

St. Cletus Parish Canticle

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ
Through Worship, Education and Service

600 W. 55th St, La Grange, IL 60525



September 1, 2024 | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time





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St. Cletus School
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

SEPT. 5-8

Free Live Entertainment

**Thursday
Sept. 5th**

- 5-10pm: Carnival Rides and Games
- 7-10pm: The Blooze Brothers



Beer Tent

**Friday
Sept. 6th**

- 5-11pm: Carnival Rides and Games
- 5-5:45pm: Trinity Irish Dance
- 7-10pm: Sonora Dinamita



Food

**Saturday
Sept. 7th**

- 12-11pm: Carnival Rides and Games
- 12pm: St. Cletus Kids Got Talent
- 1:00pm: Dunk Tank Opens
- 1:30pm: Vest Dance Troupe
- 2-4:30pm Cook County Sheriffs Department
- 2:15pm: 18+ Bingo
- 3:00pm: DC Studio
- 7:30pm: Dancing Queen



Bingo

**Sunday
Sept. 8th**

- 10:30am: First Responders Mass
- 12-9pm: Carnival Rides and Games
- 12pm: Bears Game
- 1pm: 18+ Bingo
- 3pm: Fortunate Sons
- 7pm: Infinity
- 9pm: TV Raffle and Lucky Leaf Raffle
Winners Announced



THANK YOU TO OUR PREFERRED PARTNERS!



SCAN ME




Mission and Vision Statement

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Mt 28:19-20



Parish Office
(708) 352-6209
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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 St. Cletus Parish
 St. Cletus Church

St. Cletus School
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Parish Information

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5 p.m. (English)
Streamed live: <https://www.youtube.com/@stcletusparish/streams>
7:15 a.m. (English)
8:45 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Español)

Confessions

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

Baptisms / Bautizos

Contact the parish office
(708) 352 - 6209

Religious Education For Children Educación Religiosa Para Niños

Contact / Comuníquese con
Norma Hernandez (708) 968 - 6474

O.C.I.A

Contact the parish office.

Weddings

Please contact the parish office 6
months prior to the wedding date.

Quinceañeras y Presentaciones

Comuníquese con Juanita Avila al
(708) 215 - 5441.

Funerals

Contact the parish office.

St. Cletus School

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Mass Intentions

Saturday August 31	Rev. John Lodge	5 p.m.	† Benjamin Patrick Hyink † Daniel Klepczarek Janet Boyer (Special Intention)	† Theodine Phipps † Antoinette Bomtempe † Michael Ortenzo
Sunday September 1	Rev. Alex Garcia	7:15 a.m.	† Benjamin Patrick Hyink † Daniel Klepczarek Janet Boyer (Special Intention)	† Robert Spyrison † Julia Kopacz † Frank Bernatawicz
	Rev. Michael Novick	8:45 a.m.	† Julia Kopacz † Maria & Mark Wisniewski	† Frances Kennedy
	Rev. John Lodge	10:30 a.m.	† Francisco Cervantes † James Moles † Donald kotrba	† Ralph Kriho & daughter, Laura † James Kiely
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Por las benditas almas del purgatorio Rosa Soto (Birthday)	† Jose Antonio Hernandez Hernandez Daisy Diaz (Special Intention)
Monday September 2	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† St. Cletus Purgatorial Society	
Tuesday September 3	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.		
Wednesday September 4	Rev. Alex Garcia	8 a.m.	† B.C. & Rip Collins	
Thursday September 5	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Andrew Wnek	† Reverend Robert Ebrom
Friday September 6	Rev. Alex Garcia	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic	† Nan & Bob Rettig
Saturday September 7	Rev. Elmer Romero	5 p.m.	† James Chiostri † Bruce Gonigam † Mary Anderson	† Mary Anderson Janet Boyer (Special Intention)
Sunday September 8	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	† Julia Kopacz † Patrick Mahoney	† John and Frances Kennedy
	Rev. Michael Novick	8:45 a.m.	† Gorge Lyons † Joan Klemak † Mary Ann Cicero	Health blessing for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)
	Rev. William Corcoran Deacon Franco Foti	10:30 a.m.	† Louis Berger † Sammy Colonna	† Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale † Francis Murphy
	Rev. Alexander Garcia Deacon Franco Foti	12:30 p.m.	† Sara Pizano † Jose Antonio Hernandez Hernandez † Consuelo Abrego Fulgencio Sofia Marquez (Special Intention)	† Jose Juan Martinez Mendoza † Por las benditas almas del purgatorio † Ofelia Moreno

Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Patti Boland | Janet Bayer | Debbie Cote | Joanne Kasang | Korea Touranjeau | Caroline Mhley | Diana McHale | Dr. George Schein | Claire Caueney | Rose Hammer | Ann Kuchta | Cynthia Gosse | George & Barb Zycam

Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Evelyn Ignash
† Ellen Benrus, mother of George Benrus
† William Dudley, father of Denise Koshay

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

"The Ten Commandments are the most admired and influential law in all of human history."
Peter Kreeft.

Dear Friends,

God through his Living Word (Scripture) this weekend is inviting us to refresh our knowledge, understanding, and adherence to his divine law, the Ten Commandments. All four readings this weekend talk about it. Perhaps this week you and your family can consider praying and talking about the Ten Commandments at home. You can start on Monday by taking two Commandments each day and complete this invitation by Friday. I will be joining you on this prayerful adventure. I believe this exercise has the potential to bring us closer to one another and to the Lord.

This summer we were blessed to have Fr. Mike McCabe, a priest from New Zealand, as a special guest in our parish and Rectory (August 6-20, 2024). He is known, remembered, and appreciated by many who had the joy in greeting and welcoming him to St. Cletus parish community in the early 1990s. I enjoyed his presence, joy, and commitment to the Lord. Let us accompany him with our prayers.

The special prayer and blessing of our children and their back packs last weekend went well. As a parish/school family, we wanted to pray together and ask our loving God to bless our children and their back packs as they started a new school year. I was encouraged by their joyful participation. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to parents, teachers, Administrators, Parish Staff and priests for their support and leadership with this effort.

The office of Faith Formation for Children and Teens led by Norma Hernandez held a special retreat for catechists on Saturday, August 24th, 2024, in the Parish Center. Among the catechists who attended the retreat were also your three priests. We were blessed to have two outstanding guest speakers: Janet Rausch and Deacon Michael Ciciura. Janet shared with us her moving story of serving others and the Lord for almost all her life. Deacon Michael explained to us the joy of being sent by Jesus Christ

as a missionary disciple knowing that we were created by God out of love. The retreat concluded with lunch. We felt engaged and invigorated by their witness, encouragement, and zeal.

I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to our kind, dedicated, and wonderful catechists for their generous commitments to our children. It is through their zeal, teaching, and witness that our children learn about the faith and the important difference that God makes in their lives. I also would like to acknowledge and thank

Norma Hernandez, Coordinator of the Faith Formation for Children and Teens Office, for offering us (catechists and priests) such a warm, thoughtful, and prayerful retreat. Please join me in holding our catechists and Norma in prayer.

The dedication, ministry, and leadership of our Parish Finance Council is remarkable. They are women and men of faith. They have a strong relationship with the Lord. They love their parish, St. Cletus. They celebrate, support, and give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings He continues to bestow upon our parish community. I find them to be channels of unity and harmony. I truly enjoy learning with them and serving with them. Please hold them in prayer: Doug and Patty Morrissey, Adriana Valera, Renee Callaghan, Jonathan Andrews, Jim Gorman, Bob Persa, Tom Reisel, and John Vincent.

Our awaited Fall Festival is this week, September 5th-8th, 2024. This is a great opportunity to celebrate and share our blessings with one another. It is also a privileged moment for all of us to offer everyone a warm welcome and hospitality while we enjoy the rides, music, food, and fellowship. Let us pray for safety and good weather.

