



CRUSADER CONNECTION

FROM THE OFFICE OF OUR PRINCIPAL
MISS ERVIN



Hello Parents!

Blessings and peace!! I hope all had a smooth week getting back in the routine. It certainly was beautiful to see all those smiling faces!

Here's some items to note this week:

- **STAR Testing: begins on Monday, January 12th** and continues through February 6th. The test is administered in the middle of the year to assess your child's progress in grade level standards and assists teachers in designing instruction to meet their needs.
- **2nd Quarter Grades:** Report Cards will be available through FACTS at 3:00pm on Wednesday, January 14th
- **Re-Enrollment Opens for Families on Wednesday, January 14th.** It's almost time to re-enroll for the 26 - 27 school year. An email will come from FACTS next week with instructions. Msgr. Todd has a note below regarding tuition and fees. There is also more information below regarding tuition assistance. I know Catholic education is a sacrifice and I am always grateful for the generosity of others so that we can help families in need. Please apply for assistance should you need it.

I hope all are enjoying this taste of Spring and have a wonderful weekend. May Jesus be your peace!

In the heart of Mary!

Karen

A MESSAGE FROM
MSGR. TODD



Dear Parents,

New Year Blessings! I hope you had a blessed and grace-filled Christmas season and that the transition back-to-school has gone smoothly.

The new year signals the time to plan for next school year. As such, I begin by offering gratitude for your engagement with us as we carry out our mission! Choosing a Catholic school is a sacrifice and I am grateful for your commitment to Catholic education. It is a blessing to be a part of this community and on the journey with you in your child's formation.

Re-enrollment for the 2026 - 2027 school year is now open. After careful prayer and consideration, the parish's Finance Council has approved a tuition increase of 4.5% for the coming year. This increase is necessary to ensure we can continue providing a faith-filled and academically strong education while compensating our dedicated faculty and staff who are essential to the education of our students. In addition, you will notice a \$315 Family Fee which is assessed for our increased security measures at the school. The addition of a professional security company has already been a great blessing for us and helps ensure a safe environment for the whole school community.

It is our desire to make Catholic education accessible to our families. To that end, tuition assistance is available through the Archdiocese of Detroit and the OLGCE Educational Fund. More information is below about these opportunities, how to apply and deadlines to complete applications.

We ask that families complete the re-enrollment process through the FACTS Family Portal by Monday, February 2nd to secure your student's place. We will be opening enrollment to new families on February 2nd. If you have questions about enrollment, please contact our office manager, Sylvia Brewer, brewers@olgceparish.net. She will be happy to help you.

Again, thank you for being a part of the OLGCE family. I look forward to the many blessings

in store as God continues to provide for us in the coming school year.

In His Peace,
Msgr. Todd Lajiness

UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY

- 12 Middle of the year Star Testing begins
- 14 Open Enrollment for Current Families
- 16 **Spirit Dress Down Day**
- 19 **No School, M.L.K Day, Prof. Development Day**
- 23 **Spirit Dress Down Day**
- 24 - 31 Catholic Schools Week
- 28 All School Mass, Bishop Monforton will be with us
- 31 Winterfest
- 31 Open House - 10:00-12:00 School and Pre-K

FEBRUARY

- 2 Enrollment for New Families Opens
- 6 8th Grade Retreat
- 9 - 13 Mid-Winter Break
- 16 **No School, President's Day, Prof. Development Day**
- 18 All School Mass, Ash Wednesday
- 20 Accreditation Site Visit
- 23 - March 2 Blessed Carlo Acutis relics



School Calendar, 25 - 26.pdf

OLGC SPIRIT DAYS

On designated OLGc Spirit Days (every Friday!) students may dress in Crusader apparel (gym clothes or Crusader team apparel). Students can wear Crusader/sports t-shirts and/or sweatshirts with school or gym uniform bottoms.

