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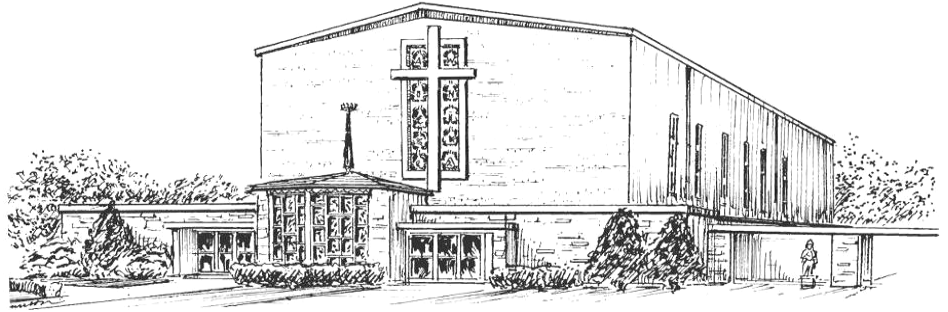
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Sunday, August 25, 2013

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 26 – September 1, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Prevenas
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Lawrence Viececi, Monica Watson
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	David Sredzinski, Colleen Marie Gordon
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Betty Bozec, Gene Kennedy
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Bobbie McQuaid, Hans Günter Linsmaier, William Gunkel
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Special Intention Laura Brooks Edward Hrzenjak, Ann Serra, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, George Paluch
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Kathleen Mladenik, Mary Jane Manley Helen Kaminski Matthew Mack, William Gunkel Souls in Purgatory



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalms — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at the table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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Dora Montemayor & Robert Placher

Colleen Balla & Alex Smith

Julianne Nelson & Phil Pedi



*St. Cletus Parish
Welcomes...*

Erin Margaret Kress,
daughter of Tim & Kathleen (Cirese) Kress

Nicole Episcopa,
daughter of Saverio & Natalie (Nerbo) Episcopo

Zachary Francis Sedlacek,
son of Joseph & Shannon (Morahan) Sedlacek

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



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Margaret Bauer Fountain, Harriet Maki, Christine Anderson Rita, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, Gerda Dorso, Betty Niwa, Karen Stoltman, Judy Duque, Mark Bergnach, Joan Curtin, Phil Hodak, Nancy Ptak, Jennie Boerste, Bill Jaworski, John Duda, George Duda, Steven Onusaitis, Lorraine Walter, Pam Wilson, Loretta Harwood, Marilyn Matesevac, Joe Butkus, Elizabeth Dougherty, Barbara Stamm, Teddy Kowalski, Karla Koskinen-Swindall, and Frances Klimcke. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and are unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and the dying.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2013

The story is told of two elderly priests, both nearing the end of their days, who made a pact. Whichever of them died first, he would return and tell the other what life beyond the grave was like. Eventually Fr. Joe died and was buried. Some months later Fr. Bill was sitting in his room. It was Saturday night; he was busy preparing his homily – or was it watching football? In any event, he suddenly became aware of a presence: Fr. Joe was standing there before him. “Joe,” he gasped “it’s you. Tell me, what it is like in heaven?” “Well,” replied Joe “you’d be surprised who’s there.” There was a pause: “And you’d be surprised who isn’t,” and with that he was gone.

It was hardly the answer Bill had expected. Much the same might be said of the man who questioned Jesus in today’s gospel. He didn’t get the answer he expected. Mind you, his question could hardly have come at a more inappropriate moment. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, where suffering and death await him, while all the questioner is concerned about is the speculative issue of how many people will be saved: “Will there be only a few?” he enquires, rather pessimistically.

Jesus’ reply must have brought him down to earth. He says in effect: never mind the numbers game, your task is to work hard – literally, to struggle – so that you’ll be able “to enter by the narrow door” that leads to salvation. You may be a Jew, you may even be Roman Catholic, members of God’s people, but that doesn’t mean you can slip through with the crowd. It’s not enough that you belong to the “in” group. There’s no way through the narrow door without personal struggle.

Then Jesus puts it another way. This time he speaks not of “a narrow door” but of a closed door and God himself is pictured as the owner of the house. When the householder has locked up for the night – a gentle hint that earthly life does not last forever – it will be no use trying to get in by offering excuses, we ate and drank with you, we heard you preaching in the streets. The householder will not be impressed; he will reply: “I don’t know you.” Jesus goes on to speak of the anguish they will suffer, as Jews, if the great Jewish patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the prophets, are all there at the messianic banquet, while they themselves are locked out. It would be more galling still, if they were to see among the insiders, people from the four corners of the globe. That would mean that some of God’s own people had been replaced at the banqueting table by non-Jews, by Gentiles. Those always regarded as first would now be last, and visa versa.

