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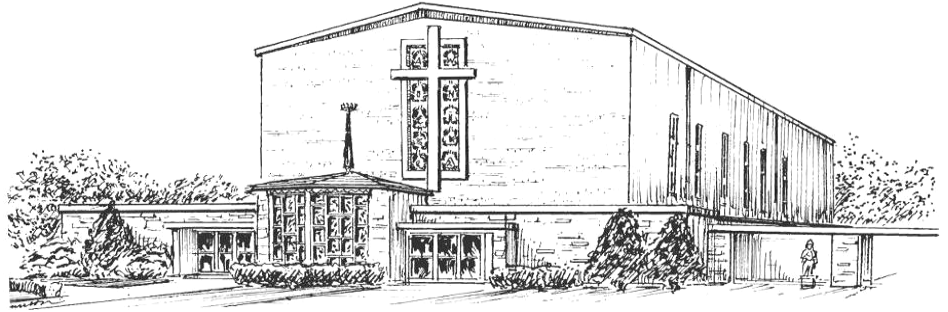
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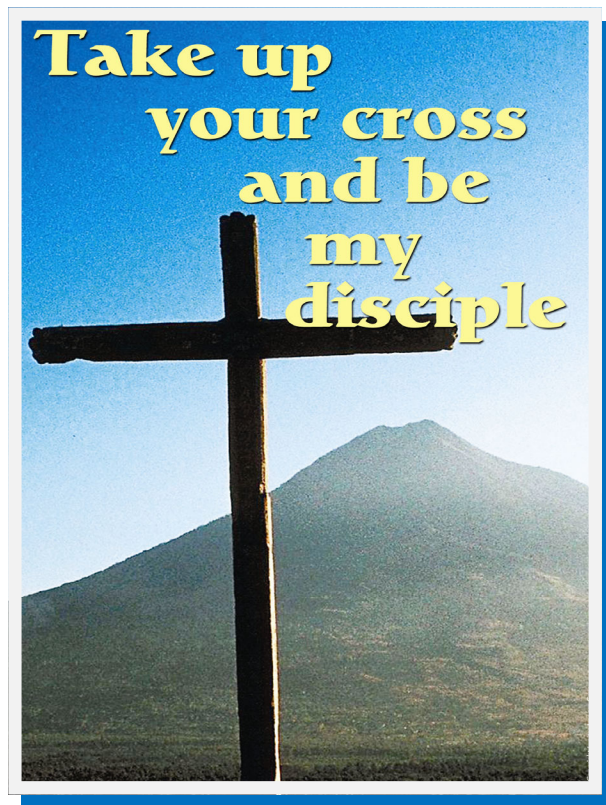
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Sunday, September 8, 2013

Twenty-third 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 9 – September 15, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Ray & Joni Pietrzak, David Howitt
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Robert Kunkel, Edward Vonesh, Estrella Pardilla, Frances Wilson
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Richard Tucker, Margaret Vonesh, Special Intention: Jennifer Trenkemp
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Tecla Kwak, Jozef & James Slowik, Julia Nykiel
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Tom Kigin, Linda Bagal, Erik Geyer
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Frank Wojcik Edward Hrzenjak, Joseph Woss, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, John McTigue, Paul Granger, Jeanne Acke
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Alex Kunsarvich Louis & Sophie Egielski, Monica McKillip, Steven & Robert Firestone Mary Ellen Buckley, Florence Straka Dr. Julio Battistoni, Theodore & Irene Dopart, Marcia Shishman Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Margaret Bauer Fountain, 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 Mateševac, 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.

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



Dennis J. Weydeman,
husband of Julie

Joseph C. Salvitti,
husband of Mary

Harriet Maki,
mother of Paul

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalms — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?



WEDDING BANS

Julianne Nelson & Phil Pedi
Amy Callaghan & Josh Gelula



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I'm sure, to many people, today's gospel appears a little harsh. It is one of the gospel teachings that is difficult to digest. The whole notion of hating your father or mother would seem to go against the grain of society and gospel teaching.

Once upon a time, there was a man named Billy, who was in his early forties. His job offered no creative, financial or promotional opportunities. His emotional life was becoming a mess, and he soon became depressed and sought counseling. In discussion with his doctor, it soon became apparent that Billy was a very creative person, who had given up hope of personal growth because he felt his first duty was care of his family. Behind that sentiment hid the powerful personality of his domineering mother – a very manipulative woman.

