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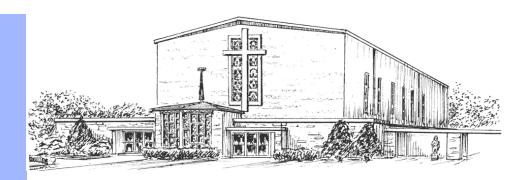
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St. Cletus Canticle

600 W. 55th Street - La Grange, IL www.stcletusparish.com May 10, 2009

> Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day





All are welcome. Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 11 - May 17, 2009

| Day | Time | Intentions | |
|-----------|---|--|--|
| Monday | 8:00am | Purgatorial Society - Joseph Vieceli, John Hopp | |
| Tuesday | 8:00am | Maureen Fahy, James F. Slowik | |
| Wednesday | 8:00am | Tom Kigin, Phyllis Prevenas | |
| Thursday | 8:00am | Frank Fatora | |
| Friday | 8:00am | Purgatorial Society - Ellie Dods | |
| Saturday | 8:00am 5:00pm | People of St. Cletus Louis Kadlec, Rudy Kegl, Ann Staniszewski, Elizabeth Wheeler, 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jackie & Joe Saban | |
| Sunday | 7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm | Mario & Nancy Maturo, John Salvato, Marco & Emilia Rattin Helen Skultety Marian Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Gus DeBartolo, Jerry Pietras, 60th Wedding Anniversary of Richard & Mary Benka Timothy Benrus, Stanley "Lee"Panek, Rose Delaloye, Frances Carey, Mario Flores, Dolores Slowiak Hispanic Priests' Intentions | |

AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 16/17, 2009 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM Swindall, T. Zmuda, R. Koch, B. Bolton, P. Samuelson, D. Reynolds, C. McDonnell, M. Szabelski, R. Rotunno, P. Augstyn, R. LR Ciraulo, S. Bolton, W. Duffy, M. Demonte, L. **B2** Swindall, T. Zmuda, R. Koch, B. Bolton, P. Samuelson, D. **B3** Martinez, J.A. Zmuda, L. Karch, J. Heyes, M. Ficaro, J. Gebka, M.L. **B4** DalPorto, K. Hinton, G. Wiley, J. Curnutt, R. **B5** Kalata, M. Mezan, M.A. Walsh, M.J. Bartuccki, C. Mangahas, A. Burke, J. Lenz, R. Stopka, S. Pristo, B. **B6** Meuwissen, J C1 Nicosia, C. Hullinger, S. McCaffray, P. Gleich, S. **C2** Swindall, V. Kwak, T. Blecic, D. Nilles, C. **C3** Heyes, S. Bozec, B. Martinez, J. Pristo, B. **C4** Loch, L. Micek, J. Nash, S. Maday, J. **C5** Kuchta, A. Meade, M. Williams, A. Herzog, T.



Burke, R.

Griffin, H.

Figura, M.

Goethals, A.

Bowie, D.

Kelly, D.

Lively, B.

C6

Altar

Servers

Lord of life, we are grateful for the gift of Mothers who were chosen by You for us: who have shared with us not only life but a multitude of gifts and talents. Our Mothers were our first examples of selfless givers, let us learn from their example and apply it to our life with Christ, as a good steward of Christ.

Severino, L.

Stepuszek, B.

Contarino, A.

Murphy, T.

Dillane, J.

Kennedy, E.

Callahan, K.

McLauglin, C

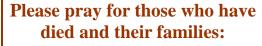
Haggerty, F.

Chervinko, J.

Valek, B.

Collins, K.







May God Grant Him Eternal Rest.

Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter;

Mother's Day

Tuesday: St. Nereus and

St. Achilleus; St. Pancras

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: St. Matthias

Friday: St. Isidore the Farmer Saturday: Armed Forces Day



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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May 10, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this 5th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, the reading from the first Letter of St. John speaks to us much as our mothers did: "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

St. John's advice fits the annual *Mother's Day Appeal* for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. This special collection gives us the opportunity to express Christ's love in generous and concrete actions of charity toward our neighbors in need.

During this financially challenging period in our history, when so many people are threatened by the loss of a job or a home, we continue to show Christ's love to those who are less fortunate. For 92 years, Catholic Charities has cared with the love of a mother for poor and vulnerable families, children, seniors and hungry and homeless people. Last year, Catholic Charities served more than one million people of all ages, faiths, ethnic and racial backgrounds, through 159 programs at 156 sites. This year, however, requests for emergency food and rental, mortgage and utility assistance increase each day.

