



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

January 17, 2020



Visit us and explore all that we have to offer!

Open House

January 26 th from 1-3:30 p.m.



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Registration for current families will run January 27-February 14. Open enrollment for new families will begin on February 18.

Here is what you will need to register your child for the 2020-21 school year:

1. \$50.00 registration fee
2. Account is current and up-to-date

Three grade levels were placed on a waiting list during last year's new enrollment period. With several local schools in failing status, we are anticipating a surge of interest in OLG. The only way to ensure your child will have a spot next year is to enroll from 1/27-2/14.

Please contact Mr. Desmier at mdesmier@olgcs.org with account questions.

Religious Education

I Want to See!

Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him. When the blind man came near, Jesus asked him: "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied: "Lord, please let me see." Jesus told him: "Have sight; your faith has saved you." Luke 18

Now what is he going to do? He has no job skills. He has no work history. He can't read. The only thing he's ever known was sitting around collecting disability. He's learned to live off the system. Now what? Who's going to hire this guy? Minutes before he was sitting along the side of the road to Jericho in his familiar spot blind and begging. Now, he can miraculously see.

You have to hand it to him, he was good at begging. Even though he couldn't see, he knew how to get people's attention. Nothing was wrong with his lungs. According to the Bible text he could be loud and irritating. He must have learned that persistence pays off. He got Jesus' attention with his technique.

Jesus is walking along the road with His normal group of followers as He heads to Jericho. The blind beggar starts into his routine. The entourage's crowd control team, couldn't shut the guy up. He just got louder and more obnoxious. Now Jesus is used to people pressing Him and shouting at Him. But this guy is so pushy that Jesus finally stops and asks the man, what he wants.

The request was simple by the blind beggar. *I want to see.* Had he really thought this through? If he gets his sight back, he can't sit along the road anymore and beg. He'll be thrust into the work force with no background in work. Had he considered that? If Jesus does give him his sight, things are really going to have to change.

And just as requested, Jesus gave the man sight instantly. "Your faith has saved you," Jesus said. Okay, his faith healed him. But will his faith get him a job, a place to live, put food on the table? He can't go back to the old way of life. He's made such a big deal about his healing that everyone knows he's not blind anymore. He's got to step up to the plate. No more sympathy. No more begging.

What's my point? It takes faith to be healed. But it takes even greater faith to go forward *from* the healing. People cry out to God for healing, to be saved, and sincerely believe God can do that for them. The problem comes with what do I do now that I'm saved, now that I've been delivered. A lot of people want to grab the sunglasses and cup and go back to the roadside. Nope – you can't go there. Not if you truly want to be healed.

The point of healing is to make your life better. You have to move on into a world that you've never experienced. You get your sight, now you're expected to go to work. If you weren't planning on going forward, why ask for healing? Healing demands a new direction and higher expectations. God loves us just as we are. But once He's touches our lives, He doesn't expect us to stay that way. He wants us to grow and develop and become productive in the Kingdom of God.

The story of the blind man is often held up as one of the great healing miracles of Jesus. In the gospels Jesus transforms the lives of those on the margins and draws them more and more into the center. But what if we saw this story as *the crowd, the followers of Jesus, being blind and not the beggar on the road!*

The crowd in our gospel saw this blind beggar as annoyance, disturbing Jesus as he preached God's kingdom. He was a disturbance, a distraction from the 'way things are done', but Jesus skillfully moves him from the sidelines, recognizes his humanity and dignity and draws him closer to the center. The blind man wasn't blind where it really mattered because he had a perfect vision of what it meant to be a beloved child of God. Not only did he know that he was a beloved child of God he insisted on being treated like a beloved child of God. Not even the crowd could hold him back. The passage above from Luke's Gospel is followed by this line: *"The blind man immediately received his sight and followed Jesus, giving glory to God. When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God."* Amen!

