



# Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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**Jan. 8** 6:30 PTO Meeting @ SMM

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**OUR LADY OF GRACE**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Open House: January 28, 12:30 - 3 p.m.**

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# Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Assistance



Parents of Elementary School Children,

The Catholic Education Foundation is offering \$2 million of tuition assistance to families of elementary school students for the 2018-2019 school year. Families can apply for up to \$1,000 per student in needs-based tuition assistance.

The application period deadline is January 31, 2018.

If you have questions, please call Pam Jaspers at 513-421-3131, ext. 2713 or email [cef@catholicbestchoice.org](mailto:cef@catholicbestchoice.org).

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### Stay the Course

I was thinking about the Gospel at the OLGCS Mass this past Tuesday and a story came to mind. It's an old story about a sea captain who was at the top of his profession. He had earned a reputation as one who could make excellent decisions in times of crisis. People did notice, though, that just before it was time to give his orders to the crew, he would go down to his stateroom, open his safe, and pull out a slip of paper and read it. Then he would stride back up on deck and make the right call.

Naturally, curiosity was high – so it was no surprise, that when the captain died, one of the first things the crew did after his funeral service, was to gather in his stateroom and watch while the first mate opened the safe and pulled out the well-worn slip of paper. He read it aloud:

*Port left, Starboard right.*

In difficult times, the captain knew to remind himself repeatedly of the basics. The captain's little slip of paper held information that everyone already knows. But it was his secret, the basic source of his ability to act.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is a little like that sea captain. He has a secret. He is secretive about his identity. Jesus refrains from giving any titles for himself. He teaches in parables in which the secret of the kingdom of God lies hidden. He repeatedly "sternly orders" people not to tell his secret. "Shhhh," is Jesus' message to demons he drives them out. "Shhhh," is his word to a leper he has healed, a synagogue leader whose daughter he restores to life, a deaf man he restores to speech, and a blind man at Bethsaida he restores to sight. "Shhhh," Jesus orders Peter after his confession "You are the Messiah."

For the Gospel writer Mark, this secret functions throughout his gospel like the little slip of paper in the captain's safe. It expresses the heart of Jesus' divine identity. Jesus' immediate withdrawal to a deserted place to pray early in the morning while it was still very dark emphasizes that the power and authority of his healings came directly from God.

And Jesus' repeated stern warnings to people "not to tell" are not completely successful. The demon knows him - the healed leper spreads the news - and a whole crowd observes the healing of the paralytic let down through the roof by his friends.

We have to focus on the fact that Jesus' authority and power come from his willingness to submit himself to God in love for us – and we are called to do the same for one another.

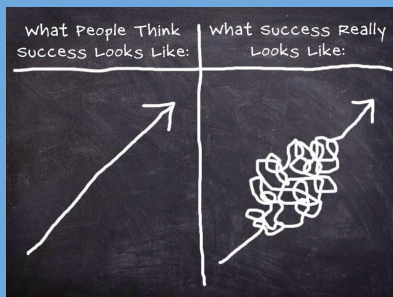
Those who would be disciples of the secretive Messiah of Mark's gospel keep a slip of paper in a safe place on which is written the real secret of the kingdom of God in Mark: *Divine power only flows from the cross.*

In a culture and a time that holds an opposite understanding of the source and purpose of power, we continually need this reminder. For if we are living faithful lives, seeking to serve others, and love them as Christ loved us - then it's no secret to anyone.

**Mark Friedman, CRE**



Monthly Focus:  
Grit

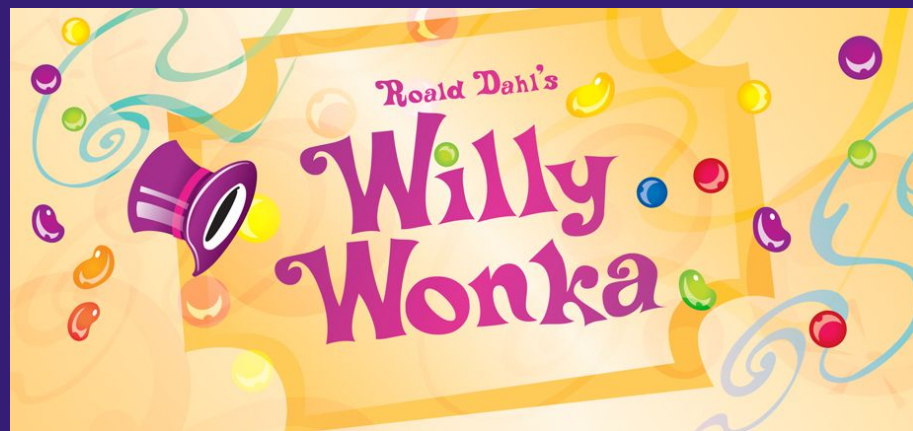


[CLICK HERE](#) for a video on grit.



