



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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May 25 Field Day
May 28 No School
May 30 Graduation @
Little Flower 7:00
May 31 Last Day of
School-Family Picnic



Weekly Bulletin

May 24, 2018



May 31: Last Day of School

We will be celebrating the last day of school with an all school Mass at 10:30. After Mass, we will sing the Circle Song. Parents are invited to share in this celebration with us.

We will then go back to the classrooms for final summer preparations, and at 12:00, you are invited to sign your child(ren) out from their homerooms for our family picnic out on the field. **You are welcome to take your child(ren) home after lunch.** (If it rains, the picnic will be held inside.)

The cafeteria will have a brown bag style lunch and milk available for students to purchase or students can pack their own lunch from home. Adults/family members can bring their own lunches to enjoy with the students.

We understand not all parents are able to attend our picnic, so teachers will have lunch with students whose parents are unable to attend. They will supervise them until dismissal at 2:50 p.m. Buses will be running at their normal times for those students.

Click on our logo to enjoy this
Year in Review video from PTO.



Thanks to all our PTO members for
everything you do for us at OLG!



Religious Education

Celebrating "Ordinary Time"

Advent has its wreath and hymns. Lent has its ashes and Stations of the Cross. It's easy to be energized and excited about the faith during the High Holy Days. *But Ordinary Time?* It's just so, well, *ordinary*. How do you stay involved and engaged when Sundays seem to run together and the next liturgical high point is weeks or months away? Here are five suggestions to help make Ordinary Time a little less ordinary.

1. Create your own novena

A novena, nine days of prayer intended to obtain a special grace, favor or blessing, has long been a part of the Church's devotions. You can find novenas for everything from world peace to healing. Many novenas are directed to end on a particular feast day of Mary, Jesus, or a prominent saint. Many traditional Catholic novenas can be found online and can be truly inspiring. But you can create your own novena, choosing your own ending day and devotional activity. For instance, you could create a birthday novena. Do something special for the nine days before your birthday or the birthday of someone you love; you can certainly say a prayer like the Hail Mary or Our Father, but you might also light a candle or read a poem. Whatever you do, place yourself in the presence of God and offer your nine day activity with your whole heart, mind and soul.

2. Keep a gratitude journal

Some scientific studies have shown that people who regularly "count their blessings" are happier than those who don't. Often we are so focused on the negatives in our lives we overlook the positives. So, during Ordinary Time, take a small notebook and, once a day, write at least three things (or more) you are thankful for. They don't have to be earth-shattering – perhaps just enjoying "a cup of coffee" would be good to note. Then, on Sunday, read your list out loud, saying before each item: "God, I thank you for..." It seems like a simple activity, but it can literally be life-changing. "Lord, I thank you for the text I received from my daughter." See – it's easy!

3. Act out

One of the reasons our faith can become stale at time is because it becomes too cerebral. Instead of "doing," we spend most of our time "thinking." *So put your faith in action.* You can act out your faith in small ways. For instance, Jesus told us if we had two coats, we should share with those who had none. Most of us probably have at least two coats in our closets, so paring down our clothes could be a great place to begin. During Ordinary Time, simplifying, eliminating and giving away those things that we no longer use can become a great act of faith - and a great faith-builder.

4. Read something with moral value

Have you ever read "The Confessions," by St. Augustine? "Introduction to the Devout Life," by St. Francis de Sales? Or for more modern tastes "Mr. Blue," by Myles Connolly, "In This House of Brede," by Rumer Goden or N.Y. Times best-seller "The Shack," by William P. Young? In the weeks when the Church is not preparing for something special, we have the time to read what others have written about God, faith and the meaning of life. We don't have to agree with everything we read, but reading *morally engaging literature* is one of the best ways to keep our faith vital and vibrant.

5. Keep the Sabbath

The weeks of Ordinary Time are ideally suited to creating family rituals that keep the Sabbath as a special day. Without the pressure of holidays and holy days, we can design our own personal practices that make Sunday a day to anticipate. As with most things, these don't have to be elaborate. Perhaps stopping at the doughnut shop on the way home from Mass and letting everyone pick their favorite could become a "tradition." Or reinstitute a sit-down family dinner Sunday evening, even if you are sitting down to eat take-out. Or read aloud, listen to a book on tape or enjoy an inspirational movie. Just find something you and your family can enjoy and save that activity for the Sabbath.

Ordinary Time is only ordinary if we think of it that way. If we consider these weeks, not as the long boring stretches between the good stuff, but as a time to try new things and refocus our energies on our spiritual growth, Ordinary Time can become one of our favorite – and most rewarding – times of year

Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE

STAFF CHANGES

Dear Parents,

As another busy year is coming to an end, I would like to thank all the teachers and staff for working so hard to help our students be the best version of themselves. I know everyone is looking forward to a wonderful summer, but for some of our teachers and staff, the end of this year will mark the end of their time at OLG.

