



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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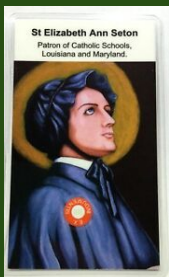
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Feb. 11-12 No School
Feb. 12 Re-enrollment Ends
Feb. 15 President's Day No School



Elizabeth Ann Seton

Weekly Bulletin

February 5, 2021

School Closure Information

Dear Parents,

I want to share with you that the Ohio Department of Health informed us Our Lady of Grace faculty and staff members will receive the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine next **Thursday, February 11**.

Since each vaccination is estimated to take 45 minutes (including a 30-minute monitoring period for potential reactions), the process could likely cause a disruption to our school day. We also know that, while side effects from the vaccine are generally mild, some staff members could experience them. With an overwhelming majority of the staff being vaccinated, I do not feel confident we could line up adequate substitute staff if we experienced high staff absenteeism. In response to these factors, **Our Lady of Grace will not have school on Thursday, February 11 and Friday, February 12.**

While we have not been notified if we will receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, we know that the first dose will be administered next week, and the second dose will be given three or four weeks later. I will share those dates as soon as we know when this will take place.

We are pleased that Ohio has put a priority on school personnel receiving the vaccine. I will continue to update you as we firm up final details. Thanks again for your patience and support as we take this important next step.

Grace and Blessings,
Mrs. Kirk

Re-enrollment ends 2/12. Open enrollment for new families begins 2/15.

Religious Education

The Presentation of the Lord

This week's Tuesday Mass celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. When Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus up to the Temple in Jerusalem as was prescribed in the Jewish Law, Joseph offered two pigeons in the Temple as sacrifice for the purification of Mary after her childbirth and for the presentation and redemption ceremonies performed for baby Jesus. During the ceremony, the old priest named Simeon exclaimed that he could now die in peace for he had seen the child who would be the salvation of many – he foresaw that Jesus would give his life for all of us.

And on these early days of February, I am reminded of a story of 4 men who gave their lives for the saving of many. This true story tells us that just after midnight on Feb. 3, 1943, an act of extraordinary unselfishness by a group of men became a legend of martyrdom and sacrifice. When the U.S. Army ship *Dorchester* was torpedoed by a Nazi submarine just south of Greenland that night, its passengers and crew had 25 minutes to get off the boat before it went down. As 902 soldiers went for the life jackets, it quickly was discovered there weren't near enough. Of the 13 lifeboats, only two functioned. In the ship's final minutes, Methodist senior chaplain George Lansing Fox, Rabbi Alexander Goode, Dutch Reformed minister Clark V. Poling and John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest, were helping passengers leave the vessel safely. Then four men appeared all of them without life jackets. The chaplains quickly and without hesitation gave up their own life vests to save the others and went down with the ship, perishing in the freezing water. Survivors saw them, locked arm in arm, praying and singing the Navy hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" just before the ship dove beneath the waves. It was a night as dramatic as the sinking of the Titanic but without a blockbuster movie to record the drama.

"The Four Immortal Chaplains," as they are now known, have been honored many times, including on a 3-cent stamp issued in 1948 in their honor by the U.S. Postal Service. Hence the first Sunday in February is known as "Four Chaplains Sunday" in some Christian denominations. They presented and offered themselves completely for the wellbeing of others as Jesus was presented to God his Heavenly Father in the Temple of Jerusalem for the salvation of the world.



Every Holy Mass in which we participate is our own spiritual presentation. Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, we present ourselves and families on the altar before God our Father through our Savior Jesus Christ at every Mass. So, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness both that we are dedicated people consecrated to God and that we are obliged to lead good and holy lives.

We need the assistance of the Holy Spirit to recognize the presence of Jesus in ourselves and in others. Throughout the ages, millions of good people like Simeon the priest in the Temple, live their lives in piety and in the service of God, no matter how insignificant their lives seem in other people's eyes. They become instruments the Holy Spirit uses to make Christ known to others. In God's plan of redemption, God makes use of simple souls to do so much good for all the world. In other words, the Holy Spirit employs ordinary men and women with simple faith to do extraordinary things – to become God's instruments to bear witness to Christ, his ideals and teachings, just as He used Simeon so long ago.

The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to us when we are receptive and eager to receive Him. Let us be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us to recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with us and in others. And who knows? You may find yourself doing *extraordinary things!* Blessings!

Mark Friedman, CRE



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**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 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.



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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 . 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 19th!!!

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

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