

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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May 11 Christian Service Hawaiian Day for \$1 May 25 Field Day



Weekly Bulletin

May 10, 2018



On Wednesday, May 9, we celebrated MAY CROWNING at Our Lady of Grace. .

Eighth grade students, Maddie Dietrich and Yahir Hernandez-Villa, were selected to crown Mary along with Euell Yohannes, Aaliyah Hill, Christa Stephenson, and Michael Clouse.

Students honored our Mother by placing flowers from home at her feet.









Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i

Today is the feast day of an amazing man. When Joseph de Veuster was born in Belgium, on January 3, 1840, few people in Europe had any firsthand knowledge of leprosy, known today as Hansen's disease. By the time he died at the age of 49, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. They knew that human compassion could soften the ravages of this disease.

Forced to quit school at age 13 to work on the family farm, Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary six years later, taking the name Damien – after a fourth-century physician and martyr. When his brother Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place. In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i. Upon arrival, he found the leper colony was poorly maintained. Anarchy reigned among the people living there. Many patients required treatment but had nobody to care for them. Fr. Damien realized the people needed leadership, so he provided it. An assignment that was supposed to last only three months, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical, and spiritual needs. He asked people to come together to build houses and schools, an orphanage, and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena. The church still stands today.

The sick were cared for and the dead buried. Order and routine made the colony livable. Fr. Damien personally provided much of the care the people needed. Morale improved considerably. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.



Damien eventually contracted Leprosy, but despite his illness, which slowly took over his body, he derived strength from prayer and devotion. He often went to the cemetery to pray the Rosary or spent time in the presence of the Eucharist. "It is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation," he wrote. By all accounts, Fr. Damien was courageous, headstrong and resilient. His personal toughness served to inspire others. He was also reportedly very happy, a common phenomenon for those who pray and work hard to serve others and the Lord. After sixteen years in the colony, Fr. Damien died of complications from leprosy on April 15, 1889. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Brussels, Belgium on June 4, 1995. His sainthood was confirmed on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is May 10. When Hawaii became a state in 1959, it selected Damien as one of its two representatives in the Statuary Hall at the United States' Capitol. The day of his passing, April 15, is a statewide holiday in Hawaii.

Some people thought Damien was a hero for going to Moloka'i and others thought he was crazy for going to a leper colony – which meant his eventual death. But author, Robert Louis Stevenson vigorously defended him in an "Open Letter to Dr. Hyde" writing:

"What if Father Damien were, by all accounts, unkempt, stubborn, pig-headed and the very idea of him rubbed you the wrong way? And if this same person laid down his own life, nay, not for his friends, but for suffering strangers simply because he saw Christ in them, would you cast your human pettiness aside? Could you recognize that there was a saint in your midst?"

Statue of Father Damien in the US Capital

ASSUMPTION CHURCH FESTIVAL

WHEN

Friday, June 8th. 6PM-11PM Saturday, June 9th. 5PM-11PM Sunday, June 10th. 1PM-9PM

FEATURING .

Friday Band: Buffalo Ridge Saturday Band: Final Order Sunday Band: Blue Stone Ivory

\$2 ENTRY ONE CAN GOOD GETS FREE ADMISSION ON SUNDAY



7711 JOSEPH ST.

CHICKEN DINNER



\$11 Adults \$5 Children Homestyle-Homemade Sunday 12PM-6PM drive thru

GREAT FOOD!!

Funnel cakes, Porkchop, Metts, sandwiches, Bloomin' Onions, Turtle Soup, Corn on the Cob, Brats, Goetta, Walking Tacos, Larosas

Themes

Friday- Beach Saturday- Favorite Cincinnati Sport Sunday- Patriotic

CHILDREN ON PREMISES AFTER 9 PM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



St. Ann is looking for boys and girls who are interested in serving at the weekend Masses

Are You Interested???

Requirements: St. Ann Parishioner
4th Grade or Higher

You must attend 1 of the 2 Servers' Trainings. Trainings are held in Church.

Sunday, May 20 at 1:00pm

Monday, May 21 at 7:30pm

| Student Name: | Grade: |
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| Student's School: | <u>.</u> |
| Parent Name: | Phone # |
| Email Address: | |
| Which training date will you be attending? | |
| Parent Signature: | Г |

At the training, we will have the students sign-up for specific Masses times.



