

St. Cletus Parish Canticle

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ
Through Worship, Education and Service

600 W. 55th St, La Grange, IL



July 28, 2024 | The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mission and Vision Statement


“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”


Mt 28:19-20

Parish Office

(708) 352-6209
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

 stcletusparish.com

 St. Cletus Parish

 St. Cletus Church

St. Cletus School

(708) 352-4820
stcletusschool.com
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Parish Information

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5 p.m. (English)
Streamed live: <https://www.youtube.com/@stcletusparish/streams>
7:15 a.m. (English)
8:45 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Español)

Confessions

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Baptisms / Bautizos

Contact the parish office
(708) 352 - 6209

Religious Education For Children Educación Religiosa Para Niños

Contact / Comuníquese con
Norma Hernandez (708) 968 - 6474

R.C.I.A

Contact the parish office.

Weddings

Please contact the parish office 6
months prior to the wedding date.

Quinceañeras y Presentaciones

Comuníquese con Juanita Avila al
(708) 215 - 5441.

Funerals

Contact the parish office.

St. Cletus School

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Mass Intentions

Saturday July 27	Rev. John Lodge	5 p.m.	† John Nisbet † Benjamin Patrick Hyink † Joseph Bartkowiak	† Deceased Member of St Cletus CWC † Daniel Klepczarek Janet Boyer (Special Intention)
Sunday July 28	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	† Irene Schoenberger † Julia Kopacz	† Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.	For peace in the world	
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	10:30 a.m.	† Robert Suchy † Mary Ann Cicero	† Ann Pizzuto † Deborah and Doug Cooper
	Rev. Elmer Romero	12:30 p.m.	† Por las benditas almas del purgatorio	Soledad Fernandez (Special Intention)
Monday July 29	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Delphine Marciszewski	† Julissa Plata
Tuesday July 30	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† Phyllis Prevenas	
Wednesday July 31	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† For B.C. & Rip Collins	
Thursday August 1	Rev. Ron Kalas	8 a.m.	† Margaret Kelly	
Friday August 2	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic † Nan & Bob Rettig	† Frank Wojcik
Saturday August 3	Rev. Alexander Garcia	5 p.m.	† Frank Sr. and Irene Skrip † Frank Condor † Regina Condor	† Daniel Klepczarek Janet Boyer (Special Intention)
Sunday August 4	Rev. Alexander Garcia	7:15 a.m.		
	Rev. Ron Kalas	8:45 a.m.	† Gary Verhoeven	† Louis Berger
	Rev. Michael Novick	10:30 a.m.	† Mary Ann Morici † Sue Schiller	† Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Hickey
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† José	* Mateo De Jesus Esparza (Special Intention)

Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Tom Dombrowski | Cynthia Gosse | Armando Almaraz | Patti Boland | Janet Boyer | Debbie Cote | Joanne Kasang | Korea Touranjeau

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Joan Klemak, Friend of Marion Wojcik
† Matthew Engels, Husband of Danielle Engels

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'"

Mark 6:31

Dear Friends,

This weekend is *Weekend Mission Appeal* at our parish. We are blessed to have Friar Mario Serrano, OFM Conv., who will be the homilist at all Masses. Everyone will have the opportunity to greet, welcome, and pray this weekend with Friar Mario. He delights praying and leading others to Christ. In his community, he serves as the Provincial Secretary of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation and as Vocation Director. Let us offer him our warm welcome and support his mission financially and with our prayers.

The Independence Day Mass went well. We were blessed to have Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, as the principal celebrant and Homilist. I was encouraged by his graciousness, kindness, and joy. The Independence Day Band (volunteers), conducted by Justin Sisul, animated our spirit and enhanced tremendously our experience of prayer and community. The presence and active participation of our veterans and those on active duty made our worship even more special. The Ministry and leadership of the Special Committee was crucial and helpful. They are: Justin Sisul, Karen Ziembra, Juanita Avila, Paul McCaffray, Leonard Bertin, Charlie Schiller, Deacon Franco Foti, and Fr. Michael Novick. I would like to offer them and everyone else my sincere gratitude for their fine contribution. They inspire me with their generosity. They are witnesses of kindness. Please hold them in prayer.

