

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Nov. 30 Out of uniform/Marco's Pizza Day Dec. 7 Spiritwear Day / Box Top turn-in day Dec. 13 2nd/3rd Christmas Play 7:00 OLG gym



Weekly Bulletin



Congratulations to OLG students in grades 4-8 who received honor roll during the first trimester. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the complete list.

November 29, 2018



A huge thanks goes out to the PTO for providing dinner for the teachers during conferences. We would also like to thank the parents for the delicious desserts which were also provided! ~The OLG Faculty



Students are out of uniform tomorrow for making their canned food drive goal! Great job to everyone for showing good stewardship while sharing their time and treasure with others!



Lunch entree for this Friday, Nov. 30th, is Marco's Cheese Pizza. **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.*



Would you Leave the 99?

Jesus asked his disciples – which means he also asks us: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"

Nobody. No one does this. No one would ever do that. It's insanity. If you lose 1% of your holdings, you don't risk losing the 99% of your holdings to get it back. By leaving the 99, you risk them roaming off, being stolen, or being killed and eaten by a wolf. No one leaves the 99.

Jesus goes on to say: "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, `Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'"

Nobody. No one does this. You don't call friends and neighbors together for a celebration only to spend more money feeding and entertaining them than what you found was worth. I mean why bother looking for the coin at all, if you're just going to blow more money anyway? It's insanity. Nobody does this.

Except Jesus.

Jesus does this. Jesus leaves the 99 to search for the lost. Jesus sweeps the house and then throws a party when the lost are found. It's totally and thoroughly insane. And, that's why the Gospel it is such Good News.

When a soul is lost, the soul is missed, longed after, and not only worth the search party, but worth the celebration-party when the soul is brought back into the fold. And, of course, this story cuts two ways. When I read this, I can't help reading myself into the story as the sheep, as the coin. The lost one. The intransigent sheep. The coin that slipped out of the pocket and into the pillowy cushions of the couch. But, this story was told to a group of highly religious people who fancied themselves as the 99 sheep or the nine coins that were never lost.

Back in Jesus' day, highly religious people were the goody-two-shoes that would never (ever) run off, who would never (ever) slip under the passenger seat into the carpeted well which never fails to collect all manner of things. These guys weren't impressed at a God who spends all His time going after the sinner, when God should be spending His time with the well-behaved ones who seemingly never left his side.

But, if they are scandalized, oh well. If they wouldn't leave the 99, or throw a two-coin party after a one-coin find—oh well. That is the Good News. Our God is the God of the lost, and the God who celebrates when the lost are found.

Jesus is the Savior who "welcomes sinners and eats with them." This is something for us to celebrate. Something for us to be excited about.

No—the Church isn't just for the self-proclaimed self-righteous. The ones who can't help but tell us how faithful, prayerful, and saintly they are. The ones whose Instagram, Pinterest, and Facebook posts drip with cute verse after verse of scripture or thoughts for living your life, or bumper-sticker quips of how God is *for* this and *against* that.

No, the followers of Jesus are the ones who do the hard work and actually *follow Jesus*. And not just to the cross. But to the fields and the valleys and the mountains, looking through the scrub for a well-loved and well-lost sheep. We're the ones who are to be pulling the world's refrigerator out from the wall to find the long-lost treasures underneath that are so precious to God.

Oh, if only people *would* accuse us of "welcoming sinners and eating with them." Because nobody does that. Nobody. Except Jesus, and those who follow him.

Mark Friedman, CRE

YOU ARE THE PTO



Support Kids in Things They Love Especially School Spirit



MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!





TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE.

Off to a great school year!

Our school is awesome! Our teachers, students and families all work together to be and do our best. THANK YOU!

Our first Dine & Donate at Krimmer's was a success and we raised \$225 in just one night! Krimmer's was so pleased, they offered to host another Dine & Donate for us.

We also have a few great things coming up for the next Trimester:

- St. Nick will visit our students on Thursday, 12/6
- Catholic Schools Week and Open House 2/27-2/2
- Perfect North Family Night Saturday, 1/12. Look for a flyer with more details to come.

Did you see PTO share a Facebook Live video?

Pixie Dust & Mermaids Boutique graciously donated a wine glass to be

raffled at our November meeting. Katie Grueter was winner. We plan on holding raffles at each meeting. In addition to the raffle, you can earn additional chances for a tuition credit at the Volunteer Dinner.

In May, the PTO hosts a volunteer dinner to say thank you to all our volunteers. During the dinner, we raffle off tuition credits and starting in January you can increase your chances by attending PTO meetings. If you have any questions, please email PTO@olgcs.org.

PTO Meeting Reminder.

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Join us at our next PTO meeting in the teacher lounge on Monday, December 12/17 at 6:30pm. Our goal is to have 1 parent from each grade represented! AND REMEMBER, you have a chance to win a door prize.

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



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Girls Volleyball

As if starting the season 3-0 wasn't good enough, the 5/6 B1 team, coached by Ellen Hughes, took 1st place in the Our Lady of Lourdes tournament that was held over the Thanksgiving holiday! Way to go Champs! Our Eagles are flyin' high!



Boys Volleyball

Interested in playing Boys Volleyball this spring? If so, we need to hear from you. Please contact Terri Lynch at tlynch2@cinci.rr.com by the end of December if you are interested in playing. Sign up will be in January if we have enough people interested. This is for grades 3-8. Gather your friends and let us know you're interested!



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!

OUR LADY OF GRACE ATHLETICS

at the RACES

JANUARY 19, 2019

at Assumption

\$15 Admission includes food and drinks \$10 for ages 60 and over

Purchase tickets online at squareup.com/store/OLGAA or by contacting Jennie Ludwig at 266-8226 Bingo Ball, Split the Pot, Wheel of Fortune! Doors open at 7pm First race at 7:40pm

OWNERS BONUS!! Buy your own Horse before the night ONLY \$7

Our Lady of Grace Athletics Association fundraiser, A Night at the Races, will be held on Saturday January 19, 2019. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the first race is at 7:40. Tickets are \$15 per person. \$10 for ages 60 and over. This annual event is a major fundraiser for OLGAA which helps to maintain costs for our athletic program for students and families. This annual event is an opportunity for Our Lady of Grace parents, grandparents, etc... to socialize, catch up with old friends and make new ones here at OLG.

Ticket price includes draft beer, pop, water, Brotherton's Family Restaurant chicken wings, Larosa's pizza, chips and pretzels. Feel free to bring desserts/appetizers to have at your table that evening. Games include betting on 10 Horse Races, Wheel of Fortune, Bingo Ball, and Split the Pot.

In addition, we have 100 horses to name (sponsor) at \$7 each. You can name the horse that you sponsor for just \$7 and will appear in the official horse program that evening. If your horse wins a race, you will take home 1 of 10 limited edition engraved gifts (and bragging rights!)

Tickets and Horse Sponsorships will be available December 1, 2018 at <u>www.olgcs.org</u> thru the Square page or by contacting Jennifer Ludwig at 266-8226 or ludwig@fuse.net.

OLG Athletics Presents



Family Open Gym

Wednesday, December 19th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm Family Open Gym is a great way to meet other families and let your kids burn some energy. There will be different stations for kids of all ages to enjoy. Our goal is to let kids have fun and build a strong community for OLG Athletics. We'll have light refreshments and snacks. There is NO COST to attend.

Play, Socialize, Build Community.

Meet the OLGAA Board