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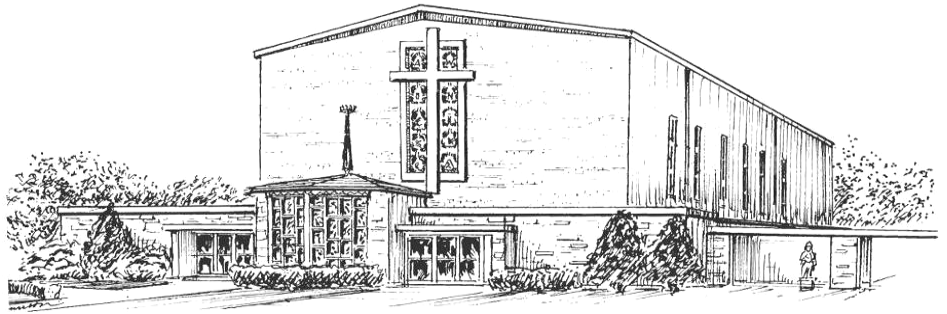
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Sunday, October 20, 2013

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**All are welcome.**

**Handicapped parking is located in front of church.**

**Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.**

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

## Mass Intentions for the Week of October 21 – October 27, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Sorce, Walter Maveety
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Nancy Nelson, Frank Wojcik
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Ramona Symms, Harry Fisher
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Marcie Johnston
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Dolores E. Kuchta, Edwin & Emma Palzer Debbie Sipek, Theresia Linsmaier, Georgia Popp, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Special Intention: Claudine Snow Family
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Anne Selep, Craig Londowski Richard & Kathleen Mladenik, Edie Wisner Chester & Anne Koziol, Joseph Salvitti, Ethel Maveety Family Celina & Pedro Lopez, Harry Scaccia, Mary Grace Marshall, Helen Kaminski Souls in Purgatory



Please remember our sick in your prayers:  
 Dave McCoy, Eric Sanchez,  
 Anna Mae McCormick, 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,  
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 Steven Onusaitis, Lorraine Walter, Pam Wilson,  
 Loretta Harwood, Marilyn Mateševac, Joe Butkus,  
 Elizabeth Dougherty, Barbara Stamm,  
 Teddy Kowalski, 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.



*Wedding Banns*  
**Melissa Rodgers & John Karabowicz**  
**Tammy Mack & Mike Cairo**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 20, 2013**

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;  
 whence shall help come to me?  
 My help is from the LORD,  
 who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the *Sacrament of Anointing* at a **Special Mass** on Saturday, October 26, at **10:00 a.m.** We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament.

For more information, please call the rectory at (708) 352-6209.

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



**Wayne Alfonso Santi,**  
 husband of Priscilla



**Joan Mokos,**  
 grandmother of Mickey Mokos



**Michael Lapolla,**  
 husband of Ofelia



**Sue Shannon,**  
 wife of the late Brian Shannon

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

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

### **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2013**

*Harry, a successful businessman, had gotten where he was by being very careful with his money. After years of prosperity, the country and world were suddenly plunged into deep recession. Harry's business was badly hit and he was in danger of bankruptcy. He went into church and prayed to God. "Lord," he prayed, "this is Harry. You know me. I come to church every Sunday. I try to lead a good life. But now I've fallen on hard times. My wife and family are suffering. Lord, please get me out of this. Please let me win the lottery." Saturday came. There was no lottery win for Harry. A second time he went to church. "Lord," he prayed, "I can't impress upon you enough the urgency of my situation. Please, Lord let me win the lottery." Saturday came: still nothing. A third time Harry went to church. "Lord, I'm desperate. Please, please, let me win the lottery." At that moment a voice came from heaven. "Harry, can't you meet me half way? Can't you at least BUY A LOTTERY TICKET?"*

*We're inclined to be a bit upset about the kind of prayer Harry prayed. We think it's unworthy, or at least in bad taste, to pray so blatantly for something for yourself. We think we should be praying for more commendable things, or better still, we shouldn't be asking for things at all. However, that's not how Jesus talks about prayer. Whenever Jesus talks about prayer in the gospels, it is nearly always to urge his followers to ask for things from their heavenly Father. The parable in today's gospel is a good example. Jesus urges his friends to be persistent in asking God for what they need and what they want. Harry had something in common with the widow in today's gospel. First, he was persistent and, second, he asked for what he really wanted. True, he failed to play his part in the transaction, but two out of three isn't bad!*

