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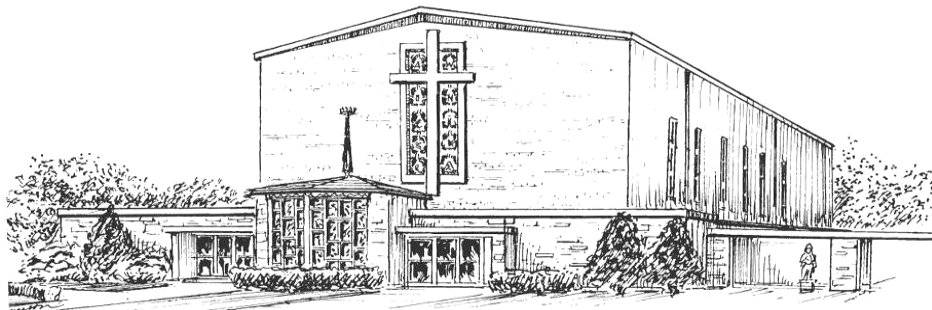
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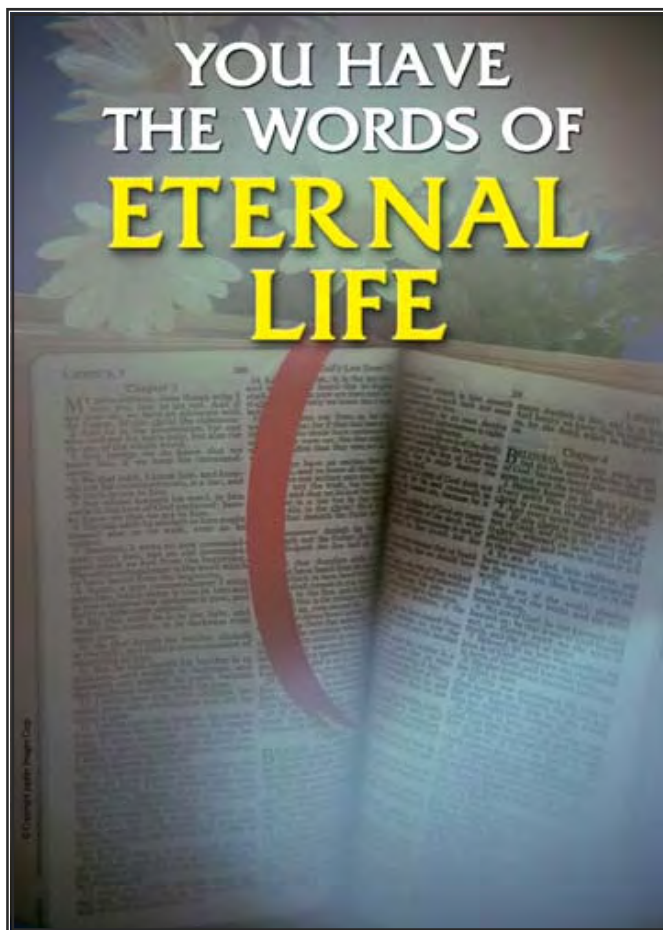
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**August 23, 2009**

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*



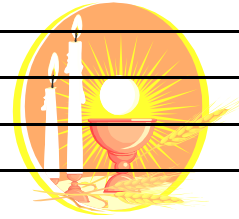
**All are welcome.**

**Handicapped parking is located in front of church.**

**Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.**

## Mass Intentions for the Week of August 24 - August 30, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - 52nd Wedding Anniversary of Al & Geri Hinton
Tuesday	8:00am	James Morgan
Wednesday	8:00am	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Thursday	8:00am	Nora Gray
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Parishioners of St. Cletus Rudy Kegl
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Henry & Darlene Krueger, John Salvato Souls in Purgatory Arlene LeGrand Linda Grigutis, Kenneth Herzog, 40th Wedding Anniversary of Ed & Dale Ward Souls in Purgatory



### We Welcome into God's Family and Ours Through the Sacrament of Baptism...

*Lizet Azucena Ojeda Acuña,*  
daughter of José G. Ojeda & Esther Acuña

*Samantha Lizzet Nieto,*  
daughter of Francisco Javier Nieto Martínez  
& Maribel Serna Pérez

