



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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WITH THE PTO
Please join us on the
2nd Monday of every month at
6:30 pm at school

Together we will explore the strengths,
opportunities and aspirations of our
students and families to encourage
positive results!

Weekly Bulletin

February 23, 2024



The Eagle Walk is quickly approaching and the PTO needs volunteers to help coordinate and plan the event! Don't worry - we have a guide from previous years - but we need your new ideas! SIGN UP!

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Our Lady of Grace will be in school on April 8 this year during the eclipse. Thank you to PTO for purchasing a special pair of viewing glasses for all our students, faculty, and staff. Although we are excited to share this experience with our students, we realize some families may have plans to view this together. Please make sure to call the school off if your child will not be at school that day.



Let Your Light Shine

Jesus said to his disciples, "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand? For there is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light. Anyone who has ears to hear ought to listen." - Mark 4: 21

At our home we've put in energy efficient light bulbs almost everywhere we can. The new LED bulbs use a lot less electricity compared to the old incandescent bulbs. However, some of the new bulbs take longer to get to full brightness compared to the old ones which were as bright as they'd get the moment you turned them on. Part of the frustration is when you need light, you want it as soon as possible. In today's Gospel, while teaching his disciples, Jesus asked a question about light and a lamp.

Back in the first century, eighteen-hundred years before the invention of the electric light, lamps were usually small clay containers that held oil and a small wick that burned and gave light. It's important to remember that when we hear the question Jesus asks: "Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand?" You'd never put an oil lamp under a basket where its light would be useless. The word "bed" refers to the reclining couch placed at the side of the dining table. The people then did not sit on straight-backed chairs when eating at the table, but reclined on couches. You really wouldn't put a lamp with an open flame under a couch made of highly combustible materials; that wouldn't just be useless, it'd be dangerous. So, Jesus' question is rhetorical; everyone who heard Him ask this question, then or now, is

supposed to answer: *"Of course not. You don't bring in a lamp when you need light and hide it under a basket and you certainly don't take an open flame and stick it under your couch! That would be stupid and no help at all. When you need light, you want it as soon as possible."* The whole idea of bringing in or turning on a light is to *let it shine.* If you're bringing in a lamp it's because you need light and light needs to be placed where it's visible and where it will do the most good - where it will fulfill its purpose of illuminating the darkness and making it easier to see.



In this Gospel passage I am struck by this image of light. We all have a light within us and this light is a gift from God. The lights within us are wonderful and unique, and it is our job to let these lights within us shine for others to see. Our lights can be anything - from having compassion or the gift of humor or even just having the ability to be a good friend and listener to others in need. The lights within us should not be covered or placed "under a bushel basket" - instead we should let these gifts that God gave us shine so brightly that all those we come in contact with feel the worth of our love and the love of God.

I also think that Jesus was referring to the light as the *Word of God*. Just by hearing God's Word we have a light within us. We have all heard that we are loved and saved by Jesus and we are called to spread this message to everyone we meet, especially those who are stuck in a dark time. We need to be the light in their lives giving them the courage and strength to let their own lights shine bright. Even though we are all faced with dark times and obstacles, we need to make sure that our lights are still shining brightly. Jesus' words turn the darkness to light and fill our lives and the world with light and hope. We cannot just take God's love and mercy for granted; we need to make sure that we are spreading his love to everyone. I recall the words of an old church hymn:

*If you pour out your bread for the hungry - If you bind up the wounds of the soul
Then will your true light shine - then will your true light shine
For all the world to see - Like a city on a hill
Like a candle raging quiet in the night!*

Like a candle raging - what a great image! One of the OLG students' favorite Church songs is *This Little Light of Mine - I'm Gonna Let it Shine*. The students understand that it doesn't need to be a huge, bright spotlight - maybe just a small candle - but can we cause that little candle to rage with love by our actions and our caring for others? Today, let us be challenged to let our light shine - and help all those we encounter find theirs.

Blessings,

Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG



Re-Enrollment (Current Families) and Open Enrollment (New Families) is Open Now–

Please use the following link for directions on how to re-enroll your current student for the 2024-2025 school year: <http://olgcs.org/Prospective-Families/Registration-ReEnrollment> (Siblings of current students entering kindergarten should also enroll here. Parents will be contacted with kindergarten assessment information once their child is enrolled.)

There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per family. After re-enrollment, the deposit will be processed weekly through FACTS Management on Wednesday. Please do not send re-enrollment deposits to the school.

Students are not registered until the deposit for 2024-2025 is paid and the tuition/fees for the 2023-24 school year is current. Families who are delinquent and not current with tuition and fees may re-enroll when they bring their account to current status.

Since open enrollment for new families began on February 12, there is no guarantee there will be space available in the classroom for current students who re-enroll after the February 9, 2024 deadline.

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

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St. Xavier High School Summer Camps

We are excited to offer a variety of summer camps where prospective students, boys and girls in grade school, will meet new friends, explore the St. Xavier campus and experience the core tenets of a Jesuit education. Through hands-on, community-based activities, St. Xavier's teachers and coaches promote fun summer experiences filled with learning opportunities. Minecraft, filmmaking, guitar, acting, maker space, and a variety of sports camps are offered.

Class of 2029 only: St. Xavier is offering the Summer Enrichment Program. Through a mix of academic, cultural, social, and athletic activities, the SEP provides an excellent opportunity for students to become acquainted with life at St. X. Students will make a film, break out of an escape room, and build and race a soap box derby car. Register your son today for a fun-filled summer of meeting future classmates and having fun. This program is offered to rising 8th-grade boys only. Camps will sell out early so register quickly.

Registration is now open at this registration link. [CLICK HERE](#)