

# **Our Lady of Grace**

#### **Catholic School**

Expanding Minds•Growing Faith•Inspiring Service











Nov. 3 Spiritwear Day Nov. 7 No School Nov. 8 \*Veteran's Prayer Service @ 2:00 in Church \*Christian Service Day-Red, White, and Blue \$1

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Weekly Bulletin ~ November 2, 2017

# COMMUNICATIONS

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be held the evening of November 20th from 3:30-8:00 and during the day on November 21st from 9:00-noon.

Sign ups for conferences this year will be completed through Option C. The link can be found on the main login page. They will be open November 6-16. Please schedule your conferences within this window.

If you have questions or need assistance with Option C, please contact Mrs. O'Shaughnessy at <u>boshaughnessy@olgcs.org</u>.

"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That is how prayer works."

Check out the information below on our Annual Canned Food Drive!



# OLG'S ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the Jr. High Families



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### Why?

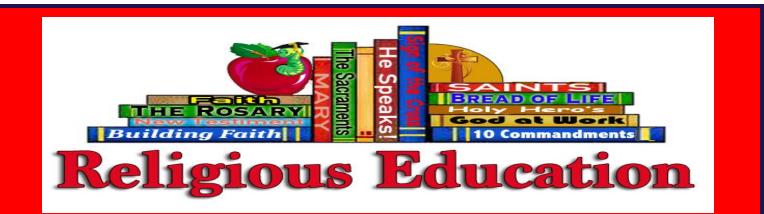
To help people in need! All items donated to our four covenant parishes: St. Ann's, Assumption, Little Flower & St. Margaret Mary

Goals & Incentives? School Goal: 3,000 Items If Achieved = School Wide Out-of-Uniform-Day on Monday, November 20th!!

Top Homeroom in School Wins the "Golden Can" Trophy and Receives Donuts & Juice (average per student)

Top Quantity Per Grade Level = Candy Treat (Actual Count)





#### We are God's Chosen Race – His Saints...

On Nov. 4, Sister Rani Maria will be beatified – the last step toward sainthood. As a member of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, she worked among the poor and marginalized in Central India. Her work of educating the poor about their rights brought her into conflict with landlords and money-lenders. On February 25, 1995, Samundar Singh - a hitman - stabbed her multiple times while she travelled to church in a public bus. Most of the passengers ran away in fear; none came to her rescue. She died on the road.

Our story does not end here. Samundar Singh was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Sister Rani Maria's family members, however, visited him in prison. Her mother kissed his hands as a sign of forgiveness. Sister Selmy (younger sister of Rani Maria and a member of the same congregation) tied a "rakhi," or sacred thread, on the hand of Samundar, signifying that he was her brother. Samundar repented and was released in 2006.



**Blessed Rani Maria** 

I share this story of Sr. Rani Maria with you as we celebrate this week The Feast of All Saints - all the holy women and men who are now in heaven. Like this brave nun, there are many people from different times and places who have given witness by their faith, courage, love, forgiveness, humility, or commitment, among other virtues. Some of them have been canonized saints, others have joined the communion of saints by being who they were or by doing the best that they could — cooking in kitchens for their families, filing papers in crowded offices, teaching naughty children in classrooms, or by tilling the fields under the hot sun. Yes, as today's Gospel explains, they are "blessed" for they lived and loved unselfishly. The Beatitudes describe the saints — they refused to conform to the values of the world, to live self-centered lives. Rather, they were sensitive to the needs of their neighbors.

They chose to be meek rather than arrogant, to live with a poverty of spirit rather than with inflated egos, to work for what is right, and to live with pure and sincere hearts. People may have laughed at them, but the saints got their reward: "theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The readings for All Saints Mass invite us to reflect: one day we will join these saints who have gone before us. Yes, we remember that God wants all of us to be saved. The passage we listen to in the first reading from the Book of Revelations was written to provide strength and comfort to the early Christians persecuted by Nero. The great multitude stands before God; they survived the time of great distress and they are washed in the "Blood of the Lamb." We are invited to stand firm and live lives of faith that are just. The second reading reminds us of God's amazing love for each one of us and provides us with hope: one day, like Sister Rani Maria, our grandparents, and all the saints, we will meet God face to face. *Now, isn't that a wonderful promise?* 

#### Mark Friedman, CRE



Monthly Focus: Gratitude



#### Talking with Kids about Conflict Resolution

Conflict is a normal, and even healthy, part of relationships. After all, two people can't be expected to agree on everything at all times. Since relationship conflicts are inevitable, learning to deal with them in a healthy way is crucial. When conflict is mismanaged, it can harm the relationship. But when handled in a respectful and positive way, conflict provides an opportunity for growth, ultimately strengthening the bond between two people. The following chart can be helpful for parents when speaking to their child about positive conflict resolution in their lives.





