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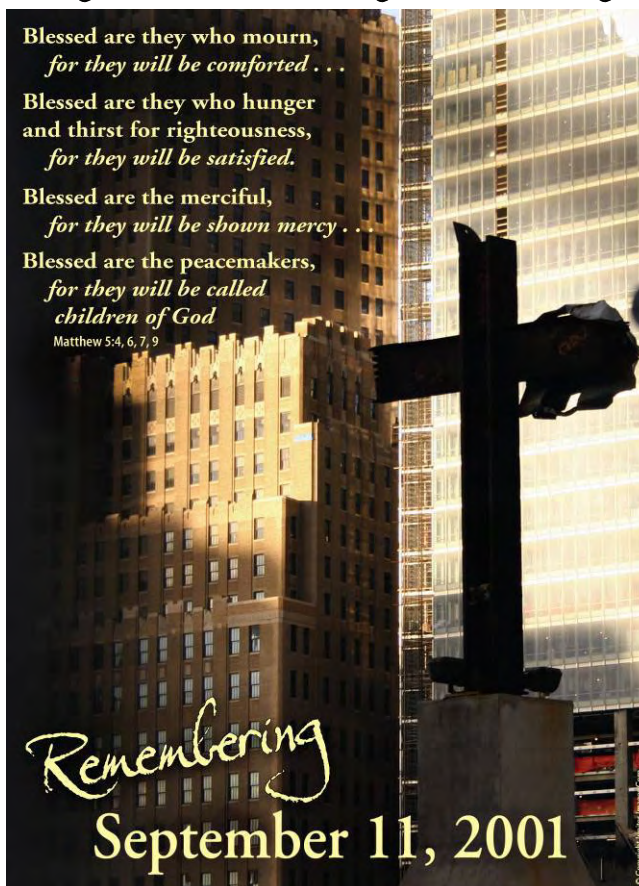
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September 11, 2011

### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted . . .

Blessed are they who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy . . .

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called  
children of God

Matthew 5:4, 6, 7, 9

Remembering

September 11, 2001



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 September 12 - September 18, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Jozef & James Slowik, Tecla Kwak
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Kigin, Bill Warner, Mary Anne Casey
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, John McTigue, Louis P. Egielski
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Findor Family, Arthur Dalton
Friday	8:00 a.m.	King, Miller, Spielman, Walsh & Wicyk Families, Erik Geyer
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mary Alwan Georgia Popp, Rose Hurkala, Jack McLaughlin, August Engler
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Walter Dobrowolski Sam & Maria Scopelliti, Judy Scheirer, Louis Egielski Ferdinand Czachor, Bunny O'Rourke, Pat Halm Timothy Benrus, Adeline Kulikowski, James Cummings 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 Welcomed...

*Abigail Rose Gill,*

daughter of Matthew & Elizabeth (Buenger) Gill

*Augustine Xavier Rodriguez,*

son of Augustine & Laura (Llano) Rodriguez

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



### WEDDING BANNS

Christina Cortez  
and  
Ramon Gonzalez



### A Warm Welcome to Our Newly Registered Parishioners

*Please welcome...Mr. & Mrs. James Bissias and Family, Ray Palys, Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Sullivan, and Vivian Swibel.*

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



**2001-2011**

### Patriots Day

On September 11, take some time to remember those who died in the terrorist attacks and honor their sacrifice. Say a prayer for the victims and their loved ones and friends. Bless and thank the brave souls who helped or died during the search and rescue efforts. Lastly, thank God for the men and women who continue to protect and defend freedom throughout the world - they are heroes, one and all.

