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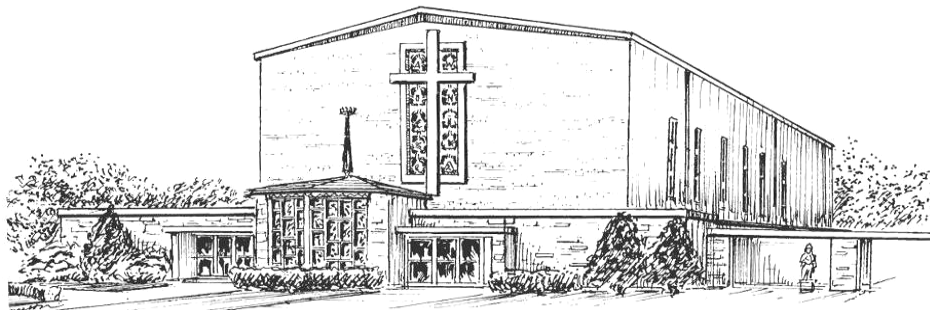
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August 28, 2011

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless
in the rear of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 29 - September 4, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Gene Kennedy
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Laura Brooks
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Inez Molinari
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Nan Rettig, Mary Michalowski
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mary Ann Kohl, Richard Kohl, Roseann Lodato Maryann Chevigny, Georgia Popp, Peter Vukosovich, Joseph Lewandowski, Michael Kennedy, Sr.
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Emilia & Marco Rattin Mary Ricciardone and Calandriello Family, Frank Kraus, Lillian Stopka Carl Wierzbicki, Jennie Harkabus & Nelson Family, Stanley Gacek Timothy Benrus, John & Sandy Fisher Purgatorial Society



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Betty Niwa, Joan Workman, Betty Zapf, Maybelle Ryan, Rose Pasquale, Mary Alice Gregorchuk, Harry Fisher, Donald Cuttill, Laura McDonnell, Idolina Montano, Wei Wu, Sue Kremer, Gail Pankow-Locker, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Lydia Ciaglia, Maeva Bishop, Rebecca Mueller, Joshua Thomas, Jr., Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling, Rajamma Thomas, Joe Saban, Ola Maveety, Jean Weekley, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.



**St. Cletus Parish Family
Welcomes...**

Charles Nicholas Hagen,
son of Julie Hagen

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



**ALL FACILITIES WILL BE
CLOSED AFTER MASS IN
OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.**



**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, September 6**, and every **first Tuesday** of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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

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



WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, September 3/4, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
Tuesday: Eid al-Fit'r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan) celebrated this week
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Gregory the Great; First Saturday

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEW ROMAN MISSAL

We will begin using the new revised edition of the Roman Missal on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. As we prepare for the changes in our responses and the prayers we will hear at Mass it is important to review the changes ahead of time. We ran articles during this past year which introduced the changes and explained the reasoning behind these changes. I hope that these articles have been helpful to you as we prepare for the implementation of these changes in the very near future.

Please note that starting this weekend, we will have available in the church vestibule and rectory offices the responses that we are presently using at Mass along with the new responses beside them for your review. Hopefully, this review of the changes will help to prepare us for the 1st Sunday of Advent. During the next several weeks you will see additional information regarding the changes in the Canticle each week. We have also scheduled an All-Choir Retreat on Sunday Evening, September 11, to review the changes and to begin to learn the music for the new Mass settings which will be used. On the weekend of September 17-18, Sr. Rene Simonelic will speak at all Masses about the changes in the Roman Missal. We are very fortunate to have Sr. Rene as a parishioner who also works at the Office of Divine Worship and has made many presentations on the New Roman Missal. We are also planning formation opportunities in Mid-September/early October for all Liturgical Ministers (Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and Service Ministers), regarding the changes. Beginning the second weekend in October, in order to familiarize ourselves with the changes, we will begin teaching the congregation the new Mass Music Settings of the Gloria, Lamb of God, Sanctus, Alleluia, Memorial Acclamation and the Great Amen.

