



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

May 20, 2022

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May 24 Graduation
May 25 Last day of school (dismissal at 12:00)

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Summer Office Hours

The school office will be closed May 26-27.

Summer hours:

May 30-June 30 9:00-11:30 or By Appointment

July 1-July 29 By Appointment Only

Please call the school office or email to schedule an appointment.



We would like to congratulate Debby Nagel, Susie Saskowsky, and Jackie Reidy on their retirement. Mrs. Nagel has taught for 29 years, Mrs. Saskowsky has been in education for 30 years, and Jackie has worked in our cafeteria since the beginning of OLG (and at Assumption before that!) We are very sorry to see them go, but we are so excited for them to have this time with their families.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Gilardi as they pursue other opportunities.

We are so grateful for the time we have had with all our faculty and staff who are leaving Our Lady of Grace. Let us all pray for much success for them all!



Even Bill

The psalm response for the Mass today is one that I have heard and sung many times, and one of the most beautiful: Psalm 96 - *Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations*. But as I read over the scriptures and the text to that psalm, I couldn't help but think. *Proclaim to whom?* Are we proclaiming just to all the nations, to all peoples, to all the world? Okay, I get it. Scripture tells us that we are to sing to the Lord a new song and bless his holy name. We minister to God first, then we turn to all the nations and announce his salvation and tell his glory. We cannot minister to God's people until we have gazed upon the beauty and majesty of the Lord. Ministry to God goes before ministry to people.

But minister to *all* people? *Even Bill?* I won't mention his real name, so I'll just call him Bill. When I was a Pastoral Associate at a local parish, I attended Mass most mornings before heading to my office. It was a small, quiet service with only a few of the many parishioners. Then Bill appeared. He was homeless and lived in his truck with his German Shepherd. Bill was as welcome as I was but he was clearly different. First, he was loud. Perhaps it was because he had lived by himself for so long or it could have just come to him naturally. *He is loud*. You can hear him walking up the steps from a mile away. He mutters to himself, too. I had to remind him not to make noise in the morning walking into church and refrain from talking and try to walk the steps more slowly, so as to not disturb people in church who are praying. Bill was annoying as his constant mumbling distracted me from my duties of setting up for morning Mass and preparing the altar – and when I had to preach, the commotion would keep me from mentally preparing my thoughts.

And Bill obviously had some mental challenges, too. At one Sunday Mass he received communion and then turned around and started directing traffic for those behind him in the communion line. You go that way - you go this way. Disruptive might be an understatement. The pastor felt the need to talk to him. He was a bit belligerent and one day he pushed the Pastor. Eventually the parishioners couldn't take him anymore and sadly he was banished from the property. I only went to weekday Masses, so I heard about what had happened but wasn't there enough to see what all had gone on. As the weeks came and went, sadly I forgot about Bill. Then one evening I attended a Lenten prayer service. My own dad who was early for everything (he'd arrive at a movie 40 minutes ahead of time) had taught me that if you are not there 20 minutes early, you are late. However, that evening I arrived just before the service was to begin and found only one pew that I could squeeze into. As I sat down, I noticed the person who was directly behind me; it was Bill. This could get interesting, I thought. During the service we prayed, sang songs, and heard some brief reflections on the scriptures. I'm not sure that Bill heard a word of what was being said or sung. The whole time he was on his knees (so his face was close to the back of my head) and the whole night he kept saying to himself, "O God, I'm so sorry - I'm so sorry. Forgive me Lord, I'm a sinner."

After that night, I never saw Bill again. I do not know where he went or what eventually happened to him. But I felt like that Pharisee who prayed something like, "God, I am so glad that I am not like other men, especially men like Bill." I feel fairly certain that Bill went home reconciled to God that night. I went home with a radically changed perspective.

Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all peoples. *Even Bill?* Yes, even Bill, especially Bill, although - over time – I came to think that I needed to hear God's word more than Bill did. *May God have mercy on us all*.

Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE





Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

Stay up-to-date on all things athletics on the OLGAA website:
<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=759168>



Registration for the 2022-2023 Soccer season is now open! The season begins in early August with practice. Practice is determined by the coach but is typically 1 night a week for Swarmers (Birth Year 2014), and Passers (Birth Year 2013 and 2012.) For Wings and above (Birth Years 2011-2007) there are typically 2 practices a week, BUT that is determined by the coach. Click on the link to sign up!
<https://soccer-fall-2022.cheddarup.com>



Registration for the 2022-2023 Girls Volleyball season is now open! The season begins in early October with practice, and the season runs from November-January. Girls who attend OLG or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann), and who are in 3rd - 8th grade can sign up to play. Click on the link to sign up!
<https://girls-volleyball-2022-2023.cheddarup.com>



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OHIO EdChoice
Scholarship

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](#)

Lunch Entrees for the Upcoming Week

Monday, May 23rd: Popcorn Chicken & Dinner Roll

Tuesday, May 24th: Cook's Choice: Variety of Entrees

Wed, May 25th: Picnic Day- Grape PB&J or Moo Meal Bagged Lunch



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

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Ohio Summer Food Service Program

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KIDS EAT FREE!



- No Registration
- 18 or Younger

USDA United States Department of Agriculture | Ohio Department of Education
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All children ages 1 through 18 are eligible to receive free meals during the summer months at participating program sites. Individuals ages 19 through 21 who have been identified as having mental or physical disabilities and are following Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) through their current enrollment in educational programs also are eligible for free summer meals. For more information call 1-866-3-HUNGRY (486479).

Free Meals for Youth Cincinnati Public Libraries

Free Meals for Youth through UMC Food Ministry
Mondays 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Groesbeck Public Library

No Registration. First Come, First Served.

Children age 1-18 years of age and age 19-21 years with an IEP, physical or mental disability.

In an effort to combat hunger, the Library is partnering with [UMC Food Ministry](#) to bring meals for youth to select Library locations. The UMC meal service is made possible through federal funding, as part of the USDA's Child Nutrition Programs.

For a list of participating locations and details about this service, please visit cincinnati.library.org/meals.

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Drawing June 11, 2022

**The Celebrate Assumption 50/50 Split the Pot Raffle has begun!
Tickets are \$5.00 each, 6 tickets for \$25.00 or 30 tickets for \$100.00.**

The more tickets sold, the bigger the prize!

The seller of the winning ticket will receive \$100.00.

We will have weekly updates in the bulletin and on our website.

**Purchase online at
www.assumptionmthealthy.org
or scan the QR code to the right**

