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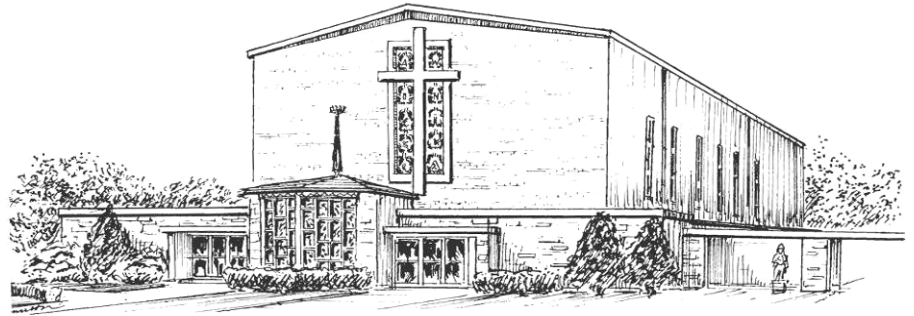
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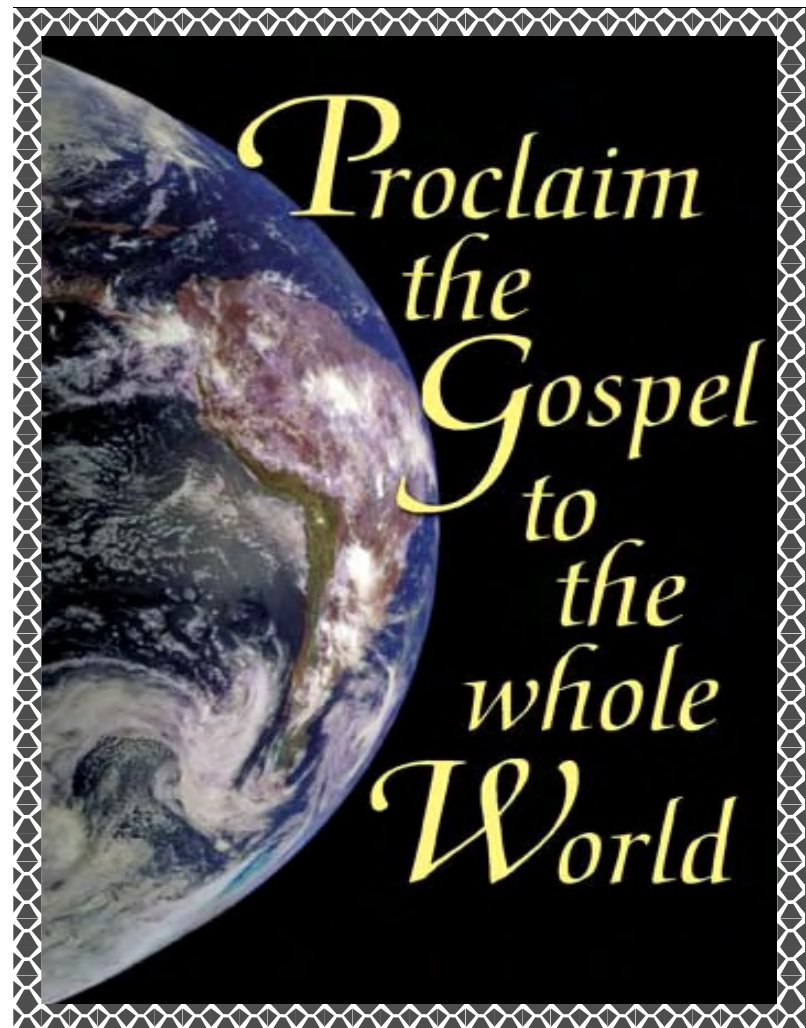
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**600 W. 55th Street - La Grange, IL**

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**May 24, 2009**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**



**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 25 - May 31, 2009**

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Parishioners of St. Cletus
Tuesday	8:00am	Johnston Family, Rev. Emil Cernaj
Wednesday	8:00am	Gus DeBartolo, Adam Wyczolkowski
Thursday	8:00am	Walter Rogers
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Jack Brannis, Bruce Sloan, Sean Cusack, 60th Wedding Anniversary of Chester & Irene Wojcik
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Stanley Lezon Rudy Kegl, Sandy & John Fisher, James F. Slowik, Rose Delaloye
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Marie Elliott Parishioners of St. Cletus Mary Alleruzzo Timothy Benrus, John Pavlik, Earl Sorrells Hispanic Priests' Intentions



