

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



# *Saint Cletus Parish Canticle*

**Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray,  
your own sins will be forgiven.**  
— SIRACH 28:2



Peter asked, "Lord,  
how often must I forgive?  
As many as seven times?"

MATTHEW 18:21

TWENTY-FOURTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 13  
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## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for September 14 - 20, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
September 14	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Frank Wojcik, John McTigue
September 15	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Joan Klien
September 16	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, B.C. Collins
September 17	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Dolores Kuhn
September 18	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Gene Gajos
September 19	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark	8:00am 5:00pm	Delphine Marciszewski Lincoln David Grant, Helen Mrozek
September 20	Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa  Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:15am 8:45am  10:30am 12:30pm	George Duda, Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Richard Gomez Stacy Baker, Edward Stec, Eleanor Mlot, Damon Chavez, Wanda & George Kuchta Al Haddad, John Battistoni, Timothy Taylor, Ada R. Medina St. Cletus Parishioners



### Marriage Banns

Vivian Cieza & Jason Jarosik

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

**Steve Knapkiewicz**

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

**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, 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

*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](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.





## Lucky Leaf Raffle - Grand Prize Drawing is September 13!

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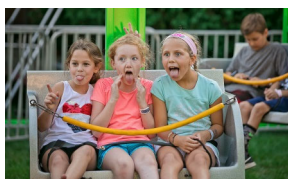
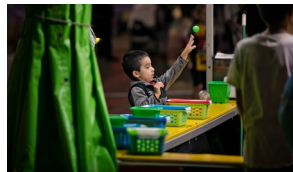
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**AUGUST 23**  
**AUGUST 30**

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**. This weekend was originally scheduled to be St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest Weekend. Below are a few photos from past Fall Fests. Thank you all for your generosity and help in offsetting the financial impact the pandemic has had on the Parish finances.



# Social Concerns Ministry



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

### Most needed at this time:

- Canned Fruit
- Jelly
- Canned Fish/Tuna
- Dry Pinto Beans (1-2 lb)
- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Household Cleaners

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

We were recently awarded a \$3,500 grant from the Greater Chicago Food Depository as part of their Covid-19 Partner Assistance Grants. These funds are to help with additional expenses related to running the food pantry in a modified form during this pandemic. We are using these funds to purchase:

**Milk Cooler:** this is replacing one of our broken refrigerators. This commercial grade unit is on wheels, is easier to load and unload, and provides us much needed flexibility to use in various places on campus, as we continue to pivot.

**Outdoor Heaters:** to help keep our volunteers warm as we continue to do distribution outside throughout the winter.

**Internet Access:** mobile hotspot and monthly data plan to utilize Wi-Fi throughout the parking lot to register clients safely.

**Lighting:** Soon we will be doing distribution in the dark. We anticipate needing additional lighting to keep our volunteers safe, fill out check-in paperwork, direct clients where to go, etc.

**Cleaning Supplies/PPE:** sanitizing wipes, masks, gloves and other personal protective equipment for staff, volunteers, and clients.

## 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.

*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.*



New Milk Cooler



Some of the high school guys helping at our recent food pantry distribution.



Big week for tomatoes in the garden!



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## RESPECT LIFE



**Word of Life** - "By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."

USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

**Area Respect Life Meeting** - Our Area Respect Life Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00pm via Zoom. If you would like to be added to our email list or included in the meeting, please email Kendall at [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or call 708.215.5418.

**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children** - September 12 at Queen of Heaven cemetery in Hillside. More info at <http://abortionmemorials.com/history/Hillside.php>

## INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

**Energize Your Job Search Using Your NEW LinkedIn Profile** - Join our Virtual Zoom Presentation (no pre-registration required) on Thursday, September 17, from 7-9 pm. As you well know, YOUR LinkedIn profile is the second most important job-search tool, next to your resume. Our speaker, Denis Curtin, a LinkedIn trainer and coach will focus on different ways to use this FREE tool to improve your job search. Denis will present methods you can apply to attract internal and external recruiters to your LinkedIn profile. Specific Do's and Don'ts will be discussed so you can quickly set up and improve your LinkedIn profile. Also, techniques to hold the recruiter's attention on your profile will be covered. All good stuff to help you help yourself!

**Join our Zoom Meeting!**

Meeting ID: 893 9386 9553      Passcode: 952890

## 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

## 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/>

## MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES IS HERE TO HELP

So many of us are feeling anxious or fearful about world events. Spiritual direction is a wonderful way to help us process what we are feeling as we explore the ways that God is present and at work in our lives even in the midst of our daily struggles.

Mayslake Ministries is a leading Center for Spiritual Direction. We have forty certified spiritual directors and three pastoral counselors on staff who are here to help you to find healing and hope in these difficult days. Our team of spiritual directors are formed in the Catholic faith and skilled in all areas of life.

Spiritual direction sessions can be done from the safety of your home via phone, FaceTime or Zoom calls. In person spiritual direction sessions are also available at our new offices located at Ascension Parish in Oakbrook Terrace. Visit our website today [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org) for a complete listing of our spiritual directors and our services. Please call Dr. Mary Amore at 630-852-9000 to schedule your appointment.

## PROGRAMS AT THE WELL

Due to the Coronavirus, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up. Here are just a few highlights from September:

### Living Laudato Si'

Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29 - 9:30 - 11 AM

You've heard of the papal encyclical with the Italian name, maybe you even read it, but have you let it influence the way you live? Facilitated by Diane Pfahler, SND, this series looks at some of the most challenging themes of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* and searches out ways we can live it. Series cost: \$30.

