

Important Dates:

12/2 Out of Uniform, \$1
 12/9 Out of Uniform for Buddy Cards
 12/22-1/3..... Christmas Break
 1/4 School Resumes
 1/16 MLK Day, No School
 1/29-2/4..... Catholic Schools Week
 1/30 Teacher In-service, No School

K-8 Absent/Tardy347-2231
 Preschool Absent347-4450
 Early Dismissal.....note to teacher
 Aftercare371-0371

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

Tis the Season...Advent has begun! The season of Ordinary Time has ended in the church and we transition into a new liturgical year with hope and patience! Did you know our church has three cycles of readings? We will transition from Cycle C to Cycle A. In year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew on Sundays. Advent begins the new cycle of readings and the new liturgical year.

Report Cards will be emailed out today. We only print the final report cards. As a reminder, it takes our system many hours to send out 775 report cards. If you get one report card for your child but not another, just hold tight. If you don't receive a report card by Thursday afternoon, please contact the school office. Students were recognized at our Awards Assembly this morning.

Please continue to pray for some ill students, CeCe in kindergarten and Ross in 5th grade. Ross had surgery a few weeks ago and begins proton therapy this week. CeCe is preparing for a trip to Seattle in January to undergo treatment. She will eventually be out there for 8 weeks. Perhaps during Advent, your family might consider doing something prayerful in support of these two little warriors! Start small with your family prayer life. Make sure you pray at meals and bedtime. Then add in a Rosary or attend Adoration on Thursdays after school. Tell God what you are grateful for each day. Time spent with God is always time well spent. Thank you for praying for our kindergarten friend, Logan! Logan's surgery before Thanksgiving went well and he has returned to school!

December is a very busy month here at school. Please mark your calendars. As always, schedule in your family time as well. Make a date to fulfill your Christmas traditions.

- **Dec. 1st Reconciliation Grades 6-8**
- **Dec. 2nd EGO \$1 out of uniform**
- **Dec. 6th Grades 3 and 4 Christmas Concert**
- **Dec. 6th Feast of St. Nick (stockings are filled this morning!)**
- **Dec. 7th 8:30 a.m. Advent Prayer Service**
- **Dec. 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 8:30 a.m.**
 - **Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics should attend mass.**
- **Dec. 13th Band Concert in evening**
- **Dec. 14th Parish Reconciliation in the evening**
- **Dec. 20th EGO sponsors a Christmas movie during the day**
- **Dec. 21st Christmas Parties at the end of the day**
- **Dec. 22nd Christmas Break Begins- No School**

Make this Advent a special one for your family! Our mass times are 4:00 p.m. Saturday, and 8 am and 10 am on Sunday!

Blessings,

Shelby M. Aug

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Our first grade students are preparing for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ by learning about the season of Advent. The students are creating advent calendars and wreaths to fully understand the reason for the season. Throughout their celebration of awaiting Jesus' birth, the students will write letters to Santa and participate in a Polar Express Day. There is already so much excitement and buzz in the first grade hallway!

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!

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

EGO – OUT OF UNIFORM

This Friday, December 2nd, is a paid OUT OF UNIFORM day, sponsored by EGO. The theme is our FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS!

If you bring in \$1, you will be able to come out of uniform in any of your favorite sport team's attire. Feel free to wear jerseys, sweatshirts, or just the colors of your favorite team. You can choose from ANY of your favorite teams including high schools, colleges, NFL teams, etc. You can even choose everyone's favorite school - VISI.

Remember, all of the usual out of uniform rules apply. So, bring in your \$1 and show us your TEAM SPIRIT!

