Sometimes the most critical ingredient in a venture—whether it's a new career, a cake in the oven, or our own spiritual journey—is time. Today is a day to practice patience with ourselves for being wherever we are right now, and for not yet having arrived where we want to be.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6*

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - Where do saints come from?

The answer is: Saints come from everywhere. They come from small towns and big cities, from our neighborhoods and from faraway lands. They are men and women, old and young, laborers and professionals, humble folk and royalty. They wear nurses' uniforms, the miters of bishops, the habits of nuns, the blue shirts of working people, and the rags of beggars. They are the blessed of the gospel *beatitudes*, a word from the old Latin that means "happy." One of them could be sitting down reading this page right now. It all depends on how happy you want to be.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a*

"One of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'"

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our inaugural Oktoberfest was a huge success – all because of our generous sponsors and incredible volunteers. Your generous donations of time, treasure and talent helped us exceed our fundraising goals. We are truly blessed to belong to such a generous community.

Special thanks to co-chairs Patty and Ed Burke and Sue and Mike Doheny. Your tireless efforts made all the difference. We were glad to see Oktoberfest as a parish-wide event. We saw many parishioners, alumni and visitors enjoying the good food, beverages and music.

Thanks to all our parishioners for so graciously dealing with the giant tent in the parking lot. Your patience was appreciated. We hope you all had a good time and that you'll plan to attend future parish events.

Many blessings this wonderful Fall,

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal

Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor

Congratulations Raffle Winners!

- 1st Prize: Jim O'Connor
- 2nd Prize: The Sheridan Family
- 3rd Prize: The Jaskierski Family
- 4th Prize: Lucille Wozniczka

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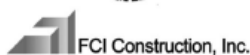
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WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration will be available next weekend, November 1/2, 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.



**Reminder...
Holy Name Raffle Ticket Sale**

Raffle tickets for the annual "Hank Maday" Turkey Raffle are available for purchase this weekend, October 25/26, in the church vestibule. There will be 18 numbers to choose from this year. Tickets are \$1 per ticket or \$18 for the whole card. Drawing of the lucky number will be November 7th. We will post the number in the Canticle on November 15/16. Turkey pickup will be Sunday, November 23rd, between 2:00-4:00pm in front of Morrissey Hall. Good luck!

Dan Gibbons



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Blasé Cinquegrani, Trudy Pacanowski, Roberta 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, 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. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**FOOD PANTRY**

The struggle to pay bills and provide food and shelter for their family continues for many people in our community. Because of your continued generosity, our monthly Food Pantry helps to ease some of their worries. Some suggested items to donate include dry pinto beans, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, meals in a can/box, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit & vegetables, cereal, macaroni & cheese, boxed side dishes, crackers, cereal, juice, coffee, tea, cooking oil, powdered or evaporated milk and paper products. Of course we appreciate any in date non-perishables. You may drop off your donations in the designated bins in the Church vestibule when you come to weekend Mass, or daily from 7:45 AM - 4:00 PM. Thank you for your ongoing support of this much needed and appreciated ministry.

CROP WALK

Last Sunday was a beautiful day for walking in solidarity with our neighbors and friends as we joined together to bring attention and financial support to those who face hunger day after day. Thank you to all who supported this cause by walking themselves, or by sponsoring a walker! St. Cletus Parish was well represented, especially by our freshmen Confirmation Candidates, who are answering the call to be people of service. I will let you know the results of the Walk as soon as they are final. An added bonus: This year more walkers than ever before brought in non perishables to help stock the shelves of area food pantries...one of which is the St. Cletus Food Pantry.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Support the Winter Coat Drive

...to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Outreach Center. The St Cletus 7th and 8th grade Girl Scouts will be collecting coats at each Mass the weekend of November 8th and 9th. Please bring your new/gently worn adult size winter coats and jackets to the back of Church. *Thank you.*

Youth Ministry News

Special thanks to all of the Year I candidates and parishioners who raised money and awareness as they walked a 5K in the annual CROP Walk. Their service provided money to feed many who are hungry around the world, as well as money that aids our food pantry and other local outreach centers. Great job!!

