

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is
generous in forgiving.**
— ISAIAH 55:7B



As high as the heavens
are above the earth,
so high are my ways
above your ways
and my thoughts
above your thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:9



TWENTY-
FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20
2020

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for September 21 - 27, 2020

Day	Time	Intentions
September 21	8:00am	Wayne Kral
September 22	8:00am	Stanley Oboy
September 23	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, Joseph Viececi
September 24	8:00am	Russ Evans
September 25	8:00am	Bernard Dickson
September 26	8:00am 5:00pm	Joseph Viececi Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Ed Stec, Helen Mrozek
September 27	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	George Duda, Richard Gomez, John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney Stacy Baker, Stella Konciezny, Anne Scheer Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Joanne Kathleen Smith, Rosa Nilles, Dorothy Dybas St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Michael P. Caplice

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.

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. 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...

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

An ancient philosopher wrote that there is an art to being generous. If people have the resources to be generous, they can do so without vulgar showing off, or making those who receive their generosity feel patronized. People who are truly generous are those who do not value money itself, but only in as much as they can spend it usefully on others.

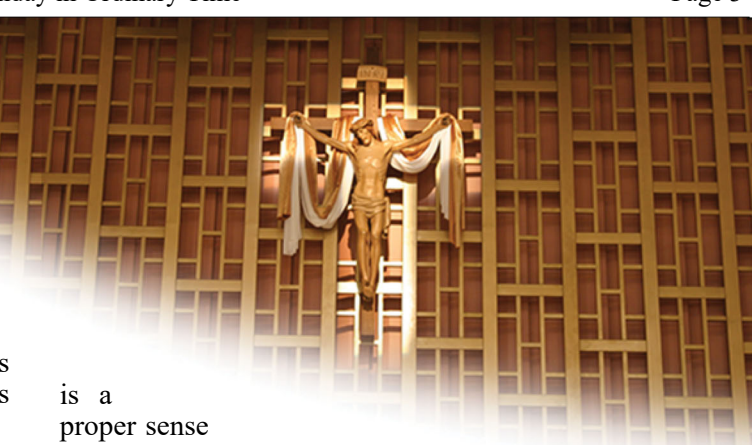
There are also two contrasting sorts of character. One is the prodigal person who spends money foolishly, like the son in the parable. The other is the miser, who hoards money, and even steals the goods of others. The character Harpagon in the play *THE MISER*, by the seventeenth-century French playwright Molière, is such a person. He defrauds his own horses of their oats, and instead of “giving” people a good day, he “lends” them a good day.

There is also an art to receiving. We can receive presents, or help, or a compliment, graciously. Or we can be ungrateful, sullen and resentful. Even worse, we can resent the good things that come to others, and be eaten up with envy. The same ancient philosopher, Aristotle, defined envy as “a kind of distress at apparent success on the part of one’s equals”. It is, then, feeling put out, or even bitter, at the good that happens to other people, especially people close to us, or of the same group. The ancient world had a special term for this: it was called the “evil eye”.

This is exactly the phrase used in the Greek of today’s Gospel reading. At the end of the story, the landowner asks the grumbling worker, “have you got the evil eye because I am generous?” In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus lists the “evil eye” as one of the things that come out of people to make them unclean. There was much superstition attached to this phrase, but in the New Testament it is a vivid image for intense envy and resentment. This was thought to show itself in people’s looks, just as we might say “green with envy”.

So in the Gospel reading we have the contrast of the generosity of the landowner and the envious reaction of the laborers. We might see the landowner as representing God, and the workers as the people of the Old Testament. The Jewish people had labored under the law of Moses for many centuries, and now that Jesus was also bringing in the Gentiles to be saved, some of them felt a certain resentment. Certainly Paul’s letters show us that there were disputes between Jewish Christians and those who were converted from paganism. Such tensions would be natural in the formation of a new society. Perhaps the parable is a warning against being blinded by tensions such as this.

But the parable has a wider application than the early Church. We may at times react against the injustice that we see in the world, and often we are right to do so. There



is a proper sense of indignation when we see a real injustice done. However, as far as our relations with God go, we have no cause for envy. Like the landowner in the parable, God bestows gifts to people according to the divine will, and everyone has been given some gift. The basic gift is, of course, life. Without that, we would have nothing either to moan about or to rejoice in. As St. Paul asks the Corinthians in this regard, “What do you have that was not given to you?”

Envy of other people’s money, good looks, fame, or even spiritual gifts, does nothing except to corrode the character of the person doing the envying. Thinking about the gifts we have been given ourselves, and being grateful for them, is more positive and more gracious. We can also rejoice in the gifts that God gives to others. As members of the Church, we are all part of the same body, and can therefore share in each other’s gifts. So rather than begrudging God’s generosity or moaning about what we don’t have, we can bear in mind the words of Blessed John Newman: “God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do his work.”

