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JULY 12, 2020

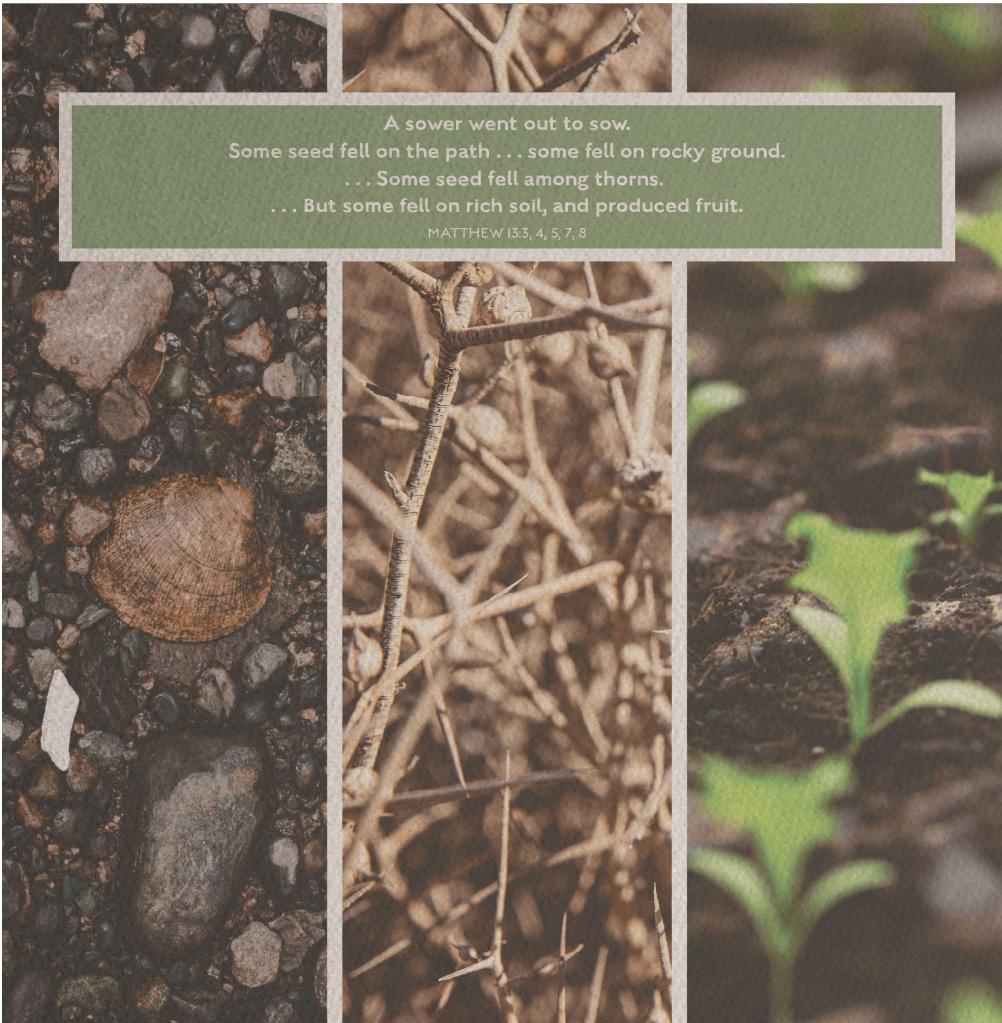
Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**You have crowned the year
with your bounty, and your
paths overflow with a rich harvest.**
— PSALM 65:12



A sower went out to sow.
Some seed fell on the path . . . some fell on rocky ground.
. . . Some seed fell among thorns.
. . . But some fell on rich soil, and produced fruit.

MATTHEW 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8



**FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

JULY 12
2020

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for July 13 - 19, 2020

Day	Time	Intentions
July 13	8:00am	Bruce Polaski
July 14	8:00am	Joseph Viececi
July 15	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, Sam Colonna, Frank Wojcik
July 16	8:00am	Joan Klein, Layla Zavislak-Barry
July 17	8:00am	Jane Schafer, Hank Maday
July 18	8:00am 5:00pm	Gene Gajos, Evelyn Prevanas St. Cletus Parishioners
July 19	7:15am 8:45am 12:15pm	George Duda, Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Phillip Butkus Stacy Baker, Eleanor Mlot, Annette Bleau, Joe Saban, Dolores Glennon, Dorothy Dybas Delfina Terrazas De Villanueva

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

Elias López Robledo
Mother-in-Law of María López

George A. Fuoco
Father of Marguerite Hutchins

Joanne E McDermott

Jeri Lu Rose
Wife of Roy

Charles (Chuck) Battaglia
Husband of Mary Ann, Father of Chuck and Mark

May they 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.