GIFT CARDS

Your holiday shopping can raise money for Visitation by simply purchasing gift cards through the Gift Card Program. Use the gift cards as presents for family and friends. Also, use the gift cards in place of cash or credit for your holiday and everyday purchases. The order form is attached, or you can use this link <https://bit.ly/VisiGiftCards2022>. Submit orders by December 14 to receive by Christmas. Questions – contact Pam Holtmeier at giftcards@olvisitation.org or 513-347-9038.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria still needs more parent volunteers to serve lunch. Serving time is 10:30-1:30. Must be Safe Parish trained and updated. Please go to the signup genius link and as always thank you for your support and time. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4AE2CA7FC1-cafeteria>

CUB SCOUTS

Please see the attached flyer about the Cub Scouts Snowball Fight on December 16th.

CHURCH CHATTER

Giving Tree: The tree with ornaments made by our 6TH graders will be up the weekend after Thanksgiving. We will have items for St. Joseph School, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Leo Parish. Please take an ornament and return the gift (unwrapped) to the Welcome Center the weekend of **December 10TH & 11TH**. If you choose a gift card, those will be sold in the foyer and passed along to the recipient. Thank you for your generosity!! Questions? Contact Lynn Hensler, lynnhensler@yahoo.com or 513-519-3368.

St. Leo Toy Drive: Once again, OLV Outreach Ministries will be sponsoring the St. Leo Annual Toy Drive. We will be collecting new and slightly used toys and clothing (in good condition only) for the St. Leo community in the Canteen before and after each Mass the weekend of **December 3RD & 4TH**. **St. Leo is also in need of new bedding and pillows.** This is a great way to earn service hours and to help our Covenant Parish, St. Leo. For questions, please call Lynn Hensler at 513-519-3368.

ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT – SANDWICH MAKING

The drop off for our Sandwich & Snack Collection for Our Daily Bread will be on Tuesday December 6th, from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for details.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

Christmas Collection for Specials: PTO is taking up a collection for our Specials Teachers and Staff to let them know how much we appreciate them and all they do for our children! Donations are strictly voluntary, but would be greatly appreciated and will be personalized with Family Names of all who donated this year. All gifts will be given on Wednesday, December 21st.

<https://visipto.square.site/>

Homeroom representatives will be collecting separately for classroom teachers.

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

VAC

Important VAC Dates

11/30 – TODAY - Final call for Round 2 of Warm Up Shirts

12/1 - LAST DAY Girls Highschool Basketball Signups

Visitation Vikings All-Sport Warm Up Shirt! - ROUND 2: Now that the days are getting cooler, Viking long sleeve orange warm up shirts are available to order. Last names can be added to the backs (included in cost). Parents are welcome to order a shirt as well or even kids not involved in sports! Be sure to complete a form for EACH shirt you are ordering.

Cost: \$20. Order form closes Nov 30th.

Girls Highschool Basketball: If your high school daughter is looking to play basketball this winter, signups are open until Dec 1st. We will also need a coach for the team, if interested please reach out to David Kneflin by email davidkneflin81@gmail.com or cell 513-518-8103. Thanks

SPRING SPORTS SIGNUPS

Girls Softball: Calling all ladies from Pre K - 8th grade!!! Are you interested in joining a team sport where one can get dirty - yes, the game is all about getting dirty! How many sports can say that getting dirty is a key element to the game. We are looking for all ladies that are looking to have fun between April and June. Softball also works around other sports such as soccer to provide the best experience for you. So register today to have fun!!!

Boys Volleyball: Signups for Boys Volleyball are now open for boys in grades 3-8! Boys Volleyball is a fantastic spring sport opportunity, as there is no possibility of rain delays or rain outs, the season is complete by mid-May and does not interfere with your summer, and the games are held later in the day to allow boys to also participate in other spring sports. Please log into <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports> to register. Signups will be open through January 20th. Evaluations will take place in early February, with more information to follow.

Baseball:

8U - 14U: 11/29/21 - 1/6/2022 (Late Registrations will be placed on a Waiting List and cannot be guaranteed a spot on a team)

5U, 7U & 15U: 11/29/21 - 2/28/2022: (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 2022 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.

