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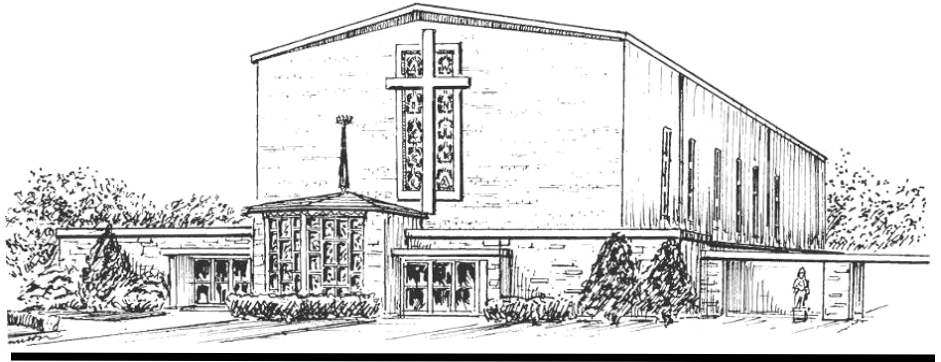
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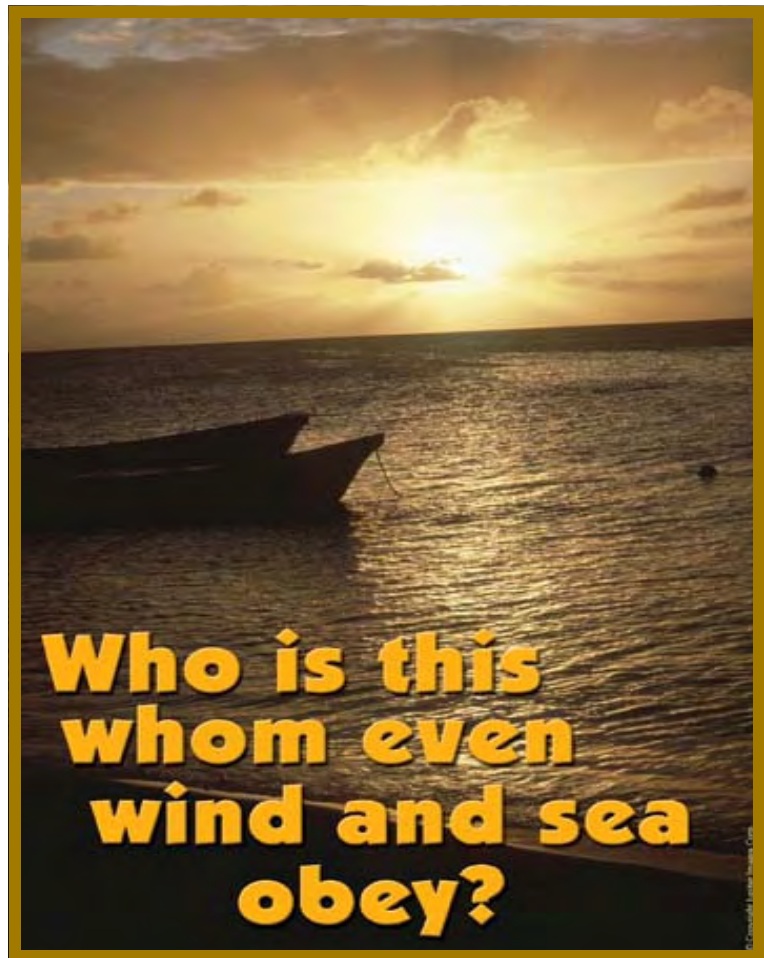
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June 21, 2009

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Who is this
whom even
wind and sea
obey?**



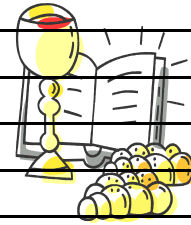
All are welcome.


Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of June 22 - June 29, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society, John Hopp, Paulina Slobodnik
Tuesday	8:00am	Angelo Cumbo
Wednesday	8:00am	Elizabeth Falvey
Thursday	8:00am	Ruth Taylor
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society, Joseph Vieceli
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Souls in Purgatory Bernie Kelly, Dorothy O'Neill, James Cummings, John Cirone, Ann Staniszewski, Monica Janikas, Raymond Janikas, Steve & Anna Super
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Marie Elliott, Ida Hefler, Craig Londowski Souls in Purgatory Parishioners of St. Cletus Dan Rosko, James Beske, Eleanor & Paul Manna Souls in Purgatory



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JUNE 28/29, 2009					
	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Benkert, K.	Karch, J.	Welch, J.	Bolton, P.	Samuelson, D.
LR	Staelgraeve, M	Bellisario, J.	Okkema, P. Sbabelski, R.	McMahon, H. Hagen, K.	Augustyn, R. Reisel, T.
B2	Benkert, K.	Karch, J.	Welch, J.	Bolton, P.	Samuelson, D.
B3	Sheridan, E.	Chlapecka, R.	Hullinger, S.	Smith, D.	Fisher, H.
B4	Swindall, V.	Lenz, R.	Biesadecki, C.	Wehrmeister, R	Ficaro, J.
B5	Andrews, D.	Parlier, D.	Ciraulo, S.	Williams, AM	Hagen, C.
B6	Loch, L.	Parlier, J.	Bliss, G.	DalPorto, K.	Curnutt, R.
C1	Chlapecka, R		Curotto, L.	Bartucci, C.	Herzog, T.
C2	Benkert, J.		Kuchta, A.	Severino, L.	Hoskins, C.
C3	Ryva, J.		Koch, B.	McGann, K.	Mangahas, A.
C4	Swindall, T.		Biesadecki, B.	Tosheff, C.	Brannigan, R.
C5	Hockman, S.		Hansen, B.	Meuwissen, J	Schump, C.
C6	Saban, J.		Micek, J.	Thuma, M.	Nash, S.
Altar Servers	Reisel, D. Anfield, E. Grace, M.	Rogan, L. Pease, S. Rejdukowski, S	Vokurka, S. Rohrbacher, J Walsh, M.	Giola, J. O'Halloran, J Sarantopoulos	Wuerl, K. Martinez, O. Golden, M.



Wedding Banns

*Krystal Shummon
&
Paul Retzke*

*Adele Johnson
&
Peter Larsen*

*Rita Pawlowicz
&
Arthur Schmid*

*Catalina Garcia
&
Andres Garcia*

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

Please pray for those who have died and their families...



*Julia Hartnett,
mother of Barb Keane*

**May God grant her eternal rest.
Amen.**

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2009

We all know that dogs can smell fear. There are even some people who are of the opinion that computers and all things technical can smell fear. Fear is one of the essential emotions that we are lucky enough to be able to experience. We are not complimenting people when we say of them, "they have no sense of danger." By making that judgment about people we are noting that there is something important lacking in them. Some people seem to be more in tune with situations of imminent danger than others. When danger surrounds us, our natural resources kick in; we act instinctively and this helps preserve us from whatever the danger might be. I guess the only thing worse than never experiencing fear, is living in a state of perpetual fear.

The disciples were right to be alarmed at the sudden change in weather. All too often they would have seen fellow fishermen caught unawares or catapulted into life-threatening situations. Their alarm is heightened by the fact that Jesus is blissfully unaware and is lying sound asleep. It is obvious from the disciples' decision to waken Jesus that they expect him to do something. It is obvious that they don't know quite what that something might be. Perhaps they just want another pair of hands to bail out the incoming water, or perhaps they just want the reassurance of his calming presence. From the way they react after the event, we can be reasonably sure that the disciples were not expecting Jesus to take the fantastic action that he did. 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.' This incident happens near the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the poor disciples obviously haven't really worked out who Jesus is and what he is about. If the disciples had believed at that point that Jesus was truly the Messiah, then there would have been no need for the fear they experienced and there certainly would have been no lack of faith. The disciples continue to struggle with Jesus' identity. They don't doubt his special charismas or they would not have left all to follow him, but Jesus is forever surprising them. He constantly leaves them awe-struck; he even throws them into confusion. Now they are only too aware that their master has power, even over nature.

When disaster strikes and danger is close by, many people, who wouldn't normally turn to prayer, find themselves on their knees. And it's interesting to note how many people bless themselves when their plane is taking off. Those of us who do try to pray regularly should not stand in judgment of such people: it is probable that our own prayer becomes more intense in such situations. Their responses may well be signs that deep down these people do realize that Jesus is Lord and Savior and that he is close to them. The sadness is that they and we often fail to learn the lessons from such experiences. When the danger is gone and the panic is over, it is all too easy to slip back into a life where Jesus plays only a minor part. If we only see Jesus as Lord and Savior in time of trouble then we are missing out on knowing him and being in a relationship with him.