June - Frank Colonna, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek

May - Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa

April - Wacław 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, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski

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

Marriage Banns



**Ertemisa Godinez
& Julio Giron**

JOIN US FOR MASS ONLINE

While we begin to celebrate Masses by reservation only, 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.

GET READY TO RAFFLE!

The St. Cletus Parish 7th Annual Fall Fest has been postponed until 2021, but we still need your support as the proceeds from Fall Fest are an important part of the parish and school budget. Parishioners will receive their Lucky Leaf Raffle tickets and more information in the mail soon.

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
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 AUGUST 16
 AUGUST 23
 AUGUST 30

Re-Opening at St. Cletus

This past weekend, over 150 parishioners attended Mass, heard the Word of the Lord proclaimed live, and received the Eucharist for the first time in over three months. There were approximately fifty people at the 8am Mass on July 4th, where Dick Maday was presented with the Fr. Charles Gallagher Award for his years of service and his contributions to country and church. Later in the day, another fifty people attended the 5pm Saturday evening Mass, and on Sunday, fifty parishioners attended the 7:15am morning Mass.

Following Saturday's morning mass, twelve people celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Earlier in the week, the church was opened for an hour of private prayer before the Tabernacle and for the Spanish rosary.

Although these services don't allow for gathering afterwards to greet and share the participants' thoughts and feelings, one can sense their happiness and their renewed peace at being able to return to church individually or as a member of our parish family.

As directed by the Archdiocese reopening protocols, Fr. Bob and Fr. Ken, asked Paulette Bolton and me to serve as the Lay Leaders of the Reopening Team, to coordinate our reopening efforts and protocols along with the team captains of the Greeters/Ushers Team, the Cleaning Team and the Setup/Sacristans Team. Reopening our parish has required a lot of work and effort by our clergy, parish staff and team captains to recruit and train **VOLUNTEERS!** And to say that those who have already volunteered are the backbone of our reopening, is not an understatement!!! Volunteers from each of these three teams have been at, and are needed every time the church is open for a celebration or prayer opportunity. Not one of us regrets being able to be of service to you, our fellow parishioners, but we need your help. **We need MORE VOLUNTEERS!**

This week, there has already been one funeral and two more are scheduled. This coming Saturday, confessions will be heard at 8:45am and there is a wedding scheduled for the afternoon.

Our weekend mass schedule for this weekend will welcome back parishioners (limit of 50 already full for each mass) to Saturday mass at 5pm and Sunday masses at 7:15am and 8:45am. Next week, a prayer service in Spanish on Tuesday evening and private prayer before the Tabernacle on Wednesday are all scheduled.

Every time the doors of our church are open, **GREETERS**, (led by Colleen Hagen), those confirming reservations and checking people need to be present. **USHERS** will also need to be present to assist people with being seated, receiving communion and being dismissed safely following each service.

Our **CLEANING TEAM**, (led by Tom Reisel and Mary Delaney) arrives after each service to wipe down and disinfect the pews, kneelers and other areas of the church used during the service.

Before each service and after each service, our **SETUP / SACRISTANS TEAM** (led by Mary Sue Kegl) prepare the church and vessels as required for the particular service. At the conclusion of each service, this team cleans and disinfects the sanctuary and all books vessels and furniture used for the service.

All of these volunteers are here to make your visit, your return to church as easy, prayerful and as safe as possible; but **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. So far, the masses require about 16 volunteers, and the other services a few less. As the parish adds more masses and services and allows for more attendees at these services, the number of volunteers needed will increase.

Please consider being a volunteer. If interested please email reopening@stcletusparish.com or call the parish office at 708-352-6209.

Looking forward to seeing you in church soon.

Roman Szabelski

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

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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



Thanks to a partnership with Comed, we are able to provide lightbulbs to every household attending the pantry in June & July!



Snap peas from the Highlands Community Garden! Looking forward to more local, homegrown produce coming from them this summer!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We need your help! We are partnering with local Scout, Kristina Findley, as she prepares for her Eagle Scout Award. She will be helping us coordinate our School Supply Drive and Distribution this year. We are SO happy to have her help!

Please see the needed items to the right. They can be dropped off in the 'Food Pantry' Donation bin outside the Rectory at any time.

Please note, all items should be new and unopened. Thank you!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

We will begin offering our monthly support group on Zoom starting in July. If you would like to join us, *you must RSVP ahead of time.*

After completing the form, we will share the meeting details with you.

RSVP form can be found at: <https://forms.gle/1oQY5gh7zaLFt3fZA>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kendall with questions. kgrant@stcletusparish.com or 708.215.5418.