It needs little imagination to translate the message of today’s gospel into a message for ourselves. We have been blessed in the most extraordinary way, even more than the Jewish people of old. We have been baptized, we have been adopted as the children of God, we are members of the Church, God’s chosen people, we have the sacraments to meet our needs at every juncture of life, we have the scriptures to bring us God’s Good News, we have the support of our fellow-believers. Here at Mass we cannot forget that we even eat and drink at the Lord’s Table. Such blessings ought to fill us with gratitude. The one thing they must not do is lead us to presumption. If we reach heaven it will not be simply because we are Catholics, or even because we receive the lord himself in the Eucharist. We shall reach heaven because of the gracious goodness of God on the one hand and our own humble efforts on the other.

On that day we may discover that the response Fr. Bill received from his friend had more than a grain of truth in it. Looking around the banqueting table of heaven, we may be surprised – by those who are there, and, perhaps, by those who are not. However, as we have been reminded today, our task is not to waste time on pointless speculation. What matters is that, avoiding complacency, we strive to live out our faith in our daily lives while putting all our trust in our God whose love is strong and whose faithfulness endures for ever.

Blessings Always,

Father Bob
Pastor



THIS FALL OUR PARISH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PARISH TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE



Why is our parish participating in Parish Transformation?

As the world around us changes, and as we change as people, it is healthy to step back and evaluate how we are living out the mission of Christ through our parish. This is what we will do through Parish Transformation. I am confident that our reflections and discussions will affirm who we are and much of what we are doing as a parish. However, we may find that a fresh look will highlight areas of need that challenge us to try new ideas and approaches. At the end of the day, our goal is to celebrate the gift that is our parish community, while trying to make our parish even more vibrant and effective in carrying out the spirit of Jesus' mission and ministry.

How will we do this?

Because we will be reflecting upon how our parish is living out the mission of Christ in our community, I want us to think of this process as an extended retreat. We need to enter into this process with openness to where the Holy Spirit is calling us to go. The final product of the Parish Transformation process will be a strategic plan that includes specific actions, goals, and timelines that we will want to accomplish. However, it is important that we remember this is not meant to be simply a corporate planning process. This is an opportunity for us to grow spiritually, both as individuals and as a parish, and to take the next step in our collective faith journey.

The Parish Transformation process will run throughout the Fall, with most meetings to be held on Wednesday evenings each week. The Archdiocese is providing us with a facilitator (at no cost to the parish) to guide us through the process. Our facilitator will provide an independent perspective that will allow him/her to ask honest questions of us and challenge our assumptions. He will also be able to share with us ideas from the 80 parishes that have already participated in Parish Transformation.

What the parish needs from you...

We need involvement and input from **all** areas of the parish. This means our team needs to be made up of a representative cross section of ages, areas of interest, ethnicities, and levels of involvement. I encourage you to discern if you are being called to join the Parish Transformation Team. If you have not been involved in the parish in the past, please do not let that stop you from joining the team. We need input from everyone in order to develop a strong plan.

Our kickoff meeting for Parish Transformation will be held on Wednesday, September 11, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Room 201 in the Education Building. If you are unsure if you will be able to commit to meetings throughout the Fall, I encourage you to attend this kickoff meeting to learn more before making a final decision.

Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time

Empathy

Maternity-ward nurses know that when one infant cries, the other infants soon join in. This is life's earliest example of empathy—identifying with the feelings of others. Empathy is the foundational building block of all morality. It enables us to “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Parents can nurture empathy in their children by asking, “How do you think Robby felt when you called him that name?” or involving them in acts of charity toward others. The most powerful tool parents have in teaching empathy is modeling empathic behavior with people they meet or talk about. Jesus says that we will be judged according to how we responded to those who are hungry, hurting, and in need. Empathy enables us to respond to the needs of others. —Tom McGrath



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Monica
Wednesday:	St. Augustine
Thursday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

YEAR OF STRONG CATHOLIC PARENTS

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REFLECTIONS ON THE REIGN OF GOD

A threefold message is developed in today's readings. First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Often, suffering may be part of the formation process. We learn to accept it as Jesus once accepted his cross. Third, some people who are treated with contempt and disdain by the self-righteous actually do have a place in God's kingdom.

