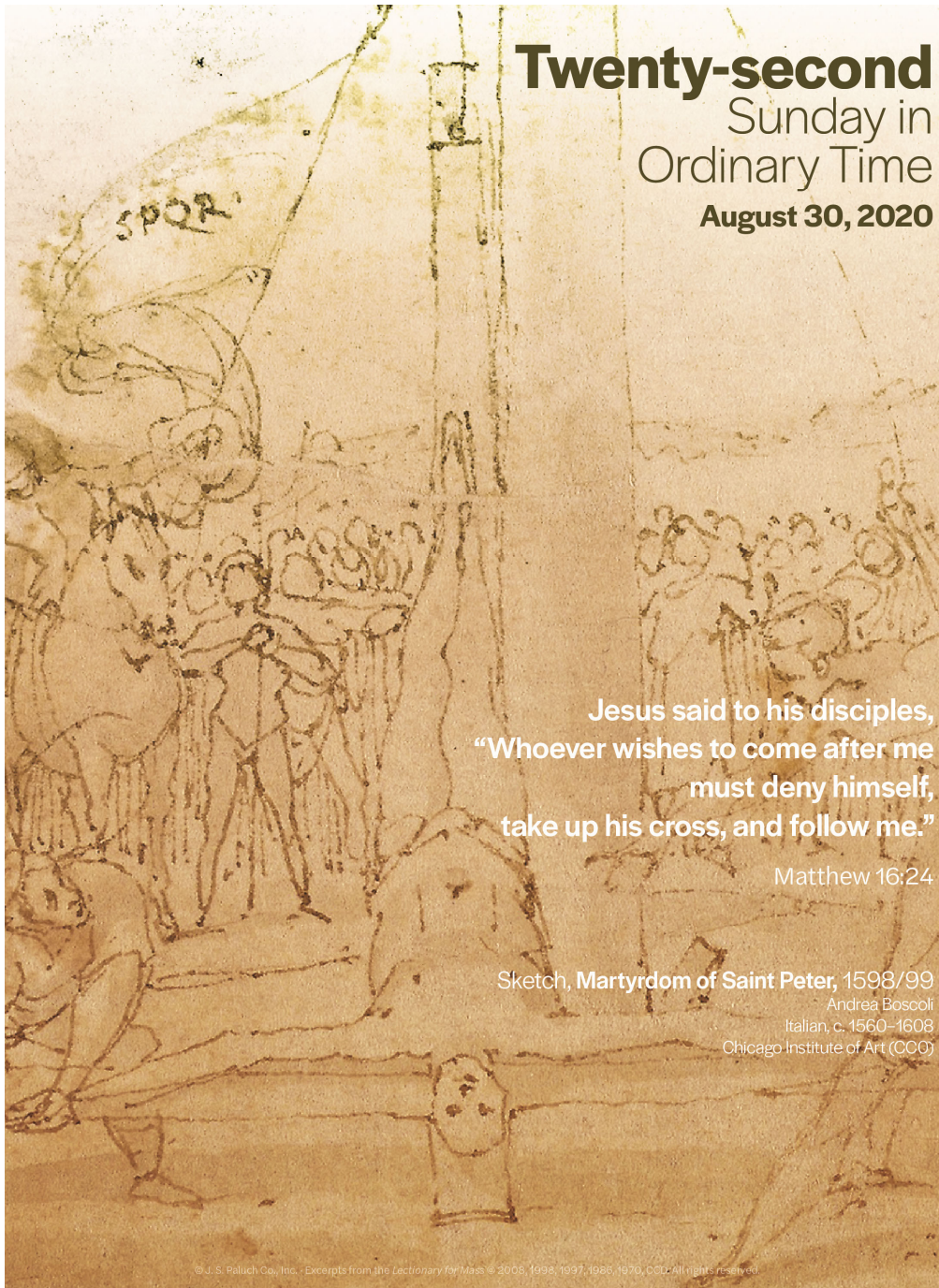


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AUGUST 30, 2020

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.**
— ROMANS 12:2



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020

Jesus said to his disciples,
“Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for August 31 - September 6, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
August 31	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Sharon Smith, Special Intention - Laura Brooks
September 1	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Shirley Funk, BC Collins
September 2	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, Robert McDonnell
September 3	Fr. Baker	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 4	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Frank Wojcik
September 5	Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	8:00am 5:00pm	Shirley Funk Stella & Felix Gamboa, Edward Hrzenjak, Andrew Creighton, Andrew Wnek, Gracia Battistoni, Helen Mrazek
September 6	Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:15pm	Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, George Duda, Rita Madsen Stacy Baker, Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Nancy Konczal Jim O'Hara, Jean Neumann, Eleanor Mlot St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Stanley T. Oboy
Father of Joyce Oboy

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.

