

Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

Calendar Links



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May 3 All school field trip to Beauty and the Beast

May 9 May Crowning 2:00 St. Ann Church



Weekly Bulletin

April 26, 2018



On Wednesday, May 9 at 2:00 pm, we will have MAY CROWNING at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School.

May Crowning is a traditional Catholic celebration that honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Students from the Eighth Grade will place a crown of flowers on a statue of Mary, symbolizing Mary is our spiritual Mother and Queen of Heaven.

We are asking students to bring in a simple flower or small bouquet of flowers to place in vases around the statue of Mary. (This is totally voluntary.) Please have students bring the flowers to their homeroom in the morning on the 9th. We are looking forward to a joyous celebration.



CLICK HERE to complete the 2017-2018 Parent Survey. We are excited to partner with you to offer our students an opportunity to become the best version of themselves. Constructive answers and comments on this survey allow the positive relationship between home and school to drive a culture of growth and improvement at OLG. The survey will be open thru tomorrow.



UPDATE:

Congratulations to our 8th grade Academic Team on their hard work to prepare for their competition. They fought hard on Tuesday, but ultimately lost in a tiebreaker in the first round.

Our 7th grade team will compete this afternoon at Lasalle High School.

Our Lady of Grace Drama presents.....



The Drama Club, composed of over 70 students in grades 5 through 8, invites you to their performance of Beauty & the Beast Jr. on Friday May 4 & Saturday May 5. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Little Flower Parish Center. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Brandon Langjahr at blangjahr@olgcs.org. All seats are \$5. All tickets are reserved seating. Tickets may also be purchased at the door before each performance



St. Ann is looking for boys and girls who are interested in serving at the weekend Masses

Are You Interested???

Requirements: St. Ann Parishioner

4th Grade or Higher

You must attend 1 of the 2 Servers' Trainings. Trainings are held in Church.

Sunday, May 20 at 1:00pm

Monday, May 21 at 7:30pm

Student Name:	Grade:
Student's School:	
Parent Name:	
Email Address:	
Which training date will you be attending?	
Parent Signature:	Г

At the training, we will have the students sign-up for specific Masses times.



The PTO is currently seeking nominations for the positions of President and Treasurer. Please send your nominations to pto@olgcs.org by May 7th. Voting for these two positions will take place at the May 14th PTO meeting.

For information on the PTO, please visit our website at http://olgcs.org/CurrentFamilies/PTO.aspx .

It's that time of year again for our annual walkathon T-shirt contest. Make sure you submit your design by May 4!

Walk-a-thon T-shirt contest





Saint Pedro de San José Betancur's Story

Today we celebrate the feast day of a saint you've probably never heard of! Central America claimed its first saint with the canonization of Pedro de San José Betancur. Known as the "Saint Francis of the Americas," Pedro de Betancur is the first saint to have worked and died in Guatemala.

Pedro very much wanted to become a priest, but God had other plans for the young man born in the 1600's to a poor family on Tenerife in the Canary Islands. Pedro was a shepherd until age 24, when he began to make his way to Guatemala, hoping to connect with a relative engaged in government service there. By the time he reached Havana, he was out of money. After working there to earn more, he got to Guatemala City the following year. When he arrived, he was so destitute that he joined the breadline that the Franciscans had established.

Soon, Pedro enrolled in the local Jesuit college in hopes of studying for the priesthood. No matter how hard he tried, however, he could not master the material; he withdrew from school. In 1655, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order. Three years later, he opened a hospital for the convalescent poor; a shelter for the homeless, and a school for



Saint Pedro

the poor soon followed. Notwanting to neglect the rich of Guatemala City, Pedro began walking through their part of town ringing a bell and inviting them to repent.

Other men came to share in Pedro's work. Out of this group came the Bethlehemite Congregation, which won papal approval after Pedro's death. A Bethlehemite sisters' community, similarly founded after Pedro's death, was inspired by his life of prayer and compassion.

He is sometimes credited with originating the Christmas Eve *posadas* procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph seek a night's lodging from their neighbors. The custom soon spread to Mexico and other Central American countries.

Pedro died in 1667, and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in Guatemala City on July 30, 2002. Calling the new saint an "outstanding example" of Christian mercy, the Holy Father noted that Saint Pedro practiced mercy "heroically with the lowliest and the most deprived." Speaking to the estimated 500,000 Guatemalans in attendance, the Holy Father spoke of the social ills that plague the country today and of the need for change. "Let us think of the children and young people who are homeless or deprived of an education; of abandoned women with their many needs; of the hordes of social outcasts who live in the cities; of the victims of organized crime, of prostitution or of drugs; of the sick who are neglected and the elderly who live in loneliness," he said in his homily during the three-hour liturgy.



The Posadas Procession

As humans, we often pride ourselves on our ability to reason. But as Pedro's life shows, other skills may be an even more crucial element of our humanity than a clever mind: compassion, imagination, love. Unable to master studies for the priesthood despite his efforts, Pedro responded to the needs of homeless and sick people; he provided education to the poor and salvation to the rich. He became holy—as fully human as any of us can ever be.

¡Paz y bendiciones! - Mark Friedman, CRE



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



K-8 football sign ups are now open!

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the football flyer.

CLICK HERE to sign up for football.



Gold Stars go out to: Alissa for getting a PR in the 100M, Hannah for getting PRs in the 100 and 200M, Marlin for getting a PR in the 100M, Keelin for getting PRs and placing 3rd in the 1600 and 2nd in the 800M and making a school record in the 1600M with a time of 5:51.02, Gregory for getting a PR in the 800M, Lucy for getting a PR and placing 2nd in Discus and placing 6th in Shot Put,

and Xavier for getting a PR and placing 5th in long jump and making a school record with a height of 4'04" and placing 5th in high jump. The girls' team came in 8th/19 teams.



Two Our Lady of Grace graduates have been nominated for Cincinnati.com Sports Awards. These awards recognize and honor the top athletic accomplishments in Greater Cincinnati High School Sports.

Josh Whyle has been nominated for the Football- Big School Division Athlete of the Year. Josh is a four year football and three year basketball athlete and has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the University of Cincinnati.

Riley Haubner has been nominated for the Basketball- Big School

Division Athlete of the Year. Riley is a four year basketball athlete who has not decided on his post-secondary plans.



Faith, Friends,

Fellowship, & Fun

Totus Tuus (a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours") was the motto of Pope St. John Paul II. It signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of our Blessed Mother Mary.

The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness. Seminarians and college students from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati carry this mission to every young person and participant of Totus Tuus.

The youth see that these young adults are joyful and on fire with the Catholic faith, which encourages them to strive for the same thing in their lives.

Summer Youth Program



Dates: June 11-15

Location: Trinity Rooms

Grade School Program

Students entering grades 1-6

Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:30pm

Join us for a fun, faith-filled day with games, skits, songs, sacraments, class, lunch, & recess

(Bring a sack Lunch)

Cost: \$15 per child/\$30 family max.

Register by:

Date: Tuesday, May 29

saintannparish.org

0 family max. Students entering grades 7-12

(graduated seniors may also attend)

Teen Program

Sunday-Thursday 7:00-9:00pm

Join us for a week of engaging discussions, prayer opportunities, learning, games, and live changing witnesses of how to give yourself totally to God

Cost: FREE

Questions:

Contact:

Danielle Hart (513) 521-8440

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LINKS

St. Paul Preschool

Mercy McAuley Summer Camps

Mt. Notre Dame Summer Camps

YMCA Fundraiser

ROGERBACON HIGH SCHOOL

2018 SUMMER CAMPS

BOYS BASKETBALL

GRADES 7-9 = JUNE 4-7 GRADES 2-6 = JUNE 11-14

GIRLS BASKETBALL

GRADES 3-9 = JUNE 18-20

FOOTBALL

GRADES 3-8 = JULY 16-18

SWIMMING

GRADES 6-9 = JULY 9-11

HSPT PREP COURSE

GRADE 8 = JULY 31 or AUG. 7



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

GRADES 3-5 = JULY 9-12 GRADES 6-8 = JULY 9-12 GRADE 9 = JULY 10-11

SOCCER

GRADES K-9 = JULY 23-27

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

GRADES 6 - 9 = JUNE 25 - 29

MUSICAL THEATER

GRADES 6-8 = JUNE 11-15

Visit www.rogerbacon.org/summer-camps to register!