We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement upon hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once struck your fancy taken deeper root in your life? Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings?

Finally, are there some people you imagine as not invited into God's kingdom? Why do you feel this way about them? For a moment, imagine them on the inside and yourself on the outside. How can this be possible? Always try your best to enter by the narrow gate, gladly proclaiming God's glory. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 25, 2013

Strengthen your drooping hands
 and your weak knees.
 Make straight paths for your feet,
 that what is lame may not be disjointed
 but healed.

-Hebrews 12:12-13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

FALL FEST FUN!

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL | 700 W. 55TH ST., LA GRANGE | WWW.STCLETUSSCHOOL.COM

FAMILY FALL FEST

Noon till 4pm

Fun for the whole family!

FREE PERFORMANCES

1pm Magician Paul Lee

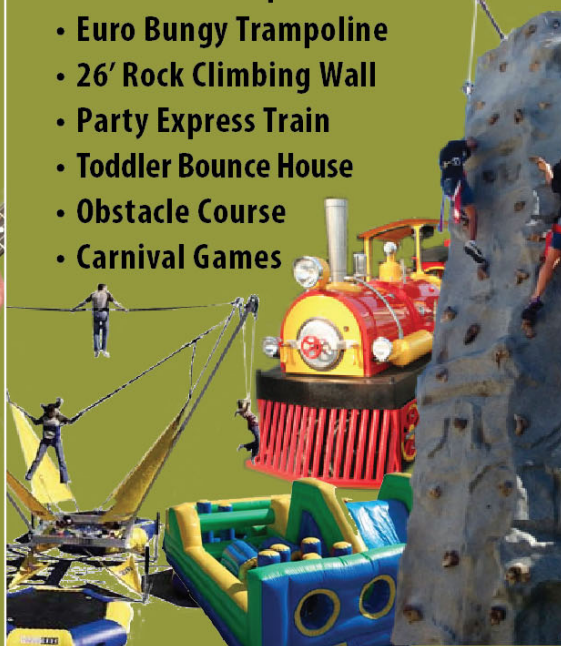
3pm Jim Gill

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- Party Express Train
- Toddler Bounce House
- Obstacle Course
- Carnival Games



BREW FEST

6pm-10:30pm

TICKETS \$15 EACH (\$20 AT DOOR)

- Ticket includes a buffet dinner
- Craft beers at cash bar
- Bucket raffles
- Square pool
- Split the pot, etc.
- Satellite TVs showing the night's games



St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

St. Cletus School in La Grange has been forming faith-filled children for over 60 years.

Please visit stcletusschool.com or email fallfest@stcletusparish.com for more info about this event.



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FALL FEST SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

FAMILY FALL FEST 12-4P.M.
INFLATABLES · LIVE PERFORMERS

BREWFEST 6-10:30P.M. ADULTS 21+ ONLY
CRAFT BEERS · DJ · BUFFET DINNER

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY SPONSOR \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> RED ELM SPONSOR \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> WHITE OAK SPONSOR \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> SILVER MAPLE SPONSOR \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> GOLDEN CEDAR SPONSOR \$2000	<input type="checkbox"/> PLATINUM FOREST SPONSOR \$3000 OR MORE
Join in the fun! Choose between tickets to Brewfest (for adults 21 and over), Wristbands for Family Fall Fest inflatables, or indicate if you are happy to sponsor but not able to attend the event	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Brewfest Tix -or- <input type="checkbox"/> 1 "Unlimited Fun" Wristband (valued at \$25)	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Brewfest Tix -or- <input type="checkbox"/> 2 "Unlimited Fun" Wristbands (valued at \$50)	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Brewfest Tix -or- <input type="checkbox"/> 3 "Unlimited Fun" Wristbands (valued at \$75)	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Brewfest Tix -or- <input type="checkbox"/> 4 "Unlimited Fun" Wristbands (valued at \$100)	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Brewfest Tix -or- <input type="checkbox"/> 8 "Unlimited Fun" Wristbands (valued at \$200)	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Brewfest Tix -or- <input type="checkbox"/> 10 "Unlimited Fun" Wristbands (valued at \$250)
Name listed as Sponsor on sign at an attraction at the Family Fall Fest			X	X	2	3
Name listed on "Thank You Banner" at both 10/5 "Fests" & St. Cletus Bulletin			X	X	X	Primary Placement
Name listed on "Sponsor T-shirt"			X	X	X	Primary Placement
Name listed on "Pre-event" advertising and Newspaper "Thank you ad"				X	X	Primary Placement
Logo on St. Cletus event website				X	X	Primary Placement
Signage at Walk-a-thon event on Oct. 18			X	X	X	X

