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CRUSADER CONNECTION

Monday, April 14: All School Mass at 8am

Thursday, April 17: No School, Spring Break Begins!

FROM THE OFFICE OF OUR PRINCIPAL
MISS ERVIN



Dear Parents!

Blessings and peace! Despite the challenges to get home, it was a blessed trip in Washington D.C. with our 8th grade last week. God is so faithful and we have much to celebrate with them as we prepare for graduation!

We've had a wonderful week as we near Holy Week and Spring Break! **Monday, April 14th will be our Lenten retreat** as we enter into the graces which Jesus has won for us in His death and resurrection. **We'll begin with an All School Mass at 8:00am** at the church. Students will learn more about the mystery of the resurrection with an egg hunt and art craft and then we'll end the retreat with a Living Stations of the Cross performed by our 8th grade at 10am. Feel free to come for Mass and the Stations. Students will be bused back to school in time for lunch.

Thank you to all the parents who have already taken the pledge to "Wait Until 8th" to get your child a smartphone. It's such a beautiful initiative as parents commit together to create a smartphone-free environment for their children at such young ages. It's not too late to sign up. See more information below!

We are in our busiest month (May) when we come back from break. It'll be a quick few weeks until the end of the year with our milestone moments of First Communion, Confirmation and 8th Grade Graduation, as well as overnight field trips for our 5th and 7th Grades. In addition, our Fun Run drive begins on April 28th. You can begin creating your child's pledge page at funrun.com and spread the word for donations throughout break.

As we begin our holiest week of the year, know that you remain in my prayers throughout these days. **There will not be a Crusader Connection on Good Friday to maintain the sacredness of the day. We'll return with the Connection on Friday, April 25th.** May the resurrection graces which our Lord has won overwhelm you with God's love.

In the Heart of Mary,
Karen



UPCOMING DATES

APRIL

- 12th 5th gra Confirmation Retreat
- 14th All School Mass
- 17 - 27th Easter Break: NO SCHOOL
- 28 - 30th 5th Grade Camp
- 28th STAR End Of Year Testing Begins
- 29th Grade Level Masses

MAY

- 1st All School Mass, May Crowning, and Fun Run Pep Assembly
- 3rd First Holy Communion
- 5 - 6th 7th Grade Trip to Mackinac
- 6th Grade Level Masses
- 5 - 9th Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8th PreK4 & Y5's Zoo Field Trip
- 12th Pre-K3 Leslie Science Center Field Trip

14th	All School Mass: Streamer Day
16th	Fun Run
17th	Confirmation
20th	Grade Level Masses
20th	Graduation Rehearsal, 8th Grade Breakfast at Church, Clap Out at 2:30pm
21st	8th Grade Graduation at 5pm
22nd	PreK last day and End of Year Picnic
22nd	Pre-K 4 Graduation
23rd	PreK Last Day and New Family Picnic
26th	Memorial Day Weekend: NO SCHOOL
27th	Grade Level Masses replaced with Adoration during Mass time
30th	All School Mass: Field Day at Church



Spirit_ Theme Day Calendar 2024_2025.pdf



24 - 25 School Calendar by Month.pdf



New LUNCH Menu

Our May Hot Lunch Menu will be a sneak peek into the 2025/2026 school year lunch menu!

Monday *NEW* Jersey Mikes	1. Turkey & Cheese Sub 2. Ham & Cheese Sub	Each menu item is served with one side and choice of white or chocolate milk
Tuesday Mission BBQ	1. Pulled Pork Sandwich 2. Pulled Chicken Sandwich	Each menu item is served with homemade kettle chips and choice of white

		or chocolate milk
Wednesday Chick-Fil-A	1. Chicken Sandwich 2. Eight Piece Chicken Nugget 3. Mac & Cheese	Each menu item is served with one side and choice of white or chocolate milk
Thursday *NEW* Savvy Sliders	1. Cheeseburger Slider 2. Chicken Sandwich Slider 3. Two Cheeseburger Sliders 4. Two Chicken Sandwich Sliders	Each menu item is served with one side and choice of white or chocolate milk
Friday Hungry Howie's	1. One Slice of Cheese Pizza 2. Two Slices of Cheese Pizza	Each menu item is served with one side and choice of white or chocolate milk

Virtus: Empowering God's Children

Safety Lessons, beginning after break

The Archdiocese of Detroit requires that schools teach an extension of the Virtus Protecting God's Children program for children. Mrs. Fitch will begin going into all classes after Easter break to educate our students on their boundaries and safety issues. See the attached letter from Mrs. Fitch.



