



St. Cletus Parish Canticle

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

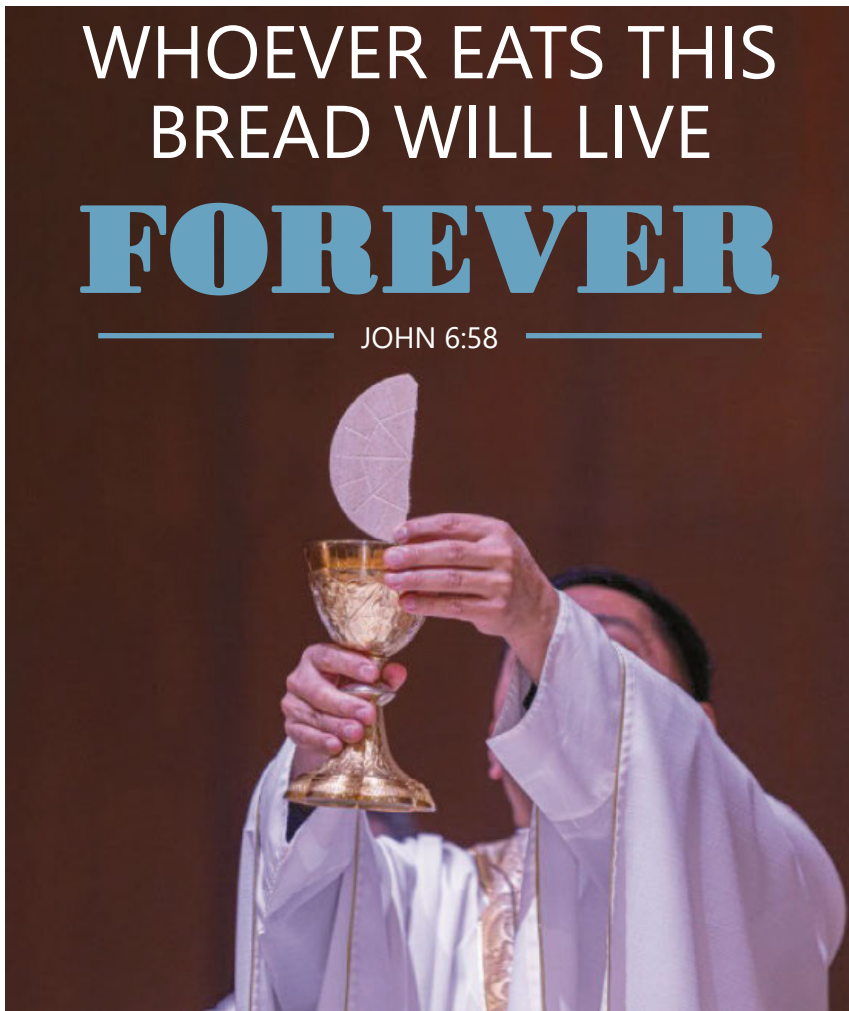


600 W. 55th St, La Grange, IL

August 11, 2024 | The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHOEVER EATS THIS
BREAD WILL LIVE
FOREVER

JOHN 6:58






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



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 St. Cletus Church

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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

R.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 10	Rev. John Lodge	5 p.m.	† William and Gloria Gray † Lydia Danielewicz † James Chiostri † Joan D' Andrea	† Daniel Klepczarek Janet Boyer (Special Intention) † Bob Soldat
Sunday August 11	Rev. Michael Novick	7:15 a.m.	† Julia Kopacz	
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.		
	Rev. Michael Novick	10:30 a.m.	† Sammy Colonna † Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale	† James Moles † Theresa and Henry John Romanowski † Christine & John Joyce
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Por Las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio * Mateo De Jesus Esparza (Special Intention)	† Martha Pedraza Tovar † Gustavo Pedraza Gutierrez † Antelmo Ramos Sanchez
Monday August 12	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Steve Tisa	† Joan Klemak
Tuesday August 13	Rev. Ron Kalas	8 a.m.	† B.C. & Rip Collins	† Mary Anderson
Wednesday August 14	Rev. Michael McCabe	8 a.m.	† Mary Dybas † Mary Lue Buchler † Frank Wojcik	† Rev. Larry Craig † B.C. & Rip Collins
Thursday August 15	Rev. Ron Kalas	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic	
Friday August 16	Rev. Michael McCabe	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic	
Saturday August 17	Rev. Michael Novick	5 p.m.	† Daniel Klepczarek † Theresa Macion Janet Boyer (Special Intention)	† Antoinette Bomtempe † Michael Ortenzo † Joan Klemak
Sunday August 18	Rev. Ron Kalas	7:15 a.m.	† Mary Dybas † Julia Kopacz	† Rose Marie Moore † Daniel Moore † Sophie Bautista
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8:45 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic	† Evelyn Prevenas
	Rev. John Lodge	10:30 a.m.	† Pegi Kelly Yearling † Ed Ward	† Henry Maday † Donald Kotrba
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Por Las benditas Almas del purgatorio † Antelmo Ramos Sanchez Alejandra Viurquez (Birthday)	† Martha Pedraza Tovar † Gustavo Pedraza Gutierrez