On the weekend of July 6- 7, 2024, Fr. Alex Garcia, Associate Pastor, introduced himself at all Masses. He also was the principal celebrant and homilist of

our 12:30 PM Mass. I was encouraged seeing him making a good connection with all of you. I was also moved by the warm and kind welcomed you gave him. Fr. Alex felt this at each Mass. Thank you for being kind, welcoming, and caring. Let us hold Fr. Alex in prayer as he shares his faith, life, and priesthood at our parish.

I am

excited to let you know that our next Evening of Prayer and Reflection: *Exploring Ignatian Spirituality*, will be on Wednesday, August 7th, 2024, at 7:00 PM. Our special guest speaker will be Deacon Jim Kennedy, SJ. He grew up in our parish. He went to our Parish School.

Currently, he is completing his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Loyola Hospital in Maywood, IL. On weekends, since June, he has been serving as a deacon and homilist at our parish. His parents (Elaine and Jim) are active members of our parish. He is excited about his vocation and is a witness of the closeness of the Lord. I hope you can join us.

As we enjoy Summer, may we continue to seek opportunities to rest with Jesus.

Fr. Elmer Romero

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A Note from the Associate Pastor's Desk

A break from Saint Mark

As happens every three years, we have been following Jesus' journeys through the narrative of St. Mark. However, as also happens each year we listen to St. Mark's gospel, there is a six week "break" and we listen to St. John's gospel accounts of what is known as "the Bread of Life discourse." Not all of the stories are directly mentioning that phrase, but the theme throughout these coming weeks centers on Eucharistic allusions.

Obviously, this year it should take on a more relevant role in our souls during this Eucharistic Revival. This is a moment in the Church that we have sought to help people recover a true sense of the importance of regular reception of the Eucharist. Ever since the recent pandemic shook up people's faith, and they couldn't go to Church because of the health risks, the number of Catholics physically receiving the Eucharist is significantly lower than it has been in decades. Fear is the number one cause of this phenomenon. I would venture to say that complacency would be a close second cause for people not receiving the Eucharist.

Complacency is an unhealthy attitude in which many people are believing in that watching Mass on TV or computer (thereby praying with the many others watching and receiving spiritual communion) is sufficient. While the United States Bishops made the proclamation at the beginning of the pandemic that the obligation was lifted due to the health risks

to all, it was always meant to be a temporary thing. Probably 90-98 percent of bishops have removed that temporary dispensation, but many choose to ignore that and continue to believe spiritual communion is enough. That attitude needs to change.

People have asked whether or not missing Sunday Mass is a sin. Some people say "no." Some say "yes." The reality is that it depends on the circumstance. Many people confess that they missed Mass because they were in the hospital or were traveling. In circumstances like these a person cannot be held accountable to have sinned. There was not opportunity. And some people don't think about even trying to celebrate on TV nor internet. People who have indeed made their first communion but consciously choose not to make an effort to attend Mass could be considered to be guilty of sin by disobeying the first and third commandments. People who miss Sunday Mass by accident (where maybe there could have been opportunity to attend), might be guilty of sin but in a lessened sense as their intent was to go. The best example I can give for this is that a person's car literally runs out of gas on the way to Mass.

We all have to dig deep into our souls to help make real for the world the one which many cannot see, but we believe to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Fr. Mike

2024-2025



Faith Formation Enrollment Open

Grades: Pre-K to 8th Grade | Classes in-person
Sunday 9:00a.m. - 10:15a.m.
Monday 6:00p.m. - 7:15p.m.

