



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

Calendar Links



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Jan. 26

Christian Service Day
Pajama Day for \$1.00
(Proceeds go to the Pray, Hope, Believe Foundation)

Jan. 28-Feb 2

Catholic Schools Week
(see handout)

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Weekly Bulletin

January 24, 2018



Visit us and explore all that we have to offer!

OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Open House: January 28, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Hard Work & Strong Character Matter at OLG



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It is that time of year - Open House! Please find the link below to sign up to lead tours through the school. You don't need to know everything about the school - we want your enthusiasm!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/9040D48A8AB2FA13-olgopen>

Re-enroll for Next Year

Catholic Schools Week kicks off our re-enrollment period for the 2018-2019 school year. Information on how to re-enroll will be coming out through Option C starting next week. Tuition information can be found at our website www.olgcs.org.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 –
February 3
#CSW18

We are excited to have the opportunity to celebrate Catholic Schools once again this year! The national theme for this important week is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. By celebrating Catholic schools and enjoying some special events, we can take time to reflect on the positive impact a Catholic education has on children and its contributions to our community.

Below is a brief summary of the fun-filled activities planned for CSW.

Sunday, January 28: “CSW Kick Off”

All parishioners and prospective families are invited to explore Our Lady of Grace at our Catholic Schools Week Open House from 12:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Tours will start in the gym. Visitors are invited to stop by the Trinity Rooms to explore our Book Fair!

Monday, January 29: “Proud to be an Eagle”

Show your school spirit today for a blue out day! Students are encouraged to wear hats, wigs, jewelry, ribbons, scarves, and blue clothing (no face paint) to show they are Proud to be an Eagle!

Tuesday, January 30: “Focusing on Our Faith”

Families are invited to join our school community at 10:30 as we gather for our weekly Mass.

Wednesday, January 31: “Building Our Community of Prayer”

The best service we can show one another is giving the gift of prayer. Throughout the day, students will stop in their classrooms to pray for peace in our communities and around the world.

Thursday, February 1: “Appreciating Our Students”

To celebrate our tremendous OLG students, they will have an opportunity to be totally out-of-uniform for this day. To make their day extra special, all students will take part in an hourly Principal’s Prize Lottery and receive a special ice cream treat from PTO! Throughout the day, grade levels will partner up again for “BINGO with Buddies”! To top off this fantastic day, all students will enjoy a homework FREE evening!

Friday, February 2: “Celebrating Our Talents”

To conclude this year’s Catholic Schools Week, students and staff will gather in the school gym at 1:30 for a sneak peek of this year’s Talent Show. Families are invited to attend the 9th Annual OLG Talent Show at Little Flower beginning at 7:30 that night! \$1.00 Admission is split between Art Club, Soarin’, and Drama Club. This year we will also have a Talent Showcase in the main hallway outside the office where students can display their many talents.



Religious Education

Anything is Possible with God

Miracles always involve the impossible - otherwise they wouldn't be miracles! Impossible, however is a relative term. What may be an insurmountable obstacle to one person may well be within the realm of capability of another. For a young father, simply having a drawer full of batteries may be all that is required to be a miracle worker in the eyes of his three year-old whose toy stopped working. The little boy's face was full of wonder when the lights and siren of his miniature fire engine were working once again. A doctor, skilled in the medical arts, may seem like a miracle worker to a patient who is desperately trying to find relief from an ailment. "Oh, that doctor is a miracle worker!" she exclaimed.

Then there are the supernatural miracles - the ones where it requires God's help to bring about the solution. This is the kind of miracle we find in the gospels - for example - the miracle of the feeding of the 4,000. Feeding that many people without enough resources would indeed be quite a monumental challenge! And the Feeding of the crowd was so important to the story of Jesus, that the Gospel writers put that story in *each* of the four Gospels. The set up to the story is that Jesus had sent his Apostles out on their first missionary journey and upon their return they began to tell all the wonderful things that had happened to them. Also about that same time John the Baptist was beheaded. Certainly, this seemed like a good occasion for all of them to take a quiet retreat to get rested for the remaining journey to come - to Jerusalem and to Jesus' death and resurrection.

But unfortunately, the people followed Jesus and the twelve apostles as they crossed the Sea of Galilee and went up into the hills. As Matthew records in his version, "there was a great crowd and Jesus had compassion for them." So their time of retreat was ruined - but they had another problem. How were they going to take care of all these people - what would they eat? As the time grew late, the disciples came suggesting that Jesus send the crowd away so they could go and take care of themselves. He, however, had other plans. "You give them something to eat" Jesus says. This imposing statement from Mark's account must have seriously rattled the disciples. So you're telling us, Jesus to feed all these people? In fact, Phillip responded to Jesus command about buying the people bread, saying that it would take about two-thirds of a year's wages to accomplish that!

You see - often the Lord wants to show us that many of the problems we face are too big for us to handle alone. Yet - he doesn't want us to give up! Jesus wants us to offer whatever resources we might have as a part of the solution. So Andrew responded to the same command from a different viewpoint. "There's a boy here with five barley loaves and two small fish." He must have thought that at least they could get started with what they had.