*John Alexander Carrera,*  
son of Juan José Carrera & Marcella Arroyo

*Jimena Ruiz,*  
daughter of Manuel Ruiz & Margarita Rosales

*Gabriel Cisneros,*  
son of Hugo Cisneros & Ana Lucia Guerrero

*Mónica Giselle Sánchez,*  
daughter of Alfredo Sánchez & Verónica Huerta

*Emily Cortez,*  
daughter of Francisco Cortez & Herlinda Alcantar

*Kevyn Vital,*  
son of Francisco Vital & Bertha Villegas

*Jakeline Garfias,*  
daughter of Filiberto Garfias & Esveidy Zamora

*Christopher Zamora,*  
son of Alfredo Zamora & Adela Martínez

*Lily Reese Ingolia,*  
daughter of Jon Ingolia & Jill Polich

*Giovani Zamora,*  
son of José Antonio Zamora & Angelica Garduño

*Ryan Jeffrey Kass,*  
son of Michael Kass & Jennifer Sojka

*Jair Zamora,*  
son of Ismael Zamora & Doreida Tapia

*Owen Ross Kass,*  
son of Michael Kass & Jennifer Sojka

*Sabrina Zamora,*  
daughter of Ismael Zamora & Doreida Tapia

*Leah Danielle Monahan,*  
daughter of Daniel Monahan & Kimberly Nowakowski

*May God's Love Always Bless Them.*



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

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Jesus takes us beyond our beyonds

Joshua and the gospel-writer John are people confronted with decisions. Joshua lays it on the line: Choose which god you are going to serve. In the end, like Joshua and his household, the Israelites chose the Lord, but it wasn't easy. Jesus' teaching was also hard to swallow for some. "How can he give us his flesh to eat?" This uncomfortable equation shocked the first people to hear Jesus say it. We conclude our month-long Sunday meditations on the Eucharist aware that the gospel constantly draws us beyond "I can't" or "I don't understand" or "that's too much to ask." Jesus' way will never be domesticated; he constantly invites us deeper, beyond what seems our capacity.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; John 6:60-69*

*"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*

## MONDAY, AUGUST 24

### FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

#### Silent witness

Although he appears as a witness to the Ascension, Saint Bartholomew is one of the apostles of whom no individual word or act is reported in the New Testament. In fact we can't be sure even of his name—some experts consider the "Nathanael" who appears in John's gospel to be the same person. What we do know is that he served as a witness to the message and mission of Jesus. Those who serve quietly, without fanfare, also are great witnesses in their own right. Even if you are not in the spotlight, trust that your good works will not go unnoticed by the One who sees all.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51*  
*"Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."*

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

### FEAST OF LOUIS OF FRANCE

#### Keep it clean

King Louis IX of France (1214-1270) built numerous hospitals, monasteries, and churches and led his people into what was called the golden century of Saint Louis in which France was the cultural and political capitol of Europe. Yet most remarkable was Louis' piety and love for the liturgy. He attended Mass twice daily and filled his royal court with chanting of the Liturgy of the Hours. While his power was vast and absolute, he was saved from vainglory in part by the upbringing of his mother, Blanche of Castile, who legendarily told her son: "I love you my dear son, as much as a mother can love her child; but I would rather see you dead at my feet than that you should commit a mortal sin." What failings do you have to repent?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26*

*"First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean."*

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

### Don't leave it to the experts

When you go to church it may be hard to see beyond what the priests, deacons, lectors, cantors, and others are doing at the moment (unless of course you're one of those people!). Behind that hour of Mass, however, are many hours of meetings, practice, and personal preparation that go into leading worship. But the work everyone else in a faith community does—including yours—is just as important. Supporting yourself, and maybe a family, as well as all the other tasks of life, if you do them in a spirit of faith and generosity, go just as far in building the kingdom of God. And perhaps the most important thing you do is worship itself—*liturgy*

originally meant a "public service or work." Think of ways your work is part of the great work.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32*

*"We worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God."*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

### FEAST OF MONICA

#### Speak up!

What we know about Saint Monica, like many women in the early centuries of the church, comes from the perspective of a male writer. In Monica's case that writer was her son, Saint Augustine of Hippo. He described Monica as a model of womanly virtue—hard working, persevering, submissive, and holy. But we know nothing about Monica in her own words. We do not even know if she could write. In addition, women at that time were considered inferior to men, and women's importance was tied largely to the social status of the men in their lives. Monica is like many women, past and present, who lack the social power to speak for themselves. Perhaps today we can entrust to Monica's saintly patronage people who are defined by others and struggle to give voice to their own experience.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51*

