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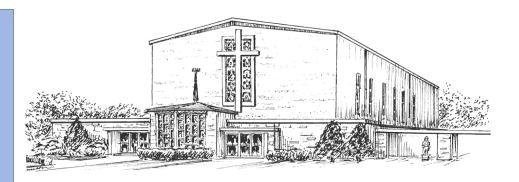
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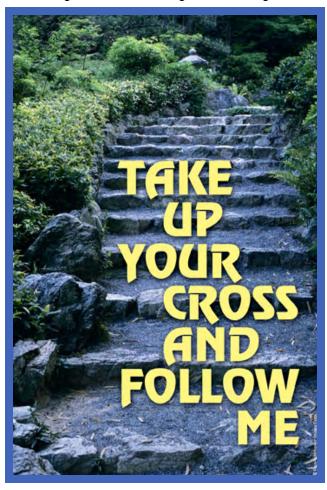
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### St. Cletus Canticle

600 W. 55th Street - La Grange, IL (708) 352-6209 Rectory (708) 352-4820 School www.stcletusparish.com September 13, 2009

Twenty-Fourth 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 September 14 - September 20, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions	
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Frank Wojcik, John T. McTigue	
Tuesday	8:00am	Findor Family	
Wednesday	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory, Michael Zaczyk	
Thursday	8:00am	Joseph & Rose Sliwinski, Michael Zaczyk	
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - James Cummings, Walsh, Spielman, Miller & King Families	
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Sam & Maria Scopellitti Dolores Gawron, Glenna & James Gordon, Ruth & Mary Jane Taylor, George Kessler	
Sunday		Marie Elliott Parishioners of St. Cletus Michael Arpaia, Gus DeBartolo Karen Gorak, Anna Feeley, Paul Delmonico Souls in Purgatory	

WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY
AND OURS THROUGH

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ...

Charles James Becker, son of James & Wendy (Wuchek) Becker

Abigail Grace Bellot, daughter of Brian & Cindy (Tittelbach) Bellot

Eileen Mary Kress, daughter of Tim & Kathleen (Cirese) Kress

May God's love Always Bless Them.



### Wedding Banns

Kelly Gallagher & Chris Charlesworth

Please Pray for
Our Deceased and
Their families...

† Betty Collins Cretors,
mother of Jack

† Michael Hofstetter,
brother of Bryan

† Peter M. Vukosovich,
husband of Marianne

† Frank E. Hollman,
husband of Rosemary

† Marilyn B. Pitlik,
mother of Marilyn

May God Grant Them Eternal Rest.

Amen.

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Nolan Blair, Betty Jo Boden, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiňones, 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.

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### NOTES FROM FATHER BOB ...

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the nineteenth century, Karl Marx described religion as the 'opium of the people'. He criticized churches for offering false hope to people by talking about eternal life but not addressing their earthly poverty: the unjust working conditions in which they labored, the appalling social conditions in which they lived. The caricature of religion presented by Marx does not recognize the struggle of countless men and women who have tried to live the commandment to 'love God and love neighbor'. At the same time, some presentations of Christianity can suffer from criticism that Marx made. Focus on the joy of eternal life and the victory of resurrection can sound hollow to people who experience pain or suffering in this world. The pain of grief may be ignored or the wounds of violent relationships glossed over. To live the Christian message is to acknowledge and live through the presence of the cross in life. In Mark's account of the scene in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus wept and experienced terror and anguish. He prayed that he would not have to endure the cross but asked only for the courage to do God's will.

Who do you say I am? Jesus caused confusion among the people to whom he preached because he healed and forgave sinners. Some misunderstood him; others thought that he was Elijah or another Old Testament prophet. Peter was able to recognize him as the Christ, the anointed one, the one for whom the Jewish people had hoped and waited. Like many present-day disciples, Peter only half understood the message of Jesus. Like many other Jews, he hoped for an earthly messiah who would liberate Israel from Roman occupation. This messiah would be victorious and clearly revealed as the hope of Israel. Thus, he could not accept that the Jewish leaders would reject Jesus and suffer death on a cross. This was scandalous. He protested against this message. His ways of thinking were very narrow and he was criticized by Jesus for his short-sightedness.

It is comforting for us that Peter, who walked and ate with Jesus and who knew from reading the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah that the Old Testament prophets were insulted and suffered, could be so mistaken. If he can make such mistakes, then it is not surprising that we can do the same.

