

Important Dates:

10/12-13.....No School, Fall Break
10/16.....Cold Weather Uniform Begins
10/17.....Picture Retake Day, P3 Pictures
10/17.....1st Communion Parent Meeting
10/18.....Grandparents Day, Grades 1 & 3
10/20.....Trunk or Treat
10/27.....No School, Teacher In-Service
11/2.....Kindergarten/Preschool Preview Night

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,

I probably don't have to remind you, but the entire school is off tomorrow and Friday due to our Fall Break! Please take advantage of this time with your family. It is good for children to experience down time. Unstructured play involves no schedule or guidelines for what a kid should do. If kids play during their downtime, they'll use their creativity and imaginations. This can also improve their problem-solving and decision-making skills. Don't ever feel like you need to fill their day!

Have you checked your child's winter uniform pants to see if they still fit? The cold weather uniform policy begins Monday, October 16th (after fall break). As a reminder, please place names in all uniform items. The Lost and Found is filling up with uniform items! Students may only wear uniform items at school that are purchased in our Spiritwear shop. They may not wear logos from outside vendors. Items purchased in our Spiritwear shop helps support our school and students.

There is a First Communion Parent Meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. in church. This is a requirement for the parents of second graders wishing to receive the sacrament.

Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, October 17th. Students getting their pictures retaken may come out of uniform, but shorts are no longer allowed.

Grandparents/Special Guest Day is Wednesday, October 18th. Grandparents will meet students in church. Mass will begin as close to 8:30 as possible. Students will head over as soon as announcements end. It is helpful if the grandparents know the name of the child's homeroom teacher. This is how they will locate them in church.

Our Preschool/Kindergarten Preview Night is Thursday Nov. 2nd. This is an Open House for NEW families coming or interested in Visitation. If you know anyone interested in attending Visitation, please share this date with them. They can check our website for details on how to sign up for a tour.

Wishing you a peaceful Fall Break with Family!

Blessings,

Spely M. Aug

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Students in grades 2-8 took the MAP Growth test in September. This test has taken place of the IOWA test typically taken in the spring. The MAP growth test will be taken each benchmark (fall, winter, spring) to monitor student growth and inform instruction. Student scores from the fall test will be coming home today with your child. See the letter attached to the newsletter for more information regarding the test, understanding your child's score and some commonly asked questions.

A handy resource to study for assessments is www.studystack.com. Students can search for pre-made flashcards and games or make their own. Students have the opportunity to create their own flashcards, games, and can even quiz themselves on the material inputted. Creating study material is another way for students to practice as well. This is a free app for all digital devices.

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

ATTENTION ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Just a reminder that SafeParish issued a quarterly training bulletin on September 29th for all users. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to log in your account and complete the training. The due date is October 22nd. Remember, users must keep updated with all training bulletins in order to volunteer at school. If you are new to SafeParish and opened your account after September 29, you will not have a training bulletin until next quarter (December). Thank you for all you do to help us keep your children safe.

PICTURE RETAKES & P3 PICTURES

Picture Retake Day and P3 Pictures will be next Tuesday, October 17th. If your child is having their picture retaken, they can be out of uniform. All out of uniform rules apply.

The pictures will take place first thing in the morning, and only lasts a couple hours, so please avoid any appointments this morning. This will be the only Picture Day for the P3 class.

- If you would like a retake, you just need to bring the original package back, and if you want to make a note on the package of what you didn't like, (i.e didn't like how their hair was) that would be very helpful to the photographer.

- * If your child was absent that day and you already placed your order, you don't need to do anything else.

- * If you forgot to order and your child had their photo taken, you can still order by using the code on their photo.

GRANDPARENTS DAY 1st & 3rd Grade Families

Mark Your Calendars! On Wednesday, October 18th we are having a Grandparents & Special Guests day just for you! We will start with mass at 8:30, followed by donuts/coffee, the opportunity to visit the classrooms and get a picture together. The morning wraps up at 10:50. Please see attached.

ART WORKSHOP

Please see the attached flyer for information about our Clay Christmas Ornament Workshop.

SPANISH

Please see attached for information about the winter term of Spanish courses.

SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party, Saturday, November 11th after 3 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's. Pack a shoebox to show God's love for them! Over the past 15 years our shoebox filled gifts have been delivered to more than 1500 children in 32 countries around the world, including 13 in Africa. Note: If packing boxes at home, please drop off after masses at St. Jude, St. Joe's or Visi the weekend of November 11-12th. For more information see the attached flyer or contact Colleen Harmeyer 513-227-4215, colharmeyer@gmail.com

ROSARY RALLY

The Rosary Rally will be on Sunday, October 22nd. Please see the attached flyer for details.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR



PTO is once again sponsoring Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 20th, from 6:30-8:00pm. Children will be in costume and walk to each parked car to get a treat from the trunk.

