



Our Lady of Grace

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Sept. 24 PTO Meeting
6:30 OLG
Sept. 28 Christian Service
Day Character Day \$1
Oct. 5 Walkathon



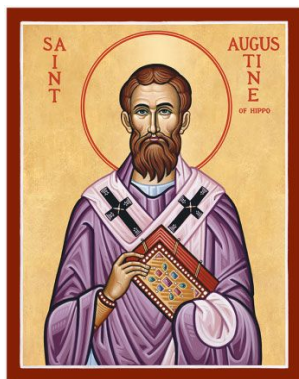
Weekly Bulletin

September 20, 2018

Student Leadership Council

Next Friday, September 28th will be our first Christian Service Day. The theme will be Character Day. For \$1.00, students can dress up as their favorite character from a book, movie, TV show, etc.

Celebrate the Saints



Augustine was born in what is now Algiers in North Africa. His mother, Monica, was a devout Christian. His father, Patricius, was an ill-tempered pagan. Augustine excelled in school when he wanted to, but he also went with a bad crowd and got into many worthless activities.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about St. Augustine's life.



Marcos Pizza Day

Tomorrow, Sept. 21st, is our 1st Marco's Pizza Day of the year. Marco's Cheese Pizza will be our entree for lunch. **Students may purchase an extra slice of pizza for \$1 cash.** Grades 6-8 may purchase two extra slices.

Due to the large number of meals and extras at the register, we will require cash for the extra slice. Students must order extra in their morning lunch count. *Note: On all other lunch days, extra entree is \$1.50 and may be purchased with student meal accounts.*



Religious Education

"You'll be with me - like a handprint on my heart..."

You know, something happens to you when your last parent dies. You feel alone, which is funny because you still have your family – your children - but that doesn't change the emptiness you feel when your last parent has gone to heaven.

A friend of mine who recently lost her mom was telling me that she was traveling and wanted to mail her mother a postcard. When she got to the cash register, she realized - *Oh, my goodness, wait a minute, my mother's not here anymore.* She had lost her dad a few years back, and she told me that it hit her then that - for the first time - she felt like an orphan. I can identify with that. My Mom's been gone now for nine years but it's only in the last couple years or so have I stopped thinking: *Wow, a whole week has gone by without me calling my mom! I've got to remember to give her a call tonight.* And then, with a start, I am reminded that she's no longer here. And when both your parents are gone, in many ways you do feel like an orphan. But as we hear Jesus say in John 14 – *"I will not leave you as orphans."*

To share a bit of my story, my Mother spent two and a half really rough years battling Alzheimer's. She lived in a small room at a nursing home. On some days we saw glimpses of the "mom we knew." You could see the light in her eyes and for a moment or two you almost thought you could get back everything that was lost. But most of the time, her eyes were dull and she slept during our visits and only rarely spoke – and then not often with recognition or joy or a sense of memories of the past. It was especially hard for my daughter on the day mom no longer knew who she was – those two were so close. There were times when you knew she was in pain and you felt helpless to do anything for the person who did so much for you all her life. In a way – because of Alzheimer's - we lost her three years before we lost her to death.

But God was kind to Mom at the end – and to us. The grandkids were able to say goodbye one last time. My brother and I were able to be with her in her last moments, holding her hand and soothing her with words of love. Mom died peacefully and calmly – it was a blessing. It was wonderful to see so many friends and relatives come to pay their respects at the funeral. Over the last couple years, Mom didn't really understand where she was and what was going on with her treatment, and she would say "when am I going home?" So "Going Home" became the theme of her Mass. As the congregation sang Amazing Grace I thought of the line in that hymn "Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." After communion, the musicians sang a beautiful song for Mom from the Broadway musical "Wicked" which says:

*It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime
So let me say before we part - so much of me - is made of what I learned from you
And you'll be with me - like a handprint on my heart...
Because I knew you - Because I knew you - I have been changed for good.*

Mom lived a graced life. She is home. Mom's farewell was beautiful and I'm sure she was smiling from above. And when I think of her sickness – the Alzheimer's – I am reminded of what scriptures tell us: *"Beloved, do not be surprised by the fiery ordeal that has come upon you, as though something strange were happening to you. Remember that you share in the sufferings of Christ, which is a cause for rejoicing!"* (1 Peter 4: 13). And for those of you coping in some way with Alzheimer's – let me share this **Alzheimer's Prayer** with you:

*Please grant my visitors tolerance for my confusion
Forgiveness for my irrationality and the strength
To walk with me into the mist of memory
My world has become.*

*Please let them take my hand and stay awhile
Even though I seem unaware of their presence.
Help them to know how their strength and loving
care will drift slowly into the days to come
just when I need it most.*

-Mark Friedman, CRE

*Let them know when I don't recognize them that
I will - I will.
Keep their hearts free from sorrow for me -
For my sorrow, when it comes, only lasts a moment,
then it's gone.*

*And finally, please let them know how very much
their visits mean -
How even through this relentless mystery
I can still feel their love. Amen.*

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A special place in our hearts.

