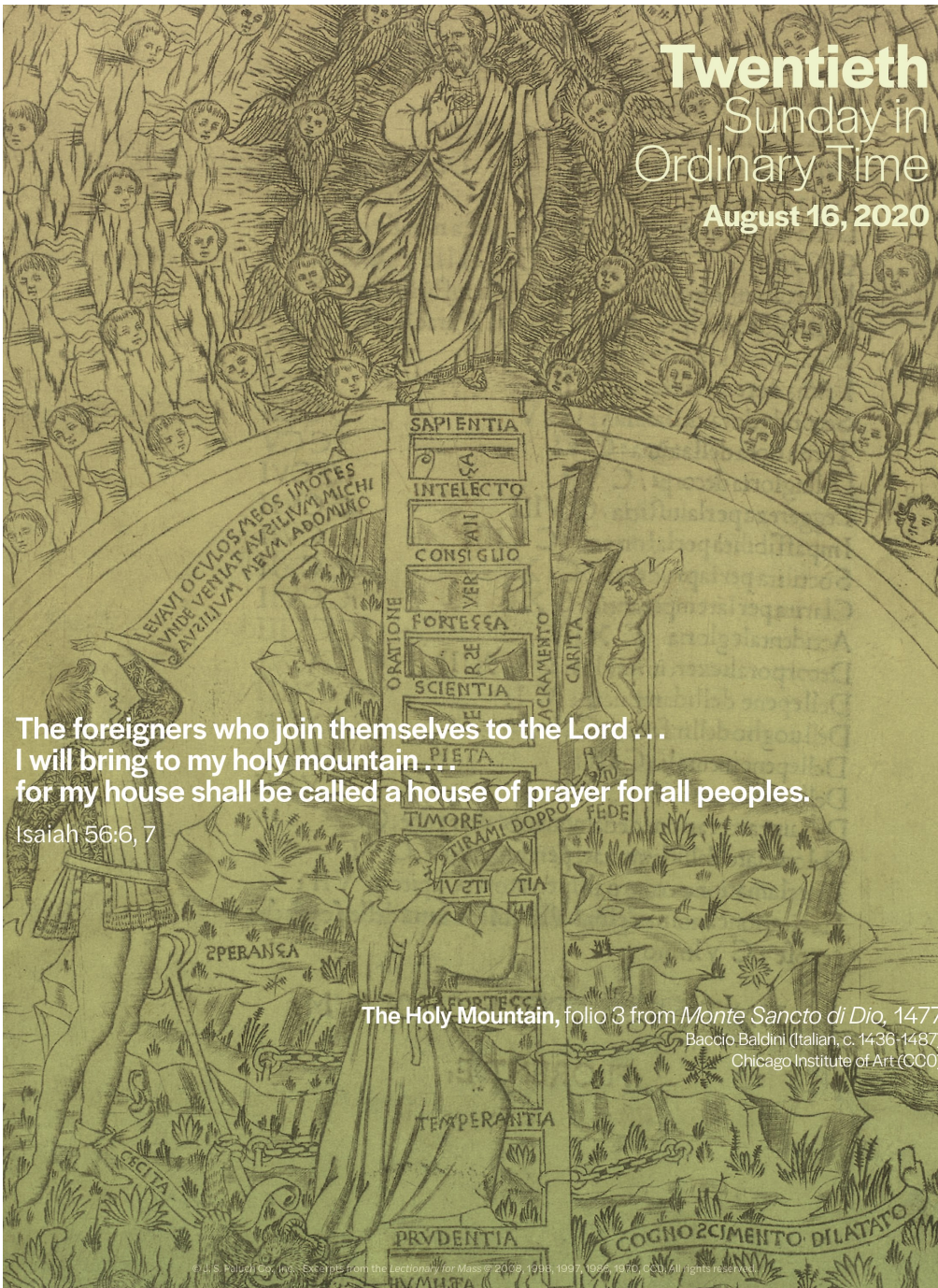
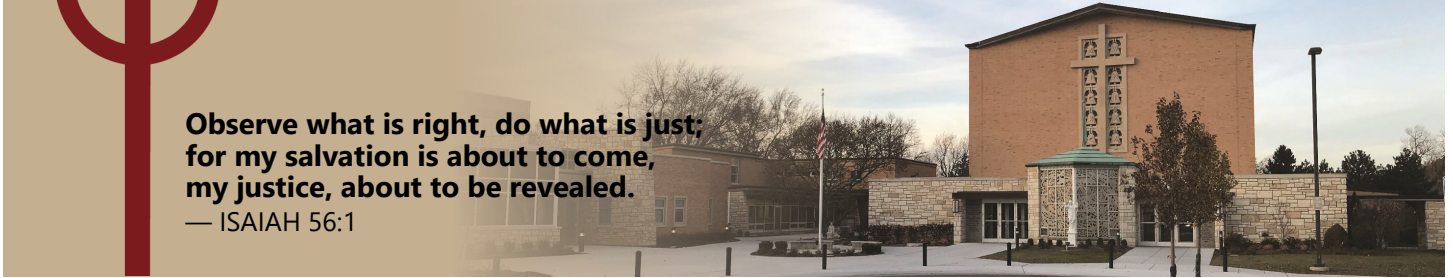


Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.**
— ISAIAH 56:1



Twentieth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord ...
I will bring to my holy mountain ...
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Isaiah 56:6, 7

The Holy Mountain, folio 3 from *Monte Sancto di Dio*, 1477
Baccio Baldini (Italian, c. 1436-1487)
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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for August 17 - 23, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
August 17	Fr. Baker	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
August 18	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Gene Gajos, Henry Maday
August 19	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, Frank Wojcik
August 20	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Delphine Marciszewski, Mike Thuma
August 21	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Jennifer Spangler
August 22	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark	8:00am 5:00pm	Chris and John Joyce St. Cletus Parishioners
August 23	Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:15pm	John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney George Duda, Stacy Baker Emilia and Marco Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Dorothy Dybas St. Cletus Parishioners

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, Karen Rogers

July - Frank Colonna, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there would normally be a second collection to support the Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection baskets after Mass, the Rectory mail slot, mailed to the Parish Center, or donations can be made on our website, www.stcletusparish.com (using the donate button on the top menu bar). Thank you for your continued generous support.

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.

Please remember that masks are required to enter the church and we ask that you maintain social distancing guidelines.

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.

Website - www.stcletusparish.com

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Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- School Supplies
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Canned Tomatoes
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Boxed Sides (hamburger helper, rice a roni, etc)

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

Follow us on facebook:
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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

Kristina Findley has taken on our School Supply Drive as her Eagle Scout Project this year! We are so excited to have her help and organization in this effort! She has been collecting, sorting, counting, bagging, and now distributing these bags to each household attending the pantry. If you haven't had a chance to donate, it's not too late! We are still taking donations this week and we will continue to hand out school supply bags to each family coming to the pantry in August.



Kristina Findley and her family distributing school supplies at the recent Food Pantry.

ATTENTION GARDENERS!

If you have any extra produce in your garden that you would like to donate, please email kgrant@stcletusparish.com or call 708.215.5418. We've gotten great donations from area gardeners and are always looking to provide extra fresh, delicious, local produce to families coming to the pantry. Our food pantry garden is in full swing. So far we've harvested zucchini and peppers.



The Butauskas Family helped pick veggies in the garden yesterday! Some peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, and our first tomatoes of the season!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

School supplies are being distributed during each food pantry in August. We are still collecting donations! Items Needed: Washable Markers, 24 pack Crayons, Spiral Notebooks, Pens, #2 Pencils, Glue Sticks, Glue, Kid Scissors. All items should be new and unopened. Thank you!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH



Our monthly DV Support Group meetings will continue to be held virtually on Zoom. Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 18 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.