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

July - Frank Colonna, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND ROSARY

The church will be open each Wednesday, from 1:00pm - 1:30pm for those wishing to make a prayer visit to church. During that time, the rosary will be prayed for those who would like to participate. It will be led by St. Cletus' Living Rosary. All are welcome. Please remember to make your reservation.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BY RESERVATION ONLY

St. Cletus Parish is currently welcoming back parishioners, with a limit of 65 for each Mass. We are also offering private prayer, confessions on the first Saturday of the month, and a Spanish prayer service. All of these worship opportunities require that you pre-register.

The sign up link can be found on our website, 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.



Lucky Leaf Raffle - Final Early Bird Drawing this Sunday!

Congratulations to our Fourth Early Bird \$100 Winner, Chris M.!

Don't miss the final early bird drawing on Sunday, August 30!

Individual tickets are \$20 each. If you buy five for \$100, you receive the sixth one for free! Please contact the parish office at (708) 352-6209 if you can help sell additional tickets.

2020 Lucky Leaf Raffle Prizes:

Grand Prize: \$5,000

2nd Prize: \$2,500

4th Prize: \$500

3rd Prize: \$1,000

5th Prize: \$500

5 \$100 Early Bird Drawings:

There are two Early Bird Drawings remaining: August 23rd and August 30th!

Please return ticket stubs with payment by mail, at Mass, or in the rectory door mail slot. The drawing will be held on **September 13, 2020**.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and help in offsetting the financial impact the pandemic has had on the Parish finances.

SAINT CLETUS

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AUGUST 9

AUGUST 16

AUGUST 23

AUGUST 30

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce (24 oz)
- Jelly (16-18 oz)
- Peanut Butter (16-18 oz)
- Dry Pinto Beans (2-3 lbs)
- "Extras": granola bars, condiments, snacks, pancake mix, baking mixes, crackers.
- Toilet Paper
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (size 5 & 6)

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

Thank you for the outpouring of donations last week! This community always comes together to take quick action! We wanted to explain why we are always looking for donations. In just one day we went through all those donations and then some. To prepare bags for distribution last week this is how much food we went through:

- 200 cans of fruit
- 200 cans of veggie
- 200 soup
- 200 tuna
- 200 canned chicken/mean
- 200 'meals in a can' (chili/ravioli)
- 300 canned beans
- 300 dried beans
- 200 PB & J
- 200 rice/mac & cheese/sides
- 200 pasta
- 100 tomato sauce
- 100 canned tomatoes
- 200 extras (snacks, condiments, baking items)
- 100 cereal/oatmeal

That is just to prepare our brown bags. In addition we provide multiple options for meat, 2 gallons of milk, 4 flavored milk, cream cheese, sour cream, french onion dip, cottage cheese. Most weeks we also have eggs, cheese, and/or butter. Plus LOTS of fruits and veggies. This month we have paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex) and school supplies! Your help is always appreciated! Thank you!



St. Cletus Food Pantry Needs

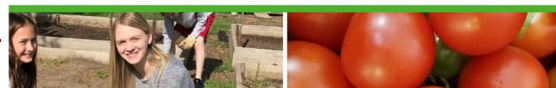
GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Join us at: <https://bit.ly/2zutb9P>

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

September dates are now available to help in the garden!

We need volunteers to water & weed as well as volunteers to pick the produce.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Our monthly DV Support Group meetings will continue to be held virtually on Zoom. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm. If you would like to join us, please fill out this RSVP form to receive the meeting details: <https://bit.ly/31dqC66> Thank you.

Domestic Violence Surges During Pandemic

Covid-19 has made life more dangerous for many already at risk. Financial crises, home confinement and prolonged stress have increased the frequency and intensity of domestic violence. The Illinois DV Hotline has reported that calls for help increased 50% in March, from 60 to 90 a day. Nationwide estimates of DV emergency calls to 911 range from 10% to 30% increase and even higher.

Those causing harm to their partners are under greater stress during the pandemic. Their behavior of power and control is exacerbated because social contacts and movement of both spouses are severely restricted. Victims lack freedom to talk to friends or confidants, not to mention calling for help. Sadly, child abuse has also increased because whole families are confined in close quarters day and night. Statistics of child abuse, however, are lower because, now out of school, children have less opportunity to seek help.

Let's recognize these challenges and call those we think might be suffering abuse in any way to express our willingness to help. If you know or suspect someone is a victim, please check on them! If they are in immediate need, help them call 911, the National DV Hotline: 800-799-7233, the Illinois DV Hotline: 877-863-6338, or a reputable domestic violence agency for help.

This article was printed in the Summer 2020 Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach newsletter

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 below.

You are not alone.



