

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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# Mass Intentions for August 23 - 29, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
August 23	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Matthew Ferrari
August 24	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Delphine Marciszewski, Dan Linklater, Special Intention - Al & Geri Hinton 64th Wedding Anniversary
August 25	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Frances Grybas, Rose Nilles, Jerome Cherney
August 26	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Lestarczyk Family, Eleanor Mlot
August 27	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Harry Borch
August 28	5:00pm	Fr. Costello	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Samuel Colonna, Arlene Colonna, Daniel Buonamici, Special Intention - Stanley Wager 99th Birthday
August 29	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Romero Fr. Costello Fr. Baker Fr. Romero	Ted Zwolinski Sr., Stacy Baker, George Duda, Richard Gomez, Pietro Cistaro Stella Konciezny, Anne Marie Nabor Debbie Feyereisen, Michael O'Connell St. Cletus Parishioners

#### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY 8/23**

The St. Cletus Parish Office will be closed on Monday while the Parish Staff is off-site for a retreat. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

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

#### Joan Gargano

May she 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 - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin, Jerry Tomazin

**July** - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

**June** - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Ginny Skibbe, Mary Ann Vokurka, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patrick Wingert

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

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

#### MASK GUIDANCE

The Departments of Public Health strongly recommend all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors.



# SCHOOL MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

On Tuesday, August 31, we will be celebrating a Mass of the Holy Spirit for our school students. All parishioners are invited to join us. As this is the first school Mass of the academic year, we will do our best to begin by 8:00am, however, a little flexibility may be needed.

We will have school Masses each Tuesday through the academic year when school is in session. We are blessed to have 340 students this year and we ask that adult parishioners who do attend on Tuesday mornings to sit behind the pew break in church to allow the children to sit as close to the front as possible.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

### A Note from Fr. Elmer

Dear Friends,

I am happy to share some news with you today.

In addition to the work completed in my living quarters, we also had some wall repairs and bathroom work in Fr. Dan Costello's quarters. He lives in the northwest corner upstairs in the rectory and that part of the building requires some tuck-pointing as well, as evidenced by the condition of the interior walls in his rooms. As with most of the windows in the rectory, there is water damage around his windows as well which we will need to take care of when the windows are replaced. I know Fr. Dan is very grateful to you for making the necessary repairs and updates to help him feel at home in his rectory quarters. I am sure you realize how important it is to maintain our facilities as best we can to be good stewards of the whole parish complex. Below you will see details about the work completed for which we paid \$16,500.00. Thank you for your generosity.

The desire to keep enhancing our parish landscaping and gardens is growing. Last Sunday after our 12:30 PM Mass I had a very good meeting with a group of men who want to help us with the upkeep of our parish gardens. They are in the business of landscaping and want to share their time and experiences with us. At the meeting Elias Lopez was chosen as the leader of this new team. He will coordinate with Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel, leaders of our existing weeding team. I am so grateful for their initiative and generosity. Please keep them in your prayers.

On Monday, August 16, 2021, I joined our St. Cletus School Administrators, Faculty, and Staff for a "Day of Reflection, Prayer, Fraternity, and Growth" which took place at Mundelein Seminary. We had a wonderful day together. Our presenters, Fr. John



Lodge and Dr. Paul Hilliard, did a great job in sharing their knowledge about the Catholic faith. They both inspired and encouraged us to appreciate and share our faith with confidence. For more details about our day together I am sharing with you our schedule on the next page.

With gratitude I share with you two reflections I received from our school faculty who attended our day of Reflection at Mundelein Seminary.

"Today was FANTASTIC! I was so glad that I rearranged my schedule so that I could attend. My original intent to attend the Mundelein event was driven by my desire to hear what the teachers were going to hear and to also begin to establish, even in just a small way, some relationships with the new teachers. My expectations were totally underestimated. The new knowledge I received from the two presentations was astonishing. Both Fr. John and Dr. Hilliard are excellent presenters; to say they are well versed in their areas of expertise is an understatement. Driving home I was mentally thinking I now had even more enthusiasm for the coming year. I particularly thought that the emphasis on God's Grace was so positive and encouraging. The day's agenda was perfect, it was paced very well and provided a variety of experiences; the campus tour was also so enlightening! It was truly a great opportunity and I'm so glad I was able to be part of it!"

