

Newsletter #14 November 29, 2023

Important Dates:

11/30.....Bengals/FC Out of Uniform Day

(bring canned good)

12/5.....Christmas Concert

12/19.....Band Concert

12/21No School, Christmas Break

1/4....School Resumes

1/15.....No School, Martin Luther King Day

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,

This Sunday begins the liturgical season of Advent and the start of the new liturgical year! We then move to the seasons of Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum or Three Days, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time again, finishing with the feast of Christ the King. The liturgical seasons provide us with a way of looking at the same mystery from different aspects in order to learn something new each time we experience the readings. We are all working to change our hearts. The Scriptures take us through the Liturgical Year on a three year cycle. We look at Jesus and our own lives through the

Gospel of Matthew (Cycle A), Mark (Cycle B) and Luke (Cycle C). The Gospel of John is included at particular times in all three cycles. This new liturgical year we will be using Cycle B, the Gospel of Mark.

As we work on changing our hearts, we also want the children to focus on giving from their hearts this Advent season. This week, students are asked to bring in canned goods to help the needy in our own area. Thanks to EGO for organizing this. Next week, we will ask students to send in change/dollars to be donated to the Christians in the Holy Land. Mr. Bellman, 6th grade teacher, will be going through this organization. https://eohsjnorthamerica.org/ to make the donation.

Music teachers Mrs. Neeley and Mr. Vasconcelos will be helping our families get in the holiday spirit with their Christmas concerts next Tuesday evening, December 5th. 3rd grade and the Striking Vikings will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. 7th and 8th graders and piano enrichment students will be at 7:30 p.m. We will ask anyone attending the early show to please clear out by 7:00 p.m. and ask our parents for the second show to refrain from arriving until 7:10 p.m. Students should dress in Christmas colors and attire. Thank you to both teachers for preparing our students!

Reminder: Please send your student with a coat, hat and gloves. All students go out for recess everyday unless the "feels like" temperature is 25 or below. Girls may wear pants, or tight/leggings under their skirts. Lightweight sweaters and quarter zips sometimes are not enough in the colder temperatures.

Report cards will be emailed out Friday afternoon. Remember it takes our system several hours to get all the report cards out to 764 students. Take the time to review your child's report with them and focus on the effort they give to their work. Setting goals is a great way to keep a child motivated. Thanks for all the support you give to your child's education. It does make a difference.

8th Grade Parents: The Aubrey Rose Hollenkamp Foundation gives out \$500 scholarships to 8th grade students. Students are asked to write an essay and submit their application online. The deadline is January 26th to apply. Please see the link below to apply for this scholarship. You will have to scroll to the bottom of the screen to get to the scholarship application form. https://aubreyrose.org/scholarships/

Busy this December? Remember <u>masstimes.org</u> can help find mass times nearby regardless of where you are!

Blessings,

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER



Check out our Advent wreath created by our kindergarten students in the main hallway overlooking the auditorium. The evergreen holly leaves and the shape of the circle symbolizes the infinite love of God as we wait for the birth of Jesus. Students used only the cool colors to show unity in their artwork. Thanks to the art department for creating the wreath and sharing their work with the school.

Sushi Monster is a free app for students to practice addition and multiplication fact fluency. Children are challenged to solve math facts quickly to feed their monsters and earn high scores. This app provides children with fact fluency practice while having fun!

There will be no peer tutoring December 12th and 19th.

ED CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Check your mail in the next few weeks! The State will be sending out a Scholarship Acceptance Form for each Visitation student who has been awarded a scholarship. These forms will be generated about a week after the scholarship has moved to "Awarded" in the EdChoice portal, and sent to parents via mail. My contact at EdChoice has said people are receiving the letters within two to three weeks after the application is changed to awarded status. Visitation families are beginning to be awarded in the State system and will start receiving these forms. Once you receive the form(s), please promptly complete the information requested and return the form(s) to the Our Lady of the Visitation School office as soon as possible. We will then process them promptly. We will let you know about tuition adjustments and refunds when we have more details from the State. **Important – The scholarship cannot be granted until this form is returned to the school for each student. This is the documentation we need to approve the scholarship in the State system. *Also, you can lose this scholarship if you are absent 20 or more days from school. (From Josh Agnew, Director of Schools)

