

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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May 23 Dress Hawaiian for a \$1.00 May 24 Field Day May 27 No School May 28 8th grade Awards Assembly May 29 Graduation 7:00 @ Assumption



Weekly Bulletin

May 16, 2019



Our Drama Club never disappoints, and this year was another fantastic show! Congratulations to the directors, actors, and stage crew!

A special thanks to Mrs. Robers for her many years of leading our Drama Club. We would not have the successful program we have without you!



Wed. May 22nd- Pasta with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread Wed. May 29th- Sub Sandwich (Turkey, Ham & Cheese)



We are officially finished with our cap collection for the 18-19 school year. We have collected just under 1000 lbs.!! This will give us enough for a couple benches and a table. Thanks to everyone who helped us reach our goal! The students at OLG will benefit greatly from our new outside furniture!

VIRTUS[®] Protecting God's Children St. Julie Billiart en Hamilton tendrá una clase de VIRTUS en español el viernes 24 de mayo de 6 a 9 pm. Las personas pueden comunicarse con Pilar Hernández si tienen preguntas al 513-892-9041 or phernandez@stjulie.net.

Religious Education

How are we dealing with the chasm?

The *Mission District* of San Francisco- is a historically working class inner city neighborhood of immigrants, artists, and people caught up in the struggles of displacement, addiction and poverty. Since the dot.com boom of the late '90's it has become a mecca for young wealthy techies, which has resulted in stark contrasts between the rich and the poor in the area. Last year ten people died by violence within six blocks of the often well-populated *Starbucks* in the area, and last year the multi-billionaire founder of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, bought a house in the very neighborhood where people regularly stand on street corners begging.

One of my favorite Gospel stories is the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus from the Gospel of Luke – you know the story. Lazarus begs at the rich man's door, yet is offered no food or help binding up his wounds. And this is Jesus' story-telling at its best, with Lazarus in such a pathetic state that dogs are licking his open sores. When the rich man dies, he is taken to hell and looks up to see Lazarus in heaven. He begs Lazarus to bring him a cool cup of water for he is in fiery torment. But Abraham tells the rich man that he had all the good things in life while Lazarus had none. And besides – even if he wanted to, there is a great chasm separating heaven and hell – and no one is able to cross over.

Many have noted the growing chasm between wealth and poverty in our country and most of us, whether we live in a city, suburb, or out in the country, now see homeless neighbors begging on a daily basis. We all live, to some extent, in a type of uncomfortable tension between the rich man and Lazarus.

There is a prominent Coffee Bar in the *Mission District*, where <u>Instagram</u> was launched and tech billionaires wearing hooded sweatshirts sip coffee over casual meetings to discuss venture capital investments and new startups. Coffee is only two bucks - and there are families, older people and an occasional homeless neighbor sitting amidst the sea of shiny silver laptops. The many homeless people outside the coffee bar would not be able to fathom the billions of dollars being discussed there over cappuccino's and lattes. Now I'm not the richest or the poorest person, but somehow it's easier to compare myself with those who have more, than with those who have less. If I'm honest with myself, I'm most like the rich man in the Jesus' story. When I see someone begging like poor Lazarus, I must admit, it can make me feel uncomfortable. There are rare occasions when I make a "heroic" effort to look a begging person in the eye and recognize them as the child of God that they are, offering conversation and some help. But more often I avert my eyes and walk on.

When I was a kid, my Dad owned a grocery story in Over-the-Rhine at Vine and Liberty streets – at that time a pretty gritty neighborhood. He tells the story of how poor beggars would come in the store asking him for money. He knew they would just take the money and go down the street to a bar, so, instead, he made them sandwiches and gave them coffee. One day he noticed that after they left his place with the sandwiches, they walked across the street to St. Francis Monastery and the priest in charge would give them money anyway - and they promptly took their sandwiches and cash, dumped the coffee, and walked down to the bar. When my Dad crossed over Vine Street and confronted the priest, he said to my father "You work your side of the street – and I'll work mine!" *Hmmmm?!* How different is each person's own point of view!