OLGC THEME DAYS

On designated OLGC Theme Days, students may dress according to the theme listed. On these special days, students may be out of uniform while following guidelines outlined in the student handbook.



ALL SCHOOL MASS 25 - 26

MASS DATE	FEAST DAY AND CELEBRATION
10/29/25 NEW Date	All Saints Festival after Mass (date changed from Oct. 31)
11/19/25	October Virtue Victors and Solanus Casey Relics
12/8/25 Mass at 9:30am	Immaculate Conception, students will be bused from and to school
12/19/25	Christmas Retreat, November Virtue Victors
1/28/25	Catholic School's Week: Bishop Monforton, December Virtue Victors
2/18/25 Mass at 9:30am	Ash Wednesday, students will be bused from and to school
3/11/26	February Virtue Victors
3/30/26	Lenten Retreat
4/22/26	March Virtue Victors
4/29/26 NEW Date	May Crowning (date changed from May 1)
5/13/26	Streamer Day and April Virtue Victors
6/3/26	Last Day, May Virtue Victors, Field Day

IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LADY
OF GOOD COUNSEL
PARISH SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT FOR 2026 - 2027

Jan. 14 - Feb. 2	Enrollment Current Families
Feb. 2	Open Enrollment New Families
Dec. 15 - Feb. 27	AOD Tuition Assistance App
Feb. 2 - March 13	OLGC Tuition Assistance App
May 1st	Enrollment Ends

*Offering a life-changing encounter with Jesus and
equipping leaders to transform the culture*



Enrollment For Current Families Opens Wednesday, January 14, 2026

- **Re-enrolling a current student**
 - Instructions will be emailed through FACTS on January 14th. Re-enrollment will happen through your FACTS Family Portal.
- **Enrolling a NEW student who is a sibling of a current student**
 - Fill out an application on your FACTS Family Portal during the open enrollment window for current families.
 - Failure to register a new sibling during the current family registration may result in your new student being placed on a waiting list.

Questions:

- **Director of Admissions:** Amanda Calleja, callejaa@olgcp parish.net
- **Tuition Assistance/Office Manager:** Sylvia Brewer, brewers@olgcp parish.net
- **Director of Technology:** Christian Plonka, plonkac@olgcp parish.net

Tuition Schedule

2026 - 2027 School Year

Reminders

- Individual students fees for current students are all imbedded in the cost of tuition
- The \$250 deposit due at enrollment is part of your tuition.
- The \$315 family fee is new to the cost of tuition. The fee is to help defray the cost of additional security measures.



2026-2027 Tuition Rates.xlsx - Sheet1 (1).pdf

Tuition Assistance 2026 - 2027 School Year

AOD Tuition Assistance Application Now Open!
More information below.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

A Catholic education requires considerable sacrifice and gives families an opportunity to unleash the Gospel within families. Our goal is to ensure that any family seeking an excellent Catholic education for their children can have one. To that end financial assistance is offered to families through two programs:

1. Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance Program
2. OLGC's Catholic Education Fund (formerly the Vollbrecht Scholarship Fund)

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT TUITION ASSISTANCE:

- Application Opens: December 15, 2025
- Application Closes February 27, 2026
- Apply Online
- Requires an application fee

OLGC CATHOLIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

- Fill out the AOD's Tuition assistance application first
- Apply online for OLGC Scholarship through our financial assistance webpage
- Application Window: February 2 - March 13, 2026
- Tuition assistance through the OLGC Scholarship Fund will be considered on a financial need basis.

AOD Tuition Assistance

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 • 10AM-12PM

MAIN CAMPUS • 1151 WILLIAM ST, PLYMOUTH
PRE-KINDERGARTEN CAMPUS • 1309 PENNIMAN AVE
*FOR PRE-K, PLEASE PARK IN THE LOT BEHIND THE SCHOOL

Our Lady of Good Counsel school welcomes any potential new and incoming students and their families to discover our main campus for Young 5's through Grade 8 along with our Pre-Kindergarten campus! Families will have the opportunity to ask questions, tour the two campuses, and learn about the community groups that make our school extra special.