REDIKER

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

EGO

Ego is sponsoring an Out-of-Uniform day this Thursday, Nov. 30th. Students who **bring in at least ONE CANNED GOOD or non-perishable food item may come out of uniform wearing BENGALS or FC CINCINNATI colors to cheer on our hometown teams.** As always, Visi spirit wear is also acceptable. Help us give back and serve others by re-stocking the TRAM food pantry before the Christmas holiday.

CHURCH CHATTER

<u>Family Sunday Feast</u>: Please see the attached about our Family Feast on Sunday, December 3rd.

Advent Programs: Please see the attached about our Advent Programs.

<u>Giving Tree</u>: Please see the attached about our Giving Tree. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the Welcome Center on December 16 & 17.

St. Leo Toy Drive: Please see the attached about the St. Leo Toy Drive. There are collection boxes at all three parishes until December 2^{nd} .

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

PTO is taking up a collection only for our Specials Teachers and Staff to let them know how much we appreciate them as well as for all that they do for our children. The oldest child in family will be bringing home collection envelope today with more information on it. You can also donate at https://visipto.square.site/

Any questions, please email bcebula@olvisitation.org

<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

<u>Baseball</u>: Registration is now open for the 2024 Baseball and T-ball season. Visit <u>www.vacsports.com</u> and select the Login in the top right corner to register via Blue Sombrero.

8U TO 13U – registration open until January 8

- 8U through 13U (typically 2nd through 8th grade)
- Team counts need to be to the league in early January so please register before the Jan. 8th deadline. 4U-7U & 14U/15U registration open until February 25
 - · 4U/5U T-ball for Pre-K & Kindergarten
 - · 6U/7U Coach Pitch for Kindergarten & 1st grade
- · 14U/15U

Visit the Baseball Home Page on <u>vacsports.com</u> for all important dates and information regarding the 2024 season. We have multiple opportunities to volunteer and coach, so consider signing up during the registration process. If you have any questions, please email <u>visivikingbaseball@gmail.com</u>

VAC Social: ARE YOU FOLLOWING VAC ON FACEBOOK?

For the latest updates on sports sign-ups and upcoming events, be sure to follow VAC on Facebook (search and Like - Our Lady of Visitation Athletic Club).

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Mount Notre Dame</u>: Please visit MND's website for information about Breakfast with Santa on December 2nd, and Grade School Basketball Night on December 7th.

<u>Ursuline Academy</u>: Ursuline will be hosting winter volleyball camps, beginning December 2nd. <u>Ursuline Academy Volleyball Camp Registration</u>

OTHER NEWS

<u>Martinez Orthodontics' Appreciation Day</u>: Community Appreciation Day is Thursday, November 30th. Please see attached for details.

<u>Family Winterfest</u>: Green Township Family Winterfest will be held at Nathanael Greene Lodge on Friday, December 1st. Please see attached for details.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Da4a	Dave	Playground	Playground	Lunchroom	Cafeteria
Date	Day	Upper lot	Lower lot	(wiping tables)	(food service)
12/4	M	Dani Kaiser Nick Neurohr	Aunnie Wertenberger Jamie Donovan	Kerri Todd	Alex Coffaro Laura Hampel
12/5	Т	Shannon Clifton Andrea Griffith	Elizabeth McPherson Jennifer Weil	Amanda Bruner Deb Tisch	Sue Stautberg Bob Johnson
12/6	W	Betsy Horvath	Angela Graman Theresa Marzhauser	Kirsten Law	Brandon Rainier Christina Yockey Kristina Kelley
12/7	Th	Shannon Hafner Becky Schwarz	Sarah Lykins Dana Ellsworth	Megan Schmidt	Chris Emerson Chris Cassiere Matt Robbe
12/8	F	April Rischmann Stephanie Schiller	Dana Ellsworth Sarah Re	Shannon Clifton Lauren Eagen	Sarah Re LeAnn Brock