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 30/31, 2009					
	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Bolton, P.	Swindall, V.	Dunkovich, A	Koch, B.	Curnutt, R.
LR	Ciraulo, S. Gallagher, J.	Chlapecka, T.	Bolton, W. Stae;graeve. M	McGann, K. Wehrmeister,R	Haggerty, F. McMahon, H.
B2	Bolton, P.	Swindall, V.	Dunkovich, A.	Koch, B.	Curnutt, R.
B3	Burke, R.	Swindall, T.	Stopka, S.	Zupancic, R.	Heyes, S.
B4	Beales, D.	Micek, J.	Kwak, T.	Bartucci, C.	Ficaro, J.
B5	Bamberger, M.A	Mezan, M.A.	Kigin, B.	Malcak, L.	Maday, J.
B6	Ryva, J.	Karch, J.	Warren, C.	Dillane, J.	Nilles, C.
C1	Hockman, S.		Meade, M.	Hullinger, S.	Hoskins, C.
C2	Andrews, D.		Borsilli, H.	Severino, L.	Fisher, H.
C3	Burke, J.		Bliss, G.	Williams, A.	Heyes, M.
C4	Beales, N.		Chaney, M.	Meuwissen, J	Gebka, M.L.
C5	Loch, L.		Dalsin, P.	Nolan, J.	Garske, E.
C6	Chlapecka, R.		Hagen, J.	Blecic, D.	Nash, S.
Altar Servers	TBA				

**SAINTS  
AND  
SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter  
 Monday: St. Bede the Venerable;  
 St. Gregory VII;  
 St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day  
 Tuesday: St. Philip Neri  
 Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury  
 Thursday: Orthodox Ascension;  
 Shavuot (Jewish Observance) begins at sundown



**Memorial Day**  
*Never Forget  
 Ever Honor*

Your silent tents of green  
 We deck with fragrant flowers;  
 Yours has the suffering been,  
 The memory shall be ours.

*-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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 - Liturgy

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

### **Ascension of the Lord 2009**

*We rejoice first of all because of what the Ascension means to Jesus himself. It has two aspects. The one described in today's first reading and the Gospel is the one we tend to think of automatically whenever we hear the word "ascension". It is a visible event; it takes place on the Mount of Olives some forty days after Easter; it is witnessed by the apostles; it leaves them gazing up into the sky in a state of bewilderment.*

*But in a sense all this is just a sign, a visible way of manifesting to the apostles a more wonderful event that has already taken place at the moment of the Resurrection. Jesus is already exalted; already his body has been glorified, though for some time the glory remains hidden, while he completes the instruction of his disciples.*

*Once the time of instruction is over, all can be revealed. It's revealed in terms of a cloud which takes him gently into its embrace, hiding him from the disciples' sight; it's spoken of by the gospel writers in terms of his being "taken up to heaven" and being seated "at the right hand of the Father". Of course, Jesus is not some kind of super astronaut, heaven is not a place in the sky and God doesn't have hands; but what can we do when all we have are feeble words with which to express the inexpressible? The fact is that Jesus as man has entered into a new and glorious kind of existence, beyond our understanding.*

*So on this day we rejoice because our Lord and Master, having lived among us, having suffered, died and risen in glory, has now in his humanity reached his true home with the Father. His humanity has now been drawn into the power and majesty of the Blessed Trinity.*

*However, there is another reason why this is a day of rejoicing, and it is because the Ascension has extraordinary implications for ourselves. In the first place, as Jesus promised, it is to our advantage that he has disappeared from our sight. For now, through the Holy Spirit, he is more profoundly and more intimately present to us and to the whole of humanity than he ever could be when visibly present on earth. Furthermore, Jesus' Ascension reveals the destiny to which we are all called. Our true home is heaven; united by faith and love with our exalted Lord, we look forward to our final homecoming, to being with Christ in glory. In the lovely words of today's Preface, Christ "has past beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope...Where he has gone, we hope to follow."*

*According to today's Gospel, our Lord's final command was to take his message to all creatures and to baptize all who would believe. Because that command has been carried out down through the centuries, you and I have heard the Good News; you and I have received the faith and been baptized. Perhaps today we ought to spend a little time reflecting prayerfully upon our good fortune, realizing again our duty to spread the Good News. Above all we can rejoice that through baptism we have embarked upon a journey to a haven, which is beyond all havens, that home where we shall exult forever with our risen, ascended and glorified Lord.*

