

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Have in you the same attitude  
that is also in Christ Jesus.**  
— PHILIPPIANS 2:5



Jesus said  
to the chief priests  
and elders of the people,  
"Amen, I say to you,  
tax collectors  
and prostitutes  
are entering into  
the kingdom of God  
before you."

MATTHEW 21:31



**TWENTY-SIXTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 27  
2020**

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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# Mass Intentions for September 28 - October 4, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
September 28	Fr. Baker	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 29	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 30	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Virginia Rachford
October 1	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Adam & Marie Pietrzak, Robinson Family, Shirley Funk, Gracia Battistoni
October 2	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Frnak Wojcik
October 3	Fr. Clark Fr. Baker	8:00am 5:00pm	Frank Baggio St. Cletus Parishioners
October 4	Fr. Gamboa	7:15am	Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, George Duda, Richard Gomez, Eileen Ewell, Nathaniel Tabor
	Fr. Baker	8:45am	Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Robert & Lorraine Olszewski, Stacy Baker,
	Fr. Clark	10:30am	Eleanor Mlot, Dolores Kuhn, Joanne & Joseph McDermott, Daniella Rivera, Sam Colonna, Grank Mamolella
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30pm	Juan Manuel Jimenez

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES...**

**Bernard J. Hartnett**  
Father of Barb Keane

May he rest in peace. Amen.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.*

**September** - Vic Swindall, Toni Swindall, Rosemarie Gallagher

**August** - Carol Reckwerdt, Bill Bolton, Carol Griffith, Baby Vivian Furry

**July** - Frank Colonna, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek, Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa, Waclaw Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz, Joyce Arnold, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto, John Duda, Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec

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

## Marriage Banns



*Vivian Cieza & Jason Jarosi*  
*Bridget Anselmo & Steven Romanelli*

### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BY RESERVATION ONLY**

St. Cletus Parish is currently welcoming back parishioners, with a new limit of 80 for each Mass. We are also offering opportunities for prayer and confessions. All of these worship opportunities require that you pre-register.

The sign up link can be found on our website, [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com). If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office at 708.352.6209 for assistance.



### **JOIN US FOR MASS ONLINE**

We will continue to offer Mass online from the St. Cletus altar on a daily basis and on Sunday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One Sunday morning a young mother skillfully managed to steer her brood through the organized chaos of breakfast, washing and dressing. The transfer from house to car took even more determination, but eventually in the face of opposition from the smallest member of the household, she got the family to Mass in one piece. As usual, her face reddened on entry into the pew. Why did they always have to be the family that arrived late despite all her good intentions? On leaving the church she got chatting with an older couple who were selling raffle tickets for the church fund raiser. They casually suggested that she might like to impress upon her children the importance of the day by arriving just a little bit earlier. They went on to suggest that perhaps even saying a prayer with them in the car ensuring that the little darlings enter the church with the appropriate reverence.

Managing to bite her tongue she quickly left and vowed never to return to that particular church of old fogies who clearly were out to make life difficult for her and would not accept her children. It was obviously family unfriendly, and anyway, when was the last time they dealt with three of these little terrors? Yet as the week wore on she began to reflect on why she made such great efforts. The answer was that she needed Jesus in her life. She thanked him for the gift of faith, a gift she wanted to pass on to her children. Some of the congregation might get on her nerves now and again but that should not stop her from coming to the Lord's table. Arriving late the next Sunday she felt embarrassed. Yet somehow that familiar feeling reminded her that she was back in God's house and among friends.

Someone (Socrates) once said that a life not reflected on is no life at all. In today's gospel, Jesus is asking us to reflect on our lives and see if we have been trying to build up his kingdom. We will know this by the lack of conceit among us. We walk in his kingdom when our actions lead others to believe that living in love is possible. The author of the letter to the Philippians lets us know what the kingdom might look like. In a normal grouping of people there will always be personality clashes, petty rivalries and a certain degree of ambition. The task of any Christian community is to gradually overcome those initial differences, building up trust by the love we share among us. If we rely only on our resources this will be impossible. Any progress we make in virtue will not be of our own making but is gained for us by the cross of Christ. The proper attitude then is not one of pride but one of gratitude and humility.

Jesus welcomes sinners into his kingdom, saving his condemnation for the Pharisees in their hardness of heart. They are too stubborn to see that they are being called to

conversion.