Rain will cancel this event. Please use the SignUp Genius below to register for your spot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FABAB28A20-trunk#/>

Our Fall "Big Win" is back and it's a good one!! (2) tickets to the Bengals Bills Sunday Night football game with parking pass! All information in attached document.

PTO Fashion Show: After a nearly 25 year hiatus, the Visi Ladies Fashion Show is back and better than ever! Join the Visitation PTO for a fun evening filled with fashion, food, drinks, shopping and friends on November 15, 2023. Please see attached for details.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FABAB28A20-44816064-visi>

Spiritwear: The website is still under construction but you can place orders. The school approved pullovers should be up to date. The rest of the site is being worked on. There are items on the site that we no longer carry. If you order one of these items, you will be refunded. Any questions, contact Nikki Niemann 513-379-8478.

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

Important Dates

- 10/20 – Last day to sign-up for Girls Basketball
- 10/22 & 10/29 – Girls Basketball Evaluations & Try-outs
- 10/30 – Last day to sign-up for Wrestling

Girls Basketball – Grades 3rd through 8th: Sign-ups end on Friday, October 20th.

EVALUATIONS

3rd grade – 10/22 @ 5:00pm

4th grade – 10/29 @ 1:00pm

TRY-OUTS

To be considered for an A/B1 team for 5th through 8th grade, you must attend at least one of the following sessions:

5th and 6th grade – 10/22 @ 6:00pm and 10/29 @ 2:00pm

7th and 8th grade – 10/22 @ 7:10pm and 10/29 @ 3:10pm

Wrestling – Boys & Girls Grades 1st through 8th

- Sign-ups will end on Monday, October 30th
- Practices at Elder High school begin in November. Visit the VAC website Wrestling homepage for more details.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Elder High School: Please visit Elder's website for information about their upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Nights, HSPT and Open House. Details at <https://www.elderhs.org/admissions>. For more information, contact Brian Hiles at hilesba@elderhs.net

LaSalle High School: Please visit LaSalle's website for information about upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Night and High School Placement Test. For more information, contact Jake Pucci at admissions@lasallechs.net

Mercy McAuley High School: Please visit Mercy McAuley's website for information about their upcoming events – Shadow Days, HSPT and Open House. Register at www.mercymcauley.org/shadow.

Moeller High School: Please visit Moeller's website for information about their upcoming events, www.moeller.org

Mount Notre Dame: Please visit MND's website for information about Shadowing, grade school events, information nights and Open House. Learn details about each event [HERE](#).

Purcell Marion High School: Please visit Purcell Marion's website for information about our Shadow Days, Grade School Nights, etc. Visit <https://www.purcellmarian.org/ibelong> to learn more!

Saint Ursula Academy: Please visit St. Ursula's website for information about their upcoming events – Shadow Days, Walkabout Wednesdays, Grade School Night, Educational Services, HSPT prep course and Open House. Information can be found at www.saintursula.org/visit.aspx.

Seton High School: Please visit Seton's website for information about their Grade School nights and Shadow days. Open House is November 2nd. Register online today at www.setoncincinnati.org.

St. Xavier High School: Please visit St. Xavier's website for information about our upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Nights, etc. Information can be found at <https://www.stxavier.org/admissions/visit>.

Benny the Bomber Entrepreneurship Boot Camp will be held 10/20 and 10/21. For more information, please see <https://www.stxavier.org/entrepreneurshipbootcamp>

Ursuline Academy: Please visit Ursuline's website for information about their upcoming events. Open House is November 4th. <https://www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions>

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
10/16	M	Shannon Clifton Jamie Donovan	April Rischman Lindsey Krause	Nikki Niemann	Sherri Peretzky Amanda Hiles Stephanie Hayes
10/17	T	Elizabeth McPherson Jenny Waldeck	Renae Fishburn Erin Pace	Shannon Clifton Andrea Griffith	Sue Stautberg Bob Johnson
10/18	W	Amy Burns Erin Pace	Lee Cassiere	Amy Faillace Angela Graman	Brandon Rainer Clint Lehman
10/19	Th	Kirsten Law Leighann Boehmer	Amy Beitz	Tom Lanter Jackie Lanter	Sue Stautberg Chris Cassiere
10/20	F	Katie Rohrmeier Christie Klosterman	Kirsten Law	Sarah Waldeck	Emily Shears Kursten Kaiser Chrissy Pierson

