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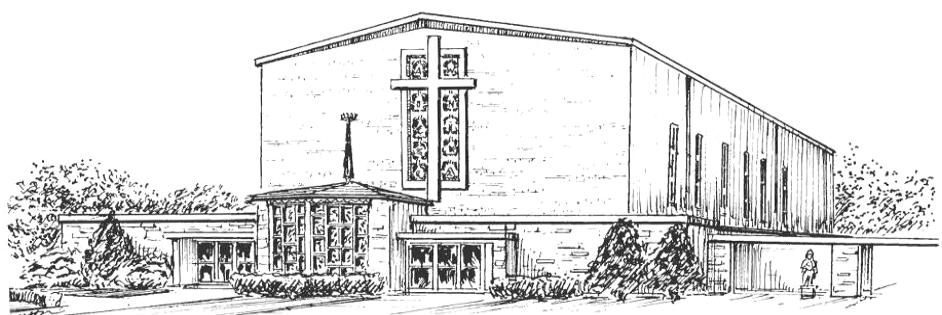
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St. Cletus Canticle

600 W. 55th Street - La Grange, IL

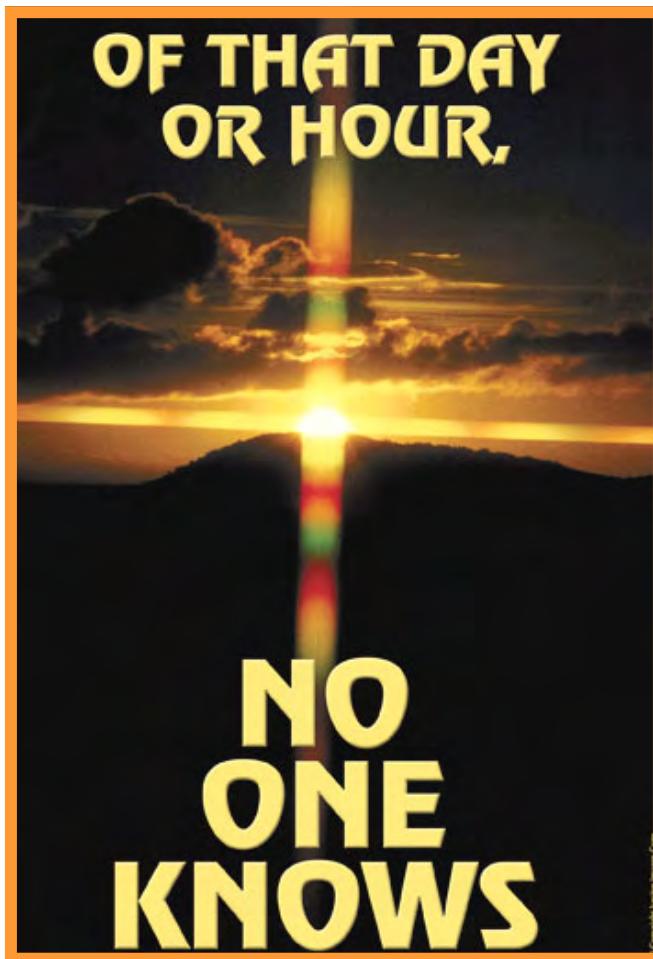
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November 15, 2009

Thirty-Third 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 November 16 - November 22, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Ben Dybas, Stefan Slobodnik, Cynthia Ann Fuchs-Zito
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Kral
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Erik Geyer, Andy Sandoval
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Pauline Cuttill Phillip C. Butkus, Glenna & James Gordon, Patrick Morris, Nick Crnkovich, Steve & Ann Super
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory William Dietz Michael Arpaia, Donald Cotig, George Kessler, Maryl Luxem, Rose Mary Ptak William O'Brien, Tom Skelley Family, Shirley Mooney, Josephine Gorecki All Souls in Purgatory



*This Past Week
We Welcomed...*

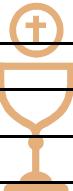
Xavier José Aguilar,
son of Javier Aguilar Hernández & Maritza Cervantes

Jaby Alexis Nava Martínez,
son of Francisco Javier Nava & Sonia Martínez Valencia

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



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, 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.



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



Freddy Palomares,
son of José & María Palomares

Joseph Albert Miskiewicz,
father of Janice Miskiewicz

Robert Reichl,
husband of Mickie

**May the Lord grant them eternal rest.
Amen.**



There is a Blood Drive this Sunday, November 15, in Morrissey Hall from **8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.** Walk-ins are welcome! The need is great so do a wonderful community service - and DONATE BLOOD TODAY!

Clare Slowik
Parish Nurse

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On some occasions a people or nation is called upon to stand up for the values it holds dear. This may cause hardship or even lead to wars in defense of human rights and religious freedoms. This is the position the Jewish people found themselves in as an unknown writer penned the Book of Daniel. He sought to unite his people and offer them some solace. The faithful were under pressure from a military force, but also in a more insidious way, from the temptation to renounce their faith and blend into the crowd. Belief in this God of the Jews, and its corresponding way of life, did not seem politically correct in a world, where expediency had replaced commitment. As in every generation the danger is that values remain valid only as long as those who shape public opinion deem them to be viable.