The problem was that Billy did not 'hate' his mother sufficiently. Billy was so emotionally bonded to her that he had never become his own person. Billy had spent most of his life running after his mother, without asking himself what he was doing or why he was doing it.

In the Hebrew language, 'hate' was a passionate way of expressing a hundred per cent detachment from something. In this context, it could mean growing out of dependencies and becoming our own person. So, Jesus is inviting us to turn to him for all our needs and give up unhealthy dependencies on others. This invitation asks us to look at our lives afresh, with new eyes that are fixed on the life and teaching of Jesus. We are not to act out of compulsion, but to take control of our lives and know why we are following Jesus Christ. We are being called to stand out from the crowd and be our own person.

In the gospel, great crowds followed Jesus. Some heard that he cured people. The sick followed him because they hoped for a cure. Some heard that he had fed the five thousand. The hungry followed him, hoping to be fed. Others heard that the authorities didn't like Jesus because he stirred up trouble for them. These followed him in the hope that he would be a political leader, freeing them from the oppression of the Romans.

There were so many people following Jesus, all with different reasons, all hoping for their own dreams to become real. Jesus wasn't happy that people followed him blindly and without thinking. He said that to be his followers, they must break from the crowd. If they wanted to join him, there would be a cost, which they must pay on their own – they couldn't depend on others to pay it for them.

Today, there are crowds that follow Jesus. They admire his compassion, his honesty and his miracles. But following Jesus Christ means there must be sacrifice and a cost. The same is true in everything we do: in sport, in exams, in relationships. Whether it's study, or training or discipleship, there is always a price for achieving what we want – 'no pain, no gain.'

One of the best examples is the life of St. Francis. He wanted to follow Jesus; he wanted to commit himself to his faith, but his father refused to allow him. His father took away his money, so that Francis would depend on him; he took away his freedom, by locking and chaining him in the house. St. Francis chose to leave his family, disown his father, and follow Christ – he took a stance which cost him dearly. He became his own person for Christ.

The price we pay—the cost of our following Jesus—isn't always so drastic. However, we must be careful that we put God above everything else, even our dreams. That's the only true way to be a follower of Jesus Christ. There can be nothing material (things or places), nothing emotional (people or family), nothing spiritual (devotions or prayers), which would stop us saying that God is my all. 'In God alone is my soul at rest.' When we grasp that, we are free to be disciples of Jesus. And remember, once Billy was able to break free, he also freed his mother.

Free in Christ Jesus,

*Father Bob
Pastor*

Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time

Hospitality



When I was a kid, my friend Vinnie was a frequent visitor—coming over early and staying late. His mother suffered migraines, which put her in a bad mood. Our home was a haven for him. Years later we moved, and I said good-bye to my friends. One lucky day, I met Joe, who had seven siblings. I felt so welcome in his home that, decades later, when I visited his aging parents, I glanced behind their back door expecting to see my baseball mitt was still there. Hospitality recognizes and responds to the vulnerable state of the stranger. It's good for families to be close. It's even better when close families open their homes and hearts to others who need friendship and an occasional safe place to land. —Tom McGrath

YEAR OF STRONG CATHOLIC PARENTS

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
Monday:	St. Peter Claver
Wednesday:	Patriot Day
Thursday:	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Friday:	St. John Chrysostom
Saturday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

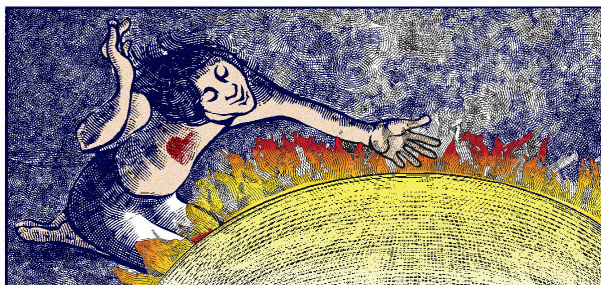
Monday:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]



ITEMS NEEDED FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

The Compassionate Care Ministry delivers Care Baskets to our bereaved families, and we are in need of baskets about 10" in diameter. We could also use ribbon 1-3 inches in wide, new silk flowers, and books of postage stamps for our card mailings. Please mark the items for Compassionate Care Ministry and leave in the Minister's Room in the Church-narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Reta Strecker at (708) 482-3549 or email retastrecker@hotmail.com. Thank you for blessing our bereaved families with your care, compassion, and love!