### **Our Summer Parish Project "Lighting Our Way" 2009**

*Our summer project "Lighting Our Way" has begun, the much needed replacement of the deteriorating light poles and standards in front of our church and school buildings. Several of them have become safety hazards due to their poor condition. After careful review, the Parish Maintenance Committee has recommended their replacement. It is our goal to achieve phase one of the project this summer with your much needed help. We are asking each family to donate \$25 or more each month for the next four months. You will find envelopes in your parish envelope packet for this purpose. There will, also, be envelopes available in the pews during the next few months. Your help will allow us to replace the existing light poles and standards, the circuit panel that controls them, and add additional lighting to the walk ways in front of the church with bollard lighting for safety and security. I will speak at all Masses next weekend regarding this important parish project. Thank you for your attention to this need and for your generous support. Together we can indeed "Light Our Way" in 2009.*

*Ascension Blessings,  
Father Bob*



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

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - God is still with us

The term *ascension* is susceptible to unintended comic imagery of Jesus waving good-bye from a balloon gondola or being lifted on a wire. Another unfortunate connotation is that heaven is somehow “up,” while we are left down here. Perhaps such imagery does help us to imagine that in the resurrected Lord, God (heaven) and we (on earth) are united. Having become incarnate in Jesus, God is never only watching from some great distance. “I am *with* you until the end” are the simplest words, but the most profound. There is no need to stand looking at the sky with our jaws hanging open. For Christ is here, as close as our own breath, keeping us alive to carry his presence into our world.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20*

*“This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

#### MONDAY, MAY 25

##### FEAST OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Book your faith

A Benedictine monk, Saint Bede (673-735) lived his whole life in the same monastery where his parents had sent him for his early education. While we know him as the source of much of early English history, he was also a great student of scripture and a teacher. Church history, scripture—these are two important areas to know something about to have a better grasp of your faith. Find some books on the subject, like *A Concise History of the Catholic Church* by Thomas Bokenkotter (Doubleday), and *Invitation to the Old Testament* and *Invitation to the New Testament*, both by Alice L. Camille (ACTA Publications).

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33*

*“Now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things.”*

#### TUESDAY, MAY 26

##### FEAST OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST - What a guy!

What’s not to like about Philip Neri? He was such a happy and lovable child he was called “Jolly Phil.” Studying theology and philosophy in Rome, he helped poor children, donated his time to the sick, and was a friend to the troubled and lonely. He helped start an organization of laypeople to take care of needy pilgrims that eventually became a famous Roman hospital. A kind and gentle confessor who drew great crowds, he did silly things like shave off half his beard in order to deflect people’s admiration of him. What an example of integrity, perspective, zeal, balance, and joy!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a*

*“I served the Lord with all humility.”*

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

##### FEAST OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP The other Augustine

Saint Augustine of Canterbury sometimes gets short shrift next to the saint of the same name from Hippo whose dramatic conversion and many writings are well-known in the Christian tradition. But he’s worth getting to know. Augustine of Canterbury, a monk and prior of his abbey in Rome, was chosen by the pope to evangelize England. With great reluctance and daunted by the mission at hand (word had it that the Brits were a violent lot), Augustine struggled to carry out his mission. He wasn’t always successful in knowing what to do or how to organize the church and unite the various Christian groups. So when we struggle and do not feel up to a task, we can think of

Augustine and trust that God will bring good from even our failures.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19*

*“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”*

#### THURSDAY, MAY 28

##### EASTER WEEKDAY - Out of many, one

Ever since Jesus prayed that his followers “may all be one,” the concept of Christian unity has been easier to agree to in principle than in the real world, where divisions remain. Still, hope remains that the various traditions and confessions of Christian faith might one day overcome their divisions through dialogue and move toward unity. In speaking of the Western and Eastern churches, Pope John Paul II put it this way in an often quoted phrase from his 1995 encyclical *Ut Unum Sint* (“May They Be One”): “In this perspective an expression which I have frequently employed finds its deepest meaning: the church must breathe with her two lungs!” See if you can contribute to efforts in your local area to bring churches together around common causes.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26*