Surely today is a good time for us to review how we relate to Jesus and ask ourselves, "Who is this person? Even the wind and the sea obey him." Any relationship depends on openness between the two parties. Are we open to being in relationship with the Lord? If we are then we will make sure that there is some time in our day for quiet and reflection, some time that is prayer time. When we make space in our lives for this time then we will find that our lives are less hectic, a lot of our petty fears will be calmed, our relationship with Jesus will be deepened and our experience of his love will be real. Only by getting to know Jesus can we be ready to answer the question when asked by other people, "Who is this person?"

*Blessings Always,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2009

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Growing pains

One of the challenges of becoming an adult is getting your family and childhood friends to see you in a new light—as a grown-up capable of expressing differing and evolving opinions and making decisions that are not in line with the ones everyone thought you would or should make. Extricating yourself from pigeonholes is not easy, but the resulting freedom is worth the effort. Maturing in your spiritual life holds the same challenges. Once you commit to following Christ, you face the struggle of establishing yourself as one who chooses wisdom, moral courage, and compassion over folly, expediency, and selfishness. As you grow in faith, the old confining temptations pass away and the new way of life becomes second nature—or rather your true nature finally set free.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41* "So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."

MONDAY, JUNE 22

FEAST OF THOMAS MORE, MARRIED MAN, MARTYR

A well-seasoned saint

Thomas More (1478-1535) was canonized in 1935, and Pope John Paul II declared him patron saint of politicians and statesmen in 1980. He is fairly well-known today, in part because of *A Man for All Seasons*, Robert Bolt's award-winning play later made into a highly acclaimed movie. In his own time More was a noted author. His most popular and controversial work was *Utopia*, a model for utopian literature that describes what the "ideal society" might look like. Take a moment today to read up on this most creative, courageous, and talented figure. We can all be inspired by More to do a bit more in service to the highest ideals.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5*
"The measure you give will be the measure you get."

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - Can you find peace?

It is estimated that in all of recorded history there have been only 230 years of worldwide peace. Sometimes it seems as though we will never learn to resolve our disagreements diplomatically. But before we get too depressed over the state of humanity, it is helpful to remember there are an infinite number of ways a conflict might be resolved. And in that infinity of ways there is at least one peaceful solution. This reality is captured in the saying "the moon is always full." Even though we can't always see it, the moon is always full. And although we might not be able to see it at first, a nonviolent solution to any dispute is always there.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14*
"So Abram said to Lot, 'Let there be no strife between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are kinsmen.'"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

A saint to count on

The celebration of the birth of John the Baptist comes three months after the March 25 celebration of the Annunciation, when the Archangel Gabriel told Mary she was with child and her cousin Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy. So why does the celebration fall on June 24 rather than June 25? The reason may lie in

the Roman way of figuring dates, which proceeded backward from the Calends (first day) of the succeeding month. Considering that Christmas was the "eighth day before the Calends of January," John's nativity was placed on the "eighth day before the Calends of July." Because in our present calendar June has only 30 days, the feast falls on June 24. Count on this: John cuts a courageous figure of faith we do well to remember and honor.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80*
"The child grew and became strong in spirit."

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 - On solid ground

In the wake of devastating earthquakes, there often follows criticism that homes, schools, and public buildings had obviously not been built properly to withstand such events. Jesus uses similar imagery to describe the condition of those who rely only on the facade of doing good as their claim on salvation. He says it's not enough to call him "Lord." It's not even enough only to "drive out demons" and do spectacular deeds in his name. All of that is good showmanship; it's curb appeal, but if that pretty life is not built on the rock-solid gospel values of compassion, forgiveness, justice, and love, then one might rightly worry about the shifting tectonic plates below. We cannot control the changes and dangers in the world, but we can choose where we build and on what foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29*
"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 - How to acquire a Teflon soul

So God says to Abram, "Let's walk together a while. And during our partnership, be blameless." We might wonder how one does that. Walking with God sounds almost easy compared with the blameless clause. But in fact these two activities are the same. "Walk in my Presence," is the general idea. When we are regular companions of our God, we do become bearers of holiness. If you want a Teflon soul, you have to hang out with God more. Stick with God, and the ways of guilt won't stick with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4*
"I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless."

