

August 2023



Faith Formation Newsletter

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
NEW LENOX, IL

Dear Parents,

August has begun and the end of the Summer break is just over the horizon! As we wrap up our vacations and prepare to return to school, let's keep in mind that Jesus is always waiting for us to accept His invitation to welcome Him into our hearts. When we open our hearts to Jesus, He graciously welcomes us into His.

The easiest way to do this is by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist every Sunday at Mass! Let's not postpone this until school starts or the New Year, Jesus is ever-present and His love knows no boundaries, so let's start welcoming Jesus into our lives right now!

Don't forget to submit your Mass and Explore 4 reflections! As a friendly reminder: **attending Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation is expected of all Catholics, even during the summer, as it stands as the first precept of our Church.**

For grades 1 - 8, seven Mass and four Explore 4 reflections are expected a year. Please submit these promptly to ensure your children experience and appreciate the Mass and our Catholic Community to the fullest.

To learn more about these reflections, **[CLICK HERE](#)** and scroll down towards the bottom of the newsletter for some Explore 4 opportunities in August for your family. Thank you for your participation!

You are always in our prayers!

The St. Jude's Faith Formation Team

Join us for Mass!

Daily Mass 7:30 am

Monday - Friday

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at

**7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and
6:30 pm (Teen Mass)**

Reconciliation/Confession

Every Saturday

3:30 - 4:30 pm

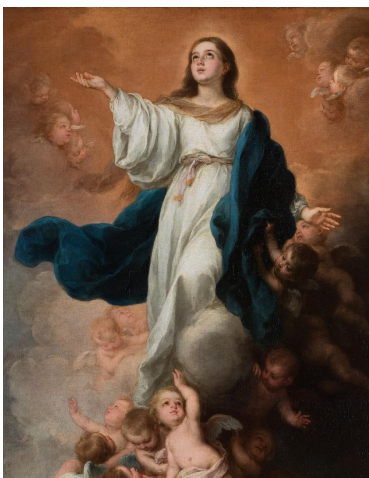
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
August 15th - The Assumption
Mass at 7:00 pm**

Due to construction on Altar

All daily Masses between **August 14th** and **September 5th** will be in the Day Chapel.
All weekend Masses will be held in the Gym.



Holy Day of Obligation Alert!



August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. At the end of Mary's time on earth, Mary was taken into Heaven, body and soul, because of her Immaculate Conception (being conceived without the stain of Original Sin) and her YES to God to bring Jesus into the world.

Did you know? The Church teaches that Mary is the only person in Heaven with a body other than Jesus (but we'll get ours back at the end of time).

Want to learn more about the Assumption?

[CLICK HERE](#) for a quick video!

What's a Holy Day of Obligation? These are special days throughout the year when we are required to go to Mass, just like we do on Sunday. The Church does this because the Mass is the best way of giving honor to God. **[HERE'S a short video to learn more!](#)**

Ever away at a game or event and not sure where to go to Mass? Fear not, Catholic churches are everywhere! There's always a Mass around the corner and at any time. Go to [Masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org), enter the location of where you will be and it will give you every Mass time for the day in any area!

Also available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

**SUNDAY NIGHT
TEEN MASS @ 6:30 PM**
WELCOMING, ENGAGING & INSPIRING
Teens, Families & Adults

We are actively recruiting teen (7th grade to young adult) readers, musicians, greeters and servers for the 6:30 pm Mass. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to volunteer!

2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**CLICK HERE FOR
REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Just two days left to get early-bird pricing! Register and ***pay in full*** by July 28th to get discounted rate. **[Click HERE](#)** to register online!





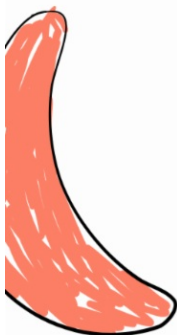
ATTENTION PARENTS:

**PRE-SCHOOL AND
KINDERGARTEN
FAITH FORMATION
ARE RETURNING!**



INTERESTED? EMAIL
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ASAP FOR PLANNING
PURPOSES!

WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE
CONSIDER HELPING US! WE'LL PROVIDE THE
MATERIALS AND TRAINING



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JUDE



Junior High Summer Fun and S'morcial Event Tuesday, August 1st 6:45-8:45pm

Shaving Cream and Water
Games

Snacks and
S'more!

Games

Bontire

Quest: High School Youth Ministry



Quest Nights:

Thursday Campfires

July 27 & August 3rd, 7-8:40 pm

All teens entering or in high school are
welcome in the picnic grove or Franciscan Hall
Room 4!

QUEST meets on Wednesdays starting
September 9th.



Explore 4 Events and Opportunities!



Children's Holy Hour - Every Thursday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Bring your family to participate in our Children's Holy Hour every Thursday! This is a great way to encourage devotion to the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. [Click here](#) for a short video explaining Adoration for kids.

There will be no Adoration on August 24th & 31st.

Want some fun activities to do with your children at home?

August has lots of fun activities and feasts to celebrate with your kids! [CLICK HERE](#) for some great activities, recipes and games to enjoy with the family for the month of August!



THE
SUPER MARIO
BROS.
MOVIE !

A pixelated illustration of a Super Mario Bros. game scene. Mario, wearing his signature blue hat and red overalls, stands on a brown brick platform. To his left is a green pipe. To his right is a red and white mushroom. Further right is a yellow star floating above a brick wall. A gold coin is visible in the sky to the left of Mario. The background is a blue sky with white clouds.

PICNIC GROVE
AUGUST 13TH 7:30PM
BROUGHT TO YOU BY ST. JUDE FAITH FORMATION



LEARN HOW SCIENCE AND FAITH COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER WHILE FAITH AND REASON ARE COMPANIONS FOR THE JOURNEY.

FR. JOHN KARTJE, RECTOR AT MUNDELEIN SEMINARY, WILL EXPLAIN WHERE SCIENCE MEETS FAITH AND WHERE GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN IN THE NATURAL WORLD.

FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL FROM SACRED HEART, PEORIA WILL RETURN TO TALK ABOUT THE SCIENCE BEHIND EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES.

SESSION #1 SCIENCE MEETS FAITH AUG. 17 @ 7 PM

SESSION #2 SCIENCE BEHIND EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES SEPT. 12TH

SESSION #3 PASCHAL MASTER OF SCIENCE FEB. 13, 2024

MORE TO COME IN THIS EXPLORATION OF SCIENCE AND FAITH!

Contact Jen Lebhardt for more info! JLebhardt@stjudes.org

Starting in September

Would your child like to sing at Mass?

St. Jude Catholic Church Youth Choir

Children Grades 3-8 can sing on the second and fourth Sundays of the month!

**Practices are the Wednesday before
their scheduled choir date**

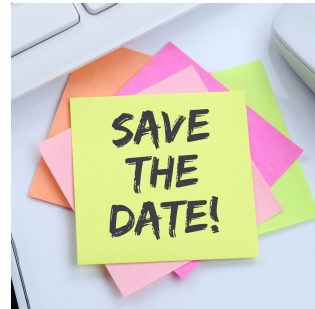
Contact John Berardi for more information:

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Elementary Parent Orientation

Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 pm in the Gym.

New and returning parents, learn about our program and what you will need to know and do for the school year. Materials including student books can be picked up at the orientation or afterward at the office. This is required for at least one parent from each family to attend!





I WANT YOU

TO FOLLOW ME AND BECOME A CATECHIST OR YOUTH MENTOR!

REGISTER HERE!

Want to share our Faith with your children and others? Consider becoming a Catechist or Mentor and spread the Word of Christ! Encourage your teens to become a catechist aide or teen mentor! We couldn't do this without you!

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday	9 am - 4 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 4 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 4 pm
Thursday	9 am - 4 pm
Friday	Closed

Evenings by Appointment

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