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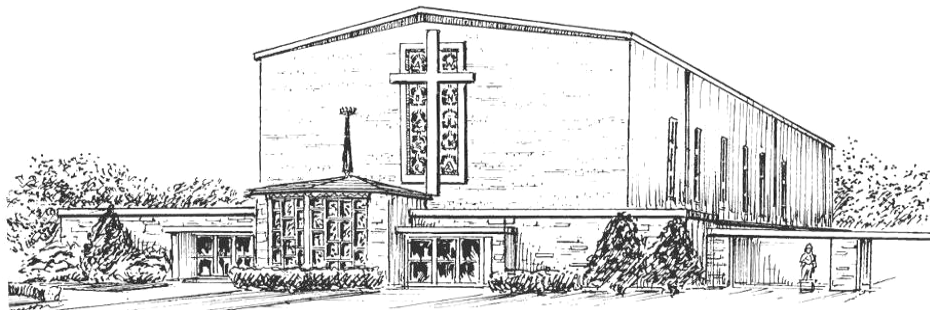
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## **St. Cletus Canticle**

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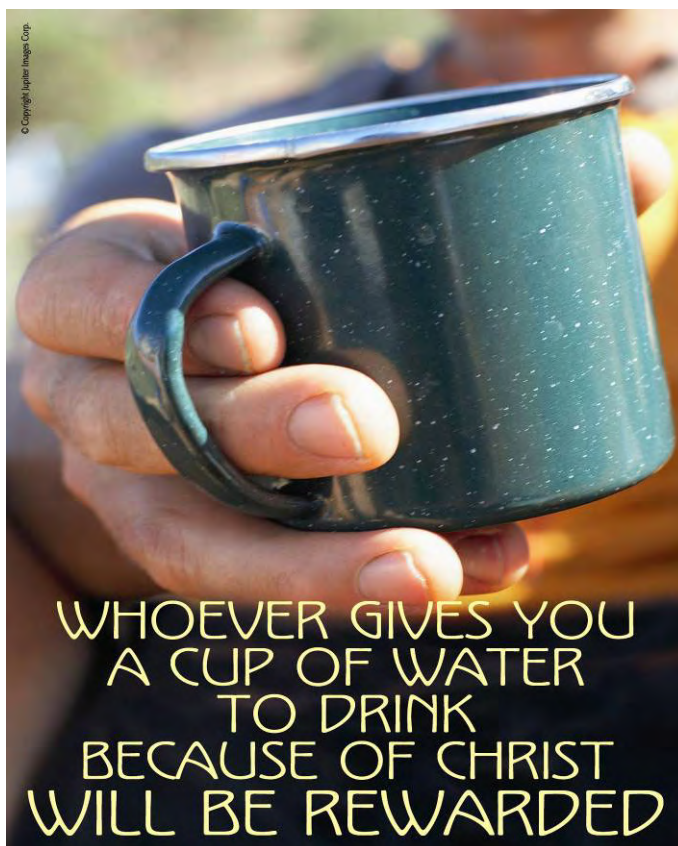
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**September 30, 2012**

*Twenty-sixth 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 October 1 - October 7, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Alfreda Woods, Adam & Marie Pietrzak, Gene Kennedy
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Barlog
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Fred Czachor, Stephen Callaghan, Frank Baggio
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Nan Rettig, Eva & Stanley Grabowski, Dolores E. Kuchta, Louis P. & Sophie Egielski
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Jozef & James Slowik, Joseph Kmet, Benjamin James Purcell, Georgia Popp, Bernice Persin, Matthew Mack
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Mamie Wycislo, Belfonte Pieri, Ann Marie Fahey Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Stanley Michalec, Brian Luczak Roseann Lodato, Maria Wiazak, Len Wehrmeister, John Zaruba Mary Jane Hensley, Janet Dykama All Souls in Purgatory



### WELCOME SUNDAY WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, October 6/7, 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.



*Courtney Essig and Michael Bolt*

*Courtney Loch and Daniel Clay*

*Elizabeth Ann Doyle and Michael Ricks*

### SEMINARY SUNDAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend, September 29/30, we celebrate Seminary Sunday. On this occasion, we recognize the ministry of the many priests who serve us so faithfully each day, as well as those who are preparing to serve us with the same charity in the future. Because of your prayers and support the healing touch of Jesus will live through the work of these future priests for you, your children and grandchildren for years to come. Please pray for those whom God is now calling to the ordained priesthood from among our families and friends. Envelopes are available in the pews today. Please be generous and support this very important ministry.



