

St. Cletus Catholic School

St. Cletus Catholic School is a school for boys and girls in Pre-Kindergarten 3 through grade 7. Our school was founded in 1978 to serve the families of St. Cletus Catholic Church parish and the surrounding area. St. Cletus provides an exceptional education rooted in the Catholic faith that promotes the careful, compassionate development of each child in body, mind and spirit. St. Cletus Catholic School also works with parents to foster the development of strong moral character, a commitment to excellence and a caring appreciation for God's abundant gifts.

Our Mission Statement

St. Cletus Catholic School provides a challenging education rooted in Catholic faith and promotes service, responsibility and respect for others in a caring community.

Affiliations and Accreditation

St. Cletus Catholic School is approved by the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Contact Information

St. Cletus Catholic School
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Administration

Fr. Chris Zavackis, Pastor
Jill Grabert, Principal
Kaitlyn O'Connor, Counselor

School Hours

School begins at 8:20 A.M. and
is dismissed at 3:30 P.M.

Uniforms

All St. Cletus Catholic School students
wear a uniform on a daily basis. Uniforms
may be purchased at Skobel's.

School Counseling

The school counselor at St. Cletus Catholic School offers a variety of services to assist the school population. She counsels, coordinates and consults in order to provide the support necessary to maximize the opportunities offered at St. Cletus Catholic School. The counselor meets with students individually and in the classroom, as well as with teachers and parents as needed to address academic and personal issues. These issues include but are not limited to new student transition, family concerns, academic performance and peer relationships. The counselor may be reached by phone at 504-366-3538, ext. 109 or email at koconnor@stcletuscolts.com.

Lunch Program

Lunch is provided by the Archdiocese Food Services Program in our school cafeteria. All students are served a hot lunch and students in third through seventh grades are also given a sandwich or pizza option. Breakfast is also served 7:50 A.M.- 8:10 A.M. Free or reduced lunch is available to students who qualify.

Before/After Care

Before school care is available from 6:30 A.M. - 7:50 A.M. and after school care is available from 3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Before/After Care operates five days a week. Holiday care is also available on certain holidays. All Before/After Care services are supervised and offered at a nominal fee.

Transportation

Bus transportation is provided by Jefferson Parish Public Schools free of charge and is available in specified areas. For detailed information, contact the school office.

Computer

Students in Pre-K through seventh grade attend weekly computer classes. Pre-K and Kindergarten students begin learning basic mouse skills and interaction with computers through a series of learning games. First through fifth grade students are introduced to topics such as basic keyboarding skills, mouse skills, moving within Google, parts of the computer, basic internet safety and curriculum enrichment software. Middle school students become proficient in typing papers utilizing Google and other Google applications.

Technology

St. Cletus Catholic School is proud to offer its students the latest in education through technology. Every classroom is equipped with student computers and a SMARTboard system. St. Cletus provides devices for one-to-one computing for all students in grades 2-7. Technology in the classroom enhances student learning while empowering teachers with a more interactive approach to teaching. The school also utilizes Plus Portals and School Messenger to improve communication with parents.

Library

The St. Cletus Catholic School library has more than 10,000 books. It also has desktop computers and access to programs such as Destiny, Book Flix, Science Flix, and World Book online. Students in Pre-K3 through seventh grade attend library on a weekly basis. Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten learn about authors, parts of a book and incorporate songs and movement. Students in first through seventh grades learn library and research skills, discuss stories and check out books weekly.

Physical Education

The physical education program emphasizes the development of basic loco-motor skills, fitness improvement, individual and team sports skills, social skills, and cognitive skills. These skills are developed through a variety of drills, lead-up activities, games, and classroom instruction. Fourth through seventh grade students can participate in after-school sports. These sports are played in competition with other school teams in the Catholic School Athletic League.

Extracurricular Activities

St. Cletus Catholic School offers many extracurricular activities. Most activities are immediately following dismissal in the afternoons.

Altar Servers

*Art Club

*Cheer

Computer Club

Drama Club

Environmental Science Club

Lego Club

Liturgical Dancers

*Science Club

Student Council

*Boys Flag Football

*Boys and Girls Indoorball

*Girls Volleyball

*Boys and Girls Basketball

*these activities are offered on a fee basis

The middle school curriculum is designed to help students grow and develop into responsible individuals, building upon the academic, religious, and social skills introduced in the lower grades. During these important developmental years, students are encouraged to build a foundation in social skills and explore personal interests. Team sports, clubs, extra-curricular activities, and supervised social events encourage positive peer interaction and social growth. This unique combination of academic, religious, and social growth opportunities prepares St. Cletus Catholic School students for success in the many Catholic high schools of the metropolitan New Orleans area.

