

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

JULY 19, 2020



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

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

Jesus said,

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field."

MATTHEW 13:24



**SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

JULY 19
2020

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for July 20 - 26, 2020

Day	Time	Preseider (subject to change)	Intentions
July 20	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Hunter Richards
July 21	8:00am	Fr. Gamboa	Sam Colonna, Andrew Wnek
July 22	8:00am	Fr. Clark	Virginia Rachford, David Hanna
July 23	8:00am	Fr. Clark	Florence Sampaoiesi, Robert Tilley, Special Intention - Carol Reckwerdt
July 24	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Anne Smith
July 25	8:00am 5:00pm	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker	St. Cletus Parishioners Sandy Smith, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Robert Suchy
July 26	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:15pm	Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	St. Cletus Parishioners Stacy Baker George Duda, Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Jennifer Spangler
Sister of Chris McLean

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.

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.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BY RESERVATION ONLY

St. Cletus Parish is currently welcoming back parishioners, with a limit of 50 for each Mass. We are also offering private prayer, confession, and a Spanish prayer service. All of these worship opportunities require pre-registration. The link can be found on our website, stcletusparish.com. If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office at 708.352.6209 for assistance. Please remember that masks are required to enter the church and we ask that you maintain social distancing guidelines.



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.

SAINT CLETUS
SOCIALLY DISTANT



**DRAWING WILL BE HELD
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**
-OR-
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Grand Prize \$5,000
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5 EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS FOR \$100 EACH

RETURN TICKETS BY MAIL TO ST. CLETUS PARISH
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**5 EARLY BIRD
DRAWINGS**
AUGUST 2
AUGUST 9
AUGUST 16
AUGUST 23
AUGUST 30

Re-Opening at St. Cletus

Over the 4th of July 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:

- School Supplies
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Canned Tomatoes
- Condiments
- Diapers (size 5 & 6)
- Baby Wipes
- Liquid hand soap

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

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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

'Covid Concert Series' Raises Funds for the Food Pantry

When Covid hit Mark Sramek, along with some friends and family, got creative and started hosting a 'Covid Concert Series' from their front porch in Brookfield.

"Saturday night I performed some porch music for my neighbors, and they were very generous in the tip jar. Enclosed is the money raised for your cause. Thank you for your efforts to help other people! We had a great time and I'm glad it's going to a great cause."

So far, their concert tip jars have raised \$930 for the Food Pantry! Thank you for your generosity and for spreading joy throughout the neighborhood!

If you've got a creative fundraiser in mind, reach out to us to see how we can partner!



COVID Concert Series

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/1oQY5ghztaLFt3fZA>

Please contact Kendall Grant with any questions.

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

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Other Ministry News

MUSIC MINISTRY

Last weekend during the opening greeting at mass, the cantor announced: “we pray that you will cherish the songs within your heart.” Instrumental music plus less verses of some songs will be the “new normal” for the foreseeable future. In the spirit of health and safety, congregational responses have been omitted. The “parts of the mass” (Gloria, Holy Holy, etc.) are being spoken so as to be more inclusive of the congregation. The psalm as well as the Alleluia/Gospel Acclamation are “sung through”. In selecting music that will enhance the Mass I have been focusing on a mix of inspirational as well as familiar songs. As for the recessional song, I will always attempt to select one that is uplifting and perhaps even a “toe-tapper” so that underneath your mask you will be smiling! My prayer as always is that the music, in whatever form it takes, will positively impact your spiritual experience. I welcome any comments you may wish to share.

Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries
kziemba@stcletusparish.com or 708-215-5423

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

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Free Virtual Resume Review

ICN will be available to do a resume review with you on Saturday, August 1 from 9-11 am...on your phone.

Simply email a copy of your existing resume to Resumereview@interfaithcareernetwork.org. Please include the telephone number at which you wish to be called. You will be notified of your 30-minute time slot via an email from ICN prior to the review. Please respond by 5:00 pm on Friday, July 31. Join us for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR or other search related professional. Pick up some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Now is the time to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to hearing from you! There is no charge for this service. ICN offers job support through various programs. For further information, visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

SC COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



Mask Fundraiser

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 and white masks and help us generate some funds for scholarships and other council outreach in the parish. What a great way to stay healthy and let others know we are St. Cletus!

We will be selling after masses on the weekends of July 18/19 and July 25/26. If you would like to purchase a mask and are not yet attending a weekend mass in person, please send us an email: ccw@stcletusparish.com or give us a call (708-710-0644 or 773-576-0812) and we'll make other arrangements.

New Prayer / Rosary Opportunity!

Starting on 7/22 at 1pm and continuing every other week, you will have an opportunity to recite the rosary in church, sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women.

You must pre-register using the sign up link on the parish website, www.stcletusparish.com.

WORD OF LIFE

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ...That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Married Love and the Gift of Life”

NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK

2020 National NFP Awareness Week is July 19-25. This year's theme is:

Live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love! It's about love. It's about life. It's about freedom. It's about gift.

More information at www.usccb.org/NFP

Sunday Readings

READING 1

Wis 12:13, 16–19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 86:5–6, 9–10, 15–16

R. (5a) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship you, O LORD,
and glorify your name.
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;
give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

READING 2

Rom 8:26–27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

GOSPEL

Mt 13:24–43 or Mt 13:24–30

In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted.

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep

his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

[He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.' "]

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:

*I will open my mouth in parables,
I will announce what has lain hidden from the
foundation of the world.*

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."]

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Sunday Notes



GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus’ interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today’s believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today’s Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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WORDS AND WEEDS

A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds.