SCAN TO RSVP BY JANUARY 28:

iamolgc.com

Both Pre-K and Main Campus will be welcoming guests!

RSVP for Pre-K Open House

RSVP for Main Campus Open House



SAVE THE DATE

OLGC

Winterfest

January 31st 2026



**Renaissance STAR Testing
Mid-Year Check-in**

The test measures progress and growth in grade level standards
Parent Reports will be sent home in early March.

Kindergarten

Early Literacy

1st - 2nd Grade

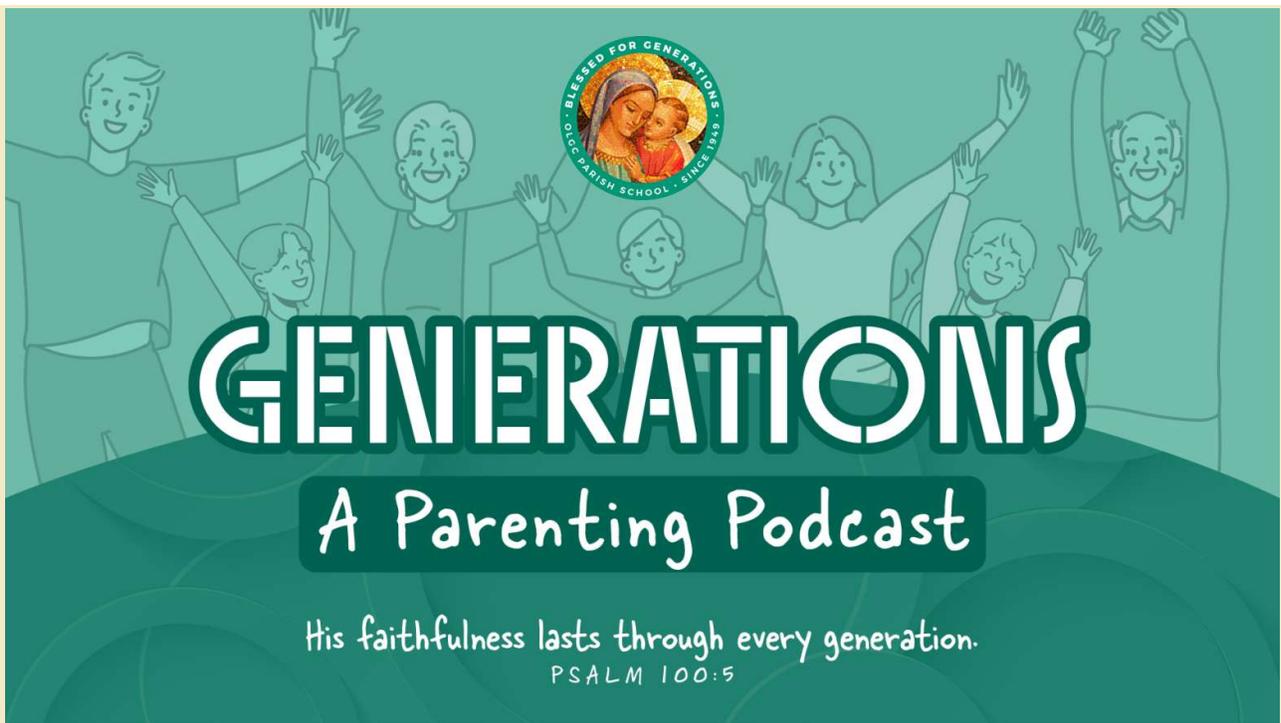
Early Literacy or Reading
Math

3rd - 8th Grade

Reading
Math

Testing Window: January 12th - February 6th

NEW EPISODE



Listen to our newest episode as Mrs. Fitch and Mrs. Lesnau discuss social emotional development and how to develop healthy friendships!