**ALL FACILITIES  
(INCLUDING THE CHURCH)  
WILL BE CLOSED  
AFTER MASS  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
COLUMBUS DAY  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012**



*St. Cletus Parish  
Welcomes...*

*Anahi Calderón Pineda,*

daughter of Antonio Calderón & Felician Pineda

*Carolina Calderón Pineda,*

daughter of Antonio Calderón & Felician Pineda

*Michael Guadalupe García,*

son of José Luis García & Leonela González

*Brittney García,*

daughter of José García & Leonela González

*Ivonne Estrella García,*

daughter of Rodrigo García & Alma Judith Montejano

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





THE ST. CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS A

# RAGTIME CONCERT

TO BENEFIT THE GULU, UGANDA MATERNITY CLINIC

## SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

FEATURING  
**BOB MILNE**



**ST. CLETUS CHURCH**  
600 W. 55<sup>TH</sup> ST. LA GRANGE, IL  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4:00 P.M.**

### About The Ministry Project of Uganda

Since 2008, The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet have been providing education classes and child care services, worked in health clinics, and began training catechists in Gulu, Uganda. Today that ministry continues. Friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Gulu, Uganda, are living a dream of building a maternity clinic in Gulu, where:

- \* About 16 women in Uganda die every day from pregnancy and childbirth-related complications
- \* 435 mothers per 100,000 live births die
- \* Uganda's annual number of neonatal deaths is 44,000
- \* Another 130,000 to 145,000 women and girls will suffer from disabilities caused by complications during pregnancy and childbirth each year

To read more about the ministry happening in Uganda go to <http://csjgulu.blogspot.com>

*The St. Cletus Fine Arts Series was created in 2009 to to present high quality musical performances outside of the liturgical setting. This concert is presented free of charge. A freewill offering will be collected to support the ministry of The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.*

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

### ***TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2012***

Greetings to the People of St. Cletus Parish from the Holy Land. I have spent the past five weeks discovering the historical, archeological, spiritual, and devotional aspects of the Life of Christ, Our Blessed Mother, and the Apostles. It has been a journey filled with new and wondrous discoveries of the rich history of our faith. I have had the opportunity to visit the places where Jesus lived, worked, ministered, preached, suffered, died, rose, and saved us. To say the very least, it has been an extremely spiritually fulfilling and enlightening experience of a lifetime.

All of these wonderful experiences have taken place in the context of the Catholic Theological Union's Biblical and Archeological Program of Graduate Studies. I have had the opportunity to live and travel with twelve wonderful, faith-filled members of my cohort. It reminds me of my days living in community with the Priests of the Sacred Heart when I first began my studies toward priesthood. Our group is being led by Professor Leslie Hope, O.F.M., who directs the Biblical Studies Program at CTU in Chicago. Professor Leslie is an excellent teacher and a seasoned archeologist. We have visited many of the sites where he personally worked on the digs. His insight and wealth of knowledge of these Holy Places is remarkable.

After spending many days and hours visiting the sites where our religious beliefs began has been a very powerful way of deepening my faith and making real all that I have professed to believe and preached for many years. My only regret is that each of you have not been physically here with me to experience all the contrasts of the Holy Land. Indeed, there are many contrasts that include: a vast variety of spiritual expressions; mixed and tense social climate; many political conflicts; great religious tensions; and many more. I am amazed by the irony of the fact that the land that is the source of all that we profess in faith is in constant tension between all of these elements. What I have discovered and truly believe is that within all of this contrast and, at times, turmoil, is the fact that God is truly present here. I have seen God at work in the lives of the residents of the Holy Land, both Israeli and Palestinian; Muslim and Jew; Catholics and Other Christians; those who are Religious and those who are Secular; and within the millions of pilgrims and visitors to this unique area of the world. In each of these encounters I have brought your prayers and intentions to enter the mix of this very special and unique land. I await with great joy and anticipation for my return to you so I may share some of these blessings with you.

