



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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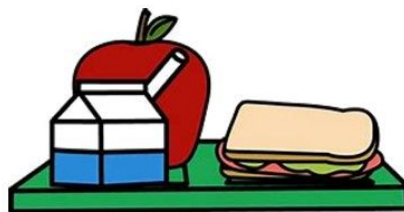


Weekly Bulletin

September 19, 2019

JOB POSTING

Cafeteria position available at Our Lady of Grace. The OLG Cafeteria is actively looking to fill a daily cook/server position. Job description and application are available upon request. Please contact Cathy Lawson at clawson@olgcs.org or call the school cafeteria a, 931-3070 ext 7 for information.



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Deadline tomorrow!!

The car magnets have arrived! We are so excited to get as many of these on our families' cars as possible. This is a great way to show your school spirit around town. If you would like a car magnet, please use the link below to sign up. We will send one home with your student. You can also grab one if you are in the office.

Thank you for showing your pride in our school!!

[CLICK HERE to Get Your Car Magnet](#)

Religious Education

Who are the sinners?

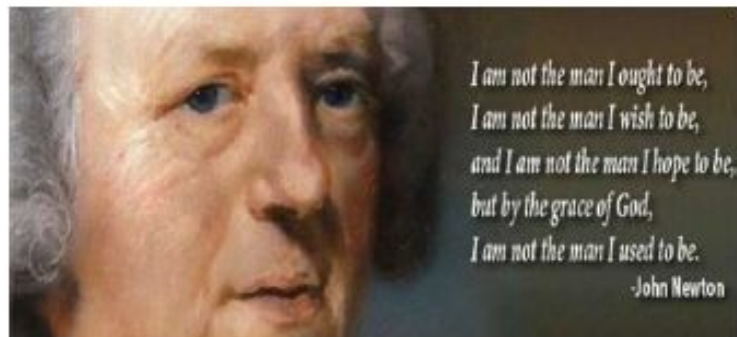
In today's Gospel for the Thursday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time from Luke 7: 36-50, we witness an intimately beautiful event. Jesus has been invited to dine with some Pharisees and near the end of the meal, a woman - known to be a sinner - enters, her shining black hair wiping away her tears and she anoints and soothes Jesus' feet with oil. Her actions could only remind the Pharisees of rules broken and obligations and laws. But Jesus was moved by her actions. It was a special moment of grace and Jesus saw it as a blessing.

Who were the sinners anyway? The complaining Pharisees were magnificently outshone by the woman's outpouring of love. She, experienced forgiveness for her failures and expressed it lavishly. The Pharisees, pinched and boxed in, saw only the opportunity to get after Jesus. *Sinners indeed?* When confronted by his host-critic, the Pharisee Simon, Jesus asks him about someone who forgave two persons' debts, one a relatively smaller amount and the other a huge stash of money. Who would have been more grateful for the forgiving? Simon answered: "The one I suppose whose larger debt was forgiven!" Jesus answers by pointing out what happened when he arrived for the dinner. The host did not receive Jesus with water to wash his weary feet nor the required kiss of welcome. But "She has bathed my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair and has not ceased kissing my feet." You did not offer oil for a blessing, but she "anointed my feet with ointment." Jesus said: "I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven." We, like the loving woman in the tale, ourselves have many sins to be forgiven.