The introduction of the New Revised Roman Missal is a wonderful opportunity to renew our understanding and love of the Liturgy. May these days be days of renewal and joy as we continue to praise and worship our God with great enthusiasm and with an Alleluia spirit.

SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS AROUND CAMPUS

This has been a very busy summer for our parish maintenance crew. They have been working day and night to make the necessary repairs and improvements, to be ready for the new year of parish activities. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of men who dedicate themselves daily to the proper upkeep of all our parish facilities. I would like to publicly thank each of them, on behalf of myself and all of our parishioners for their excellent work. Please see below some of the things that they helped us to complete this summer.

CHURCH:

*All pews were removed to strip and wax the floors in the church
All wood in the church was touched up and resurfaced, including all the pews
Nurse's room was painted and entire church cleaned*

RECTORY:

*New Associate Pastor's suite renovated—bathroom repairs, new paint, electrical work, and new flooring
Four rectory business offices painted*

SCHOOL:

*Painted east side of Kindergarten's outside doors and windows plus Pre-School entrance door
Painted front outside doors of the Education Building, Morrissey Hall, Flagpole, and courtyard
Painted fascia on front of school
Painted Morrissey Hall lobby
Complete cleaning of all classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, and meeting rooms*

ENTIRE CAMPUS:

*All facility windows cleaned
Parking lot resealed and striped
School peaceful playground repainted
All area landscape was mulched, flower beds weeded, and trees trimmed*

Thanks for all the hard work!

The Parishioners and Father Bob, Pastor



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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Be a fool for God

Prophets sometimes complain that their job description is too demanding. But one of the strangest of these laments is that of Jeremiah who claimed that God had tricked him into his vocation! “You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!” or as another translation says—perhaps even more poignantly—“You seduced me!” And when the prophet tries to ignore his calling, it burns inside him until it succeeds in bursting forth to do the work for which it was sent. While we may not rank with a biblical prophet, each of us does have a vocation to speak and act with compassion, justice, and tolerance when anyone is deprived of these basic dignities.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27 (124)*

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

FEAST OF THE MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Prepare the way for peace

The Palestinian city of Nablus is an important hub of urban life in the West Bank. If ancient tradition is to be believed, it is also the burial place of John the Baptist. Mention of his relics being honored there dates to the fourth century. Today the revered tomb is housed in the Nabi Yahya Mosque, or “John the Baptist Mosque.” So it is that one of Christianity’s most revered prophets and saints occupies a special place of respect in the Islamic world. Perhaps John has not stopped proclaiming a prophetic message. If he has earned the respect of Muslims as well as Christians, surely we can follow his example today in these troubled times for interfaith relations. Be a voice for peace and toleration.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (431); Mark 6:17-29 (634)*

“When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.”

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

Be ready for a change

In his fascinating book *War*, journalist Sebastian Junger recounts his experience embedded for almost a year with American combat troops in Afghanistan in 2008. He often speaks of the soldiers’ constant, riveting awareness—not only in a firefight but all during their deployment—that any moment might literally be their last. They saw it happen often enough to know it was true. There is not enough adrenalin in the world to keep one at such an intense level of readiness for very long. Yet Saint Paul and Jesus both use the utter unpredictability of life to encourage us always to live in such intimacy with the Lord that even the most unexpected events will not throw us completely or forever off balance.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432)*

“The day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.”

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

When three is not a crowd

Good things can come in threes, like faith, hope, and love—to which the church has applied the traditional name of the “theological virtues.” These are grand words Christians use a lot, but what do they

mean in the concrete lives of people and communities? Take hope, for example. Scripture is clear: It comes from God. It is a gift. People tend to think of hope as something that gives them a reason to go on. For people of faith, hope is that, but more. “Going on” is going on to a future full of life with God. What do you hope for?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433)*

“We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the holy ones because of the hope reserved for you in heaven.”

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Reach beyond patience

In the confessional recently a friend admitted she lacked gratitude. “I hate my life!” she told the priest. To her surprise he accepted her frank admission. “Some people suffer from poor health, others from a poverty of peace in their circumstances,” he observed. Then he advised her: “Pray for peace. Not for patience to simply bear your life, but peace to fully live it.” Many of us endure seasons when our days feel infertile, our efforts seem purposeless. We lower the nets, again and again, and come up empty. In these hours, pray not for patience but for an enlivening peace.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434)*

“We have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.”

