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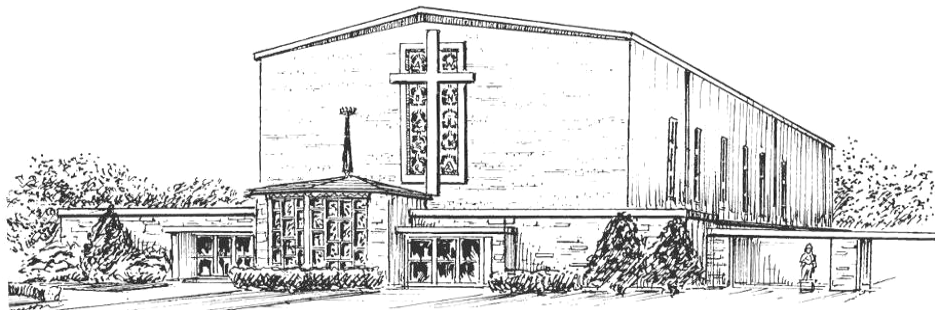
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October 11, 2009

Twenty-Eighth 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 October 12 - October 18, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Ann Jiganti, Steven Firestone
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Kigin
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Linda Felice, Maria Matyas
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Eleanor Maday
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory Karen Marie Wilson, Walter Maveety, Roy J. Lane, Sr.
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Parishioners of St. Cletus Donald Ashworth, Sue Schiller Timothy Benrus, Paulina Slobodnik, Rudy Kegl, Sandy Fisher, John Fisher, Frank Kwak, Richard Blanchong Purgatorial Society



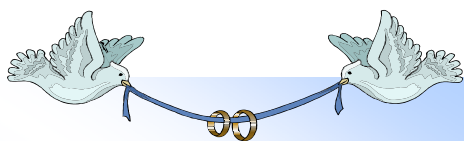
***Please pray for those who have
died and their families...***



Harold Benson,
father of Mark

Celine Barone,
mother of Celine Pontillo

Patrick Morris,
father of Julie Rehwoldt



Wedding Banns

Margaret Maveety

&

Thomas Birks



Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed...

Alexandra Ava Furey,
daughter of Peter & Suzanne (Galloway) Furey

Jonathan Francis Nix,
son of James & Gwen (Forejt) Nix

Kaleb Timothy Tittelbach,
son of Timothy & Jennifer (Satzik) Tittelbach

Avery Grace Tyrrell,
daughter of Brian & Keri (Miller) Tyrrell

***to the Catholic Faith through the
Sacrament of Baptism.***



Please Note: The facilities will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 12. The church, however, will remain open on Monday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The man who seeks out Jesus in today's Gospel obviously makes an impression on the disciples. What is it that makes him so memorable? He's wealthy and also a man of some standing. If he were to join their number it might bring them a degree of security and respectability. He is genuinely seeking the truth about himself and about life and approaches Jesus with a confidence that could be taken for arrogance. He is an observant and practicing Jew, but hungers after something more.

He is looking for an insight into Jesus and the Kingdom, but is offered much more than he bargained for. With a look of love Jesus shows him how to be free. A whole life is reflected in those eyes. For the would-be disciple, wealth is tied up with belonging to the right family, being entitled to some precious land and, perhaps more importantly, being accepted in society as someone of worth. He is offered both a challenge and a question

The challenge is to drop the false image that he hides behind, move beyond himself and enter into a new and personal relationship with Christ. The challenge is to step away from the easy certainties that come with status and privilege; to let go of the things that define his life, moving from mere practice of religion into a new and vibrant faith where God can make all things possible for him. The challenge is to share his life with others.

The question is whether he is willing to accept that he is vulnerable; whether he can acknowledge that he can't find all the answers on his own. The question is whether he can enter into a time of searching, depending on others to help rebuild his life in this Kingdom, where everything is turned around and made new.

What makes this meeting so unique is that he departs from the gaze of Jesus feeling sad. There are many reactions towards Jesus but people don't usually leave dejected. He cannot find it within him to openly admit that he is weak. He returns to his possessions and status, the false image that now imprisons him, the baggage that holds him back.

We don't know how his story ends but I would not be worried about one whom Christ loved so much. We do know that the word of God, who is Jesus, helped the enquirer to meet his real self just as he can help us to see ourselves in the clear light of day. The true knowledge, sought after by the author of Wisdom, comes in the encounter with the word of God. This is not always a comfortable experience. As we get close to Jesus it means getting close to others, and examining our own motives. This can change us. As we gather around God's table together, let's drop our pretences and bring our true selves to him.

