

Newsletter #18 December 18, 2024

#### **Important Dates:**

12/19 .....Out of Uniform, Red & Green

12/20 ......PJ Day (no slippers)

12/23-31 .....No School, Christmas Break

1/1-3...... No School, Christmas Break

1/6 .....School Resumes

1/6-1/13......Re-Enrollment Current Students

1/20.....No School, Martin Luther King Day

1/23. ....First Reconciliation

1/26-1/31.....Catholic Schools Week

1/31. .....No School, Teacher In-Service

K-8 Absent/Tardy.... 513-347-2231 Preschool Absent..... 513-347-4450

Early Dismissal...... Note to Teacher Aftercare.............. 513-371-0371

#### **AUG'S BLOG**

Visitation Families,

This is a part of the Church Bulletin series called "Word and Worship". It is written by seminarian Jacob Schmiesing. It describes different parts of the Mass. The climax of the Mass is the Words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer. These most sacred prayers are combinations of Christ's words in the Synoptic Gospels and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. In all the accounts, Jesus takes the bread and wine and identifies it as "My body" and "My blood" (Matt 26:26-28, Mark 14: 22-23, Luke 22: 19-20, 1Cor 11:24-25). Matthew includes that His blood "will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:28 and in Luke, Jesus says the cup

#### Masses for Christmas at Divine Mercy Family of Parishes

#### **Christmas Eve:**

3:00 pm St. Joseph Fr. Nolker 3:00 pm Visitation Fr. Don 3:00 pm St. Jude Fr. George 5:00 pm St. Joe Fr. Jerry 10:00pm Visitation Fr. Bachman

#### **Christmas Day**

8:00 am Visitation Fr. Jerry 9:00 am St. Joseph Fr. Don 10:00 am St. Jude Fr. Bachman

#### Dec. 31st Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary

4:00 p.m. Visitation Fr. Bachman

#### Jan. 1st Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m. St. Joseph Fr. Jerry 10:00 a.m. St. Jude Fr. Bachman

#### Sunday, Jan. 5th

10:00 -Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany by celebrating after Mass. Coffee and Juice provided, please bring an item to share.

On behalf of the staff of Our Lady of the Visitation School, we want to wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!

**REENROLLMENT WEEK- Jan. 6th -Jan. 13th** All families will receive a link for each child who is returning next year. It is very important that all returning families complete this form as we have waiting lists in some grades.

Blessings,

<sup>&</sup>quot;is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you," (Luke 22:20). These two verses are combined in the Eucharistic Prayer.

#### **COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER**

All aboard the Polar Express! With round-trip tickets in hand, the first grade students climbed aboard for a magical day of learning, all cozy in their pajamas and slippers. Their journey began with designing personalized tickets, followed by listening to the enchanting story while exploring its key elements—characters, setting, and main idea. The adventure continued with marshmallow math activities and imaginative Christmas-themed writing. Of course, no ride on the Polar Express would be complete without a visit from the chocolate milk and doughnut cart, delivering delicious treats to our hardworking passengers. The day concluded with the cheerful sound of jingle bells, a heartwarming reminder of the magic of Christmas!



Building strong connections and nurturing relationships with your child can significantly reduce mental health challenges while fostering a sense of security, belonging, and support. These connections not only help your child develop effective stress management and positive coping strategies but also strengthen your bond, which serves as a vital protective factor against mental health issues. Use the attached fridge-friendly conversation starters to inspire meaningful and engaging interactions with your children. Fridge Friendly Conversation Starters

I want to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. My thoughts, prayers, and good wishes are with all of you this holiday season!

Leah Cook Assistant Principal

#### **ART ROOM**

The Art Room is collecting cereal boxes, cracker boxes for an upcoming art project in the new calendar year. Will you please send thin cardboard boxes to the art room? Thank you for helping us teach the next generation of artists!

#### **JANUARY CODING & ROBOTICS CLUB**

January - Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> after school until 4:15 PM. Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29. Cost to attend is \$40 and is due at the time of registration. Deadline to register is Jan. 5. Use the attached Signup Genius Link to register.