WORD OF LIFE



"No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A"

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

This year, for the safety of our ICP community, we're replacing our 2020 Fall Benefit with a special NON-Event fundraiser. We love our wonderful friends and supporters, but we do NOT want to see your lovely faces at this NON-Event. We mean it. Stay on your couch. If you show up, we will NOT be there. Instead, show your support by making a donation from your couch or office chair.

While we will miss seeing everyone in person, with no

event costs this year we can funnel as much money as possible toward our mission! 100% of your "ticket" purchase/donation is tax deductible and will go toward reinstating our mission to maximize the independence and well-being of older adults by enabling connections with others in their community.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT:

Online: <http://bit.do/fGfGY>

Text: ICP to "88793"

Email: interfaithcommunitypartners@gmail.com

Mail check to: P.O. Box 310, La Grange, IL 60525

Phone: (708) 354-9328

Please look into your heart and consider donating whatever you would have contributed at our fall benefit.

For a minimum \$50 donation, you will receive an ICP logo mask and a cocktail and appetizer recipe from a local restaurant.

We appreciate your participation in this special Non-Event and plan to be back in person celebrating with you in 2021!

More info at interfaithcommunitypartners.org

MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE



NEW MEMBERSHIP MEETING - We are looking for new members!

Misericordia provides a caring environment for more than 600 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities. Our league supports Misericordia through fundraising and service.

Please join us:

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

At Katherine Legge Memorial Park

5901 S. County Line Road

(Bring a lawn chair and a morning drink)

For more information contact:

Diane Fritz dfritz0728@sbcglobal.net

Theresa McClear growitgreenerchicago@gmail.com

Janet Meyer JMCilella@gmail.com

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

The Ed Ward Fine Arts Series will remain on hiatus until 2021. At which time we hope to offer a Spring Concert.

Please join our email list using the button on our webpage to stay connected: <http://www.edwardfas.com/>

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – A FAMILY OF FAITH!



This coming academic year, Religious Education at St. Cletus will be utilizing a Family Catechesis model at home. We will partner together with our parents to support them in utilizing our new at home curriculum which is downloadable/online, engaging and fun, easy to follow and allows for meaningful interaction within your family and with God.

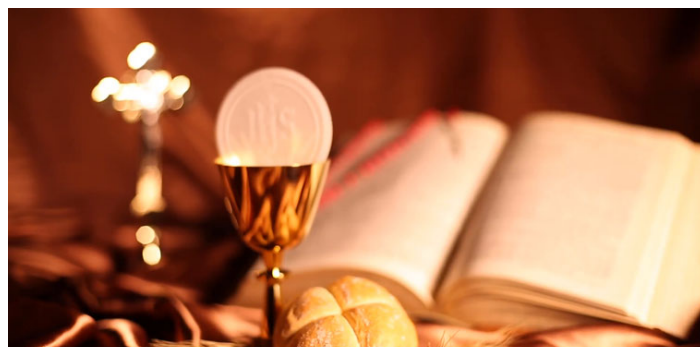
For students preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation we will have additional online lessons for this sacramental preparation.

It's not too late to register! Please try to get your registration forms in by August 31st so that we have enough time to get the books and other materials ordered and ready for your child! Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com/re/ or you can email Barb Campbell for further information and the forms (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com).

The changes we have been experiencing in our world can be scary, crazy and unsettling. Join us in RE this year as we gather together in our families and with our community virtually to discover how God is with us. Strengthen your relationships within your family and with God this year! Let's make this an exciting, God-centered time in our lives!

Barb Campbell
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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION



It is with much joy that we continue to celebrate the reception of Holy Eucharist for the first time with our parish children. We joyfully welcome the following children to the table of the Lord this weekend at our First Communion Masses on August 29th and 30th:

Israel Alcala
Jacob Aumann
Alexandra Badrov
Francesco Bernardo
Jonlyn Buday
Anthony Burger
Lauren Cabana
Michael Cairo
Nina Callahan
Jeremy Camacho
Carl Courtright
Whitney Cunningham
Addison Degnan
Cooper Demasi
Elise Diaz
Sofia Diaz
Cameron Dix
Bailey Dutton
Jonathan Farkasch
Alexa Fey
Fidel Garcia
Grace Gibson
John Grill
Alana Hamilton
Adeleine Hensel
Aiden Hogan-Grandt

Hailey Jans
Cassidy Johnson
Grayson Jorgensen
Victoria Lagunas
Oliver Leutsch
Nora Lysaught
Reagan McGrogan
Gavin McNeer
Timothy Naddy
Abigail Nelson
Julio Parra
Pyper Principe
Allison Quinn
Roy Quintero
Ethan Solis
Nathan Solis
Nathaniel Solis
Victor Szubert
Eric Tank
Ivan Tistoj
Nathan Tydus
Brooke Valenta
Charlie Weber
Charlie Yarbrough
Dominic Zamora

We give thanks to the parents of all of our 100 First Communicants, who are the primary educators of these children in all ways of our faith. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Catechists and teachers, Godparents, Grandparents, relatives, and friends of these children who have helped them prepare for their First Holy Communion, and who will assist them in their future growth in faith through their prayers and actions.

