



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links



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Jan. 31- Feb. 5  
Catholic Schools Week

Prudence and mindfulness go together, like cookies and milk. Help your child(ren) appreciate the benefits of taking a five-second breather before jumping into a plan or decision.



## Weekly Bulletin

January 28, 2021



## CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

January 31 -  
February 6  
#CSW21

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 31: "CSW Kick Off"

OLG benefits all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support our four parishes provide. We invite you to join us for Mass at one of the parishes we serve: Assumption, Little Flower, St. Ann, and St. Margaret Mary. If you are not able to attend Mass, we ask you to start our Catholic Schools Week by praying for our faculty, students, and families.

### Monday, February 1: "Proud to be an Eagle"

Show your school spirit today with your crazy socks! Students are encouraged to wear their craziest socks to show they are Proud to be an Eagle!

### Tuesday, February 2: "Focusing on Our Faith"

Families are invited to virtually join our school community at 10:30 as we gather for our weekly Mass. Please use the following link: <https://saintannparish.org/worship/on-line-mass-and-seminars/>

### Wednesday, February 3: "#soar2serve"

Eagles #soar2serve their community this day with prayers and gifts of thanks to all the people who help us at OLG. Students will create thank you cards for friends and family, rectory and parish staff members, PTO, OLGAA, and more. We are so grateful for all we have, and we will say thanks to those who make our Catholic school possible! PTO is also "serving" lunch to the faculty and staff this day.

### Thursday, February 4: "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 treat from PTO! To top off this fantastic day, all students will enjoy a homework FREE evening!

### Friday, February 5: "Celebrating Our Talents"

To conclude this year's Catholic Schools Week, students and staff will enjoy our Virtual Talent Show in their classrooms. Families are invited to enjoy the show which will be shared via our Facebook OLG Family Sharing Group (Cincinnati) page.



# Religious Education

## The Greatest Church Teacher

Today is the Memorial Feast Day of Saint Thomas Aquinas who, by universal consent is the foremost spokesperson of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor (teacher) of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

Thomas was most likely born in the castle of Roccasecca, near Aquino, controlled at that time by the Kingdom of Sicily around 1225. He was born to the most powerful branch of the family, and his father was a man of means. Thomas's mother, Theodora, belonged to the prominent Rossi branch of the Neapolitan Caracciolo family. While the rest of the family's sons pursued military careers, at the age of five, Thomas was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became an abbot. At the time in history, it was a high and noble honor to become a leader of a monastery or religious order. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Greek philosophy and the teachings of Aristotle.

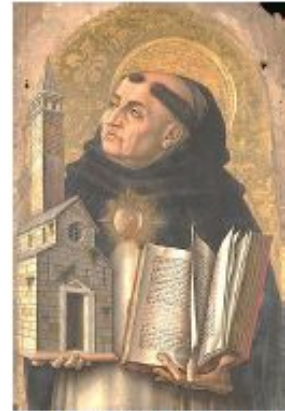


The Castle of Monte San Giovanni Campano

He eventually held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools in Rome, and combated false Church teaching. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his many books and writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

When he was canonized a saint, his feast day was celebrated on March 7, the day of his death. But since this date commonly falls within the Season of Lent, the Church moved his memorial to January 28th. Saint Thomas Aquinas is a towering example of Catholicism in its broadness, universality, and inclusiveness. We should follow his example and exercise the divine gift of reason in each of us - our power to know, learn, and understand. At the same time, we should thank God for the gift of his revelation, especially in Jesus Christ. Saint Thomas Aquinas is the Patron Saint of Catholic Schools, Colleges, and Students.

Mark Friedman, CRE



St. Thomas Aquinas, shown here holding a book of his teachings, and symbolically holding up and supporting the Church

But by 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominican Order, much to his mother's dismay. Angered, she ordered Thomas' brothers to find and capture him and bring him home, where he was kept at the Castle of Monte San Giovanni Campano for over a year against his will. Once free, he went to the University of Paris where he finished his studies with Saint Albert the Great. Because Thomas was quiet and didn't speak much, some of his fellow students thought he was slow. But Albert prophetically exclaimed: "You call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world."



St. Thomas Aquinas, Pray for Us!



Deadline Extended to Monday, February 1



## OLG Virtual Talent Show!

YOU HAVE TALENT, SHARE IT WITH US!

All talents are welcome! Singing, dancing, playing an instrument, skits, comedy, magic tricks, showcase your art skills with a time lapse video, beatboxing or ballet! Here's what you need to know:

When is my video and permission slip due?: January 27th

Who do I send my video to?: Ms. Gonzalez! My email is [vgonzalez@olgcs.org](mailto:vgonzalez@olgcs.org)

How long can my video be?: no longer than 1 1/2 minutes

What grades can send in a video?: Anyone! Kindergarten all the way to 8th grade are welcome!

No rehearsals! Rehearse your talent and send your video to my email! Please include the following in the subject line of your email: Your name, your grade, your talent.

The video will premiere January 31st on the OLG Facebook page.

[CLICK HERE for the required permission slip](#)



[www.olgcs.org](http://www.olgcs.org)

**Re-Enrollment Open Now (Current Families) –  
Deadline February 12, 2021**

There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per family. The deposit will be processed through FACTS Management as early as two business days of re-enrollment. Please do not send re-enrollment deposits to the school.

Students are not registered until the deposit for 2021-22 is paid and the tuition for the 2020-21 school year is current. Families not current with tuition may re-enroll when they bring their account to current status.

**Since open enrollment for new families begins on February 15, 2021, there is no guarantee there will be space available in the classroom for current students who re-enroll after the February 12, 2021 deadline.**

Please contact Mr. Desmier at [mdesmier@olgcs.org](mailto:mdesmier@olgcs.org) with account questions.

## THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is once again providing needs-based tuition assistance to elementary school students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Applications will be accepted through February 8, 2021.

For more information and to apply, please visit [catholicbestchoice.org](http://catholicbestchoice.org).



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The YMCA before and after school program is accepting new students for their program at OLG. Please contact the Clippard YMCA at 513-923-4466 for more information.



# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

Track & Field is back for 2021! We are in need of coaches for our track program (especially K-4). If interested, please contact Amanda Hood at [olgtrackandfield@gmail.com](mailto:olgtrackandfield@gmail.com) . Read more in the flyer below!



## Track & Field registration for the 2021 season is now open!

Our Track & Field program is offered to boys and girls in all grades (k-8). This sport is a great opportunity for students to compete with their own skill level and still be part of a team. There are various events and races that each student can try.

Practice days and times will be determined by the coach for the corresponding team and when the track is available for use. We will hold practices at LaSalle high school

Follow the link below TODAY to register!

<https://track-field-2021.cheddarup.com>

**COVID Guidelines will be followed. Additional information for COVID guidelines will be available as we get closer to the season/meets.**

**DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>!!!**

Late registrations WILL NOT be accepted due to CYO registration deadlines.

Questions please contact Amanda Hood at [olgtrackandfield@gmail.com](mailto:olgtrackandfield@gmail.com)

