

Our Lady of Perpetual Help



“Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School builds character and shapes tomorrow's leaders by delivering academic excellence in a Catholic faith based community.”

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Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 16 – School Holiday,
Martin Luther King Day

Jan 17-Junior Spelling Bee,
8:30 am, Pastoral Center

Jan. 18 – All-School
Spelling Bee, 8:30 am,
Pastoral Center

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Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

OLPH Families,

With the Christmas Season closing this week, we have now started into what is called Ordinary Time in the Catholic Church. The following is taken from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ.”

Our hope is that we continue to grow and mature as a community throughout the remainder of the school year.

As we enjoy Martin Luther King, Jr Federal Holiday tomorrow, we are reminded of one of his quotes: "We must remember that intelligence is not enough, intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education. – Martin Luther King, Jr. This ties directly into OLPH’s mission statement of building character and shaping tomorrow's leaders. Our Spiritual Corner of this newsletter provides some more insight into Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We are looking forward to the school Spelling Bee this week.

Please continue to keep the Marbach, Miller, and Deitschel Families in our prayers.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help...Pray for Us!

START STRONG, STAY STRONG, FINISH STRONG

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CDC News

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all the parents who participated in the Catholic Life Raffle ticket sales. Even though we didn't reach our goal, we did quite well.

Catholic Schools Week is soon approaching. On the 18th you will be receiving a schedule of events in your blue folder. If you do not receive one please stop by and let Ms. Adelina know.

Have a super MLK Day and see you Tuesday.

God Bless,

Ms. Ogrin





Saints Bowl Results

The Saints Bowl was held on Dec. 13. Here are the results:

Second Division: 1st Place: Carmela Ante
2nd Place: Elvis Carlton
3rd Place: Daniel Carlton

Third Division: 1st Place: Sherry Ante
2nd Place: James Miller
3rd Place: Abigail Dunne

OLPH Girl Scout Troop 1153 at the Cookie Rally and the Rampage Game



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Calling All Wildcats to Support Their Community!

The OLPH St. Vincent de Paul Ministry needs our school support to feed the hungry in our community. Each week, families in need come to their door for assistance that includes putting food on the table. Please see the pantry request below and bring in your donation on Monday. Your gesture of care allows each student bringing a donation to wear jeans with their spirit shirt. Through October, your donations totaled just over 1,000 lbs of food! Go Wildcats! Thank you for your continued support of this vital program.

Our students are required to wear their approved school uniform everyday unless specifically told otherwise or for an upcoming special event (which info. will be relayed). **On Monday, Jan. 23rd our students are able to wear their spirit shirt with their uniform bottom.** Or they can wear jeans and a spirit shirt if they bring in **a can of chili w/o beans, 15 oz.**

Future Requests:

Jan. 30 – Bag of pinto beans, 32 oz.

Feb. 6 – Bag of Rice, 32 oz.

Feb. 13 – Can of chicken broth, 14.5 oz.

Feb. 27 – Bottle of syrup, 18 oz.

Spiritual Corner

Some Dates of Important People and Heaven's Heroes –Saints

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around King's birthday, January 15. The holiday is similar to holidays set under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

Jan 17 – St. Anthony Abbot

Anthony was born in Egypt in 251 ad to very wealthy parents; he was a Christian in the Eastern Christian Church. He wanted to live God’s words, “to be perfect, sell what you have and give to the poor” He learned to love a life of holiness modeling the lives of the holy men he knew-called hermits. He started the first monastery in the Eastern Church, and is called the Father of Monastic Life, and the Patriarch of Monks. Anthony died at the age of 105. He is the patron of butchers, cattlemen, domestic animals and basket-maker.

January 20 – St. Sebastian

Sebastian was a captain in the Roman Army, dedicated to guarding the Roman emperor. He helped Christians by bringing food and clothing during a time when the Roman army was persecuting the Christians; because of his devotion, many Romans converted to Christianity. Once he healed a soldier’s wife by making the Sign of the Cross over her. The Roman emperor found out about his Christian devotion and had him put to death. Sebastian became a martyr for his faith. Sebastian is a patron for athletes and soldiers.

January 21- St. Agnes

Agnes was born in Rome around 300 ad, during a time when the Roman government was persecuting the Christians. She declared her love for Jesus when she was only 12 years old. Agnes was called, as all girls were, to offer incense to one of the Roman gods, but instead she made the sign of the cross as a sign of her dedication to her Christian faith. Later she refused to marry a rich, young Roman, instead declaring her life was dedicated to Jesus and that she belonged to Him only; for this she was killed. Her name is Latin for lamb; it is one of those mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass. Her feast day is Jan. 21; she is the patroness of children and young maidens.

Snack Sale After School

The middle school cheerleaders are going to be selling water, Gatorade, and snacks after school Monday – Thursday from 3:30-3:50 in the courtyard. Everything will be \$1. Thank you for supporting the cheerleaders!

Notes

Newsletter submissions must now be submitted no later than Thursdays at noon to Joan Brooke. Items received after the cut off may not make it into the newsletter. Send submissions to brookej@olphselma.org

The Student Corner

Student writings from the Journalism class

Suggestion Box

Edited by Robin Lundy

While our school combines faith and education in a very effective way, OLPH isn't perfect. Observations of students and our school, along with interviews, have led to the suggestions here. We plan to make this a continuing column. Let us know if YOU have any suggestions!

One idea was about the lack of wheelchair-friendly terrain. The wooden ramps are one example of things we've already done to improve this. Still, there are some inaccessible areas in the school, such as the very narrow pathway to the middle school and kinder facilities, and the uneven gravel on the road to the gym.

Those areas would benefit from more level ground or ramps.

One student suggested a sort of homework schedule for middle school. For example, some classes could assign homework on even days, while the other classes assigned it on odd days. I have seen and heard about a lot of students very overwhelmed by homework, staying up insanely late to finish it. Maybe a schedule would help students and improve their grades.



Goals, Goals, Goals

By Gabi M.

There are many goals people have to make, such as making an A+ on a test or going to college. My sister and I have made goals for almost our entire lives, including high school and college, too. My mom told me about Travis Early College High School and that if I went there I would get two free years of college. An early college is a high school where you can earn up to two years of college credit for free. That way I will enter St. Mary's College as a junior and save my parents money.