When Catholic Charities can meet a need or forestall a crisis for a poor or homeless child, family or senior, lives are changed forever. For generations, Catholic Charities has been answering mothers' prayers with life-giving maternity and adoption services and family counseling. Low-income working parents are given the opportunity and the dignity of providing for their families because of day care and pre-school programs for infants, toddlers and children. Hundreds of formerly homeless families are restored to independence and self-respect while working and developing job, educational, parenting and budgeting skills. And more than 1,300 seniors on fixed incomes live in safety and dignity in 16 senior residences built and managed by Catholic Charities.

Even in these difficult times, we can all give something to others who have less. God is never outdone in generosity, and I know He will reward you many times over for your kindness.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, bless you and your families on this Mother's Day and always. You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

Fransi Carle Deny

Archbishop of Chicago



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

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Develop a high tolerance

The history of world religions is filled with treasures of wisdom and inspiration. Sadly it is also filled with strife, division, intolerance, and bloodshed. Before his famous conversion, Saint Paul, formerly known as Saul, had been a zealous persecutor of the early followers of Jesus. Helping Paul find acceptance among the apostles, Barnabas performed a great act in the service of interfaith dialogue and inclusiveness. The God we worship is beyond all denominational and doctrinal differences and disputes. The Creator of all must by logic be the God of all. In some small way today, reach out to a follower of another tradition in tolerance, and help heal the wounds that still exist.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

"Does God belong to Jews alone? Does he not belong to Gentiles, too?"

MONDAY, MAY 11

EASTER WEEKDAY

The commandments: God's GPS

"Why do we need sex education?" a student asked his religion teacher. "We already know all the answers are no!" Commandments, moral and ethical codes, rules and regulations get a bad rap. They're seen as punitive and stifling, when in fact the best commandments—the ones our faith tradition tells us God gave us—were meant to bring us joy. God so loved us that he gave us free will and then offered us guidelines—the commandments—on how to make life-giving choices. There is no coercion. We're free to follow any path. The commandments simply help you know which road leads to love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me."

TUESDAY, MAY 12

FEASTS OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; PANCRAS, MARTYR Death? Life? Take your pick

Today's saints, Nereus and Achilleus, were soldiers of the Roman army. They became Christian and would no longer participate in the violence of warfare. In consequence they were executed for their disobedience. Pancras was just 14 years old when he was put to death for refusing to worship false gods, even when offered power and riches. Saint Paul, the hero of the Acts of the Apostles, took some pretty heavy licks before he was finally martyred. Every day we are called to choose between violence and peace, worldly wealth and charity, power and humility. Which we choose is a pretty good indication of what spirit we embrace: that of our dying selves or that of the Risen Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14: 27-31a "They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

"Oh, won't you stay . . ."

Children, thoroughly enjoying play with relatives or friends, often fuss when it's time to leave—"I want to stay." We recall the disciples at Emmaus with a similarly urgent "stay with us, Lord. The hour is late." And when some new disciples asked Jesus where he lived, he invited them to "come and see," and they "remained" with him. Jesus' image of himself as the vine and us as the branches implies not only an intimate relationship but a lasting one. At times we seem dormant, at others flowering and bearing fruit, but we are always one with the vine. Like

some incredibly gnarled and ancient grapevines one sees in Mediterranean countries or the Middle East, we branches—even when pruned—are never separated from the vine.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

THURSDAY, MAY 14

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

The "replacement apostle"

In the early days after the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples decided they had to replace Judas who, though a betrayer, had held down a spot as an original apostle. But how to choose? Peter stood up, as he was wont to do, and announced the new guy would have to be one who had known Jesus before his death and also had been with the disciples through the Resurrection. Everyone prayed and cast lots and Matthias got the nod. For disciples of Jesus it's important to recognize in our lives both the earthly Jesus and the risen Christ, our brother and our Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 "So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time . . . one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."