We invite you to join us for our special preview performance on Thursday March 15th- 9:30am in McAuley's Performing Arts Center. Admission to the performance is free. Seating is limited and is first come, first serve.

To make reservations please email [gecklek@live.mcauleyhs.net](mailto:gecklek@live.mcauleyhs.net) by March 1st. Please include your school name, contact name and email, and number of seats you are requesting. You will receive confirmation of your reservation.



La Salle Drama Presents

Willy Wonka Jr.

La Salle Drama presents Willy Wonka Jr. as part of their PB&J production. This family friendly show is great for kids of all ages. The \$9 ticket price includes a paper bag lunch, the show, and games before and after the show. Shows are January 12 & 13 at 3:00 pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.LaSalleHS.net/Drama](http://www.LaSalleHS.net/Drama)

# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

[OLGAA](#)



The 7/8th grade team coached by Lauren Stephens won the McAuley Volleyball Tournament this past weekend adding another trophy to the OLGAA legacy! Congratulations to the girls on their amazing win!



This past weekend our 8th Grade girls were honored at their final home volleyball game of the season. Each of them have shown the hard work and strong character expected of great student athletes and we wish all of the girls the best of luck as they take the next step of their journey. GO Eagles!



OLGAA is in need of donations for the popular “Cooler of Cheer” raffle to be held at this year’s Night at the Races event. Any type of adult beverages or accessories are accepted. You can drop off donations at the Little Flower concession stand during the following OLGAA home games:

**Saturday 1/13** at Little Flower from 9:00am-11:00 am,  
Assumption from 10:00am-2:30 pm

**Sunday 1/14** at Little Flower from 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Assumption from 1:00pm-4:00

If you can not make one of these dates, you can make arrangements for drop off with Jenny Ludwig @ 513-266-8226 or Terri Lynch @ 513-518-8474.

*The purpose of OLGAA is to provide athletic activities for the youth of OLGCS and/or the Covenant Parishes and the opportunity to engage in these activities/sports under the supervision and guidance of elected and/or appointed officials.*

# YOU are the PTO

Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO is a group that supports the students, school and community. We hold events throughout the year to help bring together our families and have fun. We are getting ready to kick off planning for the Spring Carnival on April 13th. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to [PTO@olgcs.org](mailto:PTO@olgcs.org). A sign-up genius will be sent out closer to the date for day of volunteers.

Our Walkathon is our only fundraiser for the school, and it's never too early to start planning for the 2018-2019 day. If you are interested in helping with this event you can email [PTO@olgcs.org](mailto:PTO@olgcs.org) for more information.

Are you interested in attending a PTO meeting to see what we really do? Check out the PTO page for upcoming dates and meeting minutes. [Click here](#)

## Join in the OLG Family Fun with these future events!

- 2/22 Skating Party @ Skatin' Place
- 3/10 March Madness Basketball Tourney (12-4)
- 4/13 Spring Carnival (6-9)
- 5/14 Volunteer Dinner @ Italianette



Menu Change: Next Friday, Jan 19th: Cheese Pizza instead of Pepperoni

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# LANCERS LACROSSE

Attention Boys Grades 2-8!

The Lancer Lacrosse Club program has open registration for the 2018 Spring teams. We are an instructional program with emphasis on fun and coaching the basics of the game. The program is open to any boy who is interested in playing lacrosse for the 2018 season. Players will be grouped by age. This league is open to all skill levels and first time players are encouraged to play. All players **MUST** have proper lacrosse gear and US Lacrosse membership is required in order to play. More information can be found at the website <http://lancerslacrosse.usl.la/>

# OPEN HOUSE

## ST. PAUL NURSERY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE AND

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2018 CLASSES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.



- CO-Operative Preschool for 3, 4 & 5 year olds
- Degreed Teachers
- Secured Building
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- Spacious Classrooms



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