



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

Calendar Links



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May 25 Last day of school

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you
Isaiah 66:13

Weekly Bulletin

May 7, 2021

UPDATE: Students last day will be Tuesday, May 25. This will NOT be an early dismissal.



Activate your Read-a-thon page
Book Mark



Send out 10 emails
Snack Time



Make a post on facebook
Treasure Chest Item



Read 250 Minutes
Free Prize



Read 500 Minutes
Lunch with the Librarian



Read 3000 Minutes
per classroom
Extra Recess Time



Raise \$75 in donations per student or \$125 per family
Free Dress Day - Out of Uniform every day from first turn-in until last day of read-a-thon day of Read-a-thon (May 3-14)



Raise \$100 in donations per student or \$150 per family
Free Homework Pass or Free Prize



Raise \$150 in donations per student or \$200 per family
Free Ice Cream



Top 3 Student or family in Donations
Lunch with the Principal



Classroom with most Donations (per student average)
Cupcake Party



Classroom with most Minutes Read
Popcorn & Movie Time



3 Students with most Minutes Read
Free Book of their Choice

All School Goals

50,000 Minutes Read
Learn a tik tok dance as a class
or movie time in library

\$15,000 Raised
Chalk the Walk - decorate the lower lot

\$20,000 Raised
Kona Ice for Everyone!

The prize program is cumulative

Readers will receive 1 reward for each reward level they reach during the Read-a-thon
www.read-a-thon.com

Religious Education

Leaving the 99

Jesus said: "If any of you has a hundred sheep, and one of them gets lost, what will you do? Won't you leave the ninety-nine in the field and go look for the lost sheep until you find it? Then you will call in your friends and neighbors and say, "Let's celebrate! I've found my lost sheep."

Nobody. No one does this. No one would ever do that.

It's insanity. If you lose 1% of your holdings, you don't risk losing the 99% of your holdings to get it back. By leaving the 99, you risk them roaming off, being stolen, or being killed and eaten by a wolf. No one leaves the 99.

Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.

Nobody. No one does this.

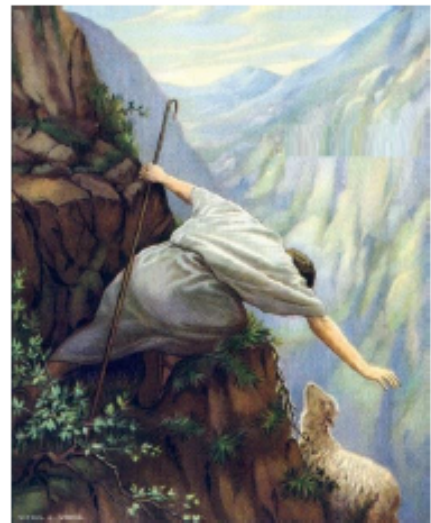
You don't call friends and neighbors together for a celebration only to spend more money feeding and entertaining them than what you found was worth. I mean why bother looking for the coin at all, if you're just going to blow more money anyway?

It's insanity. Nobody does this. Except Jesus.

Jesus does this. Jesus leaves the 99 to search for the lost. Jesus sweeps the house and then throws a party when the lost are found. It's totally and thoroughly insane. *And, that's why the Gospel it is such Good News.*

When a soul is lost, the soul is missed, longed after, and not only worth the search party, but worth the celebration-party when the soul is brought back into the fold. And, of course, this story cuts two ways. When I read this, I can't help reading *myself* into the story as the sheep, as the coin, as the lost one, as the intransigent sheep – or the coin that slipped out of the pocket and into the pillowy cushions of the couch.

But - this story was told to a group of highly religious people in the time Jesus lived who fancied themselves as the 99 sheep or the nine coins that were never lost - highly religious people were the goody-two-shoes that would never, ever run off, who would never, ever slip under the passenger seat into the carpeted well which never fails to collect all manner of things. Those guys weren't impressed at a God who spends all His time going after the sinner, when God should be spending His time with the well-behaved ones who seemingly never left his side.