## ***NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...***

### ***TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2011***

#### ***SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 – “A DAY THAT CHANGED OUR WORLD”***

*Today we remember the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11, which was a day that would change our world forever. Ten years ago today we witnessed the true presence of evil in our world with the horrific events that unfolded in New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. It was a day that would become a day filled with shock, horror, fear, loss, and sorrow, sadness and utter disbelief. It would become a day when each and every one of us ten years later would be able to recall exactly where we were and who we were with. It would truly become a day that would change us as a world, as a nation, as a people and as individuals.*

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*It is appropriate that on this solemn occasion, we turn our thoughts to today's gospel. For there we hear how Peter asked the Lord if we had to forgive others as many as seven times. “No, not seven times,” said Jesus, “but seventy-seven times.” Some scholars think he actually said seventy times seven; in other words, four hundred and ninety times! But the precise number matters little, for the point that Jesus is making is that there will never be a time when we no longer need to forgive.*

*Jesus tells a parable to drive the message home. It's about two servants; the first owed his king ten thousand talents. A “talent” was the largest coin in Palestine; so he owed him “millions”, as we might say. There was no realistic chance of his repaying such a monster debt, but, in his desperation, he pleaded that he would do so if only his master would give him time. Incredibly, the king agreed there and then to wipe out the whole debt, because, as the gospel says, he “felt so sorry for him”. But see what happens now: no sooner has he left his master's presence than he meets a fellow servant who owes him a hundred denarii, a paltry sum, and demands that it be paid at once. When the debtor pleads that he be given time, not only does the first servant refuse, but he actually attacks him: “He seized him by the throat and began to throttle him.” Little wonder that news of this extraordinary ingratitude gets back to the King, and that in due course, the servant gets his comeuppance.*

*Having told the story, Jesus remarks that this is what will happen to us, who have been forgiven so much, if we fail to show forgiveness to others. He doesn't mean that the Father will not forgive if we refuse to forgive – a kind of tit for tat – but when our hearts are hardened by unforgiveness, they are simply impervious to the forgiveness God offers.*

*It is easy to nod in agreement as we hear this gospel: it's so obvious that we should be generous in offering forgiveness when God, in sheer generosity, has forgiven us so much more. And yet...and yet...in real life it can be so dreadfully difficult. How do the families of the victims of the horror of 9-11 learn to forgive those who caused them so much pain and loss?*

*In giving us the “impossible” command to forgive, to forgive and go on forgiving, Jesus wasn't asking us to do it on our own. He waits for us to turn to him, to acknowledge our own helplessness; and when we do, a little miracle happens: we find it possible to forgive not in our own strength but because his own forgiveness is in our hearts. Only through this endless grace of God and our ability to courageously lift up the lives of the victims and heroes of 9-11 in honor and glory, can we find the strength to forgive as God forgives.*

*Peace,*

*Father Bob*

*Pastor*

**St. Cletus Parish  
BALANCE SHEETS  
JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Parish Checking/Payroll Accounts	\$ 92,049	\$ 208,192
Auxiliary Group Bank Accounts	89,140	80,761
Prepaid Deposit/Prepaid Expenses	49,892	18,059
Parish investments at market value (1)	1,188,283	1,227,235
Restricted School endowment Certificate of Deposit (2)	-	50,470
Restricted School endowment investment at market value (2)	<u>568,478</u>	<u>497,528</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 1,987,842</u>	<u>\$ 2,082,245</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 48,430	\$ 247,592
Tuition deposits	<u>189,156</u>	<u>171,181</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>237,586</u>	<u>418,773</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	1,181,778	1,115,474
Restricted School endowment (2)	<u>568,478</u>	<u>547,998</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>1,750,256</u>	<u>1,663,472</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 1,987,842</u>	<u>\$ 2,082,245</u>

(1) - Includes \$172,674 unrealized gain and \$211,626 net withdrawal from parish investments in 2011.

(2) - The Restricted School Endowment investment is not available for general parish operations.

(3) - The revenue and expense of Fundraising/School Associations have been netted in 2010 and 2011..

(4) - Other/school support includes \$73,625 and \$60,000 distributions from the endowment for 2011 and 2010, respectively.

(5) - 2011 change in value of school endowment includes \$94,106 fair market value increase less distributions of \$73,625.