### Waking Up White book study

Mondays, Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 - 9:30 - 11 AM

More and more light is being shed on the reality that racism is a "white problem" and that white people may not have the eyes to see their privilege in a racist society. Let's look inside ourselves as white persons so that we can enter into authentic relationships with our neighbors of different races. Facilitated by Bridget Spurduto. Series cost: \$120.

### From Culture War to Revolution of Tenderness

Saturday, Sept. 26 - 9:30 AM - 12 PM and 1 - 2:30 PM

Pope Francis urges us to seek out new ways of thinking and to deepen our capacity for kinship with those whose worldviews diverge sharply from our own. The path from polarization to solidarity is the focus of this workshop, just in time to contemplate the approaching election and the searing issues of the day. Facilitated by Mike McGillicuddy. Cost: \$50

Please see our website at [www.csjthewell.org/offerings/](http://www.csjthewell.org/offerings/) to find out about these programs and more.

## Religious Education & RCIA

### 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 – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

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 ASAP 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/](http://stcletusparish.com/re/) or you can email Barb Campbell for further information and the forms ([bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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!

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### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

We are so happy that we were able to celebrate First Communion masses with our 100 young First Communicants this year. After waiting over three months, we were very excited to finally welcome them to the table of the Lord to receive Jesus for the first time! Although the sacramental celebrations were slightly different than in years' past, they were lovely and grace-filled celebrations. One of the changes this year was the inability to have the children's First Communion banners hanging in Church. Our families were encouraged to complete the banners at home and proudly display them on their First Communion day at home. Here are a few photos of some of our children and their wonderful banners.



We would like to thank our children's Catechists and teachers who accompanied the children on this faith journey, preparing them for this sacrament for the past two years. A special thanks goes out to all of our parents, who have been and always will be, the first and BEST teacher of the faith to their children. We also would like to thank the countless volunteers who assisted us with these special celebrations as Greeters, Ushers, and cleaning crews. We could not have had these sacramental celebrations without the help of dozens of parish volunteers, under the supervision of Roman Szabelski, Colleen Hagen and Paulette Bolton. Many thanks also to our liturgical team, our priests, Karen Ziemba the director of Music Ministries and our amazing teen cantors.



In these uncertain times, it is comforting to know that we can meet at the table to be filled with the spirit, love and peace of the Lord! We pray that these children return to the table each week to remain as close to Jesus as they were on their First Communion Day!



# St. Cletus School

## FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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(708) 352-4820  
gporod@stcletusparish.com

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



## TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

Although our school building has limited access, you can still take a tour of our school! Visit <https://stcletusschool.com/about/why-choose-st-cletus/> to take a virtual tour of our classrooms and common areas. The 360° media can be found on the lower left-hand side of the webpage.

## KINDERGARTEN ART CLASS

The arts are such an important part in a child's development! This week, our kindergarteners learned all about the colors of the rainbow with our art teacher Mrs. Devino. They colored a rainbow trout as well as a plate to put their little fish on! Such a fun visual for the kids!



## BACK IN SESSION

Students are excited to be back in class at St. Cletus School. Things may look a little different, but it's still a great day to be a Cardinal!



**St. Cletus School**  
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

Virtual Tours Available at [www.stcletusschool.com](http://www.stcletusschool.com)

# Sunday Notes

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## FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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## MERCY

Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor.

—St. John Chrysostom

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday  
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian  
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine  
Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5781  
Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

## SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (C. 344-407)

### September 13

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (*Chrysostom*) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (*Sacramentary*), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the *Liturgy of the Hours* not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!" (Saturday, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time).

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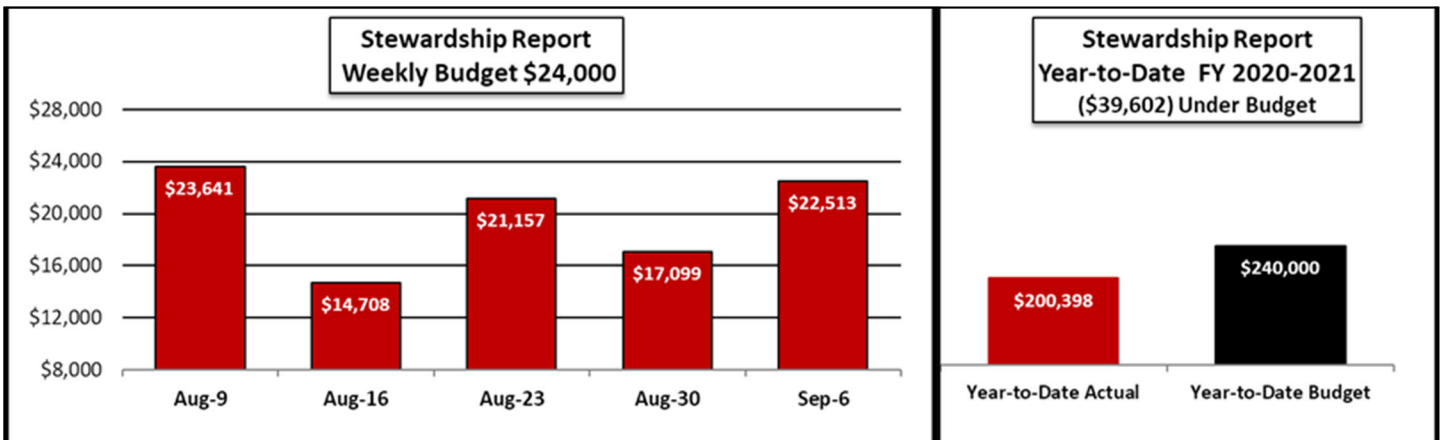
## FAITH

Faith is the union of God with the soul.

—St. John of the Cross



# 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

## 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.

## More Photos from Past Fall Fests



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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