*The widow in the parable is being held up to the disciples as a model in prayer. The message is: keep on praying. Be persistent. The unjust judge does not stand for God. Jesus is not saying that God is reluctant to answer prayer. He is CONTRASTING God with the unjust judge. God's desire to help is being contrasted with the unjust judge's reluctance to help. When we persist in our prayer, we are expressing our faith in God's willingness and desire to help us; we are affirming our belief in God's goodness. We are acknowledging our dependence on God for everything we have and everything we are.*

*Jesus is very realistic about prayer. He understands that we often reach out in prayer to God when we are desperate. When someone we love is seriously ill, we bombard heaven with our prayers. We ask others to pray for them; the more prayers the better. At that moment, we have no doubt about what we want and we have no difficulty in asking God for it. That kind of prayer in which we pester God, and go on pestering him, is just the kind of prayer that Jesus urges his followers to pray. It's not an inferior kind of prayer. It's not a selfish prayer. It is the foundation of all prayer. Let's be clear what we are praying for: we're praying for the person we love to get better. We're appealing to God precisely for that. We shouldn't try to make our prayer 'respectable' by praying "that the doctors and nurses will be inspired to do their job properly." Of course, we can pray for that as well. However, we are first and foremost praying that our loved one will be restored to health. Questions about how God answers prayer have no place in times like these. There are theological questions about prayer and how God answers prayer, but they have nothing to do with the business of actually praying. When we kneel down to say our prayers, we do so in a simple and straightforward way, taking Jesus at his word: "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Like the widow in the parable, like Harry the businessman, we know what we want and we simply go on asking God for it.*

### **SOME GREAT NEWS!!!!**

**I AM VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR SCHOOL WILL BE RECEIVING A LARGE GIFT TO IT'S ENDOWMENT FUND IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ONE OF OUR LOYAL ST. CLETUS PARISHIONERS HAS GIFTED THE SCHOOL ENDOWMENT IN HER WILL. WE THANK HER FOR HER GENEROSITY AND ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR HER AND HER HUSBAND, AS THEY RESIDE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM.**

**THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND US ALL TO REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN OUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENTS. MAY GOD ALWAYS BLESS ALL OF OUR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS.**

*Father Bob*  
Pastor



## PERSISTENT PRAYER

To the best of our knowledge, the authors of the New Testament did not spend much time in each other's company following the Resurrection. They took their charge to go to the nations and spread the Good News seriously. Paul and Luke are an exception to this, having travelled together on missionary journeys. It is no accident, then, that perseverance in prayer is a favorite theme of both authors. Luke's Gospel (which speaks most frequently about Jesus' own prayer), Acts, and the Pauline Letters all exhort us to unceasing prayer.

Paul's personality was certainly tenacious; he most likely would have admired the persistent widow in today's Gospel passage. The purpose of these passages is not to make us think—as infants and toddlers do—that if we keep asking or yelling or crying we will eventually get our way. No, the point is that when true disciples believe in something, we will persist in following that belief whether it is convenient or not, even when we come up against seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

## THE YEAR OF FAITH

### What God Wants of Us

by Heidi Saxton

*"Give me wealth or want,  
Delight or distress,  
Happiness or gloominess,  
Heaven or hell,  
Sweet life, sun unveiled,  
To you I give all.  
What do you want of me?"  
—Teresa of Avila "In the Hands of God," Poem II*

Today we celebrate the feast day of Teresa of Avila, a Doctor of the Church who is said to have observed, "There are more tears shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones." This sixteenth-century Carmelite captured my imagination soon after I entered the Catholic Church in 1994 as a single adult. At a time when the two options available to most women were marriage or the convent – and consequently the convents were full of unconverted hearts – she abandoned herself to divine providence, and went on to reform her community purely out of love for God. This kind of passion, I wanted. Though she is perhaps best known for her poem that begins, "Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you, all things pass away, God never changes," St. Teresa endured true hardship and opposition, often from those within her own order. Yet she repeatedly offered her heart with faith and tenderness to "Her Majesty," trusting God to give her exactly what she needed, when she most needed it.

