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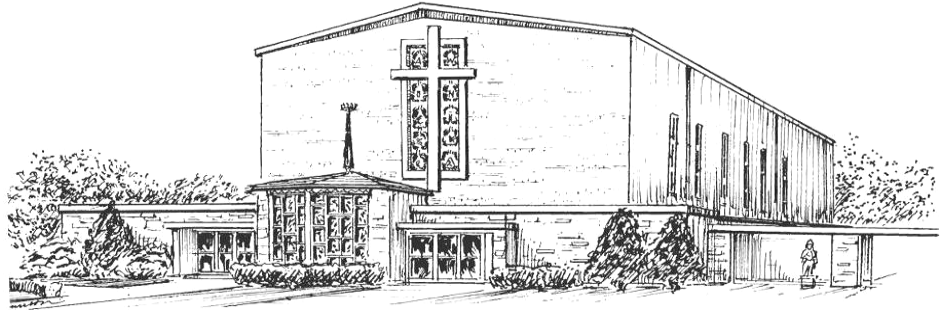
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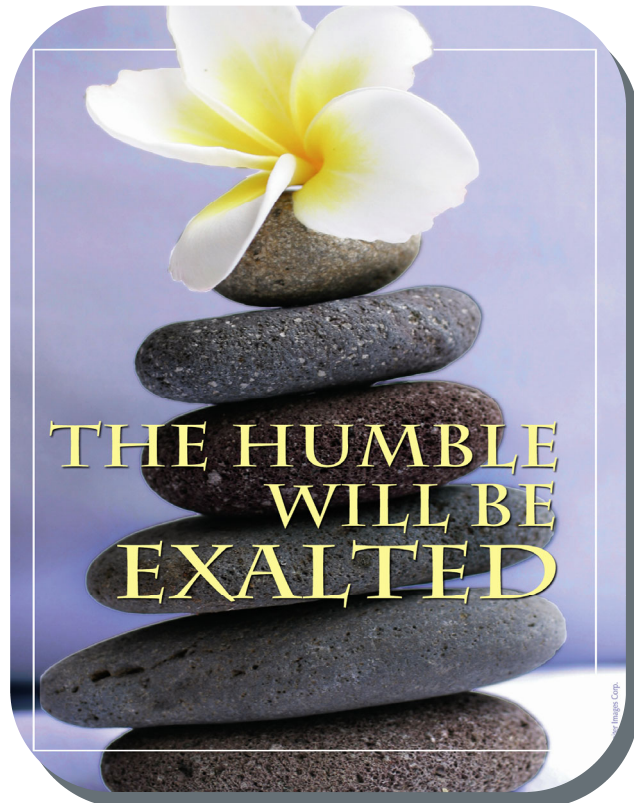
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Sunday, September 1, 2013

Twenty-second 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 September 2 – September 8, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Kohl
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Stella Pelehac
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Beloved St. Cletus Parishioners
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Nan Rettig, Jim Bozec, Mike Kinastowaki
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Jeanne Nowicki, James Vonesh Edward Hrzenjak, Edward Zajac, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Peter Vukosovich
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	John Karch, Lucja Deyna Richard & Kathleen Mladenik, Lillian Stopka George M. Nault, William Killian Harry, Sandy & John Fisher, Finbarr Keohane Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, 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, 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.



### WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, September 7/8, 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.



### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, September 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.



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

***Allen Owen Simmons,***  
husband of Eileen Baehrend Simmons

***Richard George Duda,***  
husband of Mary Ann

***Martin Joseph Farrell,***  
uncle of Mary Drobny

***Donald Pollina,***  
father of Angela Pollina

***William Jaworski,***  
husband of Denise

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



**ALL FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THE  
8:00 A.M. MASS IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER, 2**

