



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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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

March 15, 2024



UPDATE: In light of NWLSD closing, Our Lady of Grace WILL NOT have school on April 8, 2024. We will send home the special glasses before Easter Break, so you can all enjoy the eclipse together.

Thank you to our amazing PTO
for providing these glasses for us!

2024-25
SCHOOL YEAR
CALENDAR



[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar



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

Classes are filling up quickly. Please use the following link to let us know if your child(ren) will be returning to OLG 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.)

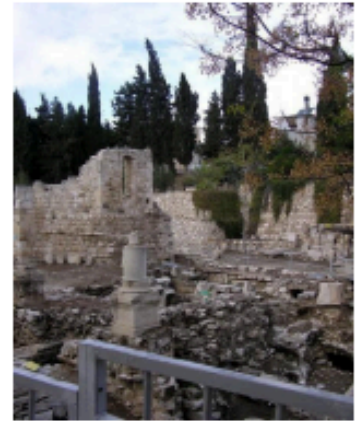
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I Want to be Healed...

The Gospel for the OLG Mass this week was for the *Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent*. It's the famous one where Jesus heals the crippled man at the *Pool of Bethesda*. That Gospel has always stayed with me. I have often thought – what about those people that weren't healed that day who were still crippled, in pain, and left behind at the Pool? After Jesus leaves the Temple area, who is going to tell the others who need healing to rise, take up their mat and walk? Who will help those people to the pool when the water is stirred? Who gets to go, who gets left behind? Does being *left behind* mean that Jesus does not love us? Was that healing just for the one paralytic and no others? Did the others lying by the pool do something wrong? Does it mean we are not as worthy as others? Is it simply a case of "too bad" for everyone else? Is this the left out feeling that we all fear? It is like some cosmic game of musical chairs, the one where we are shut out. Or perhaps like when we were kids and we weren't chosen to play on a team until the very end? It feels awful when that happens, doesn't it? Is that what this is? It could seem that way - *but I don't think so.*

It is important to remember this – healing in the Gospels is not just about getting up and walking. Jesus' command to be healed has everything to do with forgiveness of sins. Oh, the audacity of Jesus to be doing such a thing - on the Sabbath no less! In the prevailing view of the Jewish leaders - only God could forgive sins. And this Jesus - no matter what he did, could not be God, right? And when Jesus "healed" it was generally among and around all the most unlikely candidates, wasn't it? I believe this was also a challenge to the people of his time, and it remains one for our world today. In the Gospel, Jesus was there to heal – Jesus was there to forgive sins - and Jesus is *still here* to heal and *still here* to forgive sins today. This Lenten Gospel tells us that this paralytic is paralyzed with sin, not just with crippled legs. This call to take up the mat and walk is some foreshadowing of taking up the cross, isn't it? If we accept Jesus' invitation and Jesus' healing, must we also accept what that brings with it? Is this trading one type of suffering – *stuck on the mat* - for another, *the cross*?



The ruins of the Pool of Bethesda as they are today

Jesus seems to know that the man had been ill and sitting by the pool for 38 years - a long, long time. The man says that he has no one to take him to the pool when "the waters are stirred up," an image symbolizing life and the power of the Holy Spirit in the "stirred up" waters of the pool. This Gospel moment reminds us that *we need God and we need one another*. We are not made by God to be self-sufficient and alone. God constantly seeks us out, persistently comes forth, and waits for each of us to respond. And that is the point when we can respond, or we can choose not to. We need to be put in the waters that are stirred up and we need life *alive with the Spirit* to heal us. We need to die to our sins and find new life in that water. We need to be in it and not just watching it from the comfort of our mat, but going in and getting immersed - not just observing. The real moment of this Gospel for me is when Jesus says to this man, "Do you *want* to be well?" I don't know about you, but I can think of so many times in my life, when I said that I wanted to be well, but wasn't really willing to be well at all! And Jesus is still asking me – asking all of us: "Do you want to be well?" Until we can answer the question, honestly, I guess we are stuck on the mat.

But that man so long ago made a choice – *he listened*. Jesus said: "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." At that moment he gets up, and he goes. *But what about the people left at the pool that weren't healed that day?* Then it hits me – in this story that took place all those years ago, *Jesus is speaking to all of us*. We are all the man on the mat, we are all at various times, left behind. As hard as it is to fathom, we are all sitting on those mats for long periods of time in our lives, and we frequently return to them. Then Jesus, who invites us to get up and walk, repeatedly visits us. I'm not at all sure why there are so many mats still left at the side of the pool, but I would like to think that the people who saw Jesus' kindness began to help others at the pool that day. And I am pretty sure that in our time we are all called to go forth as Jesus did – not only to ask if people want to be well, but to help them to do so. Of course, if we are going to help others get off of their mats, we have to be willing to vacate our own. And that is not so easy, is it? Let us journey through Lent as people who have left their mats behind!

Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG



Eagle Walk Fundraiser

Stage 6: It's T-shirt time!

THE PTO USES A LARGE PART OF THE PTO EAGLE WALK FUND (APPROX 5K) TO PURCHASE A T-SHIRT FOR EVERY STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL! WHY? WE WANT EACH AND EVERY CHILD TO HAVE A SPIRIT WEAR SHIRT.

THIS SHIRT IS SOMETHING THEY CAN WEAR TO SHOW THEIR LOVE OF THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY. THEY ARE ALLOWED TO WEAR THESE SHIRTS ON SPIRIT WEAR DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THE T-SHIRT ORDER FORM SOON! IT WILL LIKELY BE IN YOUR EMAIL AS WE ARE TRYING TO CUT BACK ON PAPER.

IF YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT HAVE A SIZE REQUEST RETURNED WITHIN THE TIME FRAME REQUESTED, TEACHERS MAY MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS REGARDING SIZING NEEDS TO ENSURE ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR SHIRTS.

THINK BIG! THESE SHIRTS CAN BE WORN UNTIL NEXT EAGLE WALK! YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER SIZING UP TO MAKE SURE THEY STILL FIT.



Stage 1: What is the Eagle walk

Stage 7: Prizes & Volunteer needs

Stage 2: volunteer opportunities

Stage 8: Penny wars!

Stage 3: Corporate Sponsorships

Stage 9: Schedule for the day

Stage 4: Goals outline

Stage 10: Outcome of the walk!

Stage 5: This year's Date / Theme!

Stage 11: Thank you cards

When we come together with a sense of purpose, no challenge is too great.



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!

[CLICK HERE to sign up](#)

ST. ANN DRIVE-THRU LENTEN FISH FRY

Simple menu,
Fast & friendly
Service,
no need to call
ahead or pre-order.

Fridays
February 16 - March 22
4:00pm - 6:30pm

Choice of Tavern Cod Fish (2 pcs) and Butterfly Shrimp (5 pcs) meals include homemade macaroni and cheese, choice of green beans or applesauce; hushpuppies or fries, NCH Bakery bread, and a cookie.

Sandwiches, Krimmers Cheese Pizza,
and kids meals available.

CASH OR
CREDIT
CARDS



2900 West Galbraith Road



Please join us for an
OPEN HOUSE!

April 13, 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.

Half day programs are available for 2.5, 3, 4, and 5 year olds.

An extended day program is available for 4 and 5 year olds.



<p>School Office Pick Up Procedures Final Forms Option C Volunteer Information</p>	<p>Cafeteria Lunch/Snack Account Breakfast Information CLICK HERE to Volunteer</p>	<p>PTO/Athletics Out of Uniform Passes</p>
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