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 8, 2013

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
 that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
 — Psalm 90:14

**FINAL SUNDAY PRIOR TO KICKOFF MEETING**

As you have been reading and hearing theses past few weeks, our parish is participating in the Parish Transformation Initiative this Fall. Our kickoff meeting is this Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 201 in the Education Building and I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to attend. Even if you are unsure if you can commit to the meetings throughout the Fall, I encourage you to attend the kickoff meeting to learn more so you can make an informed and prayerful decision about participating in the subsequent meetings.

For a brief reminder, Parish Transformation will be our opportunity to:

- ◆ Evaluate and reflect upon how our parish community is called to live out the mission of Christ.
- ◆ Grow Spiritually as individuals and as a parish.
- ◆ Gain ideas from the >80 other parishes in the Archdiocese that have already participated in Parish Transformation.
- ◆ Grow closer together as a parish community.
- ◆ Develop a plan that will provide the roadmap for how we will even more vibrantly live out Christ's mission through our parish.

I hope to see many of you this Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 201 in the Education Building at our kickoff meeting as we begin this exciting journey of Parish Transformation.

Fr. Bob

Pastor

**PATRIOTS DAY**

On September 11, take some time to remember those who died in the terrorist attacks and honor their sacrifice. Say a prayer for the victims and their loved ones and friends.

Lastly, thank God for the men and women who continue to protect and defend freedom throughout the world they are heroes one and all.

THE YEAR OF FAITH

ARE YOU READY FOR HEAVEN?

by Jeff Cavins

“If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.”—Luke 14:26-27

When I was a boy, my dad took me on fishing trips to northern Minnesota for the walleye opening. I cannot begin to tell you how excited I was at the prospect of going up to the lake with Dad and his friends. For weeks I would read Field & Stream magazine, organize my tackle box, and dream of the large fish I would soon catch. More than anything, I looked forward to being with my Dad, lying down at night and listening to him and his friends laugh and play cards and tell stories in the kitchen below. Anticipating those glorious fishing trips was nearly as exciting as the trips themselves.

In the Gospel of Mark (13:24-32), Jesus tells us that there is a day coming when life as we know it will radically change. Unlike those fishing trips, the time of Jesus’ return is unknown—not even the angels know when it will be. All we know for certain is that he will return. This week as we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we recall that one day we will be taken up to meet the Lord, just as she was assumed into heaven.

Can we live in great anticipation of the Lord’s coming, even though we don’t know the time of his return? The answer is yes, if we clearly understand what that return will mean. Our destiny as Christians is the beatific vision, to see God face to face. Think of what that will be like, to look into the face of the Almighty who created the universe. Imagine the thrill of experiencing the new dimensions of heaven, color, sound, knowledge, and yes ... the food. Imagine no more pain, worry, anxiety, or depression. Sound good?

The Lord has told us that he will return, not to put us in a state of alarm but in a state of alert. Just as I tended to the details of a future fishing trip when I was a boy, today I tend to the details of my spiritual life, in preparation for the Lord’s coming. St. Thomas Aquinas calls this daily attitude of preparation “prudence.” Prudence looks forward to the goal we want to attain, then causes us to make appropriate decisions to get us there. If we want to be prepared to meet the Lord and enjoy him forever, we must ask ourselves today: How should I be spending my time and money? What does the Lord, the focal point of history, expect of me today?

Action Step

What one thing would you do differently if you knew the Lord was coming back next week? Take one hour this week, perhaps in adoration, to consider whether there is an area of your life in which your habits are incompatible with heaven.



Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 4-11 pm—RAIN OR SHINE—St. Louise De Marillac Parish in La Grange Park presents their annual Oktoberfest, a family fun festival with free admission! This year our featured band will be, the SYLVIES performing from 8:00-11:00 p.m.. Kid’s Carnival games will also be available from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Traditional Oktoberfest Food will be available for purchase along with imported & domestic beers, wine, pop & water. The menu includes bratwurst, pork tenderloin, potato pancakes, strudel, and for the kids there will be hot dogs & chips.

St. Louise de Marillac Parish is at 31st and Harrison Avenues in La Grange Park, IL. For more information call 708-352-7388 or visit www.slmparish.org/oktoberfest.



SAINT CLETUS PARISH

Living our Faith, Building our Future.

As we continue to move forward with our Building Campaign, just a reminder of the information we distributed to all parishioners last June regarding the downsizing of the building plans as noted below:

Thank you. Through your commitment and your contribution the *Living our Faith, Building our Future* Capital Campaign continues to collect funds towards our new parish center. As you may recall, the main features of the planned parish center are:

- A large gathering area for parish meetings and fellowship
- A gym providing for a safe and competitive area for athletics
- Additional meetings rooms that would be handicap accessible
- And a stage area for school, parish and Fine Arts productions

After further deliberation, research, a tour of another parish facility and prayerful consideration, the Capital Campaign Committee has decided to down size the project without eliminating any of the main features as cited above. This resizing will provide considerable savings, which means we are closer to our goal. Only \$900,000 more is needed to begin construction!