May our keeping of the Lord's Ten Commandments continue to draw us closer to him and one another.

Fr. Elmer Romero



A Note from the Associate Pastor's Desk

"Back to school"-time always makes me reflect on the teachers, administrators, and other student friends I've experienced over the many years. From my very early days at St. Ethelreda to St. Christopher, from Marist High School to Lewis University, and eventually off to the University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary – there have been numerous women and men who took up the task to educate and form me and so many others.

One of the most interesting pieces to my education has a connection to St. Cletus. My first-grade teacher at St. Ethelreda in Chicago, Ruth Ann Derbas, would eventually go on to become the principal of St. Cletus in the mid-1980s. That is a fact I would have never even dreamt of had I not taken the time to talk with a parishioner about two months ago. It was a very random conversation and he brought up her name. It piqued my interest at once, and so, when I returned to our campus, I went to the school to see if I could find her picture. It was definitely my teacher. As a second oddity to the connection to Ms. Derbas and my life, her sister was the vice principal at my first assignment as a priest at St. George in Tinley Park. Super-small world.

You've heard me refer to my 8th grade teacher at St. Christopher, Jim Schuler. Like so many other men who have influenced my life, Jim was very intelligent, wise, and had a great sense of humor. He loved the Church too. Both he and one of his brothers nearly became priests before meeting their respective

future wives. That certainly did not make Jim any less of a fan of the Church. He always pushed our class (and others before mine) to keep on advancing in faith. Eventually, as I was off to the seminary, Jim

was one of the primary influences for seeing it through to ordination. Being the main celebrant at his funeral was one of the more difficult things I've ever had to do, but the most privileged too.

Having attended Catholic high school and university, many of my teachers were religious order priests and brothers. I don't really want to single out any one of them as I loved so many of them. I probably should not single out any one professor from the seminary either. But I can say with honesty and conviction, I would not be the person I am today without those many men who showed such care and concern for me. And please don't get me wrong. I've had

my fair share of women religious (mostly Franciscans) who made their mark on me, but it tended to be the brothers and priests who had the most influence.

I am ever-grateful to all of my teachers over time, even the ones I didn't fair so well in their classes with my grades. I'm sure it was not their intention but my less willing attitude to please someone whom I couldn't fully respect them except for the authority they had.

I've had it good. That's an understatement.

Fr. Mike



Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, September 2	All Day	Office Closed - Labor Day	Parish Center
Tuesday, September 3	3 p.m.	School Faculty Meeting	Gallagher Room
	3 p.m.	St. Cletus Cross Country Practice	Field
	4:30 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
Wednesday, September 4	1 p.m.	Living Rosary	Church
	2:45 p.m.	Megapass Pick Up	Parish Center
	4:30 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	8 p.m.	School Fathers Basketball	Parish Center Gym
Thursday, September 5	3 p.m.	St. Cletus Cross Country Practice	Field
	4:30 p.m.	Girls Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	5:00 p.m.	Fall Fest	Parish
Friday, September 6	5:00 p.m.	Fall Fest	Parish
Saturday, September 7	12:00 p.m.	Fall Fest	Parish
Sunday, September 8	12:00 p.m.	Fall Fest	Parish

Readings of the week

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day

Catechist Retreat



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

(Formerly RCIA)

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church? Are you or do you know somebody who is wondering how to become Catholic? We would like to extend a personal invitation to join us in the OCIA Program.

OCIA is a process through which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. This consists of steps, periods, and rites that make up the model of Christian Initiation. Groups are currently forming, program begins mid-September.

We ask that anyone interested in joining the program, or anyone having questions to contact Lawrence Manetti, at lmanetti@stcletusparish.com



¿Está usted o alguien que usted conoce interesado en explorar la Iglesia Católica? ¿Conoce a alguien que se esté preguntando cómo hacerse católico? Nos gustaría extender una invitación personal a unirse a nosotros en el Programa de RICA.

