

Important Dates:

2/17No School
2/20No School, President's Day
2/27-3/8.....Iowa Testing
3/15Teacher Inservice, No School

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,

Over the next few weeks, two students (Ross and Cece) have some big medical challenges ahead of them. Several parents have asked what they can do to support these students. Over and over again, the parents of Ross and CeCe ask for prayers. There is no time to be closer with Our Lord than at Mass, receiving the Eucharist. Mass is a direct encounter with God. Receiving

Him brings us grace and hope. The Sharp and Lanter families have great crosses to carry in their life right now. Help them by receiving the Eucharist on Sunday. In addition, we invite our families to attend the 6:30 a.m. mass with your children on Fridays. If you can't make it every Friday, make it the first Friday or biweekly. Our two friends and their families need your prayers. Mass is our time to offer God thanks, praise and our sacrifices. Update: CeCe is in Seattle struggling with side effects of her new treatment. She has been one sick little girl this week. Ross is going to start a new treatment plan that could possibly cause him to be sick as well. So, when attending mass, pray for the students, their families, and their caregivers.

8th Grade Parents: If you would like your child to be recognized for their high school scholarship, please send a copy of their scholarship or an email with the name of the scholarship, the amount and the number of years it allowed.

No Deliveries -Why? We do not allow lunches or homework to be delivered to the office. Why is this? The biggest reason is that our school is extremely large and our office is extremely busy. If 10% of the school forgot an item, that could be 77 deliveries! Students need to learn to deal with adversity. It is a part of life. If they forget their homework, let them learn from the consequences. (If it is a group project, we will allow that delivery). If they forget their lunch, we have students who will share or they can charge a boxed lunch. It gives other students an opportunity to share and sacrifice. Your child will survive, and we will get them fed. In allowing our students to deal with small challenges, it prepares them for the larger challenges of the world. With having 772 students, a lot of what we do involves logistics. Please follow the guidelines.

Enjoy the sun today! Let God know how you much you appreciate it in the middle of February!

No school Friday and Monday! Take time to be together as a family!

Blessings,

Spely M. Aug

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Students in grades 4-8 have the opportunity to take piano enrichment with Mr. V during their flex time for free. Currently, 15 students take advantage of this opportunity. The students are learning to read notes, develop hand eye coordination to create music and play songs such as Old McDonald, Ode to Joy, and Happy Birthday. Some students are extending their learning by writing and playing their own songs on the piano! Be sure to check out our piano enrichment students at the talent show this spring!




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**



Hurry!

The last day to respond to the Disciple Maker Survey is February 26. Submit your anonymous and confidential answers to help us plan for the future of our Family. *Each adult member of your household can complete their own survey. Thank you!*

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 NOW!

If your family has not yet purchased a copy of our new student newspaper, *Visi's Vision*, there's still time! The newspaper is filled with interesting stories written by our students who have covered everything from their thoughts on going to Mass, to our sports teams' successes, to student learning in various grade levels. Is your student featured in the newspaper? You'll want to find out! Please send in \$1 in an envelope marked "Newspaper" and include your child's name and homeroom teacher on the outside of the envelope. We will send a copy of the newspaper home with your child. Thank you for supporting our student newspaper!

1st & 7th GRADE PARENTS



Are you interested in helping with the 8th grade events? In years past, the 1st grade parents have helped plan the 8th grade breakfast, and the 7th grade parents have helped plan and coordinate the 8th grade celebration. We have worked on simplifying these events to make it much easier to organize. There are outlines in place to direct you. This would be a group of parents helping, not just an individual. Please contact Erin Becker if you are interested. ebecker@olvisitation.org

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

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

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

VAC

2/19 - 5/6th grade BOYS Volleyball Tryouts - 11:15-12:15
3/4 - Spring Cleanup

GIRLS BASKETBALL SERVICE PROJECT:

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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

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://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.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

St. Xavier will be hosting a number of summer camps for eighth grade students. Please click here for more information. <https://www.stxavier.org/academics/summer-camps>

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
2/20	M	NO SCHOOL			
2/21	T	Kate Raterman Danielle Hartoin	Dan Kaiser Andrea Griffith	Johnna Rowe Angela Graman	Sue Stautberg Jane Nieman
2/22	W	Jenny Carmosino Sarah Reynolds	Lisa Juszak Danielle Hartoin	Amy Faillace Amy Burns	Brandon Rainier Kristina Kelley
2/23	Th	Lee Cassiere Nicole Katon	Erin Pace Katie Rohrmeier	Maggie	Andrea Schinkal Jane Nieman Bonnie Pope
2/24	F	Kirsten Law Maureen Hildebrandt	Lauren Eagan Katie Downing	Andrea Griffith Betsy Horvath	Stephanie Meyer Bob Johnson Maggie Herms

LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY 20-24

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School Presidents' Day	R -Chicken Patty -Seasoned Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	R - La Rosa's Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese Only ASH WEDNESDAY -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	R -3 Way Chili -Oyster Crackers -Spaghetti -Shredded Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	R - LaRosa's Cheese Rondos (2) -Pizza Sauce -Fruit -Vegetable -milk
A La Carte				
	-Chicken Patty \$2.00	-La Rosa's Pizza 1 Slice \$2.00	-3 Way Chili & Spaghetti	-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.