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

A humble welcome

Before Catholics receive Holy Communion at Mass, they pray the simple words, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." The words "to receive you" take on a deeper meaning when we consider that they are the same ones spoken to Jesus by a Roman centurion who desperately sought healing for his servant. This soldier humbly acknowledged he was not worthy of having Jesus enter into his home yet at the same time boldly asked for Jesus' help. This faith—both humble and bold—amazed Jesus who responded by praising the centurion and healing the servant. When next you utter these words, remember the faith of the centurion and welcome Jesus in.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17*
"Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed."

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June 21, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During his visit last year, Pope Benedict XVI called upon us to “be the first friend of all who suffer” by **“casting the light of Christ upon the world.”** This year’s Peter’s Pence Collection theme certainly echoes the Holy Father’s call to action for the Church in the United States.

As the Year of St. Paul comes to a conclusion, I am reminded of the Second Letter to the Corinthians (8:12-13). *“The willingness to give should accord with one’s means, not go beyond them. The relief of others ought not impoverish you; there should be a certain equality.”* Therefore, in a spirit of justice and generosity, I ask for your support to enable our Holy Father in providing emergency assistance to victims of war, disease and natural disaster.

Your past support of this collection has ensured that the successor of Peter is able to respond to those most in need throughout our world. May Our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones as we become beacons of hope by casting the light of Christ in our parishes, the Archdiocese and the Universal Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Next weekend, June 27/28, our parish will participate in the Peter’s Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Envelopes are available in the pews today. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE...

Because of your incredible generosity, we were able to serve more than 200 families in June. These families have asked me to convey their deep appreciation to you, the parishioners of St. Cletus, for continuing to help them out, as they struggle to pay bills and feed their families, especially in these tough times that affect us all. **THANK YOU!!!**

Please continue to make it routine to pick up some items for the Food Pantry when you do your weekly grocery shopping and dropping them off in the bins provided in Church. The most needed staples at this time include meals in a can/box, canned meat, canned fruit, tuna, and boxed side dishes (i.e. instant potatoes, noodles with sauce packets). Also, our supply of extra items is totally depleted. Suggested items are crackers or cookies, juice, coffee, tea, condiments, laundry detergent, paper goods, baby food and diapers, size 3-4-5-6. Thanks, again for your help as we prepare for our July 9 food distribution!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns Ministry

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

REMINDER: It is TIME to register your child/ren for 2009/10 Religious Education Classes. Make sure that your child is part of an exciting faith adventure. Growing closer to Jesus and our parish family is always exciting and never boring. Registration information and forms are available on the parish web site or in the Religious Education Office. Questions? Call (708) 352-2383.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education


**8th Annual
St. Cletus Cardinal Open
June 26, 2009
Gleneagles Country Club**

Support St. Cletus School by attending or sponsoring the 2009 St. Cletus Golf Outing. The golf outing is open to all men and women of St. Cletus, and their friends and families.

Join us Friday, June 26th for 18 holes of golf with cart, snacks, beverages on the course and a buffet dinner with open bar.

All proceeds benefit St. Cletus School.

For more information visit the school website or email golfouting@stcletusparish.com.




Youth Ministry Registration Reminder

Confirmation Registration...The registration packets for incoming freshman and returning sophomores were mailed in May and are due back to the Youth Ministry office by July 1, 2009. They can be downloaded from our website at www.stcletusparish.com. Thanks!

Amy Cranny
Youth Ministry
(708) 215-5419



Summer begins June 21, 2009



ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB

New Book - *"The Shack"* by William Paul Young
Meeting - **Wednesday, June 24, at 7:00pm**
Room 98 (Kindergarten) - flag pole entrance

All are welcome!

Sponsored by the Parish Life Commission
Questions? Email Christy at Christymaldonado50@yahoo.com

**ST. CLETUS...
SECOND ANNUAL RUMMAGE
SALE JULY 25, 2009**



The St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Cletus is offering you an opportunity to help your fellow man. We are in need of volunteers for the week of July 18-25. There are jobs for all ages from teens on up. We are in special need of strong men to pick up furniture/large items on July 18 & 19. A great chance for some father/son bonding! Please call me at (708) 839-0345 or email: Mrstravel2@aol.com to volunteer.

