

Important Dates:

2/9 Early Dismissal, 11:30am
2/17 No School
2/20 No School, President's Day
2/27-3/8.... Iowa Testing
3/15 Teacher Inservice, No School

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

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

Today's mass tidbit- Before the Gospel we make the sign of the cross on our forehead, mouth, and chest to symbolize that we receive the Word of God in our mind, we confess it with our mouth, and we keep it in our heart.

Ash Wednesday is just two weeks away on Feb. 22nd. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and noon. If you choose to attend the 8:30 mass, we invite

you to sit in the two "wedges" in church. Don't forget to have family discussions about what you will sacrifice or do extra during Lent!

Thanks for all of the fun, support and positivity during last week's Catholic Schools Week. I think the entire staff slept really well after that! Congrats to our Rock, Paper, Scissors Champion 8th grader Jack R and our runner up was Hannah C in preschool!

Congrats to 6th grader Cameron H. our spelling bee champion! Cameron will take an online test to see if he makes it to the next round!

Our required standardized Iowa Testing will begin the last week of February and continue until early March. Please avoid early morning appointments on those days. This is for students in grades 2-7 only.

Please keep the evening of March 27th open. Stephen Smith from A Wired Family will be here to speak to parents about social media. Stephen has experience as an educator, a father, author and an IT Consultant. His talk will focus on the concerns with social media and make you aware of the latest challenges facing youth of today. He will discuss the digital bubble created by today's social media algorithms that feed the eyes and ears of this first digital generation.

Please take a minute to help our parish grow by completing the survey about our parish. The Disciple Maker Index Survey is below. This will provide feedback to our parish about what how you currently see the parish and where you would like it to grow.

8th grade parents - Please email me a copy of any high school scholarships that your child may have received. You can also send a paper copy to the office. We like to track the number of scholarships received and total amounts received. Individual amounts will not be posted. We would also like to know for how many years the scholarship lasts.

8th grade - The Knights of Columbus Essay Scholarship application is attached. It is due Monday, March 8th by 8:00 a.m. in the school office.

Tomorrow, we will have an early dismissal so our staff can attend School of Faith. Buses do run on early dismissal days. **Carpool #1 will be dismissed at 11:14 a.m. and Carpool #2 will be dismissed at 11:30.** There is no aftercare on early dismissal days.

Blessings,

Spely M. Aug

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Students in sixth grade were testing the effects of osmosis on a gummy bear. Student groups each had a cup of freshwater and saltwater. Students put one gummy bear in each cup. One gummy bear will grow in size, while the other decreases. Students were then asked to make connections between their observations of the gummy bears and the process of osmosis that takes place in our cells.



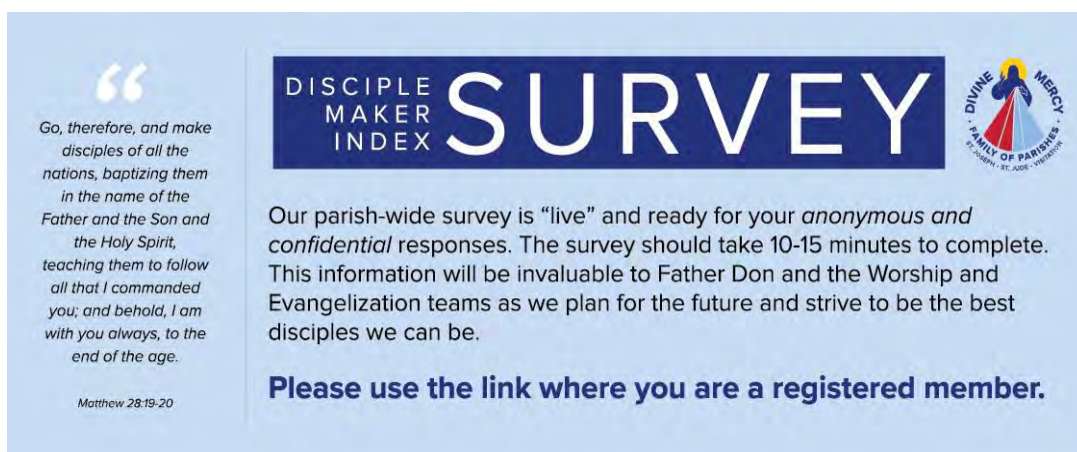
ABCya (www.abcya.com) is a free interactive site/app for students in grades PreK-6. Students can practice reading, math, and logic skills through various kid friendly games and videos. This is also featured as a free app for iPads and iPhones. This is a popular resource for younger students to improve their letter and number skills.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND – Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)