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

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

Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Charles Bedoian, Uncle of Nancy Limmy
† Matthew Engles, Husband of Danielle Engles
† Norma Reid, Wife of Richard Reid
† Marcia A. Petricig, Sister of Laura Pett

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

“God does not force us, but he draws us. He does not push us from behind, but he draws us from ahead, by the beauty of his goodness. That is how love works, and ‘God is love.’”
Peter Kreeft.

Dear Friends,

How do you experience God in your daily life? How aware are you of his presence each day in your life, the life of your family, and parish community? How generous and intentional are you in letting him draw you closer to his heart? How open are you in receiving his goodness and love? How thoughtful are you in helping others to be drawn by God and have him as part of their lives? Summer at St. Cletus has been exciting and filled with opportunities of being drawn by the Lord.

We started our summer by hosting our first St. Cletus Family Picnic which went very well. Then, we had the following Camps: Early Ed, Art, Reading, basketball (girls/boys), Volleyball, chess, bible, and theater. All of them were carefully and thoughtfully planned and implemented. Participants, teachers, coaches, and volunteers found the way to radiate kindness, gentleness, and the goodness of God towards each other. My heart was drawn by God through their generosity, dedication, and witness for which I am most grateful. Please visit our parish/school website to find out more details about our summer activities or other events.

I am happy to let you know that Norma Hernandez, Coordinator of Faith Formation for Children and Teens, is ready and thrilled to offer accompaniment and leadership in our efforts to prepare our children for First Communion and Confirmation. She is a woman of deep faith. She radiates kindness, joy, and the goodness of the Lord. She enjoys working, learning, teaching, and collaborating with others. She is fluent in English and Spanish. She loves Jesus and the Catholic church. I enjoy working with her. I consider Norma as a blessing for our children and all of us. I kindly ask you to hold Norma in prayer and offer her the support she needs. Let her know that you would like to support her by becoming a catechist.

With the creativity and leadership of Norma Hernandez, our parish will be hosting the St. Cletus Catechists Retreat on August 24th, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Parish Center. This retreat is intended for current and new catechists. We will gather to pray, grow in friendship with one another and the Lord. We will pray together. Then, we will learn together from our two special guests who will be joining us and from each other. We will conclude the retreat with lunch. Please hold our speakers, Norma, and current and new catechist in prayer.

Regarding the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), a pastoral program designed for catechumens (who are unbaptized adults); baptized non-Catholic Christians, and Baptized Catholics in need of Confirmation. I am happy to let you know that this important ministry of our parish will be led by Mr. Larry Manetti. As you may remember, the last two years Mr. Manetti served our parish as the Director of Faith Formation for Children and Teens. He did an excellent job for which I am most grateful. He is a man of integrity and deep faith. He enjoys leading people closer to the heart of Jesus. He served as Principal for almost four decades. He is a true disciple of Jesus Christ. I am so grateful to him for accepting my invitation to stay and lead our OCIA in English. Please hold Mr. Manetti in prayer and offer him your blessings.

Fr. Alex Garcia, Associate Pastor, continues to feel welcomed and at home at our parish. He appreciates your kindness, trust, and prayer. He is encouraged by your witness and the special love you have for your parish. He is also inspired by your leadership and commitment with the many fine events and activities that take place at our parish. On his own initiative, he has been meeting at a one-on-one level with the members of our Parish Staff. He feels blessed to be among us. Fr. Mike and I also feel blessed having him in our midst. Please continue to hold him and all of us in prayer.

