



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

October 11, 2021

If **ANYONE** in your house is being tested for COVID, **YOUR CHILD CANNOT COME TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE PERSON BEING TESTED RECEIVES A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT**. Parents are required to inform the school within 24 hours if a student or someone in the student's home tests positive. This is non-negotiable and applies to everyone.



Beacons of Light is a multiyear process of pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Rooted in prayer, groupings of parishes will come together as one faith community. These new Families of Parishes will be stronger together, focused more on mission than on maintenance. In the Families of Parishes we will grow closer to God, follow Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and radiate Christ in our lives.

Please use the following link to see the proposed family groupings and to provide feedback: <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light/parish-families>

A couple of very important things to consider:

***Each family with multiple parishes will be staffed with multiple priests, as appropriate per family.**

***No parishes or schools are being closed at this time.**

***Families of Parishes will be implemented July 1, 2022.**

We are very fortunate to have such a strong community of faith to help pray for our churches and priests. Please pray with us for all the parishes during this time of transition.



The Month of the Holy Rosary

Recently I was having a conversation with someone about prayer and she mentioned that she rarely prayed the Rosary because she found it so hard to concentrate whenever she did. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer, but due to one reason or another many people never get to discover this beauty. These hectic days it can feel like we're doing so many things simultaneously and, saying each Our Father and Hail Mary with due reverence, praying for our particular intentions, all the while trying to create vivid mental images of Christ and Our Lady in our mind's eye, may just seem impossible. And there's always that cell phone ringing or buzzing in our pocket! We might tell ourselves it's better to not pray the Rosary at all rather than to pray it badly.

Well - the month of October is a great time to re-evaluate the place the Rosary has in our lives. Going back to the conversation I had with this person on prayer, I mentioned that I have also found it hard to concentrate during the Rosary at times, but that it didn't really matter. As soon as I'd said this, I realized it could be taken the wrong way. Meditation is a fundamental part of the Rosary. The French priest and Dominican Saint Louis De Montfort said: *"The Rosary without meditation on the sacred mysteries of our salvation would almost be like a body without a soul; excellent matter, but without form which sets it apart from other devotions."*

It is because of its meditative nature that many popes and saints have been so keen to promote the Rosary. In 1982, when Pope Saint John Paul II visited Fatima he told the people: *"Do you want me to teach you a 'secret'? It is simple, and it is no longer a secret; pray, pray very much; recite the Rosary every day."*



I find it helpful not to think of the Rosary as an optional extra. It has the potential to transform our lives if we are willing. So where does that leave those who genuinely find it difficult to concentrate while praying the Rosary? Over the last few years in which I've been praying it on a regular basis, there are several things I've come to realize. While we can pray the Rosary to varying degrees of perfection, it is not really possible to pray the Rosary badly. Although we should always hope that we might learn to pray the Rosary better, we are never worse off for praying it. We might have various bad attitudes that we become aware of when we pray the Rosary, but this is surely a good thing. It makes us realize how much we need God's mercy.



Saint Bernadette

Another thing that I've noticed is how my attitude to Our Lady has changed over the last few years. As I started praying the Rosary on a regular basis, I began to feel a much stronger Marian devotion. By praying the Rosary regularly, I've really started to appreciate just who Mary is. She is our Mother, she loves us, and she constantly prays for us, gently guiding us towards her Son, Jesus. So, we should feel entirely comfortable and at ease in her company. As a nun, Saint Bernadette used to encourage the sisters to pray the Rosary while going to sleep and would say: *"you will be like a little child who falls asleep saying 'Mama, Mama!'"*

Pope Saint John Paul II said that as a young man, he began praying the Living Rosary – a devotion started by the Venerable Jan Leopold Tyranowski in the 1940's where groups of 15 young people would meet to pray together. This helped him realize that not only does Our Mother Mary direct us towards Christ, but Christ also directs us towards His Mother.

Christ is saying to each of us: *Look what marvels I have worked for my mother.*

Devotion to the saints and especially to Our Lady, is so important because it underscores why our faith is so special. God's grace is not something shallow or superficial, but penetrates the core of our very being. God has promised to make us like Himself. Our Blessed Mother is the first in whom this promise has been fulfilled, and so she is worthy of the highest of praise.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Take time, sit in the quiet, put the cell phones on silent, dedicate your prayer to a needed intention, and give the Rosary a try! Who knows – maybe it will become a regular part of your life. Our Lady of Grace, pray for us.

Blessings!

Mark Friedman, CRE



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Boys Basketball - There will be a Boys Basketball Open Gym this Sunday night, October 10th from 5:30-7pm at Assumption Gym. All 3rd-8th grade boys interested in playing basketball are welcome!

Boys basketball registration is open! 3rd-8th grade boys who attend OLG, or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little

Flower, St. Ann), can register to play. The season runs from December through mid-February.

3rd & 4th grade plays an instructional-style league and 5th-8th grade plays in a competitive league. Click on the link below to sign up! #goeagles

<https://boys-basketball-2021-2022.cheddarup.com>

OLG Boys Basketball Program Night

Sunday October 3rd 5:30-7pm

At Assumption Gym

Interested in playing boys basketball for OLG?

Interested in coaching boys basketball?

Already registered to play basketball this season?

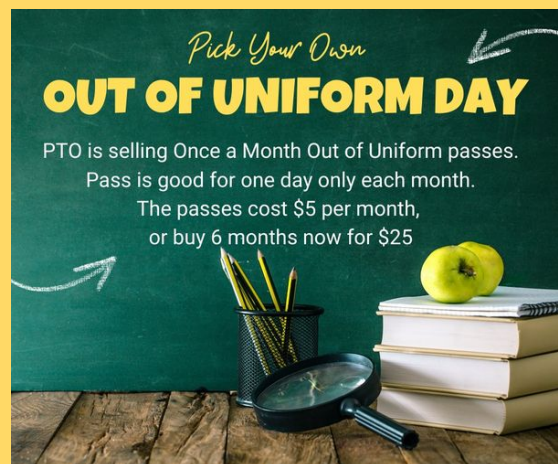
Want to learn more about it?

Has it been a while since you've picked up a basketball?

We would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about the boys basketball program to join us for an informative gathering. Players, potential players and coaches and families are invited.

We will have some of our coaches there to run drills with the boys. And our coordinators and members of the OLGAA will be available to answer any other questions you may have.

Hope to see you there!!



PTO is once again selling Out of Uniform passes that can be used once a month by students. The passes will start in October and can be used each month until March. Follow the link to secure yours today!

<https://out-of-uniform-pass-copy.cheddarup.com>

High School Information

Junior High Parents-This section of the Weekly Bulletin will be used to offer various information about the Catholic high schools in our area. Click on the link to get to the high schools' websites for further information and contact them directly with any questions you have.



<https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/>



<https://www.badinhs.org/admissionshome.html>



<https://www.mercymcauley.org/admissions>



<https://www.rogerbacon.org/future-spartans/application-process>



<https://www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions>



<https://www.purcellmarian.org/admissions/>



<https://www.depaulcristorey.org/admissions>



<https://www.lasallehs.net/admissions/class-of-2026-checklist/incoming-class-checklist/>



<https://www.stxavier.org/admissions/classof2025>