



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

Calendar Links



[CLICK HERE for the
SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



[CLICK HERE for the
LUNCH CALENDAR](#)



Jan. 12, 15 No School
Jan. 19 PTO Dine and
Donate
Jan. 28 Open House
1:00-3:00
Jan. 28-Feb. 2 Catholic
Schools Week

[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

Weekly Bulletin

January 11, 2024

No School Friday, January 12 and Monday, January 15



Our Lady of Grace School will follow Northwest Local District plans for any weather related school closings or delays. School closings and delays will be communicated by phone using the telephone number

you reported to

Option C. Any changes to your phone number should be changed by the parent in Option C and updated with your new information. OLG will not announce an early dismissal for snow. No students will be released to district transportation operating on an early dismissal for fear there will be no supervision at home when they arrive.

2 HOUR DELAY

There will be no AM buses to OLG from any district opening on time when OLG is on a 2 hour delay. In this situation, parents will have to provide their own transportation to school to accommodate the 10:00 a.m. start time.

- There will be AM buses to OLG from any district also opening on a 2 HOUR DELAY.
- There will be PM busing from all districts who are open (regardless of their start time)
- There will be no AM or PM busing from any district that is CLOSED.

Please contact your child care provider (including YMCA) to determine their policies and procedures for inclement weather.

CLOSED

- No school and no child care.

* Parents and guardians are the determinants of whether or not it is safe to transport students in their charge. Please exercise your own good judgment when determining if, when or how students will be transported in the event of inclement weather.

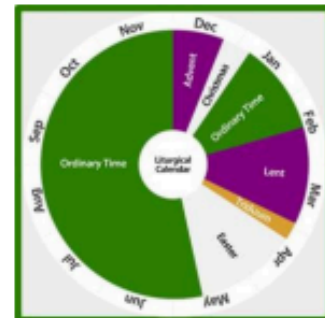
Please make sure all contact information is updated in Option C.



“Ordinary Time” - Not Ordinary

It's a new year and Christmas is behind us, and we find ourselves in the Church season called Ordinary Time. But what is Ordinary Time? Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common, but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are *numbered*. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church - the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle - the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. And so, for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives.



There's a lot of green on the calendar!

And there's nothing "ordinary" about that! In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because Easter is a moveable feast, and thus the Lent and Easter seasons "float" from year to year, the number of Sundays in each period of Ordinary Time vary from the other period as well as from year to year.

Why Is Green the Color of Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time - for those days when there is no special feast - is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the



Wearing the green of Ordinary Time

Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations. When you see green robes, green vestments, and green decorations around the Church this season, remember it not just Ordinary Time for Christians to be inactive, rather it is time for the Church to blossom. It is time for the Church to 'reveal green' in the world. *"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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."* (Matt 28:19-20) *"Go therefore and make disciples"* is the green time for the Church. It is time for every believer to allow Christ to stir up their faith and to blossom in the dark world; it is time to bear fruit of the Kingdom.

After the first Pentecost, the early Church - according to the book of Acts - was set loose into the world. Christians formed "small groups" gathering in homes for prayers and breaking bread. Men and women were empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit and began to preach the gospel without fear or intimidation. It was not ordinary time for the early disciples and it is not ordinary for the Church today. The Holy Spirit is here with us. We are enlivened. Let us join the crowd of witnesses in this "Ordinary Time" to do extraordinary work for the Kingdom of God.

It is time to blossom. It is time to be stirred up by the Holy Spirit. It is time bear fruit. So, if it is not Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter, it is Ordinary Time. Go therefore and make disciples!

Wishing you many blessings for an extra-ordinary New Year!

Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG



EAGLE WALK SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Needs your help!



The Eagle Walk Sponsorship committee assists in locating potential Corporate Monetary Donations for the upcoming Eagle Walk. The goal is to reduce burden on families by involving our Corporate friends / neighbors in support of the students and our goals for next year! The Sponsors will have the option to advertise on the School's Eagle Walk shirt!!! It's a win win! Plus we will do our best to continue to support those in our community that support our school. Know a business that may be interested or Own a business? Let us know! We hope to mail sponsorship requests by end of December!



Mark your calendar!
Fliers will be sent home the
week of the Dine in Date!



Join us Friday January 19th (any time!)
for a community building dine and donate
at Krimmer's Italianette
1704 W Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45239
MUST PRINT & BRING THIS FLYER TO GET CREDIT

[CLICK HERE for the Sponsorship Form for Eagle Walk](#)

Please call the school office if you need a
hard copy of the sponsorship form sent home.

Tuition Assistance Scholarships



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) will once again offer tuition assistance scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year.

Scholarships are available for Pre-School - 8th grade students. FACTS applications may be submitted between now and **February 25, 2024**.

Please visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more details and instructions on how to apply.



CATHOLIC
Education Foundation
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Cafeteria News



FREE & REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION ARE ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

- Apply on-line at [LINQ Connect](#) or paper Applications are available in the school office or the OLG Website/Calendar/Cafeteria.
- Households that were denied benefits in the fall may re-apply if their circumstances change during the school year (loss of income, new baby).
- Money is added to student's accounts by sending in labeled **cash/check** to the OLG Cafeteria or by **electronically** at [LINQ Connect](#) to your student(s) meal account. Credit card payments incur a service fee.



School Office
[Pick Up Procedures](#)
[Final Forms](#)
[Option C](#)
[Volunteer Information](#)

Cafeteria
[Lunch/Snack Account](#)
[Breakfast Information](#)
[CLICK HERE to Volunteer](#)

PTO/Athletics
[Out of Uniform Passes](#)



Please join us for an
OPEN HOUSE!

January 27, 2024
10:00 am-12:00 pm

6997 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231
(513) 931-9062

Judy Staudigel (Director)
stpaulearlylearningcenter.com

Please park in the lower lot of Journey Community Church by the playground.

St. Paul Early Learning Center is a learning community geared to the needs and abilities of children 2.5-5 years of age. Through a play based curriculum, children are encouraged to become creative and independent thinkers! The foundation of the program is based on the principles of Early Childhood Education! Children will learn, grow, and play with others under the guidance of degreed lead teachers and assistant teachers.

SETTING FAMILIES UP FOR SUCCESS!