There's a bit of *karma* going on in that rich man and Lazarus story. The rich man ignored the pleas of Lazarus the beggar, and now he is the one begging for a drink of water and is denied. As a master teacher, Jesus told stories like this to awaken longing in his listeners, to help them turn the switch on, to desire to be people who see the beggar at the gate and to embrace the miracle of love. The punch line of that story is that when the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to earth to warn his five brothers so they won't end up in hell, Abraham says that they should listen to Moses and the Prophets. But the rich man begs – "but if someone were to rise from the dead – then my brothers would listen. Abraham says in reply "If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets – they won't listen to anyone – even if someone were to rise from the dead!" Do we listen to the One who rose from the dead?

What is the great chasm between the rich man and Lazarus, the gap between the place of the living and the dead? *Do we create these chasms when we think of anyone as less worthy of compassion than we are?*

Mark Friedman, CRE



FINE ARTS CAMP AT OLG MAKING ART LIKE GREAT ARTISTS...

SUCH AS MONET, SEURAT, ANTON, PICASSO, AND OTHERS HOSTED BY MRS. RENICK AND MRS. HOWARD

DATES: JUNE **3**RD -JUNE **7**TH ART SHOW WILL BE ON FRIDAY AT **1100** IN THE ART ROOM WITH REFRESHMENTS

TIME: 9AM-1100 AM

LOCATION: OLG ART ROOM

COST: \$50 PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO OLG

AGE: ENTERING 1ST GRADE-ENTERING 6TH GRADE 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS CAN RECEIVE VOLUNTEER HOURS...PLEASE CONTACT MRS. RENICK IF INTERESTED

QUESTIONS: CONTACT brenick@olgcs.org

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

***SIGN-UPS DUE BY MAY 24TH ***THERE ARE 20 SPOTS AVAILABLE, SO FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE 3

OLG Family Picnic

May 30: 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 honor our retirees, and sing the Circle Song. Parents are invited to share in this celebration with us.

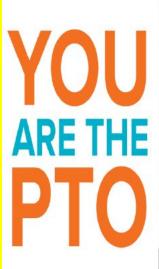
We will then go back to the classrooms for final summer preparations. At 12:15, you are invited to sign your child(ren) out from their homerooms for our family picnic out on the field. **You are welcome to take your child(ren) home after lunch**. (If it rains, the picnic will be held inside.)

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.

Meal Accounts as the School Year Wraps Up

- Meal Money Will Carry Over- Any money on your child's lunch account at the end of the year will automatically carry over to next school year.
- Graduating 8th Graders Accounts- Money left in 8th grade accounts will be automatically transferred to a younger sibling in the same household. If there is no sibling, the cafeteria staff will be contacting 8th grade parents as graduation approaches to make arrangements for a refund or to donate remaining funds to a younger student.
- Students Who Are Not Returning Next Year- Please contact the school cafeteria before the last week of school to arrange for a refund of any remaining money. Refunds will be made during the last week of school.
- K-12 Payment System Closes for Summer- During the summer, K-12 Payment Accounts cannot be viewed or money added to accounts until the next school year approaches. The K-12 Payment System utilizes the summer break to update their website and features.











PTO Meeting Reminder

Join us at our next PTO meeting on Monday, May 13th! We are hosting a volunteer appreciation dinner at Krimmer's (NCH) at 630p. Please RSVP via the evite or by emailing PTO at pto@olgcs.org. We love seeing lots of new faces!

Box Tops!

For your student and your student's class to get credit, please include your student's name and class on the envelope or baggie. Send in at least 10 box tops and your student will earn a prize from PTO!

There are lots of changes coming over the summer for Box Tops – so please stay tuned for updates!