RICA es un proceso a través del cual los adultos se convierten en miembros de la Iglesia Católica Romana. Consiste en pasos,

etapas y ritos que conforman el modelo de Iniciación Cristiana. Los grupos se están formando actualmente, el programa comienza a mediados de septiembre.

Pedimos que cualquier persona interesada en unirse al programa, o cualquier persona que tenga preguntas que se comuniquen con El P. Alex Garcia (jgarcia@stcletusparish.com), con Norma Hernandez (nhernandez@stcletusparish.com), o llame a la oficina, 708.352.6209.

SCAN HERE TO VOLUNTEER!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



ENTERTAINMENT TIMELINE

Thursday 9/05

- **Blooze Brothers**
 - 7:00pm - 10:00pm



Friday 9/06

- **Trinity Irish Dance**
 - 5:00 - 5:45pm
- **Sonora Dinamita**
 - 7:00 pm - 10:00 PM



Saturday 9/07

- **St. Cletus Kids Got Talent**
 - 12:00 - 1:00pm
- **Vest Dance Troupe**
 - 1:30 - 2:30pm
- **DC Studio**
 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- **Dancing Queen**
 - 7:30 - 10:00PM



Sunday 9/08

- **First Responders Mass**
 - 10:30am
- **Bears Game**
 - 12:00 pm
- **Fortunate Sons**
 - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- **Infinity**
 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Carnival Hours:

Thursday 5-10pm

Friday 5-11pm

Saturday 12-11pm

Sunday 12-9pm

RAFFLE BASKETS!

Come check them out in the Narthex after masses this weekend!

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Basket #1

4 Chicago Fire Tickets for the 2025 season

Basket #2

4 Bulls Tickets for the 2024/2025 Season and Bulls Swag

Basket #4

45 Gallon Yeti Tundra Cooler

Basket #3

Autographed Caleb Williams Football



Basket #5

Kids Basket of Fun!

Basket #6

Buffalo Trace Haul

Basket #7

Scratch Offs!

Basket #8

Gift Cards Galore!



CHURCH PARKING DURING THE WEEK OF OUR FALL FEST TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD THRU MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd: Parking for 8am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH: Parking for 8am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH: Parking for 8am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH: Parking for 8am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th street and the parish back field

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH: Parking for 8am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th street and the parish back field

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH: Parking for 8am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th street and the parish back field

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH: Parking for 8am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue

Social Concerns



St. Cletus Food Pantry

Thursdays
4-8 p.m.

- Wish List:
- Cereal
- Condiments
- Boxed Potatoes
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Hand Soap

Follow us on Facebook:

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@St.CletusFoodPantry

If you have questions or would like to volunteer
Kendall Grant
(708)215-5418
kgrant@stcletusparish.com

The food pantry will be closed
September 5
due to Fall Fest

No habra despensa de comida
el 5 de Septiembre
por el Festival de Otoño



Now Available
HOME DELIVERY

Grocery delivery is now available monthly to homebound residents in Lyons Township. Customized grocery lists prepared & delivered by volunteers. Contact us to see if you are eligible!



708.215.5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com

SVDP DONATION TRUCK

October 5 from 10-5
October 6 from 8-12:30
St. Cletus Parking Lot

Accepting clothes* & household items such as picture frames, decorations & small kitchen items *Please pack all clothes in bags or boxes

NO Furniture, toys, electronics and appliances

Interfaith Community Partners is now Community Assisted Rides!



COMMUNITY
ASSISTED RIDES

For 25 years, Interfaith Community Partners has served our community by providing older neighbors with convenient, safe ride services and friendly community outreach. The name Interfaith Community Partners, however, has oftentimes made it challenging to clearly communicate our services. After much study and reflection, our board of directors concluded that an updated brand offers tremendous opportunity to better connect with volunteers, donors, and community partners, and, most importantly, to raise the awareness and support necessary to bring our services to as many local older adults as possible.