Safe Environments 2024-25'.pdf



**It's time to order your
2024-25 yearbook!**

<https://shop.memorybook.com/login>

School Code: 197918M

**User Name/Password:
you will create your own**



Cost: \$17

Order cut off date:
4/18/25

Order Yearbook

We're on Instagram

We are excited to announce the launch of
our brand new Instagram page!

Follow us now at @iamolgc

OLGC Parish School

Join on Instagram

**WAIT UNTIL 8TH
PLEDGE DRIVE
PRE - K through 3RD GRADE**

Parent Pledges So Far

Kindergarten:	9 Pledges
1st Grade:	7 Pledges
2nd Grade:	8 Pledges
3rd Grade:	5 Pledges
4th Grade:	8 Pledges
5th Grade:	3 Pledges
6th Grade:	2 Pledges
7th Grade:	1 Pledge

Take the Pledge



WAIT UNTIL 8TH

WHAT IS IT?

This is a national organization developed by parents to rally together and delay giving children a smartphone until the end of 8th grade. The intent is to protect children from the distractions and dangers of a smartphone.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

By parenting together in this initiative, parents can establish a unified peer network which decreases the pressure to have a phone at an early age.

WHEN ARE WE DOING IT?

OLGC will be launching this initiative March - May for parents to take the pledge.

March 17th: Protect Young Eyes Information Session

March 17th - May 2nd: Run Pledge Drive

May 9th: Announce Results to Community

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

<https://school.olgcparish.net/wait-until-8th>



Learn More: Wait Until 8th

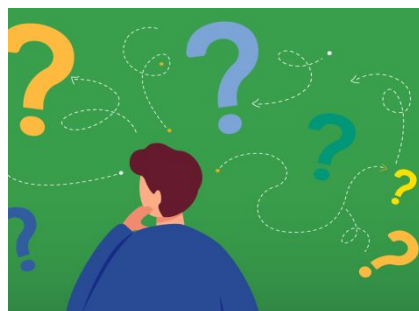
HOT LUNCH

**Order Window Now
Open Until April 20th!**

We need your help!
Sign-up for April

Order Hot Lunch

**Lunchroom
Volunteer Sign-up**



Tips for the
**BUSY
PARENT**

Emotionally Intelligent Kids Part 1:

Decades of research show that raising emotionally intelligent children provides various benefits that will help your children throughout their lives, whereas a low EQ can lead to many challenges. Here's a tip for raising a child with high EQ—Use “feeling words” to label your child's emotions. Kids need to know the names for all of their feelings both positive and negative. Along with the labels they also need to know the physical feelings that may accompany the emotions that may serve as clues to the feelings as they arise in the future.

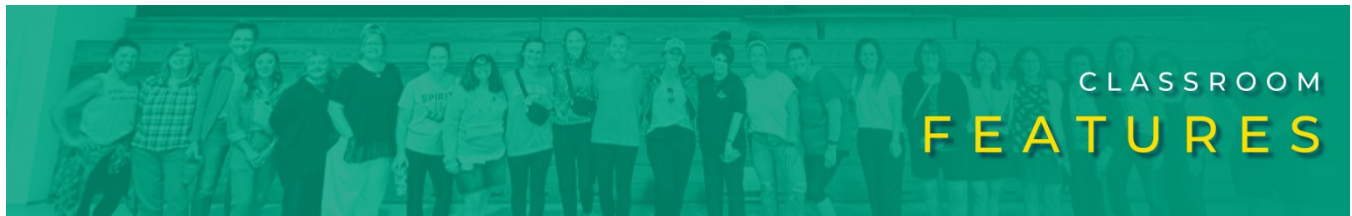


Disappointed

Scared

Hurt

Tired



1st Grade

Our 1st graders are learning how to structure a story from a writing prompt.

