

**Important Dates:**

12/9 ..... Out of Uniform for Buddy Cards  
 12/20 ..... Out of Uniform, PJ Day - \$1  
 12/21 ..... Out of Uniform, free  
 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/Tardy .....347-2231  
 Preschool Absent .....347-4450  
 Early Dismissal.....note to teacher  
 Aftercare .....371-0371

**AUG'S BLOG**

Visitation Families,

During this second week of Advent, we focus on peace. Remember that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. He wants to be present with us at all times. In addition to being with Him during Reconciliation and while receiving the Eucharist, take extra time to be with Him in personal prayer. Share with Him the joys and sorrows of your day, but be sure to give yourself enough time to quietly listen for Him. When we let Christ guide us through the troubles of this world, we head down the right path... a path of peace! (Diane Tensing).

Tomorrow, the oldest child in each family will be bringing home a Christmas card with an ornament inside as a gift to our wonderful Visitation Families!

In the next few weeks, you will be reading about the National Eucharistic Revival in all church communications. As you may know, mass attendance continues to decline over the years throughout the U.S. Archbishop Schnurr is inviting ALL Catholics through their parishes and schools to grow in our understanding and devotion to the Eucharist. The Archbishop has provided for a great and easy way to help our students and faculty grow in meeting Christ in the Eucharist through a series of videos explaining the mass. This will be a six-week study beginning the week of Sunday, January 8 and concluding the week of Sunday, February 12. Our 6th thru 8th graders will be taking part in the program. The content of the study will be the excellent video series "The Mass" from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries. Each Sunday, the Archbishop will email all participants the 25-minute episode along with his own brief insights. Individuals can view the study at their own pace, on their own time, over the course of the week to invigorate their love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. You may sign up to receive the emails at <https://catholicaoc.org/themass>. This may be just what your family needs to recommit to attending mass.

**Morning Preschool Pickup:** On Monday, Dec. 12th, there is a 10:00 a.m. funeral that is expecting a large crowd. Please try to avoid arriving for preschool pickup until 11:20 or later.

**8th Grade Parents-** There are two scholarship opportunities for 8th graders. The Justin and Rita Weber Scholarship and the Aubrey Rose Foundation (ARF) Scholarship. The Weber Scholarship is due Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Information was sent home with students and is attached. The ARF Scholarship is due Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>: <https://aubreyrose.org/scholarships/>.

Reminders:

- **Dec. 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception 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**

Please join us for 8:30 mass tomorrow as we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception (a holy day of obligation).

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.

**There will be no peer tutoring Tuesday, December 13th and December 20th.**

The Starfall app is a wonderful resource for students in grades prek-2 who are learning beginning reading skills, especially letter sounds. The site/app is free and interactive. There are games, songs, movies, books, and activities to help students practice basic phonic skills.

**REDIKER:** All Rediker issues, primary email changes or primary household phone number changes should be emailed to [rediker@olvisitation.org](mailto:rediker@olvisitation.org).

## EGO OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

MERRY CHRISTMAS from EGO! The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be sponsoring some activities to spread some Christmas cheer.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 20th is a paid out-of-uniform day.** The theme is COZY CHRISTMAS PJ DAY. If students pay \$1.00, they may come out-of-uniform and wear comfy pajamas (no slippers allowed). Also, all students will also be treated to the 2018 animated Christmas movie, THE GRINCH. Snacks and water will be generously provided by our PTO!

**WEDNESDAY, Dec 21st is a free out-of-uniform day.** The theme is HAPPY HOLIDAYS. Students may come out-of-uniform and wear holiday themed clothing (ex: Christmas shirts, hats, antlers, or simply Christmas colors- red or green). **NO. PJ's are allowed today!** Since this is a MASS day, absolutely no accessories may be worn to mass.

**ALL USUAL OUT OF UNIFORM RULES APPLY**

## LAROSA'S BUDDY CARDS

Our Buddy Card sale was a HUGE success!! Thank you to all that participated. Our top seller and winner of the Pizza Party for her homeroom is Jewels T. in Mrs. Arling's class! The pizza party will be on Friday December 16th. Way to go Jewels!

Any student that sold at least 1 card, or made a donation of \$5, will be out of uniform this Friday, December 9th. Students that sold 10 or more cards will also receive an out of uniform pass good for the week of January 9th-13th. This is the first FULL week in January. Students that sold 20 or more will also receive a \$20 Amazon gift card.

Thanks again to all that participated in this great (and delicious) fundraiser for our school!