**St. Cletus Parish**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expense**  
**Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b><u>Church Revenue</u></b>		
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 1,382,093	\$ 1,405,492
Christmas collections	190,701	209,645
Easter collections	100,014	100,850
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	135,373	137,336
Summer Projects/Light our Way	23,535	97,092
Bequest/Memorials- Church Electrical Wiring & Lighting Renovation	11,658	187,871
Net Auxiliary groups' revenue (expense)	(7,207)	(4,634)
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	70,401	54,506
Flood damage insurance recoveries	88,888	-
Other income - i.e. vigils, sacrament fees, mass intentions, outreach	121,377	165,525
<b>Total Church Revenue</b>	<u>2,116,833</u>	<u>2,353,683</u>
<b><u>Church Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	895,813	875,476
Liturgical / books	106,489	104,249
Administrative/Office/Technology	77,702	56,685
Utilities	56,179	66,381
Maintenance & repairs	124,439	127,193
Archdiocesan assessments/Insurance	281,526	304,388
Summer Projects/Light Our Way	4,381	118,307
Church Electrical Wiring & Lighting Renovation	13,408	239,018
Long Range Plan/Development/Facility Feasibility Study	9,127	10,500
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	75,061	54,506
Flood Damage	88,208	-
Miscellaneous - i.e. Musicians, food, transportation, hospitality, outreach	176,199	196,595
<b>Total Church Expenses</b>	<u>1,908,532</u>	<u>2,153,298</u>
<b>Church Net Surplus</b>	<u>\$ 208,301</u>	<u>\$ 200,385</u>
<b><u>School Revenue</u></b>		
Tuition & fees	\$ 1,667,212	\$ 1,633,338
Other/school support/fundraising (3) (4)	381,517	459,402
<b>Total School Revenue</b>	<u>2,048,729</u>	<u>2,092,740</u>
<b><u>School Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	1,983,224	1,968,231
Utilities	77,582	77,192
Maintenance & repairs	76,805	55,814
Books / instructional / technology / admin	109,065	78,964
Insurance / assessment	64,237	66,461
Other	53,400	76,690
<b>Total School Expense</b>	<u>2,364,313</u>	<u>2,323,352</u>
<b>School Net (Deficit)</b>	<u>\$ (315,584)</u>	<u>\$ (230,612)</u>
<b>PARISH OPERATING (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (107,283)</b>	<b>\$ (30,227)</b>
<b><u>Other income</u></b>		
Interest income	912	2,092
Unrealized gain from parish investments	172,674	142,127
Change in value of school endowment (5)	20,481	9,665
<b>NET PARISH SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$ 86,784</u>	<u>\$ 123,657</u>

**SUMMARY OF THE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Our parish finished the June 30, 2011 fiscal year with an operating deficit of \$107,283. This means that parish expenses exceeded ordinary revenue sources by \$107,283. This operating deficit is an increase over the 2010 operating deficit of \$30,227.
- Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections for the year ended June 30, 2011 decreased by \$43,000 from the previous year.
- The parish made recommended wiring safety and lighting upgrades to the church and parking lot in the 2010 fiscal year due to extraordinary bequests from parishioner's estates and the Lighting Our Way fundraising campaign. The 2011 year did not have similar large bequests and the Lighting Our Way campaign concluded toward the beginning of the 2011 fiscal year.
- Although the Church decreased expenses versus the prior year in most areas, there were expense increases in health insurance costs, building maintenance and technology. The net effect of the parish's cost containment efforts was an overall decrease in Church expenses in 2011.
- The school building suffered significant flood damage in July 2010, near the beginning of the 2011 fiscal year. The associated repairs were paid by insurance.
- St. Cletus School's fundraising campaigns for the year ended June 30, 2011, while remarkably successful, raised \$29,000 less than the previous year. To compensate, the school took a larger withdrawal from the school endowment than in the past.
- Because the school needed an unusually small amount of parish support during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010, the parish's required support for the school increased in the year that ended June 30, 2011. Despite the increase, the \$315,584 the parish contributed to support the school's mission during the 2011 fiscal year is less than almost all recent years.
- During the year ended June 30, 2011, the parish's investment account enjoyed substantial unrealized gains. Because these unrealized gains are not part of the normal operations of the parish and because increases in the value of investments can (and do) reverse, they are not included in the parish's \$107,283 operating deficit.
- In order to offset revenue decreases and to pay its bills, the parish withdrew \$211,626 from the parish investment account during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The parish does not usually need to withdraw investment funds from its investment account.