Track and Field: Signups are now open for boys and girls K through 8th grade. Fees remain \$50 per participant this year. This includes meet fees and uniform (t-shirt). With the variable weather during track season, there will again be an option for a hooded sweatshirt (heads up, they do run small) for \$20. Practices are 1-2 times weekly. Track meets are on Saturdays starting in late March and run through early May. Coaches are always needed across all levels. Please consider volunteering. If any questions or to volunteer, please contact Lee Reynolds at lreynolds@beaconortho.com or Jon Downing at jtdowning@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Mercy McAuley High School: Grade School Basketball Night is December 12. Future Wolves of all grade levels are invited to Mercy McAuley's Grade School Basketball Night on 12/12. The varsity

game begins at 7:30 p.m. All future Wolves will receive free admission to the game, plus snacks and giveaways. Grade School festivities will begin at 7 p.m.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
12/5	M	Dan Kaiser Matt Hoffman	Jennifer Leisgang Kate Raterman	Kerri Todd Amy Coors	Bob Johnson Kelly Sullivan Jill Ballman
12/6	T	Angela Graman Johnna Rowe	Dana Ellsworth Sarah Ray	Amanda Bruner Deb Tisch	Sue Stautberg
12/7	W	Amy Faillace Betsy Horvath	Stephanie Hayes Erin Viltro	Kristie Jostworth Kirsten Law	Brandon Rainier Randy Lipps
12/8	Th	Katie Rohrmeier Erin Pace	Shannon Hafner Laura Cavanaugh	Jeananne Nichols	Daniel Schultz Chris Cassiere
12/9	F	Kim Post Jennifer Briede	Kirsten Law Laura Miller	Monica Trapp Grace Faigle	Angela Hayes Laura Obert Stephanie Hayes

LUNCH MENU FOR DECEMBER 5-9

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Chicken Patty -Spiral Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chili Cheese Hot Dog - Tater Tots - Chili & Shredded Cheese offered -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- LaRosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chicken Nuggets (5) -Dinner Roll -Mac-n-Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Nacho’s & Cheese sauce - Pretzel -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Chicken Patty	-Hot Dog with chili & cheese on the side	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-Chicken Nuggets-5	-Nacho’s & 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.

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>. 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: 347-2231
Preschool: 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.

Our Lady of the Visitation Gift Card Program Order Form

Christmas 2022

GIFTING THAT GIVES BACK

Find holiday gifts for everyone on your list while raising money for Our Lady of the Visitation. Whether you buy gift cards to give as gifts or to use as payment while doing your own shopping, your order immediately raises money for Visitation. Do you need a gift card or a denomination not listed? Please ask. It may be available. Business owners – gift cards make great holiday gifts for your employees. The more people that order, the truly merrier.

You buy a gift card
You get the full value

The brand gives back
No extra money comes
out of your pocket

Visitation earns
You are making an
impact

SPECIAL ORDERS				
RETAILER	%	\$	QTY	TOTAL
Aeropostale	10%	\$25		\$
American Eagle	10%	\$25		\$
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10		\$
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$25		\$
Bass Pro Shops	10%	\$25		\$
Best Buy	4%	\$25		\$
Buca di Beppo	8%	\$25		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop	8%	\$25		\$
Burlington	8%	\$25		\$
Carter's/Oshkosh	10%	\$25		\$
Children's Place	12%	\$25		\$
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		\$
City BBQ	8%	\$10		\$
Claire's/Icing	9%	\$10		\$
Container Store	9%	\$25		\$
Crate and Barrel	8%	\$25		\$
Dave & Buster's	13%	\$25		\$
Dillard's	9%	\$25		\$
Disney	3%	\$25		\$
Domino's	8%	\$10		\$
DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse)	8%	\$25		\$
Foot Locker	8%	\$25		\$
GameStop	5%	\$25		\$
GFS Store	4%	\$25		\$
Groupon.com	7%	\$25		\$
IHOP	8%	\$10		\$
iTunes	5%	\$15		\$
J.Crew	13%	\$25		\$