*"Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face."*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

### FEAST OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Peace time

Looking for a good book to read this summer? Try Augustine's *Confessions*, a classic of literature by one of the greatest thinkers of all time. Augustine's account of his search for God contains all the elements of a great adventure story: exotic locations, decadence and dissolution, an overbearing mother, philosophy, theology, despair, and finally a profound religious experience: "No further would I read; nor needed I: for instantly at the end of this sentence, by a light as it were of serenity infused into my heart, all the darkness of doubt vanished away." Augustine's search for the only source of true peace is our search, too. "You have made us for yourself, O Lord," he wrote, "and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13*  
*"For God did not call us to impurity but in holiness."*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

### FEAST OF THE MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### Villains can be good, too

We tend to divide up people into good guys and bad guys. Yet the truth about any given person defies those categories. Just think if you were to be permanently judged and labeled based on a particularly bad day when all your weak points showed up like yellow dandelions on a green lawn. Take ol' Herod for instance, one of the villains of the gospel stories. Despite his bad behavior, Mark presents him as having a heart with at least a reasonable potential for goodness. And really, isn't that true for all of us? Maybe we shouldn't be so quick to judge.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Mark 6:17-29*  
*"Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him."*

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

### ***TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

*Today's readings present us with choices. Joshua offers the people of Israel a clear choice. They have conquered the land God promised them and now stand on an important threshold. Joshua realizes that this is a time for decision, and that the decision they make now will affect their whole future. The people look to the past and choose the lord as their God – not out of any sense of mere traditionalism or conservatism, but because God has proved himself to be faithful, their redeemer, their liberator and protector. They make a decision to face the future based on their past experience of God's goodness.*

*Jesus also gives his disciples a choice: "Do you want to go away too?" Peter gives an answer based on experience. The disciples have spent time with the Lord, listened to his words, seen him perform miracles, watched how he dealt compassionately with people. They have come to know him – to know that he is the "Holy One of God", to know that he brings hope and healing into people's lives – that he has the message of eternal life. They have come to have faith in him: "we believe". Their faith is not certainty: Jesus knows that, like those who walked away, the disciples who stayed would have doubts, questions, many things they simply did not understand. That is why he asks if they too will leave. But although they do have questions, his disciples make a decision based on experience, based on their experience of the Lord. It is a gamble – they had no guarantees about how their lives would turn out or what hardships they would have to endure if they remained with Christ.*

*Why were so many of Jesus' disciples put off, so that they couldn't make that decision to remain his disciples? They too had heard and observed Jesus. But they chose what they already had rather than take the risk of following him. They opted for safety and security, rather than being open to the message of Jesus.*

*Choosing whether or not to follow the Lord is a choice we all have to make each day, as the changing circumstances of our life requires us to decide whether to risk trying to live by his teaching or to walk away and remain safe in our old securities. The doctrine which provoked people to leave Jesus was his teaching that we should eat his body and drink his blood, if we are to have life within us. The presence (body and blood) of Jesus is not confined to the Eucharist.*

*Christ also promised that he would be found among the poor, the weak, the sick and imprisoned, the lonely and the hungry – among the people who make us feel uncomfortable or who make implicit or explicit demands on our time, our concern, our money, our friendship.*

*Do we recognize Christ's presence – his life-giving body and blood – among these people, or do we prefer to remain safe and comfortable by closing our eyes and ears to the needs and demands of the poor? Liberation theologians tell us that disciples of Christ who do not feel called to fight against injustice and oppression are Judases, refusing to follow Jesus. Their conduct is a denial of Jesus and a betrayal of his message of life. It is easy for us to stay with what we have, to walk away from any risk. The challenge of real faith is to follow the Lord and to seek his presence in the needy faces of our neighbor. That is a choice which will lead to the greatest prize of all for us: ETERNAL LIFE.*

### ***"LIGHTING OUR WAY"***

*Our parish summer project "Lighting our Way" phase one has just about been completed. The new electrical panel, light poles, lights, and walkway lights are now installed. They are truly helping us to better light our way into church and school. The landscaping repair will begin in the next week or two and everything should be back to normal with improved lighting and safety for all. In addition to the new lights we have been able to add three new shrine areas to our grounds through a generous donation. You will notice a new statue of "St. Francis Feeding the Animals" under the tree next to the church along the walkway by the kindergarten room. There is a new statue of the "Holy Family" at the back entrance of the school leading into the Junior High wing.*

