



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

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April 8 WALK-A-THON

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## Weekly Bulletin

April 1, 2022

Walk-A-Thon is next Friday!! Any student who is not following school and classroom expectations could be asked to not participate in this fun Day. We want everyone to have a great time, so students need to remember to be on their best behavior!



OUR LADY OF GRACE  
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.



### Lent Can Have a Lighter Side - Sort of

A few weeks ago, many of us participated in a holy ritual – Ash Wednesday. Signing the ash cross on another person is somber and sacred and poignant. But for a church minister, it can be potentially a logistical nightmare. In one of my first teaching jobs, I worked in a large private Catholic school and besides teaching religion, I was made Campus Minister in charge of all things that had to do with Church, the liturgy, and the sacraments. I was fairly green in that capacity, and when Lent was drawing near, I had to plan our Ash Wednesday Mass which would be attended by about 1,200 students, faculty, and staff. As the date approached, I began searching the sacristy of our large and beautiful school chapel – checking all the various drawers and cubby-holes but couldn't find any ashes. So where do I get some? Many things swirled in my brain: What do I mix with the ashes? How many distributors will I need to put them on everyone's forehead? Where are the little dishes to put them in? *Remember I was new at this!*

Then someone told me that you are supposed to burn palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday and use *those* ashes. Well - the teacher in me loves the symbolism of this. The palm branches that signify the joy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem are saved and transformed into the ashes we use in a blessing that brings life, as it reminds us of our own mortality. Unfortunately, being the klutz I am, no matter how hard I tried,



I apparently could not burn palm branches. And I did try. But I ended up with awkward, sooty chunks of plant and a very smoky church building and a confused religion class. Thank God I didn't set off the sprinklers. A friend later informed me that – should I ever do it again – I should burn the palm leaves *outside* - an important safety tip.

So, I ended up going to the church supply store and buying some ashes, although somehow that didn't seem right. They come in tiny plastic baggies with a number sticker on the front – 500, 1000, etc.. How do they know that tiny bag will cross 1000 people? Is there a test market? But I must say, those ashes lasted me for several years at that job and – like the jar of flour in the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath – the ash jar never seemed to run out. Mind you, my ash incompetence is not something I dwell on, but at the time, that smoky church felt like a “campus minister fail” as I ran to open every window in the place! Which is why I was delighted to read a recent story online of pastors' similar *ash disasters*. That's the term one desperate pastor used to describe a tip his housekeeper gave him once about making a last-minute trip to the pharmacy to buy *black eye shadow*. She said: “In the secrecy of your church office, chip that little cake of makeup out into your ash bowl and add a little olive oil.” As I read it, every fiber of my being cried out - *NO!* In the same article, another pastor shared the following tip: “If you run out of ashes DON'T use the soil from a nearby potted plant! That's what one of our hospital chaplains did when he ran out of ashes one year, *and the soil had fertilizer in it*. A nurse had an allergic reaction to the fertilizer and had to check in to the ER! Seriously. Not to mention the smell. Those poor people who came for ashes that day. So, to recap: burned palm branches: YES. Potting soil: NO! Eye shadow: *Big NO!*

However, there is a true story about a Pastor in Chicago who found himself needing last minute ashes – like an hour before Mass. Apparently, he had read the same article and headed off to CVS in his black cassock and white collar. When he got there, he realized he couldn't remember what makeup item he needed, and asked rather loudly: ‘Where can I get some mascara?!’ Heads turned. Luckily, he did find black eye shadow. When he returned with it, he showed his secretary and asked if he had bought the right thing, at which point she said – ‘I think you were supposed to buy eye shadow *without* glitter.’ *Ooops*. But as they were too late to do anything else, they mixed it in anyway, and had lovely dark ashes with a hint of glitter, which were sparkly on a beautiful sunny Ash Wednesday. I'm sure that they broke any number of Canon Laws that day, but it became for many of the school children at Mass, and maybe for the grown-ups, too, a sign that even in the darkness of death, the light of Christ shines through.”

*Is that a stretch?* I'm not so sure it is. Because - isn't *that* what this season of Lent is all about? The darkness *and* the light. The grief *and* the joy, the soot *and* the beauty, the death *and* the life, the human *and* the divine – they weave in and around and within each other all the time, and during Lent we are called to open our eyes and our hearts just a bit wider to receive it all.

*Blessings,*

**Mark Friedman, CRE**



Please help us to pray for peace in our world with the following prayer:

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen.

## **Lunch Entrees for the Upcoming Week**

**Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Tenders & Mac 'n' Cheese**

**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup**

**Wed, April 6<sup>th</sup>: Waffles & Scrambled Eggs, Smile Fries**

**Thurs, April 7<sup>th</sup>: Hot Dog on Bun, Baked Beans**

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: Cheese Pizza, Broccoli**

- ❖ 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](http://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](#)



March 28, 2022

Summer camps are filling up but there are still spots open....

**FILM PRODUCTION CAMP - [Click here for info/register](#)**



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Film Production Camp: <https://www.cincinnatiapa.org/film-camp.html>