#### **LEGO CLUB GRADES 2-6**

Come join Mrs. Lott on Thursdays for Winter Lego Club in the new year! Monday session is now full, but spots are still available for students in grades 2-6 on Thursdays! Details of dates (January and February) are in the link! If you sign up, please send payment to school addressed to "Amy Lott". Looking forward to some Winter Stem Challenges!

Thursday Winter Lego Club

#### SPIRITWEAR SHOP

The Spiritwear Shop will be open on Wednesday's from 7:30-9:00 pm.

Visit the new site at: https://www.visispiritwearshop.com/

Questions contact Nikki Niemann 513-379-8478.

#### **CAFETERIA**

\*\*\* A Few Reminders\*\*\*

\*If you know your student will not be in school due to illness or a doctor's appointment, please cancel your lunch. You may cancel up until 8:00 am daily. Please reference the website for assistance.

\*Please make sure you check your order and complete the entire check out process.

\*\*If your student packs their lunch, you are to provide the needs of that packed lunch. The cafeteria does not provide the condiment(s) or silverware for those that pack a lunch. Thank You for your help.

**REDIKER:** All Rediker issues, primary email changes or primary household phone number changes should be emailed to <a href="rediker@olvisitation.org">rediker@olvisitation.org</a>

#### VISITATION ATHLETIC CLUB (VAC) - www.vacsports.com

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from VAC!

For all sign-ups, please visit www.vacsports.com and login to register your child.

#### 2025 BOYS VOLLEYBALL SIGN-UPS NOW OPEN

Registration: Open until Sunday, Jan. 26

For boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Games are played in the evenings so boys can also play baseball. The season runs from March to mid-May. Tryouts for 5/6 and 7/8 will be in early February. Any questions, please email <a href="keithnienhaus@hotmail.com">keithnienhaus@hotmail.com</a>.

#### **BOYS BASEBALL – 4U-7U (PreK to 1st grade)**

Registration: Open until Friday, Jan. 31

Please visit the <u>Baseball Homepage</u> for season details and FAQs. Any questions, please email <u>visivikingsbaseball@gmail.com</u>.

#### **VOLUNTEERS AND COMMISSIONERS NEEDED**

Our upcoming sports seasons are in jeopardy – and it all depends on our community of volunteers!

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help organize and manage the **Fall Soccer** season and the **Girls Basketball** program. Our current commissioners are more than happy to assist in the transition and provide guidance from their years of experience. This can be an individual or a group of people that want to take on the role and work together.

#### 1. 2025 Girls Basketball Tournament Coordinator

Duties include: Coordinate team registrations, create brackets, secure gym time, staff tournament, prepare facilities for the 2 weekends of games. Tournament is typically held over 2 weekends in February. Please reach out to Dave Kneflin at <a href="mailto:davidkneflin81@gmail.com">davidkneflin81@gmail.com</a>.

#### 2. 2025 Fall Soccer Commissioner

Duties include: Represent Visitation at league meetings beginning in March of 2025, manage budget, promote sign-ups, provide registration to league, coordinate coaches, setup practice and game schedules, field prep coordination and order necessary equipment. The season runs from August to the final tournament in November. Please reach out to Nic Carmosino at carmosn@yahoo.com.

#### 3. 2026 Girls Basketball Commissioner

Duties include: Represent Visitation at GWAC league meetings, manage budget, promote signups, coordinate player evaluations and tryouts, seek out coaches, coordinate gym times for practices and games, order necessary equipment. The season runs from January to March. Please reach out to Dave Kneflin at <a href="mailto:davidkneflin81@gmail.com">davidkneflin81@gmail.com</a>.

We want to be very clear that without these roles we will NOT be able to offer the girls tournament or soccer and girls basketball seasons at Visitation.