[Listen Now](#)

HOT LUNCH

Order Window Opens
Jan. 10 - 20th

[Order Hot Lunch](#)

[Volunteer for
Lunch](#)

JANUARY VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

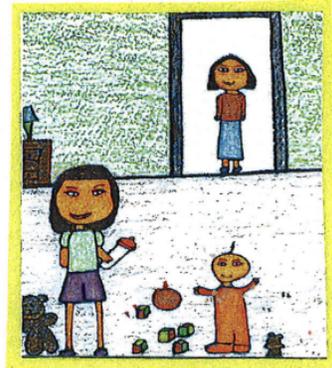
TRUSTWORTHINESS



I turned my homework in on time.



I finished the job you asked me to do.



Mom, I will watch him for you.



I will take the money to the office.



You can depend on me.



I told the truth about breaking the plate.

I will carefully drive the car.



Let's not talk about her in that way.

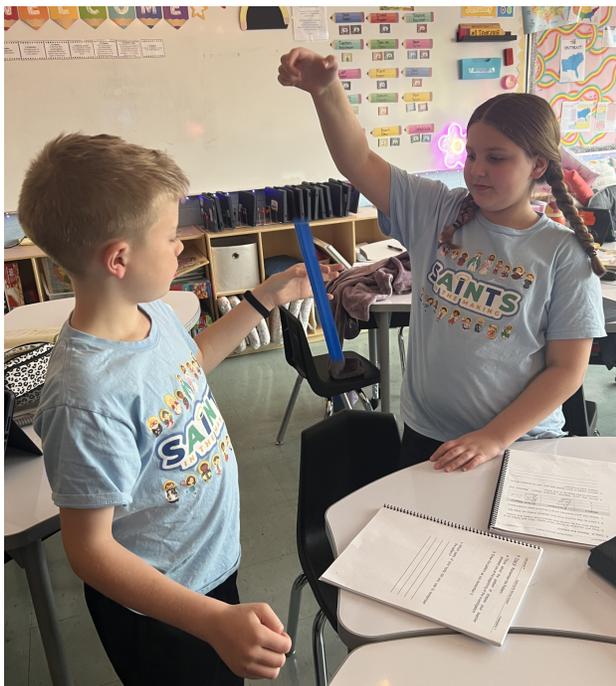


CLASSROOM
FEATURES

4th Grade

Our 4th graders are learning about the function of the nervous system with a little simulation test in science.

Thank you Mrs. Lyle



3rd Grade

Our 3rd graders are seeing government in action as the "President" came in to sign or veto their bills.

Thank you Ms. Croskey and Mrs. DePerro



CYO



Crusader Basketball Games

Come out and cheer on our Crusaders!

Friday, January 9th

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Boys Freshman Girls vs. St. Mike's @ 5:30 PM
Boys Freshman 2 vs. St. Mike's @ 6:30 PM
Boys Freshman 1 vs. St. Mike's @ 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 10th

Girls JV 2 vs. St. James @ 11:30 AM
Girls JV 1 vs. St. Mike's @ 12:30 PM
Boys JV Gold vs. St. Mike's @ 1:30 PM
Boys JV White vs. St. Mike's @ 2:30 PM
Boys JV Green vs. St. Mike's @ 3:30 PM
Girls Varsity vs. St. Mike's @ 4:45 PM
Boys Varsity 2 vs. St. Mike's @ 6:00 PM
Boys Varsity 1 vs. St. Mike's @ 7:15 PM

LET'S
GO!

Home games played at OLG Church



COMMUNITY

This house blessing and chalk used for Epiphany blessings are being sent home with the oldest and only so you can join in on those Epiphany graces!



Please use the enclosed piece of blessed chalk to do the Epiphany House Blessing in your own home. Since the chalk is blessed, please do not dispose of it, but save for future Epiphany blessings. The leader may say the following prayers.