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Present and accounted for

There are some places in the Bible where scripture boils down the gospel message to a concise statement. In the New Testament letters, one place is Philippians 2:6-11. Another is Colossians 1:15-20. Both these passages serve as mini-creeds about what Christians believe about Jesus. In Colossians, words very much like a hymn of praise say God is present in a person, Christ. That belief not only says God is present in Jesus but also that *Jesus is present in God*, and it puts Christ first among all creation and at the head of the body of his people, the church. Try praying with these passages today!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435)*

“He is the image of the invisible God . . . in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell.”

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

FEAST OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Liturgy of the hours, for the ages

Perhaps it is no accident that Pope Saint Gregory the Great, who died in 604, is known as the “Father of Christian Worship.” After all, he was the first pope to come from a monastic background, and no group has done more to preserve our great liturgical traditions than monastic men and women. When the medieval world around them was falling into darkness; when triumphant Christendom threatened to turn liturgy into a pageant; when some took the Counter-Reformation to extremes; all the while monastics patiently and quietly preserved some of the best and most cherished forms of worship. Perhaps it is time to plan a retreat at the guest house of a monastery in your area. They’ve kept the light on for you all these centuries.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436)*

“He went into the house of God, took the bread of offering . . . and shared it with his companions.”

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ST. CLETUS PARISH
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

RCIA: COME AND SEE

WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 27, 2011.

**AN INFORMATION SESSION
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING,
AUGUST 30TH AT 7:00 P.M. IN CHURCH
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE RCIA PROGRAM.**

If you are an adult who has thought about becoming Catholic or who was baptized Catholic but never completed the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, then the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the program for you! For more information about this adult formation program, join us on Tuesday evening, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. in church to have all your questions answered. The evening will last about an hour and will offer an overview of the RCIA program and more information about joining this year's RCIA. Contact Fr. Ken at (708) 352-6209 ext 205 for more information.



As we move closer to our opening classes for Religious Education of our boys and girls, we are still in need of catechists. Being a catechist is a rewarding experience as you share and model your faith with our young people. Jesus calls each of us to spread His Word. What better or concrete way to spread Jesus' request than to teach His children about Him and His Church?

**Please help!
We do not
want to turn
children away!**

We have openings in the following grades:

On Sunday:

- 1 catechist for grade 5
- 2 catechists for grades 6 and 7

On Monday:

- 1 catechist for grade 2
- 1 catechist for grades 4, 5 and 6

As an old TV commercial said, "Try it, you'll like it." Again, please consider being a catechist by calling the Religious Education Office at (708) 352-2383.

Thank you.

Sister Pat Mc Kee, O.P.

Director of Religious Education

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY UPDATE...



As we approach the fall and winter months, the number of families needing our food assistance increases for many reasons. Among them are higher energy bills, back to school costs, and seasonal jobs coming to an end, leaving less income for food. The Food Pantry is extremely grateful that your support makes this community outreach possible, even as your own families experience the need to “tighten your belts”. Be assured that the monthly supplemental food assistance we provide is greatly needed and appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

Here are three ways you can continue to help support the Food Pantry:

(1) Make it routine to pick up an item or two for the Food Pantry when you go to the grocery store. Our shelves are quite low on both staples and extras. Choose from our list of most needed items, which includes: dry pinto beans, pasta (both spaghetti & assorted noodles), pasta sauce, boxed sides, jelly, soup, canned chili, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal, tomatoes/tomato sauce, cooking oil, juice, coffee, baby food, paper goods, and all sizes of diapers. Remember, **all** in-date non-perishables are greatly appreciated! Then, drop off the items in the Church vestibule in the designated food bins located in the Madonna della Strada shrine area, when you come to weekend Mass or daily, from 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM.

(2) Make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry. You can drop an envelope marked “Food Pantry” in the Sunday collection or at the rectory. These funds are used to purchase items needed to balance the assortment of staples and extras included in our pre-packed family bags.

