

Newsletter #22 February 14, 2024

Important Dates:

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

3/29.....Good Friday, No School

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

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

Today is the first day of Lent, also known as Ash Wednesday. Why do we receive ashes? This ancient tradition of the church is the sign of conversion, sorrow for sin and acceptance of God's will. Ashes can be found in the Old Testament as a sign of repentance for sins and a sign of one's humility before God. The ashes are made from the palms of the branches from Palm Sunday. This connects the beginning of Lent with the end. The conversion of our soul with the Resurrection.

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." is about as humbling as it gets. Remember to focus on praying, fasting and loving. Giving up something does not have to be food or drink. It can be fasting from foul language, technology, making unkind comments, etc. The students will take part in the Divine Mercy Chaplet or Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Feb. 23rd at 8:30 a.m. will be our first Stations of the Cross.

Remember this is a long weekend for the students. They are off Friday and Monday for Presidents Day.

Attendance was much better for both the staff and the students this week. The odd thing was it wasn't just one illness, it was just about every childhood illness you could imagine! Some students had long illnesses, others went from one illness to the next. Keep washing those hands when they get home from school!

8th Grade Parents- Please send a copy of your child's scholarship into school or email it to Holly at haug@olvisitation.org

7th Grade Parents- There is Confirmation practice at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday 2/21 in church. Confirmation is Tuesday, 2/27.

2nd Grade Parents-There is a parent meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday 2/20 in church.

Every six years, a Catholic School must undergo the accreditation process. This can be compared to an audit. We have to be in compliance with state guidelines. Next week, we will have an External Validation Team coming into visit our school. They will take a tour, interview our staff, check our files and discuss goals with us.

Work hard on keeping your promises this Lent!

Blessings,



Our Pre-K classes had their annual pancake day on Tuesday in preparation for the upcoming season of Lent. The students read *Pancakes for Breakfast* by Tomie dePaola and learned how to give/share with others even when you do not always want to. Lastly, they tied up the day by changing the words to the book, *If you Give a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Numeroff to If you give a Preschooler a Pancake! The students enjoyed the pancake themed day and activities!





For Lent, download the Hallow: Prayer and Meditation app. Hallow is currently hosting a Lent "40 Day Prayer Challenge" to encourage all Catholics to take more time to pray and reflect. This app also provides meditations, rosary devotionals, bible stories (even stories for bedtime), as well as popular Christian music. This is a free app and suitable for children age 4 - adults.

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 - Lhouse@divinemercyfam.org

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.

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.

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



It's not too late! Please see the attached flyer about Visitation's Striking Vikings music ensemble for students in Grades 3 through 6.

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 today. Please take your carton and fill it! Return it to school by March 22^{nd} 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.

Lent Schedules: Please see the attached schedule for the Lenten season.

Conquest: Please see the attached for information about Conquest. The first meeting is February 18th.

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

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 in late March May

Clean-Up Day – March 2

Volunteers needed to help prep our fields and facilities for the Spring season on Saturday, March 2. Please see flyer below for all the 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.

LaSalle High School: Summer camp registration is open! https://www.lasallehs.net/forms/summer-camps/

Future Lancer Lifting Program registration is now live! It is available to all registered students of the Class of 2028 and rising 8th graders - the Class of 2029! Register here for the Future Lancers Lifting Program https://www.lasallehs.net/quick-links/future-lancers-lifting/

<u>Mount Notre Dame:</u> Plan your summer by previewing our camp offerings now! Registration will open on March 1st. Be sure to register early as popular camps fill quickly. Preview camps <u>HERE</u>.

OTHER NEWS

Please see the attached for information about the Western Hills Country Club Caddy Program.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
2/19	M	NO SCHOOL			
2/20	Т	Elizabeth McPherson Jenny Waldeck	Renae Fishburn Erin Pace	Shannon Clifton Andrea Griffith	Sue Stautberg Bob Johnson
2/21	W	Amy Burns Erin Pace	Lee Cassiere	Angela Graman	Brandon Rainier Clint Lehman
2/22	Th	Emily McKenna Amy Zimmerman	Shannon Clifton	Jillian Edwards Angela Born	Mary Sue Emerson Kate Kafel
2/23	F	Lee Cassiere	Kelly Krummen Sarah Reynolds	Meghan McKenna Grace Faigle	Stephanie Becker Stephanie Campbell Maggie Herms

LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY 19-23

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
No School Winter Break Presidents' Day	-Chili Cheese Hot Dog - Tater Tots - Chili & Cheese offered -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa's Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit	- LaRosa's Cheese Rondos (2) -Pizza Sauce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk		
A La Carte						
	-Hot Dog with chili & on the side	-La Rosa's Pizza 1 Slice	-Chicken Tenders	-LaRosa's Cheese Rondos (2)		

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:

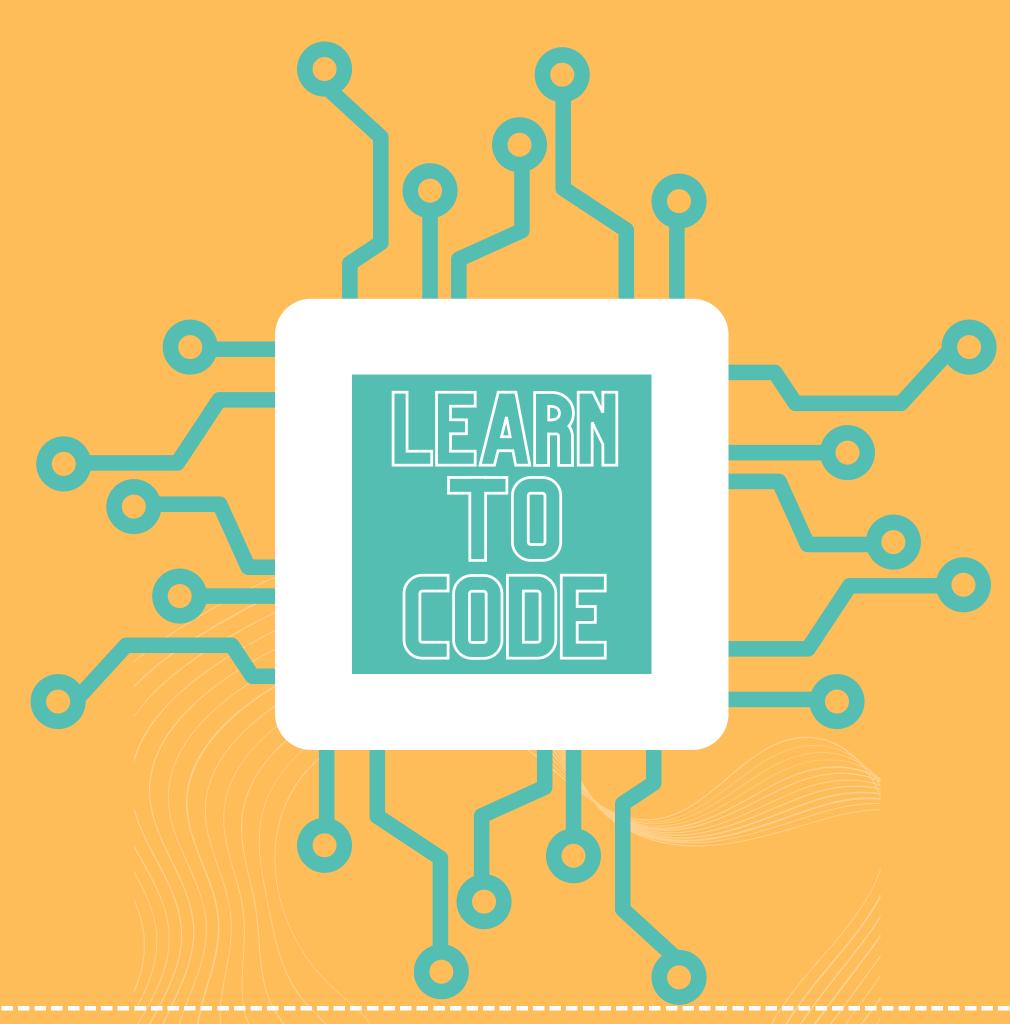
Grade:

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.



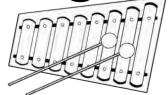
K/1st Grade LEGO Club Sign Up

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!!

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Precione Order Pictures su Online Code.

Order Pictures and Yearbooks Enter your order code Don't have a code? Use our online chat for assistance

Enter your name and email, then click Access Yearbook.

Ingrese su nombre y email, y precione Access Yearbook.

SSI SAMPLE SCHOOL -YEARBOOK Please fill in the form below to gain access to the event

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

Ingrese la información de su estudiante v precione Submit Details.

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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.

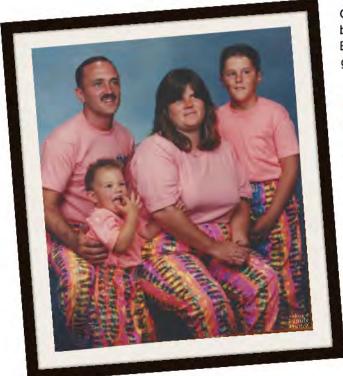
Please note the size requirement of 9" x 12". If you have any questions, please call Karen Byrne at the Right to Life office, 513-728-7870 ext. 206. We look forward to seeing your creative and inspiring artwork!







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!



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
Curowth

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





CONQUEST'S CATHOLIC CURRICULUM FOSTERS
A DEEP RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST FOR
BOYS AGES K-12 AND FORMS THEM AS
CHRISTIAN LEADERS TO TRANSFORM CULTURE.

We have two separate groups, K-4, and grades 5-8.

Grades K-4 is led by the dads and are focused on introducing virtues and growing in friendship.

Grades 5-8 is led by high school leaders under the guidance of a Legionary priest.

During each meeting you can expect sports, formation activity around a virtue and snacks adapted to their age.

FIRST MEETING: FEBRUARY 18 THE PAVILION AT VISITATION 11:15AM - 12:45PM

Spring session dates: February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7, 14, 28, and May 5, 12, 19.

Questions? Contact Mike Schwarz: 513-225-2668, mdoozer80@gmail.com Fr Andrew Gronotte LC: 301-674-6921, agronotte@legionaries.org

Registration fee is \$50 per boy

REGISTER HERE







ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GREAT SUMMER JOB?

A chance to **make connections** for your future?

A possible way to **pay for college**?

IF SO, THEN CADDYING MIGHT BE FOR YOU!



Western Hills Country Club 5780 Cleves Warsaw Pike

is looking to train **YOU** to be a caddie for the upcoming golf season! Successful candidates will earn good pay, interact with influential adults and potentially earn the chance for a college scholarship.



Training is on Monday or Wednesday evenings this spring.

SIGN UP NIGHTS 5:00-6:30pm

Mon. March 4 & Wed. March 6

in the Oak Room

more info @ westernhillscc.com (golf/caddy program tab) gary.rogers12@yahoo.com/rogersgg@elderhs.net

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