Thank you Mrs. Emil!



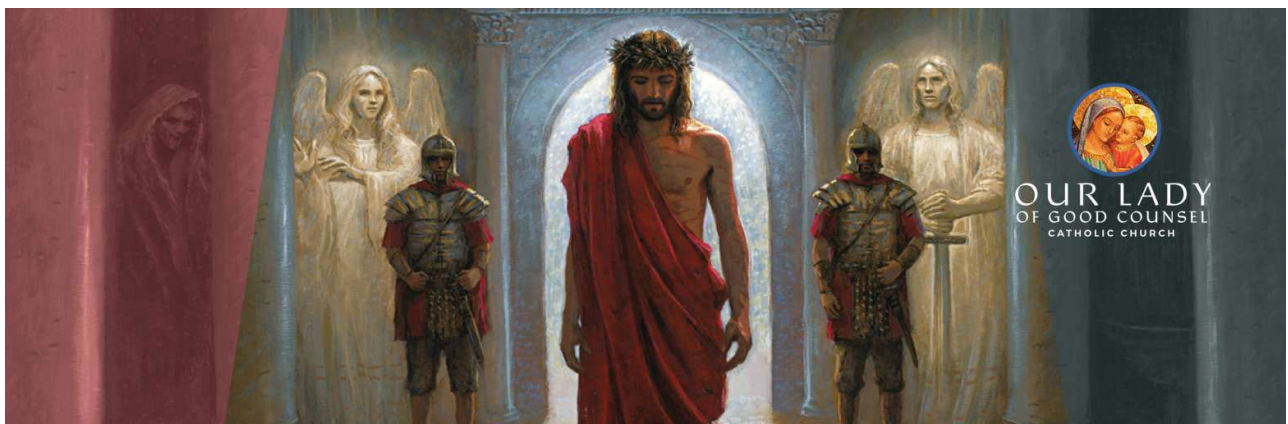
6th Grade

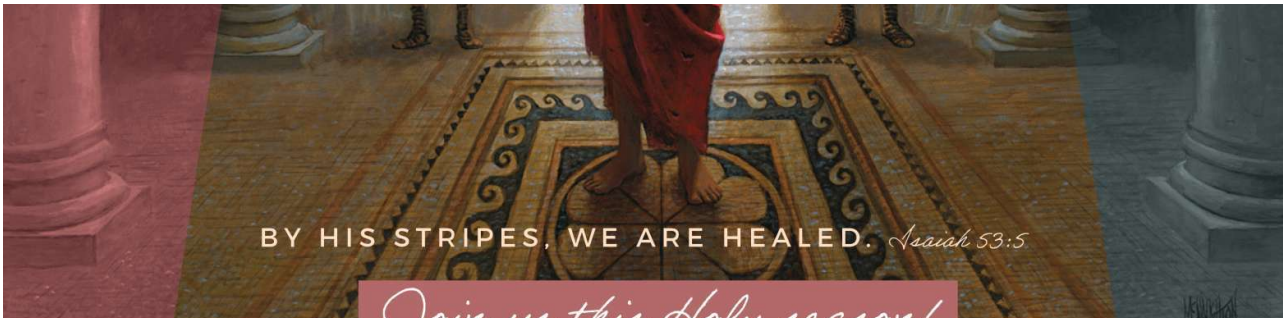
Our 6th grade scientists are learning how to engineer a chair in a STEM activity.

Thank you Mrs. Kosman!



Community





BY HIS STRIPES, WE ARE HEALED. *Isaiah 53:5*

Join us this Holy season!

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

4pm Vigil Mass: Saturday, 4/12
8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm Mass

MON., APRIL 14 - WED., APRIL 16

8am Mass, 6pm Mass (Wed. Only)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

8am: Morning Prayer (Lauds)
7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
*Altar of Repose/Adoration following
Mass until midnight in the Social Hall*
11:45pm: Night Prayer (Compline)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

8am: Morning Prayer (Lauds)
12pm: Stations of the Cross
1pm: The Passion of the Lord
Overflow seating in the Social Hall
8:30pm: Office of Readings (Matins)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

8am: Morning Prayer (Lauds)
11am: Blessing of Food Baskets
8:30pm: Easter Vigil
No 4pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

6am, 8am, 10am, 12pm Mass
No 5pm Mass
Overflow seating in the Social Hall

MON., APRIL 21 - FRI., APRIL 25

9am Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

8am Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27

4pm Vigil Mass: Saturday, 4/26
8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm Mass
No 5pm Mass

**There will be no confessions
Thursday, April 17 - Friday, April 25.
Schedule resumes Saturday, April 26.*

**The Parish Office is closed
Thursday, April 17 - Sunday, April 27
and reopens on Monday, April 28.*

**Walking Track & Gym are closed
Holy Thursday - Easter Sunday.
Church building is open until 6pm
Monday, April 21 - Friday, April 25.*





Volunteer for Fish Fry

Take Fr. Tommy's Lenten Challenge

Fr. Tommy is challenging families to take time for a holy hour in adoration. Cards are available in the main office for students who want to participate!





OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

LENTEN ADORATION CHALLENGE



“
COME & SEE!

- JESUS

”



CYO SPORTS

Come out and Cheer on our Crusaders
at home this week!



Lacrosse

Friday, April 11th

Boys Varsity vs. St. Hugo at Liberty M.S., 6:30PM

Tuesday, April 15th

Girls JV vs. Divine Child at OLG Church Field, 6:00 PM

Track & Field

Wednesday, April 16th

Track Meet at Liberty Middle School, 5:00 PM

Media Highlight

8th Grade in D.C.





In Case You Missed It

Highlights from Past Crusader Connections

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

All parent volunteers must have completed the Safe Environments Requirements. Please note: parents are not able to attend classroom parties or field trips without certification.

If you have been certified prior to 2020

- Access it through your [**VIRTUS account**](#). Email [**Janet Rost**](#) with questions.

If you have never been certified

- [**Click here to register for a new account**](#) and learn about training.

NOTE: Certification requires a copy of your driver's license and background check. For more information, check out our webpage.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEBPAGE

Safe Environments Certification

Who Needs to be Certified

- Anyone who works in a parish/school: priests, administrators, teachers, coaches, catechists, lunchroom/recess monitors, assistants, after-school club moderators, etc
- Anyone who volunteers in a parish/school: room parents, chaperones for field trips, volunteers in the classroom or attends classroom events

Steps to Be Certified

1. Background Check
 - Complete authorization form (return to child's school)
 - Copy of driver's license (submit with authorization form)
 - May take 5 business days to complete
2. Protecting God's Children Workshop
 - Go to www.virtusonline.org
 - Register for a course
 - Complete the course
 - May take 10 business days to update your child's school after course is taken



NOTE: Safe Environments recertification must be done every three years.
See olgcparish.net/safe-environments

CALENDAR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

BEGINNING OF YEAR	NO SCHOOL	SAVE THE DATES
AUGUST 11 Teachers Return 13 6-8th Curriculum Night 18 Meet Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-10am Kinder Round-Up • 10-10:30am A - L • 10:30-11am M - Z 19 First Day ½ Day 20 Curriculum Night, 1 - 5th 25 Pre-K 1st day	BREAKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Day: Aug 29 - Sept 1 • Thanksgiving: Nov 26 - 30 • Christmas: Dec 20 - Jan 4 • Mid-Winter: Feb 7 - 15 • Easter: April 2 - 12 • Memorial Day: May 25 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 29th • Jan. 19th • Feb. 16th • March 20th 	Fall Bash: Nov 7 P/T Conferences: Nov 15 - 14 Streamers Day Mass: May 15 Fun Run: May 15 8th Grade Graduation: May 20 Last Day & Field Day: June 3

Full calendar coming in May!

PLT OPEN MEETING

Here's what you missed at our last PLT Open Meeting! All about our strategic plan!



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