There's a modern story we may have heard that parallels this gospel account. It concerns the events in the life of John Newton (born 1725). He was a ship captain whose task involved transporting slaves from Africa to America. At one point in this wretched work his ship, *the Greyhound*, began to toss and turn in a terrible storm at sea - and Newton spent the night trying to keep the ship afloat. As the storm increased, John feared for his life and the lives of his crew. He remembered the goodness of his mother who had taught him the graces of a life spent caring for others. He began to think critically about the course of his life spent violating all the love that his mother and others had showered him with. He finally saw his life the way that it really was, a *failure at its core*. He had done very well and made a fortune in the slave trade, but his heart was devoid of love, confronting him with the humbling realization he recognized in those perilous hours -- the deep failure of his life. In the height of the storm, John fell to his knees and begged God to save his life and his ship and in return he would give up the slave trade. In that graced moment, he was brought to his senses - and in a moment of conversion brought John Newton to turn himself over to God, who has mercy and forgives even the worst sin. Miraculously - as the storm died down - Newton began to know himself in the depths of his soul. He soon left the slave trade and sought out good friends that guided him to glory in the God-given beauty around him. He became a minister and the leader of his church: especially as a forthright member of the anti-slave movement. At some point during his long conversion he wrote the hymn, "Amazing Grace." Now we know that when we sing the words of that most loved and famous hymn "*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me*" that the wretch was him. As a slave trader who was blind, but now can see. Can God turn a wretch into a loving person of faith, love and hope? The answer lies in the history of the man, eighteenth-century slaver-to-saint, John Newton.

The woman in the Gospel of Luke who loved so deeply after having been forgiven much and the wretch we've visited with today share a similar history. They both recognized God's mercy in their lives and responded with deep and abiding love. Nobody wants to be called a wretch and, ironically, that's the point. Our own sin and wretchedness are no match for God's lavish love. Lord, help me to surrender to your grace be made real in the ups and downs of my own life!

Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE



2019-2020 Christian Service Days

Sponsored by Leadership Council



What & Why?

- A fun, monthly event to raise money for a special charity!
- Donate \$1 to participate in our monthly out-of-uniform theme days!

This Year's Charity

We're excited to announce that Leadership Council has decided that all money raised this year through our Christian Service Days will be donated to the Wounded Warriors Project. This organization's focus is on Veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after September 11, 2001. More than 52,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in recent military conflicts. 500,000 are living with invisible wounds, from depression to post-traumatic stress disorder. 320,000 experiencing debilitating brain trauma. The Wounded Warrior Project is dedicated to assisting these individuals.

Monthly Christian Service Day Themes

- Thursday, September 26th - 80's Day
 - Wear 80's style clothes and break out the hairspray to see just how big you can make your hair!
- Thursday, October 10th - Pink Out Day
 - Wear pink from head to toe in honor of Breast Cancer Month.
- Monday, November 11th - Red/White/Blue Day
 - Wear your red, white, and blue or camo clothes in remembrance of Veterans' Day and to honor the veterans attending our annual prayer service!
- Thursday, December 12th - Character Day
 - Dress up as your favorite book, movie, tv show, or video game character. (Remember, all characters must be school appropriate!)
- Thursday, January 23rd - Pajama Day
 - Wear your most comfy PJ's to stay warm & cozy. (No slippers though!)
- Thursday, February 20th - Favorite Sports Team Day
 - Wear a favorite team's jersey, t-shirt, or sweatshirt to show your team spirit!
- Thursday, March 26th - Reds Opening Day
 - Wear Cincinnati Reds gear or red colored clothes to celebrate Opening Day!
- Thursday, April 23rd - Wacky Tacky Day
 - Wear the silliest, craziest, mismatched outfit you can create! Let your creativity shine! No hats please.
- Thursday, May 14th - Hawaiian Day
 - Wear your favorite shorts, Hawaiian shirts, summery t-shirts, grass skirts, sunglasses, & beach hats to celebrate summer break being just a week away! (Remember: Shirts must have sleeves & no "short" shorts or bathing suits!)

REMEMBER: JEANS, SWEATPANTS, & BOOTS ARE PERMITTED ON ALL CHRISTIAN SERVICE DAYS!!

DYI STRESS BALLS

One effective tool to help release your child's anger or anxiety is by using a stress ball. Squeezing the stress ball reduces tension by allowing muscles in your arms to relax, particularly if combined by with rhythmic breathing (breathe in and squeeze, breathe out and unclench).