We hear in the gospel today that wrongdoing of any kind or degree does great damage. Do not sin. This past week the Jewish Community across the world celebrated the Holiday of Yom Kippur, which is the opportunity to ask forgiveness for any sins against God that they may have committed. I had the opportunity to attend a prayer service at one of the local synagogues on that day and was moved by the expression of faith that they have in this forgiving God of ours. Indeed, it is a reminder to all of us that God wants nothing more for us than to be recipients of His love and forgiveness. Part of the celebration includes charitable acts, acts of kindness, forgiveness of others, fasting, repentance, and atonement for sins in general--an appropriate celebration for all of us.

The gospel tells us that every good deed, even the least, will be remembered and rewarded. God is faithful, and God is generous. Equally, every evil deed, every wrongdoing--even the least--will also be remembered and must be answered for. And because the Lord loves us, he warns us. Get rid evil in your life now. Don't wait until it is too late, until it gets a hold of you. It is vivid and demanding language that Jesus uses, but we know that he is not literally telling us to cut off our hands and feet or tear out our eyes. He is telling us to cut out the things that give scandal to others and hinder them on their journey.

Life is a great drama, and it is a story of good and evil. The struggle for joy and happiness, the tragedies of sorrow and sin, are played out everyday, everywhere. This is no pointless tale, told by an idiot, signifying nothing. It is the story of God's love for you and me and everyone. It is the story of our journey through life.

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## ***NOTES FROM FATHER BOB CONT:***

What happens to the people who share this world and this time with us is part of our story. As these people pass by "our village," is it possible for us to give them a cup of water to help them on their way? With that cup comes the kindness, care, the comfort, and the companionship that are expressed by Jesus in the gospel. It is the expression of atonement for our sins against God as practiced by our Jewish brothers and sisters this past week on Yom Kippur. We have riches to give each other.

As many of these people passing through our lives and "our village" of St. Cletus Parish fall under the crosses they carry, we can reach down to help them. Looking into their eyes, we may see the eyes of Jesus of Nazareth.

And who knows, the shadows of other people's gentle presence in our own lives may bring healing to us and restore our hearts and our house. Then we will not lose the reward promised in the gospel.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who are so generously helping our parish reach its goal for the "Living Our Faith -- Building Our Future" Campaign. This is a very needed and important project for us as a parish as we move into the future living out the message of the gospel. Please, if you have not yet made a commitment to this vital project, consider doing so. Together we can accomplish this goal. God has been so good to us as a faith community--let us show our gratitude to Him by committing to our future growth. I extend to all of those who have made the strong commitment of their time, talent, and treasure to this project my deepest thanks and endless appreciation. With God's grace and our resolve, we can accomplish anything. Together we will accomplish this challenge for the future growth of our parish and for those who will come after us.

Prayers and Blessings from the Holy Land,

***Fr. Bob Clark***

Pastor

P.S. I miss you all desperately. Please keep me your prayers, and I will keep you all in mine. Much Love Always.



### **OCTOBER THE MONTH OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

As October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, begins, CREDO invites you to join us on Monday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the kindergarten room of the Education Building, to watch Episode 4 of Fr. Robert Barron's *Catholicism* series.

Episode 4 is entitled "*OUR TAINTED NATURE'S SOLITARY BOAST: MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD*" In this episode, Fr. Barron masterfully correlates the Catholic Faith's testimony to the revelation of God in Christ with the vivid practices of reverence offered to his Mother. Mary is explained as "an on-going presence, an actor in the life of the Church."

Fr. Barron journeys to the humble remains of Mary's house in Nazareth, to the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe to explain the Church's teachings about Mary as the Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception and the dogma of the Assumption.

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



***Christine G. Hussmann,***  
wife of Rick

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

### **ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!**

**Please pick up your minister's schedules in the Minister's Room today. Thank you.**

***Paulette Bolton***

**Director of Parish Catechesis/Formation**



## Laughter as Faith

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser

In our novitiate, when I was a novice with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, our Assistant Novice Director, a sincere but overly-stern man, cautioned us about too much levity in our lives by telling us that there is no recorded incident in scripture of Jesus ever laughing. I was a pious novice but, even then, that didn't sit well with me. I combed the Gospels trying to prove him wrong, but found out that, technically, he is right. But is he?