Language Arts

The language arts department provides a meaningful and challenging curriculum to ensure that our students are knowledgeable and well-prepared for their high school years and for life. Our teachers select relevant, stimulating materials so that students become proficient communicators in all five areas of the verbal arts. In literature classes, the chosen materials promote knowledge of the essential literary elements that enhance comprehension and critical thinking skills. English classes focus on the writing process and content development with an emphasis on correct grammar, mechanics and usage. Students are given the opportunity to express their individuality and creativity which encourages deeper learning and involvement.

Mathematics

In sixth grade, students apply their skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to increasingly complex problems. Algebra concepts and negative numbers are introduced in seventh grade. These concepts are expanded by the application of algebra in order to assist students with the transition to advanced math through strategic problem solving. Our middle school math program completes the students' pre-high school mathematical foundation and allows the students to be competitive on a high school level.

Religion

Our middle school religion students are instructed in Sacred Scripture, Church doctrine, morality, and the sacraments, encouraging them to live Christ-centered lives. Our seventh graders bring to life the birth and death of Christ through their performances of the Nativity and Passion plays. Our sixth graders evangelize through the living biography presentations of the saints. Daily prayer and weekly Mass attendance are also important components of our program. Students may also participate as altar servers. Middle school students are involved in working toward social justice. They participate in quarterly service hours to the community as well as projects to raise money for a chosen mission country. Overall, the middle school religion program is designed to impart great love for our Catholic faith and to instill Catholic values so that these young men and women may live out their faith and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Science

Our middle school science curriculum examines the wonders of God expressed through His magnificent creation. Students are introduced to the basic principles of the scientific method and learn tools of scientific inquiry including hypothesis, analysis, measurement, graphing, inference, classification and modeling. Our curriculum starts with the study of the Earth. It includes mapping our Earth, Earth in space, the dynamics of the Earth's surface and natural resources. The curriculum continues with life science by looking at the simplest organisms to the most complex beings. Our science curriculum uses real-life examples and practical explanations to understand the role of science in our everyday lives.

History

Middle school begins in sixth grade with world history. Students explore maps of the world while studying early civilizations and developments. Time is spent covering Middle Eastern, Egyptian, Greek and Roman civilizations. In seventh grade, content begins with United States history, focusing on the early developments of the country prior to the Civil War. Topics cover key debates discussed at the Second Constitutional Convention, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Maps and data-based questions are utilized to prepare students for the type of critical thinking questions they may encounter on standardized tests.

Students in these transitional grades typically blossom in the loving Catholic atmosphere provided at St. Cletus Catholic School. Faculty and staff welcome each student with a warm greeting and a desire to share their love of learning. St. Cletus Catholic School students are expected to take responsibility for home and classroom assignments. They are encouraged to be curious and independent in each area of study adding to the foundation provided in the primary grades.

Language Arts

In language arts, reading and writing go hand-in-hand to support one another. Each grade uses a basal reader and leveled readers as well as picture books and novels to enhance the reading curriculum. The series incorporates language, literature, vocabulary, phonics, and spelling words. In grades 1-4, we participate in Blended Learning, which is a style of education in which our students learn via electronic/online media as well as traditional face-to-face teaching in small groups. This allows our students to work on their personalized learning levels to remediate and accelerate skills. Through the writing process children learn to understand writing as a way to communicate and express a variety of ideas through shared writing and interactive writing activities.

Mathematics

The alignment of our math curriculum and instruction allows students to become successful in conceptual understanding and mental math facts. The goal is for our students to explore and acquire logical reasoning by effectively using a variety of mathematical methods and manipulatives for problem solving. Each grade reviews past skills and builds on them to acquire new skills and a higher level of proficiency in advanced concepts.

Religion

Our daily religion program focuses on the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church and instills Catholic values across the curriculum. This is accomplished through instruction in Sacred Scripture, Church doctrine, morality, sacraments and living a Christ-centered life. Daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, and celebrations throughout the liturgical year are important components of our religion program. Students can also participate in Mass as altar servers and in community service projects.

Science

In science we have integrated a series that covers life, earth, and physical science elements. We have achieved this by complying with both state and national standards and benchmarks. Teachers and students alike enjoy hands-on experiments in the classroom to illustrate various concepts and processes.

Social Studies

In social studies we have incorporated a series that provides students with various opportunities to experience current events as well as history, economics, map skills, and our unique culture. To achieve this teachers utilize technology such as SMARTboards, Chromebooks, and laptops.

Pre-Kindergarten 3 and 4

St. Cletus Catholic School welcomes its youngest students and creates a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment where children are able to develop physically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively. The three and four-year-old programs provide the foundation for all future learning. Recognition of letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and sounds is stressed in imaginative and varied ways by experienced and compassionate teachers and assistants. Enrichment classes of P.E., computer, and library are offered. Religion class is held daily, including simple prayers that are learned. Song and movement, outdoor play in their own yard, snack time and nap time balance instructional time and complete the learning process.