(3) Volunteer to work at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Each month, we send a group of 10-15 volunteers to earn credit for us. At these sessions, we earn \$15.00 worth of food per volunteer. Over a year, this could allow us to pick up over 30,000 lbs of food for free! (Presently, our average monthly delivery from the GCFD is about 1700 lbs.)

- We have been falling short of volunteers over the summer, so would like you to take a look at your calendar to see if you might be able to join us for one or more of the upcoming 3-hour sessions, on the following Wednesday evenings from 6-9 PM: September 28, October 26, November 30, and December 28.
- Volunteers need to be 14 years old to volunteer at the Food Depository during regular sessions.
- GCFD is located at 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632, which is a few blocks from I-55 and Pulaski. If you are interested, please contact Jerry & Dawn Mitchell, who now coordinate the St. Cletus volunteers: jerrymitchell@us.nufarm.com or (630) 849-5857 (Jerry's cell). Special thanks to Jerry and Dawn for recently taking over as GCFD volunteer coordinators!
- If you volunteer at the Food Depository on your own, please designate the **St. Cletus Food Pantry** as the recipient of your volunteer credits. Our Agency Code is A01336.

Again, thank you for your overwhelming generosity.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

Interfaith Community Partners, a network of trained volunteers from local churches, helps older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their communities through

- Home Visits
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Grocery Shopping
- Phone Calls to Provide Reassurance

Please call Interfaith Community Partners at (708) 579-8929 if you or a friend could benefit from these services, or if you wish to put your faith in action by becoming a volunteer. The next scheduled volunteer training session is on Sunday, September 18. Call the number listed above for details. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

WHAT'S NEW AT INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK?

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK invites you to a job search program for the newly unemployed. Just beginning your search? Think you might be in the near future? Not sure how to begin? This program is just for you! Discover valuable job search tools and tactics learned by job seekers with experience and success. Get your job search off to a great start on Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tom Tisa at (708) 467-0722 or tomtisa@msn.com. Come yourself and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

Youth Ministry Update!

LAST CALL FOR 2011-2012 TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Don't forget to register for our new program beginning on September 11! All high school teens are invited and encouraged to participate! **Forms are due this Tuesday, August 30!** They are available on our parish website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth.

HELP STILL WANTED: ADULT CATECHISTS FOR TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Are you interested in helping youth grow spiritually? Do you enjoy working with teens? I am looking for enthusiastic, dedicated, and faith-filled parishioners who are flexible and willing to give of their time and talent to minister to our teens as catechists in our new program. As a leader, you will share your home and faith eight times per year with a small group of approximately ten teens. You will be asked to help at a few large group sessions as well. Lesson planning/formation sessions will be held every other month to give you the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. This responsibility can be shared. **If you are considering making this commitment, please pray over it and call me before Tuesday, August 30!**

PARENT MEETING FOR TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

This Tuesday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall, there is a *mandatory* parent meeting. Schedules and materials will be distributed at this time.

Please contact me at kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419 with any questions.

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

CREDO CORNER

(1) Mayslake Fall Symposium...On Saturday, October 1, Father Robert Barron will be the presenter at the Mayslake Ministries Annual Fall Symposium. The title of his presentation is "Perspectives of the Eucharist and Catholicism." More information can be found at <http://www.mayslakeministries.org/>. This is a full day conference from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace. Mayslake is offering a group registration rate of \$50, a \$15 discount off the regular rate of \$65. If you are interested in registering with a group from St. Cletus, please e-mail Deb Blecic at dblecic@hotmail.com by August 29. Please put the words "Father Barron/Mayslake" in the subject line. If we get enough respondents to qualify for a group rate, you will be notified after August 29. If you do not have e-mail, call Deb at (708) 579-5579 between 9-10:00 p.m. on or before August 29.

(2) EPIC Class Resumes in September

For those registered for the EPIC class - classes resume on Monday, September 12 or Wednesday September 14. We hope to see you back as we complete Sessions 13-20 this fall.