FRIDAY, MAY 15

FEAST OF ISIDORE

Extraordinary ordinariness

One of the hallmarks of our age is a subtle but pervasive dissatisfaction with life as it is. We wish our lives were more like a movie—exciting, fast-paced, dramatic—preferably with all the "ordinary" scenes deleted. Saint Isidore, whose feast we celebrate today, lived a life that was remarkable mainly for its ordinariness. He was a farm worker who worked the same plot of land his entire life. Yet his labor was imbued with such compassion and generosity that it is remembered hundreds of years later. What can we learn from this quiet saint? That there is no such thing as an ordinary life. That holiness and beauty come disguised as our daily lives. That any deed, if performed with love, endures forever.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

SATURDAY, MAY 16

EASTER WEEKDAY

Offer a mixed blessing

What used to be called "mixed marriages" still continue to face many challenges. Parents of one or the other partner may object. Organizing the marriage ceremony can bring tension and misunderstanding. And raising children will present unique challenges. Having said all that, "Couples in interfaith marriages don't like to see their marriages treated like problems," says Father George Kilcourse, professor of theology at Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky and author of *Ecumenical Marriage*. "The problem is not their marriage, but the division between the churches into which they've been baptized." Be supportive of an interchurch or interfaith couple you know.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 "Timothy [was] the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek."

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Dear St. Cletus Parish Family,

Each spring we evaluate the property and facilities here at St. Cletus. After a thorough review of the facilities by our dedicated staff, Facilities Department and the Parish Maintenance Committee it has been recommended that the existing light poles in the parking lot should be replaced due to age and condition. It has also been recommended for safety and security that additional lighting be added. We have sought and received several bids regarding these needs.

Phase I of this project would include replacement of the existing light poles and the aged electrical panel board at a cost of \$53,800. To achieve Phase II of this plan would require installation of additional lighting for the parking lot and walkways in front of the church at a cost of \$59,000. The cost of the entire project Phase I and II would be \$112,800.

Your envelope packets for May/June and July/August will contain a "Lighting Our Way Project" envelope to help us reach these goals. Aware of the difficult economic times we are all experiencing, we ask for your generous support of this project in the amount of \$25 per parish household during these months. As always, I am most sensitive to those on fixed incomes and any for whom this request is beyond their means. If your circumstances allow you to exceed this sum, you'll help provide for those who are unable. All contributions, large and small, are welcome and appreciated.

Thank you in advance for helping St. Cletus Parish maintain our beautiful facilities. I appreciate your support, dedication and commitment to your parish.

God bless, Fr. Bob

A Warm Welcome to
Our New Parishioners...

Please welcome to our parish family: Amanda Lasek, Miller-Bergnach Family, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Santoro, and Judy Vincelette.

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.



The ST. CLETUS COMMITTEE FOR RESPECT LIFE ACTIVITIES is hosting the 18th Annual Mother's Day Baby Shower and Carnation Sale in the church foyer after all Masses this weekend, May 9/10.

Place your baby gifts in the Baskets in the church foyer. Donations will be distributed to needy mothers in our own parish community and to Catholic Charities sponsored centers.

Stop by the tables in the foyer to buy your Mother's Day carnation for only a \$1 donation.

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton, Coordinators, Committee for Respect Life Activities - St. Cletus Parish

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Rosetta Palumbo, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiňones, Patricia Krieger, Ruth Taylor, Bernice Hyatt, George Kessler, Norma Evans, Mario Aguilar, Ronald Novotny, Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Dr. Karen Chermel, Denise Kuchta, Anna Ciszek, Blasé Cinquegrani, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Adrienne Welenc, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Mike Patzelt, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Cacilia Ziegler, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Stephanie Yakowicz, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Marie Krolecki. Please know we pray daily for the sick and dying.