SPECIFIC SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<input type="checkbox"/> Stage Sponsor \$750	Stage sponsors receive signage by the live performers. These free performances will be at 1pm and 3pm and open to the public.
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk-a-thon T-Shirt Sponsor \$1000	Sponsor the Walk-a-thon T-shirt which is given to every participant in our October 19th event and receive all the benefits of the Family Fall Fest White Oak Sponsorship.

CONTACT NAME: _____

NAME AS IT SHOULD BE LISTED: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please mail sponsorship agreements and payments to St. Cletus School, 700 W. 55th St., La Grange, IL 60525

Sponsorship Agreements are appreciated as soon as possible, but no later than September 26, 2013

Please make checks payable to St. Cletus School.

Sponsors at the White Oak (\$500) level and above, please email your company logo to fallfest@stcletusparish.com.

-Please see reverse side for more Sponsorship Opportunities-

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

RUMMAGE SALE MISC.

I would like to express my appreciation once again to Maureen Soldat, members of the Social Concerns Commission, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference members, and all those who supported this year's Rummage Sale as donors or volunteers. The \$17,000+ we made will allow our SVDP to provide monetary assistance as a bridge to better times for the families we serve.

I have had lots of inquiries from people asking "What happens to the goods you don't sell?" We like to make sure that everyone's donations are used to help people in our area. This year the majority of our leftovers went to the National Children's Cancer Foundation, the St. Vincent de Paul thrift shops, and the Carousel Shop run by Community Health Association (proceeds go to fund programs which provide quality, comprehensive health and human services to people in the Western Suburbs). To generate further revenue, we brought books to the local Half-Price Bookstore and are offering some higher end/unique items for sale online. Again, thanks to all involved for a job well-done!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



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

Our shelves have many empty spots as our volunteers continue to pack bags for our next monthly distribution. Most needed items include: canned fruit, canned tuna, chili, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly. You can drop off your donations in the designated bins in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass or daily, 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thank you for faithfully answering Christ's call to "feed the hungry."

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Youth Ministry Update!

All high school teens, freshmen through seniors, are encouraged to join our 2013-2014 Teen Faith Formation program. Our program includes monthly large and small group catechetical sessions. Detailed information and forms are available on our webpage and must be returned to the rectory or school to the attention of our business manager, Debbie Lestarczyk, so that we can properly plan for the fall. The start of the program and parent meetings will be delayed until the new youth minister is hired, which will be by the end of August. He or she will contact parents with details when they become available. Please contact **Debbie at dlestarczyk@stcletusparish.com** or (708) 352-6209 with any questions.

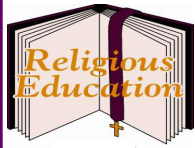
MISSION LADIES ARE BACK!

Mission Ladies will start up again on the first Wednesday after Labor Day. (Wednesday, September 4), at 9:00 a.m. 'til 11:30 a.m. or Noon and every Wednesday thereafter.

We are in need of the following items to continue our work. We need fiber fill (to stuff our dolls), lace trim, Velcro, ribbon, eyelet fabric, and yarn (mostly black, brown and yellow for doll hair) other colors will also be gratefully accepted. These items can be left in the Minister's Room in the Church Narthex. Please label all items "*Mission Ladies*."

Invitation is open to all ladies, no experience is needed. There are no dues. We socialize as we work, which ends up more socializing than work. Won't you consider joining us? For more information, please call me at (708) 839-9605.

Dolores Scaletta



REGISTRATION REMINDER

There is still time to register your children for our religious education classes for the 2013-14 year. Make sure your child has the opportunity to share in learning about our loving God. Registration forms are on the parish website and in the Church Narthex. Classes start September 8/9. Call the RE office at (708) 215-5415 for more information.

Please Note: 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 and 2nd grades and 7th & 8th grades). If you are new to the program, a copy of your child's baptismal certificate is needed.