A secure giving portal has now been developed and is accessible to individuals who wish to make a donation to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO): www.catholicbestchoice.org/sgo. The donor can use a credit card or electronic check, via the portal, to make a donation. There is also an option to mail in a check, using the form at the end of the newsletter, to make a gift. Donors 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 (\$1,500 if married, filing jointly). The donor has the ability to restrict the gift to an individual school however, the donor is not able to specify a particular student(s). See additional information on the attached flyer.

CHURCH CHATTER

Sandwich & Snack Collection: Please see the attached flyer for information about our Sandwich & Snack Collection for Our Daily Bread, on Sunday February 26th.



“
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:19-20

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX **SURVEY**

Our parish-wide survey is “live” and ready for your *anonymous and confidential* responses. The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete. This information will be invaluable to Father Don and the Worship and Evangelization teams as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be.

Please use the link where you are a registered member.

DIVINE MERCY
FAMILY OF PARISHES
St. Joseph St. Jude St. Vincent

St Jude: **Click here to respond to the survey:** <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y9yyc3>

Visitation: **Click here to respond to the survey:** <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y870x3>

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

NEW STUDENT NEWSPAPER



NEW Student Newspaper is available next week!

There was a delay in printing the Visi Vision newspaper. We will have it available next week for a \$1 donation. We will sell them in the auditorium and MPR before school, 7:45-8:00 a.m. and in the main hall from 8:00-8:15 a.m. Teachers will let students know when it is available. Thank you for your support!

8th GRADE SCHOLARSHIP

Attached you will find a copy of the Knights of Columbus Essay Scholarship. It is due Monday, March 8th by 8:00 a.m. in the school office.

7th GRADE SCHOLARSHIP

Every 7th grade student may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship from ESAP (Elementary Scholarship Assistance Program). Our school is guaranteed 2 winners! Please visit <https://esap.org/> for the application process. The application process involves a short essay addressing a time you have given back to help others. Applications are due March 1st.

YEARBOOKS: Yearbooks for the 2022-2023 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 **YB25505**
 2. Enter your name and email, and click ***Access Yearbook***.
 3. Enter your students 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

AEDs

Our Lady of the Visitation has 5 AEDs located on campus mounted in wall cabinets. Along with the defibrillator is a bag with the necessary accessories including a razor. These defibrillators are user friendly and walk the operator thru each step of the process.

Locations:

Church Foyer, just inside the church entrance (exterior wood doors) on the right.

School:

Media Center (Library), just inside the North entrance on the left.

Auditorium, auditorium hallway by the trophy case.

MPR, MPR hallway by the stairwell and trophy case.*

Ball fields:

Pavilion, in the ladies restroom.

* The AED cabinet located in the MPR hallway is scheduled to be relocated into the MPR proper, next to the bleachers. This is to allow access during weekend sports activities.

CUB SCOUTS

Please join Cub Scout Pack 238 for snow tubing on Thursday, February 9. Please see attached flyer.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

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

VAC

2/11 - "WHITE OUT" 8th Grade Girls Celebration

2/19 - 5/6th grade BOYS Volleyball Tryouts - 11:15-12:15

Girls Basketball News: Our Lady of the Visitation will be celebrating our 8th grader girls final game as Vikings in the Viking Longhouse (aka Auditorium). This is our traditional “WHITE OUT” night, please bring your families up to cheer on all of our 8th grade teams on Saturday February 11th. The games are at 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00.