LUNCH MENU FOR DECEMBER 4-8

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
-Chili Cheese Hot Dog - Tater Tots - Chili & Cheese offered -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Popcorn Chicken -Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa's Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-French Toast Sticks (4) -Sausage Patty (2) -syrup -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- LaRosa's Cheese Rondos (2) -Pizza Sauce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk					
A La Carte									
-Hot Dog with chili & cheese on the side	-Popcorn Chicken	-La Rosa's Pizza 1 Slice	-French Toast Sticks (4)	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.

Join us for a Family Sunday Feast



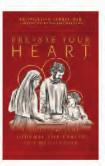
Join us to celebrate the start of the new liturgical year and the 1st Sunday of Advent! The goal of this new event is to bring families together for a potluck brunch after a Sunday Mass to celebrate a liturgical feast with community, food, and activities for children of all ages. We'll provide coffee & juice and ask that each family bring a food item to share.

Date: Sunday, December 3
Time: after the 11 am Mass
Location: St Jude Undercroft









PREPARE YOUR HEART

Advent Group Study for Married Couples

Go on an Advent journey with your spouse and other married couples that is led by the saints and the Holy Family to prepare yourself to enter into the story of Christ's birth through prayer, charity, and joyful acts of service to the needy. The book provides daily meditations on a passage from scripture, reflection questions, prayer, and space for note taking. This group will meet weekly virtually via Zoom in the evenings to allow couples with younger children to join us during this busy season.

MONDAYS at 8:00 pm 4 sessions beginning November 27 There is a fee of \$10 to cover the cost of your copy of the book.

Zoom Online

St. Jude

St. Joseph



ADORE

Advent Group Study and Prayer

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about-Jesus. Join others on an Advent journey to encounter the Christ child.

In Adore, popular author and speaker Fr. John Burns will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent, focusing on a new relatable theme each weekvigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel.

TUESDAYS at 6:45 pm THURSDAYS at 8:45 am

4 sessions beginning November 28 4 sessions beginning November 30

There is a fee of \$10 to cover the cost of your copy of the book.

study, contact Michael Bissonnette 513-922-2056

or use the QR code

Please

register by

November 16

To register for

either group



Your have the opportunity to provide Christmas joy to others this holiday season.

Your generosity is a kindness that will extend beyond the holiday season for so many.

Visitation Giving Tree

The are gift items and gift card options for St Vincent de Paul, St Martin's, and St Leo Parish. You may purchase the gift cards or you can write a check to OLV, indicate the organization in the memo line, and put in the collection basket. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the Welcome Center December 16 & 17.

Questions? Lynn Hensler at 513-519-3368



ST LEO TOY DRIVE

We are collecting items for St Leo Church from now until December 2. Please consider donating new or gently used toys, clothing, bedding and towels.

These items will be soldat St Leo's Toy & Clothing Sale on Dec 3 with proceeds to support their food pantry.

There are collection boxes at all three parishes.

The QR code can be used to purchase items from St Leo's Amazon Wish List.

Questions? Lynn Hensler lynnhensler@yahoo.com





Green Township

FAMILY WINTERFEST



Friday, December 1, 2023 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- *Live Reindeer
- *Photos with Santa
- *Train Display
- *Hot Chocolate
- *Cookies
- *Letters to Santa
- *Christmas Story time
- *Free Admission

NATHANAEL GREENE LODGE 6394 WESSELMAN ROAD

> Sponsored by Cincinnati Children's

FREE Shuttle Bus

*Green Township Administration

6303 Harrison Avenue

Former Twin Lanterns 6101 Harrison Avenue

4:45 to 8:00

We will be collecting suo Gift Cards for kiddos in Cincinnati Children's

Green Township Elected Officials Triffon Callos, Tony Rosiello, David Linnenberg, Tom Straus



LIVE REINDEER

Gookies & Hot Gocoa with Mrs. Glaus

Thursday November 30 5:00-7:00