It is against this ever changing landscape that Daniel proclaimed the true destination of all our human longings. It is the God who has formed each of us for fullness of life with him.

Jesus of Nazareth would have been familiar with the imagery and comforting message of a bright new future, contained in the stories of his people and expressed in the Book of Daniel, written 150 years before his birth. He too lived in restless times under occupation. Yet in a world much more connected to the earth and the changing of seasons, Jesus talked about the signs of spring as an indication of our liberation. Other hands in the gospel story tried to reassure a Christian people suffering persecution that the end would come soon, heralded by great cosmic signs. The truth is that, as Jesus says, no one knows for sure when these things may occur, not even the Son of Man himself. What is certain is that through one sure and final redemptive act, we are forever set free from our burden of sin, and are offered the possibility of eternal life. The only price for people of faith is that they trust in the saving power of a God who calls them by name, and for the moment play their part in the divine author's plan for humanity.

As we begin to act out the human story of this century can we discern similar attitudes to those faced by the Jews in the Book of Daniel? On the whole our Western society seems unsure of itself. Some seem to be turning to superficial forms of spirituality that offer easy answers with no commitment. We have a choice. Accept the prevailing culture and its attendant confusion, or be a people of vision, a people who attempt to discern the signs of the times for ourselves and the world around us. Christ offers us a chance to be truly free, to glimpse the future possibilities and present reality of his kingdom working in our world.

As a community of faith, we are called to go beyond the superficial, and be alert to our world in the light of Christ, knowing that he is already saving the world. As Church, that does not mean always rushing to condemn those around us. Nor does it mean simply waiting for the end times. Perhaps we are called in some way to be signs of his life and freedom here and now, even if that means swimming against the tide. Discerning his presence means highlighting and supporting the good that we detect in our world. And with his help, plant the seeds of hope around us that they might flower into the presence of God in our midst.

*Christ's Peace Always,
Father Bob*



St. Cletus School ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Last year, St. Cletus School launched our first Annual Fund Drive, and it was a huge success because of the generous contributions of school families and parishioners alike. The St. Cletus School Annual Fund is an opportunity for you to give back to our faith community. Contributing to this fund enables St. Cletus School to continue its mission and to enhance its science, technology, math, and early childhood initiatives.

The **St. Cletus School Annual Fund Drive** helps narrow the gap between what we can charge in tuition and our actual operating expenses. For the 2009 – 2010 school year, we were able to maintain minimal tuition increases. We hope to continue that trend so that we keep Catholic school affordable and accessible for families.

We hope that St. Cletus parishioners can contribute this year to help make our Annual Fund Drive a success. The Community Memorial Foundation gave us a \$10,000 matching grant last year, plus \$1,000 to recognize us for our success. For 2009, CMF will match any **new or increased** contributions we receive, up to \$7,500. We hope we can count on contributions from new donors and increased donations from last year's donors to help us obtain that grant and to reach our financial goal.

Please consider making your donation today using the enclosed pledge card. For more information on donation opportunities, please see the attached card. Keep in mind that your financial contribution to the St. Cletus School Annual Fund is tax-deductible.

We thank all our parishioners for the continued support they give to our school. Because of your generosity, we can continue to provide our children with the faith enrichment and academic education that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal, St. Cletus School



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The St. Cletus Women's Club
cordially invites you to a

Christmas Tea

featuring the St. Cletus Children's Choir,
raffle prizes and surprise gifts

Saturday, December 19, 2009

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
La Grange Country Club
620 South Brainard Avenue

In this season of giving, please bring new adult hats, gloves or
slipper socks as a donation to the St. Cletus Giving Tree

For further information, please call Sheila Benson at (708) 579-1299

Seating is limited, please reserve your space

Proceeds to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Cletus Parish

*Reservations can be dropped off in the Parish Rectory or mailed
to Karen Mulcrone at 1210 S. Stone Ave. La Grange, IL 60525*

Reservations due by December 5th

\$30 per person | \$300 per table of ten

Enclosed is my check payable to the St. Cletus Women's Club

\$ _____ for _____ tickets

Name _____

Please seat me at a table with:

Dear Parishioners,

Our annual Advent Giving Tree Project will begin on the weekend of November 21/22. Once again we will be offering our parish families an opportunity to share with those less fortunate. Our trees will be filled with names of individuals in need from our sharing parish, St. Agatha's, and from our community. This is a chance for you to do something for those who would not have a very merry Christmas without your generosity. As in the past, we ask you to purchase gifts for the person named on the PURPLE tag you remove from the tree. Then, on the weekend of December 12/13, please bring your gifts to Church. We also ask you to remember your special person(s) in your family's prayers throughout this holy season. Last year our parish made Christmas a little brighter for more than 1,700 people.