It is our delight to introduce you to Community Assisted Rides (CARS)! We move forward with the same mission and commitment to connecting our older adult neighbors and communities, and now we have a name and image that supports ALL of who we are and ALL of the places we plan to go! We are so grateful to have you ride along this journey with us. Thank you for your continued support!

See our new brand in action at communityassistedrides.org

Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 1 de septiembre	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español <i>Spanish Mass</i>	Iglesia
Martes, 3 de septiembre	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo <i>Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Misa, Confesiones, Adoración Nocturna <i>Mass, Confessions, Nocturnal Adoration</i>	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia

Clase para Ministros de Comunión

El jueves pasado 22 de agosto se llevó a cabo una clase de educación continua para todos los ministros de Comunión hispanos. Compartimos nuestras experiencias como ministros de Comunión. El diácono Franco Foti fue el presentador de esta clase. Queremos agradecer al Diácono Franco por su disposición para ayudarnos a profundizar nuestro conocimiento de la Eucaristía y compartir su conocimiento y sabiduría con nosotros.





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5-8 DE SEPTIEMBRE

FESTIVAL DE OTOÑO



<p>ENTRETENIMIENTO GRATIS EN VIVO</p> <p>JUEVES 5 DE SEPTIEMBRE 5-10 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-10 pm: Juegos Mecanicos • 7-10 pm: The Blooz Brothers 	<p>COMIDA</p> <p>VIERNES 6 DE SEPTIEMBRE 5-11 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-11 pm: Juegos Mecanicos • 7-10 pm: La Sonora Dinamita 	<p>BINGO</p> <p>SABADO 7 DE SEPTIEMBRE 12-11 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-11 pm: Juegos Mecanicos • 12pm: Espectáculo de talentos de niños • 2:15 pm: Bingo para +18 • 7:30-10 pm: Dancing Queen 	<p>RIFAS</p> <p>DOMINGO 8 DE SEPTIEMBRE 12-9 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-9 pm: Juegos Mecanicos • 1 pm: Bingo para +18 • 7-9 pm: Infinity • 9 pm: Rifas-Televisiones y Dinero 
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GRACIAS A NUESTROS PATROCINADORES PREFERIDOS:

			
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August 24th & 25th

Sharing our blessings:

Blessing of Children and the Backpacks



XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

By Deacon Franco Foti

The principle of clean and unclean was at the root of Jewish preoccupation with ritual purification. The Jewish Law had developed definite and rigid rules, not for hygienic cleanliness but for ritual or ceremonial purity.

For example, hands were to be washed before every meal and between courses in a specific manner. To fail in any part of this ritual was to be unclean in the sight of God. For this reason, the Pharisees and Scribes cited the disciples of Jesus for not washing their hands before eating (v. 5).

Jesus, for his part, cut through the “legalese” of his critics and spoke to the very heart of the matter.

Purity or holiness would no longer be a matter of soap and water but of a lived faith that responds to God’s word and cooperates with God’s forgiving, cleansing grace. Quoting the prophet Isaiah (29:13), Jesus called his contemporaries (and us) to move

beyond that hypocrisy that pays lip service but hides a sinful, devious heart behind impeccably washed hands. He rejected the Law since it had succeeded in overshadowing God’s commands.

Each one has to discern for themselves just how, in given circumstances, they can best love and serve Christ. It calls for a great deal of honesty, integrity, and a high level of real freedom—the freedom to choose what is good, what is better, and what is more loving. The Gospel is not a code of laws. It provides a vision of a truly human life lived for God among other people. It is focused on relationships rather than individual actions.

We will have many opportunities to love and serve Jesus in various situations. Instead of being anxious about what I may do wrong (“Is it a sin?”), ask instead, “Where and how can I be a more loving, caring and compassionate person?”