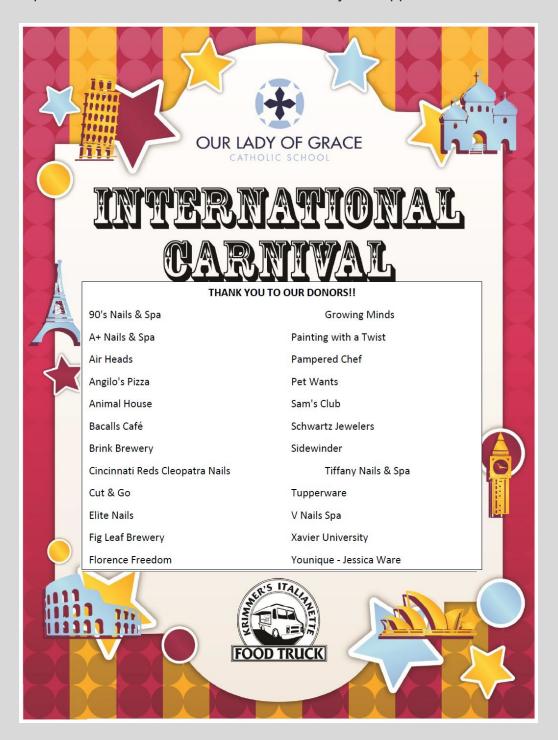
The PTO is looking forward to celebrating all the wonderful volunteers who make OLG such a great place at the upcoming Volunteer Dinner! Thanks to everyone for their hard work and dedication throughout the school year!

Don't miss our upcoming meeting which will be held on Monday, May 14th at Krimmer's Italianette after the volunteer dinner. We will be voting on officers at this meeting. Here are the candidates for office:

President: Jill Keller, Amanda Hood

Treasurer: Deb Cole, Nicki Martin, Amy Porta

A special thanks to all the donors who contributed to OLG's 3rd Annual Spring Carnival. We would not have been able to pull off another successful carnival without your support!



Our Lady of Grace Music Department presents:

"A Generation of Hope"



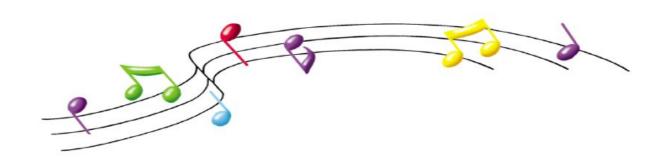
Who: Soarin' Chorus

When: Sunday, May 20th 2:30pm

Where: St. Ann's Gymnasium

** Refreshments to follow

Please join us as Soarin' Chorus presents their final concert of the school year.



FINE ARTS CAMP AT OLG

Mr. Langjahr and Mrs. Renick are hosting a music/art camp this summer whereby half of the time will be spent in the art room and the other half in the music room.

DATES: JUNE 4TH-JUNE 8TH PERFORMANCE AND ART SHOW WILL BE ON FRIDAY AT 11:30 WITH REFRESHMENTS

TIME: 9AM-1130 AM

LOCATION: OLG ART/MUSIC ROOM

COST: \$75 PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO OLG

AGE: ENTERING 1ST GRADE-ENTERING 6TH GRADE

QUESTIONS: CONTACT brenick@olgcs.org or blangjahr@olgcs.org

***MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMMUNICATED VIA EMAIL AFTER SIGN-UPS

***SIGN-UPS DUE BY MAY 18TH

CLICK HERE for the flyer to sign up.



Faith, Friends,

Fellowship, & Fun

Totus Tuus (a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours") was the motto of Pope St. John Paul II. It signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of our Blessed Mother Mary.

The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness. Seminarians and college students from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati carry this mission to every young person and participant of Totus Tuus.

The youth see that these young adults are joyful and on fire with the Catholic faith, which encourages them to strive for the same thing in their lives.

Summer Youth Program



Dates: June 11-15

Location: Trinity Rooms

Grade School Program

Students entering grades 1-6

Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:30pm

Join us for a fun, faith-filled day with games, skits, songs, sacraments, class, lunch, & recess

(Bring a sack Lunch)

Cost: \$15 per child/\$30 family max.

Register by:

Date: Tuesday, May 29

saintannparish.org

Teen Program

Students entering grades 7-12 (graduated seniors may also attend)

Sunday-Thursday 7:00-9:00pm

Join us for a week of engaging discussions, prayer opportunities, learning, games, and live changing witnesses of how to give yourself totally to God

Cost: FREE

Questions:

Contact:

Danielle Hart (513) 521-8440

dhart@saintannparish.org



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



K-8 football sign ups are now open!

CLICK HERE for the football flyer.

CLICK HERE to sign up for football.



Congratulations to 7th grader, Keelin Elmer, for finishing 25th in her division in the Flying Pig Half Marathon! She finished with a time of 2hr 3 min! Way to soar Eagle!



LINKS

Mercy McAuley Summer Camps
Mt. Notre Dame Summer Camps



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