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

### **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*There was panic in the airport because many flights had been cancelled. A slow-moving line of passengers was waiting to book on another plane. One man was getting increasingly annoyed at the long wait. Finally, he marched to the counter and demanded a first-class ticket on the next available flight. "Sorry" said the girl at the counter "but I must serve the people in line by turn". The irate customer banged his fist on the counter: "Have you any idea who I am?" he roared. Without a moment's hesitation, the girl picked up the P.A. microphone and announced: "There's a gentleman here who does not know who he is. If anyone in the airport can identify him, please come to the counter." The people waiting in line burst into applause, while the line-jumper experienced one of the most embarrassing moments of his life.*

*In today's gospel, Jesus tells a similar story and I suspect he does so with a smile. He shows that when people try to become the "heavy", to give the impression of being far more important than others, they often become very unpleasantly noticed. Jesus is at a banquet at the time and has noticed how some of the guests have been commandeering the "places of honor". From a common sense point of view, it is an extremely foolish thing to do. Just imagine yourself ensconced at the top table and the embarrassment you would feel if your host had to explain that you were occupying someone else's place. Of course, the converse is true: take the lowest place yourself and then there's every chance that your host will come along with the invitation "Friend, go up higher." Then you will win the admiration of all who are present.*

*I hardly need say that Jesus didn't come to give us lessons in etiquette, much less to show us how to get to the top by cunningly pretending we are worthy only of the lowest place. The gospel specifically says that he was using a parable. His purpose was to lead his hearers towards a profound spiritual truth. Jesus wanted to teach them—and us—the paramount importance of humility. Quite simply, "Everyone who exalts him (or her) self will be humbled" and "those who humble themselves will be exalted." The banquet he has in mind is the 'festival' of heaven, where, as our second reading explained, everyone is a first-born son or daughter of God. Among God's true children, there is that utter honesty which is at the root of humility: honesty about self, which includes recognition of gifts and talents, and also honesty about where the gifts and talents come from; in other words, recognition that everything is sheer gift from God. It's an attitude beautifully summed up in Mary's prayer, the MAGNIFICAT. She boldly declares that "all generations will call me blessed", but equally boldly she insists: "He that is mighty hath done great things for me; holy is HIS name." I am blessed among all God's creatures, but to him (not me) give the glory.*

*The truly humble don't pretend to know everything. They are aware of their limitations; they have respect for everyone. I suspect it was his patent humility that specially endeared Pope John XXIII to so many people. It shone in the gentle way he treated others: among the first engagements of his pontificate was a visit to the inmates of Rome's largest prison.*

*Jesus himself suggests that humility is linked with the way we treat other people, especially the marginalized; hospitality is to extend to those who are unable to offer a return invitation. He's not so much laying down a precise rule as posing a challenge. In God's eyes, we all belong to "the lowest place"; we are all equally indebted to him for all we have and are; we are all in some way maimed or blind or lame. Our treatment of others, then, is a good indication of whether or not we are truly humble. If we are not, we don't know the truth about ourselves or about them. Without that basic knowledge, we are in a worse position than the irate man in the airport—we're suffering from a serious identity crisis.*

*Humble Blessings and Prayers Always,*

*Father Bob*  
Pastor

## ***WELCOME TO OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER!***

*I am extremely pleased to welcome our new Director of Youth Ministry, Amanda Birth, to the St. Cletus Parish family. Amanda comes to us with great energy and enthusiasm for working with youth. She has a background in education and has been involved in youth ministry since high school. Amanda is very excited about working with our youth and brings many great ideas to help advance our youth program as we move into the future.*

*Please welcome Amanda as the newest member of our faith community, and keep her and our youth in your prayers and thoughts. I know she will be a great addition to St. Cletus. Amanda will need a few more dedicated volunteers to assist her in this most important work. Please take a moment to pray and discern whether the Holy Spirit is calling you to minister in this area. Remember, our youth are one of St. Cletus' greatest assets, and they are the future of our church.*

