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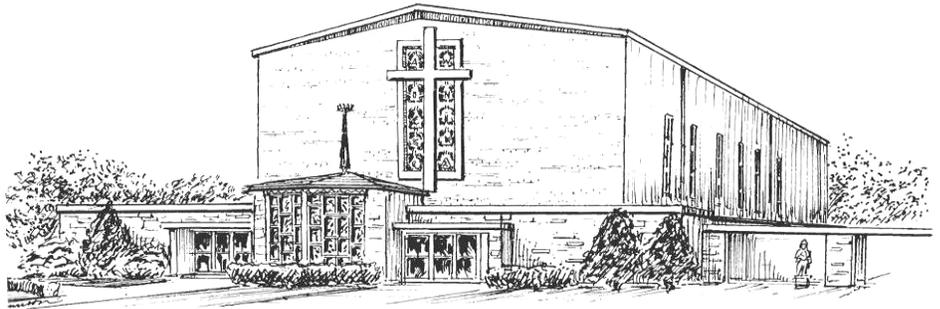
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St. Cletus Canticle

November 8, 2009

*Congratulations
Fr. Charles Gallagher
on your 90th Birthday
and
65th Year of Priestly Ministry*



*Army priests had to use unusual altars.
Note the old-fashioned Roman style vestments.
And the old-fashioned bell. Can you spot it?*

Mass Intentions for the Week of November 9 - November 15, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	John Hopp, Charles & Helen Kania, Diane Burek
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Dr. W. James Syms, Stefan Slobodnik
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Tom Kigin, Micheal & Elizabeth Soutar
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Marshall Mlot, Roger Vandriessche Rose Delaloye, Marjorie Burke, Belfonte Pieri, Gereald Doherty, Quinn Crawford
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lorraine Dudek George Kessler, Ann Jiganti, Hank Masquelier Sr. Catherine Gallagher, Robert Kulpinski, Sue Schiller Patrick Morris Souls in Purgatory



A Warm Welcome to Our Newly Registered Parishioners

Please welcome Donna Foss, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Lathrop & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Schoenecker & Family, Frances Stuth, and Mr. Mrs. Thomas Stuth to our parish family. If you attend St. Cletus but have not yet registered, please consider the commitment of parish membership.



Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed...

Joseph Michael Bilotta,
son of Anthony & Celeste (Rykaczewski) Bilotta

Elijah Alexander Paus,
son of Gregory & Nicole (Arispe) Paus

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

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



Matthew John Wagner, Jr.

May God grant him eternal rest. Amen.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: John Burke, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf, Dolores Duda, 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 Cizek, 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.



SIGN-UP TO DONATE TODAY!

Sign up today for the time you wish to donate blood next week. Remember, blood donations are needed every day for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery, and those suffering chronic illnesses. More than 1,000 donors are needed daily just to meet the needs of patients in the LifeSource service. REMEMBER, you can make a difference in someone's life.

Clare Slowik, Parish Nurse

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some years ago a friend of mine went to buy a new bible. He desired a small pocket translation of the New Testament that could easily be carried from place to place. He chose a version of the Good News Bible. He took one from low down in the pile of books so that it would not have been fingered and looked at by other prospective buyers. Proud of this buy, he went home and opened it. Shock and surprise! The text had been bound into the bible upside-down. The initial reaction was one of anger. Questions were asked in his mind: why had the shop sold such a bible? Why had he not noticed it? The first idea was to ask for his money back. Then he laughed. The upside-down bible was an important reminder that the values of the gospel are not those of the world. The bible would come to have an important value in reminding him that the gospel parables often present a world being turned upside down!

Today's gospel contrasts two groups of people. Jesus warns his apostles about the attitudes of the Pharisees. This group of laymen was zealous in keeping the Law and following the command of the scribes. They believed that by faithful living of the law, they would bring about the kingdom of God. While living the law was a way to holiness, unfortunately the Pharisees began to see themselves as better Jews than others. Superiority about keeping the law led to a perfectionism which inflated their opinion of themselves and led them to impose burdens on people, especially the poor. Also they despised those who could not keep the law. The parable of the Pharisee and publican highlights their self-regard and high opinion of themselves. It is the publican praying, 'Lord, be merciful to me a sinner', who returns home at peace with God.