However, no matter how often we may get it wrong, what always matters is our integrity. For example in business today we hear the term 'whistle-blower'. It describes the person who goes public about some malpractice or injustice. There comes a point where conscience demands that the harm and injustice be exposed. The price of honesty can be very high, but it can also be prophetic. To stand out in faith for the rights of others can lead to personal suffering, insult and scorn in the workplace. While the feelings are painful, this is the time to trust in God and to pray through the mystery of the cross.

In such situations, people may feel unsupported and distanced from their friends. It can be a lonely place when one knows that the right thing has been done but was not welcome. To try and live through the pain is difficult. By the same token the instinctive response of the friend may be to try and superficially cheer up the one who is suffering. The temptation in this is that we try to bypass the reality of the cross. Sometimes we can only be like John and the women who stood by at the foot of the cross. In this way we give witness together to the pain that living the Christian message entails.

In the early 1960's, Martin Luther King wrote about the suffering that must be endured by the Afro-American before his dream of equality and dignity could be realized. However, he recognized that Good Friday would give way to Easter Sunday. To live through Good Friday is the difficult task. Christians place their hope in the resurrection and the victory of Christ over suffering, sin and death. The image of three days in the tomb offers the hope of victory, but the three days may prove a very long time. Support and reassurance can be a mighty help in the dark days. The love and presence of the neighbor can give a person the hope needed to carry on. Be sure it is the faithful, loving, and authentic witness to the invitation of Jesus to take up the cross.

Peace, Father Bob



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

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Tell the truth

What does it mean "to speak truth to power"? Jesus provides a good example. He frequently confronted civic and religious authorities whose use of power resulted in oppression of people. That did not make Jesus a hero. Often he was thrown out of places, attacked, and ridiculed. Eventually he was killed for proclaiming the Good News. As followers of Jesus the Christ, that is our inheritance. We must summon the courage to speak the truth of our experience. We may not be called to do this in epic moments so much as in our day-to-day relationships. How do we speak the truth to people we love and live with every day? How do we speak a truth that is transformative, not destructive?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35* 

"It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?"

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

### FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Lift high the cross

It's not always easy to face the things that hurt us or our loved ones. So why would we lift up the cross, honoring that which symbolizes pain and the death of Jesus? As Christians we choose to face the cross. In doing so we confront not only the reality of suffering and death but also the hope and belief in new life, in that "something more" of salvation. And somehow in facing our pain, instead of pretending it isn't there or whitewashing the reality, there is acknowledgement of our vulnerability. We become open to healing. The exaltation of the cross is not only a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection. It is also an invitation to lift up our own pain and find in it a path to healing and wholeness. What symbol of your pain can you "exalt"?

Today's readings: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philemon 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

"So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

#### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

#### A mother's sorrow

Pop quiz on Catholic tradition: Name the "seven sorrows" in the life of the Virgin Mary. OK, time's up! While all seven may not have come to mind quickly, here's a tip: They're all found in gospel passages. Today is a good day to read and ponder them: the Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34); the Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13); the Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:43); the Way of the Cross (Luke 23:27); the Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:26); the Descent from the Cross (John 19:39); the Burial of Jesus (Luke 23:55).

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

"He said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'"

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

### FEAST OF CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYR - Why hope?

Wake up on the gloomy side of the bed today? Or encounter someone who did at breakfast, in school, at the office, or on the bus? Sooner or later we all need a reason to hope. Saint Cyprian found one. Born rich and with the world by the tail, he encountered Christianity in his 40s and went for it wholesale. Within 12 years of his baptism he'd sold everything, donated it to the poor, become a bishop, and was martyred

for his faith. His rationale? God takes care of every creature, even those "who have no sense of things Christian. . . . Do you think that to one dear to the Lord anything will be lacking?"

Today's readings: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 "If I am delayed, You . . . know how one ought to behave in the household of God."