Each of us faces such moments when our faith is tested, almost to the limit, by the circumstances and people who surround us. "Please God, I have faith that you will do this for me."

But today we stop to contemplate another, deeper truth: That faith is as much about what we do not see – about the prayers that go unanswered – as it is about receiving the miracle we asked for. Sometimes faith is not in the receiving, but in the trusting.

### Action Step

When was the last time you had to exercise faith by choosing to trust in God even when he did not answer your prayers as you'd hoped? What did it teach you that you could not have learned any other way?



## Stewardship of Treasure

### St. Cletus Parish Balance Sheets June 30, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Parish Checking/Payroll Accounts	\$ 149,100	\$ 169,183
Parish Savings Accounts	60,872	83,523
Auxiliary Group Bank Accounts	132,497	171,061
Prepaid Deposit/Prepaid Expenses	11,316	40,898
Restricted School Endowment investment at market value (1) (2)	566,620	558,284
Unrestricted Parish investments at market value (3)	608,802	1,049,549
Parish investments Pledged to Building Campaign Fund (4)	500,000	-
Restricted Building Fund Campaign Accounts (1) (5)	<u>831,846</u>	<u>274,781</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,861,053</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,347,279</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 101,786	\$ 203,833
Tuition deposits	<u>134,692</u>	<u>123,658</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 236,478</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 327,491</u></b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,624,575</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,019,788</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,861,053</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,347,279</u></b>

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

(2) - 2013 Column includes \$5,150 of contributions, (\$50,000) of distributions and \$53,186 of unrealized gains.

(3) - 2013 Column includes \$59,253 of unrealized gain in parish investments.

(4) - The Parish Pledged \$500,000 to the Building Campaign Fund in 2013.

(5) - 2013 and 2012 Building Fund expenses include \$4,119 and \$29,529 paid after the end of the respective fiscal years.

**St. Cletus Parish**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expense**  
**Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b><u>Church Revenue</u></b>		
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 1,406,833	\$ 1,383,732
Christmas collections	197,076	204,307
Easter collections	105,166	101,000
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	109,424	111,546
Estate/Bequest/Memorial Donations	1,100	45,339
Net Auxiliary groups' revenue (expense)	(760)	23,837
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	35,438	40,124
Other income - i.e. Fine Arts, outreach, vigils, sacramental fees	<u>184,054</u>	<u>226,414</u>
<b>Total Church Revenue</b>	<u>2,038,331</u>	<u>2,136,299</u>
<b><u>Church Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	915,255	874,957
Books/supplies/liturgical	105,748	120,358
Administrative/office/professional services/technology	73,069	74,123
Utilities	49,326	52,981
Maintenance & repairs	87,719	172,952
Archdiocesan assessments/Insurance	285,606	297,798
Long Range Plan/Development/Facility Feasibility Study	-	5,051
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	35,514	40,674
Miscellaneous - i.e. Fine Arts, ministry formation, outreach	<u>204,511</u>	<u>204,828</u>
<b>Total Church Expenses</b>	<u>1,756,748</u>	<u>1,843,722</u>
<b>Church Net Surplus</b>	<u>\$ 281,583</u>	<u>\$ 292,577</u>
<b><u>School Revenue</u></b>		
Tuition & fees	\$ 1,836,223	\$ 1,842,561
Fundraising events, Annual Fund, School Endowment gifts	143,186	212,016
Unrealized gain (loss) from school endowment investment	<u>53,186</u>	<u>(3,955)</u>
<b>Total School Revenue</b>	<u>2,032,595</u>	<u>2,050,622</u>
<b><u>School Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	1,936,892	1,950,612
Books / instructional / technology / admin	135,221	121,612
Maintenance & repairs	120,540	104,423
Utilities	52,796	64,702
Insurance / assessment	68,799	67,398
Other-i.e. fees, meetings, speakers, advertising	<u>37,749</u>	<u>36,224</u>
<b>Total School Expense</b>	<u>2,351,997</u>	<u>2,344,971</u>
<b>Parish Support to School</b>	<u>\$ (319,402)</u>	<u>\$ (294,349)</u>
<b>PARISH OPERATING (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (37,819)</b>	<b>\$ (1,772)</b>
<b><u>Other income and Expense</u></b>		
Building Fund Campaign Revenue Collections	589,875	459,104
Building Fund Expense (architect, consultant, mailings, printing, etc)	(7,400)	(213,852)
Interest Income	878	1,412
Unrealized gain from parish investment	<u>59,253</u>	<u>24,640</u>
<b>NET PARISH SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$ 604,787</u>	<u>\$ 269,532</u>