*Thank You and Welcome Amanda!*

*Father Bob Clark*

*Pastor*

*Dear Parents and Teens,*

*Hello! I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, my name is Amanda Birth and I am the new Director of Youth Ministry here at St. Cletus. Last year I was teaching Jr. High Language Arts in Bourbonnais and I have been involved in youth ministry since I was in high school. I am so excited to be here with all of you and I'm looking forward to what God has in store for us this year. I hope you are starting off the school year right and what better way than to get involved with youth ministry here at St. Cletus. Right now I am looking for volunteers, both teens and adults that are interested in helping be a part of the planning for this year's events. This will include, but is not limited to: NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference), Teen Catechist meetings, faith formation, retreats, social events, service opportunities and this summer's mission trip! NCYC will take place this November from the 21 to the 23 in Indianapolis, Indiana. NCYC will include awesome keynote speakers/workshops, music by Matt Maher, and a chance to meet thousands of Catholics nationwide. If you are interested in going to NCYC please contact me a.s.a.p. through email or phone. We are in need of adults to be Catechists and host small groups in their homes once a month, please contact me for details. And lastly, ANY teen interested in being on the leadership/ advisory team for youth ministry please contact me right away so we can start planning. Please keep checking the bulletin for news and updates! I can be reached at (708) 215-5419 or by email at [abirth@stcletusparish.com](mailto:abirth@stcletusparish.com). I am looking forward to hearing from you, have a blessed week!*

*God Bless,*

***Amanda Birth***

*Director of Youth Ministry*

## **Youth Ministry News**

We will have a teen planning meeting on Tuesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 208 in the Education Building.

All high school teens, freshmen through seniors, are encouraged to join our 2013-14 Teen Faith Formation program. Detailed information and forms are available on our webpage. Please contact Amanda Birth at [abirth@stcletusparish.com](mailto:abirth@stcletusparish.com) or (708) 215-5419 with any questions.

## BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 4

**S**ummer is over, time to get back to studying!!! The CREDO committee began facilitating the Bible study class *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* last January, and we are finishing the class this fall from September to November. Each Wednesday night session focuses on a chapter or two of the Gospel of Matthew. For those who are enrolled in the class, we resume on Wednesday Sept 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the Kindergarten room in the Education Building. See you then.

If you are not enrolled in the class, CREDO invites you to come try a session. On September 4, we will be discussing Matthew Chapter 17, the Transfiguration. Class discussion starts at 7:00 p.m. and lasts 45 minutes. After discussion we watch the DVD series by Jeff Cavins. If you wish to view only the video presentation, please arrive at 7:45 p.m.

CREDO charges class participants a fee to cover the cost of the DVDs. To be fair to those who registered, we ask a donation of \$1 per class for drop-ins. We hope you will give the class a try, the video presentations are by noted Catholic author and speaker Jeff Cavins.

In the book *A Still More Excellent Way: How St. Paul Points Us to Jesus* (a book in the parish lending library, which is managed by CREDO), author Joseph Durepos writes:

“Paul says that our first task is quite simple – do not be ashamed of our story. To live as Christians, we must find ourselves within the epic story of our faith. We must approach it with the awe and respect due a legacy of ancient and enduring spiritual heritage. We do this best by studying scripture, by prayer and instruction, and especially by learning the story of Jesus: his life and teachings, his death and resurrection.” (page 3).

Inspired by those words, we hope you will join us for one or more sessions this fall. Questions can be directed to Deb Blecic, [dblecic@hotmail.com](mailto:dblecic@hotmail.com).

**CREDO (C**ontinuing **R**eligious **E**ducation **O**pportunities)

## THE YEAR OF FAITH

### ENJOY THE JOURNEY

by Teresa Tomeo

*“If the work of God could be comprehended by reason, it would no longer be wonderful and faith would have no merit if reason provided proof.”*  
—Pope St. Gregory I, *Homilies on the Gospels*

**I love palm trees. Maybe it’s my southern Italian heritage.** Maybe it’s because summer is my favorite season, and palm trees remind me of sunshine, beaches, and all things summer. Palm trees also remind me of Jesus; it was on my first trip to the Holy Land that I learned there are actually more than two thousand types of palm trees. Try getting your mind around that!

When was the last time you took a moment to be amazed at the beauty and the intricate detail of God’s creation? Of course, it would be a mistake walking around in “la-la land,” ignoring our day-to-day responsibilities. On the other hand, this world would be a pretty boring place if we missed out on all the intricacy and mystery that can be seen best through the eyes of faith. “Thank you, God, for those magnificent palm trees!”