It is difficult for us to give up what holds us back, but that is what we are called to in this new Kingdom; called from fear and isolation, into community. We are called from conformity and simple observance into a new life together. Let's remember that it is not the splendor of our buildings, nor the accuracy of our doctrines that makes us powerful, it's our reliance on God's word and on each other, helping to build the kingdom out of our weakness and his strength. For nothing is impossible to God.

FISCAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009

During next week's Masses, we will discuss the parish's financial results and condition for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. Just as many of you have suffered economic difficulty throughout the last year, so has the parish.

Parish collections for the year ended June 30 declined by 6%. In response to the decrease in our revenue, church expenses were reduced by \$96,000 and the financial support the parish offers to the school was cut by \$87,000. Even with these cost savings, our parish suffered an operating deficit for the year ended June 30, 2009 of \$95,000.

For the current year, all salaries have been frozen and many hourly employees have had their hours cut. All church departments have reduced their budgets for the current year by 10% or more.

Since our new fiscal year began on July 1, 2009 we have seen a continuation of the decline in offertory collections. Good stewardship asks us to review our yearly income and then return to God some percentage of our blessings. The traditional concept of tithing prescribes that a tenth of one's income be donated for the furtherance of God's work. The Catholic concept suggests a more modest 2½% of income (the equivalent of an hour's pay) be shared with the parish, and a similar amount with other worthy charities.

We ask those of you who are able, to increase your contribution to the parish by \$2 or \$3 per week. If you can afford a larger increase, you can compensate for those unable to manage an increase at this time. A growth of \$2 or \$3 in the average parishioner's weekly contributions can help prevent a deficit in this year's operating budget. We appreciate your sincere review of your contributions to our parish. You can be sure we will continue our work to keep parish expenses controlled while attempting to continue to provide for the ministerial needs of our parish.

Thank you for all your contributions of talent, time, and treasure to St. Cletus! In preparation for next week's presentation, we have included in today's Canticle a summary of the parish's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009.

*Blessings,
Father Bob*

**ST. CLETUS PARISH
BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
ASSETS		
Assets		
Cash in bank	\$ 132,930	\$ 184,126
Cash - Auxiliary groups	85,395	114,330
Tuition receivable	16,559	2,135
Parish investments at market value	1,085,108	1,170,735
Restricted School endowment investment at market value (1)	<u>538,333</u>	<u>665,323</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,858,325</u>	<u>\$ 2,136,649</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 146,127	\$ 80,495
Tuition deposits	<u>172,383</u>	<u>210,087</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>318,510</u>	<u>290,582</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,001,482	1,180,744
Restricted School endowment (1)	<u>538,333</u>	<u>665,323</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,539,815</u>	<u>1,846,067</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,858,325</u>	<u>\$ 2,136,649</u>

(1) - The Restricted School endowment investment is not available for general parish operations.

**ST. CLETUS PARISH
STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>Church Revenue</u>		
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 1,386,352	\$ 1,466,370
Christmas collections	213,951	241,212
Easter collections	116,005	120,374
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	134,538	124,921
Summer Projects/Light our Way	63,066	88,773
Bequest/Memorials	16,470	30,505
Net Auxiliary groups' revenue (expense)	(28,935)	13,878
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	75,824	80,440
Other income - i.e. vigils, sacrament fees, mass stipends, outreach	<u>124,994</u>	<u>115,116</u>
Total Church Revenue	<u>2,102,265</u>	<u>2,281,589</u>
<u>Church Expenses</u>		
Salaries & benefits	861,863	906,454
Utilities	63,288	61,793
Maintenance & repairs	160,990	140,699
Office / technology	47,555	54,590
Liturgical / books	89,284	97,706
Archdiocesan assessments	282,628	308,968
Summer Projects/Light Our Way	63,156	78,491
Long Range Plan/Development/Facility Feasibility Study	42,500	37,731
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	75,824	80,440
Miscellaneous - i.e. food, transportation, outreach, hospitality	<u>124,327</u>	<u>140,401</u>
Total Church Expenses	<u>1,811,415</u>	<u>1,907,273</u>
Church Net Surplus	<u>\$ 290,850</u>	<u>\$ 374,316</u>
<u>School Revenue</u>		
Tuition & fees	\$ 1,597,505	\$ 1,486,267
Associations	189,870	188,600
Other/school support/fundraising	<u>462,767</u>	<u>202,906</u>
Total School Revenue	<u>2,250,142</u>	<u>1,877,773</u>
<u>School Expenses</u>		
Salaries & benefits	1,853,509	1,751,404
Utilities	83,056	68,548
Maintenance & repairs	57,190	105,181
Books / instructional / technology	232,274	105,584
Insurance / assessment	61,763	54,626
Fundraising	72,779	-
Other	85,703	66,635
Associations	<u>189,870</u>	<u>188,600</u>
Total School Expense	<u>2,636,144</u>	<u>2,340,578</u>
School Net Deficit	<u>\$ (386,002)</u>	<u>\$ (462,805)</u>
PARISH OPERATING (DEFICIT)	\$ (95,152)	\$ (88,489)
<u>Other income</u>		
Interest income	1,517	4,192
Increase (decrease) in value of parish investments	(85,627)	73,178
Increase (decrease) in value of school endowment	<u>(126,990)</u>	<u>27,983</u>
NET PARISH (DEFICIT) SURPLUS	<u>\$ (306,252)</u>	<u>\$ 16,864</u>



