



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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May 8 May Crowning 2:00 in
Church
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to Spring Musical Annie



Weekly Bulletin

May 2, 2019



May Crowning

*Please join us as we celebrate this
special occasion in honor of
Our Lady*

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019
2:00 pm
St. Ann Church*

“From Mary we learn to surrender to God’s will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her son and the son of God!”

~Blessed Pope John Paul II

Happy Retirement



It saddens us to announce the retirement of Mrs. Cytraus, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Robers, and Mr. Ries at the end of this school year. Between the four of them, they have close to 150 years of service in Catholic

education. They will always be remembered here for their hard work and dedication to our students and families. Although we are sad to see them go, we are very excited for them as they start this new chapter in their lives. They certainly deserve it!!

We will have a presentation to honor our retirees after the end of the year Mass on the last day of school. All are welcome to join us!

Religious Education

We are officially in the Endgame

By the time you're reading this, chances are that you have either seen or purchased tickets to *Avengers: Endgame*. Yes, I went on opening weekend. Yes, I am a fully functioning adult—and I love superhero movies. When my son was still living at home, we went to every superhero movie together. And I still go. Even if you claim to not care about superheroes, what Marvel has done is nothing short of impressive. 20+ films, each existing in the same cinematic universe, all telling individual stories but also keying us into one grander narrative. That story has now come full circle to its climactic conclusion.

But as much as I love Marvel movies, I have to admit, every single one of these movies is essentially the same. There's a flawed or disadvantaged individual; a problem with dire consequences; lives hanging in the balance; a hero finding the power to fight back and saving the world. I don't care if you're talking about *Iron Man*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Spider-Man*, or *Ant Man and The Wasp*, the formula is the same. And we fall for it, every single time. Why? *Because we find ourselves in the story.*

We're the hero—before they become the hero. And by that, I mean, we're the flawed and disadvantaged individual. If we're honest, each one of us could give a laundry list of our faults. Whether it's the pride of Tony Stark, Thor's inability to relate to others, or the Hulk's anger management issues, we see ourselves in our heroes. We root for them to overcome the long odds, to save the day, because, in some small way, it helps us believe we can do the same. Of course, you don't get up in the morning and strap on your WWRRD bracelet—what would Rocket Raccoon do? But I do want to be like him. I want to tell people the truth even when they don't want to hear it. I want to overcome my outcast mentality and belong to a team. I want to trust others with my life.

The Marvel Universe is epic, interconnected storytelling – and surprisingly - their storylines aren't all that different. Flawed heroes; government scandals; epic action; personal sacrifice; greed and morality. The stories Marvel is telling aren't new ones, they just have different faces and names. There is, however, one notable difference—the power to overcome, to become the hero the world needs—it's not inside us. It won't happen by understanding our back story, or joining the Avengers, or learning the “great power-great responsibility” lesson. The power to live a life of meaning, in contrast to what my favorite superheroes might lead me to believe, doesn't come from within, but rather, from without.

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, one of his followers, Peter, became a leader in the early church. Peter actually spent time with Jesus. He saw the miracles, heard the teachings, even walked on water. Near the end of the Bible, we find a handful of letters Peter wrote to encourage those young churches. What he says about a living a meaningful life is... well... rather simple. *Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God.*

Everything about living a life of purpose and meaning won't be found in learning to believe in ourselves, in meeting the right person, or in acquiring the superpowers of wealth or influence or popularity or happiness—it's in knowing Jesus.

I understand how simple that answer sounds. And at the same time, it's exactly what I've experienced. As I've come to know Jesus, I've learned to rely on others rather than doing everything myself. I've learned how to practice empathy, understanding how my words and actions impact others. I've learned to put off my desire for immediate gratification, and it's transforming me into a more loving and present parent, friend, and co-worker. And I'm still working on it – and will probably keep working on it all my life! Above everything, I think Jesus' endgame for me has been learning the importance of putting others before myself.

The Avengers' endgame is saving the world. But your endgame doesn't have to be that massive. Learning to be a great parent; a compassionate husband; a dedicated employee—that's world changing. It's an appropriate and meaningful endgame. If you're seeking something more from your life, I dare you throw off the easy, pop-spirituality of looking for truth inside yourself. Instead, look outside, to something larger, more powerful, and more loving. Meeting Jesus has been the endgame that has unequivocally changed my life and countless others. I believe it can be the same for you. Because the ultimate *Endgame* for us is eternal life!