Sponsorship: Own a Business or Looking to Donate? The Visitation Athletic Program has sign sponsorship opportunities available in our gyms, outdoor pavilion area. A sponsorship will continue to allow us to provide our young athletes the opportunity to grow and compete with one of the best athletic facilities on the Westside.

If you have interest, please contact Mike Bollin via call or text at (513) 460-6428 or via email at bolinmr@gmail.com. He can provide the sponsorship details and help answer any questions.

Spring Clean Up: - March 4th

Spring is getting closer and that means it's time for all of baseball and softball families to come together on March 4th for our annual Field Clean-Up Day.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but we ask that 6th graders and under be accompanied by an adult. High School students can receive Service Hour credits for their time. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Open Gyms: There will be two open gyms for 5/6th grade players prior to tryouts. Sunday Feb 5th, 11:15-12:15 in the Auditorium and Sunday Feb 12th, 11:15-12:00 in the Auditorium.

Tryouts: The boys volleyball program will hold evaluations for 5/6th grade players who want to be considered for a try-out level team. Evaluations will be held on **Sunday Feb 19th, 11:15-12:15 in the Auditorium.**

Players are not required to attend, but must attend to be considered for a try-out level team. Players who do not attend or are not chosen for the try-out level team will be placed on a general signup team. Once players are placed on a team, we are unable to make roster adjustments due to league requirements.

There will not be an evaluation for 3/4th grade players, as there are no try-out teams at that level. There will not be an evaluation for 7/8th grade players, as there will be just one team at this level.

SPRING SPORTS SIGNUPS

Baseball: 5U, 7U & 14U,15U: 2/28/2023: (Late Registrations will be placed on a Waiting List and cannot be guaranteed a spot on a team)

Please see the baseball home page at vacsports.com [Baseball \(bluesombrero.com\)](http://Baseball(bluesombrero.com)) for all important dates and information regarding the 2023 Season. We also have multiple opportunities to volunteer in leadership roles within the program, so please consider those opportunities while registering your players. Please note that all volunteers must undergo Safe Parish training and certification.

OTHER NEWS

Three Rivers: Please see attached for information for Three Rivers Children’s Theatre Summer Drama Camp for grades K-8th.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
2/13	M	Jen Hehman Elizabeth McPherson	Jessica Behler Alex Caffaro	Gina Osterbrock Jamie Donovan	Bob Johnson Kurstin Kaiser
2/14	T	Julie Young Rena Fishburn	Amanda Bruner Angela Graman	Kelli Clarkson Jackie Lanter	Sue Stautberg Liz Hildebrandt Kate Raterman
2/15	W	Erin Viltro	Kristina Kelley Rena Fishburn	Leigh Ann Boehmer Amy Faillace	Brandon Rainier Christie Klosterman
2/16	Th	Amy Burns Angela Born	Amy Beitz Maria Kersting	Erin Lahni Kristie Horn	Daniel Schultz
2/17	F	NO SCHOOL			

LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY 13-17

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger -Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Popcorn Chicken -Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Walking Taco -Corn Chips (1 oz.) -Chili -Shredded Cheese -Shredded Lettuce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	NO SCHOOL
A La Carte				
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger	-Popcorn Chicken	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-Walking 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.

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>. You may order daily until 8:00 a.m. 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 a lunch for that day. If you did order a lunch and then your student leaves early for sickness or an appointment, please email Linda Good lgood@olvisitation.org so your account can be credited. Thank you.

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.



St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council Knights of Columbus

THE DEHMER/NIEPORTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

COVER SHEET

The St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Knights of Columbus will be awarding three \$1000.00 scholarships to three eighth grade students who will be attending a Catholic High School for the 2023-2024 school year.