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Other Ministry News

2020 FR. GALLAGHER AWARD



Congratulations to Dick Maday for being the 2020 Fr. Gallagher Award recipient for service to God and Country at the St. Cletus 4th of July Mass.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Strategize Your Search: A Road Map to Guide the Way - Buckle up and join us via Zoom on Thursday, July 16 from 7-9 pm. Whether new to your job search or somewhere along the journey, this meeting will efficiently organize the stops you need to take along the way and help navigate your path. You'll leave with a road map that breaks down the pieces and parts of a search. And, you'll pick up checklists designed to make sure you have found useful shortcuts and planned for detours. Consider this your GPS (Goals, Plans and Strategies) System to keep you moving forward. Our presenter this evening is Becky Brillon, HR Professional, Job Search Guide and Professional Resume Writer. Her professional background spans 15+ years of experience in the development and delivery of all levels of work and professional career coaching, outplacement and workforce services. Mark your calendar and join us!

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. August 11th via Zoom. We will discuss **The Silent Patient** by Alex Michaelides. For those who like to look ahead in October we will discuss **Olive**

Again by Elizabeth Strout. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

JOYFUL NOISE

All programs of Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry have been cancelled until March 13 & 14, 2021 due to the current virus situation. We would like to share this opportunity that is being offered by the Diocese of Joliet:

A Day of "Flowering" a la Mary's Garden & the Divine Gardener - Join us for a Day of Reflection for the Widowed and those who care for them on Saturday, August 1, 2020 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at Blanchette Catholic Center 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill.

Come and experience the Church as a compassionate

community. The conference day begins with a 8:30 a.m. check-in at the Joliet Diocesan Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4:00PM. The suggested donation is \$35 which includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch, and materials. Please register by July 22 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or online at <https://bit.ly/2UMz5v1>

SC COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Get your St. Cletus inspired red & white masks this weekend! The St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women has a fund raiser going. You will find members in the southwest corner of the parking lot selling these lightweight & comfortable face masks for all parishioners for the nominal cost of \$5 each. Show your St. Cletus pride in wearing one of these lovely red & white masks & help us generate some funds for scholarships & other council outreach in the parish. What a great way to stay healthy & let others know we are St. Cletus!

We will be selling after masses on the weekends of July 11/12 & July 18/19.

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Sunday Readings

READING 1

Is 55:10–11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:10, 11, 12–13, 14

R. (Lk 8:8) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

READING 2

Rom 8:18–23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

GOSPEL

Mt 13:1–23 or Mt 13:1–9 (In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted.)

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

[The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.*

Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see.

Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and right-eous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."]

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Sunday Notes



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)

July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

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LIVE TODAY

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.

—Anonymous

GOD WITHIN

In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing known, God is hidden within.

—St. Bonaventur

DAILY REFLECTION

The St. Cletus Worship Ministry invites you to check out Fr. Don's daily reflection at <https://sjabbey.squarespace.com/daily-reflection/fr-dons-daily-reflection>

GOD'S WORDS

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us "good-night," our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God's words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalms — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Henry
 Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 Wednesday: St. Bonaventure
 Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Cletus School

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

August 18.....Meet and Greet
August 19.....First Day of School

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Greg Porod,
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(708) 352-4820
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Christy Schaefer,
Asst. Principal
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2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR NOTE

Celebrating our country's independence this past weekend reminds us of how blessed we truly are, especially to be at St. Cletus! We have a dedicated faculty and staff that are working to ensure the health and safety of our students for the fall. We will be ready when August 18th rolls around!

Remember our dress code when making or selecting masks for school. While we are updating our student handbook, one of the things that does remain is "students may not wear off-color comments; messages or images dealing with illegal activity, death, violence, bad language, or designs to be a cut down" - this will apply to masks as well.

We hope you have taken some time to enjoy your family and the beautiful, warm summer days. God Bless you all and may he keep you safe and healthy!

SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

June 16 through July 31: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Friday: Office is Closed
July 3: Office is Closed
August 1st until Start of School: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Archdiocese of Chicago

A CALL TO PRAYER

Providing a Light in the Darkness: Prayer can help to strengthen our bonds with one another and with God, regardless of our faith identities. By turning to prayer, we call forth a light in the darkness.

Who we are: Volunteers from across the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to accompany anyone feeling the need to pray during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

What we offer: A phone line staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, as well as 24-hour voicemail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you - opening our hearts to God, asking for his blessings and peace.

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THEOLOGY ON TAP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Wednesday, July 15: Luana Lienhart, OFS. Lienhart has worked in social services and ministry in varied settings in the Chicago-metro area. Lienhart will lead a discussion how faith in God helps one to find joy in difficult times.

Wednesday, July 22: Rev. Ed Shea, O.F.M. Fr. Shea, a priest at St. Peter's Church in Chicago, will discuss his parish's ministry for the homeless and what it means to be Catholic today.