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| □ \$125 per golfer □ \$500 per f Includes cart, snacks, beverages on the | s Golf Outing on Friday, June 26 th , 1 p.m. Shotgun Star foursome course and a buffet dinner with open bar. also email golfouting@st.cletusparish.com at a later date): | | |
| ☐ I cannot attend, but I will make a tax de☐ I would like to sponsor the 2009 St. Clet | us Golf Outing (see green box below.) | | |
| SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES | Contact Tim O'Brien or Rob Luxem at golfouting@stcletusparish.com with any question: | | |
| Event Sponsor \$2500 Signage and announcement at dinner, Foursome included, Hole sponsorship included, Listing in program. | Please mail all forms and payments to: St. Cletus – Golf Outing 700 W. 55th St., LaGrange, IL 60525 | | |
| Cocktails/Dinner Sponsor \$1000 Signage and announcement at dinner, Listing in program. | All forms should be turned in as soon as possible, but no later than June 5, 2009. | | |
| Lunch/Beverage Sponsor \$750 Announcement at dinner, Listing in program. | Please make checks payable to St. Cletus School. | | |
| □ Hole in One Sponsor \$500 Signage at hole, Listing in program. | Your support of St. Cletus School is sincerely appreciate St. Cletus is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donation | | |
| Hole Sponsor \$300 Name on custom Cardinal Open golf flag at hole which is yours to keep, Listing in program. 18 available. | and gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law You will receive confirmation of your tax-deductible contribution for your records | | |
| Green Sponsor \$150 Signage, Listing in program. | | | |
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SAVE THE DATES!

St. Cletus Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 14, 2009 1:00pm - 4:00pm Katherine Legge Memorial Park Hinsdale

Kelly Miller Circus

Wednesday, September 9, 2009 St. Cletus Parish Grounds Show Times: 4:30pm and 7:30pm Ticket Sales will begin in August.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students will be receiving Holy Eucharist for the very first time Sunday, May 10.

11:00am Mass

Fernando Almeida Martín Almeida Juán Pablo Flores Arturo Garcia Lizbeth Méndez



Víctor Méndez Hugo Montes Israel Murillo Brenda Medina Brenda Palma

6:00pm Spanish Mass

Bridgette Zavaleta Sky Zaveleta

Tat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Please remember to enroll your child *NOW* for Religious Education for 2009/10. The program is for students in grades 1-8. All of the registration forms and information are on the parish web site, or, call the Religious Education Office at (708) 352-2383. We look forward to hearing from you.

STEWARDSHIP

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (Acts: 9:31)

How do we love in deed and truth? The answer is through stewardship - giving some of our time to spend with Our Lord in prayer, giving some of our talents to do ministry in the parish, giving some of our financial blessing to support the work of the Church.

Weekly Giving Summary

| Sunday Collection, May 3 Last Year | | • |
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| Total Collection: Year-to-Date Previous Year-to-Date | | ,164,727 ,215,998 |
| Needed for Budget thru 5/03/09 | \$1 | .246.300 |

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

Thank you.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

OPERATION RICE BOWL

St. Cletus Parish raised \$5,806.00 in this year's Lenten almsgiving, benefiting the Operation Rice Bowl Project. Thank you! We sent 75% of the total, \$4,341.16, to Catholic Relief Services to support their development projects overseas, many of which were highlighted in our Canticle during Lent. The remaining 25%, \$1,464.84, will be used right here in our community to support our Food Pantry. Please continue to pray for all those who work for justice and for those who benefit from the programs of Catholic Relief Services. Take some time to visit **www.crs.org** to see your almsgiving and faith working together towards global solidarity, which can transform the world!

CONGRATULATIONS...to parishioner, Mary White, who received the prestigious 2009 Valiant Woman Award at last week's May Friendship Day, sponsored by Church Women United, La Grange/Western Springs Unit. Church Women United is a volunteer joint effort of many Christian community churches to address social issues and offer support where needed. Mary was honored for her more than twenty years of dedicated service and leadership in Church Women United, as well as her many, many years of service to her parish! We are very proud of you, Mary, and appreciative for all your good works. You are a true model of Christianity in action!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Save The Date!

September 9th - Interfaith Community Partners' Eighth annual theater benefit – "Murder at the Vicarage" Reception preceding performance. Expect Food, Fellowship, FUN.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

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 (708-352-6209)

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 (708-215-5407).

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45pm.

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Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

Children Matter Network

It's not easy raising a family these days. More and more we are hearing media reports of the increased violence against our children and young people. Parents are battling against some evil forces in protecting their children and providing for their future. Parents and caregivers should be supported in their most important job — that of successfully rearing their children.

For that reason, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth has partnered with archdiocesan agencies (Family Ministry, Office for Catechesis, Office for Catholic Schools) and also public entities (Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, Child Advocacy Center) to develop a website that provides parents and caregivers resources they can use in their day-to-day efforts to raise their families.

We are inviting you to visit Children Matter Network at **www.childrenmatternetwork.com** to see firsthand the quality of materials we have posted for anyone involved in the development of a child.