



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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Oct. 5 Walkathon



Weekly Bulletin

October 4, 2018

YOU ARE THE PTO



PARTICIPATION MATTERS

DRUM ROLL... Its WALKATHON! Tomorrow is the big day! We are currently at 47% School Participation. Every bit counts, so bring in what you can to help our students reach 100% Participation.

ATTENTION Volunteers. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! If you're signed up (Virtus trained) to help tomorrow, here are a few reminders:

1. Bring a chair and sunscreen
2. If you have a pop-up tent and want cover, bring it
3. Bring a refillable water bottle. We will have water stations
4. We will have breakfast for volunteers including bagels and doughnuts from our sponsors Skally's and NCH Bakery. Starbucks Coffee will be available thanks to our sponsor, Peter Le Law Offices, LLC.
5. No need to pack lunch because Subway is generously providing lunch for all volunteers.

Additional Turn-in Dates: Every bit counts and helps us get closer to 100% participation.

- Friday, October 5th
- Friday, October 9th
- Friday, October 12th

Raffle Tickets. Students earn raffle tickets by reaching goals on their sponsorship journey. Below is a list of some of the prizes they can use their raffle tickets to win

- 5 Various Grab Bags
- 1 of 3 Gift Cards to School Book Fair (*valued at \$25*)
- 1 of 3 Lunch with a classmate prize
- Pump It Up
- 1 of 3 PJ's for a Day
- Free Entrance to Skate Party & Gift card @ The Place (*valued at \$15*)

PTO Meeting Reminder. Join us at our next PTO meeting on Monday, October 15th the teacher lounge.

If you have any questions you can always email PTO@olgcs.org.



Religious Education

Today is the great Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis said that "as things got down to the wire in the election for Pope, he was sitting next to his great friend, Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes. When the ballots went over the 77 votes needed to become Pope, Cardinal Hummes hugged him and said, "Don't forget the poor." After he became Pope, Pope Francis told thousands of journalists he took to heart the words of his friend and chose to be named after St. Francis of Assisi, "the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."

St. Francis was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally and following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance. The young Francis grew up in a life of wealth, leisure and revelry but soon began to feel that there was something more – something he was missing. Prayer - lengthy and difficult - climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road - led Francis to a self-emptying like that of Christ, himself. He seemed to hear the voice of Jesus say: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is now your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. All that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become unbearable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and great joy."

From the cross in the old neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Jesus spoke to him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." And Francis obeyed. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he began to rebuild that little country church brick by brick – even selling his father's expensive goods to raise money for it. When his angry father demanded Francis pay him back, Francis laid all his possessions and even his own clothes before his father and left Assisi with nothing.

He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends and the people of Assisi. But a few people began to realize that this really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (Luke 9:1-3).

Francis had no intention of founding a religious order, but soon many of his young and wealthy friends gave up everything and followed him. And once the order began he protected it and accepted it and even travelled to Rome to receive the Pope's blessing – which he got. Throughout his life, Francis was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade. But he always returned to the solitude.

During the last years of his short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. His rugged life of extreme poverty had taken its toll. Two years before his death he received the *stigmata*, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." After his death, one of his brothers describes a gathering of larks which appeared "at the hour of the holy man's passing. They came in a great flock over the roof of the house and, whirling around for a long time with unusual joy, gave clear and evident testimony of the glory of the saint, who so often invited them to praise God." The image of those larks is an invitation to us all.

Some interesting facts about St. Francis of Assisi:

- 1) He was one of seven kids.
- 2) He joined the army, went to war, was captured and was a POW for a year.
- 3) Within only a year, he had already gained 12 followers – just like Jesus did!
- 4) He attended the Fourth Lateran Council of the Church – and met St. Dominic there.
- 5) He received the wounds of Christ when he saw a vision of a seraph, a six-winged angel on a cross.
- 6) Pope Innocent III decided to support Francis and his followers after a dream in which he saw Francis holding up the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran – rebuilding not just a little country church, but the entire Church!
- 7) He was canonized by Pope Gregory IX on July 16, 1228 – less than two years after his death.
- 8) He created the first Christmas crib scene and started that tradition.
- 9) He is the Patron Saint of Italy, ecology, and of course, animals.

-Mark Friedman, CRE



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Boys Basketball

3-8 Boys Basketball registration is still open & will close on October 16th - Click the link below to sign up!

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958716>

Open Gym will be held at Assumption gym from 6:30 - 8:00pm on the following Thursdays:

- 10/4
- 10/11

Open gym is a great for boys who are interested in playing basketball at OLG. It's an opportunity to practice the skills that will be evaluated during assessments and get active!

Any questions? Feel free to reach out to Scott Nevius at boysbasketballolg@gmail.com



OLGAA is selling Larosa's Buddy Cards for \$10 each....Enjoy your favorites while also supporting OLG Athletics - Stop by the school office and pick one up!



WE NEED YOUR HELP! OLGAA is looking for 2-3 general board members, as well as an executive board and sports coordinator position.

If you're interested, you can reach out to Melinda Miller at olgaasecretary@gmail.com for more information.

OUR LADY OF GRACE BOX TOPS NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Easy To Turn In!

1. Clip Box Tops
2. Place in Ziploc bag
3. Write child's name and teacher on bag
4. Turn into your teacher



Clip and Win!

Each person who brings in 10 Box Tops at the next turn in, will get a special fun prize from the PTO!



SCHOOL WIDE CONTEST

The classroom in each level (primary, secondary and Jr. High) with the most Box Tops turned in throughout the year will win a party!

**NEXT TURN IN DATE:
FRIDAY OCTOBER 5TH!**

Imagine what ONE CHILD could do...

1 Box Top per month x 10 months = \$1.00

5 Box Tops per month x 10 months = \$5.00

10 Box Tops per month x 10 months = \$10.00

Imagine what ONE SCHOOL could do...

\$1.00 x 400 students = \$400.00

\$5.00 x 400 students = \$2000.00

\$10.00 x 400 students = \$4000.00

SCHOOL GOAL = \$2500



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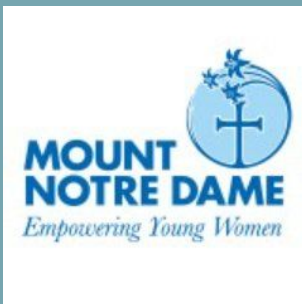
In honor of October, The Month of the Rosary, our Junior High families will be presenting a living Rosary to all the students at OLG on October 18th. The classes will be participating from 8:30-10:20 or 12:30-2:20. Parents and community members are welcome to join us in prayer at these times on this day.

Our Lady of Grace is a Catholic school rich in tradition and faith. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our community to celebrate our Catholic identity and pray to our Blessed Mother.



Cafeteria Overdue Notices will go home with students in their backpacks on **Wednesdays**. Email notifications may come throughout the week. Please check your students backpacks for these **yellow notifications** on Wednesdays.

Did you know that Parents Can Receive Low Balance Notifications Automatically Via Text or Email with K-12 Payment System? Log on to K-12 Payment system and toggle "low balance notification" under Manage Profile. An alert will be sent when the student is low on lunch money.



[CLICK HERE](#) for information about shadowing and Open House at Mount Notre Dame High School.



We are excited to announce Lifetouch will be creating our yearbook this year, and they need our help collecting photos!

If you attend any OLG events and take photos, please send those to Olgraceyearbook@gmail.com. The more pictures we have, the better the yearbook will be.

If you have questions, please contact Tracy from Lifetouch at tshroyer@lifetouch.com.