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

### Feast of Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor of the church Keep a tally of love

One of life's great lessons is to realize that when the list of people who have offended or aggrieved you reaches ten, cross off everyone's name and put your own at the top. People disappoint, hurt, and infuriate us on a daily basis. We can argue and stew and harbor resentments. But at the end of the day the only beneficial response is to forgive. Open your heart; realize other people's fears and vulnerabilities; acknowledge your own. Then work toward acceptance and ultimately charity, which Saint Robert Bellarmine tells us is essential to our salvation: "Charity is that with which no [one] is lost, and without which no [one] is saved."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50 "The one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

#### Consider your legacy

We've all heard the adage, "You can't take it with you." Although it's a true statement, it's not a very inspiring one. Another way to say the same thing is to ask, "What will you leave behind?" A recent family reunion brought this question to mind. As folks offered their thoughts and thanks at the final gathering, it became impossible not to think of our grandparents, without whom none of us would have been born. What will you leave behind? Will it be a pile of money and a large house? Or will it be oft-told stories of love, humor, and compassion; youngsters who grow up to be faith-filled, responsible adults; a web of meaningful friendships; worthwhile work and a bit of beauty?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 "For we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it."

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

### FEAST OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR Get your blood moving

The feast of San Gennaro (Italian for Januarius) is familiar to anyone who has ever been to New York's Little Italy around this time of year. Despite the saint's popularity, there is virtually no record of him, except for later legends and the famous miracle of the saint's preserved blood, which allegedly liquefies several times a year in his church in Naples. The phrase "to get one's blood running" comes to mind—a miracle we can all seek or make happen whenever we move beyond apathy. Saints' days have long given rise to festivals and celebration, but it's a shame if all we do is point to others' holiness. We have to come alive ourselves and make current and vigorous in our lives today the heroic qualities we remember in long-dead saints.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 "In the presence of God, who gives life to all things . . . I charge you to keep the commandment."

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### SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

It's not news to any of us that food prices and the cost of living continue to rise, and many are faced with losing jobs and/or hours at work. We all face hard choices, and this is especially true of our Food Pantry clients. Their hard choices between rent and food, utilities and food, health care and food, often lead to hunger. Your generous assistance in providing supplementary food each month helps make ends meet and for that they are most grateful.

We are once again building up our supplies of staples to fill our bags for next month's food distribution. At this time we are in short supply of pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, canned fruit, meals in a can/box, canned meats, jelly, tuna, soup, paper goods and diapers. We also need our other regular staples, including dry pinto beans, rice, boxed side dishes, canned vegetables, peanut butter and evaporated or condensed milk. Please choose an item or two from the above or any other in-date non perishable, and bring it/them to church when you come to Mass, or anytime daily between 7:45 AM and 4:00 PM. Thank you for your continued generosity, even in these tough economic times.

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns Ministry

## Religious Education News!

Register <u>NOW</u> for classes beginning September 13/14. Stop in at the Religious Education Office to enroll your child. We are waiting to welcome you. Remember, Sunday classes begin at 9:15AM and Monday evening we begin class at 6:30PM. Parents are invited to attend our opening day festivities. Seventh and eighth graders begin class on Sunday, September 20 at 10:45AM.

**R.C.I.A**....IF you or someone you know has questions about the Catholic Church or is considering joining the Catholic Church, please invite him/her to join our parish R.C.I.A. Program. We meet on Wednesday Evenings from 7:00PM – 8:30PM in Room 200 of the Education Building. Our first session is entitled, "Getting to Know YOU!" and our parish team would love to get to know you. Call me at (708) 352-2383 for more information. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 23.

### Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

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	You are invited to serve at the table of the Lord as a Lector proclaiming the Word of the Lord, or as a Eucharistic Minister, assisting with the offering Of Communion to the Assembly Consider your gift. Consider the Lord's Invitation.					
	ushers, New Lector & Communion Training September 16 & 17 in Church: ushers 6:00-6:30pm Lectors 6:30-7:30pm, Eucharistic Ministers 7:30-8:30pm,					
	Schedules are flexible. Serving and being served is part of being a "family of faith".					
	Paulette Bolton  Worship Ministry					

### **St. Cletus Youth Ministry...More Thanks!**



Dear St. Cletus Parish Families,

I went on the Delbarton, West Virginia Youth Works Mission Trip this August. I had a great time doing God's work in a way I had never experienced before. Without your generosity and support, the trip never would have been possible. Thank you for giving me this opportunity that changed my life forever.

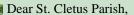
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Dear St. Cletus Parishioners.

Thank you so much for your donations, support and prayers for our mission trip to Appalachia. We prayed that we would make a difference in the lives of the people of Delbarton, WV. In actuality, the experience has done more for me in return. I felt the Holy Spirit at work in everyone that week. It was one of the most meaningful experiences of my entire life. Thank you for helping to provide us this opportunity. I will carry the lessons and memories in my heart forever. I was proud to represent St. Cletus in the service of those less fortunate.