## **Summary of the Parish Financial Report**

- The parish finished the June 30, 2013 fiscal year with an operating deficit (the highlighted line of the Statement of Revenue and Expense) of \$37,819. This means that ordinary parish expenses exceeded ordinary revenue by \$37,819.
- The parish's Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections for the year ended June 30, 2013 increased by \$20,000 from the previous year.
- In 2013, parishioners who died gave bequests of \$1,100 to the parish. This compares with \$45,000 in 2012.
- The \$42,000 decrease in "other income" was caused by a decrease in miscellaneous and food pantry contributions.
- Changes in 2013 personnel and insurance costs caused combined parish and school salaries and benefits to increase by \$27,000.
- Maintenance and repair for the church, school and rectory decreased by \$69,000 in 2013.
- School fundraising income fell by \$57,000 in 2013. School endowment contributions declined \$12,000. Significant changes were made to increase administration and parental involvement in school fundraising activities in recent months in order to address these declines.
- In order to match archdiocesan reporting, unrealized gains and losses from the school endowment have been moved from "other income and expense" into school revenue. This change did not impact the bottom line of the parish for 2012. The unrealized gains from the school endowment in 2013 were \$53,186.
- The parish support of the school increased from \$294,349 in 2012 to \$319,402 in 2013.
- Building fund campaign collections received during 2013 were \$589,875. Building fund campaign expenses for 2013 were \$7,400. Because building fund activity is not part of the normal operations of the parish, it is not included in the parish's operating surplus.
- During the year ended June 30, 2013, the parish's investment account had net unrealized gains of \$59,253. Because investment gains are not part of the normal operations of the parish, they are not included in the parish's operating surplus.
- The 2013 balance sheet allocates the \$1,108,802 parish investment between two lines due to the parish's \$500,000 pledge to the capital campaign.
- The asbestos removal and remodeling project that occurred in the school's main corridor and the recent school boiler repairs are not reflected in these financial statements because they occurred after June 30, 2013. These July and August 2013 projects will be reported in 2014.

After all masses on October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>, members of the parish finance committee will be available to answer your questions outside of Church. Please feel free to ask questions.

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

David J. Smith, St. Cletus Parish Finance Committee



# CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS' GROUP

*Health Care & The Human Person: Have We Lost Our Perspective?*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013**

*Discover how to uphold the principles of the Catholic Faith in the practice of medicine, focusing on the dignity of the human person.*

**Drury Lane Theatre & Conference Center**  
100 Drury Lane  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181



## SCHEDULE

**COCKTAILS** 6:00 – 6:30PM  
**DINNER** 6:30 – 7:30PM  
**PROGRAM** 7:00 – 9:00PM  
**SOCIAL** 9:00 – 11:00PM

## PANEL

**Dr. Robert Lawler:** *Pro-Life OB/GYNE*  
**Dr. Michael O'Connell:** *Pro-Life Internist*  
**Mary Ann Krupa:** *Pro-Life Nurse*  
**Mr. Tom Brejcha:** *President & Chief Counsel of Thomas More Society*  
**Ms. Erica Laethem, PhD(c):** *Director Clinical Ethics Presence Health*  
**Father Tim Fiala:** *Roman Catholic Priest (Bioethics)*  
**Chris & Mary Anne Yep:** *Owners of Triune Health Group*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### SHEILA LIAUGMINAS

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For more information contact Mary Beth E. Sutkowski, MD, at [mbsutkowski@paragonclin.com](mailto:mbsutkowski@paragonclin.com)



## Social Concerns Ministry

### Volunteers Needed

...to help assemble the tags for this year's Giving Tree Project. This is a great service opportunity for all ages, from junior high on up to older adults. We will be working on Tuesday, October 22, in Room 213 in the Education Building, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., and again from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Enter the building at the flagpole door. Please contact me to let me know if you can help or with any questions: (708) 215-5418 or [mford@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mford@stcletusparish.com).