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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Get rich quick

The gospel has a get-rich-quick scheme you may not have tried yet. It's fail-safe and works equally well in shaky economic times as in secure ones. It might be called *total divestment*. Jesus offers this plan to the rich fellow who comes to him asking for the secret to inheriting eternal life. Sell everything, Jesus urges him, and give the money to the poor. Once freed from money management, come and be a disciple. The fellow declines. Most of us do. But if we take even a few steps in that direction, how much richer we would be!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27*

"How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 - A sign that's hard to miss

When in Luke's gospel Jesus uses the phrase "the sign of Jonah," most of us would think of the whale. But Jesus has something else in mind. Jonah had been a prophet sent by God to convert the pagan city of Nineveh—a job Jonah didn't want. But when he finally buckled down and did what God asked, the people—much to Jonah's astonishment—converted! So for Jesus the "sign of Jonah" recalls the Ninevites' acceptance of God's Word through God's prophet. At the judgment, Jesus says, those Ninevites will shame his own generation because they were humble and smart enough to accept God's invitation. We who have been given the gospel and are surrounded by so many signs of God's love have even less justification for not hearing the Word of God and keeping it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32*

"This generation . . . asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 - Not all that bad

The Pharisees may have gotten a bit of a bum rap in the New Testament because of events that occurred after Jesus' death. The passages of the New Testament that are most hostile to the Pharisees were compiled at a time when it had become clear that most Jews did not consider Jesus to be the Messiah. The Pharisees may have served as a convenient scapegoat for that rejection. The Pharisaic tradition was in fact more flexible on many questions than it was portrayed to be. It does us well to look and listen carefully and judge slowly when it comes to those who follow a different drummer.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41*

"You Pharisees . . . inside you are full of greed and wickedness."

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

FEAST OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR - Just another irony

One of the great ironies of our church is that even though Jesus scolds the religious leaders of his day because they love presiding over the assembly and being recognized in public, we still occasionally find such leaders in our parish communities. But the Lord is really good at changing water into wine. Take Saint Callistus (d. 222?). He was such a bad manager that he was twice jailed for his incompetence. Then they made him pope. Go figure. But that's how God does things. As one of the church's prayers for martyrs says, "You choose the weak and

make them strong in bearing witness to you."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46*

"Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues."

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

FEAST OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

You're not alone

Much has been written about Saint Teresa of Avila's mystical experiences and reflections on the spiritual life. It would be easy to assume that she had no problem relating to God. But Teresa herself tells us that she had many tough periods in her life when she felt alone, as if God weren't listening or speaking to her. One passage sums up well the kind of struggles she faced and many people today face: "I was by myself, having no one in whom I could find any comfort; unable to pray or read, like a person stunned by heavy trials . . . utterly disquieted and wearied, not knowing what would become of me" (*Life of St. Teresa of Jesus*). Have you ever been there? Persevere, as Teresa did, and trust that even in those moments, God is with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54*

"For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 - Get the facts

It only takes one misleading statistic or statement by a person who is regarded as an "authority"—these days, anyone from a talk show host to a lobbyist to a legislator—to contaminate the public discussion of an important issue. Like yeast, such disinformation spreads invisibly but powerfully, infecting everything it touches. In urgent matters such as healthcare, the economy, or immigration, it is our responsibility as citizens of a great democracy to use due diligence in seeking the relevant facts and to read widely and listen to a broad spectrum of opinions in order to decide for ourselves what we think. It's a lot of work, but a healthy democracy requires it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7*

"Be aware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

FEAST OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR

What's your name?