Thanks to his generosity and leadership, Fr. Alex will be offering the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) in Spanish this year. He is excited about this opportunity. He tells me that he already has the syllabus ready. In addition, he will be working closely with Norma Hernandez in the Office of Faith Formation. Both will be offering a close accompaniment to our children, teens, catechists, and volunteers. Finally, Fr. Alex and Norma will also be assisting me in the formation of current and new Altar Servers. Our hope is that more of our children will have the honor to serve the Lord in Mass as altar servers.

May we continue to allow God to draw us closer to his heart by the beauty of his goodness that we witness each day at St. Cletus.

Fr. Elmer Romero

A Note from the Associate Pastor's Desk

Source and Summit

Back at the Second Vatican Council in the mid to late 1960s, our fathers sought to teach people the heart of the faith in a language they could better understand. While it is Baptism that gets the sacramental life started, the Eucharist is said to be the source and summit of the Catholic faith. Everything we know about the world and how we should be treating others flows from the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, whose Body and Blood he freely offered to the world out of love for the Father and for us. Yet, everything we do in this world should lead us to wanting a better relationship with Jesus who IS the summit and example par excellence. We should want to know and love as He loves each and every person on this earth – past, present, and future.

Can we ever really get to that point in life and truly love everyone like Jesus does? Is it truly possible? Well, yes, it is. Is it possible to love as such without the Eucharist? Maybe, yes, but it's less likely to happen without having a true and genuine understanding of self-sacrifice. Jesus' supreme sacrifice of spilling his blood on behalf of all humanity is the example; but Jesus even made the bigger gesture so that we could understand his being the source – gifting humanity with His very own Body and Blood in what still appears to be bread and wine. He offered bread and wine to the Apostles on that "fateful" night, stating "This IS my body. Take and eat...this IS the cup of my blood. Take and as often as you drink it, remember me."

When you might hear someone want to argue and say that no change actually occurs at consecration – that it's only bread and wine – don't cave into someone because their explanation sounds more logical and more possible. The Eucharist is truth. Bread and wine substantially change into something other than what we see. Yes, it is difficult to accept sometimes, but that is when we need to come back to the summit and be nourished by the source – not once, nor once in a while, but often (as Jesus himself stated). For us in the Catholic Church, that one day a week that the Fathers set for us is not

much to ask – to come to the source and summit together.

Now we are merely weeks from our children returning to school, whether here at St. Cletus, Nazareth Academy, Lyons Township, or any of the other schools in our public district, plus, the many young people who are either returning to college or just starting their college life. We send with them the knowledge and love of God. We've all tried to instill in them the importance of having a sacramental life and the importance of Sunday Mass. We need to pray very hard for these young people. There are still so many factors in our world today that will try to convince them that faith and belief in God, let alone the Eucharist, is futile. I've seen it all too often over 23 years, especially with college students. I hear back from parents about their children stopping the practices they've been taught. Now more than ever, we need to encourage them and try to help them navigate a muddy world. Some will eventually find love along the way and their "new love" may not be Catholic, and so they stop going to Church because their new friend does not. It's exactly situations like that why patience is a major virtue to cultivate.

There will be other times when even our own hope for the world will taint our souls. Our children see those things. Despite our best efforts not to do so, we tend to take after our parents.

Brothers and sisters, I may seem biased in my view, but I would not be a priest today without the faith that my parents helped to shape and mold with the help of God. Their example in taking my brother and I to Mass every Sunday became more than just a habit. My own faith-life probably would have simply faded away if it was not for the weekly reception of the Eucharist. Where would I be? Maybe consider that question for yourself and then discuss it with your children/teens/young adults. It could make a major difference to their lives.

Fr. Mike

Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, August 12	4 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Devotion	Church
Tuesday, August 13	10:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Book Club	Parish Center Gym
	1 p.m.	One on One Basketball	Parish Center Gym
	4 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
Wednesday, August 14	1 p.m.	Living Rosary	Church
	4 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	7 p.m.	CCW Board Meeting	Gallagher Room
	8 p.m.	School Fathers' Basketball	Parish Center Gym
Thursday, August 15	8:00 a.m.	Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (English)	Church
	12:00 p.m.	Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (English)	Church
	4 p.m.	Girls Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	4 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry
	7 p.m.	Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Spanish)	Church
	Friday, August 16	4 p.m.	Girls Volleyball Practice
7 p.m.		Evangelization Team Alpha (Spanish)	Gallagher Room
Saturday, August 17	11:30 a.m.	English Baptisms	Church
	5:00 p.m.	Fall Fest Ticket Sales	Church
Sunday, August 18	During Masses	Fall Fest Ticket Sales	Church

Readings of the week

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Tuesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Get Your Business In The Spotlight While Supporting St. Cletus!!