LUNCH MENU FOR OCTOBER 16-20

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger -Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chili Cheese Hot Dog - Tater Tots - Chili & Shredded Cheese offered -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Popcorn Chicken -Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Nacho’s & Cheese sauce - Pretzel -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger	-Hot Dog with chili & cheese on the side	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-Popcorn Chicken	-Nachos & Cheese Sauce

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

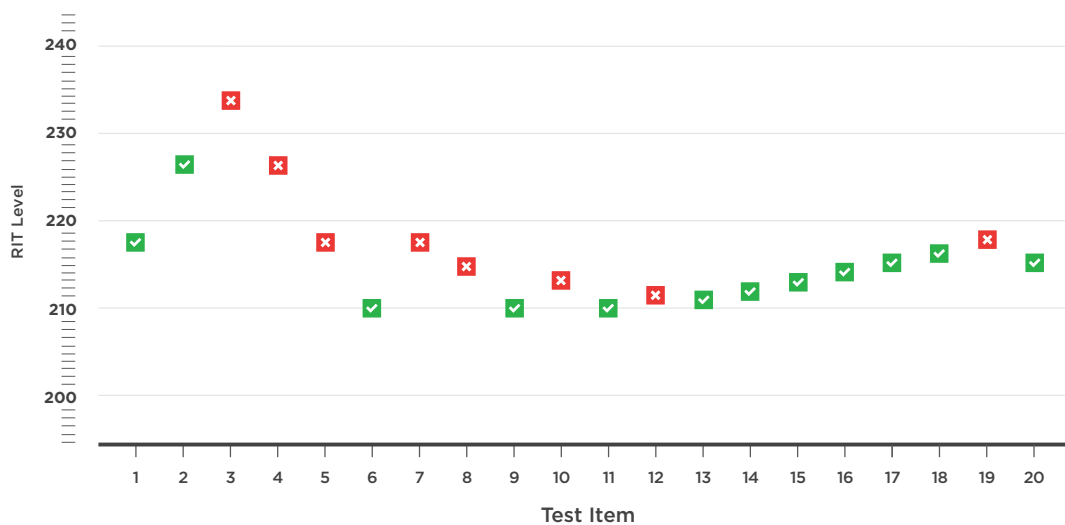
- If your child will be absent from school or tardy, a phone call is required by 8:30 a.m.
The direct phone numbers to report a student absent or tardy are:
K-8: 513-347-2231
Preschool: 513-347-4450
- If your child needs to leave school early, a note written by a parent must be given to the student’s 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.

A family guide to MAP Growth

Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what each student knows and is ready to learn next. That's why a group of educators and researchers founded NWEA®, a not-for-profit organization that has created some of the most trusted and reliable assessment solutions available. More than 11 million students in the US and in 140 countries worldwide use MAP® Growth™.

How it works

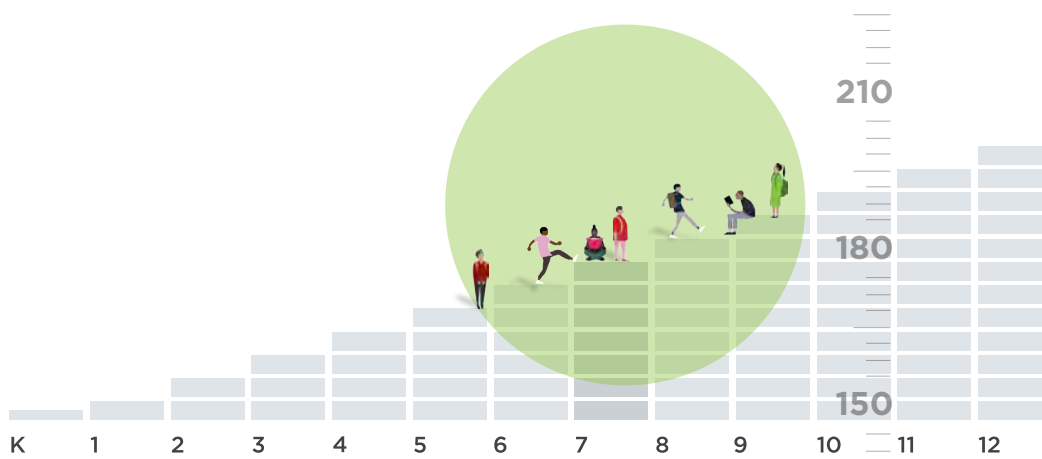
MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level.