YEAR II CANDIDATES MASS

This Sunday, at the 11:00 AM Mass, our Year II Confirmation Candidates will publicly commit themselves to continued preparation for celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in the coming spring. This week, we pray for them as they continue their formal journey towards strengthening their relationship with the Holy Spirit. We hope they may feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in guiding their lives.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL BOYS!

St. Cletus intends to again sponsor three teams in Church League Basketball. Games are usually on Saturday nights beginning in December and ending with playoffs in March. Information/registration letters were sent this week to all teenage boys on our parish high school mailing list. If your name is not on our high school list, you can download permission slips from our website at www.stcletusparish.com and click on the Youth Ministry icon. Space is limited and teams will be formed on a first come, first serve basis. Please return your permission slips and fees to the rectory or school/religious education offices as soon as possible if you wish to take part. If you need further details, you can contact me in the Youth Ministry office, (708) 215-5419 or youth@stcletusparish.com.

Amy Cranny

Director of Youth Ministry

ST. CLETUS WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS MARVELOUS MARTINIS AND MANICURES

Location: Embrace Boutique & Bistro
29 E. First Street, Hinsdale, IL
When: Tuesday, October 28th, 7:00pm
Phone: (708) 579-1299
Cost: \$20 per person

Enjoy an evening of martinis, munchies, a mini-manicure and more!

Sign up for your manicure when you arrive, browse the boutique and visit with friends while you enjoy your cocktail. The cost of this event is \$20 which includes a martini (or wine) and an array of Embrace Boutique signature appetizers. Mini-manicures and chair massages are available on a first come, first serve basis (payable at Embrace). You may pay the \$20 on this site or drop a check off to Karen Mulchrone, 1210 S. Stone, La Grange. Feel free to include friends and family in this fun evening. An item to donate to the St. Cletus Food Pantry would be appreciated.

Please note: If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so at this event. Membership dues are \$10. Registration forms will be available at Embrace, or you may sign up ahead of time by downloading the registration form found on the parish website (click on Women's Club).

**ANNUAL CARDINAL PURSUIT GAME NIGHT
COME TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
FROM 7PM TO 11PM
AT ST. CLETUS (MORRISSEY HALL)**

**\$10 PER PERSON
QUESTIONS?**

**CONTACT ROBIN BOURJAILY
708-579-5495**

**START ORGANIZING YOUR TABLES OF 8 NOW!
AND BRUSH UP ON WIKIPEDIA.**



St. Cletus Cub Pack 83 is selling Christmas Wreaths through November 4th. If you would like a scout to contact you to place an order please call Pat Heslin 708-218-0624 or Dave Kelly 708-431-5722. Wreath orders will arrive November 22nd just before Thanksgiving.

Also, note that Pack 83 will be selling cash and carry wreaths on November 22nd and 23rd after all Masses on a first come first serve basis. All proceeds benefit scout activities for this school year.



OUR BLESSED MOTHER WANTS YOU TO PRAY THE ROSARY

October is the month designated to the Rosary. Our School Principal Jolene Hillgoth and our Religious Education Director Pat Kahl will be encouraging our children to direct their prayers to Mary through the recitation of the Rosary. As a reminder and encouragement to the children and us, one of our parishioners has painted an oil painting of Our Lady of the Rosary. The painting will visit our church October 25th thru November 2nd.

Many of us, due to our busy schedules, find it difficult to say a complete Rosary each day. You can be a part of the Living Rosary, by saying an assigned decade each day and also share in the indulgences.

*"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind."*

- Matthew 22:37

STEWARDSHIP

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him." - John 14:23

"Do not turn your back on the needy, but share everything with your brother and call nothing your own. For if you have what is eternal in common, how much more should you have what is transient."

Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend.....\$ 23,013
A Year Ago..... 22,246

Needed for budget thru 10/19/08..... \$453,200
Received for Budget thru 10/19/08..... 414,169

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 Kallal at the rectory office (708) 352-6209.