Groups tend to reflect where people put their loyalty: an ethnicity, political party, nationality, and so on. And when you are part of a group you get to call yourself something: Latino, Republican, American. What makes being Christian a little different, though, is that the loyalty is to a *person*, Jesus. Believe in Jesus and act like it, and you get to bear his name. The early Christian martyr Saint Ignatius was bishop of the city of Antioch, where followers of Jesus were first called *Christians*. What have you done recently to honor this title?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12*

"And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God."

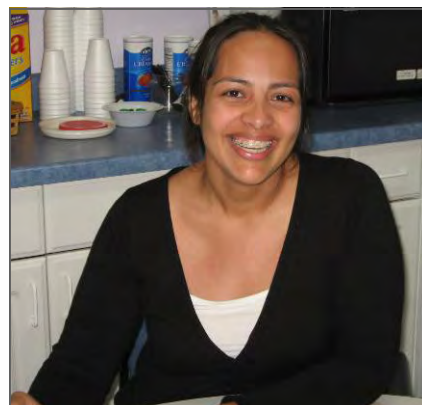
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Meet the 2009-2010 RCIA Members (more to follow)



Katy Beck



Cynthia Saldona

RCIA is specifically intended for those individuals who:

- Have never been baptized
- Have been baptized into another Christian Faith or
- Have been baptized into the Catholic faith, but have not completed the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this process, please call me at the Religious Education Office (708-352-2383.) Thank you.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

JUNIOR HIGH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERVICE PROJECT

Our junior high students are doing service projects for the Franciscan Fathers Outreach Program. One of the projects that the service asked for help with is collecting items for their Foot Ministry Program.

The homeless often have horrible foot problems due to frostbite, untreated diabetes, lack of proper fitting shoes, and warm socks and lotion. The Outreach Center has podiatrists and other volunteers to check and treat the feet of the homeless but the supplies are dwindling.

The junior high will be collecting the following items in November. However, maybe you can watch for sales and invite friends and other family members to help in this wonderful and worthwhile project.

ITEMS NEEDED

Men's white socks (adult size)
Diabetic/circulation socks
Epsom salt

Blister ointment
Athlete's foot ointment and/or powder
Bandages

Gauze and first aid tape
2 easy-grip toenail clippers
(with wide handles)

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Youth Ministry News/

Attention High School Boys/Church League

St. Cletus intends to again sponsor three teams in Church League Basketball. Games are usually on Saturday nights beginning in December and ending with playoffs in March. Information/registration/permission slips can be downloaded from our website at www.stcletusparish.com by clicking on the Parish icon, then the Youth Ministry page. Space is limited and teams will be formed on a first come, first serve basis. Please turn your permission slips and fees in to the rectory or school/religious education offices as soon as possible if you wish to take part. If you need further details, contact Amy Cranny in the Youth Ministry office at (708)215-5419 or youth@stcletusparish.com.

Year I Confirmation Candidates

Crop Walk Service Project...

Reminder: Year I Confirmation candidates will walk next weekend, on October 18 in solidarity to fight against world hunger. Please meet at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 S. Ashland Ave, at 1:15pm. Remember to bring your pledge forms and an item to donate to our local food pantries. See you there!

Amy Cranny
Youth Ministry



Early Childhood Education

Join us for Tot Time!

Tot Time is a fun, free series of classes for you and your child.
(Intended for children up to 4 years.)

Enjoy a morning of stories, songs, and activities!

Come once or to all three classes.
No R.S.V.P. necessary. Siblings welcome!

Thursdays
October 15, 22, & 29
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

St. Cletus School Library
700 W. 55th St., LaGrange
Please enter through 54th St. door.

Questions?
708-352-4820
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Cardinal Tech: Adult Technology Training Courses

You're invited! Take advantage of our school's state-of-the-art Technology Learning Center and gain valuable skills for living in today's technology-rich world. More adult learning opportunities to come.



Pick a **PC Basics course on October 22** or an **Advanced course on October 29**. Classes start at 7:00p – seating is limited. Cost is \$15 and includes a flash drive with all course materials already loaded.

