



# Our Lady of Grace

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Weekly Bulletin

December 2 , 2022

## The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 2023-2024 Tuition Assistance Grants



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2023-2024 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) May apply for needs-based assistance between now and February 3, 2023.

Please visit [www.CatholicBestChoice.org](http://www.CatholicBestChoice.org) for more details and instructions on how to apply.



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# La Fundación para la Educación Católica de la Arquidiócesis de Cincinnati Becas de Ayuda para Colegiaturas 2023-2024



Nuevamente, la Fundación para la Educación Católica de la Arquidiócesis de Cincinnati podrá otorgar más de \$2 millones en becas para ayudar en el pago de colegiaturas en el año escolar 2023-2024.

Las familias de alumnos de primaria (K-8) pueden aplicar para recibir ayuda basada en sus necesidades a partir de ahora hasta el 3 de febrero del 2023.

Para mayores informes y para recibir instrucciones de cómo aplicar, por favor visiten [www.CatholicBestChoice.org](http://www.CatholicBestChoice.org)



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Volunteers are needed to help in the OLG cafeteria. If you enjoy working with kids and helping out our school we would love to have your help. Volunteer weekly, monthly or whenever it fits into your schedule. Cafeteria volunteers are needed each day from **11:15 am to 1:00 pm** and please **bring a hat/visor**.

**Contact Name:** Linda Schnetzer

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Please use the following link to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4DA4A623AAFD0-olgcafeteria>





### Preparing our Kids for Advent

How can we prepare for this holy Advent season? The first, and most important thing we can do to prepare our children for Advent is to prepare *ourselves* first. After all, if we are impatient and crabby - pressured by all the busyness of this season amid coping with restrictions and the on-going pandemic - we won't be very good at teaching our children anything about quiet, expectant waiting that is part of the Advent season. If they never hear us talk about what we long for from the Lord, how will they learn about this kind of longing? And, if they hear "the coming of Jesus" talked about at church, and perhaps at school, but never hear we, the parents, talk about the meaning of the coming of Jesus *for us*, what kind of message will we be giving them? Of course, our children will be watching us and listening to us - what we say and do, and what we fail to say and do. So, the first thing we can give our children is our own commitment to enter Advent as deeply as we can. We want to clear our own spirits so that we can be present to theirs. The graces we receive can be the graces we share with them.



To talk with our children about our own religious experience doesn't mean we have to know all kinds of "theology" to teach them, nor does it mean we have to "dumb it down" to ridiculously simple terms. We don't have to "burden" children with the burdens we have to bear in our adult relationship with God, and we don't have to make their world more unsettling and scarier than it already is. We just have to find the right time and place to talk with them about our faith. We don't have to criticize everything in our contemporary culture's preparation for and celebration of Christmas. But what we tell them about Advent, will help temper the materialism and consumerism involved in the marketing of Christmas to children. *Here are some ideas:*

We can tell our children about Isaiah, the prophet. We can tell them that God has wanted to be the one who would lead and take care of his people. But they rebelled against God, and demanded kings, just like all the peoples around them had. So, God let them have kings. As it turned out, there was one bad king after another. And God sent prophets to the people and the kings to remind them of the agreement - the "covenant" - God made with them: I'll be your God and you be my people. Well, the prophets began to tell the people that God would send them "an anointed one" (the word they use to say "anointed one" in Hebrew is "Messiah.") In fact, they said that this Messiah would be called "Emmanuel", which in Hebrew means, "God is with us." So, the message of the prophets was about a *promise* - that God would save his people from all that they were suffering. The prophets use such wonderful images to tell the people that they could expect and hope for a day when "every tear would be wiped away" - a day of great peace - "the lion would lie down with the lamb" and the people will beat their spears into useful tools. And, the most unbelievable promise of all: *"death will be no more."*

We all know now that what God was preparing his people for was the coming of Jesus, the Christ (anointed one.) Then, of course, we can tell them about John the Baptist and about Joseph and Mary. We can tell them the story from Luke's gospel. What is so surprising about the story is that he comes, not in splendor like a king, but in great simplicity and poverty. Our God is truly with us, as a little baby. He knows what is like to be a child - to be human.

We can tell this story to our children in so many ways. We can let them tell us what it means to them. Through all this conversation, the message will come through. During these weeks of Advent, we want to look forward to celebrating his coming to live our life and to set us free - free from our sins and free from death itself. We want to open up Advent for them, so that they can get ready for - look forward to - Christmas in a different way. We want to introduce them to faith-filled meanings for light/darkness, hunger/thirsts, and all the other images of Isaiah. We want them to really know the meaning of "the Christmas story."