In the introduction of his encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, Pope John Paul II referred to faith and reason as “two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth.” When we take flight with both wings, regarding the world simultaneously through the lenses of faith and intellect, we reach a place where we get to know God as well as ourselves. The words of Pope St. Gregory I help us to realize that we need to enjoy that flight as an amazing journey of discovery.

### Action Step

Whether it’s gazing at palm trees or admiring the petunias on the porch, when was the last time you just contemplated God’s beauty? Or when was the last time you read an article that made you take a closer look at the inner intricacies of what makes the trees and flowers grow? This week, plan an activity that will help you to grow—spiritually or intellectually—in your appreciation for God’s creation.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

# 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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ST. CLETUS  
FINE ARTS  
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### \$25 "UNLIMITED FUN" WRISTBAND INCLUDES:

- 70' Zip Line
- Gameshow "Wipeout" Inflatable
- Euro Bungy Trampoline
- 26' Rock Climbing Wall
- 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](http://stcletusschool.com) or email [fallfest@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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**

<b>SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<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. 55<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

### HERE ARE THREE WAYS YOU CAN CONTINUE TO HELP SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY

(1) Make it routine to **pick up an item or two for the Food Pantry** when you go to the grocery store. Items are flying off the shelves as our volunteers pack the 250+ bags we will need for our next monthly distribution! Choose from our list of most needed items, which, at this time, includes **canned milk, tuna, soup, condiments, canned tomatoes, beans, snacks and crackers**. Remember, **all** in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated! Then, drop off the items in the Church vestibule in the designated food bins located in the Madonna della Strada shrine area, when you come to weekend Mass or daily, from 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(2) Make a **monetary donation** to the Food Pantry. You can drop an envelope marked “Food Pantry” in the Sunday collection or at the rectory. These funds are used to purchase items needed to balance the assortment of staples and extras included in our pre-packed family bags.

(3) **Volunteer to work at the Greater Chicago Food Depository**. On the fourth Wednesday of each month, we send a group of 10-15 volunteers to earn credit for us. At these sessions, we earn \$15.00 worth of food per volunteer. Please check your calendar to see if you might be able to join our volunteer team on one or more of these evenings.

### A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- ♦ Volunteers need to be 14 years old to volunteer at the Food Depository during regular sessions.
- ♦ GCFD is located at 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632, which is a few blocks from I-55 and Pulaski.
- ♦ If you are interested, please contact Jerry Mitchell, who coordinates the St. Cletus volunteers: email [jerry@comcast.net](mailto:jerry@comcast.net) or (630) 849-5857 (Jerry's cell).
- ♦ If you volunteer at the Food Depository on your own, please designate the St. Cletus Food Pantry as the recipient of your volunteer credits. Our Agency Code is A01336.

Again, thank you for your overwhelming generosity.

### Interfaith Community Partners...

...Providing transportation and support for independent living. Here's an easy and tasty way to support the work of Interfaith Community Partners: Eat Italian on the first Thursday of each month. **Alex and Aldo's, located at 720 East 31<sup>st</sup> Street, La Grange Park, (708) 354-1390**, donates 10% of their proceeds on this day to ICP. This includes take-out, delivery, or dining in their small cozy establishment. So this **Thursday, September 5**, eat well and support a great cause!

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

Labor Day is traditionally the day to honor workers in the US and more recently to mark the end of summer. I think it is a most fitting time to celebrate those workers in our Social Concerns Ministry, who dedicate so many volunteer hours to “labor” for God's kingdom all year long, even during the long, hot summer (think Rummage Sale or Summer Food Pantry set-up and distribution). So hats off to you...whether you serve on the Social Concerns Commission or PPC, volunteer your service for the Food Pantry, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Giving Tree, Interfaith Career Network (Employment Ministry), the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Annual Rummage Sale, Interfaith Community Partners, Respect Life, Mission Ladies, Adult Service Projects, other special outreaches, or provide fruits of your “labor” by offering financial support, food for our Pantry, or gifts for our Advent outreach. A sincere thanks for being models of faith in action! And may you have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns

## Social Concerns Ministry Cont:



### FREE ONE-DAY CLINIC VISION – DENTAL – MEDICAL

**Where:** MAX McCook Athletic & Exposition Center  
4750 S. Vernon Avenue, McCook  
**When:** **Saturday, September 7, 2013**  
**Doors Open at 6:30 a.m.**

This clinic program is sponsored by CURE Network, which was created to meet the vital and ever growing need to bring free healthcare to the underserved and those without insurance in the greater Chicagoland area. All services are free and provided by licensed health care professionals who volunteer their time and expertise. Services are offered on a **first come, first served** basis, so please arrive early and bring a snack. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. and must close when they reach the day's capacity. Call 877-278-7631 with questions, or visit [www.curenetwork.org](http://www.curenetwork.org) for more information.



### Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform since 2005

- ◆ The Chicago Archdiocesan Office for Immigrant Affairs invites you to join in solidarity in the effort to gain local congressional support of a bipartisan comprehensive immigration bill, by participating in their 40-day campaign of Prayer, Fasting and Action.
- ◆ The campaign began on August 15, and will culminate in an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 12 (save the date...details to be announced).
- ◆ Many of you have already joined in the postcard campaign which took place at St. Cletus on August 10 and 17. It is not too late to contact your representatives. Postcards to support immigration reform are available in Church narthex or online: [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).
- ◆ Our Parish has committed to focusing its Prayer and Fasting activities for Immigration Reform during the **second week of September**. Please join in by participating in:
  - A day of Adoration: Tuesday, September 3.
  - Rosary before weekday Masses.
  - A personal 8-hour fast one day during this week.
  - A fast from frustration and impatience during the week, replacing them with love and generosity for immigrants and their families.
  - Personal prayer for justice for immigrants and their families.
  - Visit [www.archdiocese.org/immigration](http://www.archdiocese.org/immigration) for campaign information or contact Jim White with any questions: (312) 534-8103 or [jwhite@archchicago.org](mailto:jwhite@archchicago.org).

Thank you for your Christian commitment and accompaniment on this journey for justice for immigrants, as we finally reach the crucial moment for which the Church has worked and prayed so fervently.



## 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](mailto:llbrasky@stcletusparish.com).

***Laura Langseth Brasky***  
Director of Music



## SAINT CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES



**LAURA  
LANGSETH  
BRASKY**

**- SOPRANO -**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup>  
4:00 P.M.**

**ST. CLETUS CHURCH**

## 2013-14 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

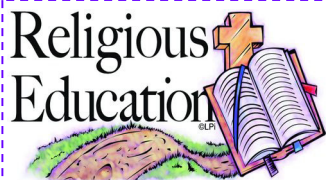
**FRIDAY, NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 PM**  
**CABARET! AN EVENING OF WINE AND**  
**SONG - Piano Bar Night in**  
**Morrissey Hall to benefit the**  
**St. Cletus Fine Arts Series**

**MARCH 2014**  
**FR. KEN BAKER**  
**AND FRIENDS**  
**Proceeds benefit the**  
**St. Cletus Capital Campaign**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 14<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 15<sup>TH</sup> 3:00 PM**  
**TOWER CHORALE**  
**"SPIRIT OF THE SEASON"**  
**Featuring the St. Cletus**  
**Children's Choir**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> 4:00 PM**  
**AN AFTERNOON OF**  
**CHAMBER MUSIC**  
**Jeffrey Panko, Piano**  
**Christopher Ferrer, Cello**  
**Heather Wittels, Violin**

The St. Cletus Fine Arts Series was created in 2009 to present high quality musical performances outside of the liturgical setting. Most concerts are presented free of charge. Freewill offerings are collected to support the St. Cletus Fine Arts Series or other selected charities as announced.



## Religious Education

**C**lasses start next weekend, September 8/9! Make sure your child has the opportunity to share in learning about our loving God. You can still register this week in the RE office or registration forms can be found on the parish website and in the Church narthex. Call the RE office at (708) 215-5415 if you have any questions.