### Giving Tree

Registration for this year's Giving Tree Project began on October 17. As we approach Thanksgiving, there will be many volunteer opportunities, such as the one featured above, as we prepare for this event. Also, both Gift and Food Basket Request tags will be available for you on the trees in church on November 16-17. Please watch the Canticle and the parish website for further details!

### Food Pantry

The struggle to pay bills and provide food and shelter for their family continues for many people in our community, as evidenced by the long lines we experienced at the October 11 food distribution. Thank you for your generosity in making this ministry possible; we are most appreciative of your overwhelming response to the specific needs published weekly in the Canticle.

- As we prepare for another large distribution in November, items most needed include **canned tomatoes/tomato sauce, cereal, dry pinto beans, boxed sides, soup, meals in a can/box, canned meats, extras such as snacks, crackers, baking goods, etc. and diapers, size 5-6.**
- We are collecting **Jewel stamps for Rachel Ray Dinnerware** for our Advent Giving Tree Outreach. If you are not collecting them for yourself, please put the stamps in an envelope and place with your food donations, or drop the envelope in the collection basket, or at the rectory.
- A special word of appreciation to Cub Scout Pack #216, whose October 16 food collection helped to replenish our shelves, and to the Flying High Parents Club, who worked with the Outreach Program, to provide the pantry with 20 boxes of meals which their volunteers packaged.

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns

### LINKEDIN WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Tuesday, October 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m. for a helpful and informative workshop. Aileen Gilipin, Principal with AGilipin consultants, will show you how to get started on LinkedIn by setting up a compelling profile, how to build connections, how to find professional opportunities, how to get noticed by employers and how you can effectively use this online resource. LinkedIn is a social networking site designed specifically for the business community. With a world's membership of 225 million people, the goal is to allow registered members to stay in touch with colleagues and classmates, discover professional opportunities, as well as a means of getting the latest news, inspiration and insights that you need to be great at what you do. There is no cost to attend this session. We look forward to welcoming you in Westminster Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue.

Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

## CELEBRATE THE ROSARY TODAY



Come visit our table devoted to the Rosary in the narthex today. St. Cletus' Living Rosary is honoring Mary today with medals, rosaries and books, as well as coloring sheets for her youngest believers. We are also able to repair broken rosaries and will collect extra rosaries to pass on to others. On Sunday, we will pray the entire Rosary in Room 98 in The Education Building right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This takes just over an hour and is a step by step journey through Mary's life and obedient response to God's plan.

Consider becoming a member of a Living Rosary. Each member says one decade of the rosary every day at their convenience, so that the 15 members say complete Rosary by joining their prayers together. It only takes a few minutes but can become a moving, intimate way of approaching Mary and Our Father each day. For more information on the Living Rosary, please talk to us today or call Mary Lu Gebka at (708) 579-3987.

## Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time

### Fidelity

Too often fidelity is defined negatively as the mere avoidance of its opposite—personal betrayal. But fidelity encompasses all the ways we nurture and develop the positive feelings in any relationship.

That would include acknowledging a family member's feelings, going out of our way to do something nice for a spouse, or calling a grandparent just to say hi. It is important to guide our children in ways to practice fidelity so they taste the joy of commitments nurtured and friendships celebrated. Show them they have responsibilities to the family, too. Affirm them when they show thoughtfulness to other family members. Encourage them to keep their promises to family members and friends. Most important, point to ways God has always shown fidelity to you in your life. —Tom McGrath



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## WORD OF LIFE

The courage and grace known by those women who choose life—in the face of fear, uncertainty, parental or partner intimidation, seemingly insurmountable odds—make them today's heroes. They are joined by the many who counsel, support, and nurture them both before and after the birth of their child. Such self-giving love—especially in the face of forty years of “choice”—is powerfully transformative of mother, of child, of families, of cultures.”