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*The niche in the vestibule by the ministers' room will hold a large icon of "The Saints of the Americas" along with a vigil light stand and a kneeler.*

*All these improvements of our parish grounds and facilities are as a result of your generous support and efforts. If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to our "Lighting Our Way" project please do so and help meet our goal. If you have already given we thank you for your generosity.*

*End of Summer Blessings and Peace,  
Father Bob*

#### AD GENTES MISSIONARIES

On behalf of Ad Gentes Missionaries I say "thank you" sincerely for all your contributions in support of the mission work of all missionaries. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Be assured of our continuous prayers to you and your family.

*Sister Lucia Benedict Azoba, A.G.M.*  
Coordinator



Please Pray for  
Our Deceased...

*Patricia Conway*

May God Grant Her Eternal Rest.  
Amen



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, Blasé Cinquegrani, 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.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDER!

Religious Education Classes begin on Sunday/Monday, September 13/14 for students in Grades 1-6. If you have not registered your child yet, please stop by, or call the Religious Education Office (708) 352-2383. Registration forms may be printed off the parish web sit at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com).

Classes for grades 7 & 8 begin on Sunday, September 20. If you have not registered for this year please do so. We would like all of our students to come to class with an assigned classroom, and catechist.

*Pat Kahl*

Director of Religious Education

#### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE...

Frequently holidays occur on Mondays, which is the day we observe Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Since we do not wish to diminish the importance of this devotion, **when a holiday falls on the first Monday of the month, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be observed on Tuesday following the holiday.** This change will be implemented beginning in September. Therefore, Adoration will begin after the 8:00 Mass on Tuesday, September 8. Benediction and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated at 6:15pm.



The facilities will be closed in observance of Labor Day  
Monday, September 7, after the 8:00am Mass.





## St. Cletus School

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LaGrange, IL 60525

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Dear Friends,

The Inaugural Oktoberfest was a huge success with over 600 attendees and raised over \$30,000 for the school. It was a great event, bringing together members of St. Cletus parish. We appreciate the support that the parish has given the school over the years. We are truly blessed to belong to such a generous community.

The success of last year's fundraising events helped us integrate more technology into our classrooms with a smart board for each grade level to share and new computers in the computer lab. We added a full day pre-school program, which has continued to grow. We enhanced our math and science curricula and added extracurricular programs including technology, math and science clubs.

We are looking forward to another wonderful event this year. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 3, 2009.** The Oktoberfest tent will rise again in the parish parking lot and the festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. We invite you to join us for this celebration of food, live music and friends.


While we know that our Oktoberfest will be a great way to meet new friends and get re-acquainted with old ones, the primary goal of the evening is to raise money for St. Cletus School. For this school year, we have set some ambitious goals. We will again focus on integrating technology with the addition of Smart Boards to the remaining classrooms, enhance and update our language arts curricula, provide additional math materials for our early childhood programs, continue to boost our extracurricular programs, and offer ongoing professional development for our teachers.



To achieve these goals, we're counting on events like Oktoberfest to help raise the resources necessary to continue improving our school while keeping tuition affordable. Our fundraising goal for Oktoberfest is \$25,000.

Enclosed with this letter is a sponsorship agreement. Please review it, and consider sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest. Please note that all sponsorship levels include tickets to the event. If you cannot sponsor the event, we do hope we see you there. For more details about the event, individual ticket information as well as additional sponsorship agreements for your friends, please visit our website, [www.stcletusoktoberfest.com](http://www.stcletusoktoberfest.com). There will also be information in the Canticle as the event draws closer.

We are confident the evening will be a huge success – friends will be made and funds will be raised. Our fundraising events have been tremendously successful – thanks in large part to parishioners like you willing to invest in the excellent academic and spiritual foundation St. Cletus School continues to provide. Thank you in advance for your continued and generous support of St. Cletus School.