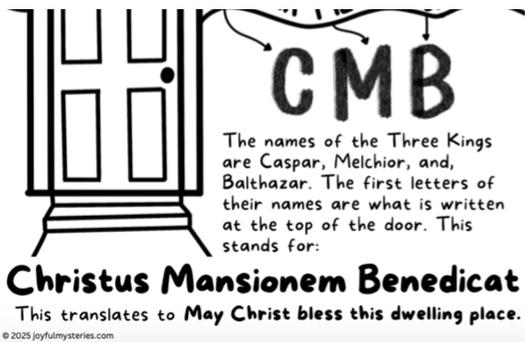
The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, 'Amen.'

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

All respond: Blessed be God forever.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this



home find Christ's light and love.

Write "20 + C + M + B + 26" inside above the main entry door to the house.

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."
 May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.
 R/. Amen.

(taken from the USCCB's 'Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany')

Sensory Mass

Sunday, January 11 at 2 pm

All are welcome to worship with us during a sensory Mass! This is an environment free of stigma and specifically designed for individuals with Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, ADHD, sensory processing disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's, and dementia.

The sensory Mass will include lower lights, softer music, scripture from the Children's Lectionary, and shorter more literal homilies. We encourage families and individuals to get up and move if needed, to bring alternative seating, fidgets, or noise cancelling headphones, and to participate in the liturgy just as they are.

Calling All
 OLGC
 Alumni!

If you are a Crusader alumni, complete this form so we can stay connected!

**Alumni
 Registration**

We are looking to connect our former Crusaders

OLGC School Community Events 2025/2026

TRUNK-OR-TREAT	OCTOBER 17TH
FALL JR. HIGH NIGHT	OCTOBER 17TH
SKATE NIGHT	OCTOBER 27TH
FALL BASH	NOVEMBER 7TH
PISTONS FAMILY NIGHT	DECEMBER 5TH
CHRISTMAS CAROL ART FAIR	DECEMBER 6TH
WINTERFEST	JANUARY 31ST
DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE	FEBRUARY 28TH
SKATE NIGHT	MARCH 2ND
TRIVIA	MARCH 28TH
SPRING JR. HIGH NIGHT	APRIL 17TH
STAFF VS 8 TH GRADE BASKETBALL	APRIL 24TH
MOTHER & SON EVENT	MAY 9TH

Save The Date



Mom's/Women's
Rosary



Christmas
Carol Art Fair

**Thursdays
8:00am-8:45am
in the Parish House**

**Don't know how to pray the rosary?
-We can teach you!**

**Don't have a rosary?
-We will have extra!**

**"For where two or three are
gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of
them" Matthew 18:20**



Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School

**December 5th
through
January 14th**

Located in the lower level hallway outside of the social hall



**NEW SCHOOL YEAR
NEW OLGC SWAG**



Updates to our spirit store for the 2025/2026 school year
All products ship in 1-2 days of order placement, no more waiting weeks for your gear to arrive
New "Plymouth Crusaders" logo
New "Home of the Crusaders" logo

Check it out!
<https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/2dKTNCHuqf?scrlybrkr=da1d7270>

A massive thank you to all of the families who have ordered from our spirit stores! Thanks to your incredible support and school pride, we've earned enough to give a generous gift to every single member of our dedicated school staff!

THANK YOU!

**Purchase Items
Here**

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

For all parents who'd like to chaperone or volunteer. This course is required to be Safe Environments certified.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEBPAGE



Protecting God's Children Course

Required for all volunteers

In order to protect our youth and most vulnerable from sexual abuse, all volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children. Join us for an upcoming training at Our Lady of Good Counsel in the Social Hall!

Wednesday, October 22 • Register at virtus.org
Light meal at 5:30 pm, training begins promptly at 6 pm until 9 pm

Questions? Email hickeyl@olgparish.net

[School Website](#)

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WE EXIST TO OFFER A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS AND EQUIP LEADERS TO TRANSFORM THE CULTURE.

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