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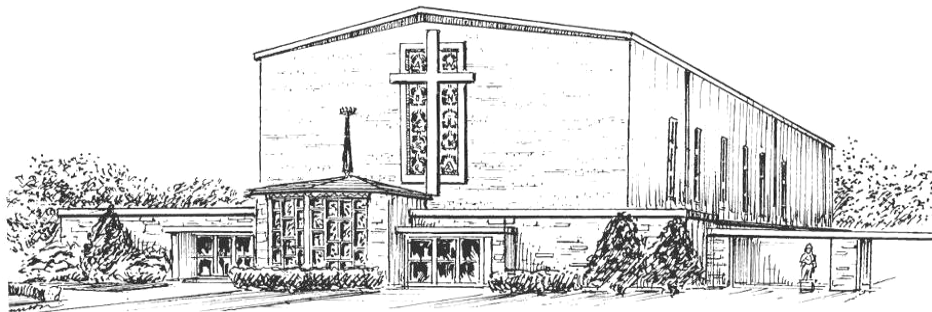
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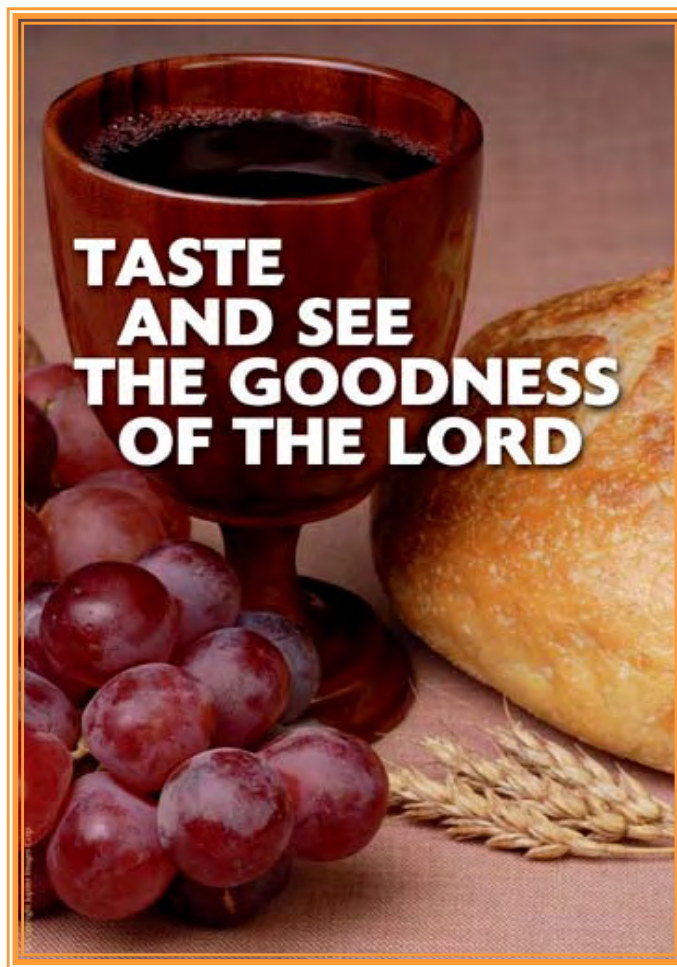
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August 16, 2009

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 August 17 - August 23, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Walter Kelly
Tuesday	8:00am	Margaret Piorkowski, Bruno Buczek
Wednesday	8:00am	Eleanor Haskins, Joseph & Antonia Buczek, Florence Rossi
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Erik Geyer, Pauline Cuttill, Joseph & Kay Klemak
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Phyllis Prevenas John Slowiak, Glenna & James Gordon
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Jerry Gleich, Delores Depa Ginny Oliva Rose Mary Ptak, Julia Hartnett Timothy Benrus, Hank Masquelier, William O'Brien, Jr., James Gearen Souls in Purgatory



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

So that we may ensure that someone is always present when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed during Adoration, please consider volunteering for a particular hour or half hour to be with the Lord. Adoration occurs on the first Monday of every month from 8:30am until 6:15pm. If you wish to volunteer for this important effort, please contact Maureen at (708) 352-5834 to schedule a time.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Nolan Blair, Betty Jo Boden, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, Norma Evans, Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Dr. Karen Chermel, Denise Kuchta, Anna Ciszek, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Richard Imholt, Sister Arlene Gibson, Marilyn Matesevac, 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.