Steps to make a stress ball at home



Marco's Pizza Day Reminder

Lunch entree for this Friday, May 3rd, is Marco's Cheese Pizza. Students may purchase an extra slice of pizza for \$1 cash. Grades 6-8 may purchase two extra slices. Due to the large number of meals and extras at the register, we will require cash for the extra slice. Students must order extra in their morning lunch count. Note: On all other lunch days, extra entree is \$1.50 and may be purchased with student meal accounts.

Free & Reduced Meal Applications

Meal applications must be submitted annually. If your student received meal benefits last year, please ensure that your household has reapplied for this academic year. Without an approved application for your household, meal pricing will switch back to full pay. Contact the school office or cafeteria if you would like an application. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Families who do not qualify are welcome to re-apply if they experience a change in circumstances.

OLG PTO WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday September 19, 2019



EAGLE WALK 2019

We are just a couple of weeks away!

- The deadline for volunteers to be VIRTUS trained is 10/1/2019 – it was misprinted in the packet!
- Next EAGLE WALK Committee meeting is Thursday September 26th 7pm at Game On in the White Oak Shopping Center on Cheviot Rd – Hope to see you there!
- Sign up to volunteer via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4EA5AE2BAAF94-eagle>
- **FIRST TURN IN DAY IS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH!**
- New this year...Volunteer Raffle! All volunteers will be entered into a \$100 tuition raffle as well as get a ticket to use for a chance to win several different gift baskets.
- There are so many new and exciting things happening at the walk this year:
 - We will have Colerain Township police and fire there for "Touch a Truck!"
 - Mr. Redlegs will be walking with us in the morning!
 - There will be several other special guests throughout the day
 - TONS for awesome raffle prizes!!

ROOM PARENT SIGN UPS!

Looking for parent helpers for Falco and Lupus families!!
All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained.
Please use the link below to sign up: [Room parent sign up](#)

PTO MEETING REMINDER

The next PTO meeting is Monday October 14th at 630pm in the teacher's lounge. Hope to see lots of new faces!



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Boys Basketball registration is now open! Boys basketball is offered for all boys in grades 3-8 who are enrolled at Our Lady of Grace or who are members of one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann). Click the link below to sign up!

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958716>

Information for Boys Basketball open gym times are listed below. Open gyms are open to any boys interested in playing basketball at OLG, and for current players to get some practice in before skills assessments. All skills levels and experience levels are encouraged to come out!!

Monday 9/30:

3rd/4th/5th grades from 6-7pm

6th/7th grade from 7-8pm

8th grade 8-9pm

Wednesday 10/2:

3rd/4th/5th grades from 6-7pm

6th/7th grade from 7-8pm

8th grade 8-9pm

Skills Assessment Information

Skills assessments are a requirement to participate in OLG basketball. Everyone makes a team that signs up to play!! Our league has 4 competition levels in each grade, so it is important to know our athletes skill levels to get each team placed in the proper competitive division. See below for days/time by grade level:

Monday 10/7

3rd/4th/5th grade from 6-7pm

6th grade from 7:15-8:15pm

Thursday 10/10

7th grade from 6-7pm

8th grade from 7:15-8:15pm

All assessments are held at Assumption. Practice will start at the end of October & games start the weekend of December 7th.



Saturday, October 19, 2019

St. Ann Euchre card night, tournament style!

St. Ann Gym - 6:30pm

Social & Seasoned players welcome

**\$20.00 for individual / \$17.50 each for groups of 4 or more
- price includes Skyline dinner**

**Call the office or email us to register
521-8440 or info@saintannparish.org**

St. Ann Parish Mass+ offers program options for students in grades 1st through 12th. The St. Ann Youth Choir is open to students beginning with 2nd grade. This is a great program under the direction of Laura Carroll. The group meets most Sundays during Mass+ (10:10am-11:10am)

We also have a Teen Group which meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. This group is working on growing into a dynamic parish team, comprised of students in 7th -12th grade.

We encourage you to give either, or both programs a try.