MANNA (Gift Cards for Education)

Welcome back for another exciting year of Manna (Gift Cards for Education) fundraising program! If you have never ordered before, you may be asking yourself, "What is Manna (Gift Cards for Education)?" It is the backbone to fundraising for the FSA (Family School Association). And it is truly a win-win for both you and St. Cletus School. When you order Manna (Gift Cards for Education), you are purchasing gift certificates. We offer gift certificates from a wide variety of vendors, such as McDonalds, Jewel, Dominick's, Target, etc. They are used just as gift certificates bought directly from the vendors themselves. The difference is that St. Cletus School orders the gift certificates at a discount price and sells them at the full price of the gift certificate and the difference between discount and full price is profit! That profit is then split between the participating family and St. Cletus School, 60% to the participating family and 40% to the school. The family profit is then a credit toward tuition or Religious Education fees for the next school year.

Wait! Even if you do not have children enrolled at St Cletus School OR St. Cletus Religious Education, you too can benefit from Manna (Gift Cards for Education)! We also offer credit toward any high school or college tuition for the next school year as well Or, you can give 100% of the credit to St. Cletus School as well.

We have some new and exciting promotions for this school year. As you probably know, St. Cletus has been trying to be as 'green' as possible. For Manna (Gift Cards for Education), we offer on-line ordering. A link to the ordering system is available from the St. Cletus School website. Also available on the St. Cletus School website is the ability to view and print our Manna News Updates and copies of our order forms. To try and encourage families to use our on-line ordering system, we are offering a year-end raffle. For families that use the on-line ordering system consistently (80% of the time or more), you will be entered into this raffle for the chance to win some great prizes, such as \$100 additional Manna tuition credit, a \$100 gift certificate of your choice, a \$25 gift certificate of your choice, etc. For questions on how to set up your on-line account, please contact us.

When is Manna (Gift Cards for Education) offered? Our full orders are placed on every Monday there is school and filled on the Wednesday of that same week. If we do not have school on a Monday or Wednesday in any given week, we do not do a full order. We also offer Cash and Carry about two times a month throughout the school year, as well as once a month on the weekend after Masses. We do not offer all vendor gift certificate at Cash and Carry, just our biggest sellers.

If you would like to participate in the Manna fundraising program, you will need to fill out and return a registration and disclaimer form. Please contact us and we will send one out to you.

Thank you so much for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Braun (773) 586-6278, Laura Skrip (773) 586-5896, or Rosanne Welenc (708) 482-7865.

Sincerely,
The Manna Team



Gift Cards for Education

For this program vendors sell gift cards to us at a percent discount. We then sell them at face value.

Half of the proceeds helps our school the rest you can apply to tuition at St. Cletus or ANY public/private high school or college!

**Cash and Carry
After Mass
August 27 & 28**

For more Information or to order online visit
<http://www.stcletusparish.com/school/fundraising/manna>

St. Cletus Book Club



The next book is

In The Garden of Beasts
by Erik Larson

We will meet to discuss it on

Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m.
(Room 102)

Questions? Email: loriashe@aol.com

ST. CLETUS 4TH ANNUAL

Oktoberfest

Saturday, Oct. 1

Join us for Brats,
Beer, Pretzels, and
all things German!

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.

No outside food or beverages permitted.

Event Schedule

6:00 p.m.

Oktoberfest Opens with
The Happy Wanderers

9:00 p.m.

The Lusty Muttz on stage

11:00 p.m.

Oktoberfest Closes



Call 708.352.4820 or visit stcletusoktoberfest.com for more information

Parish Pioneers

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH LED THE ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FACULTY IN THE 1950's

submitted by Jim Matthews

The big box stores, like Office Max and Target, as well as the chain drug stores, are full of school supplies for kids and their parents to fill their carts with as the new school year looms. Local schools provide lists of required supplies for the young scholars.

But in the 1950's, when St. Cletus School was new, things were different. Two teachers of first grade recall that in 1951 a box of eight Crayola crayons sufficed; the school provided large primary pencils and yellow lined paper, and blunt scissors.

Recalling those good old days are "parish pioneers" Sister Mary Peter and Sister Marybeth, who now live at Bethlehem Center on Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park. Sister Mary Peter taught first grade during St. Cletus School's first year, and Sister Marybeth was a St. Cletus teacher from 1955-1958.