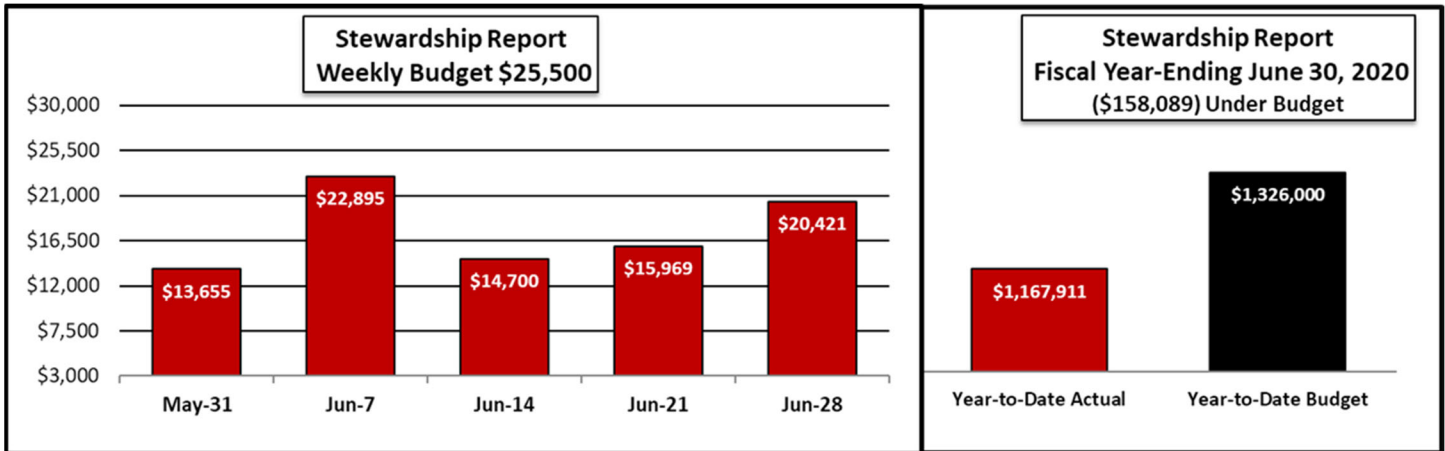
Wednesday, July 29: Wayne Smith, a convert to Catholicism from Judaism and Atheism. Smith will share his journey to the Catholic Church, how becoming disabled changed his life, the Church's role in supporting persons with disabilities and opportunities to expand its impact.

Theology on Tap is a casual and welcoming setting for young adults to connect with their peers and discuss topics relevant to understanding and deepening their Catholic faith.

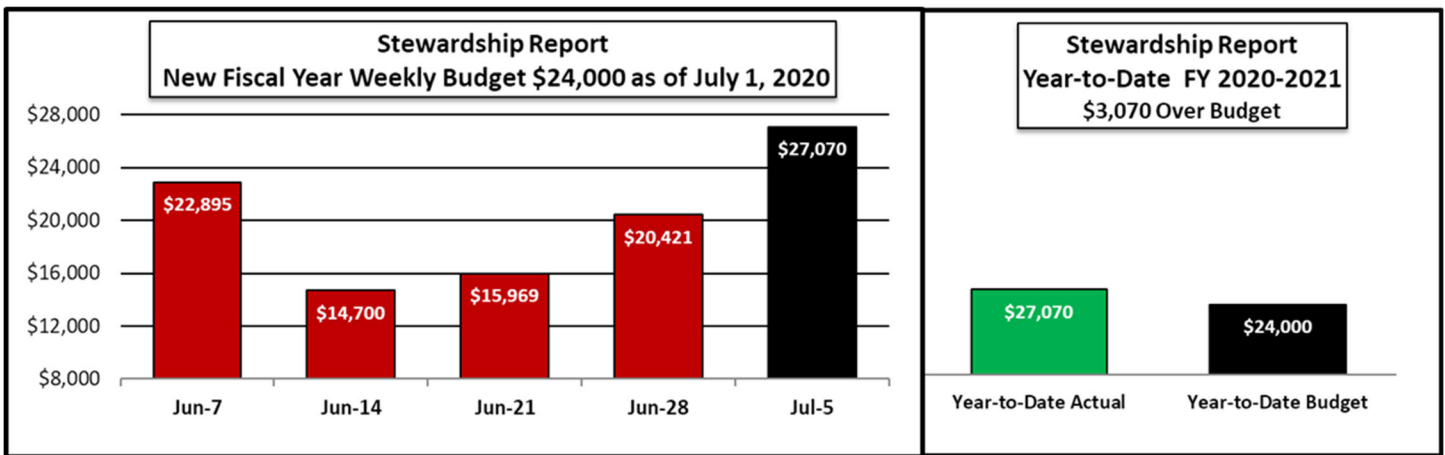
For more information about upcoming Theology on Tap sessions or to register for an event, please visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/theology-on-tap/about-us>

Stewardship Report

FINAL FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



NEW FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 - JUN 30, 2021 GIVING REPORT



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