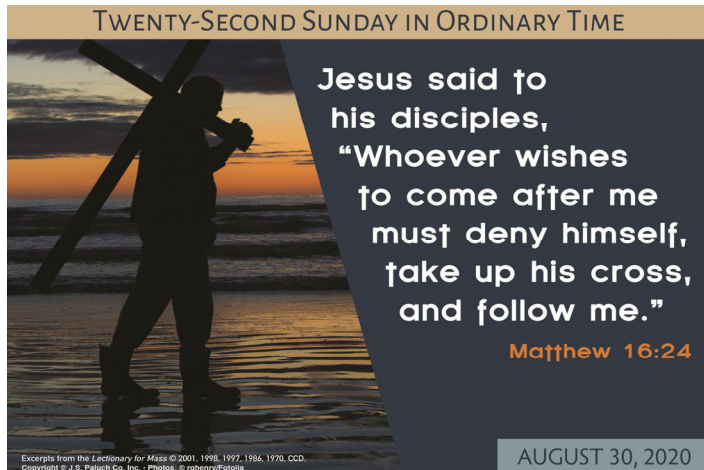


Congratulations First Communicants!

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Sunday Notes



THE CROSS OF JESUS

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalms — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
 Thursday: St. Gregory the Great
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT (540-604)

September 3

Imagine, fourteen hundred years after death, boasting a best-selling CD! Yet outside the Church and within, Gregorian chant is enjoying a renaissance. Still, the timeless sacred music that bears his name is but part of Gregory's legacy. Renouncing civic service for monastic life, Gregory's administrative and diplomatic skills prompted continual summons from the cloister. Papal ambassador and advisor, he was eventually elected pope himself, renowned as a wise steward of the church's material possessions, generous benefactor of the poor, sponsor of missionaries, and promotor of monasticism. His liturgical enrichment of the Church endures not only in Gregorian chant, but in eloquent homilies still gracing the Liturgy of the Hours, the "Gregorian Canon" (Eucharistic Prayer I), and his spiritual classic, *Pastoral Care*, once presented to new bishops at ordination. Of countless impressive papal titles—Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles—the title still so cherished that it heads official documents is the one Gregory coined to describe his papal ideal: Servant of the Servants of God. Together with being designated "the Great," a fitting epitaph.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PRESENCE

Wherever you see another, there I am.

—Rabbinical saying

TRAITS OF A TEACHER

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

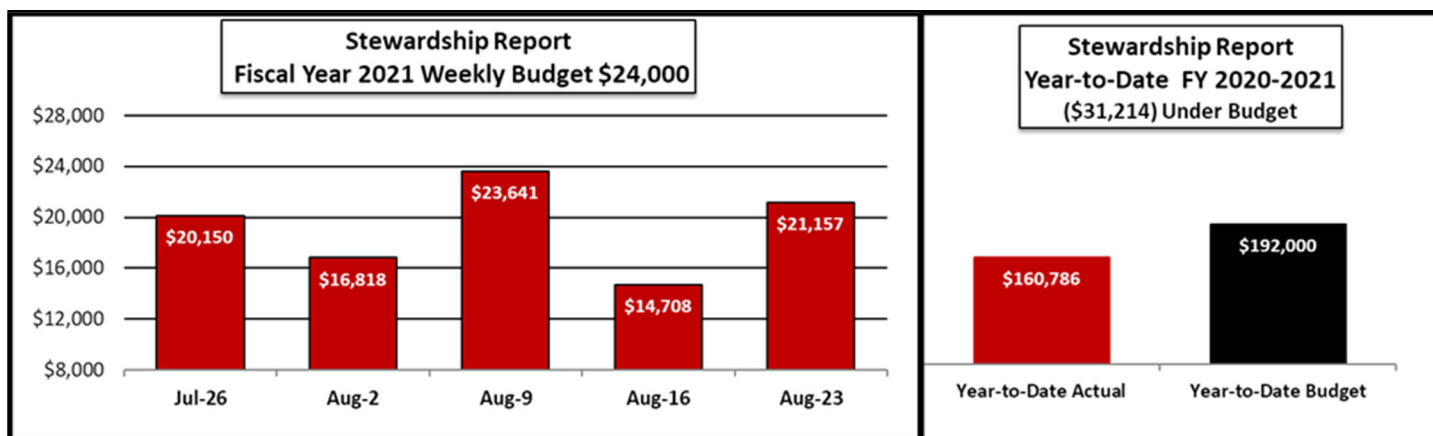
—St. Joseph Calasanz

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>

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



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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

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to 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.

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