*“ . . . That they may all be one.”*

#### FRIDAY, MAY 29

##### EASTER WEEKDAY - When redemption does not compute

The dictionary defines redemption as “the act of saving something or somebody from a declined, dilapidated, or corrupted state and restoring it, him, or her to a better condition.” Sounds like the history of Christianity. No matter how far we stray, what sins we commit, or how often we deny God, we are continually offered forgiveness and redemption. Someone once observed that the Christian notion of redemption is incomprehensible to the computer. Sometimes it’s incomprehensible to us, as well. Redemption is not logical or predictable, and often we don’t deserve it, yet God never ceases offering it to us. All we have to do is receive it. But do we? How are you refusing the redemption that God is offering to you right now?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19*

*“Jesus said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ . . . And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’”*

#### SATURDAY, MAY 30

##### EASTER WEEKDAY - Come, Holy Spirit!

For the past few decades going to Mass the evening before “counts” for attending on Sunday or another holy day to follow. That’s what the phrase “anticipated Mass” you might see in the church bulletin means. The evening before, the vigil, counts for the next day. It comes from a Jewish way of marking holidays from sunset to sunset. For Christians it serves to make people aware that the religious way of counting days differs from the regular midnight-to-midnight calendar approach. As the sun sets this evening, begin your celebration of Pentecost by reading two of the accounts of how the first disciples received God’s Spirit—John 20:19-23 and Acts 2:1-13—and reflect on what the coming of that Spirit means to you.

TODAY’S READINGS: *At the Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39*

*“I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.”*

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## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



St Vincent de Paul Society

*good works*

Here are three things you should know about the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Conference at St. Cletus:

1. Recent services we have provided include:

- Rental assistance to 3 families, allowing them to keep a roof over their head while they adjust to a reduced income due to job loss or hours cut.
- Car repair for a client who needs transportation for work.
- Utility assistance to several families with children, allowing them to pay down their utility bills, while they work towards a special payment plan with their providers.
- Food vouchers for perishable food items...combining that assistance with non-perishables from our Food Pantry.
- Monetary donation to the parish Food Pantry.
- A gas card and gift card for a haircut for clients seeking employment.

Generally SVDP volunteers go in pairs on home visits to ascertain the client's needs and to offer Christian encouragement and hope, as well as financial assistance.

2. Our Conference has chosen officers to lead us in our works. Many thanks to them and to all members for committing to this ministry:

Jim McLamore, President  
 Jon Parlier, Vice-President  
 Peg Meidell, Secretary  
 Deacon Jesús Casas, Spiritual Director

3. Our group would like to invite you to consider taking an active role in the many service opportunities that this outreach provides, including Learning more about the works of the Society of SVDP by visiting our parish website, **[www.stcletusparish.com/SocialConcerns/SVDP](http://www.stcletusparish.com/SocialConcerns/SVDP)**.

- If you or someone you know in our community are in need of our services, please contact us. Often the support and assistance we offer can bridge you through a tough time. Contact: Jim McLamore, (708) 839-9620, [jimm@datacompld.com](mailto:jimm@datacompld.com), Mary Beth Ford (708) 215-5418, [mford@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mford@stcletusparish.com).
- Become an active member of our SVDP Conference. Our meetings are generally on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in Room 207 in the Education Building. All interested are invited.
- Mark your calendars for our annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, July 25. Check out the many opportunities in our Rummage Sale flyer, which can be found online at **[www.stcletusparish.com/SocialConcerns/RummageSale](http://www.stcletusparish.com/SocialConcerns/RummageSale)** to donate items and to volunteer your time and talent for a successful event!
- Contribute to the work of the Society by making a monetary donation.
- Unite with us in spirit and prayer as we work towards our goal of helping in a concrete way, and in a spirit of justice and charity, those who are suffering.

*Mary Beth Ford*  
 Social Concerns



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# ST. CLETUS PARISH

# PICNIC

**Sunday, June 14, 2009**

*1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

**Katherine Legge Memorial Park**

*North Pavilion*

5901 S. County Line Road  
Hinsdale, IL



*Pack your picnic basket and cooler.  
(The North Pavilion has a grill, water,  
electricity and plenty of picnic tables.)*

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*No alcohol or smoking is allowed in the park.*



## Cardinal Corner

### News from the St. Cletus School Board

### Faith, Family, *Future*



#### **Congratulations to our students who competed in the History Fair and Science Fair**

Several St. Cletus students competed in the regional Science Fair and received special recognition.

Gold Award: Meghan Flannery, Michelle Gostkowski, Casey Kodatt, Brendan Stepuszek, Brendan Kelly and Kathryn Zebus. Silver Award: Kristen Collins, Helene Griffin, Kathleen Lawler and Sally Garvey. Meghan moved on to the State Science Fair and also received a Gold Award there.