Pray with me: *God, following you isn't easy. As you bring deliverance to us, you create new opportunities and challenges for us. I need to be challenged to grow. I need you constantly moving me forward. I want my faith not only to make me well, but to help me grow as a person being formed into the image of your son.*

Mark Friedman, CRE

January Parenting Tips

Week of January 6	Week of January 13	Week of January 20	Week of January 27
 <p>Strength of the Week: Bravery I take on challenges and speak up for what is right.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instead of saying 'great or good job' to your child, try replacing it with the word BRAVE! 'It was brave of you to try a new food.' 'It was brave of you to present in front of your class.' Let's make a Bravery Box. In the box, family members will place powerful phrases and words that members may take to school or work and use when they feel it necessary to be brave. Next time you watch a movie together name three characters with the strength of bravery. 	 <p>Strength of the Week: Fairness I believe everyone should have the same opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's important to have a conversation with your child(ren) about the strength of fairness. Take a moment to share with your child(ren) a time when you realized you treated someone unfairly. It can be hard to understand fair does not mean equal. Next time there is a squabble in your home and you hear 'THAT'S NOT FAIR!' try to explain the concept in a calmer moment. Take some time to let your child(ren) share when they felt they were treated unfairly. See if they can come up with an idea that would have been a fair remedy in the story they presented. 	 <p>Strength of the Week: Forgiveness I believe everyone deserves a second chance. I am able to let things go.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help turn the song lyric 'Let it Go!' into a life lesson for your kid(s). Holding grudges and anger inside does not feel good. Ask them to think of the person they are angry at... and 'let it go' with a big exhale of forgiveness and kindness. Try role modeling the strength of forgiveness with your child(ren). Raised your voice this week? Didn't fully listen to a lengthy story about recess squabbles? That's ok! Apologize to your child and use it as a teaching moment. Practice forgiveness by replacing the memory of a negative thought of someone with a positive thought of that same person. How did it make you feel? 	 <p>Mindfulness I am present and fully engaged in the moment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put on your coat or sweater using your other arm. It may sound strange, however, we usually choose the same arm to put into a sleeve first. Notice what you usually do and reverse it. Huh. How did that feel? Mindfulness doesn't mean you have to be happy all of the time. Take a moment to be true to your present emotion. Talk with your child(ren) about their present emotions and yours. Each person share why he/she may be feeling a certain way. Find an object that you use every day. Turn it upside down, and sideways. Study it for a moment. After seeing the object from a new angle, what thoughts come to mind? Ask your child(ren) to do the same!

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Congratulations to Lovie Tacho on winning the 2019-20 Spelling Bee! Lovie is an 8th grader at OLG, and she plans to attend Walnut Hills High School next year. Way to go Lovie!!

For What Matters Most

2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) may apply for needs-based assistance between now and January 31, 2020.

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

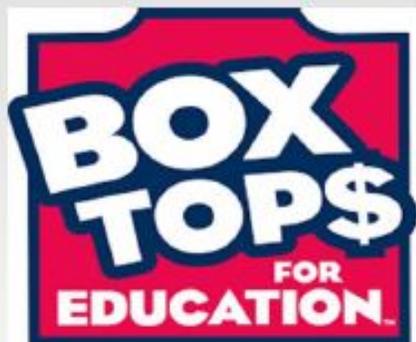


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OLG PTO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday January 16, 2020



Upcoming Events

Save the Date: Tuesday 2/4 - Larosa's Dine & Donate at the White Oak location on Cheviot Road.
Please show the attached flyer and OLG will get 20% of each bill.

Box Tops/Coke Rewards

We have collected \$598.50 towards our \$1000 goal in Box Tops this year. We are over half way to our goal!!

The next turn in deadline is March 1st – so please send in your Box Tops before then!

We are still collecting Coke Rewards as well so keep sending them in! If anyone would like to enter in the codes, please email PTO and we will get some caps to you!

Open PTO Board Positions

If you are interested in joining the PTO board, we have 2 positions opening for the 2020-2021 school year. President and Vice President are both becoming open next year. If you would like to run for these positions or nominate someone, please email pto@olgcs.org.

We will be announcing the candidates at the March meeting and voting will be at the April meeting.

PTO MEETING REMINDER

The next PTO meeting is **Monday February 10th at 630pm** in the Teacher's lounge. Please join us!



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01.18.20

ASSUMPTION PARISH CENTER

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM

RACES START AT 7:40 PM



Track & Field registration for the 2020 season is now open!

Our Track & Field program is offered to boys and girls in all grades (k-8). This sport is a great opportunity for students to compete with their own skill level and still be part of a team. There are various events and races that each student can try.

Practices will be held **Monday** and **Wednesday** evenings at Mt. Healthy High School (times TBD)

Follow the link below TODAY to register!

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958701>

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st!!!!

Late registrations WILL NOT be accepted due to CYO registration deadlines.

Questions please contact Amanda Hood at olgtrackandfield@gmail.com





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