

# St. Cletus Parish Canticle

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

600 W. 55th St, La Grange, IL



July 21, 2024 | The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time






## 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.

 [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com)  
 St. Cletus Parish  
 St. Cletus Church

### St. Cletus School

(708) 352-6209  
[stcletusschool.com](http://stcletusschool.com)  
700 W 55th St, La Grange, IL 60525



## Directory

### Pastoral Staff

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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**

(708) 352 - 4820  
stcletusschool.com  
700 W 55th St,  
La Grange, IL 60525

## Mass Intentions

Saturday July 20	Rev. Mario Serrano	5 p.m.	† Adrienne Welenc † Daniel Klepczarek † Theodine Phipps	† Delphine Bentley Janet Boyer (Special Int.)
Sunday July 21	Rev. Mario Serrano	7:15 a.m.	† Julia Kopacz † Robert Spyrison	Lee Baker (Special Int.)
	Rev. Elmer Romero	8:45 a.m.	† Wade Mc Mahon † Joseph Caruana	† Andrew Wnek
	Rev. Michael Novick	10:30 a.m.	† Bill Kallal † Joe & Carole Stuart	† Lawrence (Butch) Gierut † Ricardo Sepulveda
	Rev. Mario Serrano	12:30 p.m.	† Miguel Garcia Marquez † Margarita & Angel Jaramillo	Por Las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio Manuel Soto (Birthday)
Monday July 22	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Harry Davis	
Tuesday July 23	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† Kay Klemak † Laura Kriho	† Anthony Tunney
Wednesday July 24	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† B.C. & Rip Collins	
Thursday July 25	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.		
Friday July 26	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic	† Ann Pizzuto
Saturday July 27	Rev. John Lodge	5 p.m.	† John Nisbet † Benjamin Patrick Hyink † Joseph Bartkowiak † Daniel Klepczarek	† Deceased Member of St. Cletus CWC Janet Boyer (Special Intention)
Sunday July 28	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	† Irene Schoenberger † Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill	De Pasquale † Julia Kopacz
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.		
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	10:30 a.m.	† Robert Suchy † Mary Ann Cicero † Deborah and Doug Cooper	† Ann Pizzuto
	Rev. Elmer Romero	12:30 p.m.	† Por Las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio † Miguel Garcia Marquez Soledad Fernandez (Special Intention)	

### Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Tom Dombrowski | Cynthia Gosse | Armando Almaraz | Patti Boland | Janet Boyer | Debbie Cote | Joanne Kasang | Korea Touranjeau

*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



## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'"

Mark 6:31

Dear Friends,

This weekend is *Weekend Mission Appeal* at our parish. We are blessed to have Friar Mario Serrano, OFM Conv., who will be the homilist at all Masses. Everyone will have the opportunity to greet, welcome, and pray this weekend with Friar Mario.

He delights praying and leading others to Christ. In his community, he serves as the Provincial Secretary of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation and as Vocation Director. Let us offer him our warm welcome and support his mission financially and with our prayers.

The Independence Day Mass went well. We were blessed to have Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, as the principal celebrant and Homilist. I was encouraged by his graciousness, kindness, and joy. The Independence Day Band (volunteers), conducted by Justin Sisul, animated our spirit and enhanced tremendously our experience of prayer and community. The presence and active participation of our veterans and those on active duty made our worship even more special. The Ministry and leadership of the Special Committee was crucial and helpful. They are: Justin Sisul, Karen Ziemba, Juanita Avila, Paul McCaffray, Leonard Bertin, Charlie Schiller, Deacon Franco Foti, and Fr. Michael Novick. I would like to offer them and everyone else my sincere gratitude for their fine contribution. They inspire me with their generosity.



They are witnesses of kindness. Please hold them in prayer.

On the weekend of July 6- 7, 2024, Fr. Alex Garcia, Associate Pastor, introduced himself at all Masses. He also was the principal celebrant and homilist of our 12:30 PM Mass. I was encouraged seeing him

making a good connection with all of you. I was also moved by the warm and kind welcomed you gave him. Fr. Alex felt this at each Mass. Thank you for being kind, welcoming, and caring. Let us hold Fr. Alex in prayer as he shares his faith, life, and priesthood at our parish.