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



George Kessler,
husband of Trudi

***May God Grant Him Eternal Rest.
Amen.***



WEDDING BANNIS

***Danielle McDermott
&
Chris Martin***



St. Cletus Rosary Prayer Group

Where: St. Cletus Church
When: We will meet at 12:00 Noon every Sunday (after the 11:00am Mass) near the Tabernacle.
Bring: Your Rosary - we recite the Glorious Mysteries (within 30 minutes of God's time)

Any questions:
Contact Patti Boland at (708) 482-7768



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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2009

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What's more

Some might know that "eating the body of Christ" at the Lord's Supper is best understood as a symbol of the Lord's love and presence among us. But that's not enough. The genteel young Southern fiction writer Flannery O'Connor must have shocked her companions when in conversation about the Eucharist, she once objected, "Well, if it's a symbol, to hell with it." In one of her letters, she wrote that the Eucharist "is the center of existence for me; all the rest of life is expendable." The meaning of the Eucharist resists taming; it refuses to be reduced to a mere anything. Another American writer, poet William Carlos Williams, maintained that in a poem there are "no ideas except in things." The Eucharist is not an abstract idea. It is an experience of mystery that will always be more than our struggle to articulate it. It is a "more" that is always shocking.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58*

"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed."

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Possessed or saved?

Why does having many possessions stand in the way of our spiritual freedom? If that is the case, why do we go to such great lengths to acquire things, and why is it so difficult to part with them, even when their usefulness to us is long gone? Perhaps it's because we all need something we can hold onto, and holding onto things we can see and touch is certainly an understandable response to insecurity. But ultimately perishable things will fail to deliver the hoped-for security, as each of us learns sooner or later in life. Our relationships with God and our fellow human beings are the only sources of security that can endure. As spiritual giant Thomas Merton put it, "In the end, relationships save everything."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22*
"He went away grieving, for he had many possessions."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

The art of the possible

"With God all things are possible" is surely one of the most well-known of Jesus' statements. It's short, optimistic, and, most important, we want it to be true. But when we look around, the scripture passage that more likely comes to mind is, "If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened?" The ancient Israelite leader Gideon said that. What he didn't know and we forget is that God holds the entire picture of creation, while we see only a very small piece. It's like viewing a corner of a painting and wondering why we can't make sense of the whole canvas. What's a believer to do? Believe. Believe in a loving, merciful God who makes all things possible. That's what Gideon did.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30*
"If the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us?"

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

FEAST OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Love for the least

Saint John Eudes (1601-1680) was a famed preacher of "parish missions" and a promoter of the devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Even early in his priestly life he brought the love and mercy of God to those struck by the

plague. He ministered among and helped them when he could in both body and spirit. Who in your life is ill in body, spirit, or mind? How can you help them?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16*

"The last will be first, and the first will be last."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

FEAST OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Calm in the storm

Bernard of Clairvaux, a French abbot of the 12th century, had a tremendous influence on the course of Catholicism at a time of great strife and intrigue in the church. He reformed monastic life, brought Mary to the forefront of popular piety, and mediated between princes and popes. He was also instrumental in the founding of the Knights Templar, who became models of the medieval ideal of a Christian knight and were heavily involved in the Crusades. Through all the tumult of his times, Bernard managed to maintain his contemplative spirit. Our own day is equally tumultuous. What can you do to cultivate a contemplative spirit in the midst of it all?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14*

"The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

In-laws who got along

In-laws often get a bad rap. Mothers-in-law in particular have a reputation for being overbearing, especially when it comes to their sons' wives. True, there are some delicate relationships out there, but there are others who blow this stereotype out of the water. Take Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, who are written about in the Book of Ruth in Hebrew scripture. The two women experience the deaths of their husbands. Though free to leave, Ruth remains with her mother-in-law, fiercely standing by her side. Somehow—through their family ties, shared grief, and faith in the God of Israel—the two women remain committed to one another. Who are the proverbial "in-laws" in your life, those people with whom you've formed lasting relationships despite the jokes and assumptions of others?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40*

"Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Shine up that crown!