We invite you to partner with us as a sponsor of our 2024 Fall Fest. This exciting opportunity will place your business directly in the spotlight among our community! This is your chance to gain valuable marketing exposure while supporting our parish and school!

As a sponsor, you have the unique opportunity to showcase your commitment to our community while enjoying the following benefits:

- **Prominent Visibility:** Your brand prominently featured throughout the fest venue, ensuring maximum exposure to attendees.
- **Community Engagement:** Connect directly with hundreds of local residents who value community support and involvement.
- **Gratitude and Recognition:** Receive heartfelt recognition in event programs, social media shoutouts, and parish communications.



Scan here to learn more
about our sponsorship levels

Or Please email fallfest@stcletusparish.com to learn about opportunities such as being a beer tent sponsor, ride sponsor, stage sponsor, and more!

Social Concerns



St. Cletus Food Pantry

Thursdays
4-8 p.m.

Wish List:

- Cereal
- Condiments
- Boxed Potatoes
- Baby Wipes
- School Supplies
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Hand Soap

Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry

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

St. Cletus Food Pantry

School Supply Drive

Items Needed:

#2 Pencils

Pens

Glue Sticks

Glue

Folders

Washable Markers

24 pack Crayons

Scissors/kid scissors

Notebooks

misc. office supplies accepted

All items should be new & unopened



Items can be dropped in the
Food Pantry Donation bin outside or in church

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

The (RCIA) program is aimed at adults who are not baptized, who are baptized in another Christian Faith or individuals who have been baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Various sessions in the program focus on Jesus, the Mass, the Bible, our beliefs and teachings etc. We encourage our parishioners to spread the word about the program to friends, family members and neighbors. We ask that anyone interested in the program, or anyone having questions to contact Lawrence Manetti (lmanetti@stcletusparish.com)



Rito de iniciación cristiana para adultos (R.I.C.A.)

El programa (RICA) está dirigido para los adultos que no están bautizados, que están bautizados en otra Fe Cristiana o individuos que han sido bautizados Católicos pero no han recibido los sacramentos de Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

Animamos a nuestros feligreses a difundir el programa entre amigos, familiares y vecinos. Si usted o alguien que conozca esta interesad@ en el programa, comuníquese con el P. Alex Garcia (jgarcia@stcletusparish.com) o con Norma Hernandez (nhernandez@stcletusparish.com).

Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 11 de agosto	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia
Martes, 13 de agosto	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia
Jueves, 15 de agosto	7:00 p.m.	Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen Maria	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Nocturnal Adoration	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia

Clase para Ministros de Comunión

Se llevará a cabo una clase de Formación para todos los Ministros de Comunión Hispanos el jueves 22 de agosto de 2024 a las 7:00 p.m., en el Centro Pastoral. Compartiremos nuestras experiencias como Ministros Eucarísticos. El diácono Franco será el presentador de esta clase. Quiero agradecer al Diácono Franco por su disposición de compartir su conocimiento y sabiduría con nosotros.

Class for Hispanic Eucharistic Ministers

The continuing education class for all Hispanic Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Thursday, August 22nd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallagher Room. We will share our experiences as Eucharistic Ministers. Deacon Franco will be the presenter for this class. I want to thank Deacon Franco for his willingness to share his knowledge and wisdom with us.

Devoción Guadalupana

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.



Guadalupe Devotion

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

Junta de Ujieres Hispanos

El viernes 30 agosto de 2024 habrá una reunión general en español para los Ujieres y ministros de Bienvenida. Estaremos compartiendo nuestras experiencias en el ministerio y descubriendo maneras de continuar creciendo en nuestra fe y compromiso en estos ministerios. La reunión se llevará a cabo en el salón Gallagher a las 7:00 pm. Se anima a todos los ujieres y al grupo de bienvenida a asistir a esta reunión. Gracias

Meeting for Hispanic Ushers

On Friday, August 30 2024, there will be a general meeting in Spanish for Ushers and Welcome Ministers. We will be sharing our experiences in the ministry and discovering ways to continue growing in our faith and commitment to these ministries. The meeting will be held in the Gallagher room at 7:00 pm. All Ushers and the Welcome group are encouraged to attend this meeting. Thank you.