Facebook (Our Lady of Visitation Athletic Club) - Instagram (visiathletics) - X (Twitter) (VACSports)

#### **OTHER NEWS:**

#### **CRHP WOMEN'S RETEAT**

Please see the attached flyer about the 2025 women's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) retreat. It's open to all women who are looking to explore their faith on a deeper level, develop new friendships, or just take a break from the craziness of everyday life! The retreat is FREE and all meals are provided. We hope to see you there! For questions contact Beth Papin at 513-309-2131 or elizabethpapin@gmail.com.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

<u>Elder High School:</u> Please visit Elder's website for more information. Details at <a href="https://www.elderhs.org/admissions">https://www.elderhs.org/admissions</a>. For more information, contact Brian Hiles at <a href="https://www.elderhs.org/admissions">https://www.elderhs.org/admissions</a>.

<u>LaSalle High School</u>: Please visit LaSalle's website for more information. For more information, contact Jake Pucci at <u>admissions@lasalleehs.net</u>.

<u>Mercy McAuley High School</u>: Please visit Mercy McAuley's website for more information. Register at <u>www.mercymcauley.og/shadow</u>.

Moeller High School: Please visit Moeller's website for more information, www.moeller.org.

<u>Mount Notre Dame</u>: Please visit MND's website for more information. Learn details about each event Here. <u>Purcell Marion High School</u>: Please visit Purcell Marion's website for more information.

Visit https://www.purcellmarian.org/ibelong to learn more.

Saint Ursula Academy: Please visit St. Ursula's website for more information.

Information can be found at www.saintursula.org/visit.aspx.

<u>Seton High School</u>: Please visit Seton's website for more information.

Seton's Open House - Thursday, November 21. Register here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ADAA2AAAF5C16-52033548-seton#/.

St. Xavier High School: Please visit St. Xavier's website for more information.

Information can be found at <a href="https://www.stxavier.org/admissions/visit">https://www.stxavier.org/admissions/visit</a>.

<u>Ursuline Academy</u>: Please visit Ursuline's website for information about their upcoming events. https://www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions.

#### **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
1/6	Mon		Dan Kaiser Emma Newbill	Kerri Todd Amy Coors	Clint Lehman Tim Kelley
1/7	Tue	Elizabeth McPherson Lauren Dusold	Kate Raterman Danielle Hartoin	Amanda Bruner Megan Meyerrenke	Bob Johnson
1/8	Wed		Aunnie Wertenberger Karen Berndsen	Susie Ammer Emily Hughes	Brandon Rainer Kristina Kelley
1/9	Thu	Deb Tisch	Dan Kaiser	Jillian Edwards Angela Born	Laura Hampel
1/10	Fri		Dana Ellsworth Sarah Ray	Shannon Clifton Suzie Carey	LeAnn Brock Krista Perez

#### **LUNCH MENU FOR January 6-10**

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
-French Toast	-Chicken Nuggets	- La Rosa's Pizza	-Breaded Cheese	- LaRosa's Cheese				
Sticks (4)	(5)	(1 Slice)	Ravioli	Rondos (2)				
-Sausage Patty (2)	-Dinner Roll	Cheese or Pepperoni	-Marinara Dipping	-Pizza Sauce				
-syrup	-Mac-n-Cheese	-Fruit	Sauce	-Fruit				
-Fruit	-Fruit	-Vegetable	-Garlic Breadstick	-Vegetable				
-Vegetable	-Vegetable	-Milk	-Fruit	-milk				
-Milk	-Milk		-Vegetable					
			-Milk					
-French Toast Sticks (4)	-Chicken Nuggets (5)	-La Rosa's Pizza 1 Slice	-Breaded Cheese Ravioli	-LaRosa's Cheese Rondos (2)				

Assorted bagged snacks daily for .75, Ice cream \$1.50, Milk and Water .50

To purchase the regular lunch or hot a la carte items, you must set up an account and order through <a href="https://olvlunch.ahotlunch.com/login">https://olvlunch.ahotlunch.com/login</a>. Lunches must be ordered by 8:00 a.m. daily.

#### **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.

<sup>-</sup>Regular tray lunch \$4.00, -Hot A La Carte -\$2.00, Orders to be placed on Line with the Hot Lunch Program.

