



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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May 2 Field Trip to Annie Jr.
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WITH THE PTO
Please join us on the
2nd Monday of every month at
6:30 pm at school
Together we will explore the strengths,
opportunities and aspirations of our
students and families to encourage
positive results!

Weekly Bulletin

April 25, 2024

The Eagle Walk event was a huge success!

The students, teachers, and volunteers had a great time that day.

Thank you to our PTO Board Members, Nicole Martin, Sara Seaton, and Shanice Weathers for their hard work on this event! We all appreciate your efforts so much!

Superstar students who raise \$75.00 and families who raise \$100 will get an out of uniform pass for the rest of the year! We only have 26 right now. Let's do it!

who will win

THE PENNY WAR



The Eagle walk is

STILL RAISING FUNDS

until 5/2

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RAISED



WILL YOU GET YOUR

OUT OF UNIFORM PASS

Valid **5/6-5/22**

RAISE \$75 + PER STUDENT OR \$100 + PER FAMILY

1. First [Register](#) or re-[Login](#) to your parent dashboard and complete your child's student webpage with a PICTURE at getmovinfundhub.com. School Identifier: 63fe6060b5458
2. Make an online donation using the red Donate button right away
3. Share with friends and family, they want to help!
 - ❖ Send 10-15 emails and/or text messages
 - ❖ Post Facebook or Twitter
 - ❖ Help your child reach their goal in 24/48 hours



Saint Catherine of Siena

A few years back, I had the opportunity to travel to Italy. One of our stops was the beautiful town of Siena, located in the Tuscany region. As we walked through this beautiful town surrounded by hills and vineyards, I couldn't help but think of one of my favorite saints – Catherine of Siena. I imagined her walking through the same plazas and the beautiful churches I was seeing there, and prayed a silent prayer to this great Saint of the Church. Even the house she grew up in still exists today.

Caterina Benincasa's birth into a middle-class Italian wool dyer's family caused scarcely a ripple; she was the twenty-third of 23 children – although half of those children died including her twin sister! Another event that same year, was a tidal wave of disease called the "Black Death." In just three years, 1348 to 1350, more than one-third of the population of Europe died. Baby Catherine survived the onslaught and, in adulthood, she saved many plague victims through her compassionate nursing.



St Catherine's House



The Cathedral in Siena

As a young girl, Catherine often went to a cave near her home in Siena to meditate, fast, and pray. At about age 7, she claimed to have seen a vision of Jesus and announced to her parents her desire to live a religious life. Convinced of her devotion, they gave her a small room in the basement of their home that acted as a private place of prayer. However, Catherine was not satisfied living a meditative life; she wanted to help the poor and sick. But she did not want to be an ordinary nun. Through the influence of her cousin, a Dominican priest, Catherine joined the Dominican Order in 1363 at the age of 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and simplicity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public ministry grew out of her meditative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. This extraordinary girl blossomed into a no less extraordinary woman whose spiritual, moral, and political efforts had a lasting effect. What is most impressive about her is that she learned to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, and she made a deep impression on the Pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the Rome. In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the Christian world in two, and putting popes and even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church.

Catherine died in Rome, on April 29, 1380, at the age of thirty-three, having suffered a stroke which paralyzed her from the waist down. Surrounded by her many followers, her last words were, "Father, into Your Hands I commend my soul and my spirit." She was canonized a saint in 1461. Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila Doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in her book "The Dialogue."

Though she lived her life in a faith experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh meditation, her frequent visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today lies in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime. Saint Catherine is the patron saint of Europe, Fire Prevention, and Italy. *Celebrate her feast day this coming Saturday!*

Blessings! Mark Friedman CRE / OLG

Our Lady of Grace School Drama Club

Presents

Annie Jr.

Book by
Thomas Meehan

Music by
Charles Strause

Lyrics by
Martin Charnin

Original Broadway Production Directed by **Martin Charnin**

Based on "Little Orphan Annie"® By Permission of Tribune Content Agency,
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Friday May 3rd at 7:30PM
Saturday May 4th at 7:30PM

Little Flower Parish Center

TICKETS sold at the door \$5.00

Annie JR. is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

Parents of students from the St. Margaret Mary and St. Ann Churches:
Please see the information below on sacraments for 2025.



**Mary Queen
of Heaven**
Family of Parishes

FROM THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION MQH

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2025

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION, COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IN 2025

- ⇒ All baptized children who attend Our Lady of Grace School, and who are also parishioners of St Ann or St. Margaret Mary should plan to attend sacrament preparation in the fall. Parents should note the parent meeting dates for each sacrament and plan on attending. Confirmation prep meets for 8 sessions plus a student retreat. First Reconciliation and Communion prep each meet for about 8 sessions and all children are expected to attend the First Communion retreat.
- ⇒ **Contact Pam Bevington** at pbevington@saintannparish.org OR 513-521-8440 X117 by **September 1st, 2024.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

PARENT MEETINGS: (CLASS SCHEDULE WILL BE GIVEN AT THIS MEETING)

- ⇒ CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING, SEPT 24, 2024
- ⇒ FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING, OCT 22, 2024
- ⇒ FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING, FEB 18, 2025

SACRAMENT RETREATS:

- ⇒ (option 1) CONFIRMATION RETREAT, **SAT, OCT 5, 2024** (DAY TIME, location TBD)
- ⇒ (option 2) CONFIRMATION RETREAT at St. James School/Parish on THURS, JAN 16 (SCHOOL DAY)
- ⇒ FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT, TUES, APRIL 29, 2025

SACRAMENT DATES:

- ⇒ FIRST RECONCILIATION, JAN 22, 2025—ST ANN
- ⇒ FIRST COMMUNION, MAY 3 & 4, 2025—ST ANN
- ⇒ CONFIRMATION (MQH FAMILY), SUN JAN 26, 2025—CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST PETER IN CHAINS

If you or your child is interested in becoming Catholic, please reach out to our Director of Evangelization, Barb Yoder at 513-353-4207 ext.5. We would love to welcome our families into the church!



Re-Enrollment (Current Families) and Open Enrollment (New Families) is Open Now–

Classes are filling up quickly. Please use the following link to let us know if your child(ren) will be returning to OLG for the 2024-2025 school year:

<http://olgcs.org/Prospective-Families/Registration-ReEnrollment>

(Siblings of current students entering kindergarten should also enroll here. Parents will be contacted with kindergarten assessment information once their child is enrolled.)

[CLICK HERE for EdChoice Renewal Information](#)

2024-25
SCHOOL YEAR
CALENDAR



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NOW ENROLLING!!!!

GRADES K-6

PACKETS* CAN BE PICKED UP AT:

**7865 HAMILTON AVE. CINCINNATI, OH,
45231.**

KATHY'S ANGELS

WED-FRI 2P-5P.

ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

CONTACT:

KATHYSANGELS@FIOPTICS.COM

OR CALL

(513) 652-1162

VOUCHER AND PRIVATE PAY AVAILABLE



Menu Changes

Tues. April 30th: Spaghetti & Beef Meatballs, Garlic Bread

Thurs. May 2nd: Mini Cheese Pizza Bagels

- ❖ All meals include a choice of fruit and milk.
- ❖ Alternative entrees will follow the regular weekly schedule.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.





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ROGERBACON
HIGH SCHOOL





Join us on Thursday, April, 30th for boy's volleyball grade school night. All grade school students will receive free admission and a chance to win prizes.

Roger Bacon vs. Centerville High School
 JV - 5:00 pm
 Varsity - 6:00 pm

4320 Vine Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45217

GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT

Rising 8th Grade Boys:

St. Xavier is offering the **Summer Enrichment Program**. Through a mix of academic, cultural, social, and athletic activities, the SEP provides an excellent opportunity for students to become acquainted with life at St. X. Students will make a film, break out of an escape room, and build and race a soap box derby car. Register your son today for a fun-filled summer of meeting future classmates and having fun. Registration is open at this registration link. <https://www.stxavier.org/academics/summer-camps>



Summer Camps:

We are excited to offer a variety of summer camps where prospective students, boys, and girls in grade school, will meet new friends, explore the St. Xavier campus and experience the core tenets of a Jesuit education. Through hands-on, community-based activities, St. Xavier's teachers and coaches promote fun summer experiences filled with learning opportunities. Minecraft, filmmaking, guitar, acting, makers space, and a variety of sports camps are offered. Registration is open at this registration link. <https://www.stxavier.org/academics/summer-camps>.