The New Proposal:

- Provides for a Junior High School gym, instead of a high school gym. All the schools that the Cardinals compete with except one play in a Junior High Gym. The new gym will still be larger and safer than Morrissey Hall.
- Reconfigures the proposed office and meeting rooms into only meeting rooms that are handicap accessible. Unfortunately this means we will leave the existing parish offices in the rectory.
- Eliminates the connection between the existing school and the new facility. This cuts costs by eliminating the need for an elevator and the bridge connection to the school.

We have dreamed our dreams, but must now face the reality of what we are able to afford.

UPDATE

OUR GOAL \$5,000,000

Families Contributing with Pledge	619
Families Contributing with non-pledge gift	240
Total Families Contributing	859
Total Contributions thr	
Total Contributions through Family Pledges and non-pledged gifts	\$3,042,894
Total Collected to date	\$1,629,754
Contributions <u>still needed</u> through Family Pledges and non-pledged gifts	\$1,957,106

SECOND COLLECTION - Weekend of September 14/15— please be generous!

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Did you know that September 2013 is the sixth annual Hunger Action Month? With 860,670 food insecure individuals in Cook County, it is more important than ever to take action against hunger. Whether it's giving money, time, food or lending your voice to the issue of hunger, there's something everyone can do to help. What is your way?

We already know that the parishioners of St. Cletus are most generous in helping us maintain our community Food Pantry. We appreciate your ongoing support! **There's still time to donate items for this Thursday's distribution:**

- ♦ **Most needed items are extras including cooking oil, coffee, juice, powdered drink mixes, laundry detergent and diapers (especially sizes 5 & 6). Of course, all in date non-perishables are appreciated!**
- ♦ **Please drop off your donations in the designated food bins in Church weekdays, 7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or at the rectory during office hours, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- ♦ We will again be having our "share the wealth" fresh produce drive. On **Thursday, September 12, from 4:45-5:45 p.m. in the Church narthex**, we will be accepting your donations of **fresh produce**, whether from your home gardens or the produce section of the grocery store. It is important to remember that we can accept such donations only at this time, because of storage and distribution limitations.
- ♦ A special word of thanks to the graduating scouts of St. Cletus Girl Scout Troop 290, who donated \$420.89 to the Food pantry. We greatly appreciate this generous show of support!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

As most of you know, I recently did my Eagle Scout Project in conjunction with the St. Cletus Food Pantry. I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your generous donations, monetary and otherwise. Without all of your help and the help of the community, my project could not have gotten off the ground. On August 15, I distributed 425 bags to grades preschool through high school. I had supplies (grade specific) to service 550 kids. I expect more to be gone over the next few days with late registers.

*Thank you,
Jeff Wolf*

A LOOK AHEAD

The Food Pantry volunteers and the families who benefit from this ministry, are very grateful to the young men aspiring to become Eagle Scouts, who have stepped forward to spearhead projects that benefit this community outreach. We also greatly appreciate the encouragement and support our parishioners and friends throughout the community give to these dedicated young men. Here are the details of an upcoming effort to address current needs.

"My name is John Balch. For my Boy Scout Eagle project, I will be working with Troop 19 to collect personal care products for client families that use the St. Cletus Food Pantry. These products will be distributed on October 10. I am asking if you could help me by donating specific personal care products including: soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, and deodorant. Please look for us during the weekends of September 14/15 and September 21/22, before and after all Masses when we will be in the church narthex, handing out flyers listing what we need and collection dates/information. Thank you for helping the St. Cletus Food Pantry and many people in our community."

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Social Concerns Ministry Cont:

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

YOUR BRAIN, YOUR INTERVIEW

Please join us on Thursday, September 19 from 7-9 pm for an interesting program on how the brain works... replacing negative messages with positive ones so you can be at your best for your interview and life in general. Our speaker, Joan Zietlow, is a Holistic Health Coach, RN, Brain Management Consultant, Laugh Leader and Loving Healer. Learn a stress reduction breathing technique and an exercise that allows you to use your whole brain in order to be more focused and able to process information better and more quickly. Come prepared to have fun and move with your shoes off while relearning how to listen to your body and experience an opportunity to feel its ability to heal itself. This program is open to all and there is no charge to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Education Building, 700 West 55th Street in La Grange. Please enter the building at the flag pole entrance.