PROGRAMS

- ✓ Reconciliation
- ✓ First Communion
- ✓ Confirmation
- ✓ Pre-K (Only Sunday)
- ✓ Adaptive Program (Only Sunday)
- ✓ Teen Seekers (Wednesday)

Register Online visiting our website:
<https://www.stcletusparish.com>

In person at the Parish Center:
M-F 10:00am - 5:00pm

Deadline: August 16



Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, July 29	5 p.m.	Summer Basketball Camp	Clark Hall - Gym
	7 p.m.	CREDO-Chosen Discussion Group	Gallagher Room
Tuesday, July 30	5 p.m.	Summer Basketball Camp	Gallagher Room
	5:30 p.m.	Quinceañera Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday, July 31	9 a.m.	Food Pantry Volunteers	Food Pantry
	1 p.m.	Living Rosary	Church
	5 p.m.	Summer Basketball Camp	Clark Hall - Gym
	8 p.m.	School Father's Basketball	Parish Center - Gym
Thursday, August 1	5 p.m.	Summer Basketball Camp	Clark Hall - Gym
	4 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry
	7 p.m.	ILP Presentation	Gallagher Room
Friday, August 2	5 p.m.	Girls Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Committee Meeting	Gallagher Room
Saturday, August 3	11:30 a.m.	Spanish Baptisms	Church
	After Mass	Fall Fest Ticket Sales	Church
Sunday, August 4	After all Masses	Fall Fest Ticket Sales	Church

Readings of the week

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Get Your Business In The Spotlight While Supporting St. Cletus!!



We invite you to partner with us as a sponsor of our 2024 Fall Fest. This exciting opportunity will place your business directly in the spotlight among our community! This is your chance to gain valuable marketing exposure while supporting our parish and school!

As a sponsor, you have the unique opportunity to showcase your commitment to our community while enjoying the following benefits:

- **Prominent Visibility:** Your brand prominently featured throughout the fest venue, ensuring maximum exposure to attendees.
- **Community Engagement:** Connect directly with hundreds of local residents who value community support and involvement.
- **Gratitude and Recognition:** Receive heartfelt recognition in event programs, social media shoutouts, and parish communications.



Scan here to learn more about our sponsorship levels

Or Please email fallfest@stcletusparish.com to learn about opportunities such as being a beer tent sponsor, ride sponsor, stage sponsor, and more!



Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100

Purchase yours after all masses beginning next weekend!

Don't miss a chance to win \$5,000!

**2nd Prize \$2,500
3rd Prize \$1,000
4th Prize \$500**

**There will be 3 EARLY BIRD drawings to win \$50
August 25th, September 1st,
and September 4th**

Sharing our Blessings, Graces, and Holy Moment

Sisters and brothers last week, a friend took me to a Chicago Dogs baseball game at Impact Field in Rosemont. Beside the game there were a lot of families with children in attendance. Prices are such that families can afford the parking, the tickets and the concessions. Between innings there is entertainment and games that involve children and kids can run the bases after the game. I thought about that as I came to the parish last Saturday. No parking or admission fees and wonderful food some of which was served up by Fathers: Mike and Alex. What a variety was at hand. For entertainment the kids had games, a piñata, and they were enjoying the disk jockey and the music and showing off their dancing skills along with the adults present. I had an opportunity to walk about and meet folks who were present some of



whom I knew and others that I met for the first time. All this along with a perfect evening from a weather standpoint. Kudos to all the leadership people who planned and executed the event. I hope you might consider joining in the future events that your parish offers. It is always fun, entertaining, and always affordable. Enjoy!

Fr Ron Kalas

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospels relate that one of things that Jesus enjoyed the most in his public ministry was to share with the crowds. People felt respected, considered and worthy of being loved at the presence of Jesus. Our Lord was fully aware that for many he was unjustly considered a "glutton and drunkard" (Mathew 11, 19). Wherever Jesus was, there was joy and happiness. Wherever Christians are, there should be joy and happiness too. Somebody told me last Saturday that the picnic was my "baptism of fire" here at St. Cletus. That the picnic was just a foretaste of the hard work that waits for me in the Parish. I can say that it was really inspiring to me to see the volunteers sharing their time, effort and talent to build community. It was a true testimony of communion to look at all parishioners coming

together to share food, music, faith, culture and above all, to share the joy of being Christians. If the hard work that waits for me in St.