Many years ago I remember seeing a sign on the wall of a small business in my neighborhood that read, "We've been doing so much with so little for so long, that we are now able to do almost anything for nothing." So - from that measly beginning of 5 loaves and 2 fish, our Lord was able to feed the entire company and even have twelve baskets of leftovers! One thing needs to be said about God's intervention, we just have to trust!

In one of his recent messages, the Pope stated: *"The miracle of the feeding of the 4000 was not worked from nothing, but from a first modest sharing of what a simple lad had brought with him. Jesus does not ask us for what we do not have. Rather, he makes us see that if each person offers the little he or she has, the miracle can always be repeated. God is capable of multiplying our small acts of love and making us share in his gift."*

The Apostles brought to Jesus all there was available, and Jesus miraculously fed those people and still had something left over. It is exactly the same with our lives. Left alone to face the difficult challenges of life all of us face today, we often feel helpless and afraid of what the future may hold for us. But remember this: *place your lives in the hands of Jesus*. He will accept you, and bless you, and he will make such use of your lives beyond your greatest expectations!

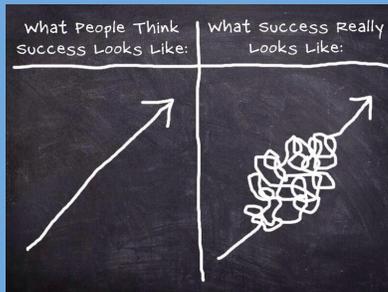
In other words: surrender yourselves, like so many loaves and fishes, into the all-powerful, sustaining hands of God and you will find yourselves transformed with "newness and fullness of life."

God Bless,

Mark Friedman, CRE



Monthly Focus:
Grit



[CLICK HERE](#) for a video on grit.



YOU are the PTO

Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO is a group that supports the students, school and community. We hold events throughout the year to help bring together our families and have fun. We are

getting ready to kick off planning for the Spring Carnival on April 13th. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to PTO@olgcs.org. A sign-up genius will be sent out closer to the date for day of volunteers.

Our Walkathon is our only fundraiser for the school, and it's never too early to start planning for the 2018-2019 day. If you are interested in helping with this event you can email PTO@olgcs.org for more information.

Are you interested in attending a PTO meeting to see what we really do? Check out the PTO page for upcoming dates and meeting minutes. [Click here](#)



The PTO is currently looking to fill the position of the Donations Coordinator. The responsibilities include soliciting donations from local businesses to be used as prizes at events such as the Walk-A-Thon and Carnival. The Donations Coordinator will work closely with the Events Committee and keep the donations organized in such a way to coordinate with each event. If you or someone you know is interested in this position or want to know more, please email volunteers@olgcs.org. Thanks!!



Join in the OLG Family Fun with these future events!

- 2/22 Skating Party @ Skatin' Place
- 4/13 Spring Carnival (6-9)
- 5/14 Volunteer Dinner @ Italianette



Girls Volleyball



The 5/6th grade volleyball team, coached by Melinda Miller and Jessica Lester, finished 2nd place in the McAuley tournament this past weekend. Congratulations to all the girls on an amazing end to their season!



Congratulations to the high school volleyball team, lead by Katie Stahl, for going undefeated at 10-0 this season! Way to go ladies!!

Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association OLGAA

Track & Field registration is now open for grades K-8 and will run through February 23rd. No previous track experience needed - we encourage all kids who want to have fun and strive to do their best! Practices begin in early March, with meets beginning on March 23rd. See the flyer included in the bulletin for more details.

Our Lady of Grace Track & Field



OPEN to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade

- * No previous track experience necessary.
- * We take all kids who want to have fun and who strive to do their best.
- * Learn self-discipline, build endurance and develop your internal drive.



Practice location, days and times will be announced closer to the start of the season. First practice is the week of March 5th. Meets begin March 23rd and are on Friday nights/ Saturday days.

Sprints - Long Distance - Relays - Long Jump - High Jump

Softball Throw - Discus Throw - Shot Put

Don't forget the Ice Cream Run! It's one of the season highlights every year!!

Registration is online thru Blue Sombrero. Access from the OLG website.

www.olgcs.org > Current Families > Athletics

Registration **OPENS Wednesday JAN 24th** and **CLOSES Friday Feb 23rd**. Don't wait to sign up for this great activity!

Questions?- Contact Kate Romanello Jones 513-746-9920 or olgtrackandfield@gmail.com

This year's Night at the Races was a great success! The event continues to grow and provide an exciting night of fun and entertainment. We would give special thanks to the event's chair, Jenny Ludwig, whose hard work leading up to this event every year is the foundation of its success. Thank you Jenny, and thanks to everyone who volunteered their time this year.

Fun With Fabrics: February

This year, Mrs. Renick and Mrs. Flynn will be co-sponsoring a variety of fabric crafts throughout the year. There will be different costs and sign-ups for each activity.

WHO? Students in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

WHEN? 3-4 on Mondays...some Mondays will be cancelled due to faculty meetings.

WHERE? the Art Room

CRAFT? Hand-stitching hearts.

COST? \$5 for materials

PERMISSION SLIP IS DUE BACK BY MONDAY, JANUARY 29th

CLASS BEGINS ON THE 29th AS WELL



Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

How student will be getting home: _____



LINKS

[Precious Kids Learning Center](#)