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendars

- Chipotle Dine & Donate Colerain Ave. Tuesday 5/14 5p-9p
 Odd Ball Dance Saturday 5/18 at OLG at 7p
 - OLG Pool Party at Orchard Hill Swim Club Friday 5/31 5p
 - OLG Skating Party at The Place Thursday 6/6

Check out our new SQUARE page to purchase tickets for our upcoming events. Visit https://squareup.com/store/olgpto

Searching for a New Board Member

The PTO is looking for some a new Board Member – come join us and help make a difference at OLG! We are currently looking for someone to fill the following position:

Treasurer

If you are interested in learning more about this open position, please email us or attend the next PTO meeting

WALKATHON 2019

The planning for Walkathon 2019 is getting underway – there will be an informational meeting on Thursday May 16th at 7pm at Cancun Mexican Restaurant on Cheviot Ave. (in White Oak shopping center). Please join us to learn more about how we can make the 2019 Walkathon the best one yet!

Join our Facebook page for more updates! "Our Lady of Grace Family Page"

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



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

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JUNE 15 - AUGUST 2 SIX WEEK PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PREPARE YOUNG ATHLETES FOR FALL SPORTS

OPEN TO ANYONE ENTERING GRADES 4-8 FEE: \$20 PER PERSON INCLUDES OFFICIAL T-SHIRT and RACE ENTRY FOR 2 MILE COURSE IN JULY REGISTER ONLINE:

www.olgcs.org/CurrentFamilies/athletics.aspx MORE INFORMATION: olgeaglesxc@gmail.com SPONSORED BY

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Registration for our Summer Conditioning program and Cross Country opens this Saturday, April 20th. Sign up at www.olgcs.org/currentfamilies/athletics.aspx

Girls Volleyball: Early registration for the 2019-2020 is now open!

OLG ATHLETICS

PRESENTS

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FALL 2019

www.olgcs.org/CurrentFamilies/Athletics.aspx

DON'T WAIT TIL THE LAST MINUTE REGISTER NOW FOR FALL 2019

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INFORMATION

S COUNTRY

AUGUST THRU OCTOBER

Practices are 3-4 times per week at local parks. Season includes 9-10 meets all local to Cincinnati. Bun distance and intensity builds over the course of the season. Training runs are held on wooded and paved trails and may vary from 2-5 miles. Parents are encourage to run/welk with the team.

QUALIFICATIONS

The team is sponsored by the Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association (OLGAA) but the participants and coaches are drawn from local parishes/schools without their own XC program. The Eagles XC team is co-ed and consists of 25-30 seventh and eighth graders.

CONTACT: OLGEAGLESXC@GMAIL.COM

OUR LADY OF GRACE



Roger Bacon is hosting a football camp in May for 3rd - 8th graders. Visit <u>rogerbacon.org/summercamps</u> for more information.

ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL



Up for something new this summer? Be part of our academic and sports summer camps!

Theatre Xavier- Bravo Basics (co-ed) MakerSpace Camp (co-ed)

Basketball Baseball Golf Youth Football



Camps open to grade school students. Visit us online to learn more and register! www.stxavier.org



Friday, June 7th 6PM-11PM Saturday, June 8th 5PM-11PM Sunday, June 9th 1PM-9PM

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

\$2 ENTRY TWO CAN GOODS GETS FREE ADMISSION ON SUNDAY

** NEW CRAFT BEER AVAILABLE***

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.



<u>www.olgcs.org</u>

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Did you know there are free activities and meals available in your community for your kids and teens this summer?

Find a site near you!

Call: 1-866-348-6479 Visit: www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks Text: "Summer Meals" to 97779

> No cost or enrollment required. Open to all children under 18.



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¿Sabía que hay actividades y comidas gratuitas disponibles en su comunidad para sus hijos y jóvenes este verano?

Encuentra una sitio cerca de usted: Llame al 1-877-842-6273 Visite www.fns.usda.gov/es/summerfoodrocks Envie texto "Verano" a 97779

No hay costo ni registración. Disponible para niños menores de 18 años.



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