MAP Growth begins with a question at each student's grade level and adjusts the level of difficulty based on individual performance.

What it measures

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.



The RIT scale precisely measures student performance, regardless of whether they're performing on, above, or below grade level.

Your child's RIT score

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject. This stable scale allows teachers to accurately measure each student's academic growth throughout the school year and over time.

You can use your child's RIT score to help them meet their goals. For example, students can enter their RIT scores into our college explorer tool to see which colleges and universities they're on track to enter. You can also check out online resources that use RIT scores to provide students with book recommendations and web-based exercises, such as [YourReadingPath.com](https://www.yourreadingpath.com) and [KhanAcademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org).

“MAP Growth is important because it allows my teacher and me to see how much I know and my percentile growth. In math, my score used to be 227 (70th percentile), but it is now 240 (87th percentile). I didn't know I was capable of so much growth, but in the end I was.”

Kayla, 6th grade
Santa Ana, CA

COMMON QUESTIONS

How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?	Teachers can use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.
Can MAP Growth tell me if my child is working at grade level?	Yes, but please note that MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing. Please discuss any questions that you have about your child's performance with their teacher.
How often will my child take MAP Growth tests?	Most schools give MAP Growth tests to students at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year (in the fall, winter, and spring). Some schools choose to administer tests only twice a year.
What are norms?	NWEA provides schools with norms by utilizing anonymous data from more than 10 million students around the US. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of all these students combined allows teachers to compare where your child is to other students and help them grow. In addition, NWEA provides comparison data for private, accredited, English-based, international schools using MAP Growth outside the US.
Is MAP Growth a standardized test?	MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year. Instead of asking all students the same questions, it adjusts to each child's performance—giving a more accurate measure of what they know. Teachers also receive results right away, which enables them to react more quickly.
What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests?	The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. For sample tests, visit Warmup.NWEA.org .

For tips on getting ready for MAP Growth testing, check out our blog:

nwea.org/blog/category/supporting-families

Find more family resources at nwea.org/familytoolkit



NWEA is a not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by providing assessment solutions, insightful reports, professional learning offerings, and research services. Visit [NWEA.org](https://www.nwea.org) to find out how NWEA can partner with you to help all kids learn.

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You're Invited to Grandparents & Grandfriends Day

- Wednesday, October 18 – students in **grades 1 & 3** may invite their grandparents or special family members to spend the morning with them at our school
- Activities & Times:
 - 8:30AM Meet the students in church for mass
 - 9:30AM Last names A-M go to MPR for coffee & donuts first,
Last names N-Z go visit the homerooms first
When you're done at your first stop, you may head to the opposite activity at will
 - 10:50AM One more hug & kiss, then students must go back to their classrooms

*We are looking forward to having a special
morning with you!*



If you have questions, please email visigrandparentsday@gmail.com or
call Jillian @ 922.0935



After-School Clay Christmas Ornament

When: Choose from one of these four dates:

- Friday, November 3rd, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 6th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 7th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 16th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Where: Art Room (Main Building)

Description: Create Christmas ornaments using clay and glaze transfers.
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.

Questions: Email art@olvisitation.org or call 513-347-2235 ext. 2940

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 Christmas Clay Ornament workshop on **Friday, November 3rd**. I have included the \$10 fee.

___ I am interested in attending the Christmas Clay Ornament workshop on **Monday, November 6th**. I have included the \$10 fee.

___ I am interested in attending the Christmas Clay Ornament workshop on **Tuesday, November 7th**. I have included the \$10 fee.

___ I am interested in attending the Christmas Clay Ornament workshop on **Thursday, November 16th**. I have included the \$10 fee.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Phone #: _____

¡ Hola y Bienvenidos!

Beginning Conversational Spanish Course (Grades K-2)

Welcome to the winter term of Beginning Spanish at Our Lady of the Visitation! This is the second term of the three, 10-week term Spanish program. During the second term, your child will review and build on their knowledge from the first term. Students will study vocabulary related to the holiday season. They will learn about setting a table, holiday foods, carols and the feast of the Epiphany. Curriculum will also include a focus on weather terms. These classes will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn and have fun while conversing in Spanish.

Director: Marsha Davis

Class dates/times: Classes will be held once a week on Wednesdays and will begin November 8, 2023 and conclude January 31, 2024. Classes begin immediately following school, from 3:10 - 3:55pm. Unfortunately, due to class size, there will be limited availability. Please register early.

