



## CRUSADER CONNECTION

FROM THE OFFICE OF OUR PRINCIPAL  
**MISS ERVIN**



Hello Parents!

Blessed Lent! We've had a beautiful start to Lent with our All School Mass on Ash Wednesday and adoration on Friday. God is so good!

Here's some items to note this week:

- **The relics of Carlo Acutis will be visiting us!** We are blessed to have a first class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis at school this week. Students will have a chance to learn more about him with an opportunity to venerate the relic during their chapel time. **Carlo Acutis** is known as the "Millennial Saint" and is a special intercessor for children having died from leukemia at the age of 15. On Friday, February 27th we will open veneration to parents from 2:30 - 3:30pm with a special veneration station outside the front of our school (a very fitting way to venerate this saint who loved being outdoors!). If you want to venerate after dismissal, please park in the neighborhood.
- **Hallow App:** We have partnered with the #1 prayer app, Hallow, to kick-off our Lent. In the future, we hope to have access to the app for the whole school community. For now, the focus is our teachers who will be able to use the app to supplement religious instruction and our prayer life in the classroom. We will also be rolling out use of the app for our junior high students. Information will be sent home to junior high parents in the weeks ahead. Parents will need to sign permission slips before students are allowed to access the app.
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**March is Reading Month!** We are excited to dedicate March to the month of reading. We have a few initiatives for you to be aware of as we get ready for the month.

- **Ignatius Press Book Fair, March 2 - 6th:** We are hosting a Book Fair for students during their Media/Library class. They will be able to select books which they'd like to purchase to read. More instructions are below for how to help students pay for books.
- **Homeroom Reading Competition:** Students will have a reading tracker sent home to keep track of minutes read at home. Minutes will be tallied by homeroom with the winning class earning a pizza party at the end of the month.

We had a wonderful visit with our accreditation team today. They were complimentary of many things but especially our "friendly and gracious" student body. I had no doubt it would be a great day to highlight our community. We should receive our official report in a few weeks but know that we passed and will be re-accredited!! So grateful for this community and especially our amazing staff and teachers who pour themselves out every day. We are blessed!

I hope all have a grace-filled start to Lent. May Jesus overwhelm you with His love!

In the heart of Mary!  
Karen

## UPCOMING DATES

### FEBRUARY

23 - 27 Blessed Carlo Acutis relics

### MARCH Reading Month

2 - 6 Ignatius Book Fair

6 **THEME DAY: Book Character Dress Up or Vocabulary Word**

11 All School Mass at 8:00am

13 **Spirit Day Dress**

19 Lenten School Confessions

20 **No School. Staff Retreat**

- 20 End of 3rd Quarter
- 27 7th Grade Retreat, **Theme Day: Wear a Shirt with Words**
- 30 Holy Week, All School Mass at 8:00am



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

IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## March Is Reading Month



## March Reading Madness

**March 2nd: Kick Off**

- Reading Challenge Begins: A tracker sign off sheet will be sent home for minutes read at home. Pizza party for top reading class.
- Book Fair Opens: students attend in Media/Library class

**March 6th:**

- End of Book Fair
- Theme Day: Dress as a Book Character or Vocabulary Word

**March 16th - 20th: One Book, One School**

- Students will read in ELA: The Most Magnificent Thing and After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)

**March 27th**

- Theme Day: Wear a shirt with words on it

**March 31st**

- End of March Reading Madness Minute Challenge
- March Reading Madness Trackers are due to your homeroom teachers.



marchreadingmadness (2026 tracking sheet).pdf

## IGNATIUS BOOK FAIRS



IS COMING TO OLGC PARISH SCHOOL

# March 2nd -6th

## FOR PARENTS

For your child to purchase books at the Book Fair, students need to pay in cash or using an eWallet which you can set up through Ignatius Press.

See instructions below.



OLGC Book Fair Parent Instructions.pdf

**Volunteer to work  
Book Fair**

## Saint Carlo Acutis Visits OLGC

### We are SAINTS IN THE MAKING

Help to welcome the relic of St. Carlo Acutis to our parish by dressing up as a Saint!

**When:** Monday, Feb. 23rd

**Where:** Arrive at the Church (47650 N Territorial Rd) by 5:40 p.m.

**What:** All children dressed up as St. Carlo Acutis or any favorite Saint will walk into the church in procession with the relic. Evening Prayer, Talk by Dr. John Wood, and individual veneration

**Sign up for  
your child  
to  
participate  
in relic**

to follow.

For more information, reach out to Ms. Majcher at majcher@olgcp parish.net or sign up using the link below for this and other opportunities to be involved after Masses with the relic next weekend.