Mrs. Jordan has accepted an offer from St. Mary School to teach 4th grade with a good friend of hers. Although she was not looking to leave after 10 years at OLG and 11 years at St. Ann School previously, she has decided to embark on this new adventure with her very good friend.

Ms. Vale is also leaving OLG to pursue other opportunities. Although she has only been here for one year, we hope she has a wonderful career wherever she continues after OLG.

Mr. Langjahr accepted a position at Monroe High School as the new vocal director for the Jr. High and High school. Anyone who has heard him sing or seen him conduct our students knows teaching choral music is truly his passion.

Mrs. Lawson in our cafeteria has accepted a position as Cafeteria Manager at Our Lady of Visitation.

Although we are sad to see our friends leave OLG, we will support them in mind and spirit as they pursue these new avenues. I have already started the process of finding replacements to ensure OLG continues offering our students the best possible experience. I am very excited to announce Ms. Mallory Kist will be returning to OLG in the 3rd next year.



A Cincinnati resident and native, Ms. Kist is proud to be teaching at a school much like the one she grew up in (St. Therese Little Flower). At that time, she played school at home, and in 8th grade was considered “most likely to teach kindergarten.” Although she never taught kindergarten, she did start her career teaching second grade at Little Flower.

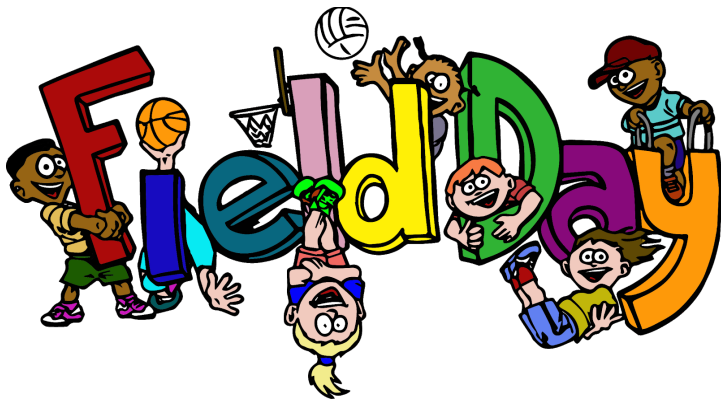
With Little Flower’s closure, she was fortunate to obtain a teaching position at Our Lady of Grace in 2008 in second grade, and then fourth grade. She is thrilled to be returning to OLG, and even more excited to be teaching third grade! She is very confident her teaching experiences, Master’s degree in Reading, and recent coursework in Orton Gillingham methods will benefit the students tremendously.

Her classroom and teaching philosophy have centered around an idea of the importance of Rules, Rituals, and Routines. Her classroom focuses on structure provided by these three R’s, as well as an atmosphere of productive learning alongside celebration of successes.

Thank you again to all our faculty and staff for their hard work this year. I look forward to introducing you all to our new faculty members in the fall.

Grace and Blessings,

Mrs. Kirk



Tomorrow, May 25, is Field Day! All students are out of uniform and should wear their class's color.

Please have students bring a water bottle with their name on it.

Thanks to PTO for providing Mr. Softee to our students tomorrow afternoon!!



Orchard Hill Swim Club

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR LADY OF GRACE'S
END OF THE YEAR
SWIM PARTY!!!!**

When: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Where: Orchard Hill Swim Club

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 for non-members

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT

AMY MILLER @ AC.MILLER@FUSE.NET



Congratulations to the following OLG alumni who have received top honors from their graduating high schools:

Lasalle High School

Salutatorian, Austin Kaiser, has decided to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in Pharmacy. He earned the Cincinnati Scholarship and acceptance into the Connections to Pharmacy: Early Assurance Program. He has been very involved at La Salle including Key Club,

National Honors Society, Spanish Club, and a four-year athlete on both Lancer Baseball and Cross Country teams. His service activities include being a Kairos Retreat Leader, Santa Maria Mentoring, Rost Elementary School Volunteer, La Salle Canned Food Drive, and LYSIT trip to Give Kids the World. He will graduate with over 320 service hours. His parents are Jim and Kathy Kaiser and are members of both Little Flower and St. Ignatius Parishes.

Another Top 10 member of the 2018 class is OLG graduate Max Merk. Max has declared to attend the University of Cincinnati with a major in Operations Management. He has accepted the College of Business Circle of Excellence Award and a Cincinnati Scholarship. He has been very active at La Salle on Lancer Cross Country and Track teams, a Junior and Senior Leader, Academic Team, and La Salle Drama. He has earned over 260 service hours with many hours towards the Pray~Hope~Believe Foundation founded in his brother's memory. In addition, he has participated in the La Salle Canned Food Drive and a LYSIT trip to Nicaragua. His parents are Rick and Lynne Merk and are members of St. Ann Parish.