But our God is the God of the lost, and the God who celebrates when the lost are found. Jesus is the Savior who "welcomes sinners and eats with them." This is something for us to celebrate. Something for us to be excited about. Something for us to get others excited about. This is good news! No - the church isn't just for the self-proclaimed self-righteous. The ones who can't help but tell us how faithful, prayerful, and saintly they are. The ones whose Instagram, Pinterest, and Facebook posts drip with cute verse after verse of scripture or thoughts for living your life, or bumper-sticker quips of how God is *for* this and *against* that.

No, the followers of Jesus are the ones who actually *follow Jesus*. And not just to the cross. But to the fields and the valleys and the mountains, looking through the scrub for a well-loved and well-lost sheep. We're the ones who are to be pulling the world's refrigerator out from the wall to find the long-lost treasures underneath that are so precious to God.

Oh, if only people *would* accuse Jesus' Church of "welcoming sinners and eating with them." Because nobody does that. Nobody. Except Jesus, and those who follow him.

Blessings,
Mark Friedman, CRE



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Fall Soccer Registration is now open! Girls and boys who attend the school or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann), and were born between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2015, can register to play soccer for the Fall 2021 season. Visit the link below to sign up. Registration will close at the end of June, so grab your spot today!
<https://soccer-fall-2021.cheddarup.com>



3rd-8th Grade Girls Volleyball Registration for the 2021-2022 season is now open! Visit the link below to register. Registration closes at the beginning of August - sign up early & get a jump on next year!
<https://girls-volleyball-2021.cheddarup.com>

OLG Athletics is looking to fill a couple of positions on the board next year. We are looking for a Track & Field Coordinator and an Athletic Director. OLG Athletics is a 100% parent run organization and volunteering is a great way to be a part of your child's development at OLG while also helping the school, and its sports programs, thrive. Below is a quick summary of each position. If interested, please send an email to olgaasecretary@gmail.com. Get involved today!

Sports Coordinator Summary

- Provide Board Secretary registration dates & key dates for communication posts
- Attend league meetings & provide all required information for enrolling teams & gym space for home games
- Select Coaches from available volunteers (to be approved by AD)
- Secure suitable independent evaluators and venue for skills assessments
- Assign athletes to teams based on skills assessments
- Work with Facility Coordinator to secure practice locations
- Hold coaches meeting at the beginning of each season
- Assist Coaches & Athletic Director with resolution of parent/athlete issues

Athletic Director Summary

- Support the sports coordinators and act as a liaison between the leagues and the OLGAA Board.
- Assist the sports coordinators with resolving any escalated parent/athlete issues.
- Confirm with sports coordinators that all coaches are VIRTUS trained and have undergone the required Archdiocesan background check.
- Attend OLGAA monthly board meetings and submit reports on behalf of the individual sports coordinators.

PLAY TENNIS! MIDWEST!

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MIDWEST



FIND YOUR NEW FAVORITE SPORT AT OUR **FREE INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS EVENT!**

Interactive tennis activities, games and play will be offered in a fun and festive environment. If you don't have a racquet, loaner racquets will be available.

Play Tennis Midwest!...Cincinnati
Sunday, May 23, 2021

Cincinnati Tennis and Education Center
2488 Madison Road



Signing up is easy with our
NEW REGISTRATION!



SCAN TO SIGN UP

Grades 1-4: 2:30 p.m.
<https://qrco.de/ptmcincy1-4>



SCAN TO SIGN UP

Grades 1-3: 3:30 p.m.
<https://qrco.de/ptmcincy1-3>



SCAN TO SIGN UP

Grades 4-6: 4:30 p.m.
<https://qrco.de/ptmcincy4-6>



Do you have a 3, 4, or 5 year old child?

Are you looking for a quality preschool for the 2021/22 school year?

St. Paul Early Learning Center is enrolling now!

Contact Judy Staudigel at (513) 931-9062 to schedule a tour!

During the private tour, you will have the opportunity to...

- meet the teachers
- learn about our program
- ask questions
- tour our spacious classrooms
- view our child appropriate curriculum
- obtain an enrollment form

St. Paul Early Learning Center

is formally known as St. Paul Nursery School

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