Best regards,

  
Jolene Hillgoth  
St. Cletus Principal

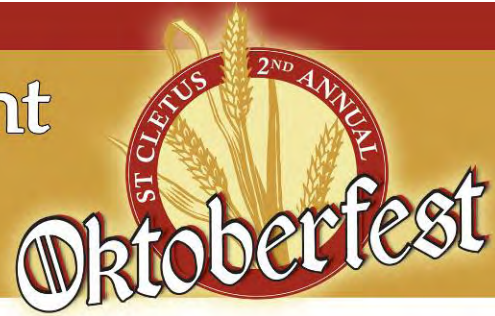
   
Ed Burke  
Patty Burke  
Event Chairs



FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

# Sponsorship Agreement

ST. CLETUS OKTOBERFEST  
OCTOBER 3, 2009



NAME/BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<input type="checkbox"/> Family Sponsor	\$100	Name listed on "Thank You Banner" at event, 2 admission tickets (valued at \$50)
<input type="checkbox"/> Augsburg Sponsor	\$250	Name listed on "Thank You Banner" at event, 4 admission tickets (valued at \$100)
<input type="checkbox"/> Düsseldorf Sponsor	\$500	Name on "Sponsor T-shirt" and listed on "Thank You Banner" at event, plus 6 admission tickets (valued at \$150)
<input type="checkbox"/> Frankfurt Sponsor	\$1000	Name listed on "Pre-event advertising," name on "Table signage" at event, name listed on "Sponsor T-shirt," "Newspaper Thank You" after event, name listed on "Thank You Banner" at event, 12 admission tickets (valued at \$300)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hamburg Sponsor	\$2500	Name printed on "Souvenir mug," name listed on "Pre-event advertising," name listed on "Table signage," name on "Sponsor T-shirt," "Newspaper Thank You" after event, name listed on "Thank You Banner" at event, 16 admission tickets (valued at \$400) plus \$100 in beverage tickets
<input type="checkbox"/> Munich Sponsor	\$5000	"Full event sponsor," name listed on all "Pre-event advertising," Primary placement on "Sponsor T-shirt," name on all "Event Signage," main imprint on "Souvenir mug," "Newspaper Thank you" after event, name listed on "Thank You Banner" at event, 20 admission tickets (valued at \$500) plus \$250 in beverage tickets

Admission ticket includes: entertainment, meal, one beverage of choice and a souvenir mug.

Souvenir mugs are limited to the first 500 entries to the event. Only adults 21 and over with valid ID admitted.

Please mail sponsorship agreements and payments to: *St. Cletus – Oktoberfest*  
700 W. 55th St.  
LaGrange, IL 60525

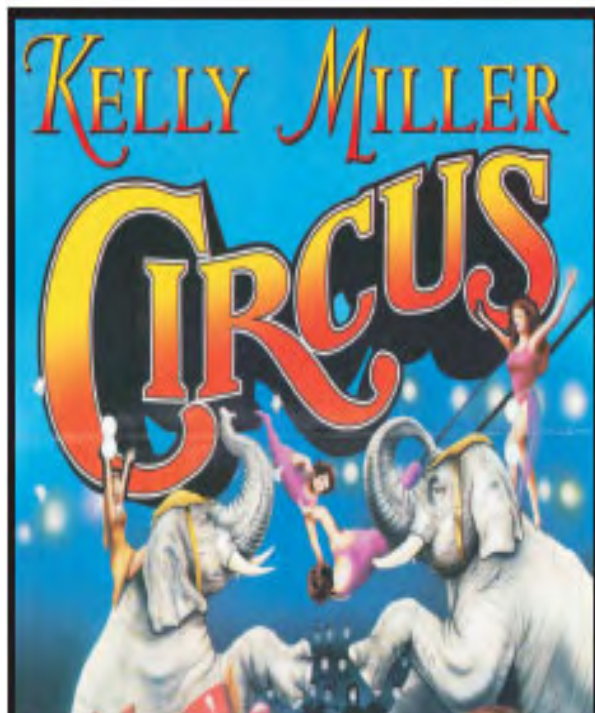
Email your company logo to [oktoberfest@stcletusparish.com](mailto:oktoberfest@stcletusparish.com).

Sponsorship Agreements are appreciated as soon as possible, but no later than September 4, 2009 (with the exception of Family Sponsorships due September 25th). Make checks payable to St. Cletus School.

☐ Please check here if you are happy to sponsor, but cannot attend the event and would like to donate your tickets.

Your support of St. Cletus School is sincerely appreciated. St. Cletus is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations and gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. You will receive confirmation of your tax-deductible contribution for your records.





