



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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Jan. 19 Geography Bee 1:30
Jan. 22 Spelling Bee 1:30
Jan. 26 Christian Service
Day Pajama Day for \$1.00
(Proceeds go to the Pray, Hope, Believe Foundation)

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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.

Catholic Education - The Best Choice!



Learn more and apply at:
www.catholicbestchoice.org



Religious Education

Getting Un-Stuck in our Prayer Life

There are times in our lives when we simply need to start something with a fresh outlook. Periodically, we need to begin again – a routine, a resolution or a relationship might need a new view. Our relationship with God is one of those things that we all need to refresh from time to time.

In many ways, our relationship with God is very much like a relationship with the people we love in our lives. Whether it is a spouse, a friend or a favorite sibling, there are times when we seem out of touch, not sure what the other is thinking or feeling. How do we adjust this? We get in touch with our loved one, making plans for a nice dinner together, a cup of coffee or a phone call.

How are you? What is going on in your life? Let me tell you what I am wrestling with. Let me share what makes my life joyful, sad, confused or angry.

The very instincts we rely on to get back in touch with our loved ones are the same ones that can reconnect us with our loving God. It starts with a little time. Our lives are hectic, rushed and busy, and too often we work hard to keep them that way. In our busy-ness, we can sometimes pretend that we are not feeling lost or empty. The first step to finding our way home to God begins with a little time. Our prayer lives can seem complicated, but they don't need to be. Too often, we arm our prayer lives with books, theories and beautiful prayers we have known since childhood. These are all good things, but sometimes these good things may become routine and can move us into thoughts in our heads rather than feelings in our hearts. Prayer is a conversation from my heart to God's and our God is waiting with delight to talk with us and to hear us share our lives.

We might begin with just five minutes a day, choosing our own best time of day. If I am a morning person, I make a commitment to rise five minutes earlier each morning to talk with God. If I am better at night, I resolve to take the last five minutes of my day for prayer.

Where do I start? A good way to re-energize our life with God is to simply start with a quiet place, an empty lap and open hands. It also helps if we remember the wonderful news that our God absolutely delights in us and is thrilled that we are taking the time to get back in touch.

We can use our own words to begin to speak to God in our hearts. "I haven't been in touch for a while but I want to. Help me start again." We can let God know what is deepest in our hearts.

I am so excited about this upcoming pregnancy. I am in such grief about my father's death. I am angry because my sister's cancer returned, and I think I am angry at you." We can tell God exactly what has been locked in the silence of our hearts.

After we have spent a few minutes sharing our lives with God, we take a little time to sit in silence and listen. Sometime sitting in silence is difficult, but it is in that profound quiet that God speaks to us. Lovingly, God begins to heal our grief or sadness and to rejoice with us in our happiness. Most of all, God wants us to feel deeply his love for each one of us individually.

If we have trouble hearing God speak, imagine God speaking to us - *Do not fear. I have called you by name. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned. If your life takes you through raging waters, you will not be swept away. I am with you. I love you – I have called you by name.*

Simply saying those words from scripture slowly and with feeling, is a wonderful beginning.

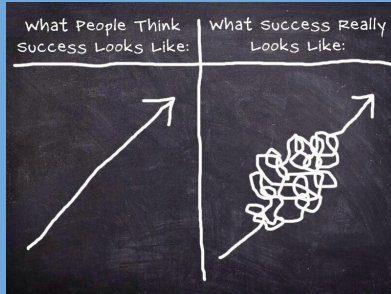
I thank God for the few minutes we spent together and sit gratefully, committed to meeting up with God again tomorrow.

Renewing our prayer lives is not a project to be crossed off the *To Do* list. It is a meeting with a friend who cares for me, as if over a cup of coffee. Our God loves us and calls to us, inviting us always to draw closer. Daily prayer is so worthwhile. *Try it – it will change you forever!*

Mark Friedman, CRE



Monthly Focus:
Grit



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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. 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 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](#)



The PTO is currently looking to fill the position of the Donations Coordinator. The responsibilities include soliciting donations from local businesses to be used as prizes at events such as the Walk-A-Thon and Carnival. The Donations Coordinator will work closely with the Events Committee and keep the donations organized in such a way to coordinate with each event. If you or someone you know is interested in this position or want to know more, please email volunteers@olgcs.org. Thanks!!



Join in the OLG Family Fun with these future events!

- 2/22 Skating Party @ Skatin' Place
- 4/13 Spring Carnival (6-9)
- 5/14 Volunteer Dinner @ Italianette

Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

OLGAA

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Presents...

A Night at the Races



Two Bingo Ball Games, Split the Pot, Instant's,
Wheel of Fortune and, of course, Horse Races!

JANUARY 20, 2018

Doors Open at 7:00, Races Start at 7:40

Tickets \$15 Food, Drinks, and Fun
Over 60 \$10 Bring your friends!

Purchase tickets online at
www.squareup.com/store/OLGAA
or by contacting Jennie Ludwig at 266-8226

SPONSOR a horse and name it yourself! Just \$7
Purchase online or by calling Jennie Ludwig.

You can purchase raffle tickets from any OLGAA athlete or online.

Grand Raffle

1st Prize - \$500

2nd Prize - \$250

3rd Prize - \$100

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.