I am excited to let you know that our next Evening of Prayer and Reflection: *Exploring Ignatian Spirituality*, will be on Wednesday, August 7th, 2024, at

7:00 PM. Our special guest speaker will be Deacon Jim Kennedy, SJ. He grew up in our parish. He went to our Parish School. Currently, he is completing his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Loyola Hospital in Maywood, IL. On weekends, since June, he has been serving as a deacon and homilist at our parish. His parents (Elaine and Jim) are active members

of our parish. He is excited about his vocation and is a witness of the closeness of the Lord. I hope you can join us.

As we enjoy Summer, may we continue to seek opportunities to rest with Jesus.

Fr. Elmer Romero



## A Note from the Associate Pastor's Desk

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IT'S A MAD, MAD WORLD

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are all well aware that our world is at a critical juncture in history. Many people thought that when the recent pandemic was in “control” of our society, it was the beginning of the end of society as we knew it. In some ways it was. The coronavirus took thousands of lives around the world. We lived in fear. We took extra steps to try and keep ourselves from becoming infected with the dreaded, ever-mutating virus.

Many people thought it was the beginning of the end when a man was senselessly beaten and killed by officers of the law, sparking off a period of lawless behavior and suspicion in every incident involving law enforcement. We became a society that is constantly using our phone cameras to video record any possible controversy so that lawsuits could be filed against the law. Defiance was becoming the norm. It took many opportunities before law enforcement and common people to work together before any healing would take place.

Violence has grown to be closer and closer to the normative “solution” to practically any dispute, particularly in terms of gun violence. Just this past Saturday, someone at a rally for a former president of the United States’ took it upon themselves to attempt to assassinate that former president, injuring the former president and, in the process, losing his own life. The former president lives on, and a 20-year-old shooter died as authorities returned fire. Questions now must arise. How and why does a young man 1) have a weapon in his possession and get it into a rally without security knowing, and 2) what possesses someone to think that such violence is right or justified?

It seems that no matter the laws nor the efforts of the legal system in trying to stop guns from falling into the hands of the common person simply don't exist any longer. I'm not against the Constitution telling us that we have the right to bear arms and defend ourselves. It doesn't contradict the Fifth Commandment “Thou shall not kill.” As a matter of

fact, the commandment (in essence) supersedes the Constitution's declaration. Nowhere in the second amendment does it say that people have a right to kill another person.

As much as some people may want to blame the video game industry as to a reason young people have turned more and more to violence, or blame their parents for allowing them to play those video games, what excuse did we have in the times of war, or of civil unrest due to prejudice? Many young people died at the hands of others and there weren't video games to blame.

The question remains, where does this all end? How do we help the people of the world see that violence is not an answer nor solution to settle disputes nor rid our society of grudges? Jesus' command to love IS the only answer to such questions.

Go back to the pandemic. Fearful as many people were (and many still are), there were some rather incredible acts of love being highlighted in the news. There were major drives to collect food for many families of victims who lost so much without losing their own lives. There were medical personnel working 16–20-hour days in order to not only help those infected but their families as well, many of those medical personnel losing their own lives in the process to the disease. People were following the advice of St. Teresa of Calcutta “Do ordinary things with extraordinary love.”

Friends, that is the challenge we are called to face with courage.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” (Jn 14:27)

Peace is never out of our reach because Jesus is ALWAYS among us.

