



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

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Nov. 20-23 Thanksgiving  
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Nov. 30 Out of uniform



Weekly Bulletin

November 19, 2018

# THANK YOU!

Our annual OLG Canned Food Drive was a great success thanks to your generosity! Because of your support, we surpassed our goal of 3,000 canned goods and collected a total of 3,174 items for our four covenant parishes! Since we exceeded our goal, we have earned a school wide out-of-uniform day on Friday, November 30th!

The winning homerooms with the most items collected per grade level group were:

- Grades K-2 - Mrs. Braun
- Grades 3-5 - Mrs. Prough
- Grades 6-8 - Mr. Ries

The Top Homeroom in School with the highest average per student was:

- Mr. Ries & the Orca Family



**Congratulations to all our winners, and thanks again for supporting this important service project!**



*From all of us at Our Lady of Grace, we would like to wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!*

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."  
Psalm 107:1*





## Religious Education

### First American Citizen Saint

This week, we quietly passed over the memorial day of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini – who was the first United States citizen to be made a saint. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ.

Francesca Cabrini was born July 15, 1850, in Italy, the youngest of the thirteen children of Agostino Cabrini and Stella Oldini, who were wealthy cherry tree farmers. Sadly, only four of the thirteen survived beyond adolescence. Small and weak as a child, born two months premature, she remained in delicate health throughout her life. When she went to visit to her uncle, Don Luigi Oldini of Livagra, a priest who lived beside a swift canal, she made little boats of paper, dropped violets in them, called the flowers missionaries, and launched them to sail off to India and China.

At thirteen, Francesca attended a school run by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart. Five years later she graduated cum laude, with a teaching certificate. After the deaths of her parents in 1870, she applied for admission to the religious congregation of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart at Arluno. These sisters told her she was too frail for their life – instead she became the headmistress of the House of Providence orphanage in Codogno, where she taught, and drew a small community of women to live a religious way of life. Cabrini took religious vows in 1877 and added Xavier to her name to honor the Jesuit saint, Francis Xavier, the patron saint of missionary service. Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China or India but Pope Leo XIII asked her to go west to the United States and work with the



Francesca Cabrini at age 10



Italian immigrants there. Francesca had a great fear of the water and did not want to cross the ocean, but Pope Leo insisted, and she traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there. She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes. Cabrini was naturalized as a United States citizen in 1909.

As a child, she was always frightened of water, unable to overcome her fear of drowning. Yet, despite this fear, she traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times! Cabrini died of complications from dysentery at age 67 in Columbus Hospital – which she founded - in Chicago, Illinois, on December 22, 1917, while preparing Christmas candy for the local children. In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. The compassion and dedication of Mother Cabrini is still seen in hundreds of thousands of her fellow citizens who care for the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, and state institutions. We complain of increased medical costs in an affluent society, but the daily news shows us millions who have little or no medical care, and who are calling for new Mother Cabrinis to become citizen-servants of their land. She is the patron saint of immigrants.

**Mark Friedman, CRE**



# YOU ARE THE PTO



# Congratulations!

**Congratulations Walkathon Winners!!**

**Lunch with Mrs. Kirk**



Brady and Colin Porta and Tyler Helton enjoy Chic-fil-a with Mrs. Kirk in her office for Lunch with the Principal. Way to go boys!

*Look for more events and fun through the school year!*

**PTO Meeting Reminder.** Join us at our next PTO meeting in the teacher lounge on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Our goal is to have 1 parent from each grade represented!

If you have any questions you can always email

[PTO@olgcs.org](mailto:PTO@olgcs.org).



# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



## Girls Basketball

Registration for Girls Basketball is now open and will run until November 16th. Click the link below to sign up!  
<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958717>



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!



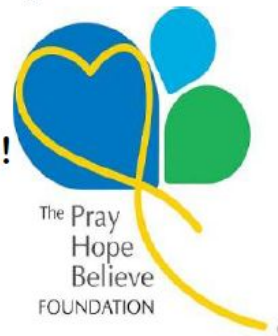
WE NEED YOUR HELP! OLGAA is looking for 2-3 general board members, as well as an executive board and sports coordinator position.

If you're interested, you can reach out to Melinda Miller at [olgaasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:olgaasecretary@gmail.com) for more information.



# 1<sup>ST</sup> Trimester Christian Service Days

Sponsored by Leadership Council



## What & Why?

- A fun, monthly event to raise money for a special charity!
- Donate \$1 to participate in our monthly out-of-uniform theme days!

## **NEW THIS YEAR...**

The Leadership Council has decided that all money raised this year through our Christian Service Days (as well as other events which will be coordinated by Leadership Council) will be donated to the Pray, Hope, Believe Foundation in memory of Tony Merk, a beloved OLG student who passed away in July 2011 after an almost three year battle with brain cancer. Because Tony would have been a member of this year's graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, the Leadership Council wants to honor Tony in a special way!



## First Trimester Monthly Christian Service Day Themes

- **September – Character Day – Raised \$276**
- **FRIDAY, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Pink Out Day**
  - Wear pink from head to toe in honor of Breast Cancer Month.
- **MONDAY, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Red, White, & Blue Day**
  - Wear your red, white, and blue or camo clothes in remembrance of Veterans' Day and to honor the veterans attending our annual prayer service!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester themes will be announced as dates approach.

***Our goal for the year is to raise \$4500!  
Thank you for supporting our efforts to  
honor Tony's memory and support the  
fight against childhood brain cancer!***

**JEANS, SWEATPANTS, & BOOTS ARE PERMITTED  
ON ALL CHRISTIAN SERVICE DAYS!!**