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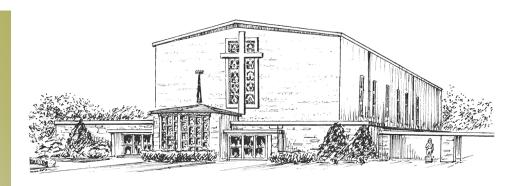
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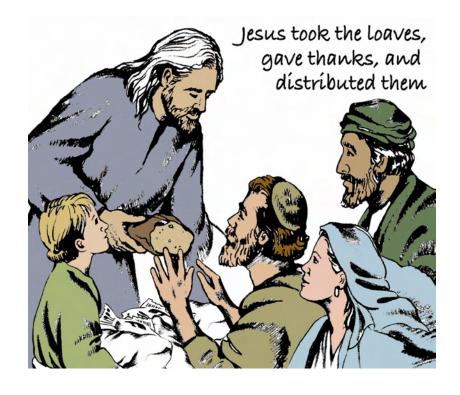
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# St. Cletus Canticle

600 W. 55th Street - La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 352-6209 Rectory (708) 352-4820 School www.stcletusparish.com July 29, 2012

Seventeenth 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 July 30 - August 5, 2012

| Day       | Time  | Intentions   |  |
|-----------|---|--|--|
| Monday    | 8:00 a.m.   | Walter Leonas  |  |
| Tuesday   | 8:00 a.m.   | Guiseppie Ricupeno   |  |
| Wednesday | 8:00 a.m.   | Mary Brudniak  |  |
| Thursday  | 8:00 a.m.   | Benjamin James Purcell   |  |
| Friday    | 8:00 a.m.   | Mary Ann Kohl, Louis P. & Sophie Egielski, Frank Wojcik, Nan Rettig  |  |
| Saturday  | 8:00 a.m.<br>5:00 p.m.  | Sue T. Schiller, Marie Knouse<br>Rose Delaloye, Anna Pleszka, Georgia Popp, Stella & Felix Gembala   |  |
| Sunday    | 7:00 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m. | Marco & Emilia Rattin, Eva & Stanley Grabowski, Dolores E. Kuchta<br>Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Stanley Michalec, Ann Jiganti<br>Maveety Family, John Zaruba<br>Karen Marie Wilson, Florence Devellice, Leonard Travnicek<br>Souls in Purgatory |  |



Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, August 4/5, 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.



**Abigal Elizabeth Nelson**, daughter of Michael & Faith (McGuire) Nelson

**George Timothy Nitsch**, son of Timothy & Kelly (Lidinsky) Nitsch

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Colleen Feeney & Michael Squires
Andrea Hill & Victor Vela

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



Michael Hulme, husband of Eileen

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Amen.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Jennifer Buchta, Ruth Ann Derbas, Julius Kohl, Peter Ference, Joan Trauth, Mary Bartucci,

Jennie Boerste, Rene Quinones, Philip Hodak, Eddie Wisner, Frank Nash, Stacy Kwak, Harry Fisher, James McSweeney, John Karch, Gertrude Koenig-Stoiber, Gerdi Dorso, Loretta Pavlik, Bob Zimmerman, Breann Moddes, Betty Niwa, Joan Workman, Betty Zapf, Donald Cuttill, Idolina Montano, Sue Kremer, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Lydia Ciaglia, Maeva Bishop, Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling, Jean Weekley, Marilyn Matesevac. 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 the dying.



# SAINT CLETUS PARISH

Living our Faith, Building our Future.

# **UPDATE**

As of July 20, 2012 the *Living our Faith, Building our Future* campaign has pledges/gifts of \$2,390,653 from 589 families! We have collected to date \$497,071. *Thank you* to all who have participated; but as you can see, we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$5,000,000.

We have reached 48% of our goal with just 22% of our families contributing to the campaign. Just imagine how much further along we would be if just another 22% of our parishioners made a pledge to the campaign; and let us dream dreams of what we could do if 60% or 70% or 80% of the parishioners joined the campaign! It is never too late to make a pledge.