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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

Other Ministry News

WORD OF LIFE



“Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God’s design that ‘the two shall become one’ (Mt 19:5).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Healing within Marriage from an Abortion” (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

SC COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

FACE MASKS SALES WINDING DOWN - The sale of “Cardinal Red and White” face masks has been very successful. We have about 20 left and would love to deplete our inventory! By purchasing one of these lightweight and comfortable face masks, for only \$5 each, you will help the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women (CCW) generate some funds for scholarships and other council outreach in the parish.

Please email: ccw@stcletusparish.com or give us a call (708-710-0644 or 773-576-0812) and we’ll make arrangements for home delivery! Thanks to all for your support!

ST. SAINT JOHN’S ABBEY DAILY REFLECTION

*Psalm 62: “In you alone is my soul at rest.
My help comes from you.”*

San Francisco, Summer 2016

While I grab two posts to pull myself onto the cable car a young man near the curb comes over and gives me an additional boost. – Coming back to where I’m staying, next to the church, I meet Miriam from the adjacent bookstore. She introduces me to the homeless man who sleeps at one of the entrances to the church bundled up in whatever he carries with him. After this, most evenings I hear him call out, “Hello, Father.” – In a local French cafe; with all the accoutrements of a Paris cafe, Maria, one of four people from Hawaii sitting nearby, comments on my good appetite and goes on to loftier concerns once she finds out that I taught theology. She asks: “Tell me, what is the secret of life?” Without a lot of pondering, I answer: “I think a life filled with gratitude would answer that.” She seems ‘grateful’.

Thinking about it later I feel in many ways that’s easy for me to say! But even with that qualification I’d stand by it. – In the same venue another day, more earthly concerns prompt a couple at the next table to urge me: “You must try the croissants.” An unnecessary, tardy suggestion!

Passing by as I wait for a cable car a fellow who carries a broom, wears an orange vest and a large smile, hails me, “Good

Morning.” I respond in like manner and he adds: “God bless you.” – A bit of name dropping: Willie Brown stops in at a restaurant where I was enjoying a salad. Though no longer in office (30 years in the California assembly and the first ever African-American to be mayor of San Francisco--eight years), he still exudes charm and geniality. – A notice outside the Fairmont Hotel speaks of another personality to be honored when a statue of him is set up there, Tony Bennett. “I left my heart in ... high on a windy hill.” – While on that windy hill my sun hat is blown out into the middle of California Street. I was not going to risk chasing it but a cab driver, stopped for a red light, gets out of his cab, picks it up and brings it to me.

An Uber driver named Ronnie tells me he came to the United States six years ago from Ecuador. I mention that I ‘work’ in alumni relations and he gasps: “*Todavía trabajando?*” (Still working?) I explain that my ‘work’ is summed up as ‘fun, food and funerals.’ – Cable Car grip man Byron stands out even amid many friendly and helpful people. Any time I mount his car he jovially tells other patrons that I come from Minnesota, prefer San Francisco’s cold to heat and humidity and that I will get off at Grant. Another time he says: “Didn’t you hear me calling your name this morning?” Apparently I was walking nearby and missed it. Whenever he has the opportunity Byron uses me as an excuse to josh with the passengers and share his good humor! What a gift he is! His exuberant spirit is a joy, something wonderful to encounter. Bless him!

Outside a restaurant, a man sees my unsuccessful efforts to hail a cab, comes out and says, “Let me do it.” When he has no success himself he asks where I’m going (about 10 blocks away), goes back in and says that a friend is calling Uber for me! In the meantime I’m successful. The cab driver is Nigerian-born; I mention a Nigerian student of ours named Obi and from the rest of the name he tells me, “That’s the same tribe.” – The young man exiting the coffee shop before me with coffee in one hand and a pastry in the other insists on holding the door for me. “You already look quite occupied.” Smiling broadly, he says: “No problem!”