The following students advanced to the regional History Fair: Kerrigan and Shannon Flannery, Margaret Franklin, Michael Geraci, Stephen Hubona, Eileen Kennedy, Nora Madden, Camille Lang, Jack Lawler, Dennis Reisel and Kristen Wuerl. Kristen continued on to the state level in Springfield. Congratulations to all.

#### **Pet Parade, May 30**

Come on out and join St. Cletus school at the 2009 La Grange Pet Parade!

#### **St. Cletus students shine**

Nicolette Curran and Grace Severino's choreography team from World Academy placed **THIRD** in the World Championships of Irish Dance in Philadelphia. Their eight-person team placed 24th. Congratulations girls! Thomas and Beth Braun both brought home first place trophies from the Spring Fever Ice Skating Competition... Thomas at the Beta level and Beth at the Tot 3 level. Congratulations Thomas and Beth.

#### **Graduate news – excelling in academics and extracurriculars**

St. Cletus graduates Heidi Heim, Allison Kison and Katy Nichin were inducted into the French Honor Society at Lyons Township High School on April 14, 2009. Wesley Chervinko and Connor Mosquera are members of the LTHS varsity hockey team that captured the Illinois Suburban Hockey League Cougar Cup. Cassie Levitske is a member of the Nazareth Academy Runnerettes pom and dance team who won the A Kick State title. At an awards ceremony on March 16, the Archdiocese of Chicago Vicariate IV Youth Leadership Awards took place. Jonathan Nelson, St. Cletus graduate, was recognized for his commitment at Nazareth Academy.

The Rotary Club of Countryside recognized four St. Cletus Graduates at their 2009 Diamond Achievement Award Banquet. The LTHS students honored for their academic progress were Nolan Galivan, David Holloway, Briana Licitra and Katherine Nichin

#### **St. Cletus graduates and parishioners excelled in high school in recent grading periods.**

##### **Fenwick High School**, marking period 3

First Honors: St. Cletus School graduates Patrick Heslin, Ted Bruce, Will Lawler, Matt Philbin, Kelsey Kelliher, Marty Bruce, Angelo Cavaliere and Katie Kages. St. Cletus parishioners Scott Green and Julie Comfort.

##### **Benet Academy**, third quarter

First Honor Roll: St. Cletus graduate Jim Fitman

##### **Joliet Catholic Academy**, third quarter

Honor roll: St. Cletus graduate Nicholas Ybarra.

##### **Trinity High School**, third book

First honors: Shelby Vcelka.

##### **Nazareth Academy**, third quarter

**A honor roll:** St. Cletus graduates Zachary Basile, Steven DalPorto, Timothy Heuer, James Kennedy, Frank Laghi, Michael Moles, Jonathan Nelson, Colin Schwendt, Jaclyn Baker, Megan Baro, Clare Lang, Rebecca Lenz, Mary Shannon, Kevin Baro, John Flach, Cassandra Levitske and Colleen McCollom. St. Cletus parishioners Brooke Borowiak, Kyle Hullihan and Scott Patterson.

**B honor roll:** St. Cletus graduates Anthony Bartucci, Christopher Gray, Brittany Waryjas, Rourke McCollom, Andrew Bartucci, Martin Garvey and Catherine Usher. St. Cletus parishioners Timothy Tiernan and Nicholas Cozzi.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students will be receiving Holy Eucharist for the very first time Sunday, May 24, 2009.

### 11:00am Mass

Rodrigo Almaraz  
Selena Almaraz  
Abigail Espitia  
Adalberto Espitia



Mauricio Espitia  
Joselyn Palmoares  
Yesenia Palomares  
Isaiah Robledo

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**BIBLE SCHOOL...**The mad scientist, *Pat Kahl*, is in need of "supplies" for our Summer Science Power Lab. If you would be willing to donate or let us borrow any of the items on our list, please call me at (708) 352-2383. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

- Old BLUE towels or beach towels
- Under the bed storage containers
- Buckets/Spray Bottles
- Cardboard Boxes of various sizes or sheets of cardboard



*At the present time we still have seven openings.  
Please call if you are interested.*

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN...**The time is NOW to register your child for religious education classes in 2009-2010. Please fill out registration forms in person at our office or print forms off of the web site and mail them in by June 1. Our priority deadline is June 1 to avoid a late fee. If you have a child beginning first grade in the fall, he/she should also register for religious education. Please call the religious education office, (708-352-2383), if you have any questions, or, check out our tab on the parish web site.