SPECIAL ORDERS				
RETAILER	%	\$	QTY	TOTAL
JCPenney	5%	\$25		\$
Jersey Mike's Subs	6%	\$25		\$
Lane Bryant	8%	\$25		\$
Little Caesars	8%	\$20		\$
Logan's Roadhouse	10%	\$25		\$
Long John Silver's	8%	\$10		\$
Maggiano's Little Italy/Chili's	11%	\$25		\$
Michaels	4%	\$25		\$
Nordstrom/Nordstrom Rack	4%	\$25		\$
Office Depot/Office Max	5%	\$25		\$
Overstock.com	8%	\$25		\$
Panda Express	8%	\$25		\$
Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		\$
Ruth's Chris Steak House	10%	\$50		\$
Sephora	5%	\$25		\$
Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		\$
Shutterfly	9%	\$25		\$
Sonic	8%	\$10		\$
Steak 'n Shake	8%	\$10		\$
TGI Fridays	9%	\$25		\$
Talbots	13%	\$25		\$
Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		\$
Tom+Chee	4%	\$10		\$
Topgolf	8%	\$50		\$
ULTA	7%	\$25		\$
Vera Bradley	7%	\$50		\$
Visa	1.3%	\$50		\$
Zappos.com	8%	\$25		\$

If you have questions, contact Pam Holtmeier at giftcards@olvisitation.org or 513-347-9038

Submit completed order form to Pam Holtmeier
 Send through school OR Drop off at the parish office OR Email to giftcards@olvisitation.org

***** Submit orders by December 14 to receive by Christmas *****

Name _____ Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Send through school

Cash – Amount \$ _____

Student _____

Check (made payable to OLV GCP) – Amount \$ _____

Teacher _____

Credit Card – Amount \$ _____

Pick up at the parish office

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Pick up in the back of church after weekend masses

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

RESTAURANTS				
RETAILER	%	\$	QTY	TOTAL
Applebee's	8%	\$25		\$
Arby's	8%	\$10		\$
Aroma's Java & Gelato	5%	\$10		\$
Bob Evans	10%	\$10		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$10		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25		\$
Busken Bakery	20%	\$10		\$
Cheesecake Factory	5%	\$25		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill	10%	\$10		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill	10%	\$25		\$
Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		\$
Darden - Longhorn/Olive Garden/ Cheddar's/Yard House/Bahama Breeze	8%	\$25		\$
Dunkin' Donuts	3%	\$10		\$
Graeter's	10%	\$10		\$
Jeff Ruby Restaurants	20%	\$50		\$
Jeff Ruby Restaurants	20%	\$100		\$
LaRosa's	8%	\$20		\$
McAlister's Deli	6%	\$25		\$
O'Charley's	13%	\$25		\$
Outback/Bonefish/Carrabba's/Fleming's	10%	\$25		\$
P.F. Chang's China Bistro	6%	\$25		\$
Panera Bread	8%	\$5		\$
Panera Bread	8%	\$10		\$
Papa John's Pizza	8%	\$10		\$
Price Hill Chili	10%	\$10		\$
Ron's Roost	15%	\$25		\$
Skyline Chili	10%	\$10		\$
Skyline Chili	10%	\$15		\$
Skyline Chili	10%	\$20		\$
Skyline Chili	10%	\$25		\$
Starbucks	4.5%	\$10		\$
Starbucks	4.5%	\$25		\$
Subway	4.5%	\$10		\$
Wendy's	6.5%	\$10		\$

