

Important Dates:

1/11New Student Registration begins
1/15No School, Martin Luther King Day
1/24Current Student Re-Enrollment
1/28-2/2....Catholic Schools Week
1/29No School, Teacher In-Service
2/1Open House (current families)
2/12No School, Walk incentive day
2/16-19.....No School, winter break
2/2811:30 dismissal, School of Faith

K-8 Absent/Tardy ..513-347-2231
Preschool Absent ...513-347-4450
Early Dismissal.....note to teacher
Aftercare513-371-0371

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

Happy New Year! I have heard so many people making New Year's Resolutions. But, have you tried to make a weekly resolution or a monthly resolution? Sometimes it helps to make smaller goals. Have you made your religious goals? Could you add in a rosary or praying at dinner as a family? What about doing some charity work this year? Do you need to get back to attending Sunday mass on a regular basis? Again, start with a smaller shorter-term goal and then continue to add to it! There are many Podcasts that could fill your time in the car. What about turning off the radio and spending some time in silence talking to God. "For the world is

loud and sometimes God whispers!"

The parish is going to be publishing a new directory. This is the nudge you needed to get that family picture taken! Please see the attachment about scheduling pictures in February.

Next Monday, January 15th is an off day. It is Martin Luther King Day.

February 12th is the Walk Incentive Off Day. This is an official off day from school.

As a reminder, students go outdoors for recess unless it is below 25 degrees. We highly recommend the girls wear leggings underneath their skirts during these cold winter months or wear the uniform pants. Please label all hats and gloves.

High school acceptance letters are emailed or sent out next Wed. Jan. 17th. 8th grade parents, please look for due dates/registration/fees due as this is often a pretty quick turn around.

This week and next week we are working on our winter assessments. Aimsweb is for Grades K and 1 and MAP is for Grades 2-8. Please make sure your kids are getting enough rest and eating breakfast.

We will be hosting our current family Open House on Thursday, Feb. 1st. This is a time for current families to visit classrooms. The time will be 4:15-6:00 p.m. We hope you can all join us!

Blessings,

Shelly M. Aug

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

We have begun winter MAP testing for students in grades 2-8. We give students the MAP Growth assessments to help teachers shape instruction for your child and measure performance over the course of the school year and across school years in math and reading. Most students have completed the reading assessment and will take the math assessment tomorrow, January 11th. You can help your child by arriving on time, ensuring they get plenty of rest, a good breakfast and encouraging them to do their best. Students in grades K-1 will complete the reading Aimsweb assessment Tuesday, January 16th to help monitor reading progress and to drive reading instruction in the classroom.

Be sure to check the attached flyer for events and activities students will participate in during Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month - there are many out of uniform days. During Catholic Schools week, students will have the opportunity to participate in various activities and events that celebrate the

excellence and impact of Catholic schools, including a current family open house on February 1st from 4:15 p.m.-6:00 p.m. where parents can visit their child's classroom and see what they have been up to this year.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION:

Registration for **NEW** students for the 2024-2025 school year entering P3, P4, PK, Kindergarten, or First Grade will be open from January 11th through January 26th. <https://olvisitation.org/school/Join-Our-Family/Registration> For grades 2-8, please call the office. Please note: this is for NEW students only.

Re-enrollment for current students will be January 24th - February 2nd. You will receive an email for each of your students for re-enrollment, and those emails will be sent to the Primary Contact only.

FACTS Accounts, Ed Choice Awards & Refund Checks

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work through the Ed Choice process. As the process continues to move along, many of you have received your award notifications and sent the letters into the School Office as requested. Thank you!

Once we receive these letters from you, the scholarships are then accepted by us in the portal and steps taken to update your FACTS account and process refund checks; if applicable. This process can take up to 4 weeks. Know that we are working diligently to update this information as soon as possible. With over 1,000 FACTS agreements covering approximately 1,200+ students this process takes time. We will make adjustments and issue refunds as quickly as we are able.

If your FACTS account has been adjusted, you will see a payment listed as “on hold” due June 28, 2024. This amount will not be collected from you. This is the amount that we are due to collect from Ed Choice on behalf of your students. This is our way of tracking Ed Choice payments we receive on your behalf.

As always if you have questions, please email me at Lhouse@divinemercyfam.org Thank you!

REDIKER

All Rediker issues, primary email changes or primary household phone number changes should be emailed to rediker@olvisitation.org.

8th GRADE PARENTS

The Aubrey Rose Hollenkamp Foundation gives out \$500 scholarships to 8th grade students. Students are asked to write an essay and submit their application online. The deadline is January 26th to apply. Please see this link to apply for this scholarship. You will have to scroll to the bottom of the screen to get to the scholarship application form. <https://aubreyrose.org/scholarships/>

ART DEPARTMENT

Creative works from Ohio art students in grades K - 8 will be on display at The King Arts Complex in Columbus, Ohio, this year. This multimedia exhibit, sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association, highlights Youth Art Month which is a national celebration sponsored by The Council for Art Education. The annual celebration, which typically takes place in March, emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality art programs in Ohio schools. Congratulations to Charlotte U., grade 1, Blake W., grade 6, Gavin B., grade 4 and Caroline H., grade 6 whose artworks will be displayed in this exhibit! Way to go Visi artists!!!

VISI VISION

Don't miss getting your copy of Visi's Vision! Read all about our school from our students' perspective! We cover student life, parish & community, sports, and events! You may still purchase a copy of the student newspaper by sending in \$1 in an envelope marked "Newspaper". Be sure to include your student's name and homeroom teacher so it's delivered to their door! Thank you for supporting our newspaper!

GIRL SCOUT DANCE

The Father Daughter dance will be held on Friday February 23rd. Please see attached for details.

CHURCH CHATTER

Pictorial Directory: The Devine Mercy Family of Parishes is creating a Family pictorial directory. Please see attached to book your appointment.

The Catholic Parent: *The Catholic Parent* is a video series created by Catholic parents. Please see attached for more information.

Ohio Tax Credit: Catholic school supporters may be eligible for an Ohio tax credit. Please see attached for more information.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

Spiritwear: You can shop online at visispiritwear.weebly.com. Any questions, please contact Nikki Niemann at 513-379-8478.

VISITATION ATHELTIC CLUB (VAC) – www.vacsports.com

Important Dates:

- 1/11 – VAC Meeting at 7:30pm in the Canteen
- 1/21 – Boys volleyball sign-ups close

VAC Meeting Tomorrow – Jan. 11 @ 7:30 pm: Please join us tomorrow night at 7:30pm in the Canteen (room on the left as you enter the main doors to the Auditorium). The agenda will include Commissioner updates, Spring sports prep and status on our new service, fundraising and merchandise committees. Hope to see you there!

Open Sign-ups (visit vacsports.com and login to sign-up)

- * BOYS VOLLEYBALL (Grades 3-8) – closes Jan. 21
- * BASEBALL (4U/5U (t-ball), 6U/7U (coach pitch), 14U & 15U – closes Feb. 25
- * TRACK & FIELD (Grades K-8) – closes March 1
- * SOFTBALL (Grades Pre-K-8) – closes April 16

Viking Gear: *\$15 WARM-UP SHIRTS – Round #2 is open for youth and adult orders until Wednesday, Jan. 17. If you don’t want a name on the back, enter “no name” in the Name field. Order pickup at school in early February.

<https://ourladyofthevisitationschoolfundraiserspring2024.itemorder.com/shop/product/37463331/>

*BEANIES – Look for our new Vikings beanie cap for sale at the concession stand for \$25 during all weekend games.

Baseball Camps: Swing Time Baseball on Harrison Avenue is offering various camps for ages 5 to 13 on Monday, Feb. 19. Please see the flyer below or visit <https://swingtimebaseball.com/camps/>

Umpire Training: The CWBC league is looking for baseball umpires for the ’24 baseball season. Umpires must be at least a freshman in high school and make \$50 per game, a great summer job! See flyer below for details and training dates.

For VAC updates, be sure to follow VAC on Facebook (Our Lady of Visitation Athletic Club) and Twitter/X (VACSports).

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
1/15	M	No School			
1/16	T	Elizabeth McPherson Jenny Waldeck	Renea Fishburn Erin Pace	Shannon Clifton Andrea Griffith	Bob Johnson Sally Johnson
1/17	W	Amy Burns Erin Pace	Lee Cassiere	Angela Graman	Brandon Rainier Clint Lehman
1/18	Th	Kirsten Law Leighann Boehmer	Amy Beitz	Tom Lanter Jackie Lanter	Keith Schutte Sue Stautberg
1/19	F	Katie Rohrmeier Christie Klosterman	Kirsten Law	Sarah Waldeck Jenny Waldeck	Emily Shears Kursten Kaiser Chrissy Pierson

LUNCH MENU FOR JANUARY 15-19

Please note, due to manufacturer shortages, menu may change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	-Breaded Cheese Ravioli -Marinara Dipping Sauce -Garlic Breadstick -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chicken Tenders -Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Soft Taco -Taco Meat -Shredded Cheese -Shredded Lettuce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
	-Breaded Cheese Ravioli	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-Chicken Tenders	-Soft Taco

Cash can be used for milk, snacks and ice cream. Assorted bagged snacks daily for \$.75.
Ice cream for \$1.50. Milk and water for \$.50, may be purchased daily with cash or online.

To purchase the regular lunch or hot a la carte items, you must set up an account and order through <https://olvlunch.ahotlunch.com/login>. Lunches must be ordered by 8:00 a.m. daily. Regular lunch is \$4.00. Hot a la carte is \$2.00.
If your student has an appointment and will not be here for lunch, please do not order lunch for that day. If your student is sick or leaves early due to emergency or sickness, your account will be credited for that day's missed lunch. Please note, you can always go into your account and cancel any lunch up until 8:00am daily of the day ordered.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- If your child will be absent from school or tardy, a phone call is required by 8:30 a.m. The direct phone numbers to report a student absent or tardy are:
K-8: 513-347-2231
Preschool: 513-347-4450
- If your child needs to leave school early, a note written by a parent must be given to the student’s homeroom teacher at the start of that same day.
- For school closings and delays due to inclement weather, Our Lady of the Visitation will follow Three Rivers Local School District.

January 29 - February 2

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29 MONDAY	January 30 TUESDAY	January 31 WEDNESDAY	February 1 THURSDAY	February 2 FRIDAY
<p><u>No School!</u></p> <p>Sleep late and do something fun today!</p> <p>NO SCHOOL!</p> <p><u>Soup-er Bowl!</u> Bring in canned goods this week and next for a chance to predict who will win the Super Bowl! (all cans will be donated to a local pantry)</p>	<p><u>Student Appreciation Day!</u></p> <p>CSW Mass at The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains</p> <p>All day Raffles.</p> <p>PTO will visit the classrooms with a special snack cart!</p> <p><u>Catholic School Pride!</u></p> <p>Wear your favorite Catholic college, high school or Visi spirit wear.</p>	<p><u>Teacher Appreciation Day!</u></p> <p>All School Mass</p> <p>Teachers enjoy an appreciation lunch from our wonderful PTO!</p> <p>Teacher Raffles!</p> <p><u>Crazy Hat Day!</u></p> <p>Wear your favorite hat today with your uniform.</p>	<p><u>Parent Appreciation Day!</u></p> <p>We appreciate you sending your children to Visitation and we want to THANK YOU! Look for a treat in your child's folder.</p> <p><u>Rock, Paper, Scissors!</u></p> <p>Finalists from each grade level will compete in the Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament!</p> <p><u>Hawaiian Day</u></p> <p>Trade your winter coat for your favorite tropical or bright colored clothing. Cold weather uniform rules apply.</p> <p><u>Open House</u></p> <p>4:15-6:00 PM All current families welcome!</p>	<p><u>Game Day!</u></p> <p>8th grade bowling trip & volleyball games against students & teachers!</p> <p>Game Day K-7</p> <p><u>Spirit Day!</u></p> <p>Wear your blue and orange to show your love for Visitation. 8th grade students will wear green!</p>



SUPPORT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Receive an Ohio Tax Credit!

Catholic School Supporters May Be Eligible for an Ohio Tax Credit!

The State of Ohio has passed a bill that allows a tax credit for qualified donations to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). *See section 574773 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) has been certified by Ohio as a scholarship-granting organization (SGO). In keeping with the mission of CEF and the regulations of an SGO, the CEF-SGO will provide scholarships (based on financial need) to students in grades K-12 in the Catholic schools of our Archdiocese.

Your donation can be designated to benefit a specific school(s). Gifts that are not designated to a particular school will be available to families with the greatest need across our Archdiocese.

Consult with your tax advisor to determine: (1) your eligibility for the state tax credit, (2) its value to you, and (3) the details of your gift. **The Ohio budget passed in July added a provision to allow for nonrefundable Ohio tax credits for SGO donations for the 2023 tax year to be made until April 15, 2024. This means that a donor could give to the SGO up to April 15 and still have the tax credit applied to the 2023 tax year. Those tax credits remain at \$750 per individual/\$1,500 for married filing jointly.**

PLEASE NOTE: According to a representative from the Ohio Department of Taxation, if you file a married joint return, each taxpayer would need to make their own \$750 contribution to claim the maximum of \$1,500. Separate acknowledgment letters will be provided for documentation of your gifts.

To make your gift Online: CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO

To donate by Mail: Use the form below

GIFT INFORMATION

Your check can be made payable to CEF-SGO and mailed to:
Catholic Ed. Foundation-SGO
100 East Eighth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

QUESTIONS?

The Stewardship Department for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is providing donation processing services for the Catholic Education Foundation. If you have questions about your donation, please contact them at
Stewardship@CatholicAOC.org
or (513) 263.3345.

DONOR

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CONTRIBUTION

Please allocate my gift:

\$_____ To the Greatest Need

\$_____ To the school(s) of my choice. The school's name and city are:

☐ Please do not share my name with the school(s) that I selected.

\$_____ Total Gift

The Catholic Parent



Welcome to The Catholic Parent, a video series created for Catholic parents by Catholic parents!

Created through a collaboration between the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, each of the six short episodes in this stunning video series features real Catholic parents sharing their struggles and victories. Through *The Catholic Parent*, Catholic families will find solidarity and encouragement as they embrace their vital role as formators of their children.

The Catholic Parent will empower parents to:

- Faithfully take their families to Sunday Mass, even in difficult seasons
- Commit to praying as a family, even when life is hectic
- Receive Jesus' forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, even when it's hard to face our sin
- Live sacrificially for each other out of love, even when it's uncomfortable
- Give generously to those in need, even when it requires a lot of trust
- Raise the next generation of saints, even today



The Catholic Parent is available on FORMED beginning January 15.
Sign up for free. Go to **formed.org/signup** and search Divine Mercy Family of Parishes



Is it time to update your family photo?

**Schedule your appointment for
our Pictorial Directory and you'll
get a free 8 x 10 photo!**

The Divine Mercy Family of Parishes is
creating a Family pictorial directory.
What a great tool for parishioners to get
to know one another!

We will have photo sessions at all
locations from mid-February until after
Easter. *You may sign-up to have your
photo taken at any parish**

Book Now

Appointments are
available now for
February 15-17
February 20-24
at Visitation

**Schedule an appointment online at
United Church Directories**

www.UCDIR.com
Enter church code: oh2727a
Password: photos

*These dates will be available to
schedule online soon:
Feb 27-March 2 at St Joseph
March 12 -16 at St Jude
March 19-23 at St Jude
April 9-13 at St Joseph

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS

Go to www.ucdir.com

- Click on the box on the right entitled
"Photography Appointment Scheduling Login"
- Enter the Church code: oh2727a
Password: photos
- Click Enter button
- Choose desired photography date
- Click on the *Reserve Time* button beside the desired time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields
*You may have photo taken at any location. Indicate which church the
photo should be listed under using this code letter after your Family
name: A= Visitation, B= St Joseph, C= St Jude ie. Wells B*
- Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of
the screen to reserve the photography appointment time

Online scheduling is closed on Sat/Sun when there are in-person sign-ups events

80'S DANCE PARTY

FATHER DAUGHTER GIRL SCOUT DANCE

FRIDAY - 2/23/24

6:30 - 9:00PM

-VISI AUDITORIUM-

EARLY BIRD TICKETS - PURCHASE BY 1/26: \$15

GENERAL TICKETS - PURCHASE BY 2/16: \$20

NIGHT OF (AT DOOR) TICKETS - PURCHASE ON 2/23: \$25

PRICING IS FOR A FATHER/DAUGHTER COUPLE

\$5 EXTRA PER ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

VENMO - @MARIA-KERSTING

PUT NAME OF GIRL(S) AND ADULT ATTENDING IN MEMO

OR CHECK - MAKE PAYABLE TO TROOP 4397

SEND ENVELOPE INTO SCHOOL WITH NAME OF GIRL(S)
AND ADULT ATTENDING. ADDRESS TO MARIA KERSTING,
VIA CARMEN KERSTING/MS. FISCHER

RAFFLE AND SPLIT THE POT

TICKETS \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED!!





MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2024

A great day to get the kids out of the house and get them ready for baseball season!

Swingtime Baseball Academy

6306 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45247

Camp will be limited to 40 players/campers per age group to maximize individual instruction.

Camp Features: Hitting Instruction, Throwing Fundamentals, Base Running, Catching Techniques, Pitching Mechanics, Fielding Fundamentals, Speed & Agility Drills

Camp Director: Shea Wardwell - Owner of Swingtime Baseball Academy, former Red Sox Player and Minor league player/coach.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT

SWINGTIMEBASEBALL.COM/CAMPS

AGES 5-7yrs.

9am-10:30am

AGES 8-9yrs.

11am-12:30pm

AGES 10-13yrs.

1pm-2:30pm

\$40 per player. Only 40 players per age group.

Spots will fill fast so make sure to register soon!

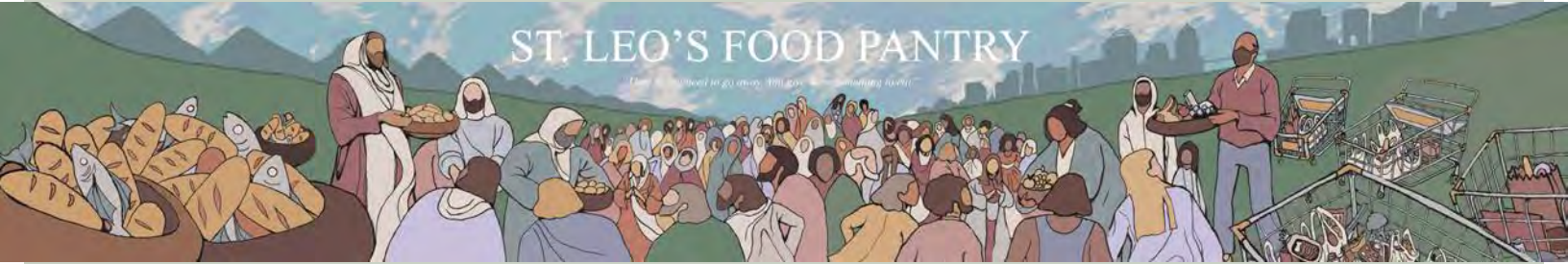
YOUTH & ADULT JOB OPPORTUNITY



The Cincinnati Western Baseball Conference (CWBC) is seeking umpires for the 2024 baseball season. The CWBC season runs from March 23, 2024 through the end of June. Umpire training classes are scheduled to be held on the Saturday mornings of February 24, March 2 and March 9 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Our Lady of Victory cafeteria. On-field sessions are scheduled for March 15-17 at Our Lady of Visitation fields.

- Umpires must be at least a freshman in high school and have reliable transportation to and from games.
- No prior experience as an umpire is required, but a working knowledge of baseball is strongly recommended.
- New umpires are required to attend each of the three classroom sessions and at least one of the on-field sessions.
- Returning umpires are encouraged to attend the classroom sessions and the on-field sessions.
- The cost for the training is \$20 for new umpires. New umpires will be responsible for purchasing their umpire apparel and gear.
- Umpire fees will start at \$50 per game for the 2024 season.

If interested, please send an email with your contact information to Rob Reid, CWBC Umpire Coordinator, at rreid@catholicaoc.org.



ST. LEO'S FOOD PANTRY

P A N T R Y P R E S S

1860 Carrll Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45225

JANUARY 2024

Greatest Needs:

Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Rice A Roni, 16oz Ranch Dressing, 16 oz Vegetable Oil, 1 lb Sugar, 16 oz BBQ Sauce, Flour, Raisins, Cereal, Saltines, Graham Crackers, 1 lb Rice, Ramen Noodles, 64 oz Juice, Apple Sauce, Salt & Pepper Shakers, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Shampoo, and Razors.

Canned Goods: Mixed Vegetables, Carrots, Spinach, Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Pears, Mixed Fruit, Salmon, Tuna, Chicken 12.5 oz, Sloppy Joe, & Manwich

THANK
YOU
SO MUCH

Monthly Overhead Sponsor
Sunrise Treatment Center

THANK
YOU



In December, we served:

1206	Individuals
324	Households
483	Children
101	Senior Citizens

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR FRIDAY

1 to 3:30 PM



[View our Amazon Gift List](#)

To volunteer, donate, and sponsor our food pantry, contact Nicole at
nicolec@saint-leo.org or 513-921-1044