After all Masses on September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>, members of the parish finance committee will be available to answer your questions in the Kindergarten room just outside the west doors of the church. Please feel free to stop by, have a cup of coffee and ask any questions you may have about the financial report.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Cletus Parish.

David J. Smith  
St. Cletus Parish Finance Committee

**ST. CLETUS PARISH  
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

***RCIA: COME AND SEE***

**BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011  
AT 7:00PM IN ROOM 102 – EDUCATION BUILDING**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's adult faith formation program which invites adults who have never been baptized, who have been baptized Catholic but not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) or who have been baptized in another faith and wish to become Catholic, to explore their journey of faith in the life of the Catholic Church.

The RCIA gives people on a faith journey an opportunity to "*come and see*" not only what the Catholic Church and a life of faith in it is all about, but also an opportunity to explore how the Lord may be calling them into his life in a more complete way.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION  
CONTACT FR. KEN AT (708) 352 6209 ext 205**

**CREDO CORNER**

1. CREDO is pleased to offer the five-part adult faith formation program entitled "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" this fall at St. Cletus. More information is available in this issue of the Canticle (page 8). This class is similar in format to the recently completed Bible Timeline class.
2. St. John of the Cross will be offering Father Robert Barron's new 10-part series Catholicism in Fall 2011 and Spring 2012. The first five episodes will be shown this fall. There are three choices to attend:
  - Fridays: 7-9:00 p.m. Beginning on September 30
  - Tuesdays: 1-3:00 p.m. Beginning on October 4
  - Tuesdays: 7-9:00 p.m. Beginning on October 4

You can sign up at St. John of the Cross on September 17/18 after all of their Masses, or you can sign up on their website [www.stjohnofthecross.org/](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/). Fr. Barron will preside at the 10:45 a.m. Mass at St. John of the Cross on September 18 and will offer a presentation and discussion in the parish center after the Mass. For more information see the Catholicism website: [www.wordonfire.org/The-Catholicism-Project/Overview-New.aspx](http://www.wordonfire.org/The-Catholicism-Project/Overview-New.aspx). All are welcome!

St. Cletus CREDO members will be helping to facilitate small group discussion at the Friday sessions. We will look for familiar faces.

3. Just a reminder that EPIC classes resume on Sept 12 or 14. For those registered, we hope to see you back to complete sessions 13-20 this fall.

**Continuing Religious Education Opportunities (CREDO)** is a small group committed to facilitating opportunities for the growth of the faith of the adult members of our congregation.

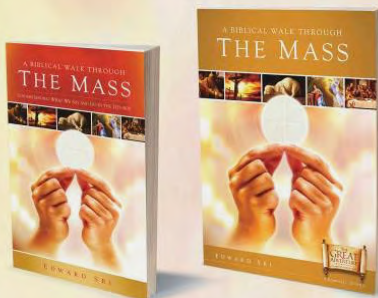


# DISCOVER THE RICHES OF THE MASS



Our parish will be running a fascinating 5-part series on the Mass, entitled, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*.

In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. You will discover the rich meanings behind why we say what we say and do during the Liturgy. The words and gestures of the Mass will be seen in a new light, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.



## Dates/Times

Come to one introductory session:  
Sunday Sept 18, 9 am Rectory Basement or  
Monday Sept 19, 6:30 pm Kindergarten or  
Wednesday Sept 21, 3:15 pm Room 102

## Location

St. Cletus. There are four additional classes which will be held in late Nov and early Dec after the conclusion of the EPIC class.

## Registration

You may register and order a study kit at any introductory session. A study kit costs \$23, the class costs \$5. If you register after Sept 21 you must order a study kit yourself.