School News

Lets Welcome our New Teachers

Mrs. Maria O'Connell is a graduate of Penn State University and has 20 years marketing and event experience with companies including Reed Elsevier, Maidenform, and New Balance. She and her husband, Bob ('89 St. Cletus Alum), were founders and race directors of O'Connell's Run, a 5K benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital (NJ) from 2010-2016. They have three children: son Emmett and daughters Noreen and Brigid, both current students at St. Cletus.



Mrs. Margaret Napleton and her husband Mr. Mike Napleton moved to LaGrange in 2011 and became members of St Cletus Parish. Their 4 children currently attend St Cletus School.



Margaret graduated from Marquette University in

2003 and received her Masters in Elementary education from DePaul University in 2008.

She has taught both 2nd and 3rd grade in the archdiocese of Chicago and Joliet.

Margaret enjoys reading, playing sports, watching Big 10 volleyball, and going to Michigan and Wisconsin with her family.

Dual Language Immersion Program

In July, I spent two weeks at the University of Notre Dame as part of the Hernandez Fellowship program for educators aiming to enhance their knowledge of dual language learning. Many of the courses focused on linguistics, the foundations of languages,



Frank Ochoa standing in front of the Word of Life mural, also known as Touchdown Jesus.

and best practices for helping students learn a new language. The most valuable lesson I learned was how to collaborate with my peers to ensure the success of our language learners. Although the work was sometimes taxing and there were many long nights spent writing research papers, I feel honored to have been part of the Notre Dame community during these weeks. I had the privilege

of being a lector during a special Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, and I met many individuals committed to dual language learning. I also spent time with the directors at Notre Dame who made dual language learning possible at St. Cletus School.

I plan to continue my studies at Notre Dame virtually throughout the school year and hope to implement everything I have learned into our program.

Blessings,
Frank Ochoa
Dual Language Immersion Coordinator



Frank Ochoa is pictured with Dr. Katy Lichon and Mrs. Jennifer Dees, M.Ed., both of whom played a pivotal role in bringing dual language learning to our school.

A letter from the Coordinator of Faith Formation

“Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others” - Pope Francis

Are you wondering if being a catechist is right for you? Or maybe you're already a catechist and aren't sure about continuing. The real question is, "Am I called to be a catechist?" To answer this, you need to consider, "What is a catechist"? A catechist is a person who passes on the faith to others. This



involves not just teaching about doctrine and Church teaching, but also helping others encounter Jesus.

So, what does a catechist do?

With the help of the Holy Spirit, a catechist engages both the heart and mind by praying (personally and communally) and participating in the sacramental life of the Church, nurturing, sharing, and being a witness of faith. They educate the whole person - intellectually, spiritually, and physically.

Who calls a catechist? There are many reasons to



consider becoming one. You may receive an invitation from the pastor or leader of the religious education program, or you may be inspired by a friend or family member who is a

catechist. But who really calls a catechist? According to the Directory for Catechesis, “The catechist is a Christian who receives a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers them for the service of the transmission of faith and for the task

of initiating others into the Christian life.” So, the calling is from God! The invitation may come from someone else, but the “pull” on your heart is from God. By responding, you participate in Jesus’ mission of introducing disciples into his relationship with the Father, and the Holy Spirit is right there, helping and working through you!



Considering becoming a catechist? Being a catechist is about bringing kids closer to Jesus, and it's truly a blessing to be able to do that. If you've felt curious, driven, or called to become a



catechist, I encourage you to give it a try. Join us for an informative meeting on Tuesday, August 20th at 7:00 pm in the Gallagher room. We will delve into the role of a catechist in more detail and address all your questions." If you have further questions, concerns or thoughts you'd like to share with me, please feel free to contact me via email or a phone. I'd be happy to help you.

-Blessings,
Norma Hernandez



HELP US GET OUR UNIFORM EXCHANGE ORGANIZED FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Children are constantly growing and growing FAST! Our uniform exchange is a great option to replace school uniforms as we approach the new school year, as well as throughout the year! To make sure the process is as easy as possible we are looking for some parents or junior high students willing to come in and get all of our items organized!



Please contact the school office if you are willing and able to help and to set up a time to come in!
Email schooloffice@stcletusparish.com



Part time Spanish teacher vacancy

If interested, please send a letter of interest and resume' to
Principal Greg Porod at gporod@stcletusparish.com.



St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE 700 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL

Live streaming of Masses

We have been live-streaming our 5 PM Saturday Mass for some time already. We have also live-streamed other events, such as the Evenings of Reflection and other Masses. Many people who are homebound watch our live streams. Many others access our recordings later to hear a homily or a presenter.