In contrast to the attitudes of the Pharisees, Jesus praises the widow whose offering is small but represents all she has. In Jewish society widows were understood as being in God's special care since they had nobody to defend their rights in a patriarchal society. Poor in spirit, they trusted deeply in God and were promised that they would inherit the kingdom of heaven. Utter dependence upon God, not self-righteousness, is rewarded. The world of worldly success and reward is turned upside-down.

The blessing of the widow who is generous to Elijah is the theme of the first reading. The thirsty traveler asks the poor widow for a little food and water. From her heart she wants to help him but has no spare food. Trusting in God's promise she shares her meal and is blessed with abundance. Her world is turned upside-down.

There is a tendency in most people to like things the way they are and consequently change is very difficult. It is difficult to accept that at times God turns the way we see the world upside-down. It is startling to recognize that it is generosity of the poor that can reveal God's plan in a special way. Conversion and change is a slow process; it requires growing in trust in God and beginning to see the world in another way. It is a time of vulnerability. Conversion leads to the capacity to be able to let go of self-reliance and possessions and to recognize dependence on God. For people who have grown up hearing phrases of the form; 'save for a rainy day', 'be prudent and have insurance', 'get a good bargain', it is difficult to be reliant on God and to find this gospel freedom. For those struggling with the radical gospel of today, a starting point might be to desire this change more deeply, and then to enjoy the giftedness of life. Celebration of the gift encourages spontaneity. From this rich source of freedom generosity may follow.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

This weekend we are very excited about celebrating Father Charles Gallagher's, our beloved Pastor Emeritus, 90th Birthday and his 65th year of priestly ministry. We all wish Fr. Gallagher abundant blessings on this special day. Father, you have given so much to so many over these many years, may we now give you in return our prayers, thanks and blessings. May God continue to grant you good health and joy in your ministry. Love from the entire St. Cletus Parish Family.

*Generous Blessings on All,
Father Bob*



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USCCB NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT

Tell Congress: Remove Abortion Funding & Mandates from Needed Health Care Reform

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation on the House and Senate floors. Genuine health care reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. The U.S. bishops' conference has concluded that all committee-approved bills are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience, and do not provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bills will have to change or the bishops have pledged to oppose them.

Our nation is at a crossroads. Policies adopted in health care reform will have an impact for good or ill for years to come. None of the bills retains longstanding current policies against abortion funding or abortion coverage mandates, and none fully protects conscience rights in health care.

As the U.S. bishops' letter of October 8 states:

“No one should be required to pay for or participate in abortion. It is essential that the legislation clearly apply to this new program longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates, and protections for rights of conscience. No current bill meets this test.... If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found, we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously.”

For the full text of this letter and more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' advocacy for authentic health care reform, visit: www.usccb.org/healthcare.

Congressional leaders are attempting to put together final bills for floor consideration. Please contact your Representative and Senators today and urge them to fix these bills with the pro-life amendments noted below. Otherwise much needed health care reform will have to be opposed. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

ACTION: Contact Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- **To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to www.usccb.org/action.**
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.
- Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.house.gov & www.senate.gov.

MESSAGE to SENATE:

“During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

MESSAGE to HOUSE:

“Please support the Stupak Amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

WHEN: Both House and Senate are preparing for floor votes now. **Act today! Thank you!**



St. Cletus Family School Association

Poinsettia Sale

Let the St. Cletus FSA help you during the Holiday Season with your gift giving and decorating.

For your convenience, you can pre-order florist quality poinsettia plants by completing this form and returning it to the school office with payment by Friday, November 20, 2009.

Pick-up is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2009 from 7:30 A.M. to Noon in the Kindergarten Room. Enter the school by the flagpole. We know this is a busy time of year, so we will give a reminder call on the day before pick-up.

Poinsettia plants are provided by Clovers Garden Center. A limited amount of extra plants will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis on pick-up day.

Please call Alyson Riccione (708) 352-7892 or Allison Sloan (312) 282-6737 if you have any questions. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Pot size/ Plants per pot	Red	White	Price	Quantity	Dollar Amount
4 1/2" / 1 ppp			\$5.00		
6 1/2" / 2 ppp			\$15.00		
8" / 3 ppp			\$20.00		
TOTAL:					
Cash	Check #				

Please make checks payable to "St. Cletus FSA"

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

There's still time to help us pack enough bags to provide for the families who will be coming to our November 12 food distribution. While all in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated, we are most in need of jelly, rice and dry pinto beans. You can drop off your donations in the bins provided in the Church vestibule Monday through Wednesday this week, from 7:45 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Thank you for your overwhelming and on-going support of this ministry!



TURKEY BUCKS

This holiday season, please join our good neighbor, the Jewel store across the street from us, and the St. Cletus Food Pantry, to give a thanksgiving turkey dinner to a local family in need. How can you help? When you check out, just tell your cashier that you would like to help St. Cletus Food Pantry by purchasing a \$1, \$5, or \$10 Albertsons (Jewel) "Turkey Bucks". Your thoughtful donation will help bring a traditional holiday dinner to a family in our community that otherwise may have gone without. Thank you!



GIVING TREE

Christmas decorations are already being displayed in stores and advertisements for gift giving will soon be a common sight. As the season of Thanksgiving and the holidays approach, we Christians are looking for ways to keep the true meaning of the season alive in our families. One way is to take part in our annual Giving Tree Project, which will begin on the weekend of November 21/22. Please watch upcoming Canticles for details. Also, if you or anyone you know in our faith community could benefit from this outreach, please let me know. Your request will be confidential.

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

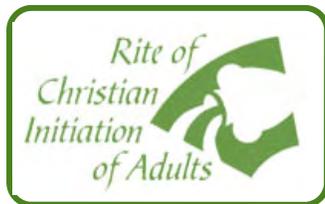
Interfaith Community Partners is holding a volunteer training session on Sunday, November 15, from 12:15 - 3:15 P.M. This training is to be held at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs, 5250 Wolf Road, Western Springs. All interested persons who want to serve older adults through visitation, assisted transportation, or telephone reassurance are welcome. Lunch will be served. To register or for more information, call (708) 579-8929.

Join us when the Interfaith Career and Networking Group partners with the La Grange Library to present **Library Resources for Job Seekers** on Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 P.M. at the La Grange Library, 10 West Cossitt Avenue. Learn about online databases that are available to help identify target companies for your job search, how to do in-depth research of a company prior to your interview, why the reference librarian is such a valuable asset during your job search and more. Don't miss this timely and informative program. Additional free parking is available in the parking garage behind the La Grange Village Hall.

MEET THE REMAINING 2009-2010 RCIA MEMBERS



Mrs. Jamie Tabrial



Mrs. Leslie Kazmierowski



Mr. Jerry Mitchell



Ms. Raeanne Cepolski

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.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

JUNIOR HIGH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERVICE PROJECT

The junior high religious education students are collecting items for the Franciscan Outreach to the Homeless. During the winter the homeless are in need of foot care as many suffer from frost bite and infections. The Outreach Center has podiatrists that volunteer their time to examine the feet of the homeless. They need supplies that they use, and the homeless are given supplies to take with them. Perhaps you might be willing to help the homeless and the Franciscan Outreach. Our junior high students will collect the items on Saturday and Sunday, November 14/15 after all the Masses in the vestibule of church.

Thank you from the junior high students and Jesus who reminds us that when we help the least of His brothers and sisters, we help Him.

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)



HOLY NAME TURKEY RAFFLE

The lucky number for the HN turkey raffle will be posted in the Canticle on November 15. Turkey pickup will be Sunday, November 22, between 2:00-4:00 P.M. in front of Morrissey Hall.

Jim Matthews



DO YOUR ADVENT SHOPPING AT ST. CLETUS...

The Religious Education Board will be selling Advent candles on Saturday/Sunday, November 14/15, in the church vestibule for \$6.00 a set after all Masses. Each set includes three 10" purple and one pink taper candle. Let the Light of Christ enter your home in this special Advent tradition.