Bachiochi, Esq., “*Life Matters: Roe Plus 40*,” *Respect Life Program 2013*.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



## SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Vatican II called the Eucharist the “**source and summit of Christian life!**” (LG II)

Adults (ages 18-39) are invited to learn about the Catholic faith and celebrate the Eucharist in Holy Adoration at a dynamic new ministry: **Spirit and Truth.**

Spirit and Truth brings young adults into a deeper relationship with Christ through the worship of Jesus in the **Blessed Sacrament**, study of **Church teachings**, **Sacred Scripture** and celebration of **Catholic traditions** while forming of a community of **life-giving relationships.**

Spirit and Truth meets **every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** in the rectory of St Louise de Marillac Church (1144 Harrison Ave in La Grange Park) for discussion and will move to the church for holy Adoration from 8:00 `til 9:00 p.m. This is a truly **transformational ministry** so we encourage all who are interested to join us! If you have any questions, please contact John @ (708) 567-6871 or [Enderusment@gmail.com](mailto:Enderusment@gmail.com).

## Youth Ministry Update!

### 2013-2014 Teen Faith Formation Program

The moment you have all been waiting for! Our first small group gathering, will be on **Sunday, November 3, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at St. Cletus**. Come to play games and get to know your small group and small group leaders. Ice cream will be provided. All are welcome to join us and anyone planning to be assigned to a small group should attend! I will need parents to help with serving ice cream! Please contact Amanda for more information.

### Teen Hosted Mass

Our first teen hosted Mass this year will be on **Sunday, October 20, at 11:00 a.m.** in Church. We are looking for teens to serve as lectors and sing. Please contact Amanda for more information!



### KAIROS #15

Thank you to everyone who signed up for our K15 Retreat! I'm excited for a fantastic weekend! Please keep our teens and adults in your prayers.

### Stay Up-To-Date on Our Activities and Events

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

### Church League Basketball

Church league registration is now open, forms can be found on the St. Cletus Youth web page, and should be turned into the St. Cletus Rectory: Attention Amanda Birth. I'm looking forward to great season!

Any questions? Contact Amanda Birth at [abirth@stcletusparish.com](mailto:abirth@stcletusparish.com) or (708) 215-5419

### Amanda Birth

Youth Ministry Director

### CREDO BEGINS CATHOLIC FILM SERIES

**CREDO** is pleased to present a Catholic film series this year. Each month we will show a different film.

Our first movie night will be Friday, October 25. We will show the 2012 film *For Greater Glory*. This movie is based on the true story of the Cristero War in Mexico in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Cristero means soldier for Christ. Film critic Phil Boatwright called the film "a compelling, thoughtful homage to religious freedom."

We hope you can join us for the first CREDO movie night. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 98 in the Education Building.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

### SAVE THE DATE!



The Comboni Missionaries, who are celebrating 75 years of mission work in North America, invite you to attend our 47th annual Comboni Dinner Dance at Via Bella in Countryside the evening of **Saturday, November 2**. This year our special guest of honor will be Francis Cardinal George, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

A fabulous meal will be offered, as well as live music by Nino Folino. The event also features an open bar and raffle. The Dinner Dance starts with cocktails and appetizers at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are only \$70 (and tables of 10 are available). For your ticket, raffle chances, or further information please contact the Comboni Missionaries at 1615 E. 31st Street, La Grange Park, IL, or call at (708) 354-1999 or email [cmoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmoffice@sbcglobal.net).



# BAKERS SQUARE®

Restaurant & Pies

Wondering what's for dinner? No problem! On Monday, October 21, take the night off and let Baker's Square handle that age old question... **"What's for dinner?"** Head on over to Baker's Square on La Grange Road between 5:00-8:00 p.m. to eat, socialize, and support St. Cletus. Come in for dinner, a slice of pie or just stop in to say hi and pick up a whole pie for dessert at home! A portion of all sales benefits St. Cletus School. No flyer required! We hope to see you there!