Sincerely, Alyssa Condotti





Thank you so very much for your support by buying chocolate, making donations, and especially for your prayers for us during our journey. We went to Delbarton to make a difference for the people there and in the end, I believe they did more for us then we could ever had done for them. Throughout the trip I bonded with the sixteen other teenagers and leaders from St. Cletus in many ways, from holding the ladders in place for each other... to crying when a very devoted Catholic from the Trinity nursing home spent time with us. We were able to become a part of the community of Delbarton and have many memories to cherish. Through the kids club, the children had a chance to run around and express themselves. Because of the children, I was

able to see how lucky I am for all I have been given. Thank you so very much for your support, I am definitely looking forward to attending another mission trip next year.

Sincerely, Ashley Heslin



### ST. CLETUS CHOIR SEASON ABOUT TO BEGIN!

The parish choirs that provide music at our weekend liturgies are preparing to begin their regular season! The Chancel Choir is open to all adult singers in the parish, begins rehearsal on Thursday, September 17 at 7:30pm, The Contemporary Choir will begin its rehearsals at 6:45pm on Thursday,

September 24, and the Youth Choir open to singers in grades 7-12 will begin their weekly rehearsals on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00pm. Finally, our Children's Choir, open to students in our parish school or religious education program in grades 3-6, will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 17 from 5:00-5:45pm.

All choirs rehearse in the Music Room of the education building, and singers enter the doors at 54th & Waiola. Watch the Canticle next weekend for a detailed description of each of our choirs, and news on how you can share your love of music with your parish! If you have any questions, please call me at (708) 215-5423 or jsisul@stcletusparish.com.

**Justin Sisul** - Director of Music Ministry

Youth Works

# Oktoberfest Raffle

1st Prize

Panasonic 42" Flat Screen TV

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Dell Laptop Computer** 

3rd Prize

Horton's Patio Set with \$150 Q-BBQ Gift Certificate

4th Prize

iPod touch - 8GB

TICKETS
1 for \$5

5 for \$20

Special thanks to Hortons Home Lighting and Q BBQ for supporting St. Cletus and the Oktoberfest Raffle.

Drawing will be held at event. Winner need not be present to be eligible.

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 - 11 p.m.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

### **Admission:**

In Advance: \$25

At the Door: \$30

#### **Admission includes:**

Entertainment, a German meal and one beverage of your choice. Additional food and beverage tickets will be available for purchase at the event. Only adults 21 and older with valid ID admitted.

Purchase admission and raffle tickets weekend after Masses or in the St. Cletus School office.

### **Become a Sponsor Today!**

We count on events like Oktoberfest to help raise the resources necessary to keep improving our school while keeping tuition affordable. Our fundraising goal for Oktoberfest is \$25,000, and we hope you can help make that happen by sponsoring the event. Please consider a donation of \$100 or \$250 to make this event a success. All sponsorships include admission tickets to the event.

Check out our website, www.stcletusoktoberfest.com, for more information.

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KINDERPLATZ KIDS FEST

Friday, October 2nd

5:30 - 7 p.m.

KICK OFF THE
2ND ANNUAL
OKTOBERFEST
WITH THE
ST. CLETUS SCHOOL
FAMILY SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION!

First 500

children at even

will receive a FREE pumpkin!

This free all ages event is open to all St. Cletus Parish families and will include games, prizes, crafts, and a dance party. Hot dogs & beverages available \$1 each. Please note that ALL children must attend with an ADULT.

RSVP by September 25, 2009. There are two ways to RSVP. Submit the form below to the St. Cletus School Office, or RSVP online using the link on our website, steletusoktoberfest.com.