JOB SUPPORT GROUP WORKSHOP

We invite you to join us at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange for a five week job support skills workshop on Tuesday evenings beginning September 17 from 7-9 pm. Whether you have lost your job or are looking for a new one, this workshop is for you. First Presbyterian Church is located at 150 South Ashland Avenue. Meetings will be held in Westminster Hall. Please enter church on Catherine Avenue. This workshop is open to all and there is no charge to attend. For further information, please call the church office at 708.354.0771. We hope you will join us!

Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?

—Cicero

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



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

1st Lt. Sara Jean Sedlacek, USA
Pvt. Paul Jacobson, USMC
Nick Radziwon, US Navy
1st Lt. Thomas G. Dybicz, USA Ranger
Lt. Cdr. Amy Sloan Bloyd, US Coast Guard
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Captain Anthony Cech, USA Chaplain
Sgt. Franklyn Cuchana, USA
2nd Lt. Thomas G. Dybicz, USA Ranger
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M/Sgt. Patrick Hegeman, USMC
Sgt. Joseph Kaminski, USA
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Capt. Steven Muscolino, USAF
Spf. Kyle Nicholson, USA
Pvt. James Reisel, USA
S/Sgt. Daniel Hattie, USAF
Pfc. Matthew Sparks, USMC
Capt. Charlie Drucker, USA
Major Christopher Strahlman, USA
M/Sgt. Anthony Zito, USA



SAINT CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES



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**SUNDAY, SEPT. 8TH
4:00 P.M.**

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

2013-14 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

FRIDAY, NOV. 11TH 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. 14TH 8:00 PM
SUNDAY, DEC. 15TH 3:00 PM
TOWER CHORALE
"SPIRIT OF THE SEASON"
Featuring the St. Cletus
Children's Choir

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH 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.



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 lbrasky@stcletusparish.com.

Laura Langseth Brasky

Director of Music

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH ON THE ST. CLETUS GROUNDS

FAMILY FALL FEST

Noon till 4pm
Fun for the whole family!

FREE PERFORMANCES
1pm Magician Paul Lee
3pm Jim Gill

\$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
6-10:30pm

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

ON SALE AFTER WEEKEND MASSES



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INSEARCH DISCERNMENT OCTOBER 2013 TO MARCH 2014

The **INSEARCH** program helps men gain clarity in their vocation by discussing discernment and the call of discipleship and priesthood. Chicago priests tell their stories and offer presentations on spirituality and the life of a priest. Weekly prayer times and scripture reflections are included. Spiritual direction is encouraged for the **INSEARCH** participant to help him on his spiritual journey.

INSEARCH OFFERS PRESENTATIONS ON:

- ☐ evangelization
- ☐ prayer
- ☐ how to discern God's will
- ☐ celibacy

God, the source of creation and love,
You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift.
May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.

Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same.

Amen

STEWARDSHIP — SUNDAY COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

Total Active Registered Families 2,731

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used this week 597
 % of registered families 22%

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000
Over (Under) Budget: \$88

This fiscal Year @ 9/1/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 217,560

Budgeted Sunday Collections 243,000**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (25,440)****Amount Collected**

\$ 22,375 Envelopes Users
 3,056 Loose Check/Cash
 1,657 Electronic Giving
\$ 27,088 Total Collected

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

Fr. Bob Clark, Pastor

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, September 8	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/West C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/West C	Youth Ministry Family Fall Fest Ticket Sale MANNA Cash & Carry Welcome Committee Fine Arts Concert featuring Laura Langseth Brasky
Monday, September 9	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-200	Junior Choir Rehearsal Athletic Association Meeting
Tuesday, September 10	7:00 p.m.	S-213	Social Concerns Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 11	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-201 S-98 S-200	Parish Transformation Meeting CREDO Matthew Bible Study Baptism Prep Class
Thursday, September 12	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	C-Narthex S-Music S-Music	Food Pantry Distribution Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal Chancel Choir
Friday, September 13	2:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	MH-Lobby S-Music	MANNA Cash & Carry Hispanic Choir
Saturday, September 14	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	S-200 C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/West	PreCana Eagle Scout Project Family Fall Fest Ticket Sale
Sunday, September 15	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/West MH	Eagle Scout Project Family Fall Fest Ticket Sale Mexican Independence Day Fiesta
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

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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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.