With a Generous Spirit,



Fr. Bob
Pastor

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

Volunteer Spotlight: Jacobs Family

Every week you can find Maria Jacobs and some of her crew packing bags of produce for food pantry distribution. Even before COVID-19, Maria was a regular volunteer helping with registration at the pantry. Seeing an increased need in mid-March, Maria and her family stepped right in. It has certainly been a family affair. At anytime Maria has been joined by 5 of her kids, which made concerns about social distancing much easier. We're so grateful for the Jacobs family. Their hard work, counting, recounting, dividing, and preparing has been a HUGE help to weekly pantry operations. Plus, this crew is just a joy to be around. Thank you!



Jacobs family packing bags of produce for food pantry distribution.

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.



Karen Richert at a recent cold, rainy food pantry distribution.

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 LEADERSHIP



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 beginning September 21.

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.

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

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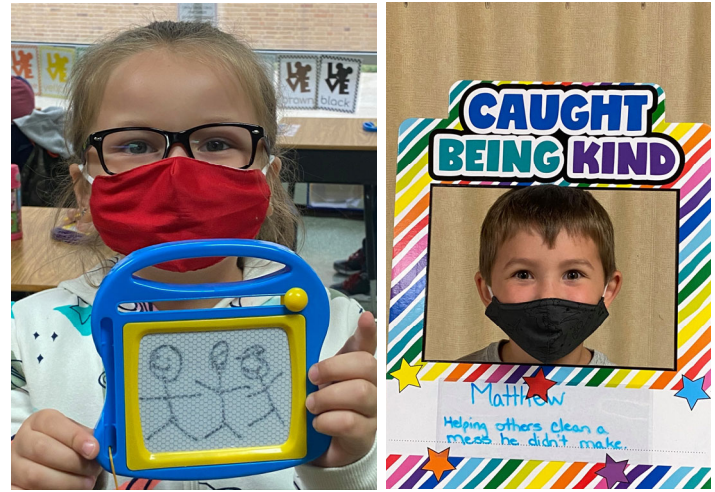
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St. Cletus School

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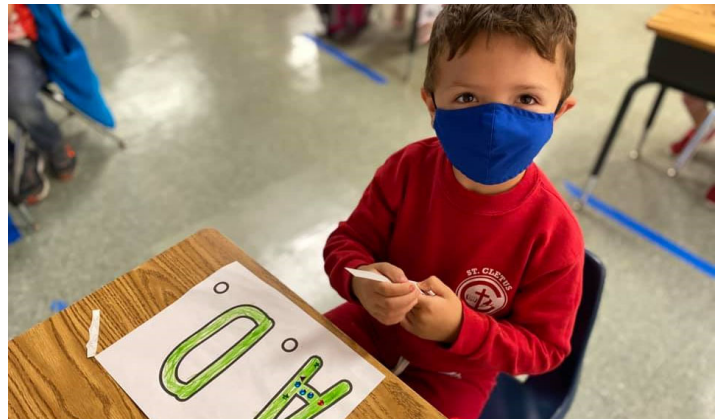
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TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

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.



4TH GRADE RELIGION

4th grade has been busy recently learning all about the different parts of the liturgical year. Knowing God and His church are part of your child's daily lives each day at school is one of the many benefits of choosing a Catholic education and one of the reasons everyday is a great day to be a Cardinal!

KINDERGARTEN CORNER

We have lots of fun in Kindergarten. To learn we use fun items like magnadoodles, playdough and kinetic sand to practice our sight words, math skills or to make fun pictures or glow sticks to write our letters in the air. We also go out of our way to acknowledge someone who is being kind in our class. The children have been practicing name writing "the kindergarten way" with one capital letter, the rest lowercase and correct formation. We learned about our initials and had fun decorating them. On top of all that, we have been busy practicing math skills with ten frame work and we also made a graph to see how long each of our names are.

Besides all of these academic skills, we are learning how to be a cardinal—the first big word we are focusing on is COMPASSIONATE. Cardinals are respectful, responsible and compassionate! The children are working hard to "do God's work" and "let their lights shine." That's what we are all about here at St. Cletus School!

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) or Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com). We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This Sunday is celebrated as Catechetical Sunday in the Church year. During the time of this pandemic, our Religious Education curriculum has now become an at-home Family Catechesis

model. In *many* ways, we are building up the Domestic Church – our parents are now taking their role as the first and BEST teachers of the faith to their children, a promise they made at their child's baptism. We are so grateful to our parents, and look forward to partnering with you like never before to accompany and support your family on your faith journey.

Religious Education family lessons begin today! Families should have received an email from Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) with the first lesson plan for this month, and some weekly mass resources and a Saint of the month packet.