- ➊ Discover how a computer works
- ➋ Understand computer parts – mouse, monitor, hard drive, keyboard, memory card, flash drive, USB, memory/RAM
- ➌ Learn about basic computer software like word processing and spreadsheets
- ➍ Improve efficiency with keyboard shortcuts (use the ALT and CTRL keys)
- ➎ Learn how to change fonts and font sizes

Find sign-up sheets in back of church – committee members will be available on Oct 18 to answer questions. For more info visit www.stcletusparish.com or call (708) 215-5420.

Need help with something specific? Visit our Technology Learning Center every month for an "open lab." The next one is Sunday, October 18, from 10:30a – 1:00p.



A Warm Welcome to Our Newly Registered Parishioners

Please welcome Mr & Mrs. John Hodak & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kazmierowski, Mr. & Mrs. Henry M. Morlock & Family, Mr. & Mrs. David Powers & Family, and Mr. & Mrs. Colin Quinn & Family, to our parish family. If you attend St. Cletus but have not yet registered, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

REMINDER

Regular Flu and Pneumonia shots will be offered today in Morrissey Hall from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. For those with Medicare, there is no cost, (bring your card,) for others the cost is \$25.

Claire Slowik

Parish Nurse

WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN Elizabeth Ann Seton – 1774-1821

Elizabeth Ann Seton is the first saint who was born in the United States. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. By birth and by marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. She was raised an Episcopalian, married a businessman and was widowed, penniless, at age 30 with 5 small children. She became a Catholic after witnessing the faith and actions of family friends. To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. Others were drawn to her which led to the founding of her religious community. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, and the death of loved ones. She died at 46 claiming to have no extraordinary gifts – but a love of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to doing God's will. Her brand of sanctity is open to everyone if we love God and do his will. Her feast day is January 4th.

The Saints of the Americas" icon is located in the niche in the vestibule by the Minister's Room.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Dolores Duda, 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, 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.

Save the Date!

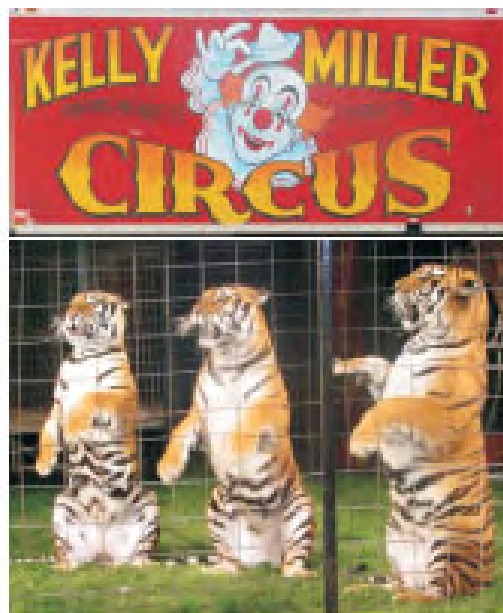
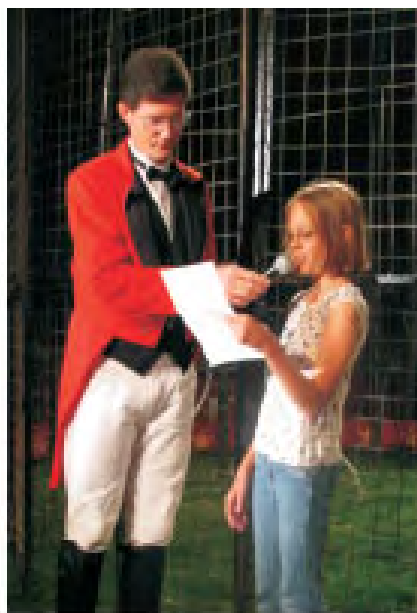
Please join us in celebrating Fr. Charles Gallagher's 90th Birthday on November 8, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass! This year is dedicated to "the Year of the Priest" in respect of all who have responded to the call to priestly ministry. What a fitting time to pay tribute to such a great man for his years of serving the people of God as well as celebrating his 90 years. A reception will follow in Morrissey Hall. Watch the Canticle for more details.