One of our very own students, Tony Merk, passed away in 2011 from brain cancer after his Kindergarten year. Tony would have been an 8th grader this year. Family stick together, so Tony's family will help us kick off the Walkathon by taking the first lap with our students. If you have a cape from participating in one of the annual 5k races, we encourage you to wear it Walkathon day!

Reaching our \$30,000 Goal. As of Tuesday evening, we have reached 26% of our goal. That means, we've raised approximately \$7,900 to date. Keep up the AMAZING job!!!! To get students excited, PTO will provide FREE logo'd water bottles to ALL students to use on Walkathon day.

Early Bird Turn-in Date. Friday, September 28th is our Early Bird Turn-in Date. This is the first day you can send in your donations. Students will earn 5 extra raffle tickets! There will be additional prizes for students to use their raffle tickets to redeem... look for more information to come.

Parish Appeal. OLG students will speak at their parish and collect donations after mass. This is a great way to get our parish community's excited about OLG. We are still looking for volunteers for the Parish Appeals so please sign up. St. Margaret Mary and Assumption collection days are 9/22 & 9/23. St. Ann and Little Flower collection days are 9/29 & 9/30. Make sure to sign-up if you're available.

Room Parents. We are still looking for at least 1 parent for a couple of classes. Currently, no one has signed up at all for Ms. Robers' class and the Orca Family. There are a couple classes that only have one parent signed up also, and two parents per classroom would be ideal. So, SIGN UP TODAY!

Box Tops/Coke Rewards Reminders. Remember to write your students name on an envelope or bag when submitted Box Tops and Coke Rewards. We want students to get credit for the Box Tops/Coke Rewards program. Look for the student reward detail in future bulletins.

PTO Meeting Reminder. Join us at our next PTO meeting on Monday, September 24 in the teach lounge. This is a great way to meet other parents and hear first hand what's going on at school.

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

PTO Links

Parish Appeal Volunteers: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/5080b4ea5ae2baaf94-olgwalkathon>

Walkathon Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ea5ae2baaf94-walkathon1>

Room Parent Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ea5ae2baaf94-room>



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Look for assessment results and team lists to be posted on Blue Sombrero this weekend. Practice times will be determined at the coach's meeting in early October. You will hear from your daughter's coach once all of the schedules have been confirmed.



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

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

ALSO

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

- 9/20
- 9/27
- 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.

EXTRA, EXTRA... READ ALL ABOUT IT!



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Crystal Clear Science sign up.



The Y's Kids is looking for potential employees for the before-school program. Applicants must have a High School diploma and experience with school aged children. Hours are 6:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Monday-Friday. Benefits include a YMCA membership and discounted rate for family members. For more information/questions, please contact Site Coordinator, Liz Kummer at ekummer@cincinnatiymca.org Thanks!



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Free & Reduced Meal Applications

Meal applications must be submitted annually. If your student received meal benefits last year, please ensure that your household has reapplied for this academic year. Contact the school office or cafeteria if you would like an application. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Families who do not qualify are welcome reapply if they experience a change in circumstances.



SHADOWING at MND - Prospective 8th grade students are welcome to spend a day "shadowing" a current student. Girls will experience a day in the life of an MND student and see what MND is all about! MND encourages students to choose a day when their grade schools/junior high schools are not in session. To arrange a shadowing visit, click [HERE](#).

HSPT Registration – The High School Placement Test will take place on November 17th. If you wish to take the HSPT at MND, please click [HERE](#) to **register**.



Our Lady of Grace participates in the Box Tops program. You can help earn money for OLG by simply purchasing products that participate in the Box Tops program. It's fun, easy and there's even an app!

Last year we raised \$2,827.60 and this year our GOAL is \$3,500. How can you help??

START CLIPPING!!

First turn-in is FRIDAY, September 7th. Please include your student(s) name and classroom to get credit. PTO is working on a fun, rewarding program for your student(s) to earn rewards of their own.

BOX TOPS BONUS APP

Earn even more cash to help your school get what it needs through the Box Tops for Education® Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. It's free and as easy as 1-2-3. **Here's how it works:**



You can earn Bonus Box Tops in the Box Tops Bonus App in combination with the on-pack Box Tops clip and any other coupon, discount, store program or promotion.

DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!



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.



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Under the flap

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