**SAVE YOUR POP TOPS...**As we celebrate Memorial Day, graduations, Communion and family picnics over the summer, remember to save your POP TOPS for our fifth grade religious education students. The students collect them and turn them into the Ronald McDonald house to help pay the cost of heating and cooling the home. The pop tops may be turned in to the Religious Education Office, or given to me outside of church on any Sunday. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

*Pat Kahl*

Director of Religious Education

## 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](http://www.childrenmatternetwork.com) to see firsthand the quality of materials we have posted for anyone involved in the development of a child.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, 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, Marie Krolecki. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and dying.

## THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface





### 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Were you married in 1959?

You are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 30 at 3:00pm at St. John Brebeuf in Niles. Please call the rectory office (708-352-6209) by **May 30** to register. Invitations will be sent only to those who register.

For further information, call the Family Ministries Office at (312) 534-8351 or visit our website [www.familyministries.org](http://www.familyministries.org).

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

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#### SINGING FOR THE SOUL

On Monday, June 1, author, artist and activist Jan Phillips invites you to come to The Well from 6:30 – 9:00pm for an evening of singing for the soul and celebrating our creative gifts. The Well is located at 1515 W. Ogden Ave. in LaGrange Park. Neither musical skills nor creativity are required. However, if you've created something you'd like to share, please bring it along! For more information about Jan Phillips, go to <http://www.janphillips.com>. To register for this optional free-will offering, call 708-482-5048 or email [thewell@csjoseph.org](mailto:thewell@csjoseph.org).

### STEWARDSHIP

#### Ascension of Our Lord

*“This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” Acts 1:11*

How strong is your faith? Do you believe that Jesus will return? In the Gospel Jesus tells us that He will return and when He does He will separate us into sheep and goats, depending on how much we used our blessings to help those in need. So how strong is your faith? The answer can be found in how much you give.

#### Weekly Giving Summary

Sunday Collection, May 17.....	\$ 22,696
Last Year ... ..	\$ 25,307

#### Total Collection:

Year-to-Date.....	\$1,214,083
Previous Year-to-Date.....	\$1,272,352

**Needed** for Budget thru 5/17/09..... \$1,302,950

**Won't you please consider adding a little extra to your Sunday contribution to help close the budget shortfall?**

#### Earn Funds for St. Cletus

Did you know that you can earn money for St. Cletus as a National City Bank customer? Simply contact the Western Springs branch at (708) 246-900 – ext. 21338 and reference community banking number 407 to link your existing accounts. National City will match the interest in your interest-bearing accounts. New accounts also earn money for St. Cletus, so be sure to reference the same number when opening an account. You can find a flyer on our website.

*Chris Wagner*  
Technology

#### HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER?

Hospice volunteers are needed to visit patients and assist families in this community. Bereavement and office volunteers are also needed. For more information call Jim White, Volunteer Coordinator, at Generations Hospice in Westchester, (708) 409-3040.

*“In this life we cannot do great things.  
We can only do small things with great love.”*  
Mother Teresa

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).

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

<i>Co-Chairpersons:</i>	Anne Babirak, Tom Finucane
<i>Vice - Chairperson:</i>	Rita Mayer
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Xavier Polanski
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Lori Ashe
<i>Worship Ministry:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish Representative:</i>	Joe Bamberger, Lori Ashe
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Barb Mitchell, Rita F. Mayer
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Anne Babirak, (School) Sharon Gleich (Religious Education)
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	C. Rodger Brown, Xavier Polanski
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Maggie Nelson Tom Finucane
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Jolene Hillgoth
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Silvia Casas Ignacio Saavedra
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Maureen Soldat Jim Ryva
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Julie Lenz

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

**WOMEN'S CARE SERVICES, INC. CARING FOR HER • SAVING HIS CHILDREN**



**Your talents and donations can help to save lives!**

We urgently need talented volunteers in our Berwyn Center. If you have general office, computer, fundraising or "people" skills", give us a call. We will provide training. Please call Laura or Roberta at (708) 795-6000 today!

We are in need of maternity clothing (especially jeans) in sizes small, medium, and large. We also need baby and toddler socks, diapers sizes 2, 4, and 5, baby wipes, baby lotion and shampoo, baby carriers and mattresses and gently used or new infant clothing in sizes 12 months to 3T. Please call Laura or Roberta at (708) 795-6000 if you would like to make a donation.