Fr. Mike

## Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, July 22	9 a.m.	Drama Camp	Parish Center
	7 p.m.	CREDO-Chosen Discussion Group	Gallagher Room
Tuesday, July 23	9 a.m.	Drama Camp	Parish Center
	7 p.m.	Adoración del Santísimo	Church
Wednesday, July 24	1 p.m.	Drama Camp	Parish Center
	1 p.m.	Living Rosary	Church
	8 p.m.	School Fathers Basketball	Parish Center
Thursday, July 25	9 a.m.	Drama Camp	Parish Center
	4 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry
Friday, July 26	9 a.m.	Drama Camp	Parish Center

### Readings of the week

**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

**Monday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

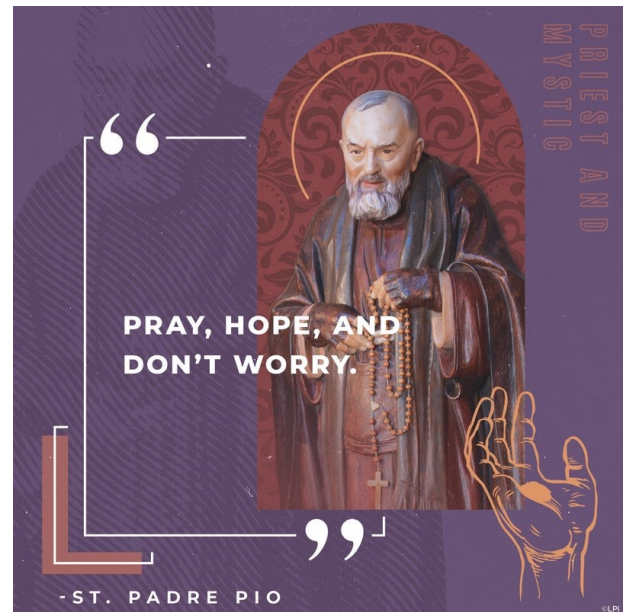
**Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15



### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Mary Magdalene

**Tuesday:** St. Brigid, Religious

**Wednesday:** St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

**Thursday:** St. James, Apostle

**Friday:** Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Next Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time







# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



## Cardinal \$500

- Email Blast
- Social Media Promotion
- Website Presence
- Company Name/logo on event t-shirt
- Recognition Banner
- 2 free event t-shirts
- Thank you Blast
- Event sponsor slot in weekly bulletin(1 month)

## Gold \$2,500

- Email Blast
- Fall Fest Advertisements
- Social Media Promotion
- Website Presence
- Company Name/logo on event t-shirt
- Recognition Banner
- 1 free event t-shirt
- VIP lounge access(1 day)
- Reserved Parking Spot(1)
- \$100 in food and beverage tickets
- Thank you Blast
- Event sponsor slot in weekly bulletin(6 months)

## Diamond \$10,000

- Email Blast
- Social Media Promotion
- Website Presence
- Company Name/logo on event t-shirt
- Recognition Banner
- VIP lounge access(4 days)
- Reserved parking spot(2)
- \$400 in food and beverage tickets
- Main stage center banner
- Rolling TV advertisement
- 1 free event t-shirt
- Thank you Blast
- Event sponsor slot in weekly bulletin(1 year)

## Silver \$1,000

- Email Blast
- Social Media Promotion
- Website Presence
- Company Name/logo on event t-shirt
- Recognition Banner
- 1 free event t-shirt
- Thank you Blast
- Event sponsor slot in weekly bulletin(3 months)

## Platinum \$5,000

- Email Blast
- Social Media Promotion
- Website Presence
- Company Name/logo on event t-shirt
- Recognition Banner
- VIP lounge access(2 days)
- Reserved parking spot(1)
- \$200 in food and beverage tickets
- Main stage side banner
- Rolling TV advertisement
- 1 free event t-shirt
- Thank you Blast
- Event sponsor slot in weekly bulletin(9 months)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

*Sponsorships are due by August 7th.*

**Or Scan Here to Donate!**



## 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

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

# CHEERS

FOR OUR  
AMAZING

*Volunteers!*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN

## APPRECIATION DINNER

Tuesday

**13** August

6 p.m.