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

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL 2009-2010 ENROLLMENT



St. Cletus School is currently enrolling students. We have limited openings in classrooms from Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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!**

Info: [loriAshe@aol.com](mailto:loriAshe@aol.com)



## Youth Ministry Trip 2009 A Word of Thanks!



Dear St. Cletus Parish,

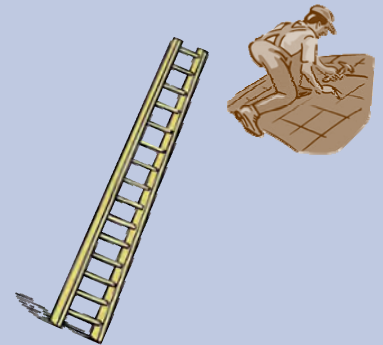
Thank you so much for all of your help, prayers, and support to allow us to go to Delbarton, WV. It was truly a touching experience with many new people to meet and many new places to explore. From listening to stories from the older generations at the nursing home, to wrangling the four through thirteen year old children, each person I met gave me something that could never be explained in words, and an experience that could never be forgotten.

With many thanks,

*Kelly Meade*



**YouthWorks!  
Delbarton, West Virginia**



Dear St. Cletus Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sponsoring me to go to Delbarton, WV for the teen mission trip. I was exposed to a different community then I am used to and felt I was able to help out and make a difference. I worked with other parishes who were not of my faith, but felt we shared the same beliefs while we had Bible studies and when we were helping out Eugene (a man who needed a roof for his porch). I also enjoyed being with the teens and the parent volunteers because I learned something about each of them that I didn't know before. Thanks again,

*Alex Driscoll*

**Confirmation Program...**Please remember that registration for the 2009/10 school year is here! If you haven't turned in your registration forms, please do so ASAP! We are still in need of 1-2 sets of Advisors for this year's class. If you think you can help, please call me in the Youth Ministry office at (708) 215-5419. Thank you!

*Amy Cranny*  
Youth Ministry

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

### (1) FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Because of the faithful generosity of our parishioners and friends in the community, the St. Cletus Food Pantry was able to provide groceries for 210 families and some school supplies for their children at our August food distribution. Unfortunately, we had to send some families away without a bag of staples, due to an unexpected surge in numbers. Past history and current trends tell us that we can expect the numbers we serve to again increase next month. As Fall approaches, here are some reminders that will help our pantry keep up with the need.

- Please continue to add an item or two for the Food Pantry to your weekly grocery list. At this time we are in need of most of our staples, including rice, dry pinto beans, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, meals in a can/box, soup, canned meats, jelly, tuna, cereal, and paper products.
- We are often asked what size bags of pasta, rice, beans, etc. are best to bring. Since we do not have satisfactory facilities to break down larger bags into smaller portions, we prefer mostly 2-3 pound bags at the largest. We do give the larger bags and canned items to our larger families as supplements to their bag of staples. So all sizes are used and welcomed.
- Each month we have a "specials table" where we have extra items from which our clients choose a couple of things. Some favorites include coffee, oatmeal, juice, condiments, evaporated or condensed milk, crackers, boxed side dishes, baby food, diapers, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and dish washing soap. (If available, one of these extra items is also put in each pre-packed family bag.)
- Please check expiration dates to avoid out of date goods which we cannot use.
- These items can be dropped off in the Church vestibule in the designated food bins located in the Madonna della Strada shrine area, when you come to weekend Mass or daily, from 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM.

We plan on having a "Share the Wealth" fresh produce drop-off in the afternoon of September 10 for the evening distribution. Watch future Canticles for drop-off times and further details. Again, thank you for your faithfulness to this ministry, especially during the months of summer vacation.

### (2) INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS (ICP)

Don't forget to stop by the ICP table after Mass today, to purchase your tickets to the September 9<sup>th</sup> Theater Benefit, featuring Agatha Christie's *Murder at the Vicarage*. Proceeds will go directly towards helping ICP continue its mission to offer services to our Seniors to help them maintain independence and well being, share their wisdom and talents, and remain connected with others in their community. These free services include personalized assisted transportation, friendly visitation, telephone reassurance, workshops and seminars on topics of concern to older adults, their families and congregations, as well as a monthly Support Group for caregivers. We will also be selling raffle tickets for several great prizes. Hope to see you there!