"While getting to experience all of the rich cultural and historical elements of our Catholic heritage, particularly as it pertains to the Chicago-area, I was reminded of how my Catholic faith was passed down to me by my parents and grandparents. Through their beliefs, disciplines, and actions, my upbringing as a Catholic has led me to my vocations as a Catholic school teacher, husband, and father."

We give thanks to God for the way He continues to walk with us.

Fr. Elmer Romero Pastor

#### FR. DAN'S LIVING QUARTERS SCOPE OF WORK COMPLETED:

- Supply & install light fixtures.
- Supply & install ceiling fans.
- Supply & install new 54" tub and plumbing fixtures.
- Supply & install new medicine cabinet
- Supply & install floor, ceiling & wall tile
- Supply & install new floor mounted toilet (ADA compliant Chair Height).
- Wall repairs & painting.
- Supply & install new closet organizer
- Repair / service HVAC in room

# A Note from Fr. Elmer (continued)

## "TEACHING AS A MINISTRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH" Day of Reflection, Prayer, Fraternity, Growth August 16, 2021

#### **SCHEDULE**

7:30 AM	St. Cletus will be providing a bus to transport all of us to University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. Please arrive in the St. Cletus School Parking Lot by 7:30 AM
9:00 AM	Arrive at University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary Meet our new Pastor Father Elmer Romero For parking use Purple Lot Parking
9:15 AM	Talk by Fr. John Lodge "Christ the Teacher"
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Campus Tour By Dr. Paul Hilliard
11:30 AM	Mass Father Elmer Romero
12:00 PM	Lunch at Mundelein Refectory and free time to enjoy the campus. Visit the Book Store / Gift Shop
1:00 PM	Talk by Dr. Paul Hilliard "St. John Bosco: Give me a soul and take everything else"
2:10 PM	Museum tour By Christopher A. Rogers, Director of Feehan Library/McEssy Theological Center
2:40 PM	Sharing Graces/Blessings
3:10 PM	Prayer
3:15 PM	Enjoy the Campus / Departure

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#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

We would love for you to join us in welcoming our newest faculty members! We are so excited for this new school year!



Back row left to right: Ms. Zontos(kindergarten assistant), Mrs. Fermando(first grade), Ms. Hays(sixth grade), Ms. Kasnicka(first grade), Mrs. Weber(resource)

Front row left to right: Ms. Mullen(full day prek), Mrs. Hogan(jrk), Ms. Antikauskas(aide), Mrs. Jacobs(jrk assistant)

#### **JOB OPENING**

#### HALF DAY PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Hours are 7:30am - 11:30 am

Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree needed

Substitute License required if education degree is not held

Please contact the school office if interested at 708-352-4820

#### FACULTY AND STAFF RETREAT

Monday our faculty and staff were blessed with a beautiful day of retreat at University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. It was a wonderful day of lectures, celebrating Mass together, and getting private tours of the beautiful campus! Father Elmer planned an amazing day for everyone and it was a truly grace-filled day! Check out our pictures to the right.















# **Social Concerns Ministry**



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

#### Most needed at this time:

- School supplies
- Mac and cheese
- Pasta sauce
- Jelly
- Hamburger helper

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#### **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

School supplies are being distributed every Thursday night in August! This massive undertaking is being coordinated by Chris Rekstad (right) as his Eagle Scout project. We've got 350 bags to give away and help our local students get ready to head back to school! Thank you, Chris!

Harvesting the fruits of our labors... or in this case the vegetables tomatoes and peppers so far! If you want to help, sign up is available here: http://bit.ly/3vxZtsg



#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH**

Here's my secret - "I am a married man with four great children. My story, too, is very hard to tell. My wife and I had a picture-book wedding, we were so in love. The babies started coming pretty fast. I was working very hard to keep up with the expenses and my wife was getting a little bogged down with all the child-care and laundry. But she is a good mother. After baby number three she said she'd had it. We used a more reliable kind of birth control and were able to keep the fourth from coming so soon. But with the fourth baby she had a lot of problems, and he had to be born by C-section. The recovery was hard, especially since no family members could come to help out. I took as much time off work as I dared, but it wasn't enough. Gina began getting more and more crabby. Seems like she hated the children and me. Finally she began sniping at me all the time. Before I knew it, she started throwing things at me. Not little things, either. I know this sounds like a cartoon of the beleaguered husband and his shrewish wife, but she means business. She has hurt me badly, but I NEVER seek medical help because I am so ashamed. Imagine, a husband that lets his wife abuse him...."

