



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links



## [2022-2023 Calendar](#)



[CLICK HERE for the LUNCH CALENDAR](#)



Aug. 30 All School  
Mass

Sept. 2 Spiritwear Day  
Sept. 5 No School

[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)



## Weekly Bulletin

August 26, 2022



\*If your student is going to be absent or tardy, please call the office at 513-931-3070 ext. 4 BEFORE 8:00am to report this.

\*ALL visitors during school hours will need an appointment to enter the school building. To make an appointment, please email the person you would like to meet with (administration, teacher, etc.).

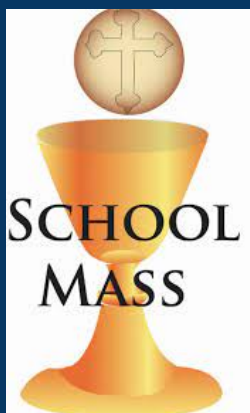
### Final Forms

Thanks to all parents who have filled out their Final Forms. If you have not, these need to be completed immediately. All students will sign their forms in computer class at school.

### Library Students

It was reported to us that there was a man approaching our students at the park last week. He was giving them peanuts and telling them about his rescue dogs. The police were contacted by the parent who reported this.

**As a reminder, there is no supervision at the Groesbeck Library after school.** Please make sure to go over your expectations with your student about staying in the library or allowing them to go places (DollarTree, Little Caesars, park, etc.) outside of the library.



Please join us for our school mass at 8:30am on Tuesdays mornings starting next Tuesday, August 30th. We are excited to be celebrating the Mass with the St. Ann's parishioners. We ask you to please sit behind the pillars in the church to leave room for the students.



### Patience! Patience!

This week we celebrate the memorial of Saint Monica - who is one of my favorite saints. This is perhaps because I grew up in St. Monica parish in Clifton, where I served Mass, sang in the choir, and have such fond memories of attending school there. Saint Monica church is one of the most beautiful churches in Cincinnati – and even served as the Cathedral of Cincinnati for a while, and it has some of the most detailed and beautiful stained-glass windows you have ever seen!



The interior of St. Monica Church. In the foreground upper left is St. Monica and across on the upper right is St. Augustine.

As a child in grade school, I often stared up in wonder at those amazing windows, especially the first two windows on each side of the aisles. On the left was St. Monica – and across the church, directly opposite was Monica's own son, St. Augustine. It was as if they were looking at each other! Monica's story is an interesting one. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan named Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had a violent temper and criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, and yet, respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won over her husband who died in 371, one year after his baptism. Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a student

in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night, she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, patiently praying and fasting for him – never giving up that he would change. When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead, he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica soon became a leader of the devout Christian women in Milan. She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his group left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled."

She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death. Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of

St. Augustine, especially his *Confessions*. The *Confessions* recounts Augustine's journey from a life of sin to finding the love and light of Christ. He became one of the greatest teachers and saints of the church. In the time I grew up, black saints were not much mentioned in the canon of the Mass, nor depicted in grand stained-glass windows. It wasn't until I was much older that I realized that Monica and her son Augustine - depicted in those windows I saw as a child and were represented as white Europeans – were, in fact, Africans and, more than likely, both persons of color.

Today, with Google searches, online shopping, text messages, tweets, and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Saint Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.

Mark Friedman, CRE



A stained-glass window from St. Augustine church in Washington DC – showing Monica and Augustine|



# *Saint Ann*

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parents,

Your children are attending a Catholic school and learning about and experiencing the Catholic faith through their daily attendance at Our Lady of Grace.

Maybe you have attended one of the Catholic Masses that are celebrated with the children on a weekly basis or maybe you have encountered one of the many Catholic themed signs hanging in the school halls.

Have you ever considered learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly even becoming Catholic?

You could have the opportunity to grow in your personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and become a member of Christ's Church to worship God along with your child at the celebration of the Holy Mass.

If you would like to learn more about what it takes to become a member of the Catholic Church and experience the truth of Christ's Presence among us than please email me at the Saint Ann parish office at [dmoore@saintannparish.org](mailto:dmoore@saintannparish.org).

God's blessings,

*Deacon Doug Moore*

Deacon Doug Moore  
St Ann Church



## IMMUNIZATIONS Needed-New Students and 7th Graders

Please remember to send in a current copy of your child's immunizations to the school. This applies to your child if they are new to OLG this year or in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students need to have the tdap and meningococcal vaccines for entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade. These are requirements for the first day of school in the state of Ohio. We have given families a 2 week grace period from the start of school to get these records into school or your child will not be permitted to attend school starting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

You can send a copy in with your child or fax a copy to the school at 513-931-3707. Thank you so much for your prompt attention to this.

Mrs. Shewmaker



## Interested in playing Girls' Volleyball?

Sign-ups are open through midnight on Saturday, August 27th!

Sign-up link:

<https://girls-volleyball-2022-2023.cheddarup.com>

All girls in grades 3 through 8 are welcome, regardless of previous experience!

Assessments are required for those in grades 5 through 8. Assessments will take place Sunday, August 28th at the Little Flower Gym (5560 Kirby Ave). Grades 5 & 6 will be assessed from 1-2:30. Grades 7 & 8 will be assessed from 3-4:30.

Thank you!  
Mary Dietrich  
Volleyball Co-Coordinator

## Want to Volunteer?



We are looking forward to welcoming volunteers back into our school! If you would like to volunteer in any way (classroom, Walk-a-thon, coaching, field trips, etc.), please see the information below.

Every person in a position which requires contact or interaction with youth or vulnerable adults must complete the **SafeParish™** edition of Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse training session before they are permitted to work or volunteer within any of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati parishes, schools, or institutions. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to complete the training.

[Click Here](#) for directions on registering for Safe Parish.

Parents who were previously trained under the Virtus program will also need to use these directions to register if they have not already done this. All volunteers will need to be up to date on the monthly bulletins.





**LUNCH WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDED AT NO COST FOR ALL STUDENTS  
STARTING AUGUST 2022**

**IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR FAMILY TO COMPLETE A FREE & REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION**

- Meals will be charged based on Free, Reduced or Paid Eligibility.
- Applications are available in the School Office or the OLG Website/Calendar/Cafeteria
- What are the Lunch Prices for 2022-23 School Year?

Breakfast: Free for All Students!

Free or Reduced Lunch: \$0.00      Paid Lunch: \$3.00

Money is added to student's accounts by sending in labeled cash/check to the OLG Cafeteria or by adding money electronically at [K12Paymentcenter.com](http://K12Paymentcenter.com) to your student(s) meal account. Contact Cathy at [clawson@olgcs.org](mailto:clawson@olgcs.org) to obtain your student's meal number to create K12Paymentcenter account.

**EL ALMUERZO YA NO SE PROPORCIONARÁ SIN COSTO PARA TODOS LOS  
ESTUDIANTES A PARTIR DE AGOSTO DE 2022**

**ES IMPORTANTE QUE SU FAMILIA COMPLETE UNA SOLICITUD DE COMIDA GRATUITA Y REDUCIDA**

- Las comidas se cobrarán según la elegibilidad gratuita, reducida o pagada.
- Las solicitudes están disponibles en la oficina de la escuela o en el sitio web/calendario/cafetería de OLG
- ¿Cuáles son los precios del almuerzo para el año escolar 2022-23?

Desayuno: ¡Gratis para todos los estudiantes!

Almuerzo Gratis o Reducido: \$0.00      Almuerzo pagado: \$3.00

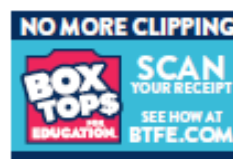


# EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR  
THE NEW  
LABEL:



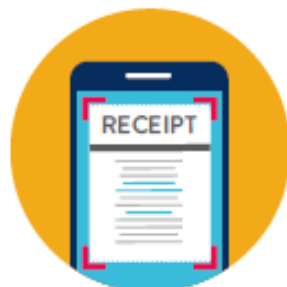
## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



### BUY

#### BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



### SCAN

#### YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

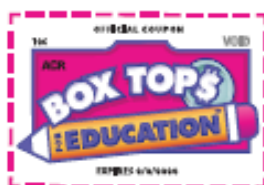


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Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



## BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school. Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



**BUY**  
BOX TOPS  
PRODUCTS



**CUT**  
OUT THE BOX TOP  
FROM EACH PACKAGE



**SEND**  
YOUR BOX TOPS  
TO SCHOOL

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com)

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