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

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APPLICATION FORM

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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.)

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Cincinnati
Children's
changing the outcome together

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

“I pour out a whole ocean of graces on those souls who approach the fount of my mercy”

“St. Faustina Diary 965

Jesus has a great gift to give us, a whole ocean's worth!

Join us for this Lenten series on Divine Mercy with Sr. Inga Kvassayova. Come learn about the continuing story of Jesus' Divine Mercy, His messages to St. Faustina, and the special ways we can receive this great gift of mercy and how we can share it with others.

Saturday, April 1 **Our Lady of the Visitation**

8:30 am Mass

9:00 am Coffee & Donuts

9:30 am “The Story of Mercy”

10:15 am Break

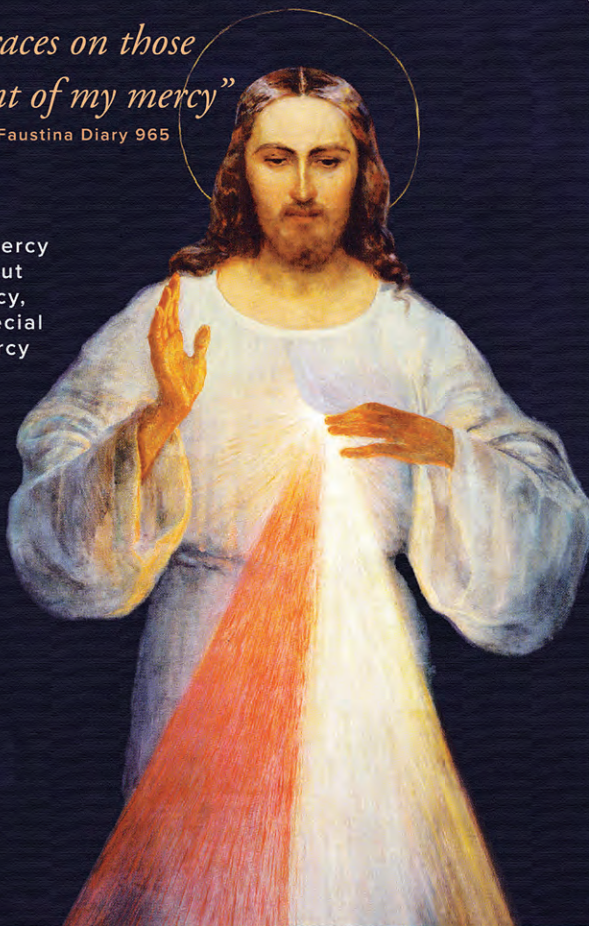
10:30 am “Confession & the Feast of Mercy”

11:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:15 pm Closing Benediction

Sunday, April 2 **St Jude Church**

1:00 pm “The Image of Merciful Jesus”



The Message of Mercy



Sr. Inga was born in the heart of Europe, in Slovakia. She studied geology and during that time she discovered the Catholic faith and was deeply touched by God's mercy. After working as a geologist and serving the sick in a hospital, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland. She made her perpetual vows in 2015. Over the years, she has ministered to the pilgrims who visited the Divine Mercy Shrine in Kraków and in the “Faustinum” Association of the Apostles of Divine Mercy in Poland and Slovakia. After a 2 year mission in Cuba, she was assigned to Washington DC, where she is spreading the message of God's Mercy everywhere – at the St. John Paul II National Shrine, in spiritual direction meetings, in parishes, at retreats, conferences – anywhere that God's Providence sends her. She is also the Vocation Directress for her Congregation in the US.

Lent 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22 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 12 noon – St Joseph (clergy led)

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

Fridays 9:25 am – St Jude (school)

Fridays 10:00 am – Visitation (school)

Fridays 6:30 pm – Visitation (lay led)



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Pray the Chaplet every Friday

3:00 pm – St Jude

CONFESSIONS

March 15, 8:30 am – St Joseph

March 21, 6:00 pm – St Jude

March 29, 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

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

March 9 – St Joseph

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



CONSECRATION to the Holy Family

Saturday, March 18

at 3:00 Mass – St Joseph

ST JOSEPH ALTAR

March 18 following 3:00 pm Mass – St Joseph

STUDY GROUPS

LENT SERIES: CONVERSION

Tuesdays February 14–April 4, 7–8:30 pm – Visitation

A JOURNEY WITH MOTHER MARY

Thursdays February 23–April 6, 8:45 am – St Joseph

BORN OF FIRE

Mondays February 27–April 10, 8-9:00 pm – Location tbd

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

March 26, 3:00 pm

Visitation Church



A WEEKEND OF RECOLLECTION THE MESSAGE OF MERCY with Sr. Inga Kvassayova

Saturday, April 1

8:30 am - 12:15 pm – Visitation Church

Sunday, April 2

1:00 - 2:00 pm – St Jude Church

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 2

Regular Sunday Mass times

Tuesday, April 4

3:00 pm – Chrism Mass at Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday, April 5

12 noon – Stations at St Joseph

Holy Thursday, April 6

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

Good Friday, April 7

12 noon – Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross at St Jude

7:00 pm – Stations at St Joseph (outdoors)

Holy Saturday, April 8

8:30 pm – Easter Vigil Mass at Visitation

Easter Sunday, April 9

Regular Sunday Mass times





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.