"HOW THE JOB SEARCH AFFECTS YOUR FAMILY...SPOUSES/PARTNERS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND" *

A job change or job loss is emotionally challenging not only for the individual in transition, but also for his/her spouse, significant others and family. This presentation is designed to help spouses/partners cope with the emotional ups and downs a family experiences through the job search process. The session will offer some simple tools and ideas to support family members affected during this challenging and often difficult period. We encourage spouses/partners and family members to attend along with job seekers to gain insights into how the whole family can better deal with the stress of the job search. No cost to attend.

Dr. Peter Perrotta is the President and one of the founders of the Centers for Family Change. Dr. Perrotta is a licensed psychologist with over 20 years of private practice experience. In addition to being in private practice Dr. Perrotta has worked in community mental health and as a Pediatric Psychologist at Christ Hospital. Dr. Perrotta is on staff at Christ and Good Samaritan Hospitals. Dr. Perrotta has also served as a consultant for T.A.S.C. providing recommendations about the treatment and placement needs of high-risk children and adolescents. Dr. Perrotta has three years of post-degree training in marital and family therapy and is a member of the American Association of Marital and Family Therapists. Dr. Perrotta also works with a variety of adult problems: depression, anxiety disorders, and relationship problems.

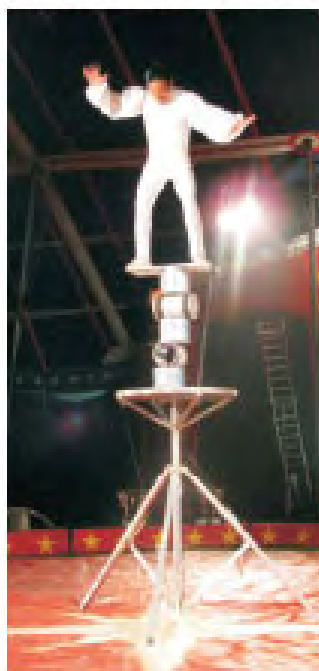
* Interfaith Career Network, Thursday, October 15, 7:00 p.m. at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs.

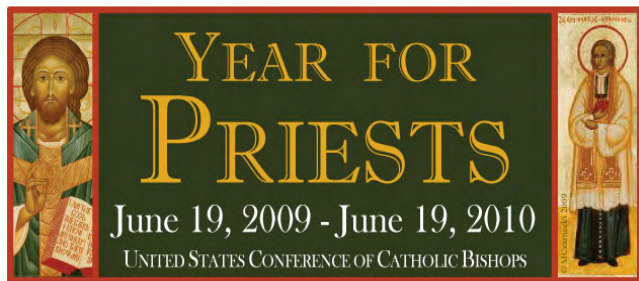


Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered their time, helping in so many ways to make the circus a successful parish/community event. The Kelly Miller Circus performances were spectacular, and the clowns were hilarious. Our guest Ringmasters Olivia Pach and Phallyn Habercross did an awesome job with their show-opening speeches. The Good Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and wonderful memories!

Lori Ashe

Parish Life Commission Chairperson





PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

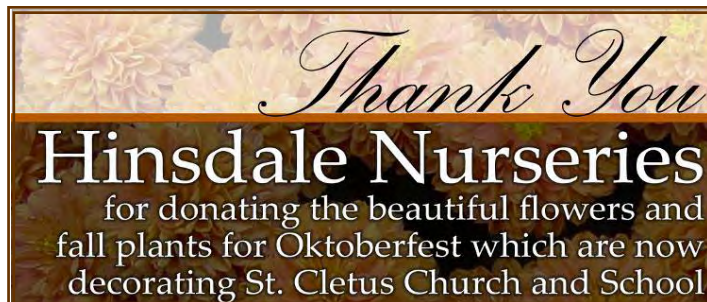
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
graciously listen to our prayers
for priests and religious.
Give us generous hearts
to respond to your call in our lives.
Lift up courageous men and women
willing to follow after your heart
as priests,
sisters, brothers and deacons.
Help us to share our faith
and to encourage young people
to explore religious vocations.
Guide all people, Lord,
in your ways of compassion, truth,
and peace, that we may find happiness
in fulfilling our vocations.
Amen.

THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?

Pope Benedict has proclaimed this year 2009 to be the "Year of Priest"- Please pray for vocations! If you would like to explore the possibility of discerning the priesthood, please contact your Parish Priest about attending an "Andrew Dinner" this Fall. As in the Gospel, Andrew invited Peter to meet Jesus. If you would like more information contact the Vocation Office at (312) 534-8298 or visit www.chicagopriest.com for more details.