To be eligible for the scholarship the student must complete the Application Form (both pages) and submit an ESSAY which completes the following:

“ How will your education in the Catholic Faith equip you to succeed as a Christian in the world of high school and beyond.”

The essay must be the work of the student alone.

The essay can be no more than one page typewritten or two pages handwritten.

Both pages of the “Application Form” must be completed. The Application Form must be signed by both the student and his/her parents. The Form is to be placed inside a plain white envelope and stapled to the essay.

There can be NO identifying information on either the envelope or in the essay.

The completed Essay along with the envelope containing the Application Form must be returned by the date determined by your building Principal.

A representative from the Knights of Columbus will collect the envelopes of the Finalists on Monday, March 8, 2023.

The winners will be announced the first full week of April.



ST. JOSEPH OF THE THREE RIVERS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DEHMER/NIEPORTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

Both pages of the Application must be completed along with an Essay on the following prompt: **“How will your education in the Catholic Faith equip you to succeed as a Christian in the world of high school and beyond?”**.

Please place your completed Application Form (both pages) in a plain white envelope and secure it to your Essay.

Do not put any identifying information in your essay or on the outside of the envelope.

This Application Form is to certify that the attached essay is the work of the undersigned student. The ideas and narrative are that of the student alone.

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent Signature _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parish _____

Catholic High School you plan to attend _____

Address _____

List all the activities, events and organizations in which you participated in your school.

(ex. Band, Choir, Student Council, ACT, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Drama/Plays, Chess Club, Coding Club, Kindness Club, EGO, Peer Tutoring, Computer Aide, Fishing Club, etc.)

List all the Church related activities and events in which you have taken part. (ex. Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, Right to Life Marches and Fundraising, etc.)

List all the sports in which you have participated,

(ex. Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse, Swimming, Volleyball, etc.)

List anything you have done in your Community.

(ex. helped with picking up trash along our roadways, helped on the Township Beautification Committee, helped collect can goods for the Food Pantry, visited shut-ins, etc.)

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 5747.73 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.



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 acknowledgement letters will be provided for documentation of your gifts.

CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO

To make your gift online



Questions? Want to learn more?

CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO

Or email SGO@CatholicAOC.org.

Donate By Mail

Use the Form on Back and mail to:

Catholic Education Foundation – SGO
100 E. Eighth St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202





CATHOLIC
 Education Foundation
 The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

DONOR

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State, Zip: _____

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 \$ _____

GIFT INFORMATION

Your check can be made payable to **CEF-SGO** and mailed with this form to:

Catholic Education 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 the Stewardship Department at Stewardship@CatholicAOC.org or (513) 263.3345.



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR IN FEBURARY!!



IN-PERSON or Make at Home Service Project



Sandwich & Snack Collection

for Our Daily Bread

Sunday, Feb 26TH

6:15 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Pavilion



(Note: the Pavilion is located in the lower lot behind church adjacent to sports fields)

Make At Visitation or Make at Home and Drop-Off Event: The sandwiches we make will be provided to ODB guests with every hot meal so that they can have something to eat later in the day or over the weekend. They are also given out to kids after school and to people to bring to work. All items collected will be delivered to ODB the next day.

Here are ways you and your family can help:

1) **Bring your supplies to the Visitation Pavilion and assemble the sandwiches with others from our combined parish families.** All are welcome!! (Bring-Bread, cheese, meat, zippered sandwich bags.)

2) **Make Sandwiches or Treats at Home:**

Meat Sandwich Assembly Instructions: Bread and meat; cheese is a bonus, no condiments. Any type of bread or meat is accepted, but ODB guest prefer **white bread**. If position cheese in the middle of two slices of meat, prevents cheese from making the bread soggy.



Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Instructions: Please put a thin layer of peanut butter on each piece of bread and jelly /jam in the middle. (Protects bread longer from getting soggy.)