MYTH: Men do not get abused by women.

**FACT**: Women can be violent in relationships also. Approximately 8% of men experience Domestic Violence in their lifetimes.

You are not alone! In an emergency, dial 911 or call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233.

Carrol A. M. Smith, PhD, RN, faculty of UIC. The Many Faces of Interpersonal Violence. The Family Violence Prevention Fund, Chapter 1, What is Domestic Violence?



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#### WORD OF LIFE





"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

# Religious Education

#### DON'T QUIT! THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Do you remember when your children were very young, and first beginning to learn to walk? That was a challenging and exciting time for you both! If walking was easy to do, your child would have been walking around an hour or so after being born. Instead, it took 9 – 13 months before your child took their first steps. But they didn't stop there, did they? Learning to walk also comes with many falls and failed attempts. Walking isn't easy. But when your child fell, did you just give up on helping them to learn to walk? Did you both stop trying? No, of course not! You both kept trying. encouraged your child to continue to try to take those first wobbly steps, and then encouraged them to take more until they had mastered it. Now your child is not only walking, but most likely running, skipping, jumping and maybe even walking backwards! That is all very impressive learning – because you didn't give up!

In today's Gospel story, we hear about Jesus teaching his disciples what it means to follow him. After listening to Jesus, some of the disciples tell him, "This is hard. Who can accept it?" After that, they *quit* following Jesus, and returned to their previous way of life. Can you believe that? They actually stopped being Jesus' disciples. But not ALL of Jesus' disciples quit — the original twelve apostles stayed. They stayed because they knew that Jesus had the words of eternal life, and that he was God. He was "the real deal".

Today's Gospel is a good reminder to us to think about why we choose to keep following Jesus. Just like you and your child didn't give up learning how to walk because you knew walking was worth the challenge to learn, the apostles didn't give up on following Jesus because they knew what he was teaching was worth learning and living. We know how the story continues... the apostles were right to not give up on Jesus, no matter how challenging it got. With the Holy Spirit's help, they went



on to heal others, teach others, evangelize others, and even have their own disciples like Jesus did. Sometimes following Jesus is difficult and challenging, but it is always worth it. When we allow Jesus in as the center of our lives, really good things happen in our lives.

A helpful video on teaching children about the Real Presence of the Eucharist can be found on YouTube at this link: <a href="https://youtu.be/JYkvjq6pG1Y">https://youtu.be/JYkvjq6pG1Y</a>. The video is called Catholic Kids Media - What is "Real Presence"? 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time cycle B, and is two minutes long.

#### **REGISTER FOR RE TODAY!**



Please don't forget to register for Religious Education classes for your child! We are excited to offer a hybrid of at-home lessons and in-person activities for all grade levels! Our program is very flexible and user-friendly! Please see our website (<a href="www.stcletusparish.com/re">www.stcletusparish.com/re</a>) for more information on our program and to access the registration forms.

Please register ASAP to ensure we have the books and materials your child will need to start the program on time!

Any questions can be directed to Barb Campbell at <u>beampbell@steletusparish.com</u> We are excited to have the opportunity to gather together again!

# **Ministry and Community News**

# ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



Ladies of St. Cletus: Join us for our first meeting of the 2021-2022 year!

When: September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: Gallagher Room in the Parish Center
What: Short meeting followed by LAUGHTER

**YOGA with Tanaz Bamboat** 

Don't worry, you won't have to buy new yoga pants or twist your body like a pretzel! This yoga is for stress influence and is meant to relax you and release stress. It is for anyone who wants to stay strong and mitigate daily stress and isn't there plenty of that for everyone?

It involves voluntary laughter where you can laugh without jokes or outside stimuli. As a result you will reap physical, emotional, social, and spiritual benefits. How can you miss those rewards?

So join us on September 14th to unlock the secret to becoming more joyful, healthier, and "at peace"!

Tanaz Bamboat is a dynamic & inspirational speaker who has done seminars at hospitals, senior communities, health clubs, banks, schools, libraries, and parks. She has been featured on WGN-TV along with other TV stations, radio shows and magazines. As a survivor of bipolar disorder her mission is to help the sick and depressed bounce back laughing so they can get their lives back and live a fulfilled life. Need some laughter? Don't miss it!

#### **BOOK CLUB**



For the next book discussion, we are reading On The Brink of Everything by Parker Palmer. We will meet on October 12, 2021 at 7 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead, on December 14 we will discuss **The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion** by Fannie Flagg. As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

#### **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 5:00 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

#### **MISSION LADIES**

#### GOOD NEWS AND OTHER NEWS!

Mission Ladies of St.Cletus will be starting up after a long hiatus and coming back to Mission on Wednesday - Sept. 8th, 2021 - 9am until 11::30am in the St. Cletus Parish Center.

We are hoping we have supplies to work with. The Mission Ladies are in need of: Eyelet Fabric (any eyelet used in Table Cloths, Bedding, Clothing), White Stuffing, Yarn, Cotton Fabric, Lace, White 1/4" Ribbon, and Crosses - 1 inch high.

All Mission Ladies will be required to wear a mask while indoors at St. Cletus.

Mission Ladies is open to young and not so young ladies. - no experience is needed. For more information call the phone number below. Looking forward to our 1st day back after so long. For more info call Dolores Scaletta (708.839.9605)

#### MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE



#### MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET

Are you interested in joining a friendly group of women who enjoy working together and supporting the mission of Misericordia? Come to our Wine & Cheese party and learn more about the Misericordia Women's League!

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 7:00-8:30 p.m. 942 North Madison Street, Hinsdale

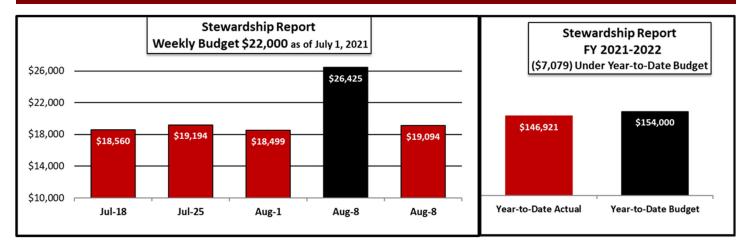
Contact Janet Meyer at 630.222.4660 or jmcilella@gmail.com for more information.

Misericordia provides a community of care for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our League supports their life-changing work through volunteering and fundraising.

#### **PDLG JOB OPENINGS**

The Park District of La Grange has immediate openings for our Before and After School program and Preschool program. Any interested applicant can email Jenny at jennybechtold@pdlg.org or call me directly at (708) 588-2204. We also have a variety of positions open in other areas of the Park District for anyone looking for work.

# Stewardship Report



#### **ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING**



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?

Visit steletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209.

# **Archdiocese of Chicago**

#### LEGACY GIFTS FOR OUR PARISH

Jesus told us, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." So every day, we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others.

St. Cletus Parish and the archdiocese steward your gifts in many ways. Please continue to keep "the least of our brothers" in your prayers, and pray for the wisdom and strength to recognize those needs. One of the ways you can provide support is through a gift from your:

- Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies, or
- Charitable Gift Annuity, which provides you with fixed payments for life and remaining funds will benefit our parish.

For more information, please contact Mary Zwolinski or visit archchicago.giftplans.org.

To receive a free, no-obligation illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.



### St. Cletus Parish Information

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#### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Friday	9:00 a.m 3:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

#### **MASSES**

Saturday Evening	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
•	12:30 p.m. (spanish)
Weekdays	

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 8:30 a m. - 9:15 a.m.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

#### WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

#### HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND **COMMUNION CALLS**

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office ......(708) 215-5407

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#### PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

#### **Mission Statement**

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

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of ADVERTISED coffee

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