## 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](mailto:giftcards@olvisitation.org) or 513-347-9038.

## FINANCIAL AID 2023-24 INFORMATION

*Applications for financial aid are available online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.* Please find at the end of this newsletter a document containing information on financial aid available for the 2023-24 school year. Also, attached is information regarding the Catholic Education Fund. One application can be made for financial aid available. **Do not delay! Apply today!** Questions, please call Patty or Leslee in the Parish Office, 922-2056.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) is now a certified SGO - Scholarship Granting Organization! Ohio taxpayers who donate to an SGO may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). See the attached flyer for details.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

## CHURCH CHATTER

Giving Tree: Please return your gifts for the Giving Tree (unwrapped) to the Welcome Center this weekend, **December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:lynnhensler@yahoo.com) or 513-519-3368.

## 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](http://visispiritwear.weebly.com). Any questions, please contact Nikki Niemann at 513-379-8478

## VAC

### 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. Please log into <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports> to register. 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: 11/29/22 - 1/6/2023 (Late Registrations will be placed on a Waiting List and cannot be guaranteed a spot on a team)

5U, 7U & 15U: 11/29/22 - 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](https://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.

**Track and Field:** Signups are now open for boys and girls K through 8th grade. Fees 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). 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. Please log into <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports> to register. If any questions or to volunteer, please contact Lee Reynolds at [lreynolds@beaconortho.com](mailto:lreynolds@beaconortho.com).

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Mercy McAuley High School:** Future Wolves of all grade levels are invited to Mercy McAuley’s Grade School Basketball Night on 12/12. The varsity game begins at 7:30pm. All future Wolves will receive free admission to the game, snacks and giveaways. Grade School festivities begin at 7:00pm.

**Seton High School:** Future Seton Saints and Grads are invited to *Alumnae and Grade School Basketball Night* on January 4 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for games, activities, prizes, and cheer on the Basketball Saints to victory! The Varsity Dance Team will perform, the Spirit Shop will be open from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and all Future Saints and Alumnae will be entered into a raffle to win Seton swag!

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
12/12	M	Jen Hehman Elizabeth McPherson	Jessica Behler Alex Caffaro	Gina Osterbrock Jamie Donovan	Bob Johnson Kursten Kaiser
12/13	T	Julie Young Rena Fishburn	Amanda Bruner Angela Graman	Keli Clarkson Jackie Lanter	Sue Stautberg Liz Hildebrandt
12/14	W	Amy Beitz Maria Kersting	Amy Faillace Amy Burns	Aunnie Wertenberger Susie Ammer	Brandon Ranier Randy Lipps
12/15	Th	Amy Burns Angela Born	Amy Beitz Maria Kersting	Erin Lahni Kristie Horn	Daniel Schultz Keith Schutte
12/16	F	Julie Miller	Maureen Hildebrandt Dana Elsworth	Sarah Waldeck Jenny Waldeck	Stephanie Becker

**LUNCH MENU FOR DECEMBER 12-16**

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Chicken Tenders -Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Hamburger or Cheeseburger -Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chicken Nuggets (5) -Dinner Roll -Mac-n-Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Walking Taco -Corn Chips (1 oz.) -Chili -Shredded Cheese -Shredded Lettuce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Chicken Tenders	-Hamburger or Cheeseburger	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-Chicken Nuggets-5	-Walking Taco

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](mailto: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.

## **Justin & Rita Weber Family Scholarship**

The Justin & Rita Weber Family Scholarship was created in memory of the lives of Justin and Rita Weber, founding members of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish and one of the first couples to be married by Father Leonard Vonderbrink, the Parish's first Pastor. Justin and Rita raised ten children, all of whom attended Our Lady of the Visitation School. After grade school the children all attended Catholic high schools. Justin and Rita volunteered many hours of their time to numerous parish and school organizations while raising their family. They raised their family with Christian values and made the necessary sacrifices to assure their children had the benefit of a Catholic education. It is in recognition of these sacrifices that the family of Justin & Rita has established a scholarship to financially assist a Visitation student who desires to continue his or her Catholic education at a local parochial high school.



**Justin and Rita Weber**

# Justin & Rita Weber Family Scholarship

## Application

**Award Will Be Given:** To one 8<sup>th</sup> grade student of Our Lady of Visitation School enrolling at a parochial high school in the Cincinnati area.

**Deadline:** Applications must be submitted by January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Criteria:** The applicant must graduate from Our Lady of Visitation in spring of 2023 and attend a parochial high school in the Cincinnati area in the fall of 2023. He or she will need to have a grade average for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade years of C+ or better. There will be one \$1500 scholarship awarded and credited to the winner's tuition for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and sent directly to his/her high school. Completed applications shall be submitted to the OLV school office. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. As part of the application, applicants shall create and submit a 2 to 3 paragraph essay. The topic of the essay is "**Describe how your practice of the Catholic Faith has been strengthened and influenced by your family**". Applicants may share an experience, tradition, situation or anything that has involved both their family and their faith. It is important that the essay be neat, legible and checked for both grammar and spelling. If the applicant would want to type or print the essay on a separate sheet of paper, that is acceptable. Please place your completed application (unstapled and your name only on the first page) in an envelope clearly marked with "Justin and Rita Weber Family Scholarship Application" and submit it to the school office by January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Applicant's name:**