Maureen Soldat
Social Concerns

**★ 4TH ★ OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS
HONORS VETERANS**

On Saturday, July 4, at our 8:00am Mass, we will once again honor veterans of all branches of military service. We invite those who have served our country to wear a piece of their military uniform or some insignia that represents their service, and to sit with their fellow veterans in a place of honor in our church. The Mass will include a procession of the military flags carried by local veterans, and our musical "Salute to the Services" performed by a 40-piece band under the direction of Mr. Ed Ward. A light reception will be provided on the parish grounds following the Mass. Please join us to honor our veterans on this special day!

Justin Sisul
Music Ministry

STEWARDSHIP

“With each contribution, show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy.”

Sunday Collection

Total Active Registered Families 2,460
June 14, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$28,325

<u>Collection Statistics</u>		<u>Amount Collected</u>	
# of envelopes used - this week	671	\$18,123	Envelope Users
% of registered families	27%	<u>3,045</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
		\$21,168	

Year-to-Date as of 6/14/09

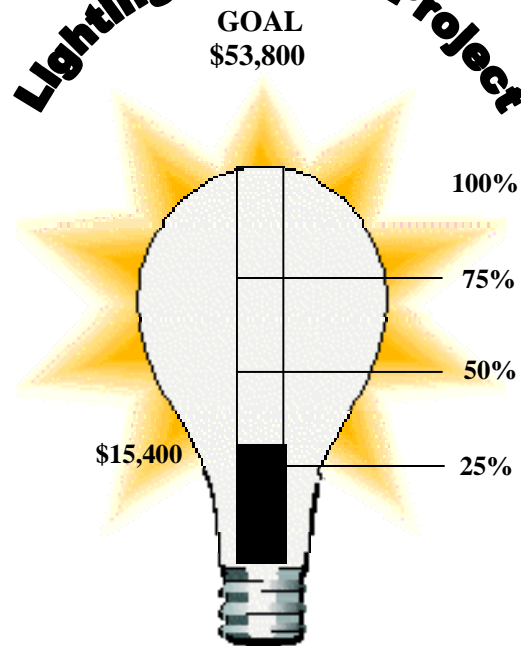
Actual Sunday Collections	\$1,315,729
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>1,416,260</u>
Better (Worse) than Budgeted	\$ (100,521)

Any way you can assist in narrowing the gap between budgeted year-to-date collections and actual collected amounts would be greatly appreciated. We continue to make every effort to reduce spending each week.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, George Kessler, Norma Evans, Ronald Novotny, Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Dr. Karen Chermel, Denise Kuchta, Anna Cizek, Blasé Cinquegrani, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Richard Imholt, Sister Arlene Gibson, Marilyn Matesevach, Ruth Calandriello. 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.

Lighting Our Way Project



SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

The volunteer members of our SVDP encourage you all to have ears to hear the “cries of the poor”; to have eyes to “seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived;” and to have hearts that “bring God’s love to the poor.” Your prayers, monetary support, and gift of time help us in our efforts. For more information, please contact the Social Concerns office or visit our parish website www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns/svdp Thank you for your support.

Mary Beth Ford, Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

St. Cletus School is currently enrolling students. Consider building a strong foundation for life-long learning for your child. We have limited openings in classrooms from Preschool through 8th grade for the 2009-2010 school year. Our preschool program has half-day openings in the afternoon for two, three or five days from 12:15 until 3:00 for students ages 3-5. Please contact the school for more information at (708) 352-4820.

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.

12th Annual Pillars House Tour... Sunday, June 28, from 11am -5pm. The tour will kick off with a seminar on current design trends at the newly renovated La Grange Theatre by HGTV "Design on a Dime" host, Frank Fontana! Three beautiful homes in La Grange and two truly unique homes in Western Springs will be featured! Tickets for the tour can be purchased for \$30 in advance or \$35 on the day of. Questions? visit www.pillarscommunity.org or contact the office at (708) 698.5500 x 205. Volunteers are needed for ticket sales and docenting on the day of. Proceeds from the tour will benefit the many programs of Pillars.

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