EARLY CHILDHOOD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This program is for children ages 3-5. Classes meet during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on most Sundays throughout the school year. There is still room available for all classes. This fun-filled class provides the children a time to be with others their own age and learn of the Gospel in a way that is age appropriate. Classes start September 8. Registration forms are online and on the table in the Church Narthex.

CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED!

We are still in need of catechists. Please consider passing on our faith by becoming a catechist. Please call the religious education office at (708) 215- 5415 if you are interested.

We have openings in the following grades:

Sunday: 9:15-10:45 a.m.

1 catechist Grade 4

1 catechist Grade 7

1 catechist Grade 8

(11am Mass + class 12:00-1 p.m.)

Paulette Bolton

Director of Parish Catechesis Formation

Divorce and Beyond Program Recovery and Healing for Divorced

This program helps bring healing for those who are divorced or who have already filed for divorce. Each meeting focuses on a different aspect of the divorce healing process such as grief, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, and happiness. The program includes education, discussion, and prayer. Former program participants help facilitate the program and are available for support.



The program will be held at:

St. John of the Cross
5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL



Friday evenings from 7-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center:
Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 22,
Dec. 6, and Dec. 20, 2013.

After the second week, the program continues with participants that began the first and second sessions. A consistent group offers stability and an atmosphere that fosters ease and trust.

To register: Program book is \$10. Drop off money and your contact information at the Parish Center Office in a sealed envelope marked *Divorce & Beyond* by September 9.

Any questions, contact: Ann Marie Calistro,
(708) 784-9311 / acalistro@aol.com

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Sunday, September 8, from 11a to 6p

**Misericordia's Campus at
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St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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Enrollment for the 2013-14 school year is now open. If you are interested in high quality Catholic education for your child, contact the school office at (708) 352-4820. Space is limited, so call today!

- ✿ Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- ✿ Half-day and Full-day Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
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- ✿ Before and After School Extended Care
- ✿ Environment of Academic Excellence
- ✿ Strong Curriculum including Spanish, Art, Music, PE, Science Lab, Technology Learning Center and Library
- ✿ Athletic Opportunity and Extra-Curricular Activities
- ✿ Caring Community
- ✿ Technology Integrated into Classrooms and Curriculum



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LAURA LANGSETH BRASKY

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 8TH

4:00 P.M.

ST. CLETUS CHURCH



ST. CLETUS MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

As the summer begins to wind down and school goes back in session, so do our various musical ministries. As you know volunteers are essential to the life of any parish and we are always in need of more help. There are numerous ways to be involved musically here at St. Cletus based on what your schedule and talents allow you to do. Please consider this an invitation to share the gifts you have been given and help the music ministry continue to grow!

The ***Chancel Choir*** is comprised of approximately 40 members and sings a variety of genres from Classical repertoire to Spirituals to the songs we sing today. The Chancel Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass September through June and rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings from 7:30- 9:30 p.m. We are currently seeking new members for the coming season! **The first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Building Music Room.**

The ***Contemporary Ensemble*** is comprised of approximately 20 members and incorporates vocals, guitars, drums, piano, and flute focusing on more contemporary musical styles of the church. The ensemble sings and plays twice a month at the 5:00 p.m. Mass from September to May. Rehearsal is twice a month on Thursdays from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. Some music reading is helpful, but not required. **The first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Education Building Music Room.**

The ***Children's Choir*** under the direction of Mrs. Karen Ziemba, is open to all parish children in grades 3-4 and meets weekly on Thursday afternoons from 5-6:00 p.m. during the school year. The Children's Choir sings once a month at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays. **The first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 12, from 5-6:00 p.m. in the Education Building Music Room.**

The ***Junior Choir*** under the direction of Mrs. Karen Ziemba, is open to all parish children in grades 5-8 and meets weekly on Monday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. during the school year. The Junior Choir also sings once a month at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays. **The first rehearsal will be on Monday, September 9, from 4-5:00 p.m. in the Education Building Music Room.**

The ***Hispanic Ensemble*** under the direction of Mr. Arturo Flores, **rehearses Friday evenings, from 6-7:00 p.m. in the Education Building Music Room** and sings at the 12:30 p.m. Hispanic Mass on Sundays.

The ***Good Shepherd Choir*** sings for all Parish Funerals during the weekday and Saturday mornings. The choir meets to rehearse briefly before each funeral.

The ***Cantor Ministry*** is open to experienced singers who are comfortable leading the assembly in song and prayer. Training and a monthly rehearsal will be provided. Time commitment is flexible based on your availability.