Salerno's

9301 W 63rd St,  
Hodgkins, IL



RSVP by  
August 5



## St. Cletus Food Pantry School Supply Drive

#### Items needed:

- No. 2 Pencils
- Pens
- Glue Sticks
- Glue
- Folders
- Washable Markers
- 24 Pack Crayons
- Scissors/Kids Scissors
- Notebooks
- Misc. Office Supplies

All Items should be new &  
unopened

Items can be dropped in the  
Food Pantry donation bin  
outside or in the Church



Deacon Jim Kennedy, SJ grew up in La Grange as a member of St. Cletus Parish and a graduate of St. Cletus School. After joining the Jesuits in 2014, Deacon Jim studied philosophy at Fordham University in the Bronx and served at Marquette University High School in Milwaukee, teaching history and directing student retreats. During the academic year, Deacon Jim is completing a theology degree at Regis College in Toronto and is serving as a chaplain this summer at Loyola Medical Center. He has given numerous talks on the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, and has served as a director on a number of retreats. Ordained a deacon in May 2024, he will be ordained a priest in June 2025.

## An Evening of Prayer & Reflection

*Exploring Ignatian Spirituality*

**Please join us  
August 7th at 7pm**

*St. Cletus Parish*

**600 W. 55th Street La Grange**



**DCN. JAMES  
KENNEDY, SJ**





## Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 21 de Julio	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia
Martes, 23 de Julio	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	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

### Adoración Nocturna

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar. Every second Saturday of the month the



### Nocturnal Adoration

Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

### Intenciones de Misa

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal (708)352-6209 o al (708)215-5441. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse con anticipación, la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

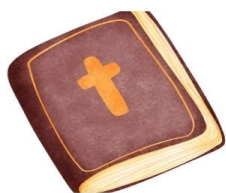
### Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass intention, please call the main office (708)352-6209 Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested with anticipation, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10.

**2024-2025**

# Educación Religiosa

## Inscripción abierta



**Grados: Pre-K a 8º Grado | Clases presenciales | Ingles**  
**Domingo 9:00a.m. - 10:15a.m.**  
**Lunes 6:00p.m. - 7:15p.m.**



### PROGRAMS

- ✓ Reconciliación
- ✓ Pre-K (Sólo domingo)
- ✓ Primera Comunión
- ✓ Programa adaptado (sólo domingos)
- ✓ Confirmación
- ✓ Programa para adolescentes (miércoles)

Inscríbese en línea visitando nuestro sitio web:  
<https://www.stcletusparish.com>

En persona en el Centro Parroquial  
 Lunes a Viernes 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Fecha límite: 16 de agosto**

## School News

### Lets Welcome our new teachers

**Ms. Skinner** has held various titles throughout her career—Marketing Manager, Plant Technician, Mobile App Analyst—but she is most excited to be a 5th grade teacher. Ms. Skinner has a Management with Marketing degree from Royal Holloway and a Master’s Degree in International Marketing from King’s College. She loves learning and helping students develop their curiosities and fascination with the world. In her free time, Ms. Skinner loves to read historical nonfiction, play board games, crochet, and care for her many houseplants.



**Ms. Diaz** graduated from St. Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She loved working as a preschool teacher while studying elementary education and is now looking forward to teaching 6th–Grade. She enjoys

traveling, camping, and watching movies with her fiancé and 10–year old daughter. She is excited to be a part of St. Cletus!

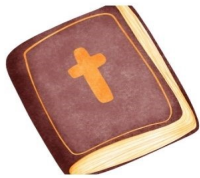
### School Basketball Camp





2024-2025

# Faith Formation Enrollment Open



Grades: Pre-K to 8th Grade | Classes in-person  
Sunday 9:00a.m. - 10:15a.m.  
Monday 6:00p.m. - 7:15p.m.

## PROGRAMS

- ✓ Reconciliation
- ✓ First Communion
- ✓ Confirmation
- ✓ Pre-K (Only Sunday)
- ✓ Adaptive Program (Only Sunday)
- ✓ Teen Seekers (Wednesday)

Register Online visiting our website:  
<https://www.stcletusparish.com>

In person at the Parish Center:  
M-F 10:00am - 5:00pm

**Deadline: August 16**

## Bible Camp 2024

This past week the Faith Formation office hosted its annual Bible Summer Camp. The Camp was attended by 26 kids, 4 leaders, 4 volunteers from St. Cletus School, 1 from the Religious program, and a teen parishioner from St. Cletus. The theme this year was "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid". We took the kids back to Hometown Nazareth, where they learned about the village where Jesus grew up. They got to meet Mary and hear stories about Jesus as a child. The children also experienced Bible times by hearing stories from the Bible, playing, and doing different craft activities each day.