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**Applicant's Homeroom Teacher:**

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# Justin & Rita Weber Family Scholarship

## Application

**Grades attended at a Catholic School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High school attending next year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**List recent activities you have participated in that you would like us to know about:**

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**Describe your plans for the future:**

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# 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](mailto: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**

# Financial Aid Information

**Applications for financial aid are available online at**

**<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>**

**A \$35 fee will be charged by FACTS when the application is filed**

**Questions?**

**Call Patty Becker in the Parish Office, 513.922.2056.**

## **Catholic Education Foundation/Archdiocese of Cincinnati**

The Catholic Education Foundation funded by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati offers tuition assistance grants. All K-8 grade grants funded by the CEF will be awarded based upon the assessed financial need of our families, performed by a third-party company which will examine a family's income and suggest a level of need. Application is made through FACTS. All schools have been linked to the account of the Archdiocese.

**Your application will automatically be reviewed by the Archdiocese as long as your completed application is submitted by the deadline. Deadline date to be announced soon.**

**Typically at the end of Catholic Schools Week.**

**Grant Amount:** The grant amount is determined on the number of eligible applications received yearly. The maximum awarded for the 22/23 school year for Visitation was \$1,200 per student.

**Annual Applications:** These grants must be applied for annually, and will be awarded without distinguishing between families based upon religion.

## **OLV Financial Aid**

Financial Aid is available to qualifying families for the **2023-2024** school year with documented history of monetary support and participation in the life of the parish. In order to receive Financial Aid a family **MUST** apply through FACTS. A family will not be considered or awarded aid if an application with FACTS has not been filed or is incomplete.

**If a financial crisis occurs during the course of a school year, parents will have an opportunity to request financial assistance by contacting the Business Manager and completing the application process.**

**The parish cannot meet all the requests for financial aid, but attempts to assist as many families as possible with the resources available.**

**Reminder: Families applying for aid from OLV need to submit 2021 Tax Returns and W-2's**

A financial aid award will not be made until this information is provided. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

Families receiving financial assistance are required to be an active parishioner and volunteer at least 20 hours per year. Those not receiving financial assistance are requested to volunteer at least six hours per year.

**Who is considered a participating parishioner?** It is important to remind our school families that to be considered a ***participating parishioner***, eligible to apply for and possibly receive financial aid and receive the parishioner rate for tuition, a parishioner must:

- participate in the faith life of the Parish by regular attendance at Mass
- participate in the community life of the Parish by volunteering time and talents in ministries and organizations as able
- financially support the Parish on a regular, ongoing basis in addition to tuition

# The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 2023-2024 Tuition Assistance Grants



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2023-2024 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) May apply for needs-based assistance between now and February 3, 2023.

Please visit [www.CatholicBestChoice.org](http://www.CatholicBestChoice.org) for more details and instructions on how to apply.



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Education Foundation  
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

# Catholic School Supporters May Be Eligible for an Ohio Tax Credit!



The State of Ohio has passed a bill that allows a tax credit for qualified donations to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly).

*See section 5747.73 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

## **The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) has been certified by Ohio as a scholarship-granting organization (SGO).**

In keeping with the mission of CEF and the regulations of an SGO, the CEF-SGO will provide scholarships (based on financial need) to students in grades K-12 in the Catholic schools of our Archdiocese.

### **Your donation can be designated to benefit a specific school(s).**

Gifts that are not designated to a particular school will be available to families with the greatest need across our Archdiocese.

### **Consult with your tax advisor** to determine:

(1) your eligibility for the state tax credit, (2) its value to you, and (3) the details of your gift.



**PLEASE NOTE:** According to a representative from the Ohio Department of Taxation, if you file a married joint return, each taxpayer would need to make their own \$750 contribution to claim the maximum of \$1,500. Separate acknowledgement letters will be provided for documentation of your gifts.

**CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO**

To make your gift online



### **Questions? Want to learn more?**

CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO  
Or email SGO@CatholicAOC.org.

### **Donate By Mail**

*Use the Form on Back and mail to:*

Catholic Education Foundation – SGO  
100 E. Eighth St.  
Cincinnati, OH 45202





**CATHOLIC**  
Education Foundation  
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

## DONOR

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTRIBUTION

Please allocate my gift:

To the Greatest Need \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To the school(s) of my choice. The school's name and city are:

• \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not share my name with the school(s) that I selected.

Total Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## GIFT INFORMATION

Your check can be made payable to **CEF-SGO** and mailed with this form to:

Catholic Education Foundation - SGO  
100 East Eighth Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## QUESTIONS?

The Stewardship Department for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is providing donation processing services for the Catholic Education Foundation. If you have questions about your donation, please contact the Stewardship Department at [Stewardship@CatholicAOC.org](mailto:Stewardship@CatholicAOC.org) or (513) 263.3345.



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).