GROCERY / GASOLINE				
RETAILER	%	\$	QTY	TOTAL
Bridgetown Finer Meats/Produce	5%	\$25		\$
Humbert's	5%	\$10		\$
Marathon	4%	\$25		\$
Meijer	3%	\$25		\$
Meijer	3%	\$50		\$
Speedway	4%	\$25		\$
DEPARTMENT STORES / SPECIALTY STORES				
RETAILER	%	\$	QTY	TOTAL
Amazon.com	1.7%	\$10		\$
Amazon.com	1.7%	\$25		\$
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$10		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond/buybuyBABY	7%	\$25		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods/Field & Stream	8%	\$25		\$
Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic/Athleta	14%	\$25		\$
Home Depot	4%	\$25		\$
Kohl's NOTE - Kohl's gift cards	5%	\$10		\$
Kohl's purchased from GCP	5%	\$25		\$
Kohl's can be used to pay your	5%	\$50		\$
Kohl's Kohl's credit card bill	5%	\$100		\$
L.L.Bean	16%	\$25		\$
Lands' End	15%	\$25		\$
Lowe's	4%	\$25		\$
Macy's	10%	\$25		\$
Staples	5%	\$25		\$
T.J.Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods	7%	\$25		\$
Target	2.5%	\$10		\$
Target	2.5%	\$25		\$
Walgreens	5%	\$25		\$
Walmart/Sam's Club	2.5%	\$10		\$
Walmart/Sam's Club	2.5%	\$25		\$
OTHER				
RETAILER	%	\$	QTY	TOTAL
AMC Theatres	8%	\$25		\$
Cinemark Theatres	4%	\$25		\$
Great Clips	8%	\$25		\$

**A limited supply of gift cards will be available to purchase in the back of church
 after all weekend masses on November 26/27, December 3/4, and December 10/11**



Advent Service Project

Make At Home & Drop Off Event

Sandwich & Snack Collection

for Our Daily Bread

Tuesday, Dec 6TH

Drop Off: 6:30-7:00 p.m.

In front of Visitation Church



Make At Home and Drop Off Event- The sandwiches we make will be provided with every hot meal so that their guests can have something to eat later in the day or over the weekend.

Here are three ways you and your family can help:

- 1) **Make Sandwiches at Home:** (Please note NEW Instructions for Making Sandwiches at Home from ODB.)

Meat Sandwich Assembly Instructions: We usually only put bread and meat; cheese is a bonus, no condiments. Any type of bread or meat is accepted, but our guests tend to prefer **white bread** over wheat and turkey, ham, pepperoni/salami over bologna. Place each individual sandwich in a **zipper** sandwich bag and **mark or label** with the type of sandwich or label the box/container that you bring them in to Visitation. If you are able to bring them in a **box**, that will help keep sandwiches from being squished.

****Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches-** now accepted too! Please put a thin layer of peanut butter on each piece of bread and jelly or 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.)

- 2) **Make Treats at Home or Donate Packaged Treats:** (new option to make treats at home)

Instructions for donating treats: If making from scratch, separate into individual treats- place in plastic wrap or zip locked bags. If purchasing pre-packaged sweets, there is no need to remove them from packaging. **Treat examples:** *Chocolate chip cookies, cookie bars, brownies, rice crispy treats, danishes, donuts, bear claws, muffins, Little Debbie snacks, cake balls, individual servings of pie or cake*

- 3) **OTHER ITEMS TO DONATE:**

- *Fruit-oranges and bananas (No apples or pears please, many of our guests struggle with eating these)*
- *Lunchables, tuna pouches, ravioli with meat, Dinty Moore/Chunky (soup/stew- pop tops only)*
- *Snack sized bagged chips*
- *Breakfast/Granola Bars*
- *Individual-size nuts or cracker packs*
- *Apple sauce or fruit cups*
- *Cases of Water or Kids Drinks*



The donations will be delivered to our daily bread, Dec 7th in the morning so that they can be handed out during that afternoon's lunch. 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

Snowball Fight!

Cub Scout families are invited to join
us for the December pack event

DECEMBER 16, 2022

6:00 – 8:00PM

OLV OLD GYM

PLEASE BRING:

Your homemade cardboard shield

NEW, packaged socks for donation to St. Leo's Parish

A salty or sweet snack to share

For questions, call Kate Raterman (513-225-6481)
or Jayne Lake (513-593-4465).