



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

January 7, 2022

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.**



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Visit us and learn about all OLG has to offer at our
Open House: January 30, 1 – 3 PM



We would like to welcome parents of the Lower School students (K-3) from 1:00-2:00. Parents of Upper School students (4-8) are welcome from 2:00-3:00. If you have children in both, please attend the time convenient for your family. Masks will be required for all guests.



In celebration of the many cultures that make our school and community great, we would like to highlight some of them at a Spring Cultural Fair.

Please complete this optional survey so that we can identify suggestions, volunteers, and resources to make this fair a success:

<https://forms.gle/3CN2zXqnnCiGegJK7>



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Good Afternoon OLG Parents,

Like everyone in our community, we are currently seeing the effects of the recent surge in Covid cases. We have 30 students absent from school due to quarantining. This does not mean all of those students have tested positive, but it does mean we all need to be very diligent in the handling of this contagious virus.

Schools all over the county are having closures due to lack of substitute teachers and support staff. This is also a reality for OLG. Our faculty and staff are doing everything they can to keep everyone safe and continue in-person learning. We know this is the best for our students and families. Keeping ourselves healthy is a top priority, but we cannot do it alone.

Please help us with the following:

- Starting Monday, January 10, all staff and students will be required to wear a mask while inside the building. We ask students to come prepared with one from home.
- Anyone who is feeling sick needs to stay home and call the office at 513-931-3070 ext.4 by 8:00am to report the absence.
- Your child may not come to school if:
 - Your child is being tested for Covid
 - Anyone who your child lives with is being tested for Covid
 - Anyone who your child has been in close contact with is being tested for Covid

They will need to stay home until a negative test result is received. **THERE IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE.**

Since the pandemic started in March of 2019, our school community has done an amazing job fighting this virus together. We are all feeling the effects of Covid fatigue, but this fight is not over for us. We need to pull together and make good decisions which benefit our school family.

Grace and Blessings,

Mrs. Kirk

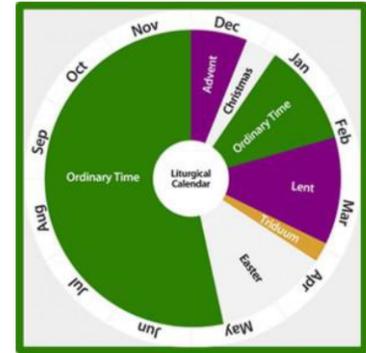


“Ordinary Time” - Not Ordinary

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.

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.



There's a lot of green on the calendar!

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 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.



Wearing the green of Ordinary Time

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

Lunch Entrees for Upcoming Week

Monday, Jan 10th: Chicken Drumstick & Corn Bread Muffin

Tues. Jan 11th: Hot Dog on Bun, Baked Beans

Wed, Jan 12th: Brunch for Lunch: Pancakes & Sausage

Thurs, Jan 13th Turkey, Ham & Cheese Sub Sandwich

Friday, Jan 14th: Cheese Pizza

- All meals include a choice of fruit and milk.
- Alternative entrees will follow the regular weekly schedule.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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.

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