## For More Information

Contact: Deb Blecic  
E-mail: [dblecic@hotmail.com](mailto:dblecic@hotmail.com)  
Phone: 708-579-5579 between 8 -10 pm





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

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

ORDINARY TIME;

DAY OF MOURNING AND REMEMBRANCE

**You get what you give**

One of the hardest things to do is to forgive not only when it's easy to forgive but also when it's most difficult. While God's forgiveness and mercy is constant, you still have to accept it, and that means more than an inner spiritual acceptance: It involves active love of both the lovable and also the people who you don't like or don't like you, even your enemies. That kind of forgiveness needs a special kind of love that makes you willing to sacrifice. What goes around comes around. Show mercy, and God will be merciful to you. Your salvation depends on forgiving "not seven times but seventy-seven times"—that is, *without limit*.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 27:30-28:9; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 (130)*

*"Should a man refuse mercy to his fellows, yet seek pardon for his own sins?"*

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**She has that star quality**

One of the first happy responsibilities parents have is naming their child. Some choose family names; others opt for a favorite saint, actor, sports figure, or character in a book. Whatever the name, there's often a story that goes with it. The Virgin Mary is no exception. Countless interpretations of the name of Mary have been written over the centuries. One of these dates back to Saint Jerome (around 420). He called her "Stilla Maris," meaning "drop of the sea," the sea being God. "Stilla" was later changed to "Stella" (likely through a copyist's error) and with that the meaning changed to "star of the sea." Today we remember and celebrate all that we have received by calling on Mary's name. May our prayer be one of thanksgiving for our Star of the Sea.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443)*

*"First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone."*

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

FEAST OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
**Stay "clothes" to Jesus**

"No prophet is without honor, except in his home town," Jesus once observed—especially true when the word offends the rich and influential. It was certainly true for Saint John Chrysostom preaching in fourth-century Antioch and Constantinople. Consider this: "Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? [Then] do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect him outside where he is cold and ill-clad." While our clothes may not be made of silk, we get the point, and it may very well annoy us. It should.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17 (444)*

*"If a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of the church of God?"*

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**Don't be part of a cover-up**

The story goes that Saint Helena, mother of the emperor Constantine, discovered Jesus' cross in 326 A.D. while on a pilgrimage in the Holy Land. Moved by the experience of praying where Jesus is said to have been crucified, she arose in holy anger because a building had been erected over the sacred site. She ordered the structure and the ground it stood on to be demolished, and beneath the debris, it is said she found

the cross upon which Jesus was crucified. While some of the facts of this story may be legend, there are also some truths buried within. In what ways have we covered up some of the sacred sites in our own life? How has Christ made a way for us to see our own crosses as pathways to new life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638)*

*"[Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."*

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

**Support your local loved ones**

The women in Jesus' life came through for him. They supported his ministry and stood by him until his last breath. Our Lady of Sorrows, whose feast we celebrate today, is a symbol of the Christian virtues of steadfastness and hope. Mary's presence at the foot of the cross serves as a reminder that we are never alone—even in our darkest hour and deepest suffering. God does not nor will not forsake or abandon us. Call on God's name, and God will be there to shore you up—just as a mother stands by her son, just as an aunt shows support for her nephew, just as a true friend remains faithful till the end.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 4:12-16; John 19:25-27 (446)*

*"Standing by the cross were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."*

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

FEAST OF CORNELIUS, POPE, MARTYR AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, P

**Don't leave anyone out**

Cornelius and Cyprian are remembered and celebrated together because of their united efforts to welcome people back into the church. At the time (ca. 250) there was rancorous and strident debate over how and even whether to allow "sinners" to rejoin the Christian community. One group advocated severe punishment and often permanent excommunication. Cornelius and Cyprian, on the other hand, pushed for leniency grounded in the forgiveness modeled by Jesus. Ostracism can never lead to oneness and wholeness. In honor of Cornelius and Cyprian we might ask ourselves, "In what ways have I excluded others, even briefly, and how can I make amends?"