**Dear St. Cletus Parishioners,**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class is selling Market Day Desserts to help raise funds for their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance. Our goal is to sell 500+ pies.

Please consider ordering a dessert to support this effort.

These are delicious desserts for Thanksgiving and Christmas, or you can give them as gifts for holiday parties, friends, relatives, neighbors or co-workers. There are a selection of 12 pies, 1 cheesecake and 1 cake. Product descriptions and photos are available on [marketday.com](http://marketday.com). Please note all desserts come frozen.

**If you normally order Market Day, your online dessert order counts towards our goal.**

There are 3 ways to order:

- ◆ Online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com)
- ◆ Submit order using Market Day Order form found in the back of Church with payment to the School office by Wednesday, October 30.
- ◆ Order from any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student.

**Pickup is November 6, 2013, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Cletus - Morrissey Hall**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schramka @ (708) 352-2868 or [mes1234@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mes1234@sbcglobal.net)



## PROGRAMS AT THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

A sponsored ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph.

### **Cosmology- Contemplation-Christianity**

Saturday, October 26: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Our understanding that we live in an evolving Universe flaring forth some 13.8 billion years ago is inviting us to see our faith through a new lens, a new consciousness. This day will explore how our evolving consciousness and the insights from cosmology and science resonate with the wisdom of the mystics and invite us to live out of a contemplative heart. Sr. Nancy Sylvester is the past president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and served for 15 years on the staff of

NETWORK, the national Catholic social justice lobby. She is the founder and current president of the Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue.

Facilitator: Nancy Sylvester, IHM

COST: \$75 includes lunch

*This program is co-sponsored in collaboration with two neighboring parishes: St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier.*

All programs are held at The Well Spirituality Center, located at The Congregation of St. Joseph, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park, 60526. To learn more about The Well's programs or to register, please call (708) 482-5048 or email [thewell@csjoseph.org](mailto:thewell@csjoseph.org).

**STEWARDSHIP — SUNDAY COLLECTION — October 13, 2013**

Total Active Registered Families 2,726

**Collection Statistics**

# of envelopes used this week 595  
 % of registered families 22%

**Amount Collected**

\$ 21,165 Envelopes Users  
 2,238 Loose Check/Cash  
 2,044 Electronic Giving

**Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000****Over (Under) Budget: (\$1,553)**

This fiscal Year @ 10/13/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$ 370,298

Budgeted Sunday Collections 405,000**YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ ( 34,702)****\$ 25,447 Total Collected**

*We thank you for your continued and generous financial support. Along with the volunteering of your time and talents you contribute to the Kingdom of God here on earth.*

*Fr. Bob Clark, Pastor*

**“...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...” 2 TIMOTHY 4:2**

**I**t is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Yet, we must be persistent even when it is inconvenient. This persistence marks the true follower of Christ.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE</b>			
<b>DAY/DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION/ ROOM #</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Sunday, October 20	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 12:30 p.m.	C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/West S-98 Parking Lot	Living Rosary Table MANNA Cash & Carry Recite the Living Rosary Teen Gather for Crop Walk
Monday, October 21	9:00 p.m.	MH	Men's Basketball
Tuesday, October 22	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	RB Rectory DR S-201	PPC RCIA Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group
Wednesday, October 23	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	RB S-201	Mission Ladies Parish Transformation Meeting
Thursday, October 24	5:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-200 S-213 S-Music	Children's Choir Cantors Rehearsal Kairos Meeting St. Vincent De Paul Society Meeting Chancel Choir
Friday, October 25	<b>No School</b> 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	S-Music S-98	Hispanic Choir CREDO Movie
Saturday, October 26	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	C C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/West	Anointing Mass 8th Grade Market Day Pie Sale Holy Name Turkey Raffle Sales
Sunday, October 27	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	C-Narthex/East C-Narthex/West	8th Grade Market Day Pie Sale Holy Name Turkey Raffle Sale
<b>C...Church Narthex...Church Vestibule (East &amp; West) MH...Morrissey Hall</b>			<b>S...School (Education Building) RB...Rectory Basement</b>

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