In their arrogance they believe they have the fullness of the truth and have no need of any new prophets, or messiahs for that matter. But to those who know their need for forgiveness, those who have fallen but are trying to turn their lives around, Jesus offers the possibility of redemption from past mistakes.

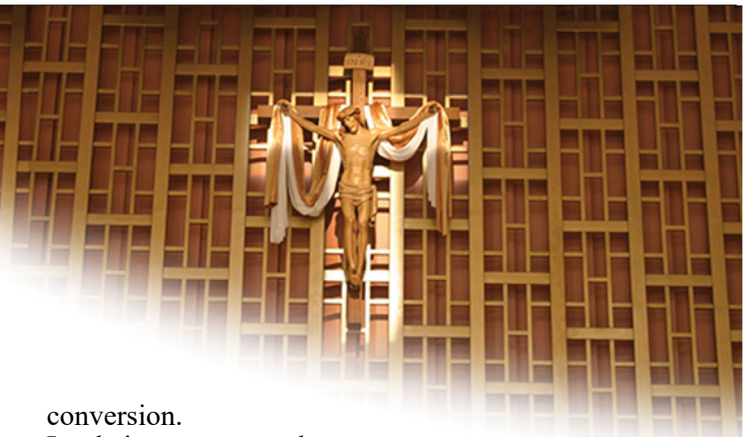
We all spend much of our lives looking after those who have been given to us, our spouses, and our children. It is through this self-giving that we follow the example of Jesus. We come together in the Eucharist, to share our faith, and to draw strength from God and each other. Of course, it can sometimes be difficult to admit that we are in need of help. But by reflecting on our lives we could all say, like the young mother in our story, that we need the strength of Jesus. She came to understand that her initial feelings may not have been the right ones and was open enough to change if we are to be faithful to the example of Christ?

We often fail each other and fail ourselves in word and deed. But we can take courage from the message of Jesus that the first in the kingdom are those we might consider to be last. It is never too late. Saint Augustine, who spent many years far from Christ, finally admitted his need for forgiveness. He later penned the words: "Late have I loved thee, O beauty so ancient and so new." No one is beyond the power of Jesus and his redeeming love. He proves that love by pouring his life out for us on a cross.

*Peace,*



**Fr. Bob**  
**Pastor**



# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

### Most needed at this time:

- Condiments
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Pasta sauce
- Pinto beans (2-3 lb)
- Rice/rice sides
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Baby wipes

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.

Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry



Now on Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

*If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com*

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

This September communities across America are committing to fight hunger during Hunger Action Month. With every action, we get one step closer to making hunger a thing of the past.

Not sure how to participate in Hunger Action Month? Feeding America suggests seven easy ways you can get involved.

Thank food bank volunteers for their dedication during these challenging times

Brush up on the latest hunger facts so you can debunk the myths

Fundraise for Hunger Action Month

Become a food bank or food pantry volunteer

Talk to your children about hunger in America

Donate to Feeding America or your local food bank

Vote to feed everyone in America

## GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October dates are now available to help in the garden!

We need volunteers to water & weed as well as volunteers to pick the produce. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3huoZXU>

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Our monthly DV Support Group meetings will continue to be held virtually on Zoom. Contact Kendall for more information at 708-215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com.

*In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local 24 hour hotline for Pillars, found in the box to the right. You are not alone.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE LEADERSHOP



Assist students with eLearning and social/emotional activities during the school year!

Volunteer time slots are 7:30am-12:30pm or 11:30am - 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Volunteer sites are located in La Grange, Countryside, Summit, and LaGrange Park. How many days you volunteer are flexible based on your schedule and The LeaderShop's needs. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Cathy Pierson, Director of Operations, at [cathyp@theleadershop.org](mailto:cathyp@theleadershop.org).

THE LEADERSHOP 4903 Willow Springs Rd. 708-579-5898



# St. Cletus School

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### GETTING TO KNOW MR. POROD

Greg Porod, Principal, came to us with an extensive educational background that includes serving in both private and public education. He has a Bachelor's degree from Benedictine University and a Master of Education degree from Loyola University. He also completed post Graduate Studies at both Concordia University and Loyola University. He currently holds five educational endorsements as an elementary teacher, high school teacher, guidance counselor, administrator, and superintendent.

Mr. Porod has served as principal for over 25 years. Greg has authored educational publications, presented at conferences, has been a guest lecturer for both graduate and undergraduate classes, and has received numerous awards. Mr. Porod also serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, High School CCD Teacher, and Parish Mission Representative.