I want to extend my gratitude to our leaders, Mrs. Maria Zontos, Ms. Cassie, and Mr. Manetti, as well as our dedicated volunteers: Halana, Mary Clare, Reagan, Francesco, Anna, and Izzie. The leadership of our young volunteers was truly amazing. They did a fantastic job leading, teaching, and taking care of our little ones. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our amazing team and, most importantly, the participation of our kids. I also want to thank all the



parents for trusting us and allowing us to be part of their children's summer activities.

During the camp, I was able to embrace my inner child and learn alongside everyone else. Witnessing the wonder in our

kids' eyes was a beautiful and humbling experience. Seeing their big smiles each morning was one of the most precious gifts I received throughout the week. One of my favorite moments was seeing Anna play the role of Mary and hearing her share stories about Jesus when he was a little boy. Watching our kids eagerly engage with Mary's

stories, ask questions about Jesus and his daily life, and involve her in our everyday activities was a heartwarming experience. It truly felt like Our Lady was present with us the whole week.

We ended our Bible Camp by sharing ice cream and celebrating the birthday of one of our little campers singing and eating cupcakes together. I'm looking forward to

next year's Bible Summer Camp and am grateful for all the blessings the Faith Formation office and the St Cletus parish have received.

-Norma Hernandez



## Compassionate Care Ministry

The Compassionate Care Ministry is again badly in need of postage stamps for its notes of sympathy and support during the first year following the loss of a loved one. Each bereaved family receives six cards during that year. This means that if there are ten funerals during a period of one month, 50 stamps are needed in that month alone. Your generous donations have meant so much in



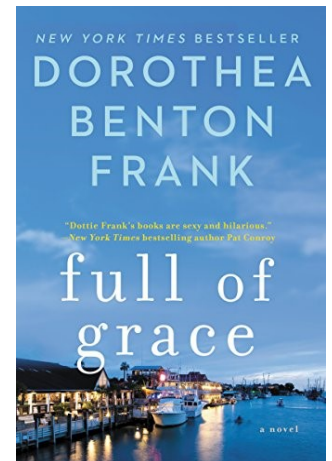
the past and we are very grateful. If you are able to contribute to this worthwhile ministry in this way, it will be very much appreciated. Simply put them in an envelope marked CCM and drop them off at the parish office—or right into the collection basket on Sunday. Please,

Forever stamps only.  
Thank you.

## Book Club

Come join us on August 13th for a discussion of *Full of Grace* by Dorothea Benton Frank. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail: [book\\_club@stcletusparish.com](mailto:book_club@stcletusparish.com).

For those who like to look ahead, our October book is *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan.



## The Chosen Discussion Group for Season 4 starts on July 15th



If you have been watching the series *The Chosen*, please come join our discussion group for Season 4. We are a small but growing group that enjoys getting together to watch an episode of *The Chosen* and then participate in a guided discussion. Recently we gathered some comments from discussion group members and share some here, we hope they will inspire you to join if you are thinking about it:

*“The Chosen* viewings and discussions have helped me learn more about the Bible. It has brought Jesus and the Apostles to life. I can share in their joys and feel their pains. I feel so much closer to them. But more than that it has created a community of faith-filled people with different levels of knowledge that intertwine to enrich each other’s faith.” ~ Madeline T.

We meet at 7pm on Monday nights in the Gallagher Room. We watched the first episode of Season 4 on July 15<sup>th</sup>, and will continue with an episode most Mondays until September 16th. We hope you can join us.