Kindergarten

The full-day kindergarten program at St. Cletus Catholic School continues the work started in Pre-K and further develops the students' skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and mathematics. Phonetic awareness, handwriting practice, learning vowel and consonant sounds, and letter combinations help to create readers and emergent, fledgling writers. Students rotate through various academic centers to reinforce newly learned skills and enjoy enrichment classes of P.E., computer, library, and social living. Daily religion class and weekly Mass enhance their understanding of God's world and their place in it. Devoted, experienced teachers also plan off-campus field trips as well as many unique educational experiences that celebrate the seasons, feast days and holidays of the school year.

First Grade

First graders at St. Cletus continue to build on the skills acquired in kindergarten. A balanced literacy approach to reading instruction allows emerging readers to develop both decoding and comprehension skills using mentor texts, authentic children's literature and leveled reading selections. In grades 1-4, we participate in Blended Learning, which is a style of education in which our students learn via electronic/online media as well as traditional face-to-face teaching in small groups. This allows our students to work on their personalized learning levels to remediate and accelerate skills. Students in first grade use manipulatives to learn and understand math concepts while moving toward writing and expressing these concepts more abstractly through symbols. First graders learn about the world around them in Social Living and use project-based learning to show mastery of science and social studies content. Daily religion classes in first grade focus on sharing God's love with others and on the year-long celebration of Jesus in the Church. Enrichment classes supplement learning for first graders in P.E., computer, and library.

New Student Registration

Registration for new students will take place from February 3 - February 7, 2020. All fees must be paid at the time of acceptance in order to put a child's name on the roster for the next school year. The principal will be available for interviews with parents and students that week.

Registration Fees

The following fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable as well as non-transferable. A place will not be held for a student unless these fees are paid in full.

Catholic/Contributing *

\$165 **Oldest** or **only** child

\$150 **Each additional** child in family

\$75 Technology fee per student

Catholic (Non-contributing) or Non-Catholic

\$165 **Oldest** or **only** child

\$150 **Each additional** child in family

\$350 Parish support fee **per student**

\$75 Technology fee per student

Active, Registered, Supporting Member of St. Cletus Parish (Contributing)

To be considered an active, registered, supporting member of the parish, a family must contribute \$500 for one child or \$800 for more than one child per family to St. Cletus Church by December 31, 2019. You must make this contribution in the 2019 calendar year to be considered supporting and not have additional fees. Family members should also participate in the life of the parish and support parish activities.

***An approval form for in-parish tuition from St. Cletus Church MUST accompany your registration form.** Forms can be obtained from the parish office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. A Catholic family residing in a parish without a school or in a parish with a school that has no openings at the time of registration may apply to their pastor for a voucher for the parish support fee.

2020-2021 Tuition Information

	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Non-Catholic</u>
Pre-K3 and Pre-K4	\$5,825.00	\$5,825.00
One Child K-7	\$5,375.00	\$5,675.00
Two Children K-7	\$9,410.00	\$9,935.00
Three Children K-7	\$12,095.00	\$12,770.00
Four Children K-7	\$13,440.00	\$14,190.00

Tuition must be paid in full by April 29, 2020 or financed through First Bank & Trust.

New student registration is February 3-February 7, 2020 from 6:30am–3:00pm.

Order of Acceptance:

- Siblings of current students
- Children of territorial parishioners who are deemed active by the pastor; children of alumni or legacy families as determined by the pastor
- Children of territorial parishioners of a parish without a school or no room in their territorial parish school who are deemed active by their pastor
- Children of non-territorial parishioners of a parish without a school or non room in their parish school who are deemed active by their pastor
- Children of active parishioners who live outside the territorial parish in a parish with a school that has room
- All others – including inactive parishioners, non-Catholics, etc.

Documents needed to apply:

Birth Certificate

Immunization Record

Social Security Card

Report cards for all grades (Kindergarten on)

All previous standardized test scores (if applicable)

Baptism Certificate (if Catholic)

We will accept copies of these documents.

Info needed to apply:

Date and Church of First Reconciliation (if Catholic)

Date and Church of First Communion (if Catholic)

Statement of Policy: St. Cletus School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, in administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

- ❖ Daily prayers, readings, and intentions
- ❖ Weekly school-wide Mass
- ❖ Monthly Adoration and Benediction
- ❖ Seasonal Living Rosary, Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, and Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ❖ Student re-enactment of Nativity and Passion
- ❖ Strong parish/school/community partnership
- ❖ Several mission-based fundraising opportunities offered regularly including Mission Fair and Trunk-or-Treat
- ❖ Annual participation in the NET retreat by middle schoolers
- ❖ Technology incorporated into religion classes
- ❖ Religion classes include safe environment topics for students
- ❖ Scheduling to include religion class every day with dedicated and qualified religion teachers