Sister Mary Peter later earned a PhD in theology and taught that subject at Mundelein Seminary and at Loyola University in Chicago. Sister Marybeth founded the School on Wheels program for the Sisters of St. Joseph of La Grange. A bus, retrofitted as a classroom, serves immigrant neighborhoods in several suburban towns, where volunteer tutors teach English to adult students.

Both sisters were on the faculty when Sister Mary Wilfrid was principal at St. Cletus. The teachers were all nuns except for Mrs. Margaret Grund, who taught kindergarten. Founding pastor Father Gerald Morrissey rented a neighborhood house as the first rectory, and Father Robert Fitzpatrick was the assistant priest.

The nuns moved into convent rooms at St. Cletus in 1951. There was no phone, but Father Morrissey showed them a fire alarm button they could push if they needed help. The button sounded warning bells in the school, at least. When fire department inspectors made a surprise visit to the school, Sister Wilfred ran down the hall and warned every room that the firemen were coming. Well behaved children and calm nuns were ready for the surprise drill.

The sisters agreed that about 45 students per classroom was normal at St. Cletus. They also supervised recess, but Father Fitzpatrick would sometimes come out and run or play tag with the youngsters. All students would attend Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. with their teachers, and the children walked in procession on Holy Thursday with the Monstrance leading. All-night adoration by adults was the norm. A procession in May, the Baltimore Catechism, nuns as sacristans, and teaching fourth grade boys the Latin prayers required of altar boys—were a few of their other duties. Confirmation by the Bishop was a challenge faced by fifth graders in the 1950's.

"We didn't drive, and the school was surrounded by empty lots," Sister Mary Peter recalled. "But the parishioners were wonderful and drove us to stores, medical appointments, and elsewhere." Parish drivers would take the nuns to movies at an Oak Lawn Theater which had a special showing for Sisters from many Catholic schools in the area.

"A committee of mothers brought lunch every day before the convent had a kitchen," Sister Marybeth said. "The main nearby business was a haberdashery store across the street, run by Dick Carraher. Mary Lou Callaghan was in my first grade in 1955-56, and her mom was on the lunch committee."

The school supplies may differ today from the time of blackboards with chalk, to today's smart boards with computers, but the school's spiritual heritage continues from then, until now, and onward to tomorrow.



Sister Mary Peter and Sister Marybeth
former teachers at St. Cletus School.



EARLY CHILDHOOD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Sunday School is for children ages 3-5. Classes meet during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on most Sundays throughout the school year. This fun-filled class provides the children a time to be with others their own age as they learn of the Gospel in an age appropriate way. There are openings in all classes. Please contact the Religious Education office (708-352-2383), for more information.

ST. CLETUS MARKET DAY IS BACK!

Reminder: Our first Market Day for the school year is Wednesday, August 31, from 6-7:00 p.m. Order forms can be found in the back of church. All profits benefit the Art, Music and Band programs at St. Cletus School. Thank you in advance for your support of this important fundraiser.

Mary Schamka



ATTENTION LEISURE LOAFERS Welcome back to another year!

Reminder: Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 1, at 1:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall.

See you then!

Alice Katzmarek

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Holy Name members and ALL men from the parish are invited to the first HNS meeting of the new 2011-12 school year. On Friday, September 2, at 7:45 p.m., we will meet in front of the church for a prayer and then gather in Room 98 of the Education Building. Join us and hear what the Holy Name Society is involved with. Dues are \$5. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will follow after the meeting.

Dan Gibbons

Save The Date

October 26th - Interfaith Community Partners'
Tenth annual theater benefit
"Picasso at the Lapin Agile"
Reception preceding performance.
Expect Food, Fellowship, FUN.

PROGRAMS AT THE WELL

"Celebrate the Journey of Solitude" at the Christ in the Wilderness annual benefit luncheon on Saturday, September 10, at the Congregation of St. Joseph in Welcome Hall, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., in La Grange, Ill. Speaker Patricia Bonavia will offer valuable insights and strengths about retreating and explain how it helps to maintain balance, focus, and minimize stress. The cost is \$50. For more information, call (815) 947-2476 or e-mail citw@dishmail.net.

