



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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Hanging with friends
Reading
Swimming
Playing outside
Relaxing



Weekly Bulletin

May 31, 2018



From all of us to all of you...ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!
Thank you so much for a great school year!

Please enjoy our End of the Year video which answers the age old question: [WHAT DO TEACHERS DO DURING THE SUMMER?](#)



The office will be closed on June 1st, and will reopen on June 4th. Our office hours for the summer are Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00 or by appointment only.



Religious Education

What's in a Name?

As we find ourselves at the end of the school year, I thought it would be appropriate – in this last article before Summer vacation - to say a few words about the title of Mary that we have chosen as the name of our school - *Our Lady of Grace*.

Sometimes Non-Catholics will confront me about the importance our Catholic Church places on Mary – often saying to me that don't like how Catholics worship Mary and place her above Jesus. *My answer is no!* Mary is not more important than Jesus. But Mary does make me appreciate the *grace* — the gift from God — that it takes to say “yes,” not once, but over and over and over, as I move through my life and the challenges I face. It is in Mary's motherhood, in her humanity, in her constant pointing back to her Son, that I find encouragement to go on despite hardships.

It is Mary who has made me think of God in more intimate terms: as a Daddy instead of as a cold, distant deity. How can I keep Jesus at arms' length when I know He was once a baby, a toddler, a preteen, a teen, a young adult? There's no doubt that He was *human*, and when I think of Mary, I think of Jesus' *humanity*, of the experience He and I share, however weak it may seem at first. In bringing God closer to me, in becoming more intimate with Him, I find grace less elusive and more concrete: I find friendship with God.

The little statue I have had for years of Our Lady of Grace (isn't it interesting I now work at a school of the same name?) has always seemed from year to year to move around my house. Sometimes Mary is a part of the frames on the top of the piano in the front hall, where she observed my children when they were growing up and greeted us when we come home. Other times, Mary has stood in the kitchen, reminding us that what we're doing is not drudgery, but keeping the heart of our home beating. Currently, Mary has moved into the living room, where we relax in the evenings, so that I can remember to keep God in all parts of my day, not just in the mornings when I'm feeling fresh and energetic.

This little statue, which I didn't recognize as an Our Lady of Grace statue until recently, is standing with her arms out. It's a title of Mary that has been in use since at least medieval times. More recently, it is linked with a vision of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure in 1830. She was standing on a globe, dressed in white with a long white veil reaching to her feet. Mary's hands were extended, at the height of her shoulders, holding a golden ball heavenward, and looking the same direction. On her fingers, she wore rings with precious jewels. Some of the jewels sparkled and showered rays of light on the globe beneath her. Saint Catherine heard this message: “These rays symbolize the graces I shed upon those who ask for them. The jewels which give no rays symbolize the graces that are not given because they are not asked for.”

There are no rays and no rings on my little statue of Our Lady of Grace. It has always looked to me like she would hug me if I could just shrink in size. And maybe, in the end, that's what grace is: a hug from God, something we can't see, but that we can feel and know. Maybe I feel like the hug — the grace — comes from Mary, but she is the channel, the way that God relates to me where I am. Here at school the teachers and staff at the place called our Lady of Grace – pass on to the precious children who walk through these halls an opportunity to receive those graces - those hugs from God – each and every day.

As Our Lady of Grace, Mary reaches out her arms to each of us, ready to cradle us just as she cradled her very human infant Jesus. She will calm us when we're losing our minds with worry, frustration, or confusion, just as she must have calmed her Son when He was a toddler. She will show us reason by pointing us toward heaven, even as she introduced the 12-year-old Jesus to the scholars and doctors at the synagogue in Jerusalem. She will cheer us on and pray for us, whether we're bearing a cross that's too heavy or battling demons of addiction and sin, exactly as she watched with sorrowful eyes as her Son carried His cross and was crucified. And when we achieve that victory, however small it may seem, she will smile at us and point us to the Resurrection, the ultimate victory. Mary's intercession to God, in her role as Our Lady of Grace, helps us to obtain the grace we need — to make it through each and every day. Have a wonderful summer, everyone!

Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE

Dear OLG Families,

As we complete the 2017-2018 school year, I would like to thank the families who have supported our children, school community and PTO. If it weren't for you, nothing would be possible!

I look forward to leading out PTO in the 2018-2019 school year. My mission for the PTO is to continue to build community involvement and relationships that go beyond the classroom for students and families. The PTO will filter all our decisions by our mission.

"The mission of the PTO is to provide fun and enriching opportunities that encourage students' interest in learning, and to foster a spirit of cooperation and sense of community among students, parents, teachers, and administration as well as the Covenant Parish communities."

To achieve our mission, we need to be ambassadors and leaders of our school. I'm a firm believer, that we don't know what we don't know. So, it is our responsibility to share school with our families, friends and neighbors. We should celebrate our accomplishments on the Facebook Family Page. We need to push for a better attendance at our PTO meetings. We need to encourage to volunteers, students and teachers to use strengths in a time of need to accomplish our goals.

The education our children receive is important. Learning responsibility, character and leadership are important. It's our responsibility as parents to help our teachers foster a good learning environment and opportunities for our students to show Strong Character. How do we do that? It's simple, LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

We're all busy. We all rush to get dinner on the table at a responsible hour. Our kids showered and to bed on time. We all know that our children observe our actions and see more than we realize. Show them that you value their education. Show them that you value their beliefs and you value the person they are becoming.

PTO may not be how you do it, but I encourage you to find a way to LEAD BY EXAMPLE at Our Lady of Grace for your children, teachers and school community. I look forward to leading PTO with your support!

Sincerely,

Amanda Hood



Congratulations to the lucky FC winners! Your child will walk one of the soccer teams out on the field on Saturday, June 30th. More details will be emailed to you once received!

The Vaughan Family
The Hood Family
Greyson Hill
Karigan Schmidt
Jacob Budke

The Felix Family
The Porta Family
Colin Evers
Lexie Dreyer
Paxton Wells

Maxwell Scherz



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.



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:

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Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



The Anthony Munoz Foundation is excited to announce that the 17th Annual Youth Football Camp is soon approaching and we would love to see kids from Our Lady of Grace there. This event provides individual instruction, age and ability groupings, outstanding guest speakers, 7 on 7 competitions, and much more. As the Football Programs Intern, I will be coordinating camper registrations for the Football Academy Program this year. We would love kids from GCYL to be involved in this year's camp!

This year, the camp will run from **Tuesday, June 12th- Thursday, June 14th** from 9:30am- 12:30pm each day at the **Sycamore High School Athletic Complex**, located at [7400 Cornell Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45242](#). The Youth Football Camp is open to both girls and boys entering grades 3rd thru 8th. The **deadline to register is June 1st**, so be sure to use our [Formstack link](#) and register today!

This year's camp is \$78 for the 3-day event. However, if you can guarantee more than 10 spots, each camper will receive \$10 off. Also, if you confirm more than 20 spots, each camper will receive \$20 off. Once you are able to confirm these spots, I would be more than happy to send you a code to implement this discount that you can enter on our Formstack registration page.

Again, we are very excited for Our Lady of Grace to experience our Youth Football Academy this June.

If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to call me at 513-772-4900 or visit our website at munozfoundation.org. Also feel free to check out our [Facebook Event](#) for additional information and share with friends!

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.**