Mission Ladies

The St. Cletus Mission Ladies will be returning after Fall Fest beginning on Wednesday, September 11 from 9-12 in the Parish Center. We have a vibrant group of women that meet weekly to make

handmade items for members in our community. All abilities welcome. We are hoping to find a few more members to cut doll dresses or to help with wheelchair bags. Stop by and check it out!



Welcome back CCW members from all your summer travels! We have a jam packed year ahead so put the second Wednesday of September, November, January, March & May on your calendar now and plan to attend our general meetings! As always, we encourage you to bring a friend!

Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 11th at 7pm in the Gallagher room. We will have a short business meeting followed by the Installation of our board members, hospitality & and performance by A La Carte a small group from the Choral-Aires chorus. It promises to be a fun night. If you have any vintage Christmas ornaments or just some

you’d like to recycle, please bring your ornament donations to our September meeting. We raised a nice sum of money last year by selling them so we’ll do it again at the Pot Luck Supper and the HO HO Holiday breakfast. Thank you for supporting this effort. Questions? Please direct them to: ccw@stcletusparish.com

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH POT LUCK SUPPER

Saturday, October 19th after 5pm mass. Details to follow but plan now to attend. Looking forward to seeing you at our first general meeting September 11th with your ornament donations!

Great job, Mateo!

A former student of St. Cletus School, Mateo Mosqueda, came to talk to me several months ago about a project he wanted to do for St. Cletus as part of his role with the Boy Scouts. After contemplating several possibilities and considering comments I received from a few parishioners, I proposed to Mateo to replace the stones on the south entrance of the Parish Center with another type of flooring. That space



posed a risk of falls and injuries, especially for those on walkers and wheelchairs. Mateo did a fantastic job with help from his uncle and others, and here is a photograph to prove it!

Thanks, Mateo, for your hard work and commitment to this project.

Many people will significantly benefit from your project.

Blessings,

Deacon Franco

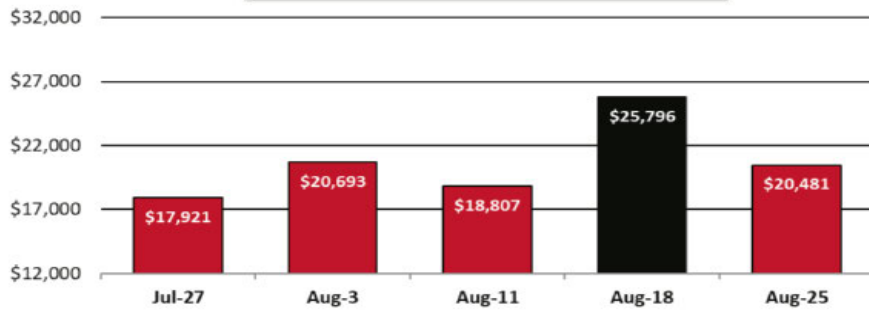
Book Club

Come join us on October 8th for a discussion of *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan. This book is a National Book Award Winner. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail

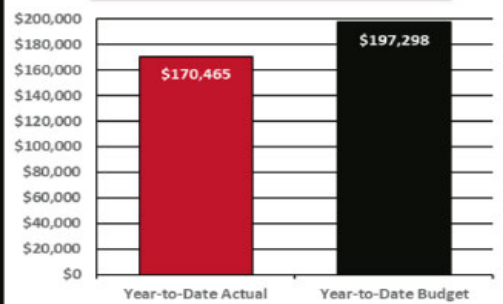


book_club@stcletusparish.com. For those who like to look ahead, our December book is *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown.

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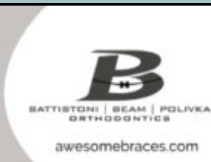


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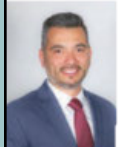
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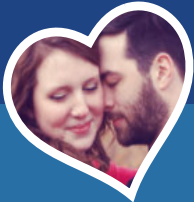
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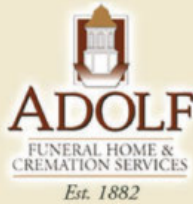
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