**Reminder:** Students anticipating celebrating their First Communion (second grade) or Confirmation (8th grade) need to be in the program for 2 years prior to the reception of the sacrament. - (1st and 2nd grades and 7th & 8th grades). If you are new to the program, a copy of your child's baptismal certificate is needed.

***Paulette Bolton***

Director of Parish Catechesis/Formation



*Colleen Balla & Alex Smith*  
*Julianne Nelson & Phil Pedi*  
*Amy Callaghan & Josh Gelula*



### ATTENTION LEISURE LOAFERS

**Welcome back to another year!**

**Reminder:** Our September meeting will be on Thursday, September 5, at 1:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall.

I hope to see many good friends in attendance.

*Alice Katzmarch*

### YOU NEED ONLY A DESIRE TO SERVE

You are invited to minister at the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist by using your gifts to proclaim the Scripture at Mass as a lector and/or to assist with offering the Body and Blood of Jesus to our brothers and sisters at Mass as a minister of Communion. It is a privilege to participate and serve one another at the Lord's table. Please consider this invitation. Come and see...

Training for **Lectors** will be from **6:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 5 OR 6:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 17.**

<sup>x</sup> Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will be from **7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, September 5 OR 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17.**

All sessions will be held in the church.

Please contact Paulette Bolton at (708) 215-5415 if you are able to attend.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Holy Name members and ALL men from the parish are invited to the first HNS meeting of the new 2013-14 school year. On Friday, September 6, at 7:45 p.m., we will meet in front of the church for a prayer and then gather in Room 98 in the Education Building for our meeting. Join us and hear what the Holy Name Society is involved with. Dues are \$5. New members are always welcome! Refreshments will follow after the meeting.

*Dan Gibbons*

### ST. CLETUS

#### Book Club



The next book is

*A Thousand Splendid Suns*  
 by Khaled Hosseini

We will meet to discuss it on  
 Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m.  
 (Room 98 in the Education Building)

Questions? Email: [loriashe@aol.com](mailto:loriashe@aol.com)

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us everyday,"

-Sally Koch

## STEWARDSHIP — SUNDAY COLLECTION — AUGUST 25, 2013

Total Active Registered Families 2,731

### Collection Statistics

# of envelopes used this week 575  
% of registered families 21%

### Amount Collected

\$ 18,439 Envelopes Users  
3,339 Loose Check/Cash  
1,665 Electronic Giving

**\$ 23,443 Total Collected**

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

**Over (Under) Budget: (\$3,557)**

This fiscal Year @ 8/25/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 190,472

Budgeted Sunday Collections 216,000

**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ ( 25,528)**

*Thank you for your continued and generous financial support.*

*Fr. Bob Clark  
Pastor*

### *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Luke 13:14*

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return—a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, September 1	7:00 a.m.	C-Narthex/East	Family Fall Fest Ticket Sale
Monday, September 2	<b>ALL Facilities Closed After the 8:00 a.m. Mass</b>		
Tuesday, September 3	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C S-208 C	Adoration & Benediction Teen Planning Meeting Spanish Adoration
Wednesday, September 4	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH S-213 S-98	Market Day RE Catechist Meeting CREDO Matthew Bible Study
Thursday, September 5	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH C C	Leisure Loafers Meeting Lector Training Eucharistic Ministers Training
Friday, September 6	6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	S-Music S-98	Hispanic Choir Holy Name Society
Saturday, September 7	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/West	Family Fall Fest Ticket Sale MANNA Cash & Carry Welcome Committee
Sunday, September 8	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/West	Family Fall Fest Ticket Sale MANNA Cash & Carry Welcome Committee
<b>C...Church</b> Narthex...Church Vestibule (East & West) MH...Morrissey Hall			<b>S...School (Education Building)</b> 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).

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

*Adoration* begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

*Hispanic Adoration* continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

### CONFESSIONS

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

#### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

### 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](mailto:pdrobny@stcletusparish.com).

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