#### **Girls Basketball**

3rd-8th grade Girls Basketball registration is now open and will run through Sunday, November 12th. Click on the OLG Athletics page below for more details and to register.

http://leagues.bluesombrer o.com/Default.aspx?tabid= 759168

# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

**OLGAA** 

The OLGAA has been hard at work with restructuring the Board positions and responsibilities. This is a volunteer organization and we need your support in order to run a successful program. If interested in helping out in any way, please contact President Jim Schreyer: presidentolgaa@gmail.com or Athletic Director Ellen Hughes: olgeaglesad@gmail.com.



*K-2 Instructional Basketball* K-2 Boys & Girls Instructional Basketball registration is now open! We are very excited to launch this new sport for our younger student athletes! This sport will focus on fundamental skills instruction, while encouraging teamwork and of course, having fun! The season will run from January -March, so make sure you sign up before registration ends on November 30th. Click the link below to register:

http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=759168

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.



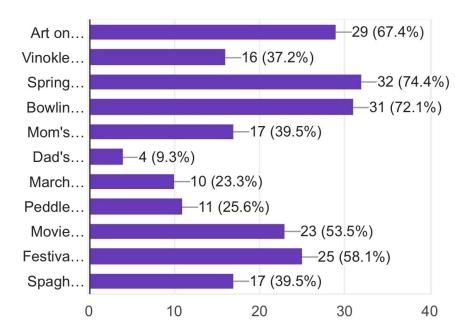


Join in the OLG Family Fun with these future events!\* 11/6 Skating Party @ Skatin' Place 11/14 Skyline Dine and Donate – Groesbeck 2/22 Skating Party @ Skatin' Place 3/10 March Madness Basketball Tourney (12-4) 4/13 Spring Carnival (6-9) 5/14 Volunteer Dinner @ Italianette

Over 40 families gave their input on events they would like to see, and we want to share the results with you! This is just the beginning. We will continue to expand opportunities as they arise. Please continue to send suggestions!

The next event is the Skating Party on November 6th!

# What events would you like to attend?



43 responses





Help support the OLG PTO by dining with us at the Groesbeck Skyline Chili!



Present this flyer at the Groesbeck Skyline Chili (8635 Colerain Avenue)

## Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

### 5 - 10pm

Skyline will donate 10% of your check back to the OLG PTO.

Valid only at the Groesbeck Skyline Chili location. Dine-In or Carry-Out. Not valid with any other offers.



### ST. ANN CRAFT BEER TASTING

30+ CRAFT BEERS FROM MORE THAN 15 LOCAL AND REGIONAL BREWERIES SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017 ST. ANN GYM 7:00 - 11:00

#### \$20 (Pre-sale) INCLUDES 6 (50Z) TASTINGS

WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE - SNACKS & FOOD INCLUDED, MUST BE 21 TICKETS AT THE DOOR ARE \$30, ADDITIONAL TASTINGS \$4

ADVANCE TICKETS SOLD AFTER MASSES ON NOV. 4/5 & 11/12.



FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SAINTANNPARISH.ORG

As with any event, it takes many folks to make it happen. We are asking that you join as a participant or a hospitality volunteer.

Come and try some brews from some of the newest local breweries, have a glass of wine and enjoy the evening. We have snacks and BBQ sandwiches included in the cost.

To reserve your spot, just call the parish office at 521-8440. To assist us in making it a great evening, contact Katie Richter or Tim Clifford at 521-8440 or tclifford@saintannparish.org.

### St. Margaret Mary Turkey Dinner Join us for an evening of

NOVEMBER 4THgood food and good fun:ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH ACTIVITY CENTERMADONNA HALLFOLLOWING 4:30 MASS

Dinner will be served from 5:45 until 7PM. Cost: Adults \$9.00 (Childs portion ages 5-10 \$5.00) (Children under 5 eat free!!) Dinner includes: Turkey, Mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dressing, and cranberry sauce. Dessert and drink also included

Split the Pot ~ Turkey Raffle ~ Basket Raffle