

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Newsletter

**We are on God's Mission**

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**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School forms leaders of tomorrow  
by expanding minds, touching hearts and nurturing spirits  
through the traditions and teachings of the Catholic faith.**

Dear Our Lady Parents,

Thank you for partnering with us to educate your children and give them a close relationship with Jesus. You have many fine choices of schools and churches in our community. We are most grateful you have chosen Our Lady and work hard to maintain your trust and dedication. Meeting with you and gaining feedback helps us improve and know your children even better. Thank you for being part of the Our Lady family and telling our story as we evangelize to include others.

**Open House 2018** This special kick off of Catholic Schools Week will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28 from 12:00-3:00 PM. Please help us spread the good news of our parish and school to prospective students, in-coming preschoolers, family, friends and neighbors. Our Lady is an exceptional place to learn, worship and serve! As happy parents and grandparents, thank you for being our best form of marketing!

**Champs Among Us!** Congratulations to our Gr. 7 & 8 Boys B Basketball team who are Holiday Tournament Champs! Alex Kemp, Noah Crone, Ethan Richards, John Walthers, Grayson Abel, Nathan Huynh and Lincoln Bottorff played like champions and brought a gleaming trophy home! Check it out in our new trophy case outside the gym. Way to go, Crusaders!

**What a Connection** Our sixth graders, under the direction of Mrs. Sonja Russell, have written notes, letters and pictures to homebound parishioners to show our care and interest. We are getting quite a wonderful response and making kind connections as pen pals with members of our parish. Thank you to all who have responded to our youth! What a terrific bond!

**Main Event** It's time to buy those raffle tickets for Our Lady's main fundraiser of the year, Main Event. Held on Saturday, April 7 beginning at 6:30 PM, the Main Event is held right here in Our Lady's transformed gym. With a theme of Casino Royale, music by 100% Poly, dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, and the amazing raffle, it's sure to be a night of fun and funding of the many vibrant ministries of Our Lady. Tickets are on sale in the school and parish offices for \$25, \$50 and \$100.

**Right to Life Prayer Service** On Friday, January 19 at 2:00 PM the Right to Life Committee and school students will be participating in a prayer service honoring the precious gift of life. The anniversary of Roe v. Wade begs us to never compromise on protecting the sanctity of life in all stages. Please join us in church to pray. What a privilege it is that we can do this in community. Right to Life is not just a contest, an annual prayer service or a month of acknowledgment. It is a mindset, a way of thinking and living—it is a devoutness to the gift God has given.

**It's Fun to be Catholic!** Moms and dads, save the date! Gary Montgomery is coming to Our Lady on Wed., Jan. 31 from 6:30-7:45 PM in the church. Gary is the former WDRB sportscaster, a coach, dad, granddad and faith formation teacher. He will be presenting his motivational and inspiring talk, *It's Fun to be Catholic*. Our middle school students will be opening the evening with song from 6:30-6:45 PM. Give yourself a Catholic Schools Week treat and come out to hear Gary. Sponsored by PTO, Gary's books, *It's Fun to be Catholic* and *I Can Play! A Philosophy for Life* will be on sale afterwards. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters. Gary is excited to visit Our Lady of Perpetual Help to share the Good News .... "It's Fun to be Catholic!"

**Biddy Basketball** Biddy Basketball time is upon us. Please see information for signing your child up on Orgs Online. Biddy Basketball is offered to grades Pre-K through 2. The first and second graders will have assessment and uniform handouts on Sunday, January 28 from 5:00-7:00 PM. The Pre-K and K players are asked to come also on that date to get uniforms and a group photo. The dates for the games are all on Sundays from 1:00-5:00 PM, on 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, and 3/4.

We are also looking for parents to step up and help run the Biddy Ball Soccer which will be after spring break. If you are interested in volunteering your time with this please let me know.

No physical is required for biddy ball sports.

3rd & 4th Grade Basketball begins at the end of January. Sign ups and physicals are necessary.

**Tuition Balances Due** If you chose to pay your tuition semi-annually, the second payment is due this Friday, January 12th. If you chose to pay quarterly, your next payment is due February 1st. You can find the amount due on Jupiter under "Balance". Please feel free to call Connie Andres with any questions or if you need additional information.

**Dress for the Weather** Please be aware that students go outside even if the temperature is below 32 degrees, conditions permitting. A few laps around the parking lot, even on a very cold day makes for a more energized afternoon. Thanks so much for being sure your child has a warm jacket, hat, gloves and wears pants instead of shorts on the coldest days. As always, we love that you label items so they don't end up in the Lost and Found.

**Sweatshirt Orders** If you'd like to order the new PTO sweatshirt, hoodie or T shirt with *#Our Lady Pride* or a new middle school House shirt, now is the time to place an order with River City. See the order forms online!

**Sign up to Serve Lunch!** Please check the cafe volunteer calendar on the Our Lady website. If you can help serve lunch, email or call Sandy Gilland at [sgilland@olphna.org](mailto:sgilland@olphna.org). The Café has lots of openings for the remainder of the school year. For two hours of your time, you get a free lunch and can enjoy seeing your children, grandchildren and their friends! Thank you--we appreciate your help!

**Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.** Here's to a marvelous long weekend as students, faculty and staff do not have school on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018. Ask your children about the principles Dr. King proclaimed as we honor one of the world's renowned peacemakers and enjoy the day!

Stay safe and warm. I wish you a blessed week,  
Mary Ann

#### ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 12	Semi-Annual Tuition Due – Sweatshirt/T-shirt Orders Due
Monday, Jan. 15	NO SCHOOL – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Friday, Jan. 19	2:00 PM Grs. K-8 Right to Life Prayer Service
Monday, Jan. 22	PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 24	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM in Wagner Hall
Sunday, Jan. 28	OPEN HOUSE – Noon-3:00 PM -- Begin Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Program in church sponsored by the PTO, beginning at 6:30 PM with songs performed by our middle school students, followed by <i>It's Fun to be Catholic</i> presented by Gary Montgomery