**SENDING YOU FORGET-ME-NOTS:
MESSAGES OF HOPE FROM THE OTHER SIDE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
ROOM 201 IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING**

This workshop explores after death communication, heaven, and near death experiences. Where do our loved ones go after death? Any one struggling with the holidays due to the loss of a loved one is invited. Workshop given by Karen Rose Schultz LCSW, who has a private practice in Oak Brook, and who specializes in bereavement. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Karen at (708) 352-6587. Refreshments will be served.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of
Communion and Ushers.*

You are invited for an evening of reflection and renewal on Monday, November 30, 7:00 P.M. in church. What better way to start the season of Advent. Please plan to attend. Hospitality will follow.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH CENTER

LinkedIn Training - Monday, November 16, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

LinkedIn is a valuable business networking tool that enables job seekers and business professionals to expand their business and professional contacts. Hosted by the Interfaith Career Network, this special session will help you learn about LinkedIn, and will provide both the new and experienced users valuable insights into how LinkedIn can open new business connections that might lead to your next new business opportunity.

Come and join us for this LinkedIn session!

- Learn what LinkedIn is and why you need to use it.
- Understand making connections and invitations.
- See how to "ask" your network for introductions.
- The difference between invitations and introductions.
- Get a grip on groups - What they are, how to use.
- Learn the answer to "How can I find?"
- Questions and answer period.



DONATE YOUR OLD CAR!

Your donation will go to help the needy!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs you to donate your old automobile!

It gave you the best years of its life...Sure, it needed a tune-up every year, new tires, the occasional battery and roadside service, but your car was there for you. Do something really special now that your car is in its twilight years and donate it to the The Society of St. Vincent de Paul through our "Vehicles for the Needy" program.

From classic and antique autos to salvage automobiles, from RV's, boats and golf carts, your donated vehicle can earn you a tax deduction, and it will help us make a difference in the lives of others.

The Society will arrange for the vehicle, and the title and keys to be picked up. Donors will receive a receipt for the amount the vehicle is sold for. Your donation can help our volunteers provide emergency assistance with rent, utilities, transportation, food, clothing and furniture to help a neighbor in need get through a crisis.

If you would like to donate a car, please call our central council office at 312-655-7183 or visit www.svdpchicago.org



Celebrating over 152 years of serving the poor in the Chicagoland area

<u>Sunday Collection</u>			
Total Active Registered Families	2,503		
<u>Collection Statistics</u>		<u>Amount Collected</u>	
# of envelopes used - this week	859		
% of registered families	34%	\$30,630	Envelope Users
		<u>2,935</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
November 1, 2009 Budgeted Collection =	\$26,750	\$33,565	
Weekly (Under) Over Budget		\$6,815	
This Fiscal Year @ 11/01/09			
Actual Sunday Collections	\$459,812		
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>481,500</u>		
(Worse) than Budgeted	\$(21,688)		

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, Nov. 9	8:30 p.m.	MH	Men's BB
Tuesday, Nov. 10	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-207 S-200	School Mass Pastoral Care Comm. Mtg. Social Concerns Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 11	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	RB Off Campus S-RE-office S-207 S-200	Mission Ladies Briar Place Nursing Home Mass RCIA Worship Committee Mtg. Baptism Prep Class
Thursday, Nov. 12	Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Conferences MH School rooms S-201 CVB S-Music S-Music S-Music S-Music	No School School Book Fair YM Kairos Meeting Food Pantry Children's Choir Youth Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir
Friday, Nov. 13	Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Conferences S-Music S-207	No School Hispanic Ministry Choir Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, Nov. 14	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	CVS CVS	Compassionate Care Recruitment RE Advent Candle Sale
Sunday, Nov. 15	7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon	MH CVS CVS	Blood Drive Compassionate Care Recruitment RE Advent Candle Sale
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
- Tuesday: St. Leo the Great
- Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
- Thursday: St. Josaphat
- Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

IT TAKES MORE

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than going to a garage makes you an automobile.
-Billy Sunday



Veteran's Day

November 11, 2009

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 first Monday of the Month.

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.



SPECIAL NOTICE CANTICLE DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the bulletin of November 29 is due by **Wednesday, November 18**. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Breakfast, Lecture, and Dialogue with Sister Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ

Attend a breakfast, lecture and dialogue with Sister Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, on Friday, November 20, from 8-9:30 A.M. at The Well, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park. Sister Elizabeth is a renowned teacher, author, editor, and public lecturer of theology. She is a core committee member of the Common Ground Initiative started by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin to reconcile polarized groups in the church. The cost of \$30 includes a continental breakfast. To register, visit www.csjthewell.org and go to the registrations tab or call (708) 482-5048.