Waking up in Our Sacred Universe brings the story of creation to life and provides an insight into the God of the universe. New theological understanding and meaning is revealed as the unity between theology and modern-day breakthroughs in the world of science are presented. You will experience more deeply the oneness of God in our amazing universe. The class is offered on Thursdays, September 22 and 29; and October 13 and 20 from 1- 2:30 p.m. and presented by facilitator Bridget Spurduto, director of The Well. The cost is \$75 for the series or \$20 per session.

The Well is located at 1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park. Visit the website at www.csjthewell.org to register or call (708) 482-5048.

ST. MARY RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Respect Life Committee of St. Mary Parish in Riverside is sponsoring a Fall/Winter Children's sale on Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon in the Parish Center at 126 Herrick Road. Proceeds from the sale support area crisis pregnancy centers, as well as the Maternity Fund and Project Rachel.

Children's Fall/Winter clothing (size newborn-size 20), toys, whose, books, baby equipment, sports equipment, and maternity clothes will be for sale.

Information about seller's packets can be obtained by contacting Katie (708) 442-7515 or St. Mary Respect Life@yahoo.com. Please consider volunteering with set-up and/or clean-up to qualify for admittance to the presale.

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than a standing army.**



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I authorize St. Cletus Parish and First National Bank of La Grange to debit my account (as described below) with pre-authorized payments on my behalf. This authorization will remain in effect until revoked by me in written form and received by St. Cletus Parish. I understand that in such a case that a debit is necessary to my account, I agree that the treatment of such a withdrawal order shall be the same as if it were signed or otherwise personally authorized by me. If such an item were to be dishonored, with or without cause, I shall not hold St. Cletus or the bank responsible for any such liability.

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City, State, Zip _____

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Account Type Checking _____ Savings _____

Amount of Contribution _____

Date(s) Contribution(s) Debited 5th of month _____ and /or 20th of month _____

Or, the first business day after should the above dates fall on a weekend/bank holiday.

By signing this agreement, I agree to the stated terms as described above:

Signature of **Account Holder (s)**

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Please attach a voided check.

***Please return to the rectory via the Sunday basket, you may also mail or bring to the rectory.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday Collection – August 21, 2011

Total Active Registered Families 2,772

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used - this week 643
 % of registered families 23%

Amount Collected

\$21,167 Envelope Users
 2,385 Loose Checks/Cash
 2,055 Automatic Debit
\$25,607 Total

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000
Over (under) Budget (\$1,393)

This Fiscal Year @ 08/21/11

Actual Sunday Collections \$180,348
 Budgeted Sunday Collections 189,000
 YTD Over (Under) than budget \$ (10,045)

Thank you for your participation at Mass and your continuing Stewardship. Please consider an extra \$2 to help with our budgeted needs.
Thank You.
Fr. Bob
Pastor

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, August 29			
Tuesday, August 30	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C MH S-201 C	School Mass Teen Faith Formation Parent Meeting RE New Catechist Meeting RCIA Candidate Information Session
Wednesday, August 31	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH S-201	Market Day RE All Catechist Meeting
Thursday, September 1	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	MH S-Band Room S-102	Leisure Loafers Meeting Spanish Choir Closed AA Meeting
Friday, September 2	8:00 p.m.	S-98	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, September 3	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	CV/East CV/West	Eucharistic Adoration Signup Welcome Sunday
Sunday, September 4	7:00 a.m. - 12 Noon 7:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	CV/East CV/West	Eucharistic Adoration Signup Welcome Sunday
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 2011

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
 that you may discern what is the will of God,
 what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— Romans 12:2

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, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

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

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. 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 Tuesday 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.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Ed Burke
<i>Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Joe Bamberger
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<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
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<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Dawn Dion
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Marty Mulcrone (School) George Pach (Rel. Ed.)
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<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Gary Lewis Jim Matthews
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<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Paulette Bolton
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<i>Parish Life:</i>	Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

OFFICERS

<i>Pastor:</i>	Fr. Bob Clark
<i>Principal:</i>	Jeff Taylor
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