A couple of years later, during my seminary studies, I read a book by Peter Berger entitled, *A Rumor of Angels*, in which he tries to point to various places within our everyday experience where, he submits, we have intimations of the divine, rumors of angels, hints that ordinary experience contains more than just the ordinary, that God is there.

One such experience, he submits, is that of a mother comforting a frightened child at night, using soothing words and gestures to assure the child that he or she need not be afraid that everything is all right, the world is in order. In saying those words, if she means them, and normally she does, the mother is, in effect, implicitly praying the creed.

Another such intimation of the divine within ordinary experience, Berger suggests, is the phenomenon of laughter. In laughter, he submits, we intuit our transcendence: Given that we are able to laugh in any situation shows that there is something in us that is above that situation, transcendent to it. In laughter, Berger believes, we have a rumor of angels.

Karl Rahner agrees, suggesting that laughter shows we are on good terms with reality and hence with God. Laughter praises God because it foretells our final state in heaven when we will be in an exuberance of joy. Commenting on the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel where Jesus says, blessed are you who are now weeping, for you shall laugh, Rahner says that what Jesus is saying suggests that the happiness of the final state will not just dry away our tears and bring us to peace, it will also bring us to laughter - "to an intoxication of joy". Here are his words: "'But you shall laugh.' Thus it is written. And because God's Word also has recourse to human words in order to express what shall one day be when all shall have been - that is why a mystery of eternity also lies hidden, but real, in everyday life; that is why the laughter of daily life announces and shows that one is on good terms with reality, even in advance of all that all-powerful and eternal consent in which the

saved will one day say their amen to everything that he has done and allowed to happen. Laughter is praise of God because it foretells the eternal praise of God at the end of time, when those who must weep here on earth shall laugh."

But is this superficial? Human optimism substituting itself for hope? An upbeat-spirit masquerading as theology? The naive claim that if I am happy than God is on my side? Indeed, in the Gospels, where is there a recorded incident of Jesus laughing?

Good scripture scholarship has long suggested that looking for an individual text to prove or disprove a certain point is not a good approach to scripture. The teachings of scripture are best gleaned by looking to scripture as a whole. And if we do that in this case, I believe, we will find that both Peter Berger and Karl Rahner are right. As Rahner points out, Jesus, himself, teaches that laughter will be part of the final state in heaven. You shall laugh! But, beyond that, Jesus' message as a whole invites us of joy, a joy that no one can take from us, and laughter is the exuberant expression of that joy. It is the height, the apex, the crowning jewel, of our final state in heaven.

Hence, in laughter we do have a rumor of angels and we do intuit our transcendence. In laughter we do manifest that we are on good terms with reality, and on good terms with God. In laughter we affirm, loud, joyously, and to the world, the great mantra of Julian of Norwich that, in the end, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well - even though our world is not in that state today.

My Assistant Novice Director was a wonderful, sincere, gentle, and overly serious man. Levity was not his thing and laughter was not his preferred method of implicitly praying the creed. He showed his deep faith in other ways, believing that laughter is not the only rumor of angels inside of ordinary life.

But it is one of intimation of the divine within human life. Laughter, when it is healthy, when it is not forced or cynical, is, as Rahner says, "an intoxication of joy", the joy of our final state. Thus when we laugh we also pray the creed.



*Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com).*



### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, October 2**, 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 7:00-8:00 p.m.

### ATTENTION! LEISURE LOAFERS

Our meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall. Please bring a friend and join us for a good time. See you there!

*Alice Katzmarek*



### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Please join us for our next meeting on Friday, October 5, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 98 in the Education Building. Main topic of conversation will be the annual Turkey Raffle. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. New members are always welcome! Yearly dues are \$5. We look forward to seeing you.

*Dan Gibbons*



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the *Sacrament of Anointing* **after** the 11:00 a.m. Mass on *Sunday, October 14, 2012*. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament.

*Deacon Stuart Heyes*  
Ministry of Care

### KNOW THE ANGELS

**Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you.**

—St. Francis de Sales



### FLU & PNEUMONIA SHOTS

**FLU AND PNEUMONIA SHOTS** will be given at St. Cletus Church in Morrissey Hall on Sunday, October 7, from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. This year everyone is advised to take this precaution. Those with Medicare, there is no cost (be sure to bring your ID), for others there is a small charge.

*Clare Slowik*  
Parish Nurse



### LIFE CHAIN - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012 WHAT REALLY IS IT?

What is "Life Chain"? It is that spectacular event that annually draws the attention of hundreds of thousands of Americans. The concept is simple, the effect stunning.

People of all ages and faiths stand reverently in silent prayer, for one hour along a major street or highway, holding signs that proclaim the importance of human life. The Life Chain is a visual statement by the Christian community that it supports the sanctity of human life. Uniform signs (no graphic depictions) are provided for participants, so the overall impression is one of solidarity in belief and purposes.

For more information, check on chain sites at **LifeChain.Net** or call **Marianne or Wayne Hamilton** at (708) 579-0118.



Please remember our sick in your prayers:  
Donna Styrsky, Fernando Cabral,  
Carol Witkowski, Joe Butkus, Jack Urban,  
Catherine Mlot, Jim Ivetic, 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, Jo76an Workman, Betty Zapf, Donald Cuttill, Idolina Montano, Sue Kremer, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Lydia Ciaglia, Maeva Bishop, Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling, 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 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# Oktoberfest

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

*Pretzels, Brats, Brews  
and all things German!*

**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.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**

St. Cletus Parking Lot, Under the Tent  
600 W. 55th St. - La Grange

**6:00 p.m.**

Oktoberfest Opens with  
*The Happy Wanderers*

**9:00 p.m.**

*R-Gang on Stage*

**11:00 p.m.**

Oktoberfest Closes

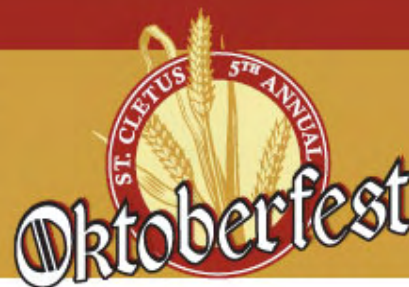
Call 708.352.4820 or visit [stcletusoktoberfest.com](http://stcletusoktoberfest.com) for more information



# Sponsorship Agreement

## St. Cletus Oktoberfest

### October 20, 2012



#### OKTOBERFEST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Sponsor \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Augsburg Sponsor \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Düsseldorf Sponsor \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Frankfurt Sponsor \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> Hamburg Sponsor \$2000	<input type="checkbox"/> Munich Sponsor \$5000 or more
Tickets to the 3 <sup>rd</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	X	X	X	X	X	Primary Placement
Name listed on "Sponsor T-shirt"			X	X	X	Primary Placement
Name listed on "Pre-event advertising" (including AIS advertising network) and "Newspaper Thank You"				X	X	Primary Placement
"Table signage" at Event, Logo on St. Cletus Oktoberfest website					X	Primary Placement
Name printed on "Souvenir"					X	Primary Placement

#### SPECIFIC SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Walk-a-thon Sponsor \$750	Walk-a-thon sponsors receive signage at the Friday 10/19 Walk-a-thon and included in the Düsseldorf Level and receive all recognition opportunities listed in this category.
<input type="checkbox"/> Stage Sponsor \$750	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"/> Keg Sponsor \$100	Keg sponsors will be recognized on a thank you banner at the event. o Check here if you'd like Burke Beverage to bill your account for your keg sponsorship.

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 to [oktoberfest@stcletusparish.com](mailto:oktoberfest@stcletusparish.com).

Sponsorship Agreements are appreciated as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2012 (with the exception of Family Sponsorships due October 13th). 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

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE...

Thank you for so faithfully answering the call as we request “most needed items” in the Canticle each week! Once again, our list is long as we prepare 325 bags for October distribution. We are totally out of tuna, and very low on other staples, including peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, soup, cereal, evaporated or powdered milk, crackers, baking mixes, cooking oil, toiletries, all sizes of diapers, paper goods, juice and coffee. Please drop off your donations in the designated bins in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass over the weekend or weekdays 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A word of appreciation to the group who volunteered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on our September 26th date. Those work credits towards supplemental food for our pantry are a true blessing! We appreciate the many ways our parishioners and friends support this ministry! See article below for another opportunity to help feed the hungry.

### SQUASH HARVEST SERVICE OPPORTUNITY—

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

Then join the Greater Chicago Food Depository in harvesting squash. If you are able to handle the physical activity of standing, squatting, and picking squash off the ground, then please take part in this activity which will put more fresh produce in our communities. This will also be a great opportunity to earn volunteer labor credits that will be added to our agency’s account (St. Cletus Food Pantry: Agency A01336). Details below. Thank you!

**Date:** Saturday, October 13

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** 10409 Carls Road (near route 23 and 1-90), Marengo, IL

**What:** 6-7 acres of squash

**Food Depository Contact:** Eoin Dillon

**Contact Number:** (773) 247-3663 or (773) 843-7285

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns

### ICN JOB SUPPORT WORKSHOP

#### WEEK # 3: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

*Interfaith Career Network* invites you to join us...Susan Sedler and Dennis Hamilton will help you craft that all important “Elevator Speech”. Time will be allowed to practice your personal statement with fellow attendees. Join us in Westminster Hall, 7:00-9:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee to attend this workshop. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqsedler@aol.com).

### MAKE NETWORKING YOUR PRIORITY

*Interfaith Career Network* invites you to a supportive evening of networking on Thursday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. ICN co-founders and HR professionals, Judy Kennedy and Tom Rohan will open this meeting with helpful ideas and suggestions for your job search. At the end of the discussion, take time to expand your networking with 1-2 roundtable sessions. Share leads, information and tips. Network and strategize your job search through shared conversation and connections with other job seekers. Bring copies of your resume or a network handbill. If you don’t have one, come anyway. Bring a friend if you’d like. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee to attend. Join us at First Baptist Church, 20 North Ashland Avenue (across from the La Grange Post Office). Please use the Bell Avenue entrance.

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!

### 2012-2013 TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

For our second large group gathering, our teen faith formation group is walking in the **LaGrange/Western Springs/Brookfield CROP WALK** on **Sunday, October 21, at 1:00 p.m.** at the First United Methodist Church of Western Springs, 4300 Howard. 25% of the money raised will benefit local food pantries like ours while 75% supports global hunger. Donations can be put toward sponsoring our teens. All are welcome to join us. Permission slips can be found on our website: [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth). Please contact Kristen for more information.

### GREAT AMERICA'S FRIGHT FEST



We are planning our trip for **Columbus Day, Monday October 8**. Information and permission slips are available on our website: [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth) and are due by **this Monday October 1**. We will need **one adult chaperone**. If we do not get enough teens to fill the bus by this time, we will have to cancel the trip.



### BOYS' CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGN-UP

Registration forms for the 2012-2013 Boys' Church League Basketball are posted on our website [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth) this weekend. Precedence will be given to teens that are enrolled in our Teen Faith Formation Program. As it has been in the past, participants will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Parents are required to volunteer with the program. Please drop off your form and fee to the rectory as soon as possible, as they are counted from that location. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen.

**kairos #12**

### Juniors and Seniors we want you!

Exhausted with your daily lives? Need a break from the rigors of endless piles of homework? Wanting to spend some time relaxing with your friends? Kairos is the answer to all these questions and more. Kairos is a four-day Catholic based retreat starting on Thursday,

November 8-11.

Now I bet your thinking this is just another "boring" church retreat, but let me let you in on a little secret, Kairos is run BY teens, FOR teens. Your Kairos staff has all been on this retreat before, and we're just like you. We're high school kids; facing the same problems and challenges you are and just like you we all came on this retreat for different reasons.

The reason our retreats work so well is because it's no pressure. We're there to relax...to have some fun and just overall get away from it all! In the process, we learn about ourselves and our faith.

Speaking of the church, we're Christian and we're proud of it, all denominations are welcome. Even if you're not Christian...or don't know exactly what you want to believe in....**WE WANT YOU TOO!** This weekend not only lets you strengthen old relationships but helps you build new ones with your friends and in your faith.

So really, what do you have to lose? It's only four days; we promise that it'll be worth it for you.

\*\*\*Registration forms can be found online at <http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth>. They can also be picked up from the Rectory at St. Cletus, 600 W. 55th Street. Please return the forms to Kristen Maxwell at St. Cletus Youth Ministry, 700 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525.

Scholarships are available! Please contact Kristen at (708) 215-5419 with any questions.

### TEEN HOSTED MASS

Our first teen hosted Mass this school year will be on **Sunday, October 21, at 4:00 p.m.** in Church. It will be an hour earlier than it usually is because we will be coming back as a group at that time from the Crop Walk. Pizza will be served to the teens after the Mass in the Education Building in Room 201. Parents can gather in Room 102.

### STAY UP-TO-DATE ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

"Like" St. Cletus Youth Ministry on Facebook! You can do this at [www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth](http://www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth)

*Kristen Maxwell*  
Youth Ministry





FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

**NEWS FROM ST. CLETUS 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

We are off to a wonderful start as the Class of 2013! We are deep into linear functions, the Constitution, and the mechanics of paper airplanes. More importantly we get to learn and grow in our faith every day at St. Cletus. We are studying Morality this year and preparing for Confirmation. We look forward to sharing that day and some other activities beforehand with our Religious Education friends. We just had a fabulous Homecoming weekend with a dance, parade and game day. Even though it's still the beginning of the year, we feel the need to savor every moment of this last year at St. Cletus.

We participated in a wonderful field trip this month at the Cantigny museum where we learned about our involvement in the world wars and toured the fabulous McCormick mansion and its grandeur of the past. The grounds were beautiful and vivid flowers surrounded us. We were able to spend time with some very helpful and knowledgeable docents on the property. It was fun to imagine the parties, and the guest list at the mansion. It was an educational and fun day for all of us.

-Submitted by Pat Rotunno

**MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S BASKETBALL**

There will be open gym for all men in the parish age 30 or older. We play from 9:00-10:30 p.m. October to April. Our first two nights will be October 1/15. Good sportsmanship and a desire to stay in shape are all that is required. New teams are picked each week. All players are asked to bring one white and one dark shirt each week. Questions? Call John Jacobs at (708) 579-9510.

**PET BLESSING AT ST. CLETUS**

In observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi you are invited to bring your pets for a special blessing at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6. We will gather outside the west doors of the church.

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.

-- Psalm 19:8

### Sunday Collection – September 23, 2012

Total Active Registered Families 2,751

#### Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used this week 574  
% of registered families 21%

#### Amount Collected

\$ 19,492 Envelopes Users  
2,618 Loose Check/Cash  
1,644 Electronic Giving  
**\$ 23,754 Total Collected**

**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000**  
**Over (Under) Budget: (\$3,246)**

This fiscal Year @ 9/23/12

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 338.998

Budgeted Sunday Collections 351,000

**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (12,002)**

*God shows his generosity to you and through you.  
Thank you for being Christ-like in your giving and  
supporting St. Cletus Parish, your home, for  
generations to come. God bless,  
Fr. Edgar, Administrator*

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, September 30	1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	S-200 C	Natural Family Planning Class Ragtime Concert
Monday, October 1	7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-98 MH	CREDO Men's Basket Ball
Tuesday, October 2	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C S-201 C S-200 S-213	Adoration & Benediction YM Kairos Parent Meeting Spanish Adoration RCIA Social Concerns
Wednesday, October 3	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB S-200 S-201	Mission Ladies YM Kairos Meeting Catechist Formation Meeting
Thursday, October 4	1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	MH S-Music S-Music S-Music	Leisure Loafers Children's Choir Cantor Rehearsal Chancel Choir
Friday, October 5	2:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	MH Lobby S-Music S-207 S-98	MANNA Cash & Carry Spanish Choir Spanish Ministry Bible Class Holy Name Society
Saturday, October 6	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Front Lawn Narthex/East Narthex/West Front Lawn	Pet Blessing Oktoberfest Ticket Sales Welcome New Parishioners Oktoberfest Ticket Sales
Sunday, October 7	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m.	Narthex/East Narthex/West Front Lawn MH	Oktoberfest Ticket Sales Welcome New Parishioners Oktoberfest Ticket Sales Flu Shots
<b>C...Church Narthex...(Church vestibule) MH...Morrissey Hall</b>			<b>S...School (Education Building)</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).

### EUCCHARISTIC 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>	TBD
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Xavier Polanski
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<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	TBD
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<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Marty Mulcrone (School)
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	Julie Rehwoldt
<i>Technology Ministry:</i>	TBD
<i>Parish Life Ministry:</i>	Fr. Edgar Rodriguez
	Bill Wettstein

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

#### OFFICERS

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