Instrumentalists are welcome to enhance our music making. If you play an instrument please consider sharing your time and talent at mass. A knowledge of your instrument is required as well as the ability to read music. Time commitment is flexible based on your availability.

If you have any additional questions regarding the Music Ministry or would like to join any of our ensembles please contact Laura Langseth Brasky, Music Director at (708) 352-4547 or llbrasky@stcletusparish.com.

Laura Langseth Brasky
Director of Music



CREDO TRIP
to
THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION
ST. JOHN, INDIANA



First visit Fair Oaks Farm, one of the largest dairy farms in the country. Watch cheese and ice cream being made from an observation deck, how to milk a cow, and visit the Birthing Barn – between 80 and 100 cows give birth every day. During our stay there, a lunch box will be served. Then we will visit The Shrine of Christ's Passion which is an interactive half-mile winding pathway that begins with the Last Supper and Garden of Gethsemane. You then journey through the Passion of Christ as depicted in the Stations of the Cross. The Journey consists of 40 life-size bronze statues. The Visitor Center Gift Shop holds a selection of inspirational gifts, books, unique items, and a separate Christmas section. Visit Our Lady of the Millennium located at St. John Evangelist Church, which is walking distance from the Shrine of Christ's Passion. Reserve your place for this enjoyable event taking place on Saturday, September 21, 2013. The deluxe bus will depart from the St. Cletus parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. Checks and registration forms are due by Saturday, September 7. Forms are available in the Ministry Room of church or at the rectory.

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2013

Depart at 8:30 a.m. and Return by 5:00 p.m.

Departure: St. Cletus Parking Lot, 600 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525

Price: \$50.00 per person/Registration and checks due before Saturday, September 7 (includes snacks and beverages on bus, handicap accessible, deluxe motor coach equipped with a restroom, lunch, and gratuities). Cancellation Policy: **No refunds after September 7, 2013.** Please drop off or mail the bottom portion of this form with a check to the rectory or it can be placed in the collection baskets in a clearly marked envelope stating "CREDO Trip." **Please make checks payable to St. Cletus Parish.** The maximum availability is 50. Any questions should be directed to Cathy Caplice, at (708) 269-9689, catholic.adventurestc@gmail.com.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home or Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

STEWARDSHIP — SUNDAY COLLECTION — AUGUST 18, 2013

Total Active Registered Families 2,731

Collection Statistics# of envelopes used this week 585
% of registered families 21%**Amount Collected**\$ 18,563 Envelopes Users
3,738 Loose Check/Cash
1,665 Electronic Giving
\$ 23,966 Total Collected**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000****Over (Under) Budget: (\$3,034)**

This fiscal Year @ 8/18/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 167,029

Budgeted Sunday Collections 189,000**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (21,971)*****Thank you for your continued
and generous financial support.******Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor*****21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*****“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30***

Our standards in our society are so different from God’s standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, August 25	7:00 a.m.	C-Narthex/West	Religious Education Registration
Monday, August 26			
Tuesday, August 27	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH S-201	Youth Ministry Parent Meeting New Catechist Meeting
Wednesday, August 28			
Thursday, August 29	6:00 p.m.	C	Hispanic Choir
Friday, August 30	6:00 p.m.	S-Music	Hispanic Choir
Saturday, August 31			
Sunday, September 1			
C...Church Narthex...Church Vestibule (East & West) MH...Morrissey Hall			S...School (Education Building) RB...Rectory Basement

GRACE AND STRUGGLE**The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.****-St. Rose of Lima**

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

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

DEPARTMENT

POSITION

Administration

Fr. Bob Clark	Pastor
Jolene Hillgoth	President
Margaret Hayes	Principal

Executive Committee

Mike Pusatera	Chairperson
Marty Mulcrone	Vice Chairperson
Heather Alpe	Secretary

Finance Committee

Mike Magee	Finance Chair
Bob Gray	Finance Vice Chair

Policy

Shawn Temple	Policy Chair
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Development & Marketing

Michael Gilmartin	Alumni Chair
Chris McLean	
Zlata Kozul-Naumovski	
Ron Skrip	
Ann Foley	
Rachel Luna	
Doug Rausch	

Liaisons

Mary DeGroot	FSA President
Kevin Dahill	Athletic Assoc President
Chris McLean	Tech Comm Liaison

BULLETIN ARTICLES

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00 p.m. Friday, one full week prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to pdrobny@stcletusparish.com.