*St. Cletus would be grateful
if you would consider remembering
the parish in your estate planning.
Thank you.*

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Save the date! World Community Day will be celebrated on November 7th at The Landing, Plymouth Place, 315 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park. Please enter first driveway on the south end of the property. A Bible Study will be in the Education Room at 11:00 AM. Please bring a sack lunch. After lunch a program will follow at 1:00 PM. The topic of the program is "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free"

Knit hats for children and paper goods from Constance Morris Home would be appreciated.

Mary White

Mark Your Calendars!

The St. Cletus Music Ministry is looking forward to two very exciting events in the coming months. On Saturday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m., St. Cletus will host *The Undertones*, an 8-voice male a cappella group from the University of Notre Dame. *The Undertones* performed here two years ago and were met with rave reviews. Also, on Thursday, December 18th, the combined choirs of St. Cletus will present a Christmas Concert in the church at 7:00 p.m. Both events are free evenings filled with wonderful music. We look forward to seeing you there!

Justin Sisul
Director of Music

ST. CLETUS**“HOLIDAY BLUES” WORKSHOP****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH****2:00 - 3:30 PM**

The Compassionate Care Ministry (CCM) at St. Cletus is sponsoring a workshop for those individuals and families who have suffered the loss of a loved one this year or in recent years. We will provide a safe place to talk about how hard, lonely, and stressful the holidays can be. We will discuss coping strategies and make an action plan to deal with holiday concerns. This workshop will be held in Room 201 in the Education Building.

Please join us for this supportive and educational program. Please call Karen Schultz to register at (708) 352-6587 - or feel free to attend.

This workshop is FREE to all parishioners. You don't have to be alone! We care about you!

YOU'RE INVITED...

The Comboni Missionaries invites everyone to attend their 42nd Annual Comboni Dinner Dance at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn the afternoon of Sunday, November 9th. A fabulous seven course meal will be offered, as well as live music by Nino Folino and “A Sound Solution” who will be our D.J. The event also features an open bar and a fabulous raffle of a Vespa scooter, \$1,000, and an Apple 3G iPhone.

There will be a Mass at 2:00pm at the Abbington and the Dinner Dance itself will start with cocktails and appetizers at 3:00pm followed by dinner at 4:00pm.

Tickets are only \$65 (tables of 10 are available). For ticket or further information, please contact the Comboni Missionaries at 1615 E. 31st St., La Grange Park, or call (708) 354-1999 or e-mail at cmoffice@sbcglobal.net.

THE CHALLENGE OF FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**The Role of the Church**

The Church is called to share our social teaching, to highlight the moral dimensions of issues, to participate in debate on public policy, and to witness to the Gospel.

We urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or self-interest. As bishops, we do not wish to instruct persons on how they should vote by endorsing or opposing candidates. We hope that voters will examine candidates on the full range of issues and on their personal integrity, philosophy, and performance. A consistent ethic of life should be the moral framework to address issues in the political arena.

For Catholics, the defense of human life and dignity is not a narrow cause, but a way of life. A recent Vatican statement reminds us that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit voting for a political program or law that contradicts fundamental principles of our faith. It also reminds us that we should not isolate a particular element of Catholic doctrine. A political commitment to a single isolated aspect of the Church's social doctrine does not exhaust our responsibility towards the common good.

A summary of the Statements by the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

VOTER INFORMATION

The Bishops have done a great job of educating the citizens on how to vote with an informed conscience this year. We are grateful for their leadership. Bishop Sartain points out that respect for life is not a Catholic issue, it is a moral issue. Cardinal George says, “One cannot favor the legal status quo on abortion and also be working for the common good.”

If you would like to be educated on where candidates stand on the pro-life issues, you can contact *Illinois Citizens for Life* at (630) 852-5448 or online at www.ICL-Life.com. This is not an endorsement, it is information that includes all parties. Elections are won one vote at a time. Every vote is important.

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(708) 352-6209**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS****Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm****Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm****PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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Ignacio Saavedra*Social Concerns Ministry:* Maureen Soldat,
Jim Ryva*Technology Representative:* Julie Lenz**MASSES****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.**