**procession**

All OLGC School Parents are Invited  
to VENERATE  
a First-Class Relic of  
ST. CARLO ACUTIS,  
the Church's First Millennial Saint



“Carlo showed me how to spend my days in the light of eternity. He taught me always to look toward heaven, toward the absolute, and not bent down toward the temporary, the relative. Day by day, he helped me glimpse a way to leave the relative and become a pilgrim of the absolute, which is a synonym for the supernatural and also for grace.”  
~Antonia Salzano Acutis, mother of St. Carlo Acutis

The relic will be available outside during pick-up from 2:30-3:30 pm on  
Friday, February 27th

A tent will be set up next to the ramp to the gym.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 26 - 27

Full Calendar coming in the Spring

**CALENDAR**



**HIGHLIGHTS**

**NO SCHOOL**

**START OF SCHOOL**

### BREAKS

- **Labor Day:** Sept 4 - 7
- **Thanksgiving:** Nov 25 - 29
- **Christmas:** Dec 19 - Jan 3
- **Mid-Winter:** Feb 13 - 21
- **Easter:** Mar 25 - April 4
- **Memorial Day:** May 31

**Teacher First Day**  
Aug 10

**Meet the Teacher**  
Aug. 17

**First Day of School**  
Aug. 18

**Pre-K First Day**  
Aug. 24

**OLGC SCHOOL PRESENTS**

## Daddy Daughter Dance

**Saturday, February 28th**  
**6:00 PM**  
**OLGC Church Social Hall**

**Professional photos, DJ, dancing,  
candy bar, awards & more!**

**TICKETS**  
**\$25**

**Elegance  
encouraged  
for a night of**

**Tickets Close**  
**Monday Feb. 24**

**Purchase**  
**Daddy**  
**Daughter**  
**Tickets**

# Enrollment for New Families is Open

[Apply Now](#)

## Questions:

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

## 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.

- The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages families to use the IRS import option to easily and accurately provide the required tax information. Call FACTS at (866)315-9262 with questions.

#### **Important Links**

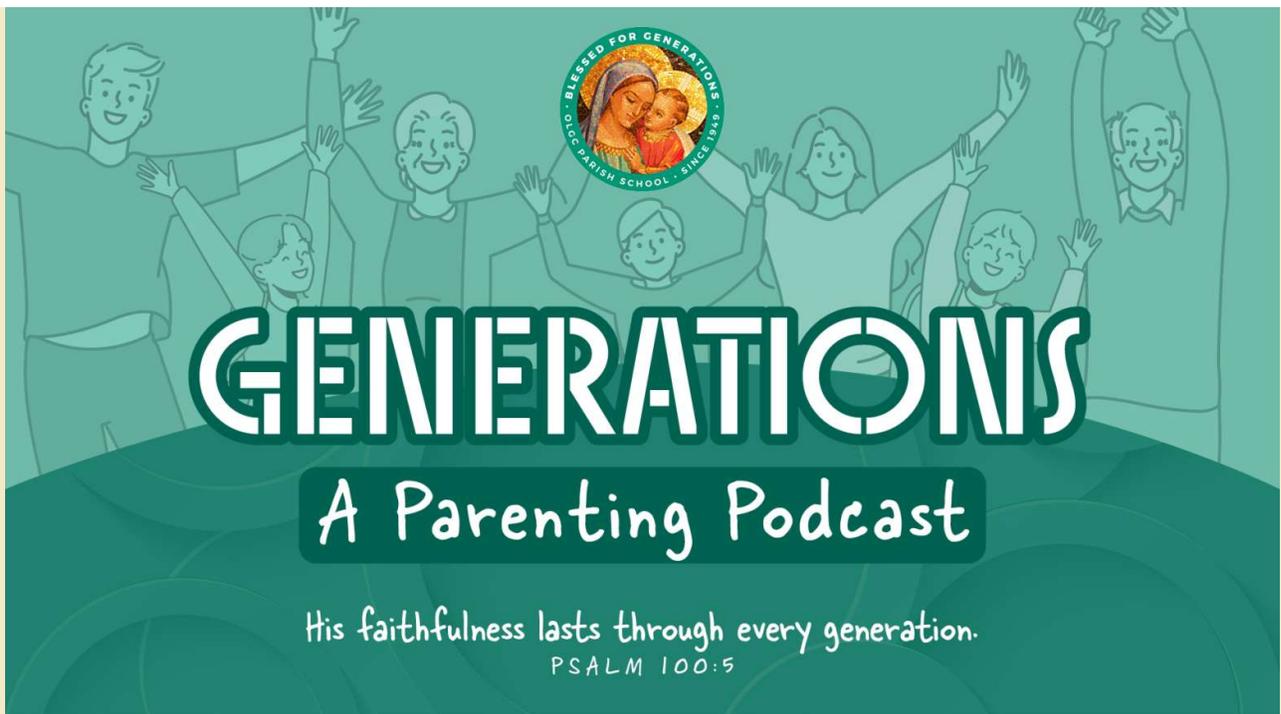
- [Tuition Assistance & Scholarships - Archdiocese of Detroit](#)
- [FACTS Application](#)
- Parent Information Document: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Pastor's Signature Form](#) (for Catholic Applicants only)

#### **Required Tax Documentation for FACTS Application**

[FACTS Grant & Aid Application Tax Return Requirements](#)  
[Taxable & Nontaxable Required Application Documents](#)

**Apply for AOD Tuition  
Assistance**

**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 is Open  
Feb. 10 - 20th

[Order Hot Lunch](#)

[Volunteer for Lunch](#)



# FEATURES

## 1st Grde

Our 1st graders are learning how to count the syllabuses in a word.