Mr. Porod is married to his wife Mary who recently retired as Principal for the Archdiocese of Chicago. She currently serves as an Educational Consultant and is involved with the development of curriculum for the Archdiocese. They have four daughters, three son-in-laws, and three grandsons.



### PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

Pictured here are our second graders who say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, and it was even more special and meaningful the morning of Patriot's Day.

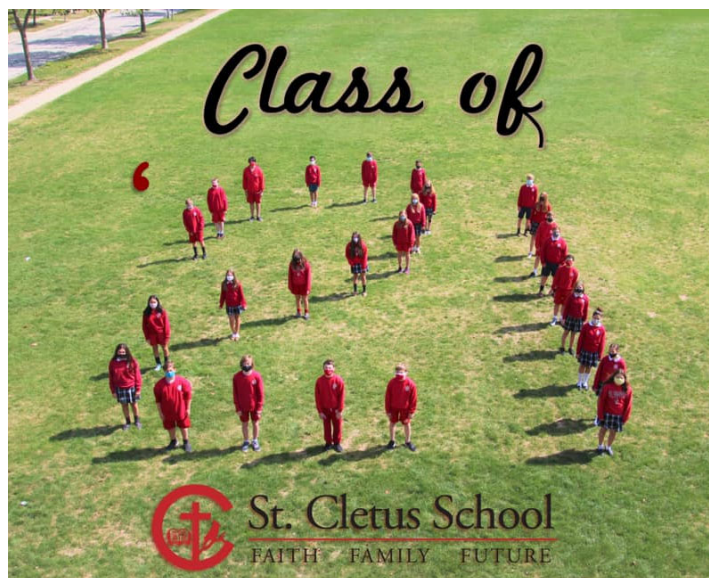


### GETTING TO KNOW MRS. SCHAEFER

Christine Schaefer, Vice Principal, has been a member of the St. Cletus team since January of 2005. She became the Assistant Principal in 2016 after serving as a first grade teacher. She has completed her Leadership training through the Office of Catholic Schools and attended the Catholic Schools Management conference to further grow her education.

Christy has M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University and B.A. in Elementary Education from Millikin University. Christy maintains Type 03 certification with an emphasis in Language Arts and Social Science.

Christy serves as a Eucharistic minister and attends Professional Development opportunities as well as working at events within the community.



### CLASS OF 2021

2020 is off to a great start, TOGETHER! For the class of 2021, we wouldn't have it any other way! We are strong! We are proud! We are safe! We are the St. Cletus Class of 2021!

## Other Ministry News

### RCIA

In these uncertain times people often search for something deeper and more meaningful. Some desire to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or desire to complete Sacraments on a faith journey that was started when they were a young child. Perhaps your spouse or a close friend is Catholic or you saw something that prompted questions or inspired your interest about becoming Catholic. Maybe you have a child who was never baptized as an infant, and now that they are older you desire them to be baptized and receive the other Sacraments of Initiation. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC) is the way the Church invites others to explore the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith. If you are interested in joining us this year, or have questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ken Baker ([kbaker@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kbaker@stcletusparish.com)) or Barb Campbell ([bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com)). We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



St. Cletus Religious Education classes have been in session remotely now for two weeks.

We are very excited to have over 300 children enrolled so far, and they are doing home family lessons with their

parents and siblings. Our Family Catechesis plans allow your family to have an encounter with God through scripture, interactive lessons, games, prayer experiences, service experiences, learning about saints, and mass activity packets. This is a picture of one of our Religious Education families, who were having fun with our first Family Lesson of the year!



**If you still haven't registered your child for this year, please hurry and register them.**

Registration materials can be found online at [stcletusparish.com/re/](http://stcletusparish.com/re/)

### BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. October 13th. We will discuss Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout. For those who like to look ahead:

Dec. 8: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Feb. 9: Happiness is the Choice You Make by John Leland

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

### RESPECT LIFE



**Word of Life** - “Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Every Suicide is Tragic”



**40 Days of Life** - Because you were there, I changed my mind. I was looking for a sign from God.”...

...and Baby David was born! (Wrote David’s mother.)

You can be that sign from God. Join us to pray for moms and their babies at this international 40 Day prayer vigil in front of the abortion clinic in our neighborhood. Or, if you cannot join us to pray at the abortion clinic, you may pray and fast from home. You will be making a lifesaving difference!