## JANUARY CODING & ROBOTICS CLUB

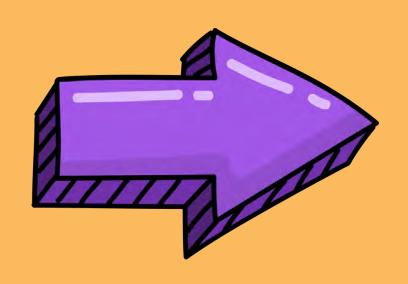
3RD-8TH GRADE WELCOME

WEDNESDAYS 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29

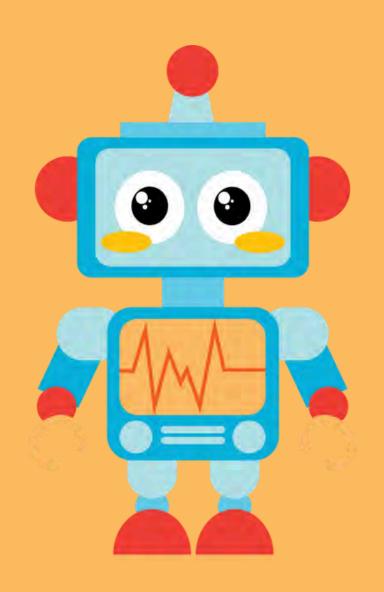
AFTER SCHOOL-4:15



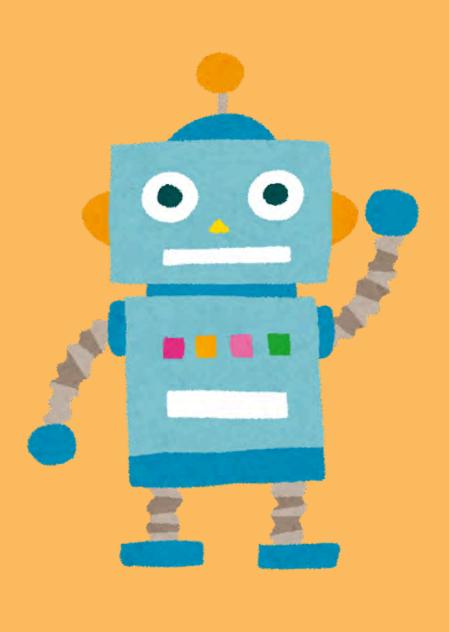
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USING THE SIGNUP GENIUS LINK

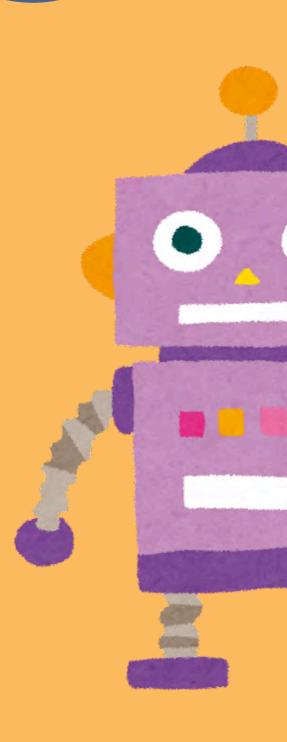


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#### DIVINE MERCY FAMILY PARISHES PRESENTS

THE 2025 WOMENS CHRIST RENEWS HIS
PARISH RETREAT

## SPRING INTO FAITH BLOOM IN HIS GRACE

Saturday, March 22 - Sunday, March 23



REGISTRATION BELOW



SCAN OR PRESS AND HOLD OR CODE





## JOIN US ON JANUARY 5 TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY!

December 25 is just the beginning of the Christmas season. Continue to celebrate this great liturgical season by joining us after Mass to celebrate with community, food, and activities for children. We'll provide coffee and juice and ask that each household bring a food item to share.

### DETAILS

All are welcome
Sunday, January 5
after the 10am Mass
at Visitation
Meet in the Church Hall
RSVP by January 2

with the QR code or call Michael Bissonnette at 513.922.2056

RSVP BY JAN 2



## FAMILY SUNDAY FEAST | Epiphany

