



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

March 17, 2022

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EAGLE WALK 2022



We're bringing back the Eagle Walk with a
Walk on the WILD Side!

Eagle Walk is our ONLY fundraiser of the year which helps to fund things such as:

- New technology
- Classroom supplies
- Playground equipment
- Field trips
- 8th grade graduation
- Various treats & events throughout the year!

The more money we raise, the more that the PTO is able to provide opportunities for our students, teachers and families at OLG. This event is also an opportunity for parents to volunteer while the kids enjoy a day of fun!

HOW IT WORKS

The Eagle Walk is an all-day event where students raise money by asking friends, family, neighbors and community members to sponsor them for walking around our school.

The event will take place on Friday, April 8th!

To make this event a success for our students and our school, we will need your help!

There are many volunteer opportunities related to Eagle Walk during the planning & organizing stages as well as on the day of the event. Please watch for a sign up genius link on the Family Facebook Page to volunteer.



Port left, Starboard right.

There was an old sea Captain who had earned a reputation as one who could make excellent decisions in times of crisis. People did notice, though, that just before it was time to give his orders to the crew, he would go down to his stateroom, open his safe, and pull out a slip of paper and read it. Then he would stride on deck and make the right call. Naturally, curiosity was high – so it was no surprise, that when the old Captain died, one of the first things the crew did after his funeral service, was to gather in his stateroom and watch while the first mate opened the safe and pulled out the well-worn slip of paper. He read it aloud: *Port left, Starboard right.*

What!? Doesn't every sailor know that? But, in difficult times, the captain knew to remind himself repeatedly of the basics. Yes, the captain's little slip of paper held information that everyone already knows. But it was *his* secret, the basic source of his ability to act.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is a little like that sea Captain. He has a secret. He is secretive about his identity, and Jesus refrains from appropriating any titles for himself. He teaches in parables in which the secret of the kingdom of God lies hidden.



Over and over, Jesus "sternly orders" people not to tell his secret. *Shhhh* - is Jesus' message to the demons he drives them out. *Shhhh* - is his word to a leper he has healed, and a synagogue leader whose daughter he restores to life, and a deaf man he restores to speech, and a blind man at Bethsaida he restores to sight.

And in another story from Mark Chapter 8, there is an interesting exchange between Jesus and his disciples. As Jesus and his disciples were walking toward the town of Caesarea Philippi he asks them: "Who do people say that I am?" They respond with a variety of answers: "John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets." But Jesus asks "Who do YOU say I am?" Peter replies by saying, "You are the Christ!" Although it is difficult to know for sure what Peter's understanding of "Christ" is, I believe it is safe to say that Peter *somehow knows* that Jesus is the anointed one and that he will usher in a new era of peace and holiness. But he doesn't quite get what it will take for this to happen. For when Jesus mentions that the Son of Man must suffer greatly, be rejected by all, and be killed and then rise in three days, Peter is not only surprised by this, but actually reprimands Jesus for even saying such things! After all, how could *that* happen to the Messiah.

For the Gospel writer Mark, this secret functions throughout his gospel like the little slip of paper in the captain's safe. It expresses the heart of Jesus' divine identity – *the cross*.

And Jesus' repeated stern injunctions to people "not to tell" are not completely successful. The demon knows him - the healed leper spreads the news - and a whole crowd observes the healing of the paralytic let down through the roof by his friends. *Even Peter seems to know.*

We have to focus on the fact that Jesus' authority and power come from his willingness to submit himself to God in love for us – and we are called to do the same for one another. Those who would be disciples of the secretive Messiah of Mark's gospel must keep a slip of paper in a safe place on which is written the real secret of the kingdom of God in Mark – and it is our Lenten message: *Divine power only flows from the cross*. That's a fundamental message for us Christians. There will be pain – there will be sorrow – and we must accept our cross as Jesus the Messiah did.

In a culture and a time that holds an opposite understanding of the source and purpose of power, we continually need this reminder. For if we are living faithful lives and seek to serve others, and love them as Christ loved us – we must accept our crosses - *then it's no secret to anyone.*

Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE



In place of religion homework this week, we are asking everyone to please pray daily the following prayer for peace in the Ukraine:

We call on Catholics of the United States and all people of good will to pray for an end to this war in Ukraine and for peace based on justice and respect for international law. We always remember that prayer is never a feeble gesture of last resort! It is a weapon of hope. Amen

Lunch Entrees for the Upcoming Week

Monday, March 21st: Chicken Drumstick, Corn Bread, Mashed Potatoes

Tuesday, March 22nd: Hamburger on Bun, Star Fries

Wed, March 23rd: French Toast Sticks & Turkey Sausage

Thurs, March 24th: Beef Taco Stick, Corn, Salsa

Friday, March 25th: Cheese Pizza Breadsticks & Pizza Sauce

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

To re-enroll go to olgcs.org, click on the “Registration or Re-Enrollment!” box and proceed as directed. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 will be processed through FACTS Management within two business days of re-enrollment.

Click on the link below for the 2022-2023 renewal/registration documentation:

[Tuition and Fees Information Sheet](#)

[Re-enrollment Deposit Procedure](#)

[EdChoice Renewal Form](#) (current students)

[EdChoice Request Form](#) (new to OLG students)

[Income Verification Form](#)