When: September 23rd – November 1st , 7am to 7pm

Location: Access Health Center 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove

Choose One Hour to Pray. Sign up online for your hour to pray at Access: [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove)

Your presence and prayers may make the ultimate difference in a baby’s life! Questions? Email [40DaysDG@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysDG@gmail.com)

**Life Chain** - Join us for the annual National Life Chain on Sunday, October 4 from 2:30-3:30 at the Southwest corner of LaGrange Rd and Ogden Ave. Life Chain invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for 1 hour. Signs will be provided as well as suggested Prayer Topics, Songs of Meditation, and scripture verses. Please social distance and wear a mask.

We hope you will join us!

[lifechain.org/event/illinois-lagrange/](http://lifechain.org/event/illinois-lagrange/)

### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS



*Ed Ward*  
FINE ARTS SERIES

AT ST. CLETUS LA GRANGE, IL

The Fine Arts Series will remain on hiatus until 2021.

Please join our email list using the button on our webpage to stay connected:

[www.edwardfas.com/](http://www.edwardfas.com/)

## SCCCW

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN



**Wednesday, September 30th**  
 Arrive 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
 Festivities begin by 6:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Parking Lot  
 (in your car) in front of the  
 Parish Center/School Entry

**We'll have a short meeting  
 then Drive-in Bingo!**

Here's the good news ladies of St. Cletus CCW! We found a way to have a meeting and we want you to join us!

Meeting date: Wednesday, September 30th  
 Time: arrive 5:30-6:00 and the festivities begin by 6:00

Where: St. Cletus parking lot (*in your car*) in front of the Parish Center/School Entry

What: a short meeting then Drive-in Bingo! We have a sound system ready to go & will provide each car with individually wrapped snacks, 5 bingo cards & markers in a sealed bag. We plan to play 5 games so get ready to honk your horn for BINGO! (Throughout the evening you'll need to keep your car window open so please dress appropriately!)

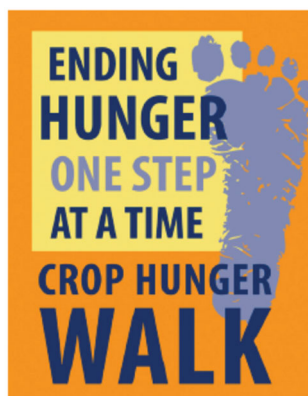
Cars will enter the lot on the east side (Spring Avenue) to check in. Parking lot volunteers will guide you to a spot in front of the parish center. Exit will be via the west (Stone Avenue) side of the lot. We will occupy every other spot so 36 cars will be the limit.

You are welcome to bring along a friend, sister or other potential new CCW member to play along *with you in your car* but please consider all health and safety measures that have been mandated and be sure to wear masks the entire evening if you are not from the same household.

Reservations can be made by emailing [CCW@stcletusparish.com](mailto:CCW@stcletusparish.com) or calling Karen at 773-576-0812 or Peggy at 708-246-4308. When making your reservation give your first and last name and the name(s) of any guest *in your car* plus your phone number where you may be reached that afternoon in case weather or any other unforeseen directives cause us to postpone the event.

Call now to reserve your parking space as reservations close Sunday evening 9/27.

## CROP VIRTUAL HUNGER WALK



### WALK INFORMATION:

Choose to do the walk early in the month of October.

Location: You can choose your own walk route... choose to do a one mile fun walk or a three mile course.

\*\*In the past, we had participants bring a non-perishable food item with them to the walk. Consider donating a non-perishable food item to

our St. Cletus Food Pantry this year\*\*

All ages are welcome; each participant needs to register separately. Consider inviting the families of your children's friends to join in the walk as well. The more the merrier!

### REGISTRATION:

- Go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus)
- Click Register
- Type in your information to create an account
- On step 3 of 5 click "join an existing team"
- Find the St. Cletus team

### FUNDRAISE:

You do not need to fundraise to participate in the CROP walk. However, we do suggest a minimum donation of \$10. You can collect pledge donations from friends, family, and neighbors. Even just asking for a small amount, like \$3 (\$1 for each mile walked), can add up quickly. Donations can be given online on your unique registration page. If you're unable to walk you can still sponsor a walker or help us reach our team goal. You can also use the website to post on social media and share information about your walk online. Donations are split between area food pantries, including St. Cletus, as well as Church World Service. Checks may be made payable to: CWS/CROP for the CROP Hunger Walk. and dropped off or mailed to: St. Cletus, Atten: Kendall, 600 55th St. LG 60525 so as to arrive by October 15th.

### SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

St. Cletus school and Religious Education students can count this as a service experience. Please talk directly with your teacher if you have any further questions.

### CONTACT:

Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns  
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## Sunday Notes

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### FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

**Psalms** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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### IMPOSSIBLE

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.

—St. Francis of Assisi

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;  
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;  
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,  
13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,  
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Migrants and Refugees;  
Priesthood Sunday; Yom Kippur (Jewish  
day of atonement) begins at sunset

Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;  
St. Wenceslaus

Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,  
Archangels

Wednesday: St. Jerome; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival)  
begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

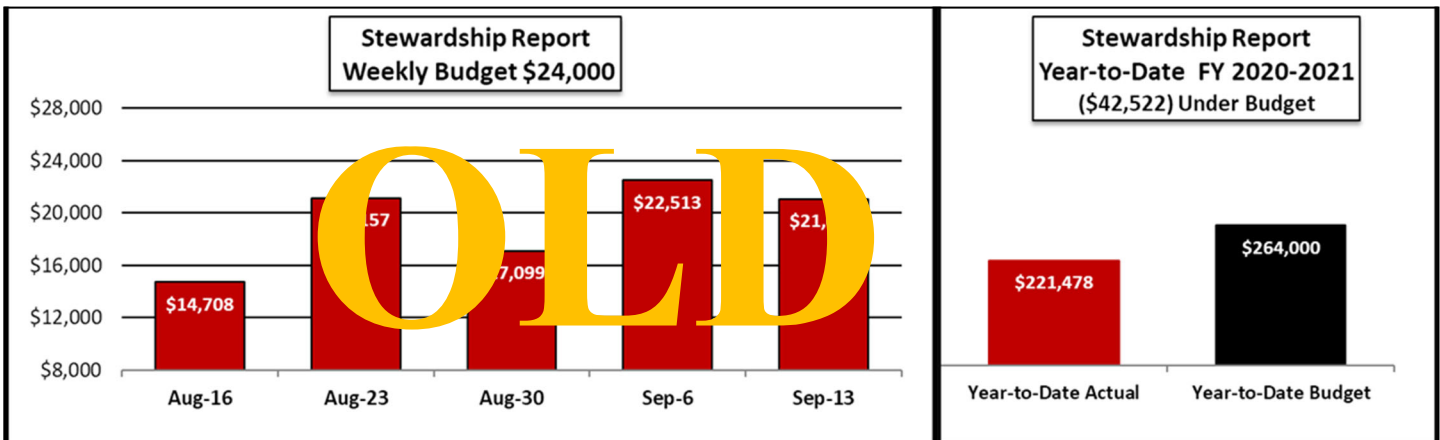
### SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897)

**October 1** - "The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"

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# Stewardship Report



## ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



**Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!**  
 Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209

# Community News

### PROGRAMS AT THE WELL

Due to COVID-19, The Well’s Fall programs are all on Zoom. Here are just a few highlights:

**Whiteness, Anti-Racism and Repair**

Thursdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22 | 7 - 9:00 PM

The norm of whiteness and the racist structures of white privilege and power have been invisible to many of us. Once we grasp the truth about systemic racism we must show solidarity with and be accountable to people of color. Learn about structural racism and the foundations of anti-racism in this 3-session workshop led by Rev. Smash. Cost of series: \$60.

**Protect & Heal Earth: Reduce/Eliminate Plastics**

Mondays, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, 16 | 7 - 8:15 PM

Are you concerned about throw-away/single-use plastics and the pollution they are causing in our oceans, the injury to sea animals, and the devastation to our entire planet? These gatherings will use a spiritual process for addressing the issue from an integral ecology perspective. Facilitated by Kathy Sherman and other CSJ Sisters. Cost of series: \$30.

Visit [www.csjthewell.org/offerings/](http://www.csjthewell.org/offerings/) to find out more

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Counseling Support Line** - If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

**Legal Assistance Department** - Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, let us help you. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at (312) 948-6821.

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com) as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication.

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

*Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.*

Monday-Friday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 Saturday and Sunday .....Closed

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday .....7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)  
 Weekdays.....Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening before Holy Day ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Day.....6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month .. 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.  
Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of most months at 11:00 a.m.  
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (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. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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## PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

### Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

### Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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