This year we will again have RED tags, representing a food basket, on a tree. These tags will have a suggested list for the contents of a CHRISTMAS SEASON FOOD BASKET for the families using our Food Pantry and others in need in our community. The instructions will be listed on these "BASKET TAGS." On Sunday, December 20, FOOD BASKETS will be accepted in Morrissey Hall in the morning and distributed from there in the afternoon.

Tags for both gifts and food baskets will be available on the Giving Trees beginning next weekend, November 21/22. Please feel free to take more than one tag. Thank you! Your generosity will provide hope and make a difference in someone's life. God bless you on your Advent Journey!

The Giving Tree Committee

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the parish website: www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns. For further details you can also contact:

*Mary Beth, (708) 215-5418, mford@stcletusparish.com
or Maureen (708) 839-0345*



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"


DO YOUR ADVENT SHOPPING AT ST. CLETUS...

The Religious Education Board will be selling Advent candles this weekend, 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.

COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY WEEKEND

Since the Compassionate Care Ministry was started in late 2006, more than 200 funerals were held at St. Cletus. **This weekend**, November 14/15, we are seeking new volunteers to join our ministry, especially in the areas of Funeral Planners and Vigil Prayers. You will hear more about this ministry and its needs during Mass. Please listen and pray over the needs of this very important ministry and consider helping the bereaved families of St. Cletus with a few hours of your time. Complete training is available. Stop at our table in the vestibule today after Mass.

**HOLY NAME UPCOMING EVENTS**

Holy Name is looking forward to two events. Turkey Raffle winners can pick up their bird on Sunday, November 22, between 2:00-4:00 P.M. in front of Morrissey Hall. The winning raffle number is SIX (6). Thank you so much for your continued support!

The HNS annual Ushers Christmas Party will be December 4, at Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant, 9200 Cermak Road, Broadview, beginning at 6:30 P.M. HNS members, ushers, and counters who want to attend should sign-up in the Minister's Room in church. Please bring a white elephant prize for our raffle.

Jim Matthews

**CUB SCOUT WREATH SALE NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend, November 21/22, St. Cletus Cub Scout Pack 83 will be selling Christmas wreaths after all the Masses. Proceeds are used to fund scout activities for the entire year. Your support is appreciated. Questions? Contact Dave Kelly at (708) 431-5722 or Pat Heslin (708) 218-0824.

**Computer Class and Open Lab**

November 22 | 9am - 1pm

Online Shopping Safety Class**Class will cover:**

- Finding deals
- Product Research
- Protecting yourself

Times:

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| 9:10am |
| 10:40am |
| 12:10 am |

How to get to the Learning Center

Enter school door #11 on 54th street and follow the signs



**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, IL and who specializes in bereavement. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Karen at (708) 352-6587. Refreshments will be served.

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<u>Sunday Collection</u>			
Total Active Registered Families			2,503
<u>Collection Statistics</u>			<u>Amount Collected</u>
# of envelopes used - this week	762		
% of registered families	30%	\$23,621	Envelope Users
		<u>26,28</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
November 8, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750			\$26,249
Weekly (Under) Over Budget			(-\$501)
This Fiscal Year @ 11/08/09			
Actual Sunday Collections	\$486,062		
Budgeted Sunday Collections	508,250		
(Under) Over than Budgeted	\$(22,188)		

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event
Monday, Nov. 16	7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	RB MH	PPC Meeting Men's BB
Tuesday, Nov. 17	7:00 p.m.	MH	Reconciliation Parent/Children
Wednesday, Nov. 18	9:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB MH S-213	Mission Ladies Church League BB RCIA
Thursday, Nov. 19	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music S-213 S-207 MH S-Music	Children's Choir Youth Choir Contemporary Choir AA Meeting SVDP Meeting Church League BB Chancel Choir
Friday, Nov. 20	10:00 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Off Campus MH Lobby S-207 S-Music	Lexington Nursing Home Mass MANNA Hispanic Ministry Bible Class Hispanic Ministry Choir
Saturday, Nov. 21	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Front of church CV CV	Cub Scouts Wreath Sale MANNA <i>Giving Tree Tags on Trees</i>
Sunday, Nov. 22	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 2:00-4:00 p.m.	CV CV Front of church MH	MANNA <i>Giving Tree Tags on Trees</i> Cub Scouts Wreath Sale HN Turkey Winner Pickup
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's Collection more than ever. Please take an envelope provided in your pew today and return next weekend. For further information regarding CCHD services, visit www.usccb.org/cchd. Thank you for your generosity.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Ushers.

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

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).

EUCARISTIC 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.

CONFESIONS

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

MANNA CASH & CARRY NEXT WEEKEND!

MANNA will be available after all Masses in the church vestibule **NEXT WEEKEND, November 21/22. It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays! Give gift cards as gifts or use them to purchase holiday items. Please call Erin Rhoads at (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty, (708) 482-0257 with any questions or concerns.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Hispanic Ministry:	Silvia Casas Ignacio Saavedra
Social Concerns:	Dick Ford Jim Ryva
Technology Representative:	Julie Lenz
Parish Life:	Lori Ashe Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

INTERFAITH CAREER AND NETWORKING GROUP

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.