—Anonymous nursery rhyme

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Saturday: St. James

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF (1828-1898)

July 24

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel’s portrait on the wall: “So you’re Lebanese Maronites!” The owner was happily incredulous: “You know our saint?” “Not at first,” the customer admitted. “But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the ‘Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.’ ” “Everyone thinks we’re Muslims,” said the owner, “and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!” A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel’s life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

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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>

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,
Principal
(708) 352-4820
gporod@stcletusparish.com

Christy Schaefer,
Asst. Principal
(708) 352-4820
cschaefer@stcletusparish.com

2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR NOTE

We are just about a month away from the start of school! Our teachers and staff have worked very hard and spent many hours this summer to make sure the start of school will go off without a glitch! We are ready with in-school and online plans so that our students do not miss a beat. We are excited to use the iReady program this year - it will take the place of our Aspire interim tests, although we will still do the Aspire summative test. The iReady program provides an initial diagnostic test to customize an individual curriculum path for each student in grades K - 8! This is a wonderful supplement to the fantastic curriculum plans our teachers have already put in place.

Enjoy the next few weeks of July! We can't wait to see you on the evening of August 18TH!

SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

June 16 through July 31: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Friday: 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.

We are available at: 312.741.3388

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THEOLOGY ON TAP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Tap is a casual and welcoming setting for young adults (21+) 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>

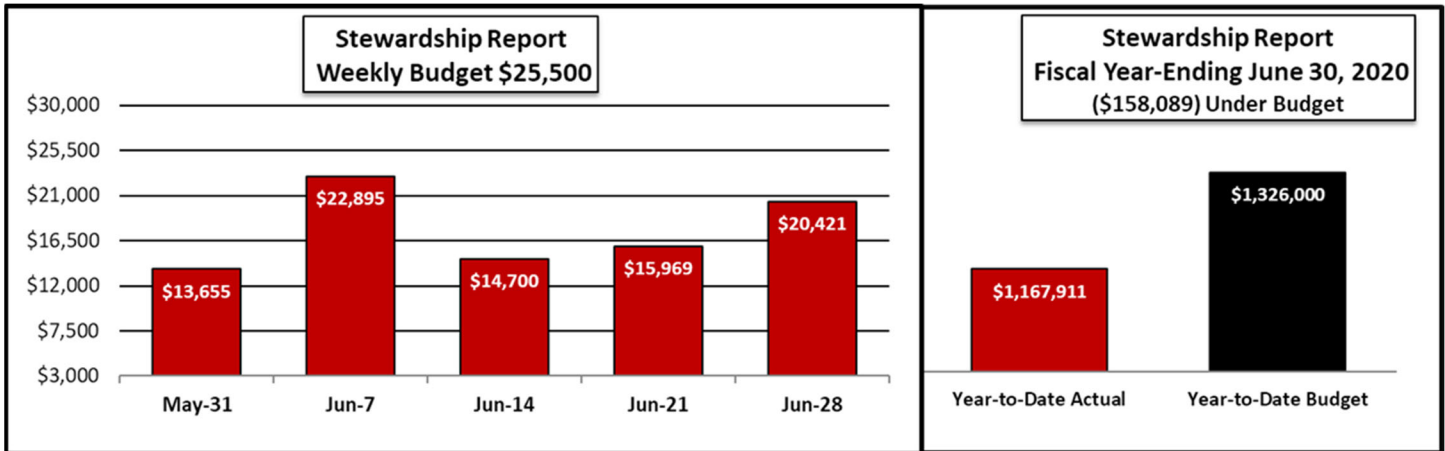
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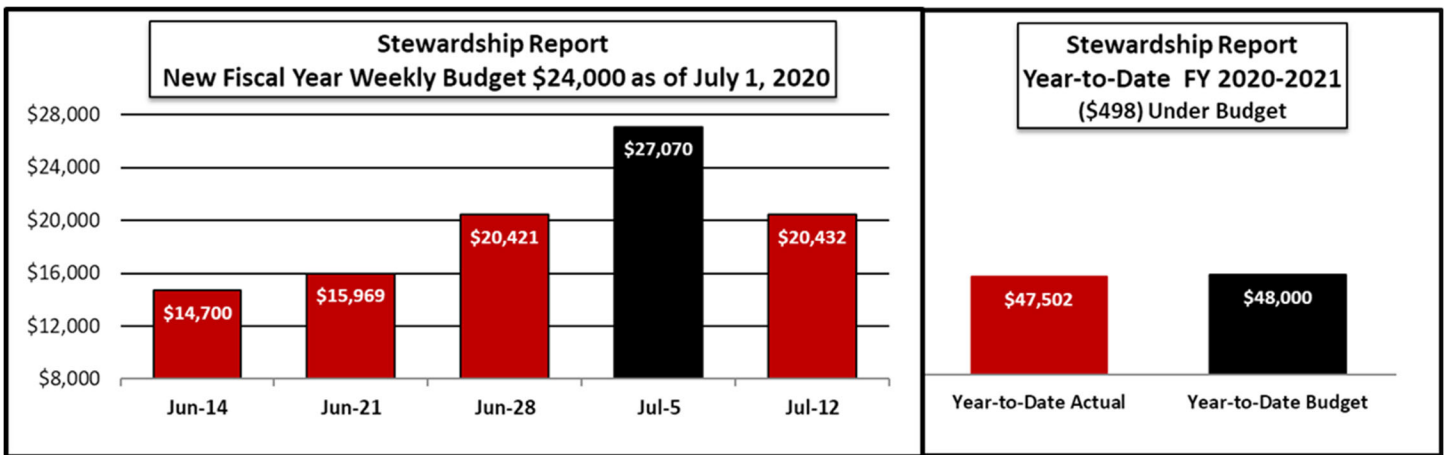
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Stewardship Report

FINAL FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



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

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