St. Ursula Academy

St. Angela Merici Award

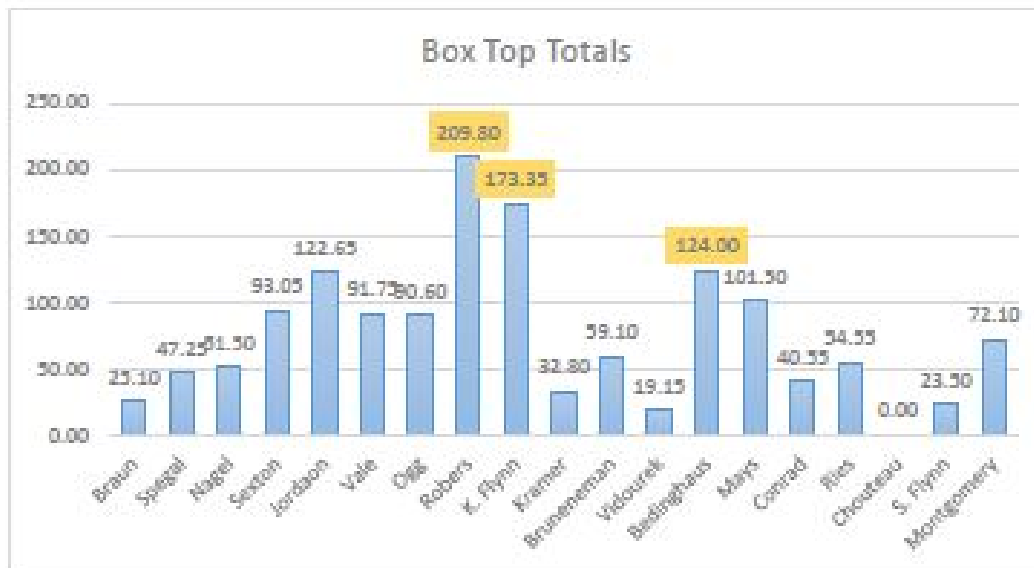
In 1535, St. Angela Merici founded the Ursuline Order, the first religious order in the Church to undertake the personal formation of young women. Angela believed that educated women held the key to a strong family, a sound Church, and a stable society. She had the courage to lead and transform her world. This award, the highest honor given to a student in the graduating class of 2018, is given to a student who, like Angela Merici, exemplifies the qualities of confident leadership, a sense of compassion for others, a strong faith, and the ability to make positive change in her world.

– The St. Angela Merici Award is merited by OLG graduate Julie Sophia Marie Ahrnsen –



A special thanks to all who submitted a design for next year's Walk-A-Thon t-shirt contest. We have a lot of talent among our students! We are excited to announce our winner is Grace Schreyer in 7th grade. Congratulations, Grace!!

Box Tops & Coke Rewards



CONGRATULATIONS

The top 3 classes to win a popcorn party are:

Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. K. Flynn
Mrs. Bedinghaus

The winner of the gift card is:

William Cole

Keep collecting box tops over the summer and entering in your coke rewards! If you need coke rewards to enter, let Tracy Pellegrino know.



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

Please fill out Form- bring to class or mail it to the parish office by **May 7th**.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's School: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone # _____

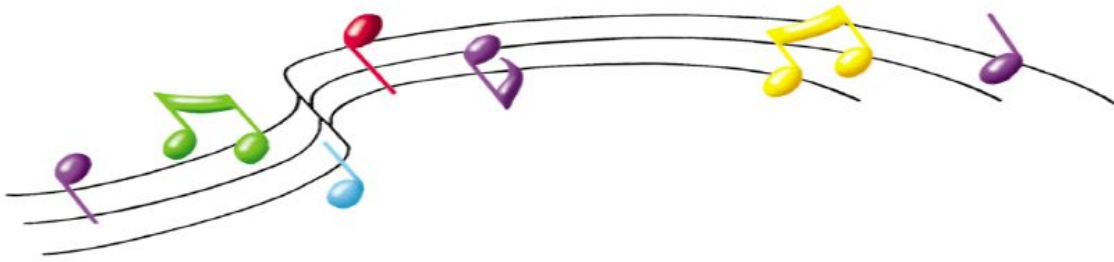
Email Address: _____

Which training date will you be attending? _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

DEADLINE EXTENDED for Fine Arts Camp



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.



Summer Youth Program



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.

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.



The track season is complete and the 6-8th Team had a fantastic last meet at the City Championships last Sat. The following athletes placed and/or had PRs at the meet: Hannah Harp had PRs in the 100M placing 5th, the 200M placing 6th and the Discus placing 4th; Maria Enderle placed 5th in high jump; Gregory Lovins had PRs in the 100M placing 5th and 400M; Keelin placed 2nd in the 1600M and 3rd in the 800M; Tyliyah Neiheisal-Roberts had PRs in the shot put placing 3rd and in discus; Lucy Wang had PRs in the shot put placing 5th and in discus placing 3rd; Alissa Taite had a PR placing 2nd in the discus; and Will Cole placed 4th in discus. With all those top 6 finishes the Girls Team placed 5th/10 teams.

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.**