*Mary Beth Ford*  
Social Concerns

### **Career Networking Session** **Thursday, September 3rd - 7:00pm - St. Francis Xavier Rectory**

Come meet with other job seekers in our community and exchange contacts and leads that may be very helpful in your job search. Meet other job seekers who understand the value of networking to help you find a new job. Hope you can join us for this free session and gain some important new contacts that could lead to your next new job. Location: 124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange.



### Sunday Collection

**Total Active Registered Families**      **2,482**  
**August 16, 2009 Budgeted Collection** = **\$26,750**

#### Collection Statistics

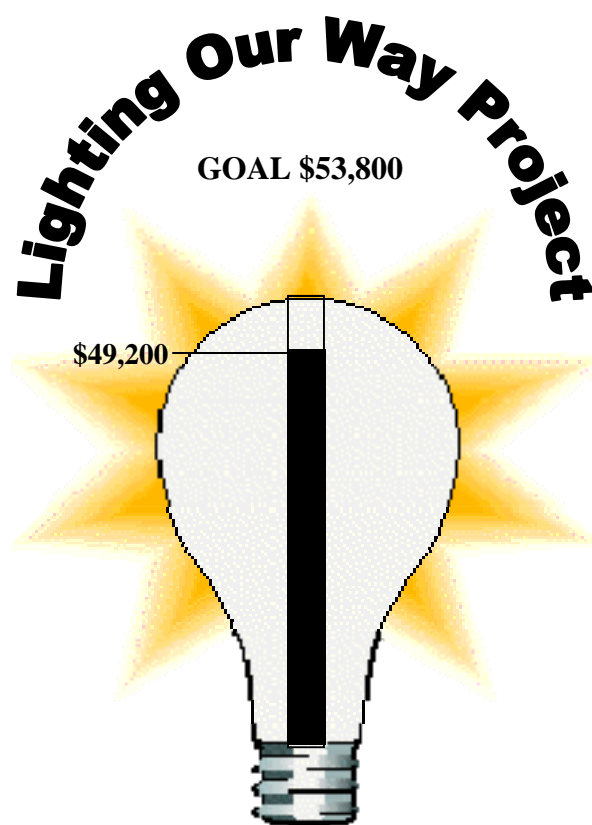
# of envelopes used - this week      647  
 % of registered families contributed      26%

#### Amount Collected

\$ 18,126      Envelope Users  
       2,556      Loose Checks/Cash  
 \$ 20,682

### A WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Day/Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday, Aug. 24	Full Day	School	1st Day of School Grades 1-8
Tuesday, Aug. 25	Full Day 9:00am	School C	1st Day of School Kdg & All Day Preschool School Mass
Wednesday, Aug. 26	7:00-9:00pm	S-200	New RE Catechist Mt
Thursday, Aug. 27	7:00-9:00pm	School S-207	1st Day of School for 1/2 Day Preschool SVDP
Friday, Aug. 28	7:00pm	S-207	Hispanic Bible Class
Saturday, Aug. 29	5:00pm	CV CV	Circus Ticket Sale Interfaith Comm. Theater Ticket Sale
Sunday, Aug. 30	8am-12pm	CV CV	Circus Ticket Sale Interfaith Comm. Theater Ticket Sale
C	Church	S	School
CV	Church Vestibule	R	Rectory
MH	Morrissey Hall (Gym)		



**“Lighting Our Way Project”**  
**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**THIS WEEKEND**

### PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

On Wednesday evening, September 16, at 7:00pm in room 201 of the Education Building, Pat Kahl will be facilitating another Protecting God’s Children Session. Anyone interested in volunteering to work with children in any capacity must have a certificate of attendance at a session on file along with a background check. You must register on line at **www.virtus.org**. You may attend a session at another parish if that is more convenient for you. Questions? Call the RE office at (708) 352-2383.

### 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

### 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.

### 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

### PART TIME RELIEF RN / LPN POSITION

Part Time Relief Nurse – RN or LPN Needed  
For Small Assisted Living Unit at the  
Congregation of St. Joseph,  
(formerly the Sisters of St. Joseph) in LaGrange Park.

Applications can be completed at the LaGrange Park Center, 1515 W. Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. If you have questions, please contact Flora McGuigan, 708-354-9200.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bartholomew
Tuesday:	St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine
Saturday:	The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS (708) 352-6209

**Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm**