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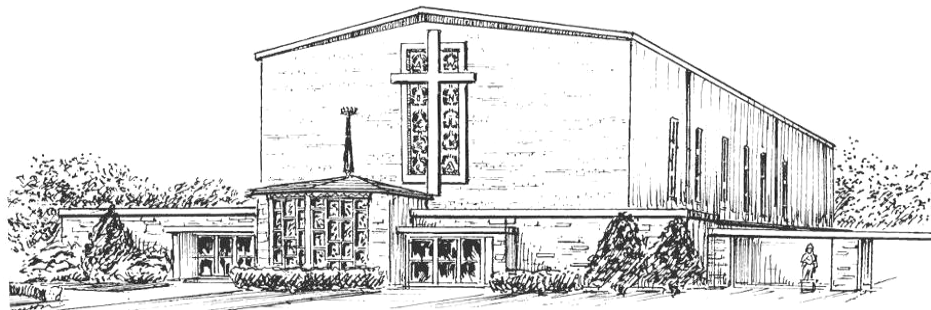
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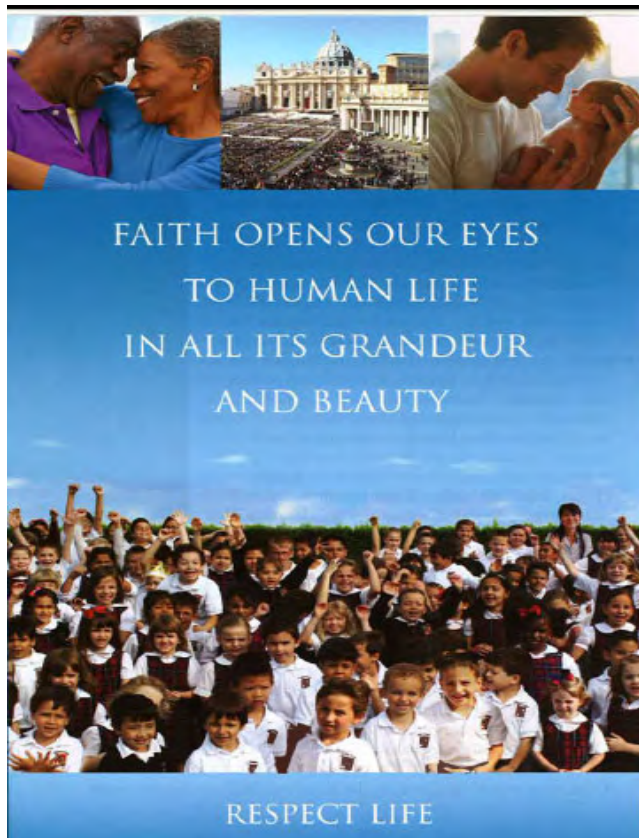
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October 7, 2012

Twenty-seventh 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 8 - October 14, 2012

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Alfreda Woods
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Sandy & John Fisher
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	John Hopp, Joseph Viececi, Wayne Kral
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Ann Jiganti, Special Intention for Veronica Deanna Crouchelli
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Thomas Kigin Stanley Klepczarek, Rose Delaloye, Georgia Popp, Bernice Persin, William Hill, Matthew Mack
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Sophie & Edward Bogolin, Arturo Morales Joseph Saban Theresa Ripoli, Cecelea Staszak, Vlatko Teklic Jean Finn, Frank Kwak, Leonard Travnicek, Jeanine Navigato, Patricia Neumann Souls in Purgatory

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13;
 Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

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



*William Henry Nault,
 father of Peter Nault*

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
 John & George Duda, Donna Styrska,
 Fernando Cabral, Carol Witkowski,
 Joe Butkus, Jack Urban, Catherine Mlot, Jim Ivetic,
 Jennifer Buchta, Ruth Ann Derbas, Julius Kohl,
 Peter Ference, Mary Bartucci, Jennie Boerste,
 Rene Quiñones, 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, Marilyn Matesevac.
 Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing
 homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.



Columbus Day

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

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, AT 9:00 A.M.**



Wedding Banns

*Courtney Essig and Michael Bolt
 Elizabeth Ann Doyle and Michael Ricks
 Erica L. Quesala & Ezequiel Velazquez
 Kim Alexa & Jonathan Kwak*

Notes from Deacon Stuart...

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

TWO BECOME ONE FLESH. WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER NO HUMAN BEING MUST SEPARATE.

And so we understand from the earliest times that God's plan was that a man and a woman, once joined in a covenant, were to be inseparable. This teaching was categorically accepted and definitely included as one of the seven sacraments by the Catholic Church in the 13th century, reflecting the importance and indissolubility of this bond.

So what happened? In America today, the divorce rate for first marriages is approaching 50% or one in two. For those remarrying second, third or more times, it's approaching 75%. In this case, apparently, practice doesn't make perfect, but rather creates a laissez-faire attitude, with the inevitable end result.

As I searched through masses of statistics and opinions on this topic, I did find some good news:

1. The lowest divorce rates appear to be among Catholics and Lutherans (with whom we have much in common) at 25%. (75% success rate)
2. For those who marry for the first time age 30+, the divorce rate is 20%. (80% success rate)

So one could conclude that Catholic men and women, who marry for the first time at age 30+, have a 80% success rate!! – or only 1 in 20 of these marriages will end in divorce. Wow !!!

Why might this be? The Catholic Church has devoted considerable resources to (a) Preparation for marriage, Pre-Cana and meetings with the priest and (b) adjudication of those marriages that ended in divorce, to determine the cause and, if appropriate, to nullify them.

What has been determined is that the vast majority of marriages which are declared “null” are done so on grounds of “defective” consent. Matrimonial consent is the act of the will by which a man and a woman mutually give and accept each other in order to establish a marriage.

Examples of “defective” consent would be; *Incapacity* – lacked sufficient use of reason; *Ignorance* – did not understand the permanence of a marriage partnership; *Error about marriage* – was mistaken about the unity, indissolubility or sacramental dignity; *Force or Fear* – external coercion, e.g. the “shotgun” wedding.

A common thread throughout would be the immaturity of the married couple, together with the pressures of today's society and the belief that divorce is an easy way out. It isn't—ask those who have gone through it, particularly the innocent party. Ask the children of divorce about the impact it has upon them.

The Catholic Church's response has been to address these potential pitfalls through diligent preparation, meeting with the priest and participation in Pre-Cana, while also recognizing the benefit of the greater level of maturity we are seeing today. We pray that this learning and preparation offers a much more optimistic marital future to our young married couples, our Church, and those outside it who would listen.

May God Bless all those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage and all married couples! We pray especially for those who have suffered—or who are now suffering—the pain of separation, divorce or difficulties in their marriage, that they ask Him, “for whom all things are possible” for His help.

Yours in Christ,

Dcn Stuart

**St. Cletus Parish
BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2012 AND 2011**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Assets		
Parish Checking/Payroll Accounts	\$ 169,183	\$ 92,049
Parish Savings Accounts	83,523	163,374
Auxiliary Group Bank Accounts	171,061	89,140
Prepaid Deposit/Prepaid Expenses	40,898	49,892
Parish investments at market value (1)	1,049,549	1,024,909
Restricted School Endowment investment at market value (2) (3)	558,284	568,478
Restricted Building Fund Campaign Accounts (2) (4)	<u>274,781</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,347,279</u>	<u>\$ 1,987,842</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 203,833	\$ 48,430
Tuition deposits	<u>123,658</u>	<u>189,156</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 327,491</u>	<u>\$ 237,586</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$2,019,788</u>	<u>\$1,750,256</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,347,279</u>	<u>\$ 1,987,842</u>

(1) - 2012 includes \$24,640 of unrealized gain in parish investments.

(2) - Restricted funds are not available for general parish operations.

(3) - 2012 includes \$16,760 of contributions, (\$23,000) of distributions and (\$3,955) of unrealized loss.

(4) - 2012 Building fund bank balance Includes \$459,104 of collections less (213,852) of 2012 expenses, of which \$29,529 were paid after 6/30/12.

(5) - 2011 reflects a change in accounting for the school endowment activity.

St. Cletus Parish
Statement of Revenue and Expense
Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2012 and 2011

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>Church Revenue</u>		
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 1,383,732	\$ 1,382,093
Christmas collections	204,307	190,701
Easter collections	101,000	100,014
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	111,546	135,373
Estate/Bequest/Memorial Donations	45,339	11,658
Net Auxiliary groups' revenue (expense)	23,837	(7,207)
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	40,124	45,710
Flood damage insurance recoveries	-	88,888
Other income - i.e. sacrament fees, mass intentions, vigils, outreach	226,414	169,603
Total Church Revenue	<u>2,136,299</u>	<u>2,116,833</u>
<u>Church Expenses</u>		
Salaries & benefits	874,957	895,813
Books/supplies/liturgical	120,358	106,489
Administrative/office/professional services/technology	74,123	85,647
Utilities	52,981	56,179
Maintenance & repairs	172,952	142,228
Archdiocesan assessments/Insurance	297,798	281,526
Long Range Plan/Development/Facility Feasibility Study	5,051	9,127
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	40,674	45,710
Flood Damage	-	88,208
Miscellaneous - i.e. transportation, hospitality, ministry formation, outreach	204,828	197,605
Total Church Expenses	<u>1,843,722</u>	<u>1,908,532</u>
Church Net Surplus	<u>\$ 292,577</u>	<u>\$ 208,301</u>
<u>School Revenue</u>		
Tuition & fees	\$ 1,842,561	\$ 1,775,673
Grants, School Endowment gifts, Fundraising events, Annual Fund (5)	212,016	199,431
Total School Revenue	<u>2,054,577</u>	<u>1,975,104</u>
<u>School Expenses</u>		
Salaries & benefits	1,950,612	1,983,224
Books / instructional / technology / admin	121,612	109,065
Maintenance & repairs	104,423	76,805
Utilities	64,702	77,582
Insurance / assessment	67,398	64,237
Other-i.e. fees, meetings, speakers, advertising	36,224	53,400
Total School Expense	<u>2,344,971</u>	<u>2,364,313</u>
School Net Income (Deficit)	<u>\$ (290,394)</u>	<u>\$ (389,209)</u>
PARISH OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 2,183	\$ (180,908)
<u>Other income and Expense</u>		
Building Fund Campaign Revenue Collections	459,104	-
Building Fund Start-up expense (architect, consultant, mailings, printing)	(213,852)	-
Interest Income	1,412	912
Unrealized gain from parish investment	24,640	172,674
Unrealized gain (loss) from school endowment investment (5)	(3,955)	94,106
NET PARISH SURPLUS	<u><u>\$ 269,532</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 86,784</u></u>

Summary of the Parish Financial Report

- The parish finished the June 30, 2012 fiscal year with an operating surplus (the highlighted line of the Statement of Revenue and Expense) of \$2,183. This means that ordinary parish revenue exceeded ordinary expenses by \$2,183. This surplus is a significant improvement from last year's deficit.
- The parish's Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections for the year ended June 30, 2012 increased by \$16,000 from the previous year.
- This year, parishioners who died gave bequests of \$45,000 to the parish
- The \$57,000 increase in "other income" was primarily due to increases in sacramental activity and food pantry contributions.
- Changes in personnel and insurance costs caused combined parish and school salaries and benefits to decline by \$52,000.
- Our aging facility led to greater repair costs, contributing to a \$58,000 increase in maintenance and repair for the church, school and rectory.
- Gifts to the school endowment this year were \$17,000. This increase was largely a result of the family of a parishioner who died requesting contributions to the endowment in lieu of other expressions of sympathy.
- Increased use of the aftercare program contributed significantly to this year's \$67,000 increase in school tuition and fee revenue.
- The above increases to school endowment contributions and school tuition and fee revenue and decreases to salaries and benefits decreased the school's need for parish support this year by \$99,000.
- The Archdiocese offered guidance on the reporting of the school endowment. As a result, we moved some numbers to different lines in the 2011 column. These changes did not impact the parish bottom line.
- Building fund campaign collections received through June 30, 2012 were \$459,104. Non-recurring start up expenses for the building fund, which consisted of architect and consultant fees and printing and mailing costs were \$213,852. Because building fund activity is not part of the normal operations of the parish, it is not included in the parish's operating surplus.
- During the year ended June 30, 2012, the parish's investment account and the school endowment had net unrealized gains of \$21,000. This is substantially less than the prior year's unrealized gains of \$267,000. Because these amounts are not part of the normal operations of the parish, they are not included in the parish's operating surplus.

After all masses on October 13th and October 14th, members of the parish finance committee will be available to answer your questions in front of the church. Please feel free to ask questions.

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

David J. Smith, St. Cletus Parish Finance Committee

WILLPOWER ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I.

John Shea once wrote a haunting poem about John the Baptist. The poem begins with the Baptist in prison, hearing the dancing above his head and knowing that this is soon to culminate in his being beheaded. Strangely, he's not too upset. Herod is about to give Herodias' daughter half his Kingdom and John feels that he might as well die in the bargain, given that he's only half a man. Why does he feel only half a man? Because, as the poem puts it, he's only a half-prophet who can only do a half-job. Thus thinks the Baptist:

- * I can denounce a king, but I cannot enthrone one.
- * I can strip an idol of its power, but I cannot reveal the true God.
- * I can wash the soul in sand, but I cannot dress it in white.
- * I can devour the word of the Lord like wild honey, but I cannot lace his sandal.
- * I can condemn sin, but I cannot bear it away.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

John the Baptist is aware of both his strength and his impotency. He can point out what's wrong and what should be done, but after that, he's helpless, with nothing to offer in terms of the strength needed to correct the wrong.

In essence, that's what we bring to any situation when we criticize something. We are able, often with brilliance and clarity, to show what's wrong. That contribution, like John the Baptist's, is not to be undervalued. The gospels tell us that, next to Jesus, there isn't anyone more important than John the Baptist. But, like John, criticism too is only a half-job, a half-prophecy: It can denounce a king, by showing what's wrong, and it can wash the soul in sand, by blasting off layers of accumulated rust and dirt, but ultimately it can't empower us to correct anything. Something else is needed. What?

Anyone who has ever tried to overcome an addiction can answer that question. A clear head, a clear vision of what's to be done, and a solid resolution to leave a bad habit behind is only a half-job, a first step, an important one, but only an initial one. The tough part is still ahead: Where to find and how to sustain the strength needed to actually change our behaviour and give up a bad habit? Anyone who has ever given up an addiction will tell you that, in the end, they didn't do it by willpower, or at least certainly not by willpower alone.

Grace and community were needed and they were what ultimately provided what willpower alone could not.

At one point in the gospels, Jesus tells his disciples that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. The disciples are stunned and Peter responds by saying: If that is the case than it is impossible! Jesus appreciates that response and adds: It is impossible for humans, but not for God. Anybody who is in recovery from an addiction knows exactly what Jesus means by that. They've experienced it: They know that is impossible for them to give up the object of their addiction - and yet they are giving it up, not by their own willpower, but by some higher power, grace.

The gospels speak of this as a baptism and they speak of two kinds of baptisms: the baptism of John and the baptism of Jesus, adding that John's baptism is only a preparation for Jesus' baptism. What's John's baptism? It's a baptism of repentance, a realization of what we are doing wrong and a clear resolution to correct our bad behaviour. What's Jesus' baptism? It's an entry into grace and community in such a way that it empowers us internally to do what is impossible for us to do by our willpower alone.

But how does this work? Is grace a kind of magic? No. It's not magic. All psychic, emotional, and spiritual energy is, by definition, beyond a simple phenomenological understanding. Simply put, that means that we can't lay out its inner plumbing. There's a mystery to all energy. But what we can lay out empirically is its effect: spiritual energy works. Grace works. This has been proven inside the experience of thousands of people (many of them atheists) who have been able to find an energy inside them that clearly does not come from them and yet empowers them beyond their willpower alone. Ask any addict in recovery about this.

Sadly, many of us, who are solid believers, still haven't grasped the lesson. We're still trying to live out our lives by John's baptism alone, that is, by own willpower. That makes us wonderful critics but leaves us mostly powerless to actually change our own lives. What we are looking for, and desperately need, is a deeper immersion into the baptism of Jesus, that is, into community and grace.



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



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH.

This Sunday afternoon, the 25th *annual Life Chain* will be held (over 1800 this year) all across the United States, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. As in past years, Saint Cletus parishioners will join those from St. Barbara, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross and other local churches of Hinsdale, Berwyn, Lyons, Brookfield, Riverside, La Grange and Western Springs to take part in the Ogden Avenue Chain.

All you have to do is show up at Ogden and La Grange Road at 2:30 p.m., pick up your sign (no graphic depictions) and stand (or bring your lawn chair) in silence along Ogden Avenue for one hour.

Life Chain is a lawful, silent, powerful, peaceful, and prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. Tell your friends about it, bring your family, and join us in prayer as we **STAND UP FOR LIFE!**

(No Bears Game this afternoon -- It's a Night game!!)

Wayne & Marianne Hamilton

The Saint Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities



FLU & PNEUMONIA SHOTS

FLU AND PNEUMONIA SHOTS will be offered in Morrissey Hall **this** Sunday, October 7, from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Those with Medicare, there is no charge, for others there is a small charge.

Claire Slowik

Parish Nurse



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*. 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

FINE ARTS RAGTIME CONCERT RESULTS IN DONATIONS FOR AFRICAN MISSION

A large crowd of St. Cletus parishioners and friends of good music enjoyed the ragtime styling of pianist Bob Milne last Sunday, the first of five concerts planned for the church in the 2012-13 season.

One of the nuns from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet spoke to the crowd during the intermission. She works in northern Uganda, providing health services to women and the Sisters hope to build a much-needed maternity clinic.

A free will offering was immediately donated to the Sisters by folks attending the concert. The next concert in the series will be "Bending Toward the Light," a jazz nativity presentation on December 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the church. Former St. Cletus Music Director, Justin Sisul, is coordinating the *Fine Arts Series*.



Teenage fans check out the photo board of the Mission in Africa during the intermission at the Ragtime Concert on Sunday.



Ragtime pianist, Bob Milne, chats with St. Cletus parishioners during the intermission of his *Fine Arts* concert last Sunday.

Article & Photos submitted by Jim Matthews



BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION TO SAVE LIVES

After all Masses next weekend, October 13/14, baby bottles will be passed out for Women's Care Center of La Grange, our local crisis pregnancy center, as part of Respect Life Month. When you take home a bottle and fill it with change and dollars you may have spent on treats or entertainment during the following three weeks, you will be helping to save babies from abortion.

When young women face unexpected pregnancies, they need positive answers from people who care. Women's Care Center of La Grange offers free pregnancy test, confidential counseling, maternity and baby clothing, diapers and other baby items, medical and housing referrals—all free of charge. Your donations make this possible.

Please be generous in helping this new center in downtown La Grange be a beacon of light in a troubled world for those facing unexpected pregnancies.

The baby bottles will be collected in three weeks on November 3/4, before Mass. Thank you for being a Life Saver!

Wayne & Marianne Hamilton
Respect Life Committee



Human life is precious because it is the gift of a God whose love is infinite; and when God gives life it is forever."

"All human life—from the moment of conception and through all subsequent stages—is sacred, because human life is created in the image and likeness of God.

"All human beings ought to value every person for his or her uniqueness as a creature of God, called to be a brother or sister of Christ by reason of the incarnation and the universal redemption.

This explains our efforts to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it, as well as our endeavors to make every life more human in all its aspects.

"And so, we will stand up every time that human life is threatened.

"When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, we will stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.

"When a child is described as a burden or looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, we will stand up and insist that every child is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God, with the right to a loving and united family.

"When the sick, the aged, or the dying are abandoned in loneliness, we will stand up and proclaim that they are worthy of love, care and respect."

"Courage is needed to resist pressures and false slogans, to proclaim the supreme dignity of all life, and to demand that society itself give it its protection."

We can all respond by becoming involved in parish and community programs that foster a genuine respect for all human life.

THE YEAR OF FAITH



With his Apostolic Letter of October 11, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI declared that the **Year of Faith** will begin on October 11, 2012. October 11 is the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and also the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The **Year of Faith** begins with a Synod on New Evangelization. A synod of bishops is a gathering of bishops, who, with the Pope, discuss questions pertaining to the activity of the Church in the world. The New Evangelization is a call to each Catholic to deepen his or her own faith and possess a willingness to share the Gospel. It is an opportunity for each of us to live out the everyday moments of our lives with faith, hope and love.

**Celebration of the Eucharist and Reconciliation strengthen us
in witnessing to our faith as disciples of Christ.**

Social Concerns Ministry

LAST CALL FOR OCTOBER 11 FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

There's still a few days left for you to donate groceries for the Thursday, October 11 food distribution. All in-date non perishables are welcome, especially our most needed items: tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, coffee, juice, and all sizes of diapers. You can drop off your contributions in the designated bins in the Church narthex daily from 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or at the rectory. Thank you for your faithfulness in responding to the needs of those whom our pantry serves.

ST. CLETUS ADULT SERVICE PROGRAM (ASP) BASIC HOME REPAIRS FOR ST. CLETUS COMMUNITY

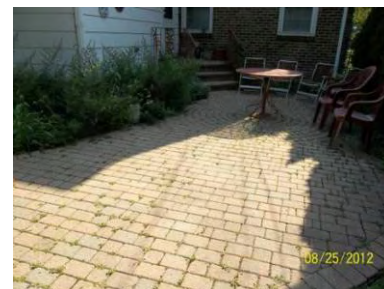
After working with DuPage Habitat for Humanity, the Adult Service Volunteers group has had a desire to assist those in need within our own St. Cletus community. Therefore we have created a fledgling program to help with such services as landscaping (trimming, cut grass, weeding), property clean-ups, labor to paint rooms or sections of house that can be handled in one day, and minor repairs such as: repair loose or broken cabinet hinges, latches, window handles; changing light bulbs; checking smoke detectors; replacing broken windows; repairing loose trim, molding, and stair railings; replace furnace filters; hanging pictures, etc. We are not professional contractors, but homeowners, like yourselves, who have strengths in many areas and a desire to help others.

Volunteers are asked to perform what they can physically do; volunteers in a trade or profession may utilize their skills as needed and within the limits of the program. Our first Project helped a family in La Grange who is going through a rough time physically and could not keep up with their backyard landscaping; a team of 9 volunteers donated their time, material and expertise in making this "before and after" take place on a Saturday morning! The homeowner's response was "Beautiful!!! I'm so happy I belong to St. Cletus!"

If you would like to become part of the pool of adult volunteers that we can count on to help out as your schedule allows, please contact Wes Rehwoldt at (708) 579-3186 or wesr@svn.com.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns



Remember "Many hands make for light work!"



AUTUMN DAYS

Autumn days come swift like the running of a hound upon the moor.

—Seumas MacManus

More Social Concerns...

ICN JOB SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Tuesday, October 9...Judy Kennedy will lead this session on Interviewing. Judy is an accomplished human resources professional with extensive experience in providing transition and career coaching to clients that span a broad range of industries and disciplines at all career levels. Judy is also one of the founding members of ICN, a fellowship of churches in the La Grange area offering job search support (www.interfaithcareernetwork.org). Join us in Westminster Hall, 7:00-9:00 p.m., 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.

FREE RESUME REVIEW

Interfaith Career Network invites you to a free resume review on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 9-11:00 a.m. at St. Cletus Education Building (Room 201), 700 West 55th Street in La Grange. Have a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with a Human Resource or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is a terrific opportunity. Don't miss it! Please enter the Education Building at the flagpole entrance.

USING TWITTER IN YOUR JOB SEARCH

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, October 18, 2012, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Our presenter, Falise Platt, has worked with a wide variety of companies providing them with strategic direction in establishing their online voice. With **TweetMyJobs** listing over one-and-a-half-million job tweets in the past 30 days, there's no question that Twitter is rapidly becoming a must-use resource for job seekers. Learn how to use this social media tool. Learn why to sign up, how to sign up and why you'll want to incorporate it as part of your search. Developing an effective and efficient Twitter strategy is a smart idea. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no charge to attend. We look forward to welcoming you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of our Lady of the rosary is celebrated annually on October 7.

OPEN YOUR HEART TO MARY



Welcome Mary into your life in new ways this month. Her entire life was a prayer to God. During October, the month of the Rosary, let us honor Mary and focus on her path toward God. Next Sunday, St. Cletus' Living Rosary will celebrate Mary's life in our lives. We will pray the entire Rosary after the Anointing of the Sick (at approximately 12:30 p.m.) in the Kindergarten room (#98) in the Education Building (enter through the side doors). We will also host a table with rosaries and their accessories during all Masses over the weekend. If you have Rosaries that need repair, bring them. If you have extra Rosaries to share, donate them. Members of the Living Rosary each pray an assigned decade of the rosary on their own every day so that together a complete Rosary is offered up. It only takes minutes a day but becomes a guiding meditation and gift of faith as you pray it daily. Please consider whether you would like to commit in a tiny way to follow Mary's example of love and obedience by signing up at the Rosary table or calling Mary Lu Gebka at (708) 579-3987.

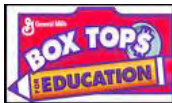


Cardinal Corner

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

What was it like to live here in the 1750's? Who actually was living in Illinois near the Des Plaines River? Since there weren't any stores, how did people get their food, shelter, clothing and entertainment? The third grade now knows since they recently went on a wonderful field trip to the Isle a La Cache Interactive Museum. They spent the day learning about the Pottawatomie life and that of a French Canadian fur trader. Students can tell you why beaver fur was traded for cloth and metal. They can tell you about useful plants, including the cattail, which was used for torches, baby diapers and food. The third graders carried the fur trader's canoe and role played all the jobs involved in his canoe voyage and trade. They sat in the Native American log house while learning how every part of a deer was used by the Pottawatomie. Before leaving everyone enjoyed playing Native American games.

Submitted by Carol Reckwerdt



SUPPORT BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Simply clip the box tops label from hundreds of participating products. Each label collected earns St. Cletus 10¢. Labels can be brought to the Minister's Room in church. They do expire so please do not save them.



It's time to renew your *Dominick's* card. If you participated last year, you simply need to click on the "YES RENEW!" icon at [eScrip Renewal](#). If you have not signed up yet, click on the "Sign Up" button, enter code 500014509 for St. Cletus, and enter your Fresh Values Card number. It only takes a couple of minutes, and it can mean hundreds of dollars for St. Cletus! Any questions, please contact Holly Kallal at (708) 655-1302.

"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.

ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB



The next book is

The Catcher in the Rye
by J.D. Salinger

We will meet to discuss it on
Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 98

Questions? Email: loriashe@aol.com

SAINT CLETUS 5TH ANNUAL Oktoberfest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

*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 20th

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 for more information

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!

2012-2013 TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

For our second large group gathering, our teen faith formation group is walking in the **La Grange/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. Please contact Kristen for more information. Small groups will meet at the homes of our catechists on Sunday, October 28, at designated times.



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.

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 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.

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

Kristen Maxwell
Youth Ministry

SUNDAY COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Total Active Registered Families 2,751

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used this week 623
 % of registered families 23%

Amount Collected

\$ 20,984 Envelopes Users
 2,646 Loose Check/Cash
 1,644 Electronic Giving
\$ 25,274 Total Collected

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000
Over (Under) Budget: (\$1,726)

This fiscal Year @ 9/30/12

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 364,273

Budgeted Sunday Collections 378,000**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (13,727)**

*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, 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	Credo Holy Hill Trip Welcome Committee Oktoberfest Ticket Sales Flu/Pneumonia Shots
Monday, October 8	ALL FACILITIES CLOSED AFTER 8:00 A.M. MASS		
Tuesday, October 9	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	C S-208 S-200 S-201	School Mass Teen Catechist Meeting RCIA Kairos Meeting
Wednesday, October 10	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	RB MH S-200	Mission Ladies Market Day Baptism Prep Class
Thursday, October 11	5:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Narthex S-Music S-Music S-Music	Food Pantry Distribution Children's Choir Contemporary Ensemble Chancel Choir
Friday, October 12	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-207	Spanish Choir Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, October 13	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	S-201 Narthex/East Narthex/West Front Lawn	Interfaith Career Network Resume Review Oktoberfest Ticket Sales Rosary Table Oktoberfest Ticket Sales
Sunday, October 14	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Narthex/West Narthex/East Front Lawn C S-200 S-98 MH	Rosary Table Oktoberfest Ticket Sales Oktoberfest Ticket Sales Anointing of the Sick after Mass Natural Family Planning Class Pray the Rosary Teen Meeting
C...Church Narthex...Church MH...Morrissey Hall	Vestibule (East & West)		S...School (Education Building) RB...Rectory Basement

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
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	TBD (Rel. Ed)
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	Bill Wettstein

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

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