It would be great to create a Nativity "place" in our home. Before we just put a nativity scene there, we can let it be an empty space for a while. We can prepare for setting it up, by putting things in that place which represent the longing, the desire, the emptiness. Perhaps that place can begin with a basket. Children can place notes in the basket that express what they hope for, for each member in the family, for their friends, for people in the world. They can write special prayers and make cards for loved ones who are sick or relatives they haven't seen since COVID-19 began. We can keep telling the children that it is into this special place of our longing and faith that Jesus comes. Then, when we set up the Nativity scene in that place, it can become a special place for the children. We can also involve children in preparing food for people who are home bound - a care package at one's door is a great surprise. And, as we make these special family traditions during Advent, we will come up with others, that fit our family well. Happy Advent! *Blessings!*

**Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG**



## Soarin' Eagle Award

The Soarin' Eagle Award is given to students who consistently show their hard work and strong character by being Christlike in our school community. Some examples of this are: following directions the first time, encouraging positive behavior with their peers, showing respect toward the adults in the building, peers and school environment, etc.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Zion Gebreab	Samara Claridy	Derrik Strother
Camille Smith	Nayeli Marroquin	Sarah Rios
Ian Brinkman	Raelynn Likens	Naseer Salaam
Ryland Andrews	Roland Williams	Xander Seivert
Kameron Prewitt	Elijah Cannon	Delon Simpson
Norah McCann	Kiale Bankhead	Johnny Marroquin
George Dietrich	Silvia Jefferson	Isabelle Roth
Samairah Burson	Frankie Long	Aubrey Montgomery
George Dietrich	Silvia Jefferson	Lindsey Galan Garcia
Lilian Matias Velasquez	Michael Miller	Macey Hines
Nagdy Marroquin	Khuyen Nguyen	Sophie Davis
Brady Porta	Joanna Lopez Pablo	Sa'Vaya McCoy



## Design a Supersized Christmas Ornament

- *Make it a family affair...one entry per family.*
- *Everyone can work together!*
- *Any materials can be used...just no glass.*
- *Ornament must be bigger than 6 in. by 6 in. and less than 12 in. by 12 in.*
- *Decide on a theme...some ideas include school spirit, religious, cartoon character...the possibilities are endless!!*
- *Please include a way to hang ornament-a string or a hook of some kind.*
- *Complete an index card with the student's name and grade.*
- *Entries are due by Friday, December 16th at 8:10 am outside the main office-judging will commence soon afterward.*
- *Prize bags will be awarded to all entries.*
- *Any questions? Email Mrs. Renick*



# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Registration for the 2022-2023 Girls Basketball season is now open! OLG Athletics offers basketball to all girls in grades 3-8 who are enrolled at Our Lady of Grace or who are members of one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann). The season runs from January-March.  
#LetsGoEagles

[CLICK HERE for REGISTRATION](#)



As you know, OLG offers several opportunities for kids to play sports. OLG Athletic Association (OLGAA) is the organization that organizes and runs these programs for the kids. We currently offer Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Co-ed Track and Field and Co-ed K-2 Basketball. We also have partnerships with St. James for boys to play football and girls to cheer with their teams

and are looking at that possibility for soccer for next season. This organization runs on volunteers. At this time, we are in need of volunteers for the following positions within OLGAA:

**President-** The president presides over board meetings, guides discussion toward achieving the goals of OLGAA, Review by-laws and constitution periodically, review student-athlete handbook and maintain, liaise with participating parishes as needed, work with board to review budget, work to fill open positions.

**Volunteer Coordinator** - An administrative role just to help coordinate coaches Safe Parish Certifications and paperwork with the school office.

**Equipment Coordinator** - Works to ensure uniforms, balls and equipment are organized, stored, and returned each season. Works with coaches to distribute uniforms and equipment each season.

**Boys Basketball Coordinator** - Our current coordinator has been doing this for several years. This will be his last season and he is willing to help a new coordinator next year to keep this running successfully.

**Track Coordinator-** Coordinate the organization of the season by working with the league to submit rosters, help coordinate coaches and help coordinate the weekly meets throughout the season for the OLG team.

**K-2 Basketball Coordinator** - Sundays from February till the end of March. 2 hour time commitment each Sunday.

These programs are only able to be offered because we have volunteers. If we do not get volunteers to run these programs and for the board positions, OLG Athletic programs cannot exist. If you are interested in helping keep OLG Athletics thrive, please consider volunteering. If you are interested, please reach out to Jeff Dietrich, OLGAA Athletic Director for more information at [olgeaglesad@gmail.com](mailto:olgeaglesad@gmail.com).