Cletus is as enjoyable as the picnic was, I am sure I will enjoy my

service, work and ministry here among you.

Fr. Alex



Sharing our Blessings, Graces, and Holy Moment

It was such a joy to be a part of the St. Cletus Family Picnic this past weekend! We gathered as a parish family - the whole family! - and the joy was evident all around. As the chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council, seeing our community come together at one event that included our parish, school, Spanish- and English-speaking communities was wonderful to see. We have something really special here and I hope that this spirit of joy and



inclusion continues to grow at St. Cletus and spread beyond it. Moments like these remind me of the goodness and nearness of God to us. The same people who will offer to flip burgers will offer a hand when we need it the most. The children laughing on the playground are growing up in a safe environment surrounded by loving families. Our priests and parish staff lead us in prayer and serve right alongside us. The blessings we have at St. Cletus are abundant, but they aren't exclusive to us -- they deserve to be shared! Can you think of a neighbor who could use a friend, a good meal, or a family-friendly environment for their kids? God can work through all of those things (especially a plate of carnitas, I can personally



attest:) I hope you can join me in inviting that person to St. Cletus sometime soon. What a gift we have to offer a world in distress! I look forward to working with the Parish Pastoral Council to continue to support events and opportunities like this that bring us together and closer to the Lord. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to email me at monicaherron@gmail.com. Finally, immense thanks goes to Michael Burns who chaired the planning committee, and all those on the staff and volunteer teams who made the event seem effortless. We could not have done this without you!

- Monica Herron

What I loved about the picnic this past Saturday was watching so many of the children not only having a good time, but helping to serve in various ways, especially around the sno-cone and popcorn machines. The adults were doing a great job of supervising the kids and having a good time with them at the same time. A few of the teens helped serving water and soda and were very attentive to everyone. Also, as I was serving around the food area, there were many people who had said they had never tried carnitas before and came back to me saying they were delicious. I believe the Lord knew what He was doing for us in giving us a great event. I didn't one complaint for the evening - food, music, and the weather. It was perfect.



- Fr. Mike

Social Concerns



St. Cletus Food Pantry

Thursdays
4-8 p.m.

Wish List:

- Cereal
- Condiments
- Boxed Potatoes
- Baby Wipes
- School Supplies
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Hand Soap

Follow us on Facebook:
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Instagram:
[@St.CletusFoodPantry](#)

If you have questions or would like to volunteer
Kendall Grant
(708)215-5418
kgrant@stcletusparish.com

CHEERS

FOR OUR
AMAZING

Volunteers!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN

APPRECIATION DINNER

Tuesday

13 August

6 p.m.

Salerno's

9301 W 63rd St,
Hodgkins, IL



RSVP by
August 5



We collected 62 cucumbers and 1 pepper from our first garden harvest of the season!

St. Cletus Food Pantry School Supply Drive

Items needed:

- No. 2 Pencils
- Pens
- Glue Sticks
- Glue
- Folders
- Washable Markers
- 24 Pack Crayons
- Scissors/Kids Scissors
- Notebooks
- Misc. Office Supplies

All Items should be new & unopened

Items can be dropped in the Food Pantry donation bin outside or in the Church



Mission Ladies

"My 6 year old daughter had a minor surgery done today at Hinsdale Hospital and received a beautiful homemade doll and blanket, as well as a little dog pillow made by your church's Mission Ladies group. These were such a lovely surprise for her, and a wonderful example of Catholic charity. Thank you for the time put into this. It is clear the love that went into these handmade treasures! God bless, M.J."

Compassionate Care Ministry in Need of Postage Stamps

The Compassionate Care Ministry is again badly in need of postage stamps for its notes of sympathy and support during the first year following the loss of a loved one. Each bereaved family receives six cards during that year. This means that if there are ten funerals during a period of one month, 50 stamps are needed in that month alone. Your

generous donations have meant so much in the past and we are very grateful. If you are able to contribute to this worthwhile ministry in this way, it will be very much appreciated. Simply put them in an envelope marked CCM and drop them off at the parish office—or right into the collection basket on Sunday. Please, Forever stamps only. Thank you.

Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 27 de Julio	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia
Martes, 30 de Julio	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Nocturnal Adoration	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia

Reunión del Comité de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Our Lady of Guadalupe Committee Meeting

Miembros del Comité Guadalupano tendrán una reunión el jueves 2 de agosto, 2024 a las 7:00 pm. en el salón Gallagher. Continuaremos planificando los eventos para la fiesta Guadalupana. Si alguien quisiera ser parte de la planificación, es bienvenido.



Members of the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, August 2nd, 2024 at 7:00 pm. in the Gallagher Room. We will continue planning the events for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If anyone would like to be a part of the planning, they are welcome.

Muchas gracias a todas las personas que participaron en el Picnic Familiar de San Cleto. Le damos gracias a Dios por la magnífica temperatura y la deliciosa comida y la buena música. Gracias también a todos los voluntarios que hicieron posible este grandioso evento. Gracias por hacerse parte de la Familia de San Cleto.

Picnic Familiar de San Cleto 2024



School News

A letter from the School Principal

Principal Porod's Perspective

We had a wonderful time at the St. Cletus Family Picnic this last weekend. God provided us with a beautiful Saturday late afternoon liturgy in church followed by a picnic in our courtyard. People in attendance enjoyed a great deal of fun including: delicious food, games, music, and most of all fellowship among church and school families. A special "Thank you" to School Board President Mike Burns and Operations Director Deacon Franco Foti and numerous volunteers for coordinating this special event.

Approximately twenty-five days to the start of another school year at St. Cletus. But whose counting!

Our custodial staff continues to work on both the inside and outside of our campus in preparation for the start of the year. We still have some openings in our classrooms for new students. Be a St. Cletus recruiter by sending a new family our way to experience a Catholic Education in our church, school, and parish center.



Roof work on the school along Stone Avenue and the new school intercommunications system are in their initial stages of installation. We are very pleased and blessed with the upgrades that are happening in our school for our students and staff. The school building is occupied during the day

for our full day enrolled students in our school and also for our Faith Formation program on Sundays and during some evenings. We are all called to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to all of our children and adults through various learning opportunities in all of our facilities.

Before the summer break ends, we still have camps being offered including volleyball, basketball, cross country and Chess. Call our School Office for more information at 708-352-4820. Thanks again for supporting the efforts of our students this past weekend in the Musical "Annie Kids." The students had a great deal of fun over the last two weeks preparing for their performances.

Go Cardinals!

Gregory N. Porod, M.Ed., Supt. End.

Lets Welcome our New Teachers

Ms. Jennifer Pavic

Jennifer graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science in Education and has been teaching since 2003. She is a mom of two, Emily is twelve and Ben will be six.

Jennifer loves spending time with family, reading, watching movies, and traveling. She grew up in Chicago Ridge and now lives in Garfield Ridge area near Midway.



Mrs. Nikki Gorman

Nikki received her bachelor's degree in Spanish Language and Literature from the university of Maryland. She previously worked as a federal agent for the

United States Secret Service.

Nikki is a wife and mom of three St Cletus graduates. She grew up on the east coast and has lived in La Grange for the past 12 years.

Nikki is a runner and triathlete who is passionate about health and fitness.



CREDO: The Chosen Discussion Group for Season 4

If you have been watching the series *The Chosen*, please come join our discussion group for Season 4. We meet at 7pm on Monday nights in the Gallagher Room. We watched the first episode of Season 4 on July 15th, and will continue with an episode most Mondays until September 16th. We hope you can join us.



Delve into the Bible

This one day workshop will teach us what the Bible really IS - and how we, as Catholics, are called to read it. If you have ever felt called to read the Bible before, but perhaps have not known where to begin, then this is the workshop for you, whether just a beginner or an advanced learner! Come and enjoy the experience for FREE and let the Word of God change your life.