CREDO

## Update from the School Principal

St. Cletus School staff and volunteers are busy this summer in offering activities and providing a school makeover in certain areas. First our summer camp offerings for students continue with our Theatre Camp in preparation for the musical **Annie kids** on July 26 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. These performances are open to school/parish families and friends. We hope you are able to enjoy one of the shows or both. Thanks to Mrs. Sara Hodak, Mrs. Nikki Gorman and Miss Kasey Gorman for all of their work these last two weeks in helping students prepare for the show. Basketball, Volleyball and Cross Country Camps are being offered this summer as well. If you are interested in more information regarding our Summer Sports Camps, please contact Athletic Director Marie O'Connell at [moconnell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:moconnell@stcletusparish.com). Also, Coach Manetti and Coach Eddie will be offering a Chess Camp this coming August. Please contact [Imanetti@stcletusparish.com](mailto:Imanetti@stcletusparish.com) for sign up

information.

Finally, thanks to our Faith Formation Coordinators of Miss Norma Hernandez and Mr. Larry Manetti for facilitating a very successful Summer Bible Camp. In addition to cleaning the school in preparation for the start of the school year, we have painted two of our major hallways (Thanks to several parent and alumni volunteers for their help with this project!); we will be replacing our roof along Stone Avenue; and adding a new intercom communications system for our school. As you can tell, we have been quite busy with both long and short term projects. More information will be forthcoming on the costs of funding these most needed safety projects for our children and staff.

Please enjoy our section of welcoming new staff members to St. Cletus School.

God Bless.

Gregory N. Porod, M.Ed, Supt. End.



**Come and join performances by our Summer  
Theater Camp on  
July 26th**

**3 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
in the Parish Center**

**Tickets are \$5 each  
Ages 3 and under are FREE!**

**Tickets will be available at the door.**



**Statement of Cardinal Blase J. Cupich,  
archbishop of Chicago, on the  
assassination attempt of former President  
Donald Trump**

July 14, 2024

Please join me in praying for the continued recovery of former president Donald Trump, for his family, as well as for the other victims of yesterday's horrific assassination attempt, one of whom has died. The FBI has announced that the suspect is a young man of just 20 years.

This is a moment of great risk in the history of our democracy. May God the Father enfold all his children in his loving embrace, encouraging us to listen to our better angels, to break the cycle of violence, and choose peace.

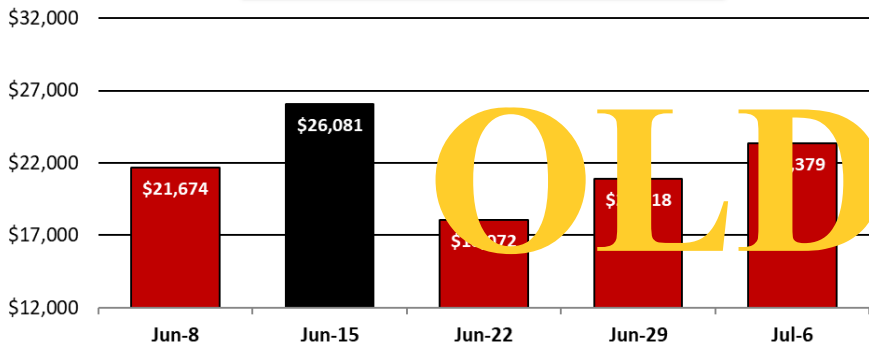
**Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia**

August 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

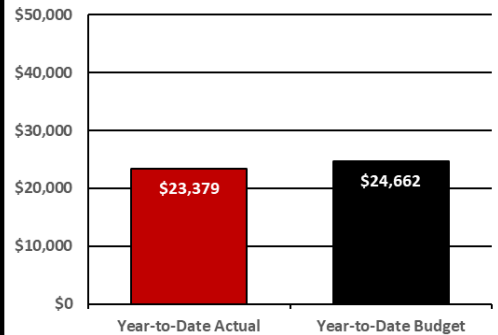
Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on **Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. **Confession is available at 6:00 p.m.** Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our Website at



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*Thank you!*





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