A generation ago Catholics didn't worry that Mary was never crowned Queen of Heaven in scripture. She was queen of our hearts, and that was enough. Still, the question must be asked: In what way is her queenship "real"? Mary's royal stature has meaning for us apart from whatever it may mean in the realm of God. We are likewise invited to be a holy and royal people, to live as heirs in God's kingdom. What Mary already possesses is a vision of what awaits us as her children in faith. Treat those around you like royalty today. They are!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12*

"Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me?"

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SAINT CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES

A JOYFUL NOISE

FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR THE ST. CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD - 2:00 P.M.



light reception
to follow



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St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Due to the efforts of the many volunteers, donors, and shoppers, the 2nd Annual Rummage Sale netted over \$12,000. These proceeds will allow our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference to continue to give support to those in our community who are truly in need of emergency financial assistance towards their rent, mortgage, utility or transportation needs. I would like to thank the volunteers for their tireless efforts. We worked hard and shared many laughs! It was gratifying to see people from different ministries "join forces" with Social Concerns volunteers to ensure a successful event. The Hispanic Ministry was well represented, as were Compassionate Care, Religious Ed, School, Worship, Technology, etc. I would be remiss not to mention the many hours of help the seniors of the parish provided. They were phenomenal! Mary Beth Ford, Director of Social Concerns, was ever present to lend her help. I couldn't have done it without her. Also, a special thanks to the men and women who picked up the large items from donor's homes. God blessed us with a beautiful day and blessed us all with new found friends!

Maureen Soldat

Rummage Sale Chairperson

I would like to add my thanks to all involved with the Rummage Sale, especially to Maureen Soldat, whose heart is as big as the challenges she tackles on behalf of those who are struggling in our community and beyond. A special word of appreciation to her husband, Bob Soldat, a great organizer, who flawlessly coordinated all the furniture pickups. We also appreciated the help from volunteers outside our parish...who recognize that the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul extends to any member of our community who is in need, regardless of religion, race or opinion.

Mary Beth Ford 

Social Concerns Ministry

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU...We need your support to stay that way! Interfaith Community Partners (ICP) provides a network of trained volunteers from 13 local churches, to help older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their communities by providing assisted transportation, friendly visitation, and telephone reassurance at no charge to the care partners (those we help). We also provide support groups for caregivers.

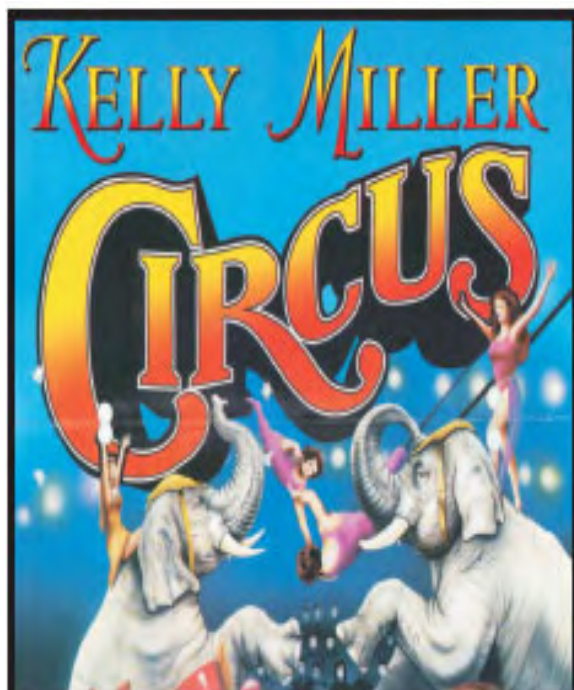
As our population ages, the need for ICP's services increases. ICP's only fundraising event is our Annual Theater Benefit, which takes place this year on Wednesday, September 9 at the Theater of Western Springs. Please consult the insert in today's Canticle for details. If you have any further questions, contact Mary Beth Ford, (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com. Thank you.

LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

La Grange Area Transitional Housing (**LATH**) is a program of Pillars dedicated to serving local families who are facing homelessness. The heart of **LATH** are the 2 person mentor teams that serve as life coaches, providing direction, encouragement and support. Each family develops an action plan to reach its goals of financial independence and sustainability. The Mentors are a critical success factor for these families to achieve their goals. We are currently seeking dedicated Mentors for our families in the **LATH** program. If you are interested in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Kelli Moore at kmoore@pillarscommunity.org or (708) 995-3733.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity in helping us fill approximately 205 bags of groceries for distribution at the August Food Pantry. Thanks, too, for the donations of school supplies. Our shelves are pretty sparse right now. We have no canned vegetables, and very few canned fruits, meals-in-a can/box, jelly, soup, tomatoes, boxed side dishes, dry pinto beans, rice, and cereal. Other items included on our list of staples and extras are pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, crackers, evaporated or condensed milk, coffee, tea, juice, condiments, paper products, juice and all sizes of diapers. Again, thank you for answering Jesus' call to feed the hungry.



The Kelly Miller Circus
is coming to St. Cletus on
Wednesday, September 9th

Show Times: 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Advance Tickets now on sale
after all weekend Masses in the vestibule
and at the Rectory through Sept. 8th.

TICKET PRICES

In Advance

Adults. \$10.00
Children (under 12) \$6.00

On Circus Day

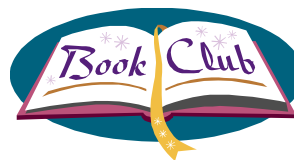
Adults. \$14.00
Children (under 12) \$7.00

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD

**Join us for
Brats, Brews, Pretzels,
and all things German!**

Opening Act - *The Happy Wanderers*
9:00 p.m. - *The Lusty Muttz*

St. Cletus Parish



will meet to discuss "*Change of Heart*"
by Jodi Picoult

**Wednesday, August 26, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

Room 98 (Kindergarten)
flag pole entrance

All are welcome!

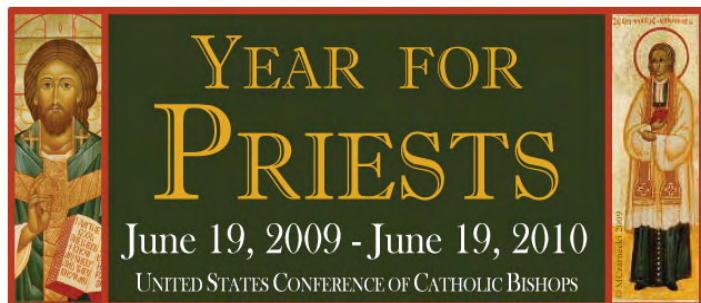
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St. Cletus 2009 Youth Ministry Trip

Delbarton, West Virginia





INDULGENCES FOR THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Steps for the faithful to receive an indulgence.

On the first and last days of the *Year for Priests* [June 19, 2009, June 19, 2010], on the **150th** anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney [August 4, 2009]. On the first Thursday of the month, or on any other day established by the local Ordinary those seeking an indulgence should:

- Attend Mass
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Pray for Priests
- Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father

All who complete these requirements will receive a full *Plenary Indulgence* as per Papal Decree.