# **FOLLOW UPS**

During Commitment weekend and our parish telethon a number of parishioners indicated that they were going to make a pledge to the campaign, but just hadn't made up their mind at that time as to the dollar amount. In the next couple of weeks you will be receiving a follow up letter. Hopefully you have been able to give our campaign some additional prayerful consideration and you are now ready to make that pledge and be counted among the supporters. Please return your pledge card to the campaign office or place it in the Sunday collection basket.

## IT IS NEVER TO LATE

Although the current campaign activity has quieted down for the summer, it is never too late to make a pledge! Please contact the parish office if you wish to do so. You can either visit the parish office during the normal business hours or call (708) 352-6209 requesting that the campaign information be sent out to you. Remember your pledge helps us plan the future, but is not legally binding.

## **GOING FORWARD**

To help make it easier for all to contribute to the *Living our Faith*, *Building our Future* capital campaign; a second collection will be taken up at all Masses on the 3rd Sunday of each month (8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16 and so on). This will give you the opportunity to make your pledge payment and save that postage. For those who have decided not to make a pledge but wish to contribute to the campaign when they are able, we hope this will be a convenient method. The second collection will also allow for visitors to contribute to the campaign as well. Starting in September your envelope packet will contain a special monthly campaign envelope.

# **REMINDERS**

To begin construction, the Archdiocese requires that 90% of the total construction project must be pledged and 66 2/3% of that amount must be collected. So if the building project is 4 million dollars, 3.6 million must be pledged and 2,665,000 must be collected. The funds collected will remain on deposit earning interest until we meet these requirements. Hopefully that will be soon!



Second excerpt from

# The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Questions & Answers

#2

This text is the second of six excerpts from The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions & Answers. Additional excerpts may be found at www.usccb.org/publishing.

# 2. Why Is the Eucharist Not Only a Meal But Also a Sacrifice?

While our sins would have made it impossible for us to share in the life of God, Jesus Christ was sent to remove this obstacle. His death was a sacrifice for our sins. Christ is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). Through his death and resurrection, he conquered sin and death, and reconciled us to God. The Eucharist is the memorial of this sacrifice. The Church gathers to remember and to re-present the sacrifice of Christ in which we share through the action of the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the celebration of the Eucharist, we are joined to Christ's sacrifice and receive its inexhaustible benefits.

As the Letter to the Hebrews explains, Jesus is the one eternal high priest who always lives to make intercession for the people before the Father. In this way, he surpasses the many high priests who over centuries used to offer sacrifices for sin in the Jerusalem temple. The eternal high priest Jesus offers the perfect sacrifice which is his very self, not something else. "He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption" (Heb 9:12).

Jesus' act belongs to human history, for he is truly human and has entered into history. At the same time, however, Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity; he is the eternal Son, who is not confined within time or history. His actions transcend time, which is part of creation. "Passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation" (Heb 9:11), Jesus the eternal Son of God made his act of sacrifice in the presence of his Father, who lives in eternity. Jesus' one perfect sacrifice is thus eternally present before the Father, who eternally accepts it. This means that in the Eucharist, Jesus does not sacrifice himself again and again. Rather, by the power of the Holy Spirit his one eternal sacrifice is made present once again, re-presented, so that we may share in it.

Christ does not have to leave where he is in heaven to be with us. Rather, we partake of the heavenly liturgy where Christ eternally intercedes for us and presents his sacrifice to the Father and where the angels and saints constantly glorify God and give thanks for all his gifts: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever" (Rev 5:13). As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "By the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all" (no. 1326). The Sanctus proclamation, "Holy, Holy Lord . . . ," is the song of the angels who are in the presence of God (Is 6:3). When in the Eucharist we proclaim the Sanctus we echo on earth the song of angels as they worship God in heaven. In the eucharistic celebration we do not simply remember an event in history. Rather, through the mysterious action of the Holy Spirit in the eucharistic celebration the Lord's Paschal Mystery is made present and contemporaneous to his Spouse the Church.

Furthermore, in the eucharistic re-presentation of Christ's eternal sacrifice before the Father, we are not simply spectators. The priest and the worshiping community are in different ways active in the eucharistic sacrifice. The ordained priest standing at the altar represents Christ as head of the Church. All the baptized, as members of Christ's Body, share in his priesthood, as both priest and victim. The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ, participates in the sacrificial offering of her Head and Spouse. In the Eucharist, the sacrifice of Christ becomes the sacrifice of the members of his Body who united to Christ form one sacrificial offering (cf. Catechism, no. 1368). As Christ's sacrifice is made sacramentally present, united with Christ, we offer ourselves as a sacrifice to the Father. "The whole Church exercises the role of priest and victim along with Christ, offering the Sacrifice of the Mass and itself completely offered in it" (Mysterium Fidei, no. 31; cf. Lumen Gentium, no. 11).

# 3. When the Bread and Wine Become the Body and Blood of Christ, Why Do They Still Look and Taste Like Bread and Wine?

In the celebration of the Eucharist, the glorified Christ becomes present under the appearances of bread and wine in a way that is unique, a way that is uniquely suited to the Eucharist. In the Church's traditional theological language, in the act of consecration during the Eucharist the "substance" of the bread and wine is changed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the "substance" of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the "accidents" or appearances of bread and wine remain. "Substance" and "accident" are here used as philosophical

terms that have been adapted by great medieval theologians such as St. Thomas Aquinas in their efforts to understand and explain the faith. Such terms are used to convey the fact that what appears to be bread and wine in every way (at the level of "accidents" or physical attributes, that is, what can be seen, touched, tasted, or measured) in fact is now the Body and Blood of Christ (at the level of "substance" or deepest reality). This change at the level of substance from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is called "transubstantiation." According to Catholic faith, we can speak of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist because this transubstantiation has occurred (cf. Catechism, no. 1376).

This is a great mystery of our faith—we can only know it from Christ's teaching given us in the Scriptures and in the Tradition of the Church. Every other change that occurs in the world involves a change in accidents or characteristics. Sometimes the accidents change while the substance remains the same. For example, when a child reaches adulthood, the characteristics of the human person change in many ways, but the adult remains the same person-the same substance. At other times, the substance and the accidents both change. For example, when a person eats an apple, the apple is incorporated into the body of that person-is changed into the body of that person. When this change of substance occurs, however, the accidents or characteristics of the apple do not remain. As the apple is changed into the body of the person, it takes on the accidents or characteristics of the body of that person. Christ's presence in the Eucharist is unique in that, even though the consecrated bread and wine truly are in substance the Body and Blood of Christ, they have none of the accidents or characteristics of a human body, but only those of bread and wine.

# Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Before you read this selection, how would you have defined the Eucharist as sacrifice? After you have read it, has that definition changed?

2 "As Christ's sacrifice is made sacramentally present, united with Christ, we offer ourselves as a sacrifice to the Father." What does it mean to you to offer yourself as a sacrifice to the Father?

3 How would you articulate your understanding of transubstantiation to someone who is not Catholic?

4 Why is the mystery of the Real Presence important in your life?

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# KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Break

Because they are small or quick, some gestures in the Mass can easily escape our notice. One such action is the breaking of the host during the singing or recitation of the "Lamb of God." Breaking the bread or the host carries deep meaning. The gesture goes back to Jesus, as the words of consecration in

the Mass tell us, "... he said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples ..." In the early Church, the whole celebration of the Eucharist was often simply called "the Breaking of Bread."

The breaking of bread symbolizes the suffering body of Christ broken for us. The breaking of the one bread to feed many symbolizes our unity in Christ. The breaking of bread for later distribution to the sick symbolizes our union with those who cannot be with us in the Mass.

When the two disciples who were going to Emmaus returned to Jerusalem, they told the apostles how they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. Even today, in this small gesture, we recognize his presence among us.

# Archdiocese of Chicago + Strategic Pastoral Plan YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**—When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44). **Psalm**—The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading**—Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

**Gospel**—Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

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The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

# To My St. Cletus Parish Family...

Just a note to tell you how I am doing. My back is giving me trouble, but I am getting better, it will take another four weeks or so.