For those unfamiliar with this terminology, this is the process by which we use our church's camera system to broadcast a live image and sound of our celebration to the Internet. Viewers can access this live video and sound feed through YouTube.

Of course, live streaming takes a lot of time and effort, and we currently depend on just two volunteers to make this possible. We need more people to assist us with this so we may continue offering it to our community regularly.

If you are willing to be trained and can devote a couple of hours a week on a rotation basis, please contact me. I would love to hear from you—no prior experience is required.

Blessings,

Deacon Franco, 708-968-6070 (direct line)



Knights of Columbus

Charity is at the heart of our faith and the work of the Knights of Columbus. If you're a Catholic man from age 18 to 78 with a calling for service by focusing on others, live a life of faith in action. Jesus calls us to bear fruit. Become a Knight. Leaders wanted. We've got good work to do in our community. Text or call Brian Lisek (630.939.2626) to learn how you can help us serve those with the most need. To Knight!

All Parish Ministry Leaders

Dear Ministry Leaders,

Throughout the years, several ministries have used our facilities to store items used for different purposes. As we prepare for the new school year, I would like to ask all ministry leaders to come and see their storage space and dispose of obsolete or useless items.

Please, contact me to arrange for a date and time.

We are hoping to have this done before August 15th. I may be contacted by phone at 708-968-6070 or by e-mail at ffoti@stcletusparish.com.

Please note that items not claimed will be disposed of on August 16th.

Thank you for supporting St. Cletus Parish.

Deacon Franco



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, August 15, 2024

Mass Schedule

St. Cletus Parish

Thursday, August 15

8:00 AM – English

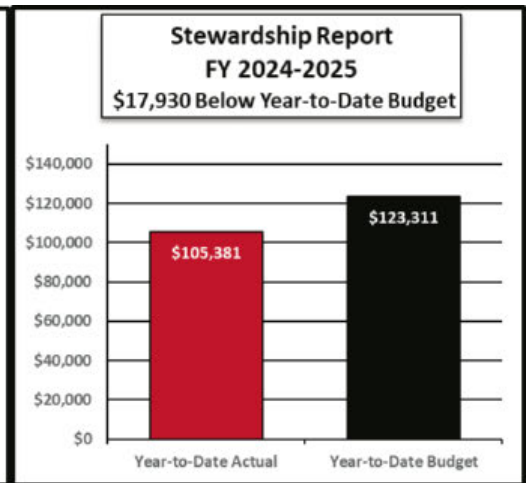
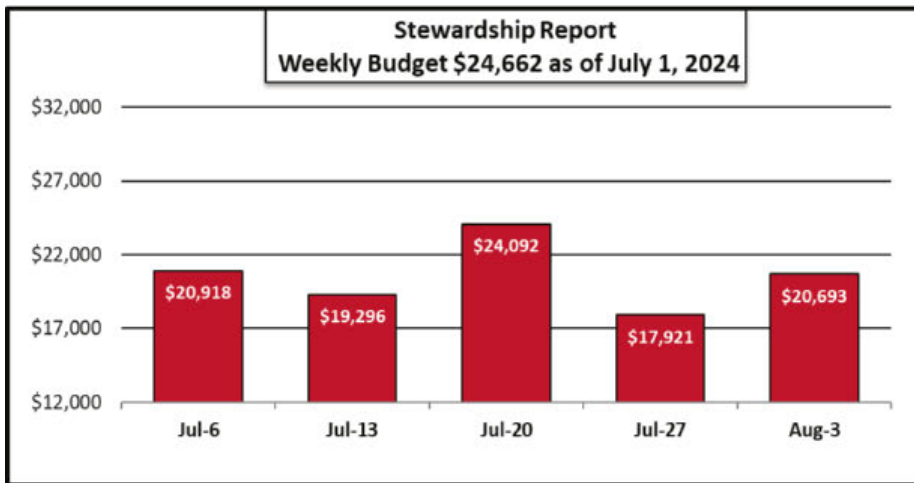
Celebrant: Fr. Mike McCabe

12:00 PM – English

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7:00 PM – Spanish

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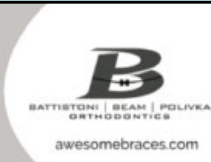


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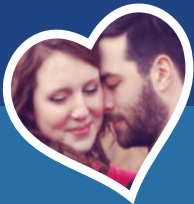
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