If you have not yet registered your children, there is still time! Please register as soon as possible. The forms can be found at stcletusparish.com/re/. Simply complete the Family Registration form, and the Student registration form and return them to bcampbell@stcletusparish.com

Students in grades 2, 6, 7, and 8 will have additional online lessons to complete for sacramental preparation. We will be hosting a book pick-up on Sunday, Sept. 27. You will receive an email on September 21 with more information on how and when to pick up your child's materials. Online lessons for these grades will begin in October.



Last Sunday we celebrated the First Holy Communion of James Remkus, the grandson of Deacon Stuart and Marlene Heyes

Congratulations James!

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 - "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"



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

Your presence and prayers may make the ultimate difference in a baby's life! Questions? Email 40DaysDG@gmail.com

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

The instruments will remain in their cases as the FAS takes a hiatus until 2021. Please join our email list using the button on our webpage to stay connected: <http://www.edwardfas.com/>

The Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus will remain on hiatus until 2021.

We hope to offer some fun virtual events this fall and hopefully a spring concert. If you haven't subscribed to our emails, please be sure to sign up at www.edwardfas.com.



PROGRAMS AT THE WELL

Due to COVID-19, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up. Here are just a few highlights from September:

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

Brother Sun, Sister Moon- Laudato Si' - You and Me!

Friday - Saturday, Oct. 2-3
both days at 10-11AM, 1-2 PM and 5-5:15 PM
St. Francis' love for all creation as his kin, and Pope Francis' appeal to humanity to protect our endangered Earth home, ring as two bells tolling together. In this mini-retreat facilitated by Maureen Wild, SC, The Canticle of Creation and vignettes from the life of St. Francis will be woven with threads of Laudato Si' and the inspiration of Pope Francis. Cost: \$60.

Singing Bowls

Tuesday, Oct. 6, and Thursday, Dec. 10 7 - 8 PM
During an hour-long session, facilitator Jalima Cuesta uses breathing techniques, guided meditation, and intuitive playing of various crystal singing bowls to bring a sense of calm and peace to participants. From the comfort of your home, experience profound relaxation and internal healing. Cost: \$15 per session.

Visit www.csjthewell.org/offerings/ to find out more

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 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 by Sunday evening 9/27.

Sunday Notes

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ISAIAH 55:9

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DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Matthew
Tuesday: Autumn begins
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian;
Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
Mt 21:28-32

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968)

September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually “bilocate” in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or “read hearts” before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of “trials accepted with love,” referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: “Pray, hope, and don't worry!”

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AUTUMN

Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!

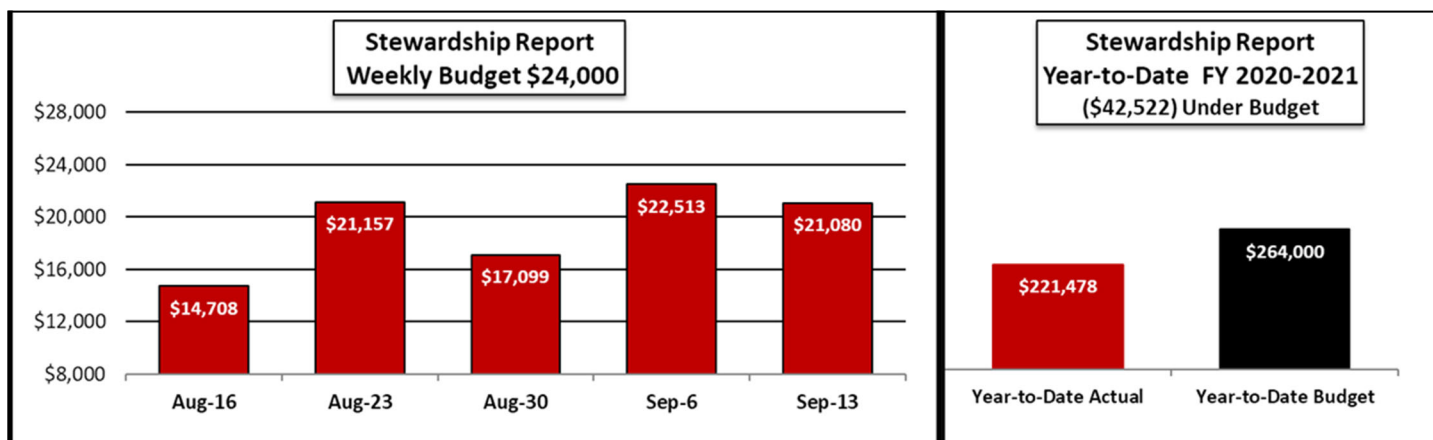
—Humbert Wolfe

HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.

—Anonymous

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 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.

Lucky Leaf Raffle Winners

SAINT CLETUS
SOCIALLY DISTANT



Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!

Grand Prize - Larry V. - \$5,000

2nd Prize – Tiffany J. - \$2,500

3rd Prize – Michael E. - \$1,000

4th Prize – Stephen and Alexis E. - \$500

5th Prize – Erik W. - \$500

Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Cletus Lucky Leaf Raffle for your generosity!

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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