I want to thank your for all the good wishes, prayers, and cards.

Sincerely,

Fr. Charles Gallagher

### **SAINTS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Peter Chysologus
Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Wednesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Thursday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;

St. Peter Julian Eymard

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. John Mary Vianney; First Saturday

### **STAND FIRM**

In time of desolation one should never make a change, but stand firm in the resolutions and decisions that guided one the day before the desolation.

-St Ignatius of Loyola

## PATIENCE WITH GOD

Fr. Ron Rolheiser

There's an adage that says that an atheist is simply someone who cannot grasp metaphor. Thomas Halik, the Czech writer, would suggest rather that an atheist is someone who cannot be patient enough with God.

There is a lot of truth in that. Patience with God is perhaps our greatest faith-struggle. God, it would seem, is never in a hurry and because of that we live with an impatience that can test the strongest faith and the stoutest heart.

Life, as we can all attest to, is not without its bitter frustrations and crushing heartaches. We all live with a lot of pain and unresolved tensions. Who among us doesn't experience regularly the pain of sickness, various kinds of personal and professional failure, some kind of humiliation, the inadequacy of self-expression, the soulsearing losses of loved ones, every kind of frustrated longing, and the nagging pain of life's inadequacy? In this life, there's no such a thing as a clear-cut, pure joy; rather everything comes with shadow. We do in fact live inside a certain valley of tears.

We are built for happiness, but pure happiness never quite finds us. Neither, it would seem, does justice. Jesus promised that the meek would inherit the earth, but mostly it doesn't seem that way. The arrogant among us often believe that. There's an infamous Ziggy cartoon which shows him praying to God in these words: I just want to let you know that the meek are still getting clobbered down here! Often that appears to be the case. So where is God? Where is the truth in Jesus' promise about the meek inheriting the earth? In the face of long-standing global injustice we either live in a long-suffering patience with God or we come to believe that neither God's promises nor God's existence hold true.

When Jesus was dying on the cross, some onlookers where taunting him and challenging his message with the words: If you are the Son of God, let him rescue you! In essence: If God is real and your message is true, proof it right now! And God let Jesus die! The same held true for Jesus himself in the face of the death of Lazarus. In essence, he was being challenged: If you possess God's power in this world and you love this man, why don't you save him for dying? Jesus let Lazarus die! And the first community of disciples, immediately after the Ascension, painfully struggled with the same question: Jesus is God and he loves us - so why does he let us die?

Each of us asks that question in our own way because what we want is a God who rescues us, who intervenes actively for justice and goodness in this world, who acts visibly now in this life, and who doesn't let us get sick and die. None of us want a God who asks us to live in a lifelong patience, predicated on the promise that in the end, whenever that will be, love and justice will prevail, all tears will be dried, and all will finally be well. We want life, love, justice, and consummation now, not in some distant future and only after a lifetime of heartache. God, as an old Jewish axiom puts it, is never in a hurry!

And so we live with a lot of expressed and unexpressed impatience with God. Atheists, it would seem, at a certain point just give up on playing the game and, in essence, say the words: I've seen enough; I've waited enough; and it's not enough! I will no longer wait for God! But if atheism is just another way of saying I will no longer wait for God than the opposite is also true: Faith is just another way of saying: I will wait for God. If atheism is impatience, faith is patience.

The Italian spiritual writer, Carlo Carretto, after spending more than 20 years in solitude as a monk in the Sahara desert, was asked what single thing he felt that he heard God most say to him inside of the long, deep silence. What, he was asked, do you hear God saying to the world? His answer: God is asking us to wait, to be patient!

Why the need for such great patience? Does God want to test us? Does God want to see if we indeed have a faith that is worthy of a great reward? No. God has no need to play such a game, and neither do we. It's not that God wants to test our patience. The need for patience arises out of the rhythms innate within life itself and within love itself. They need to unfold, as do flowers and pregnancies, according to their own innate rhythms and within their own good time. They cannot be rushed, no matter how great our impatience or how great our discomfort.

