

# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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## **Calendar Links**



## 2022-2023 Calendar



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Sept. 28 Picture Day Sept. 29 PTO Skatin' Place

EVENTS CALENDAR



## Weekly Bulletin



## Northwest Busing Per Northwest:

Information will be updated every Friday by 5 PM for the following week. We will make every effort not to cancel specific routes for multiple days. You can find information from Northwest Transportation on our website at www.olgcs.org.

\*Please note: any additional changes that may take place regarding bus cancellations will be communicated by NWLSD by 6 AM each morning.

\*The OLG staff does not make cancellation decisions. All questions should be directed to NWLSD transportation department at 513-825-4600.

Out of Uniform passes are again for sale by your PTO. Once a month passes are available for \$25, covering 6 months (October thru March). Individual day passes are also available for \$5. Check out this link for more information and specifics.

Click here for more information: https://out-of-uniform-pass-2022-23.cheddarup.com



September 16, 2022





#### Not So Ordinary Time

A few years back, while visiting my grown-up kids in New York City, I was asked by a Principal friend of mine to do a presentation at *Holy Name of Jesus* elementary school - her inner-city Catholic school with students from a variety of faith traditions - in a very poor section of Harlem in Manhattan. The topic I was to speak on was the *liturgical year*, and in particular, the colors associated with each season of the Church calendar – with some seasonal music thrown in, of course!

During the program and discussion, one of the students asked me with a smile: "Mr. Friedman, since we are a Catholic school, wouldn't it be great if our school uniforms could be the same color as the liturgical seasons?" He pointed to his green shirt – green was the official color of their own school uniforms - he continued: "Right now, we're in Advent, but we are wearing Ordinary Time green. Shouldn't we have purple uniforms right now?" Perhaps that student's focus was really on expanding their uniform options – and although he did not understand what huge expense providing all those different color uniforms would be for the school - I did admire his ability to understand the colors and seasons of the Church Calendar!

The Season of Ordinary Time in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church refers to two periods of time which together make up the majority of the liturgical Church year. One begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends the day before Ash Wednesday. The other begins the Monday after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent – right about where we are now in the calendar. The weeks in Ordinary Time are numbered, and the word, "ordinary," comes from the Latin word, ordo, which refers to ordered time.



While the word, "ordinary," can mean something in life that is commonplace and routine, the Sundays and weekdays of Ordinary Time

A Priest wearing Ordinary Time green at Mass

call us to live our lives in imitation of Jesus. I like to think that these periods of liturgical Ordinary Time are here to remind us that it is in and through our ordinary days that we live out the mystery of our salvation. Most of us live ordinary lives with ordinary days in which we know our best and our worst self and everything in-between. We have days when, with a bounce in our step, we are able to bring joy, patience, and gratitude to others. We also have days when we need hope, trust, and a forgiving heart to put one foot in front of the other. It is in these ordinary days that the extraordinary mystery of God's faithful love accomplishes great things for us. And despite the often-unsettling things we hear every day on the nightly news, we need to keep remembering that each and every ordinary day is wrapped in God's saving love. The wisdom of the liturgical year reminds us of this - that our ordinary lives are holy because it is often during the ordinary times that we experience who we are and who our God is for us.

Perhaps that student in New York City was right – we should wear the colors of the liturgical season to remind us that *all time* is sacred. Our secular seasons and holidays are defined for us by school calendars, sports seasons, tax schedules, the greeting card industry, and our national celebrations - while some days stand out as sacred because of our memories and associations - birthdays, anniversaries, or personal triumph or tragedy. And even though those "special" seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter focus primarily on the life of Christ in the gospels and can be times of special celebrations, Ordinary Time gives us thirty-something weeks left in the year to get a notion of how the truth of Christ plays out in all the categories of our thoughts and actions. The challenge of my own life is to bring this question of Ordinary Time into my ordinary days: *How does the Gospel change the way I live through the ordinary times of my life?* 

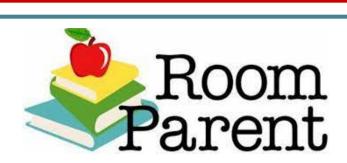
Through prayer and an understanding of who we are and what God calls us to be, we are transformed by the challenges of the Gospels, and God extends to each of us an invitation to collaborate in the building up of God's Reign. Pope Francis referred to this as "bringing about that beautiful order of things." And there isn't anything ordinary about that. Have a Blessed Day, Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG





## MEET US AT THE PLACE

## DATE: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH TIME: 6-8:30 COST: \$7.00 PER SKATER INCLUDES RENTAL OR... \$21 PER PERSON - INCLUDES ROLLER SKATING WITH RENTAL, LASER TAG, BUMPER CARS, CLIMBING WALLS, ROPES COURSE AND UNLIMITED PIZZA AND DRINK! BRING THE FAMILY! (YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING YOUR PARTY - PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THE PLACE AND THEIR RULES SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY



THIS GREAT DEAL AND FUN TIME AS AN OLG FAMILY)

Please use the following link to sign up for Room Parent duties for your child's classroom: <u>https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0d49aca82ca4fa7-room</u>

As a reminder, every person in a position which requires contact or interaction with youth or vulnerable adults must complete the **SafeParish™** edition of Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse training session before they are permitted to work or volunteer within any of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati parishes, schools, or institutions. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to complete the training. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for information on Safe Parish.

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Dear Parents,

Your children are attending a Catholic school and learning about and experiencing the Catholic faith through their daily attendance at Our Lady of Grace.

Maybe you have attended one of the Catholic Masses that are celebrated with the children on a weekly basis or maybe you have encountered one of the many Catholic themed signs hanging in the school halls.

Have you ever considered learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly even becoming Catholic?

You could have the opportunity to grow in your personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and become a member of Christ's Church to worship God along with your child at the celebration of the Holy Mass.

If you would like to learn more about what it takes to become a member of the Catholic Church and experience the truth of Christ's Presence among us than please email me at the Saint Ann parish office at <u>dmoore@saintannparish.org</u>.

God's blessings,

Deacon Doug Moore

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<u>www.olgcs.org</u>





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