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

Interfaith Community Partners is holding a volunteer training session on Sunday, October 18, from 12:15–3:15 p.m. This training is to be held at Grace Lutheran Church of La Grange in Fellowship Hall, 200 N. Catherine, La Grange. All interested persons who want to serve older adults through visitation, assisted transportation, or telephone reassurance are welcome. Lunch will be served. To register or for more information, call (708) 579-8929.



WISDOM CIRCLE

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP

In Search of Belief, by Joan Chittister, serves as a jumping off point for facilitator Bridget Sperduto as she explores the concepts that resonate within the context of a small faith sharing group. This wisdom circle is offered at *The Well*, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park, for five Thursday evenings beginning October 29, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. or on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. beginning October 30. The cost is \$50 for all five sessions. To register, visit www.sjthewell.org and go to the registration tab or, call (708) 482-5048.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH BEDS PLUS

- BEDS PLUS success depends on volunteers to provide basic and invaluable services to people in need in our community; a meal and a safe, clean place to sleep.
- BEDS PLUS is an agency committed to helping homelessness.
- BEDS PLUS provides professional case managers, a registered nurse, addictions counselors and employment specialists.

Will you help? It only is a 4-hour commitment once per month. To a person in need, it can mean the world. We are in need of Site Volunteers, Cook Team Members, and Laundry Team Members. Please call (708) 354-0858, or send an email to walsh@bedsonline.org. Thank You.

Sunday Collection**Total Active Registered Families****2,513**Collection StatisticsAmount Collected

of envelopes used - this week

685

% of registered families

27%

\$23,413

Envelope Users

2,135

Loose Checks/Cash

October 4, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750**\$25,548****Weekly (Under) Over Budget****(\$1,202)****This Fiscal Year @ 10/04/09**

Actual Sunday Collections

\$347,212

Budgeted Sunday Collections

374,500

(Under) Over than Budgeted

\$(27,288)

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, Oct. 12	Holiday	- Facilities Closed	
Tuesday, Oct. 13	7:00 7:00 7:00 7:00	S-207 RB S-200 S-201	Parish Life Meeting School Board Meeting Social Concerns Meeting Conf. Advisory Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 14	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	RB Off Campus S-RE Office S-200	Mission Ladies Briar Place Nursing Home Mass RCIA Meeting Baptism Preparation Class
Thursday, Oct. 15	7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-207 S-Music S-Music S-Music S-Music S-200	SVDP Meeting Children's Choir Youth Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Meeting
Friday, Oct. 16	Teacher Institute - School Closed 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.	 S-Music Off Campus	 Hispanic Ministry Choir Lexington Nursing Home Mass
Saturday, Oct. 17	5:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	CV S-200 C - Mass CV	Rosary Repair YM Kairos Retreat Meeting Finance Council Talk MANNA
Sunday, Oct. 18	7:00 a.m. - 12 noon 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon 7:00 a.m.-12 noon 10:30 a.m. .	C - Masses CV CV S-Comp Lab	Finance Council Talk MANNA Rosary Repair Open Computer Lab
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

**October 18, 2009**

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. United with Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday, October 18, are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus. Our offerings, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will support the work and witness of those who selflessly give up all for the sake of our Lord and His Gospel - the local priests, Religious, and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering of the Developing World. Envelopes are available in the pews this weekend.



Please remember to clip and save Box Tops for Education from participating General Mills Products. Please drop them off in the Minister's Room in church. Thank you!

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: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00 a.m.

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. 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 8:00 a.m. Mass and continues during the day until 6:15 p.m. the 1st Monday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00- 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

Rectory Office Hours (708) 352-6209

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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 Justin Sisul
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	Joe Bamberger
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<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Anne Babirak, (School) George Pach (Rel. Ed.)
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Stuart Heyes Xavier Polanski
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<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Jolene Hillgoth
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Silvia Casas Ignacio Saavedra
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Dick Ford Jim Ryva
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Julie Lenz
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Lori Ashe Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

MANNA UPCOMING CASH & CARRY DATES

Next weekend, October 17/18, you can purchase MANNA gift cards after all Masses in the church vestibule. MANNA is an ongoing fundraising program through the St. Cletus FSA, which purchases gift cards at a discount, sells them at face value and the proceeds then go to the school. Order forms will be available at the MANNA table the day of purchase. **REMINDER**, MANNA is now available online at stcletus.mannaorder.com. Any questions please call Leslie Doherty (708) 482-0257 or Erin Rhoads (708) 588-0510.