Saturday, August 10, 2024 9:30am - 3:30pm, bring your own lunch!
St. Cletus Parish | 600 W 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525
All are welcome!

Workshop is free of charge; however a small donation is encouraged from attendees to help cover administrative costs. Thank you so much for your support!

Please RSVP by scanning the QR



Facilitator
Dr. Dorothy Jonaitis
Co-Author, Catholic Biblical School Program, Institute of Pastoral Studies

Deacon Jim Kennedy, SJ grew up in La Grange as a member of St. Cletus Parish and a graduate of St. Cletus School. After joining the Jesuits in 2014, Deacon Jim studied philosophy at Fordham University in the Bronx and served at Marquette University High School in Milwaukee, teaching history and directing student retreats. During the academic year, Deacon Jim is completing a theology degree at Regis College in Toronto and is serving as a chaplain this summer at Loyola Medical Center. He has given numerous talks on the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, and has served as a director on a number of retreats. Ordained a deacon in May 2024, he will be ordained a priest in June 2025.

An Evening of Prayer & Reflection

Exploring Ignatian Spirituality

Please join us
August 7th at 7pm

St. Cletus Parish

600 w. 55th street La Grange



Vatican announces theme for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. This year it is July 28.

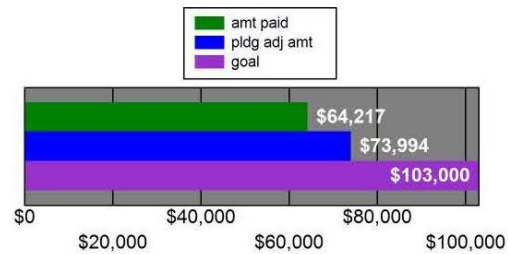
For more information, visit: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2024/vatican-announces-theme-world-day-grandparents-and-elderly>



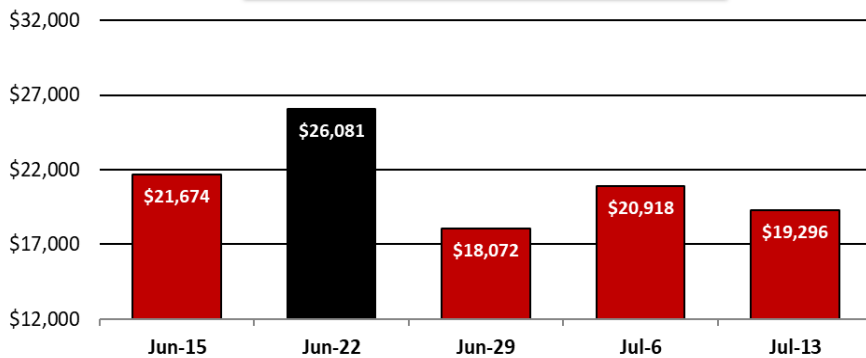
ACA Report By Parish

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal through 7/19/2024

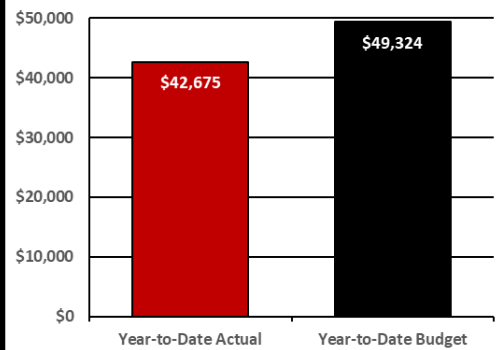
Parish #	870
Parish Name	St. Cletus
Donor Count	293
2024 Goal	\$103,000.39
Amount Pledged	\$73,994.00
Amount Paid	\$64,217.00
Balance Due	\$9,777.00



Stewardship Report Weekly Budget \$24,662 as of July 1, 2024



Stewardship Report FY 2024-2025 \$6,649 Below Year-to-Date Budget



St. Cletus Parish Preferred Partners



Thank you!



Argo Roofing