And neither can God be rushed because it is his timetable that protects us from perpetually stunting life and love by drawing them through the birth canal prematurely.



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# Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Help! Our dedicated volunteers are ready to pack bags for our next monthly food distribution on August 9, but the cupboard is bare! We are in short supply of many of our staples and extras. Please add a few items to your weekly grocery list, as you are able. A few reminders:

- All in-date non-perishables are greatly appreciated, especially the staples on our *most needed at this time* list: cereal, boxed side dishes, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, pasta sauce, canned fruits & vegetables, canned tomatoes/tomato sauce, crackers and baking items.
- Some favorite "extras" include snacks, powdered drink mix, condiments, toiletries, paper goods, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap and diapers, especially sizes 4-6. Usually we put at least one of these extra items in each pre-packed family bag, as well as offering families a choice of one or two of these items on the night of distribution.
- We are also collecting back to school supplies for our families with children. Suggested items include pencils, colored pencils, pens (red, black and blue), crayons, markers, pocket folders, pink erasers, single subject spiral notebooks and wide rule loose-leaf paper.
- You can drop off contributions in the designated bins in the Shrine area of the Church vestibule after all weekend Masses, and daily 7:45 a.m.- 4:00 p.m..
- We will have a "Share the Wealth" distribution of fresh garden produce in August. Watch the Canticle for details.

Please keep our clients in your prayers. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (708) 215-5418, or at **mford@stcletusparish.com.** Thank you for your generous spirit as you grocery shop!

### **ICP: 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

If you or a friend could benefit from these services, or if you are able to volunteer, please contact Interfaith Community Partners at (708) 579-8929, or **interfaith@att.net**. Thank you!

# Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

# **Youth Ministry Update!**

ON THE ROAD AGAIN! We are leaving for our mission trip after the 8:00 a.m. Mass this weekend! Please keep our 30 teens and five adult chaperones, as well as those who we will serve in your prayers. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you when we return!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! REGISTRATION FOR 2012-13 TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Many new teens are joining us! Registration materials are still available online and are due by August 28. Forms can be dropped off at the school or rectory. Contact (708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

## Kristin Maxwell

Youth Ministry



# LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN THE MILITARY ESPECIALLY...

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
|                             | •                      | USA Navy                 |  |  |
| 1st Lt. Thomas G. Dybicz    | USA                    | Kapolei, Hawaii          |  |  |
| Lt. Cdr. Amy Sloan Bloyd    | US Coast Guard         | Alexandria, Virginia     |  |  |
| Michael Carr                | USA                    |                          |  |  |
| Captain Anthony Cech        | USA Chaplin            | Ft. Bragg, NC            |  |  |
| Sgt. Franklyn Cuchana       | USA                    |                          |  |  |
| 2nd Lt., Thomas G. Dybicz   | USA Ranger             | Ft. Benning, GA          |  |  |
| Sgt. Michael Fittanto       | USA                    | Kabul, Afghanistan       |  |  |
| M/Sgt. Patrick Hegeman      | USMC                   | Okinawa, Japan           |  |  |
| Sgt. Joseph Kaminski        | USA                    | Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya |  |  |
| Kevin Lewis                 | USA Kabul, Afghanistan |                          |  |  |
| Pfc. Zackus McLeod          | USA                    |                          |  |  |
| Capt. Robert Mele           | USAF                   | Afghanistan              |  |  |
| Capt. Steven Muscolino      | USAF                   | Wichita, KS              |  |  |
| Spf. Kyle Nicholson         | USA                    | Ft. Bragg, NC            |  |  |
| Pvt. James Reisel           | USA                    | Ft. Bliss, TX            |  |  |
| Pfc. Eugene Sapinski        | USA                    | Afghanistan              |  |  |
| S/Sgt. Daniel Hattie        | USAF                   | Fairbanks, AK            |  |  |
| Pfc. Matthew Sparks         | USMC                   | San Diego, CA            |  |  |
| Capt. Charlie Drucker       | USA                    | Afghanistan              |  |  |
| Major Christopher Strahlman | USA                    | Quatar                   |  |  |

Please let us know of others serving in the military...also when friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas. Questions? Call Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974.

# COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

...is again in need of postage stamps for its notes of sympathy and support during the first year following the loss of a loved one. Each bereaved family receives six cards during that year. This means that if there are ten funerals during a period of one month, 50 stamps are needed in that month alone. Please mark the item for *Compassionate Care Ministry* and leave in the Nurses' Room in church. Your generous donations have meant so much in the past and we are very grateful. If you are able to contribute to this worthwhile ministry in this way, it will be very much appreciated.

Thank you. **Barbara Gleespen** 

# IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE? PREGNANCY CARE CENTER NEEDS MEDICAL DIRECTOR, GRAPHIC ARTIST, FURNITURE

Women's Care Center of La Grange, a local crisis pregnancy center, is looking for a new **medical director**. This is a volunteer position requiring only a couple of hours of time each month, but it is a vital part of our mission. Any physician, presently practicing or recently retired, can fill this spot, but a physician familiar with ultrasound imaging would be ideal. The main responsibility would be reading ultrasound images that our sonographer produces and "signing off" on them. Our ultrasounds are done for gestational dating only and are not diagnostic in nature. WCC of La Grange carries liability insurance which covers our medical director for these duties. Please call Laura at (708) 352-5000 or email her at **womenscarecenter@core.com** if you are interested or would like more information.

We are also looking for a **graphic artist** who could help us with the ad book for our upcoming banquet in October. Most of this work could be done from home. In addition, we are in need of a leather-like **sofa** (easy to clean) in very good condition and an end table for our waiting room.. Please call Laura at (708) 352-5000 if you can help!



# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION REMINDER**

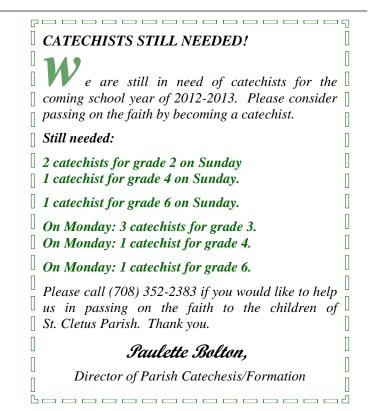
It is time to register your children for Religious Education for the 2012-13 year. Make sure that your child has the opportunity to share in learning about our loving God. Further information is available on-line or by calling the office at (708) 352-2383.

Reminder: Students anticipating celebrating their First Communion (second grade) or Confirmation (8th grade) need to be in the program for 2 years prior to the reception of the sacrament - (1st & 2nd grades and 7th & 8th grades).

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We are eager to welcome you.

*Paulette Bolton,*Director of Parish Catechesis/Formation





# "SAVE THE DATE"

We are announcing the first ever 50th Anniversary Reunion of a Graduating Class of St. Cletus School. The Class of 1963 will be holding this event on Saturday, September 28, 2013. We need help in tracking down members of our class, so if you are a member, sibling, parent or friend of the Class of 1963, please pass along this information so that one of the members of our committee can contact him/her.

Please contact Dick Carraher (Class of 1963) @ dcarraher3243@hotmail.com or (708) 774-8844.

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" (John 6:9)



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Total Active Registered Families 2,728

**Collection Statistics** 

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# of envelopes used this week % of registered families 23%

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000 Over (Under) Budget: \$2,066

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Fr. Edgar, Administrator

# July 29, 2012 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Monday, July 30                            | NO        | ACTIVITIES S          | CHEDULED DUE TO                                 |
| Tuesday, July 31                           |           |                       | BUILDING CLEAN-UP                               |
| Wednesday, August 1                        |           |                       |   |
| Thursday, August 2                         |           |                       |   |
| Friday, August 3                           |           | <b>+</b>              |   |
| Saturday, August 4                         | 5:00 p.m. | CV/West               | Welcome Sunday                                  |
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