Paying for my items at a supermarket I apologize to the fellow behind me for being so slow. He says: “Take your time; I’m in no hurry.” Since he’s so cordial, I ask him (in a security man’s uniform) if he knows where I can catch a cab. Picking up his package he has me follow him some steps, tells me to sit on a handy bench for a few minutes. He asks my first name, disappears, comes back and pronto, the cab is there. As he is about to disappear, I call out a thanks! Looking back he smiles.

Being driven with Adam, my colleague in Alumni Relations visiting the San Francisco area, I converse with the Nashville-born driver. Hearing that at my age I am in such work with such inspiring and affable people, he says: “You are blessed!” Amen!

Psalm 27: “I believe I shall see the Lord’s goodness / in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; / be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord!”

— Don Talafous OSB
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Saint John’s Abbey

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.

Please make sure you register for this program by August 24, 2020. 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).

Our world is experiencing a “New Normal”. Many of us do not like the changes or things that are happening in the world. It is more important than ever to keep God in the center of all we do, relying on his help and grace to get us through these challenging times. God will never leave us. He has been holding up each of our families through these ongoing changes. Make the time to keep God at the center of your family life, and to develop your relationship with Him.

Sign up for our program today!

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES BEGIN THIS WEEKEND!



We are so happy to welcome the following children to the table of the Lord this weekend at our First Communion Mass on Sunday, August 16th:

Alan Abarca

Biara Diaz

DeAngelo Diaz

Ana Flores

Christopher Medina

Cristhian Murillo

Diego Ojeda

Romeo Ramirez

We have five more masses over the next two weekends for our First Communicants. We are so excited to have them all fully participate with us at our Eucharistic celebrations!

Please pray for all of these children so that they may always feel as close to our Lord as they do on their First Communion day.

Sunday Notes



WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the Lord: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman’s great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: St. John Eudes
 Thursday: St. Bernard
 Friday: St. Pius X
 Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914)

August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto “To restore all things in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called “modernism,” yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter’s Square—“I bless peace, not war!”—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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GRATITUDE

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

St. Cletus School

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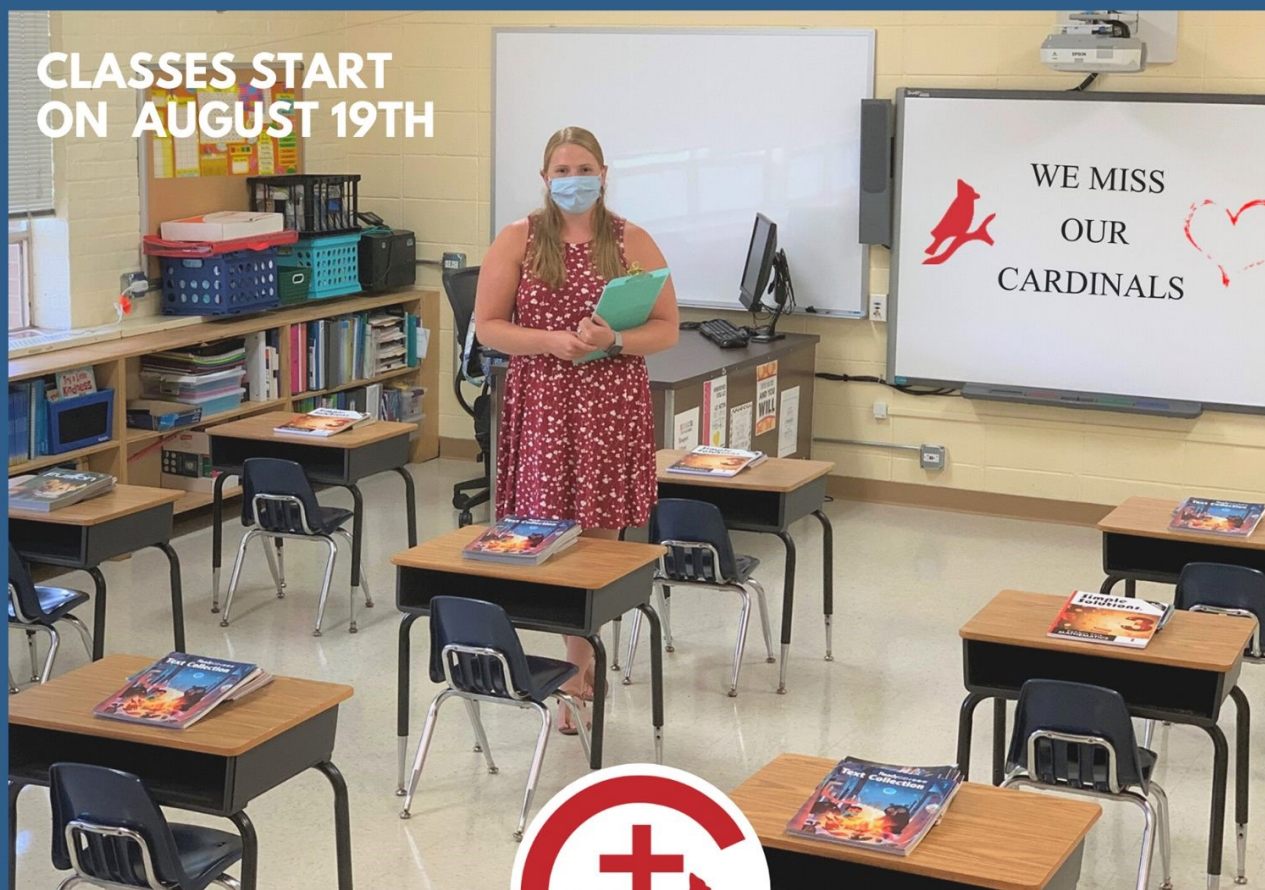
August 18 Meet and Greet
August 19 First Day of School

