



Saints & Scholars

...so that Mercy may flourish

The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students so that they may be true to their condition as Christ's disciples and as such work effectively for the evangelization of culture and for the common good of society ~ Pope St. John Paul II

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 12/9

Faculty Meeting

2:30pm

Christmas Story Hour

- Grades PreK & K

Friday, 12/11

7:00pm

Christmas Pageant

Saturday, 12/12

4:00pm

CRS-Helping Hands

Event

Monday, 12/14

McAuley House

Cookie Drop off

1:00pm

School Confessions

Wednesday, 12/16

Band Concert

Thursday, 12/17

9:00am

'Twas the Night

Before Christmas -

5th and 6th Grade

Tuesday, 12/22

Dress Down Day

Half Day Dismissal -

11:30 a.m.

8:30am

Middle School

Christmas Breakfast

10:00am

Christmas Prayer

Service

Wednesday, 12/23

Winter Recess - No

School



“The question is: Is the humanity of our time still waiting for a Savior? One has the feeling that many consider God as foreign to their own interests. Apparently, they do not need him. They live as though he did not exist and, worse still, as though he were an “obstacle” to remove in order to fulfill themselves. Yet, despite its contradictions, worries and tragedies, and perhaps precisely because of them, humanity today seeks a path of renewal, of salvation, it seeks a Savior and awaits, sometimes unconsciously, the coming of the Savior who renews the world and our life, the coming of Christ, the one true Redeemer of man and of the whole of man.”

Pope Benedict XVI

News!

Thanks! - To Sophia Beland for organizing the Grill the Priests night.

Personnel Update - Welcome Back! OLM is thrilled to welcome back **Donna Campbell** as our Art Teacher! Mrs. Campbell will be back in our classroom beginning in February. Many thanks to Mrs. Beth Brugnoli for all of her hard work and dedication to our children over these past months!

Morning tutoring for students - Any student who will be receiving extra help from a teacher prior to 7:50, must enter the front door and sign in with Mrs. Izzi. She will verify the teacher is in and the student is then free to see the teacher. If the teacher is not in, the student will have to wait in the back lot.

Morning Drop off - Please note there is **NO** drop off at the front door in the morning unless children are coming in to school before the first bell for extracurricular activities, or to work with a teacher by appointment only. All other drop offs **MUST** be in the back parking lot so children may line up with their homeroom. Any morning drop offs must check in with the front office.

Bus Dismissals - Children taking busses home that are not normally on the bus list need a note or email - written confirmation - to allow the child to board the bus.

McAuley House Cookies - Monday, December 14 and the morning of Tuesday, December 15 are the days to bring baked goods to the OLM cafeteria so they can be delivered to McAuley House for their party.

Father's Corner

Attention to the music of the season reveals what it is that Christmas brings. “O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.” “O Come Divine Messiah: Dear Savior haste.” Jesus comes to save us from sin. As much as egg nog and tree decorating, repenting of sins, then, must be a part of our Christmas preparation. And the place for repentance is the confessional. You might say it's the *waiting room for Christmas*.

The most important conversations in the world are not those in a board room on 5th Avenue in New York or at the White House in Washington. They are heard in the confessional in the back of every Catholic Church. Advent is the time to wake up, to arise from the slumber of thinking we're just fine. In Advent we wake up to the reality that we're sinners in need of His mercy.

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Parish

olmparish.org
Daily Readings:
uscc.org/readings
Catechism of the
Catholic Church
usccb.org/catechism

Web References

Academic ~ General

Khanacademy.com
(online tutorials for
many subjects)

Literacy

Seussville features
Dr. Seuss's books,
games and activities,
videos and much,
much more!

Starfall is an
educational
alternative to other
entertainment
choices for children."

Mathematics

Fact Monster - Fact
Monster is a free
reference site for
students, teachers,
and parents.

Puzzle Maker -
Create your own
content related
puzzles.

**Art of Problem-
Solving:** 3rd grade
and up; videos are
organized, clear and
free!

Pre-K class

The first few months in our pre-k classroom have been extremely busy! We are thrilled to learn new things and excited to see our friends each day! In December, we are reading stories about the gingerbread man and talking about our families and Christmas.

Kindergarten class

The Kindergarten is very busy reading and learning new sight words. We are preparing Christmas with advent prayers and songs. We are also looking forward to the Christmas Pageant and our Polar Express Day on Monday 12/21.

Music update

Christmas is a preparation for the annual commemoration of Christ's birth. It is a season of joyful expectation that brings hope, love and forgiveness to our lives. God gave us his only son. In that same spirit our special gift to you is our Christmas Pageant on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy church. All grades at OLM participate in this exciting event.

Art update

This Christmas season, students will reflect on the importance that this season brings. We will be working on many projects from Advent wreaths to Nativity scenes with a wide range of media. Each class will be creating a piece of Christmas themed art to be displayed throughout this month.

Maker Space initiative

Two new IMacs are in use and the 3D printer will be set up this week! The students cannot contain their excitement. Remember after school on Thursdays the middle school students have the opportunity to "Make" in the lab till 3:30, just email Mrs. Lukens with the project you will be working on!

Service & Outreach

Many thanks to the 4 for 4 Program for their generous holiday donations to the OLM Food Pantry. You helped lift the "Spirits" of many of the clients that we serve. Thank you for sharing in the Work of Mercy! It is truly the mission of OLM School.

Basketball

The OLM Girls 6th and 7th grade team defeated St. Pius V 21 to 18 and St. Mary's in Mansfield 28 to 24. Top scorers were Giabella Childs and Katie O'Connell. The OLM Boys D1 Lynch team is currently 4-0 after beating Mercymount. All players contributed by working hard together as a team! They will play Cole on Sunday at 2pm.

Prayer Requests

For the Syrian Refugees

For the victims in the San Bernardino, France, Mali and all worldwide tragedies

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Thank you to our priests for a great night at Grill the Priests! (From the left, Monsignor Kenney, Father Connors, Father Kiley, Father Murphy, Father Healey & Father Reese)