Mark Friedman, CRE



There will be NO Art Studio next week on Tuesday, May 7, Wednesday, May 8, or Thursday, May 9 due to Mrs. Renick's coaching of the Academic Team at their competition.

The last days of Art Studio will be Tuesday, May 14, Wednesday, May 15, and Thursday, May 16.



The last day to turn in bottle caps will be May 14th. Leadership Counsel will be doing their last weigh in that day. Thanks to everyone for all your donations this year!



The teachers and students at Our Lady of Grace would like to congratulate Mr. Brooksbank on his initiation to the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigil at St. Ann Church. Mr. Brooksbank spent the last year preparing for this day through the RCIA program.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which those who wish to join the Catholic faith community are welcomed and introduced to the beliefs and practices of the Church. For those not yet baptized, this process leads to the Easter Vigil where they receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Those who have been previously baptized in another Christian

tradition are invited to participate fully in the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact a local parish.

Congratulations Mr. Brooksbank!!!



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

OLG SUMMER CONDITIONING

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

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YOUR
LIMITS**

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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

FALL 2019



VOLLEYBALL **SIGN UPS**

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

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OUR LADY OF GRACE

EAGLES

CROSS COUNTRY

AUGUST THRU OCTOBER



INFORMATION

Practices are 3-4 times per week at local parks. Season includes 9-10 meets all local to Cincinnati. Run 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/walk 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

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SUMMER CAMP

GRADES 3 - 8
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.




ROGERBACON.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS

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

ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL



**SUMMER
 CAMPS 2019
 NOW OPEN!**

**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**



**Soccer
 Tennis
 Volleyball
 Speed and Agility**

**Camps open to grade school students.
 Visit us online to learn more and register!**

www.stxavier.org

YOU ARE THE PTO



SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

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!

Remember to turn in your 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!



an easy way to
earn cash for
your school!

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

Upcoming Events

Check out the Upcoming Events scheduled for OLG. Check out our new SQUARE page to purchase tickets for our upcoming events.

Visit <https://squareup.com/store/olgpto>

- Chipotle Dine and Donate 5/15 at Colerain Location
- Odd Ball Dance - Saturday 5/18 at OLG at 630p
- OLG Pool Party 5/31 at Orchard Hill Swim Club

Searching for New Board Members

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

- Treasurer
- Events Chairperson


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

WALKATHON 2019

The planning for Walkathon 2019 is getting underway – Informational Meeting

Thursday, 5/9 7:00pm at Cancun Mexican Restaurant on Cheviot Rd.

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



Join us for the first
OLG OddBall Dance!
Be silly! Be unique! Be odd!

All are welcome!
Join us for a family fun night!

Saturday
| May 18, 2019 |
7 p.m.
OLG Gym

Please help support
OLG

Professional Photo memories
available for purchase!
\$15 for digital—\$20 for prints—\$25 for both!

GreetingsIsland.com

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information!

Design Contest for 4th of July Pray~Hope~Believe 5K Walk/Run (t-shirt and posters)



Please help us design the image for our t-shirts and posters.

Requirements:

- *Name of event included: 4th of July Pray~Hope~Believe 5K*
- *Date: July 4, 2019*
- *Reference the cause: Pediatric Brain Cancer research; childhood cancer*
- *Number of colors permitted: 4-6*
- *Size of design (no larger than 11x17)*

Other things to keep in mind:

- *Color for brain cancer awareness is gray; color for childhood cancer awareness is gold*
- *Fireworks/4th of July theme*
- *Superhero theme*
- *Can be paper medium or computer-generated image*

Winning images will be used for t-shirt design and posters advertising the 5K. T-shirt designs might have to be modified to meet printer's specifications. This may include changing drawings to digital images. Artist will be given final approval before design is used. Winners will be notified by May 15, 2019. Art submissions will be on display at 5K event.

*This 5K is held in loving memory of Our Lady of Grace Kindergartner, Tony Merk (2004-2011)

www.prayhopebelieve.org (follow us on Facebook and Twitter)

Deadline for submission: May 1, 2019 to info@prayhopebelieve.org, mail to PHBF, P.O. Box 43256, Cincinnati, OH 45253, or arrange for us to pick it up by calling Lynne at 513-687-4009.

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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.**



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