FAMILY GOAL: make 20-40 sandwiches with 2-3 slices of meat/ sandwich (2-4 loaves of bread, 1-2 pounds meat, ½ pound cheese, do not use the ends/butts of the loaf.)

** **Place each individual sandwich** in a **zippered** sandwich bag and **mark or label** with the type of sandwich or label the box/container. **BOXES** are preferred to prevent sandwiches from getting squished during transit to ODB.

♥ **Make Treats at Home or Donate Packaged Treats:**

Instructions for donating treats: If making from scratch, separate into individual treats- place in plastic wrap or zip locked bags.

Treat examples: HEART shaped iced cookies, chocolate chip cookies, cookie bars, brownies, rice crispy treats, donuts, muffins, cake balls, individual servings of pie or cake. ♥



3) **ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO DONATE TO ODB:**



- Lunchables, tuna pouches, ravioli with meat, Dinty Moore/Chunky (soup/stew- pop tops only)
- Breakfast/Granola Bars, Individual-size nuts or cracker packs, apple sauce or fruit cups, snack sized bagged chips, Little Debbie snacks...
- Cases of Water or Kids Drinks
- Soft Fruit- Oranges and Bananas (no apples or pears please, many ODB guests struggle with eating these)

NOTE: If you cannot make the designated drop-off time and need to make different arrangements or if you have any questions, please call or text Colleen Harmeyer at 513-227-4215.



CUB SCOUT PACK 238

SNOW TUBING

Thursday, February 9
1:00pm until close, 9:30PM

Perfect North Slopes

Click on the link below to register for our Cub Scout Pack Tubing event at Perfect North Slopes. **Anyone is welcome, it's not just for scouts.**

Our group name is Pack 238 Cubscouts.

<http://grp.ski/93046555763c867cac1ae3>

Just select the tickets you would like to purchase for yourself. As the group grows, so does your discount. You'll be charged a \$10 deposit for each ticket now, the day before the event, the balance will be charged. You will then receive an email voucher to pick-up your tickets. The rates will adjust based on the final group total. The price you are seeing is the most you will pay. As the group grows, the price will decrease.

Please note: Tickets are non-refundable and early return bonus is not valid for this type of ticket. If you can't use your ticket on your group's selected day, you may redeem your ticket on any other day during the 2022/23 season, but will be charged a \$5 change fee.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE WAIVER ONLINE:

<https://www.perfectnorth.com/waivers>

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Saturday March 4th

9:00am - till list is completed.

**Volunteers of all ages come
and go as you can; even a couple
hours are a great help.**

Service Hours available for Teens.

**Lunch Provided for
All Volunteers**

Tools Needed:

**Gas Blowers,
Gas Weed-Wackers,
Ladders, Shovels,
Spades, Rakes,
Brooms, Tree/Shrub
Cutting Tools, Tin
Snips, Post Hole
Digger, Wire-Cutters
& any other handy
tools you may use
around the yard.
Please label your
tools with your name.**



CLEAN UP DAY

Three Rivers Children's Theatre Summer Drama Camp Grades K-8th



June 19 - June 24



June 26 - July 1

Both camps run 9 am - 2 pm (Monday - Thursday), 2:30 pm - 8 pm (Friday), and 12 pm - 2 pm (Saturday), with our final shows on Friday and Saturday!

In District: \$200 (\$150 for additional siblings) per session
Out of District: \$225 (\$175 for additional siblings) per session
\$50 discount for students registered for **both** sessions
Email TRCT@trlsd.org or call Three Rivers Elementary at
(513) 467-3210 to get registration information!

The \$200/\$225 cost for the week includes a week of activities, a part in the show, t-shirt, Friday night dinner, and 2 tickets to the performances on Friday and Saturday. For more information, please contact TRCT@trlsd.org. A registration packet with specific information regarding the daily activities, requirements, and further details about the camp will be provided. Registration will be based on the order registration forms are received. **There will be a cap on the maximum number of students we can accommodate each week.** Register today to reserve your spot!