Fee: \$60, which includes ten (10) weeks of Conversational Spanish *
Please make checks payable to Our Lady of the Visitation.

Registration/fee deadline: Friday, October 20, 2023.
(Please use one registration form per child.)

Questions: Please contact Marsha Davis at (513) 307-2366.

SPANISH REGISTRATION FORM – OLVisitation

Beginning Class – Second Term, Winter 2023-24

Child's Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Cell #:** _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

*Spanish instruction is non-refundable; OLVisibegwtr2023-24

¡ Hola y Bienvenidos!

Advanced Conversational Spanish Course (Grades 3-5)

Welcome to the winter term of Advanced Spanish at Our Lady of the Visitation! This is the second term of the three, 10-week term Spanish program. This is an advanced conversational Spanish course in which students will continue studying the basics of pronunciation and grammar with an emphasis on vocabulary and basic conversational skills. During the second term, students will study vocabulary related to the holiday season and weather. A more expanded curriculum will also focus on verb usage and sentence structure with the use of Spanish workbooks.

- Director:** Marsha Davis
- Class dates/times:** Classes will be held once a week on Wednesdays and will begin November 8, 2023 and conclude January 31, 2024. Classes begin immediately following school, from 3:10 - 3:55pm. Unfortunately, due to class size, there will be limited availability. Please register early.
- Fee:** \$60, which includes ten (10) weeks of Conversational Spanish *
Please make checks payable to Our Lady of the Visitation.
- Registration/fee deadline:** Friday, October 20, 2023.
(Please use one registration form per child.)
- Questions:** Please contact Marsha Davis at (513) 307-2366.

SPANISH REGISTRATION FORM – OLVisitation

Advanced Class – Second Term, Winter 2023-24

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell #: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

*Spanish instruction is non-refundable;OLVisiadvwtr23-24

A collection of toys and gifts arranged on a white background. In the center is a green box with a white snowflake pattern, containing a box of 'Modeling Clay' and a box of 'Crayons'. To the left of the box is a black and white stuffed panda. In front of the box is a yellow balloon. To the right of the box are several small toys: a green car, a blue car, a yellow car, and a small airplane. Behind the box is a soccer ball and a box of 'Paper Plates'.

Come join us for a family event to remember! Help spread the joy of Christmas to underprivileged children around the world. Pack a shoebox and bring hope and joy to a child who may never have experienced the excitement and love of Christmas.

- TOYS:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

NOTE: We receive information every year regarding where our shoeboxes have been delivered; over the past 15 years our shoe boxes have been delivered to more than 1500 children in 32 countries around the world, including 13 in Africa.

A PERSONAL NOTE: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

OTHER: T-shirts, socks, ball caps;
sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry-earrings,
necklaces, watches, flashlights (with extra
batterie,) reusable grocery bags & sling bags
to use as bookbag.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Food, candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

TAKE BACK SUNDAY ROSARY RALLY



Special Guest, John Leyendecker, Director of Mission (Ohio),
from the Holy Family School of Faith will lead us in praying the rosary,
with meditations before each decade.

Sunday, October 22
5:00–7:00 pm
St. Joseph Garden

Potluck dinner at 5:00 pm followed by the rosary.
The Knights of Columbus will grill. Please bring a
side dish or dessert to share.

Questions? Contact Beth Scholl at 513-941-3661



Our Lady of Visitation

Ladies Night Out

Sponsored by
**Rustic Happiness
& Salon West**



Doors Open at 6:30
Fashion Show Begins at 7:30

November 15, 2023

Join the Visitation PTO for an evening filled with
fashion, food and drinks , shopping & friends.

Cash Bar Available. Cost of tickets is \$25.
A limited number of VIP tickets are available for \$50
(VIP tickets include reserved front row seats and a swag bag).



Fall Big Win

Get your tickets now to win a BENGALS PACKAGE

Package includes (2) Tickets for Sunday Night game against Buffalo Bills for Sunday November 5th. Tickets are in Section 112 Row 22, tickets also include parking pass!! And for good measure we threw in some Bengals tailgating accessories!!

VALUED AT \$1200

Drawing will be held on Friday October 27th 2023. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. To purchase tickets, you can use the link or QR code below or send in money and form thru school, with envelope marked "PTO BIG WIN" Checks should be made out to OLV PTO. Tickets will be sent home thru school.

Any questions please email Beth Cebula at bcebula@olvisitation.org

<https://visipto.square.site>



Fall Big Win

Name of purchaser: _____

Number of tickets: ____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Student: _____