Questions? Email Heather Alpe, heather@thealpes.net

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Family Name:			
Email:			
# of Children Attending:	Grades of Children:		



# Adoration and Benediction at St. Cletus "Come stay with me a while, says the Lord."

For the past several years we have practiced the devotion of *Adoration & Benediction* on the first Monday of each month. Our practice has also included praying the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* at the end of the Adoration period; and we have included an *Hispanic Holy Hour* until 8:00pm. These prayer devotions have been quite well supported, but we do have a need

for specific volunteers to be adorers during the day. This practice requires that someone be in the church at all times while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the Altar. Otherwise, the Sacrament must be returned to the Tabernacle, the period of adoration shortened so as to allow for adorers to be present, or the practice may be discontinued altogether due to a lack of people to carry out these parameters. Therefore, please consider signing up as a *Eucharistic Adorer* for a period of thirty minutes to an hour, between the hours of 8:30am until 8:00pm in the evening on Adoration/Benediction day. Please call Fr. Charles in the rectory at (708) 352-6209 to volunteer. We will need at least twelve or more people to make this a reality! The Lord welcomes you to sit with Him for a while!

# WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN 1st Installment of the Biography of SAINTS OF THE AMERICAS Saint Katharine Drexel – 1858-1955

Katharine was born in Philadelphia to a prominent and wealthy family. She was well educated and traveled widely and faced a future assured of monetary comfort and well-being. However, after caring for her sick stepmother through a 3 year terminal illness, her life took a profound turn. She saw that all the Drexel millions could not buy safety from pain or death. On a visit to the Pope Leo XIII, he challenged her to become a missionary to the Indians to whose cause she had become devoted. After 3 years of training, Katharine and her first band of nuns opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. She continued to establish schools on Native American reservations and founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university for African Americans. She devoted her life and her money to the poor and mistreated. She died at 96 and was canonized in 2000. "The patient and humble endurance of the cross – whatever nature it may be - is the highest work we have to do." (*Katharine Drexel*) Her image may be found on the bottom right-hand corner of the icon.

**Faulette Bolton**Worship Ministry

. A Warm Welcome to Our Newly Registered Parishioners

Please welcome Mr. & Mrs. Ismael García and Family and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zuber and Family to our parish family.

If you attend St. Cletus but have not yet registered, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

### **Sunday Collection**

Total Active Registered Families 2,462 <u>September 6, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750</u>

Collection Statistics Amount Collected

# of envelopes used - this week 689 \$25,034 Envelope Users % of registered families 28% 25,034 Loose Checks/Cash

\$27,533

This Fiscal Year @ 9/06/09

Actual Sunday Collections \$243,989 Budgeted Sunday Collections <u>267,500</u> Better (Worse) than Budgeted \$(23,511)

### THE WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Day/Date	Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event
Monday, Sept. 14	6:30-8pm	S-107-123 MH	RE Classes 1-6 begins RE/ Parent Meeting/ Opening Prayer Service
Tuesday, Sept. 15	7:00pm	S-201	YM Parent Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 16	9:00am 9:15am 7:00pm	C RB C	School Mass Mission Ladies Taize Prayer
Thursday, Sept. 17	7:00pm 7:00pm	S-207 S-Music	SVDP Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 18	7:00pm	School S-Music	Closed for Day Hispanic Choir Practice
Saturday, Sept. 19	9:00am 5:00pm 5:00pm	S-200 CV CV	YM Kairos Retreat Mtg MANNA Oktoberfest Ticket Sale
Sunday, Sept. 20	8:00am-12noon 8:00am-12noon	CV CV	MANNA Oktoberfest Ticket Sale
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

### Praying All Ways, a New Monthly Series

The Well is offering a monthly prayer series on the first Tuesday of every month at either 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer is the October 6 topic facilitated by Bridget Sperduto and Praying with the Labyrinth will be facilitated by Janet Bolger, CSJ on November 3. Please call ahead for the evening sessions. The Well is located at 1515 W. Ogden Ave. in La Grange Park. The cost is a free-will offering. Please visit the program page of the website at **www.csjthewell.org** for more detailed information. To register, call (708) 482-5048.

### St. Cletus Parish



will meet to discuss new book "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Room 98 (Kindergarten) flag pole entrance

All are welcome!

Info: r.maday@yahoo.com

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-Fourth Sunday

in ordinary Time; Grandparents Day

Monday: The Exaltation of the

Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine

Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5770) begins

at sunset

Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin

Mary

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

### **MASSES**

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,

11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

#### **BAPTISMS**

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (708-352-6209)

#### WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

### HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (708-215-5407).

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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.

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

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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# INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

We are looking to add new volunteers so that we can expand services for our networking group. Our team includes members from several congregations, so it's a great way to meet others from surrounding churches as well. If you would be interested in learning more about adding your talents, please contact Tom Rohan: (708) 772-4231 or Judy Kennedy: (708) 903-9022.