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447)*

*"Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses."*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

FEAST OF ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Let's vote on that**

We who have grown up in democratic societies, messy though they are at times, can be grateful never to have had to put up with a monarchy that was believed to be divinely inspired and protected. We can in part thank a learned Jesuit, Saint Robert Bellarmine, for helping put the "divine right of kings" theory to rest. He was among the first of its critics in the 16th century, long before the French and American revolutions ushered in the age of democracy. Be grateful for your political freedom and do your part to safeguard it by being an active and engaged citizen.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448)*

*"And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold."*

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***CHOIR SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!  
IS THIS THE YEAR YOU WILL FINALLY JOIN US?***

In the coming weeks, our parish choirs will begin their new season. This year we are pleased to again offer five unique ensembles; surely there is a place for your voice to join us! Remember, all of our choirs are “no experience necessary” – if you enjoy singing and want to share your gift of song with like-minded people, come and see what the St. Cletus Choirs are all about! Not sure if you can make a full year commitment? Stop by and check out a rehearsal or two with no pressure to join. All first rehearsals are open to new members! For more information, read on about our ensembles. If you have any questions, contact Justin Sisul at [jsisul@stcletusparish.com](mailto:jsisul@stcletusparish.com) or (708) 215-5423.

The **Chancel Choir** is our traditional Sunday choir. This 40-member (and growing) adult ensemble leads us in song most Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. liturgy. They rehearse each Thursday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the school music room. This group of faith-filled singers ranges from classically trained singers to those with no formal musical training. This choir is a wonderful place to enter our singing community! Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m.** We look forward to welcoming new members!

The **Contemporary Choir** will again be open to parishioners in high school and beyond who enjoy singing in a smaller group. The Contemporary Choir will rehearse 1-2 times each month and lead song at a variety of liturgies (3-4 times each month.) While none of our choirs require formal experience, some musical/vocal background will be an asset to members of this group, as rehearsals are less frequent and our repertoire is musically challenging. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the school music room. New faces—and returning faces—are all welcome!

Our parish **Children’s Choir** will be open to children in **grades 3-6** this year. Directed by Mrs. Karen Ziemba, this group will rehearse weekly and lead our congregation in singing once each month including holidays. Our first practice will be **Thursday, September 29 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the music room**; practices will continue on Thursdays at this time. We hope to see many of our young people take advantage of this important and valuable opportunity to serve our parish – and have fun while doing it! Information that you will need prior to our first rehearsal can be found at [www.stcletusparish.com/worship/music/](http://www.stcletusparish.com/worship/music/) or by contacting Mrs. Ziemba at [kziemba@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kziemba@stcletusparish.com).

The **Good Shepherd Choir** is the ensemble that provides music for the funeral liturgies at St. Cletus. This dedicated group of volunteers rehearses prior to each funeral mass and also sings at selected parish-wide liturgies throughout the year. New members are always welcomed!

**Instrumentalists** are welcomed in all of our ensembles! If you play guitar, violin, French horn, bongo drums, tuba, or any other instrument and would like to share your gift with our parish, please contact Justin Sisul as soon as you can.

Each Sunday, I hear such glorious singing from our congregation—I hope that this will be the year that even more of you decide to share your gifts with us as part of one of our choirs. I look forward to welcoming new members to all of our choirs!

*Justin Sisul*  
Director of Music

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!

### TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our first large group session "Why Pray?" will be this **Sunday, September 11, at 5:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall**. Our first small group sessions will take place in the homes of our catechists on **Sunday, September 18**, at assigned times. Looking forward to meeting everyone and starting a great year!

### DROP-IN

Our first drop-in of the new school year is **Tuesday, September 13**, from 5:30–8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. All high school teens are welcome to "drop-in" during those hours for games, music, and hanging out! Hope to see you there!

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Any high school teen is invited and encouraged to participate in this year's advisory commissions board. Your input will help us plan socials, service projects, prayer opportunities, and our mission trip for next summer. Our first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m.** in our new Teen Room.

### PRO LABORE DEI SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday morning September 24, at 9:30 a.m., we will be meeting in Room 213 of the Education Building, to make lunches for the needy in the Robbins community. Then we will be joining a group to deliver them. We will return at approximately 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please let me know by September 20, so we can decide who is going to donate which items - bread, lunchmeat, peanut butter, cookies, drinks, etc.

### PRAAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Please join us as we begin another year of prayer together! We will meet on **Friday, September 30, at 10:00 a.m.**, in our new teen room. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

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

*Kristen Maxwell*

Social Concerns Ministry

### REMINDER!

### LECTOR/EUCHARIST MINISTER TRAINING

Do you attend the 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cletus? We are inviting anyone who has received the sacraments to participate in the liturgy in a special way by becoming a Eucharistic Minister or a Lector. You may choose your preferred Mass times and dates. The schedule is based on your availability.