*Thank you Mrs. Fallu!*



## 6th Grade

Our 6th graders are enjoying book club and their discussion time with Mrs.

Kosman.

*Thank you Mrs. Kosman!*



# CYO

## Crusader Basketball Games

Come out and cheer on our Crusaders!

**Saturday, February 21st**

Boys Freshman 2 vs Our Lady of Sorrows at 8:30 am

Boys Freshman 1 vs Our Lady of Sorrows at 9:30 am

Girls Freshman vs St. Edith at 10:30 am

Girls JV2 vs Our Lady of Sorrows at 11:30 am

Girls JV1 vs St. Fabian at 12:30 pm

**LET'S  
GO!**

Boys JV2 vs St. Fabian at 2:30 pm  
Boys JV1 vs St. Fabian at 3:30 pm  
Boys Varsity 2 vs St. Edith at 4:45 pm  
Boys Varsity 1 vs St. Edith at 6:00 pm



**Let's fill the stands for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade varsity boys team who will be playing their last game together as Crusaders!**

## CYO Spring Sports Registration is Open!



### CYO Lacrosse

Registration open from January 1 through February 28, 2026

Open to Boys & Girls 3rd - 6th Grade

Girls varsity is full & boys varsity is closed due to low enrollment

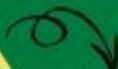
### CYO Track & Field

Registration open from January 1 through March 6, 2026

Open to Boys & Girls 4th - 8th Grade

Please email [olgcxctf@gmail.com](mailto:olgcxctf@gmail.com) to see if there is space to sign up your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader

Sign up  
here!



[OlgcCrusaders.com](http://OlgcCrusaders.com)

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## COMMUNITY

# SKATE NIGHT



**Monday, March 2nd**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

GRAB YOUR SKATES AND YOUR FRIENDS! THIS SKATE NIGHT IS GOING TO BE A TOTAL BLAST!

**It's a green out!**

**Wear the color green or your Crusader gear**

**\$10/person**

**Admission includes skate rental**

Skatin' Station  
8611 Ronda Dr. Canton 48187

Our Lady of Good Counsel Welcomes

**FIRST-CLASS**



# FIRST CLASS RELIC OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 1

## Saturday, February 21

"Roadmap to Reality" Movie Night, RSVP at [olgcp parish.net/roadmap](http://olgcp parish.net/roadmap).  
4pm Mass, 5 pm pizza dinner, 6 pm movie.

## Sunday, February 22

Saint Carlo and Eucharistic Miracles slideshow during coffee and donuts.

## Monday, February 23

Welcome procession at 6 pm with evening prayer and teaching by  
Dr. John Wood. Concludes with confession and **veneration**.

## Tuesday, February 24

**Veneration** from 12 to 5 pm. Family Night at 6:30 pm includes a teaching  
by Colleen Pressprich, **veneration**, and a snack.

## Wednesday, February 25

Mass at 6 pm followed by Holy Hour w/ confessions, concludes w/ **veneration**.

## Thursday, February 26

**Veneration** from 9 to 11:30 am and 7 to 9 pm.

## Friday, February 27

Fish Fry begins early at 4:30 to 7:30 pm, **Veneration** from 5:30 to 7 pm,  
Confessions from 6 to 7 pm, Stations of the Cross w/ Relic Procession  
from 7 to 7:30 pm, and **Veneration** from 7:30 to 8 pm.

## Saturday, February 28

**Veneration** in the Church after 8 am and 4 pm Masses.

## Sunday, March 1

**Veneration** in the St. John Paul II rooms after 8 am, 10 am, and 12 pm Masses.  
**Veneration** in the Church following 5 pm Mass.



**OLGC IS LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE  
EDUCATORS & DISCIPLES OF JESUS!**



Assistant Principal



Pre-K 3 Teacher

✓ Substitute Teachers

✓ Grade 5 ELA & Religion Teacher

✓ Grades 6-8 Social Studies Teacher

[school.olgcp parish.net/careers](http://school.olgcp parish.net/careers)



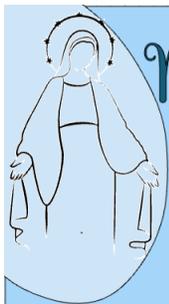
Calling All  
OLGC  
Alumni!



We are looking to connect our former Crusaders

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

**Alumni  
Registration**



Mom's/Women's  
Rosary

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?



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 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE BASKETBALL	APRIL 24TH
MOTHER & SON EVENT	MAY 9TH

Save The Date

-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



# 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!

**Saturday, February 21 • Register at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org)**  
Light meal at 8:15 am, training begins promptly at 9 am until 12 pm

Questions? Email [hickeyl@olgcp parish.net](mailto:hickeyl@olgcp parish.net)

**School Website**

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Instagram**

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

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