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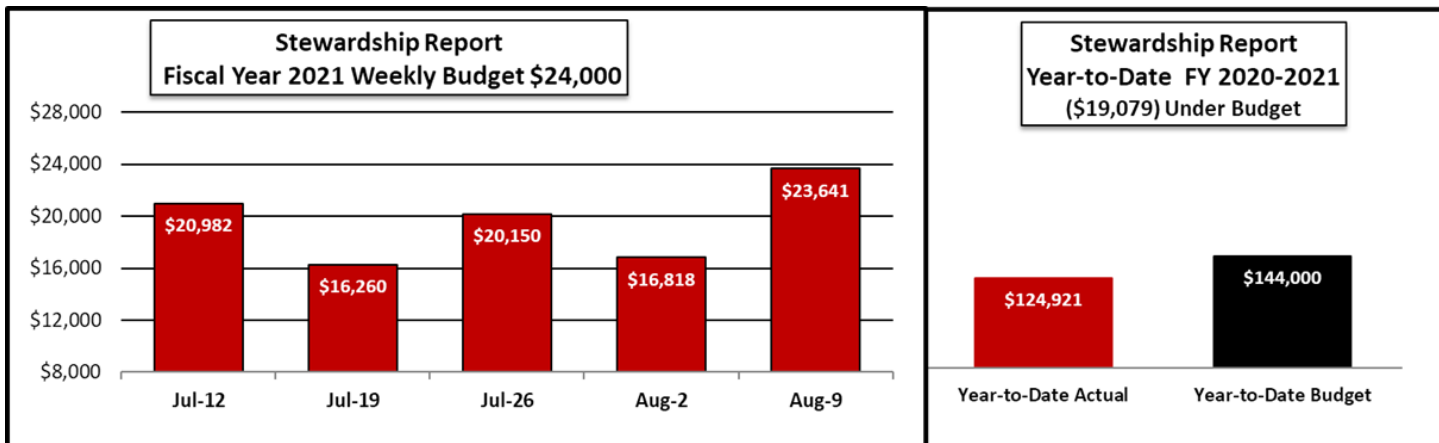
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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Stewardship Report

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

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Saturday and SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
 12:15 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays.....Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.
 Evening before Holy Day 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Day.....6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month .. 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.
 Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (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. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

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

Vision Statement

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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