There will be Training for those interested in **Lectoring: Monday, September 12, 6:45-7:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, September 13, 6:45-7:30 p.m.**

Training for **Eucharistic Ministers: Monday, September 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, September 13, 7:30-8:30 p.m.** Attendance is needed for one evening session only for either ministry.

If you attend Mass, you are able to serve. It is not an additional task but an additional privilege to serve at the Lord's table. Would you have refused to help at the Last Supper?

Inquiries can be made by calling the rectory or just showing up on September 12 or September 13.

Thank you.

*Paulette Bolton*  
Director of Liturgy



### 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](mailto:loriashe@aol.com)

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Day of Mourning and Remembrance; Tenth Anniversary of 9/11; Patriot Day; Grandparents Day
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. John Chrysostom
Wednesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday:	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Saturday:	St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary



# ST. CLETUS 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Oktoberfest

## Saturday, Oct. 1

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

**Please sponsor this school-benefit event!**  
**Complete the Sponsor Form (next page)**  
**Form and Payment Due Thursday, 9/15**

### 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

Skip the Babysitter:  
Register your kids for 10/1  
Pizza Fun Night at Flying High.  
Just \$15 per kid registered and  
paid by 9/28. Call 352-3099 to  
pay by credit card. Get waiver  
form (required) at

**Call 708.352.4820 or visit [stcletusoktoberfest.com](http://stcletusoktoberfest.com) for more information**





### OKTOBERFEST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Sponsor \$100</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Augsburg Sponsor \$250</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Düsseldorf Sponsor \$500</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Frankfurt Sponsor \$1000</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hamburg Sponsor \$2000</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Munich Sponsor \$5000 or more</b>
Tickets to the 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual St. Cletus Oktoberfest. (Admission ticket includes: entertainment, meal, one beverage of choice and a souvenir. Souvenirs are limited to the first 500 entries to the event. Only adults 21 and over with valid ID admitted.)	2 (valued at \$50)	4 (valued at \$100)	6 (valued at \$150)	12 (valued at \$300)	16 (valued at \$400) plus \$100 in beverage tickets	20 (valued at \$500) plus \$250 in beverage tickets
Name listed on "Thank You Banner" at event and St. Cletus Bulletin		✓	✓	✓	✓	Primary Placement
Name listed on "Sponsor T-shirt"			✓	✓	✓	Primary Placement
Name listed on "Pre-event advertising" (including AIS advertising network and 55 <sup>th</sup> Street banner) and "Newspaper Thank You"				✓	✓	Primary Placement
"Table signage" at Event, Logo on St. Cletus Oktoberfest website				✓	✓	Primary Placement
Name printed on "Souvenir"						✓

#### SPECIFIC SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Stage Sponsor \$750</b>	Stage sponsors receive signage by the live band stages and will be included in the Düsseldorf Level and receive all recognition opportunities listed in this category.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Keg Sponsor \$150</b>	Keg sponsors will be recognized on a banner near the bar at the event. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you'd like Burke Beverage to bill your account for your keg sponsorship.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Round of Beer Sponsor \$50</b>	Round of Beer sponsors will be recognized on a sign near the bar at the event.

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AS IT SHOULD BE LISTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail sponsorship agreements and payments to St. Cletus Oktoberfest, 700 W. 55<sup>th</sup> St., La Grange, IL 60525

Email your company logo and any questions to [oktoberfest@stcletusparish.com](mailto:oktoberfest@stcletusparish.com).

Family and Augsburg Sponsorship Agreements are due no later than **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. **All other sponsorship agreements must be received by September 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to provide the recognition noted above. **Please make checks payable to St. Cletus School.**

☐ Please check here if you are happy to sponsor, but cannot attend the event and would like to donate your tickets.

Your support of St. Cletus School is sincerely appreciated. St. Cletus is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.  
Donations and gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.  
You will receive confirmation of your tax-deductible contribution for your records.

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK... JOB SUPPORT GROUP FIVE-WEEK WORKSHOP BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us when the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange will again host a five-week job support workshop beginning Tuesday evening, September 20 from 7-9:00 p.m. The church is located at 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter on Ashland Avenue and take the stairs to the lower level. The meeting will be held in G-9.

This workshop is designed for all who are interested in career transition, whether you have lost your job or are looking for a new one and even college graduates looking for that first job. Sessions will help you put together a job search strategy and specifically cover resume preparation, interviewing techniques, how to network and use the social networking sites

This workshop is open to all and there is no fee for attending. Hope you will join us! For further information, please call FPCLG's church office at (708) 354.0771.

*Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website: [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).*

### **DEALING WITH THE ADVERSITY OF JOB LOSS**

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m., for a presentation and discussion that will focus on dealing with the adversities of a job loss and search. Get a better understanding of the psychological components of job loss and how they impact conducting your search. This program includes a DVD presentation by a former Vietnam Prisoner of War that reveals how he and his comrades dealt with the adversity of captivity. Learn how some of their survival techniques apply to the enduring distress of a job loss. Our presenter and facilitator this evening is Greg Harnyak, a corporate outplacement and staffing professional with 25 years of progressive experience. This program is open to all and there is no charge to attend. Please join us at the St. Cletus Education Building, Room 201, 700 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street in La Grange. Please use the flag pole entrance.

### **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

Did you know that September 2011 is the fourth annual Hunger Action Month? Visit the Greater Chicago Food Depository website, [www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org) to see the events and activities they suggest to get you involved in the fight against hunger. Whether it's giving money, time, food or lending your voice to the issue of hunger, there's something everyone can do to help. What is your way?

We already know that the parishioners of St. Cletus are most generous in helping us maintain our community Food Pantry. Thank you for your ongoing support! After our September 8<sup>th</sup> food distribution, our shelves are very bare, and most in need of the following:

- Staples, including soup, canned chili, canned meats, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes/tomato sauce, cereal, oatmeal, pasta, dry pinto beans (2-3 lb. bags work best for us), macaroni & cheese, boxed side dishes, diapers (all sizes), and paper products.
- Extras, including evaporated or powdered milk, crackers, baking mixes, cooking oil, dish washing soap, toiletries, detergent, juice, and coffee.
- Of course, all in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated.
- Full size paper grocery bags.

Please drop off your donations in the food bins in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass over the weekend or daily from 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns

### Sunday Collections – September 4, 2011

Total Active Registered Families 2,759

#### Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used - this week 677  
% of registered families 25%

#### Amount Collected

\$ 24,547 Envelope Users  
2,362 Loose Checks/Cash  
2,058 Automatic Debit  
**\$28,967 Total**

**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000**

**Over (under) Budget \$1,967**

#### **This Fiscal Year @ 09/04/11**

Actual Sunday Collections \$262,176

Budgeted Sunday Collections 270,000

YTD Over (Under) than budget \$ ( 7,824)

**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, September 12	6:45-7:30 p.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C C S-98 S-200	Lector Training Eucharistic Minister Training EPIC Class Athletic Association
Tuesday, September 13	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:45-7:30 p.m. 7:30-8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-213 S S-208 C C S-201 S-213	FSA Meeting School Mass Teen "Drop-In" Lector Training Eucharistic Minister Training 8th Grade Parent Meeting Pastoral Care Commission
Wednesday, September 14	9:00 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	RB S-102 S-200	Mission Ladies EPIC Class Baptism Prep Class
Thursday, September 15	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	S-Band Room S-Music S-201 S-213 S-Music S-102	Spanish Choir Contemporary Choir Interfaith Career Network SVDP Chancel Choir AA Closed Meeting
Friday, September 16	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Hispanic Ministry Presentation
Saturday, September 17	5:00 p.m.	CV	Oktoberfest Ticket Sales
Sunday, September 18	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	CV S-213 RB S-200	Oktoberfest Ticket Sales English Classes/GED CREDO Kairos #9 Team Meeting
<b>C CV MH</b>	<b>Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall</b>	<b>S RB</b>	<b>School Rectory Basement</b>

### 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

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