A *Partial Indulgence* is granted to all the faithful every time they devoutly recite five *Our Fathers*, *Hail Marys* and *Glorias*, or another expressly approved prayer in honor of the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, to obtain that priests be preserved in purity and holiness of life.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. John Eudes
Thursday:	St. Bernard
Friday:	St. Pius X
Saturday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Ramadan (Islamic month of fasting) begins this week

COMPUTER OPEN LAB

Join us for our next Computer Open House on Sunday, August 23, from noon until 1pm in the St. Cletus School Technology Learning Center (Enter the school door #11 on 54th street and follow the signs). The open house provides a fear free and supportive environment where parishioners can learn computer basics, sharing and editing pictures, using email, and much more.

THE TECH COMMITTEE IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS WITH A PASSION FOR TECHNOLOGY!

Our next meeting is, September 1, at 7:00pm. Please email technology@stcletusparish.com for more information.



Who is my neighbor? Allah/God

When Muslims say “Allah” and Christians say “God”, are they referring to the same God? The answer is *yes* and *no*. But let us look more closely.

Regarding the One whom Muslims and Christians worship, the answer is *yes*. Allah is just the Arabic word for “God” It is also the word Arabic-speaking Christians use in their prayers and at Mass. For both Muslims and Christians, Allah/God is the one and only God.

Regarding the understanding of God, both Christians and Muslims would answer *no*. Consequently, Christianity and Islam are two separate religions.

Christians believe God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. “Three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God” (*Preface of the Mass for Trinity*).

When Muslims say “Allah” in their prayers, they mean the One and Only God who is neither two nor three. For Muslims, Allah is indivisible and unpartnerable.

So, again when Christians pray and say “God” and their Muslim neighbors say “Allah”, are both referring to the same God? The answer is *yes* and *no*. (V.4 S. 1 2009)

Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to the Lord by a proportionate giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday Collection

Total Active Registered Families **2,482**
August 9, 2009 Budgeted Collection = **\$24,000**

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used - this week 685
 % of registered families contributed 28%

Amount Collected

\$21,767 Envelope Users
 3,915 Loose Checks/Cash
 \$25,690

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Day/Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday, Aug. 17	7-8:00pm	MH Lobby	New Family Open House
Tuesday, Aug. 18			
Wednesday, Aug. 19	7-9:00pm	S-Rel Ed office	Catechist Meeting
Thursday, Aug. 20	5:30-9:00pm	C & S	Meet & Greet Mass/ Open House
	7:00pm	S-207	SVDP
Friday, Aug. 21	7:00pm	S-207	Hispanic Bible Class
Saturday, Aug. 22	5:00pm	CV	Circus Ticket Sale
	5:00pm	CV	Inter Faith Ticket Sale
	7:00pm	C/MH	Choir Concert/ Reception
Sunday, Aug. 23	8a-12pm	CV	Circus Ticket Sale
	8a-12pm	CV	Inter Faith Ticket Sale
	2:00pm	C/MH	Choir Concert/ Reception
C	Church	S	School
CV	Church Vestibule	R	Rectory
MH	Morrissey Hall (Gym)		

LOVE THEM BOTH

We must love them both—those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject. For both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in the finding of it.

—Thomas Aquinas



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

St. Cletus School is currently enrolling students. We have limited openings in classrooms from Preschool through 8th grade for the 2009-2010 school year. We offer both full-day and half-day Preschool programs for children 3-5 years-old with a before and after-care program from 7:00am until 5:45pm. 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

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

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

The Alzheimer's Support Group meeting will be held Tuesday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. Adventist LaGrange Hospital, 51st and Willow Springs Rd., LaGrange, IL. For information call Mike Bellovich at 708-502-5939.

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Hispanic Ministry:	Silvia Casas Ignacio Saavedra
Social Concerns:	Maureen Soldat Jim Ryva
Technology Representative:	Julie Lenz

NEW THERAPIST AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Bruce Engle, LCSW is the new therapist at St. John of the Cross Parish. Bruce is on staff at the Holbrook Counseling Center of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Whether your concern is personal, relational or career-related, Bruce offers professional assistance that is confidential and convenient. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call (312) 655-7725.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm