

Newsletter #21 February 7, 2024

Important Dates:

2/12......No School, Walk Incentive Day 2/13......Out of Uniform, Valentine's Day 2/16-19....No School, winter break 2/28.......11:30 dismissal, School of Faith 3/4......No School, Teacher Inservice 3/8-15.....Wellness Week

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

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

We are just one week away from the holiest season of the liturgical year. Ash Wednesday is next week. It's a period of preparation prior to the Lord's Resurrection. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer,; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called to an inner conversion. Ash Wednesday is a day of both fasting and abstinence. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence means avoiding all meat.

During Lent our students will be praying the Stations of the Cross or the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays.

EdChoice Drop-off Night - The second Ed Choice Drop off night will be Monday, Feb. 12th from 5-7pm in the school library. Please bring a copy of your Duke Energy Bill as a form of proof of residence. This is for the 2024-2025 school year.

8th Grade Parents -Please send in a copy of any high school scholarships your child received to high school. The 8th grade special guest/student breakfast is Thursday, May 23rd this year. Their end of year ceremony (graduation) will be Tuesday, May 28th.

Good luck to all of our 8th grade participants who are competing in the West side Speech Contest on Thursday.

7th Grade Parents - Confirmation is Tuesday, Feb. 27th.

7th Grade Parents-The ESAP Butch and Karen Humbert Scholarship is an award presented to 7th grade students who embody the Christian spirit of giving back and helping others. 7th graders can complete an application online at ESAP.org. They are due March 1st. Recipients are announced at the end of May.

Students are off next Monday, Feb. 12th. This is their incentive off day from the Walk a Thon and the day after the Super Bowl. In addition, students are off on Friday, Feb. 16th and Monday, Feb. 19th (President's Day).

Please continue to send in canned goods and nonperishable items for our "Souper" Bowl! The Chiefs box is looking pretty lean compared to the 49'ers box.

Blessings,





Students in kindergarten are learning about the human body system and how to keep their bodies healthy. The students enjoyed learning the anatomy of their organs and using hands-on resources to practice what they have learned.

Try the free app Scratchir for students to practice basic programming and coding skills using interactive games and stories.



FACTS ACCOUNTS

Please be sure that your FACTS tuition account has current address, telephone number and email information for all authorized parties on your account. This information can be updated, by you, by logging into your FACTS account. It is important that this information be kept current. Thank you! Questions, contact Leslee - <u>Lhouse@divinemercyfam.org</u>

REDIKER

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

CAFETERIA REMINDER

With many students being absent and not coming into school due to sickness, the cafeteria asks for your help in canceling your ordered lunch if you know your child will not be coming in the day a lunch has been ordered for them. You may cancel your ordered lunch up until 8:00 am daily. Go to the ordered lunch and click on the invoice # and hit cancel. This helps from creating waste as well as keeping our food cost in line.

Please make sure you are not ordering a hot lunch on the days of scheduled dentist, and or other appointments. Again, you may cancel up until 8:00am daily. Thank you for your help.

8th GRADE PARENTS

<u>Knights of Columbus</u>: St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Knights of Columbus will be awarding \$1,500.00 scholarships to three 8th grade students who will be attending a Catholic High School. Essays are due by February 15th.

EGO



Since we have Mass on Valentine's Day, EGO is sponsoring a **free out of uniform day next Tuesday, February 13th** to celebrate. Students may wear Valentines colors: red, pink, or white, or as always, Visi spirit wear is also acceptable. We hope you join in the fun. All normal winter out of uniform rules apply.

ART WORKSHOP

Please see the attached flyer for information about our Clay Bird Bath Workshop for Grades K-8.

CODING CLUB

Please see attached for information about Mrs. Ruberg's March Madness Coding Club for Grades 3-5. It will be held on <u>Wednesdays</u> in March.

LEGO CLUB

Please see the attached flyer for the next session of Mrs. Brady's Lego club for Kindergarten and 1st grade. It begins on February 21st until March 20th.

STRIKING VIKINGS

Please see the attached flyer about Visitation's Striking Vikings music ensemble for students in Grades 3 through 6, beginning February 9th.

GIRL SCOUT DANCE

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

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks for the 2023-2024 School Year are on sale now! Yearbooks are \$20 each and are available for purchase online at www.strawbridge.net

- 1. Click Order Pictures and Yearbooks, and enter code YB29199
- 2. Enter your name and email, and click Access Yearbook.
- 3. Enter your student's information, then click Submit Details.
- 4. Select your product and quantity. Click View Cart to proceed to checkout.

If you have any questions, please email ebecker@olvisitation.org

RICE BOWLS

On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, we are called to repentance and deeper communion with God and neighbor through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lenten almsgiving enables us to grow in generosity, actively participate in the body of Christ, and respond to God's call to love and care for others.

Your rice bowl donations help families in countries like Uganda, El Salvador, and Indonesia to access nutritious food, build sustainable livelihoods, and adapt and thrive in the face of climate change. Rice bowl cartons will be coming home next week, take your carton and fill it! Return it to school by March 22nd and help someone in need.

RIGHT TO LIFE POSTER CONTEST

Please see the attached flyers for information on this year's Right to Life poster contest. The contest is open to all students in grades K-8. There will be cash prizes across three age groups.

CHURCH CHATTER

<u>Pictorial Directory</u>: The Devine Mercy Family of Parishes is creating a Family pictorial directory. Please see attached to book your appointment. Your student could win an ice cream treat and an out of uniform pass. Please see attached.

<u>Family Feast</u>: Please see the attached flyer about our Family Feast on Feb. 11th. Please RSVP at http://bit.ly/3vxjcO2

<u>Lent Schedules</u>: Please see the attached schedules for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

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

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

Important Dates

· 2/7 – Boy's volleyball $5^{th}/6^{th}$ grade tryouts

Boys Volleyball – Tryouts Feb. 7

· Tryouts for 5th/6th grade are tonight from 8:30-9:30pm in the Auditorium; no tryouts for 7th/8th grade.

Baseball – Sign-ups Close Feb. 25

- · Baseball sign-ups for 4U/5U (t-ball), 6U/7U (coach pitch), 14U & 15U end on Sunday, Feb. 25
- · <u>Visit the Baseball homepage</u> for all important dates and details for the season. If you have any questions, please reach out to <u>visivikingbaseball@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Track & Field – Sign-ups Close March 1</u>

- · Sign-ups for Kindergarten through 8th grade track & field close on Friday, March 1.
- · Practices are 1-2 times a week starting in March; meets on Saturdays starting late March through May

Clean-Up Day – March 2

Volunteers needed to help prep our fields and facilities for the Spring season on Saturday, March 7. Please see the flyer below for full details. (Alternate weather date will be Saturday, March 9)

Next VAC Meeting – March 7

Save the date for our next open meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 7:30pm in the Canteen.

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

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Elder High School</u>: Thurs, 2/15 - *Elder Moms Club Sip & Shop Vendor Night* at the Elder Schaeper Center at 6:00pm. Please see website for details.

<u>LaSalle High School</u>: Registration for our summer camps is open! With a variety of camps for athletics, academics and arts, there is a camp for everyone! Register at https://www.lasallehs.net/forms/summer-camps/

We are also excited to announce our Future Lancer Lifting Program registration is now live! The Future Lancer Lifting Program is available to all registered students of the Class of 2028, and new this year, rising 8th graders - the Class of 2029! Register here for the Future Lancers Lifting Program https://www.lasallehs.net/quick-links/future-lancers-lifting/

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot		Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
2/12	M	NO SCHOOL			
2/13	Т	Danielle Hartoin Kate Raterman	Amanda Bruner Sarah Fischer	Theresa Marzhauser Jen Hehman	Sue Stautberg Bob Johnson
2/14	W	Angela Graman Theresa Marzhauser	I A my Burne	Emily Hughes Susie Ammer	Brandon Rainier Ali Thatcher Joyce Bowman
2/15	Th	Kirsten Law Leighann Boehmer	Amy Beitz	Tom Lanter Jackie Lanter	Keith Schutte Sue Stautberg
2/16	F	NO SCHOOL			

LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY 12-16

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
NO SCHOOL	-French Toast Sticks (4) -Sausage Patty (2) -syrup -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa's Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese Pizza Only -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk Ash Wednesday	-Chicken Patty -Seasoned Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	NO SCHOOL	
A La Carte					
	-French Toast Sticks (4)	-La Rosa's Pizza	-Chicken Patty		

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.



After-School Clay Bird Bath Workshop

When: Choose from one of these four dates:

Monday, February 26th, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 29th, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5th, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Friday, March 8th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Where: Art Room (Main Building)

Description: Create a Spring inspired clay bird bath using clay and clay glazes. Designed for all students in grades K - 8.

Cost: \$10, includes all art supplies and snack/drink. (Cash or make checks payable to OLV.)

Register: Return the form and fee below to your Art teacher as soon as possible. The workshop is limited to 25 students and fills up fast.

Parent Signature: ______Parent Phone #: ______

Check which workshop you are interested in attending. Include the \$10 fee when submitting your form.

You will receive a note to confirm the date before the workshop.

(Number in order of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choices. Leave blank if date is not an option.)

I am interested in attending the Spring Clay Flowerpot Workshop on Monday, February 26th. I have included the \$10 fee.

I am interested in attending the Spring Clay Flowerpot Workshop on Thursday, February 29th. I have included the \$10 fee.

I am interested in attending the Spring Clay Flowerpot Workshop on Tuesday, March 5th. I have included the \$10 fee.

I am interested in attending the Spring Clay Flowerpot Workshop on Friday, Friday, March 8th. I have included the \$10 fee.

Student Name:

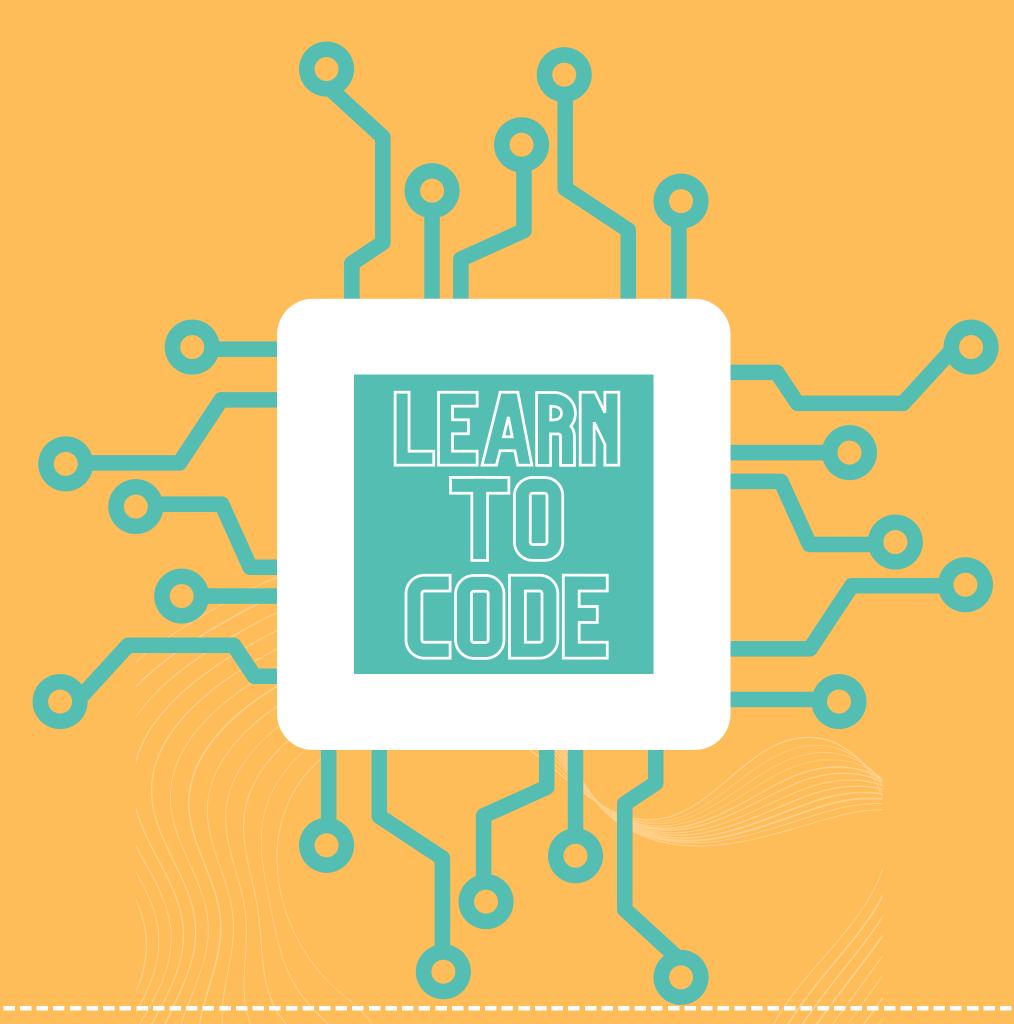
Grade:

Homeroom Teacher:

MARCH MADNESS CODING CLUB 3 R D - 5 T H G R A D E

WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH
3-4:15
MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27

COST: \$40 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION



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Mrs.	Rube	ra's	March Mad	lness Co	din	Camp

Child's name and grade	
Parent email and phone	



each week!

Kindergarten and 1st graders are invited to join LEGO Club!

When: Wednesday's in the library after school from carpool 2 until 4:00 (pick up in the large lot outside the library doors)

Dates: February 21st, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th

Cost: \$30.00 per child

If your child is interested, please return the form to Mrs. Brady. Checks can be made payable to Our Lady of the Visitation.



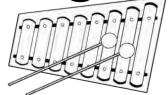
K/1st Grade LEGO Club Sign Up

Child's Name	Grade
Homeroom Teacher	
Parent Name	
Parent Email	
Parent Phone Number:	
New LEGO challenges	



The Striking Vikings

Who? Students in grades 3-6
When? Fridays 3:15-4:00 beginning February 9
Where? Mrs. Neeley's music room



This group will be a combination choral and instrumental group, using the xylophones, glockenspiels, tubanos, woodblocks, and all the other percussion instruments students know from Mrs. Neeley's class. Students will not need to provide any of their own materials (for students in 4th-6th grade, if you still have a recorder hanging around the house, there may be opportunities to bring it!). There will also be a mix of a more "traditional" choir rehearsal with an emphasis on learning modern or popular repertoire.

The Striking Vikings will perform at the Visitation spring concert on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

"That sounds great! How do I sign up?" Return the bottom portion of this paper along with the participation fee (make checks out to Our Lady of the Visitation) to your homeroom teacher or school office.

Participation for 1 child: \$50 For siblings: 2 children: \$80 3 children: \$100

Any additional information will be sent home the week prior to rehearsals beginning!

Questions? Please contact Lauren Neeley at LNeeley@OLVisitation.org

I have enclosed the participation fee and will be at rehearsal on Friday afternoons beginning February 9.

Name:		 	
Grade:	Homeroom:	 	
Daront Email:			



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: \$

PRICING IS FOR A FATHER/DAUGHTER COUPLE \$5 EXTRA PER ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

VENMO - @MARIA-KERSTING

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

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, FISCHESSER

RAFFLE AND SPLIT THE POT
TICKETS STEACH OR G FOR \$5:
PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED!!

Order Your **/EARBOOK** Online

Ordene Su Anuario Online

To order online, go to www.strawbridge.net and follow these four easy steps.

Click Order Pictures and Yearbooks. Enter vour Online Code.

Vaya a www. strawbridge.net. Precione Order Pictures and Yearbooks. Ingrese su Online Code.

Enter your name and email, then click Access Yearbook.

Ingrese su nombre y email, y precione Access Yearbook.

Enter your student's information, then click Submit Details.

Ingrese la información de su estudiante y precione Submit Details.

Select your product and quantity. Click View Cart to proceed to checkout.

Escoja su producto y precione View Cart.









Our Lady of the Visitation School 2023-2024 YEARBOOK

ANUARIO DE 2023-2024

SOFTCOVER \$20.00 **until** 5/31/2024

HARDCOVER \$25.00 until 5/31/2024

PERSONALIZATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.STRAWBRIDGE.NET **ONLINE CODE: YB29199**



Office Use Only: 115407

All yearbook orders are shipped in bulk and will be distributed by your school.





Announcing...

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Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's 2024 PRO-LIFE POSTER CONTEST

The Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati Pro-Life Poster Contest is open to all **students in kindergarten through 8th grade** from private, public, home schools or home.

There are three age categories: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th. Cash prizes and prize ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded in each age group. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Each poster will be evaluated on its originality, use of medium, interpretation of theme and presentation of a pro-life message, and overall effect. Please no copyrighted material.

This year's theme, "Human from the Start" is a great teaching opportunity and demonstrates that human life is the most valuable creation. Even at the smallest stages, human beings are unique and unrepeatable. The students should be creative in pronouncing this truth through their art.

Entry forms and rules are enclosed and may be reproduced. Additional copies may be obtained from the Right to Life Office (513/728-7870) or downloaded from CincinnatiRighttoLife.org.

Deadline for entries is Friday, March 1, 2024.

Please note the size requirement of 9" x 12". If you have any questions, please call Karen Byrne at the Right to Life office, 513-728-7870 ext. 206. We look forward to seeing your creative and inspiring artwork!







Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati 2024 Poster Contest Rules

- One entry per student.
- © Student must currently be a Kindergarten through 8th grade student.
- © Finished art must be 9" x 12".
- ② Artwork must be original work by student. (no collaborative work).
 - Use of photocopies or copyrighted material is prohibited.
- © Use any type of medium, one or many.
- © Use the theme specified. This year's theme is "Human from the Start".

Why are YOU pro-life?

Show us your support for all innocent human life: born & unborn.

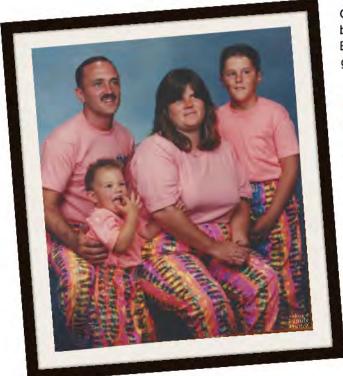
How do you value human life as a gift from God?

- © Artwork must be received by Friday, March 1, 2024 to be considered.
- © Artwork must have completed information form (below) permanently attached to the back.
- © Each poster will be evaluated on: originality, use of medium, interpretation of theme and presentation of a pro-life -message, and overall effect.
 - © There are three age categories:
 - Kindergarten thru 2nd grade
 - 3rd 5th grade
 - 6th 8th grade
 - Awards given in each age category will be:
 - first place \$100, 1st place ribbon
 - second place \$50, 2nd place ribbon
 - third place \$25, 3rd place ribbon
 - Honorable mentions will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
 - Every student who enters will receive a certificate of participation.
 - © Upon submission, all artwork becomes the property of Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. All decisions by the judges are final.

Cut off the form below, attach to your poster and send to:
Right to Life Poster Contest, 1802 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239
Please use appropriate information, either school <u>OR</u> home,
use home information ONLY if submitting from home or if you are home schooled.

Please print		
student's first and last name:		
student's grade:	student's age:	
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teacher or parent's name:	teacher or parent's email:	
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school name:		
school or home address:		
school or home phone number:		

Need an updated family photo?



Choose your best matching outfits and have your family photo be a part of The Divine Mercy Family of Parishes directory. Book your appointment for our Pictorial Directory and you'll get a free 8 x 10 photo and copy of the directory!

Book Now

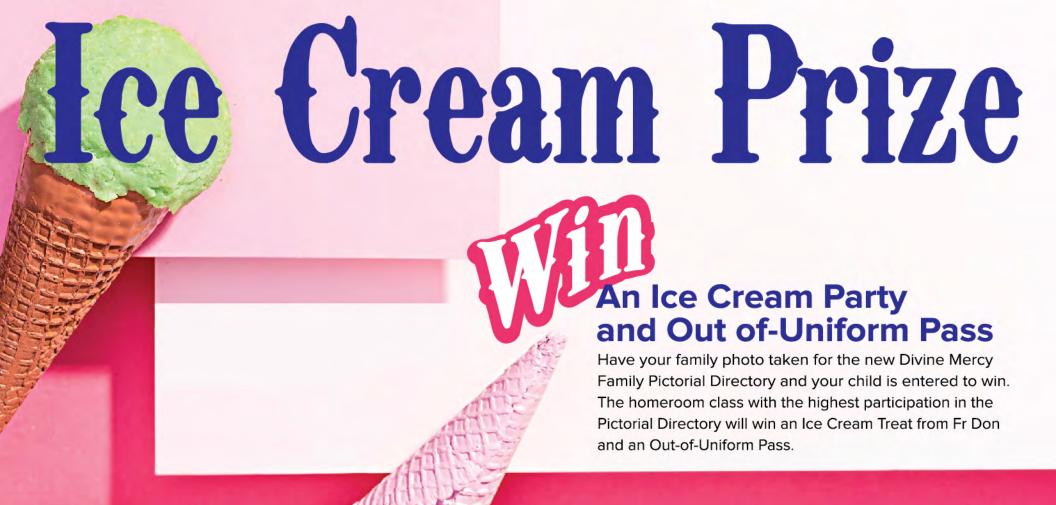
You may have your photo taken at any parish

Schedule your appointment after Masses January 27 & 28 for photography session at Visitation.

Or schedule online at www.UCDIR.com Enter church code:

oh2727a (appointment at Visitation) oh2727b (appointment at St Joseph) oh2727c (appointment at St Jude)

Password: photos



Book now!

Schedule online at www.UCDIR.com

- Enter the Church code:
 oh2727a (appointment at Visitation Welcome Center)
 oh2727b (appointment at St Joseph Eliz Seton Room)
 oh2727c (appointment at St Jude Undercroft)
- Enter password: photos

Included with your photo session is a free 8 x 10 photo and copy of the directory!

Join us for a Family Sunday Feast



Join us to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the last Sunday before Lent begins! The goal of this new event is to bring families together for a potluck brunch after a Sunday Mass to celebrate a liturgical feast with community, food, and activities for children of all ages. We'll provide coffee and juice and ask that each family bring a food item to share.

Date: Sunday, February 11

Time: Following the 10 am Mass Location: Visitation Church Hall





Questions? Michael Bissonnette mbissonnette@divinemercyfam.org



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14 Mass Schedule

8:00 am St Joseph

8:30 am St Jude School Mass*

8:30 am Visitation School Mass*

12 noon Visitation

7:00 pm St Jude

^{*} limited seating available at school Masses



February 14 Mass Schedule

8:00 am St Joseph

8:30 am St Jude and Visitation School Masses*

12 noon Visitation

7:00 pm St Jude

* limited seating available at school Masses

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays 8:30 am - St Joseph (clergy led)

Thursdays 7:00 pm - St Jude (stations according to Our Lady)

Fridays 9:25 am - St Jude (school)

Fridays 8:30 am - Visitation (school)

Fridays 7:00 pm - Visitation (lay led)

CONFESSIONS

February 15, March 7, and March 14

5:00-6:00 pm - Visitation

Also regular Saturday times: 2:00-2:30 pm - St Joseph. 2:30-3:30 pm - Visitation, 4:00-4:30 pm - St Jude



Thursday, February 29

7:00-8:30 pm - Visitation

Confessions 6:30-8:30 pm

Encounter God's mercy at an evening with confessions, talk from quest speaker Fr. Chris Geiger, Eucharistic

Adoration, and worship music.

Separate child programming will be available.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

March 5 - St Joseph

6:00 Soup Supper, 7:00 Taize Prayer Service

ST JOSEPH ALTAR

March 16 following 3:00 pm Mass - St Joseph

STUDY GROUPS

RESTORE

Tuesdays at 8:45 am at St Joseph

February 13 - March 26
SCHOOL OF PRAYER
Mondays at 7:00 pm at Visitation Spiritual
February 19 - March 25
Constitution Spiritual
February 19 - March 25
February 19 - March 25

OF THE EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at St Jude Ash Wednesdays ONLY at 6:00 pm

February 14- March 27



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 24

Regular Sunday Mass times

Tuesday, March 26

3:00 pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday, March 27

12 noon Stations at St Joseph

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph

Good Friday, March 29

12 noon Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross at St Jude

3:00 pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at St Jude

7:00 pm Stations at St Joseph (outdoors)

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass at Visitation

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:00 am Visitation

8:30 am St Jude

9:30 am St Joseph

10:00 am Visitation 10:30 am St Jude

11:00 am St Joseph



Clean Up Day Saturday, March 2

9:00am until it all gets done

Every little bit helps so come for the day or just a few hours. This is a great opportunity for service hours for teens. All ages welcome and lunch will be provided.



Rakes
Brooms
Ladders
Shovels
Spades
Tin Snips

Gas Blowers
Gas Weed Wackers
Tree/Shrub Cutters
Post Hole Digger
Wire-Cutters

Volunteers Needed

Any questions, contact visivikingbaseball@gmail.com