



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

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Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPH Families,

In this week's Gospel message of loving our enemies, we are reminded about the compassion and forgiveness needed with those who may have brought us harm. Although it is easy to read, it remains difficult to actually execute. I believe I have previously written about how our military live through this, and ask themselves such questions as, "Who is my enemy? Who is my friend? What if my enemy ends up becoming my friend?"

Coming up this week is our Casino Night on the 29th of February at Morgan's Wonderland. There will be dinner catered from Blue Bonnet, Casino Tables, poker, DJ with dancing, Free margaritas & beer, Silent Auction, Live Auction, 50/ 50 Raffle, and much more! Thank you to the PTC and the volunteers who have put so much time and effort to making what promises to be a special event.

As CYO city-wide playoffs wrap up, the OLPH middle school sports spring season is getting underway.

As a reminder, we have started our registration and re-enrollment for next year. The link to the

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- *Archbishop's 5th Grade Mass at St. Rose of Lima, 10a*
- *WWT, 3:45*

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- *Ash Wednesday*
- *Mass, 8:30a*

Friday, Feb. 27

- *Casino Night \$1 Free Dress Day*

Saturday, Feb. 28

- *Casino Night, Morgan's Wonderland*

***Spring Break March 9-13 School and
CDC Closed***

process is on our webpage:
<https://olphselma.org/admissions-process>.

Support & Serve!

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The support of the OLPH community really defines what makes OLPH special.

Just as Mary's unselfish contribution of her life to God's plan was immeasurable, so too are the contributions of time and talent by the many volunteers here at OLPH.

For the upcoming school year, we are in need of School Council Members and PTC Members. Applications for both School Council and PTC are found on our school website at <https://olphselma.org/support>. Thank you for serving our community.

And thank you for all for all that you continue to do for OLPH!

Know Him. Love Him. Serve Him.

Thank you for all you do and continue to for OLPH!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us

Francis Burns

Amanda Miller

Principal

Assistant Principal

News from the CDC

Dear Parents,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and Mass will be crowded. Please make sure your child is in their classroom by 8am. We will be leaving our building at 8:05am to head to the Church.

Casino Night is coming up fast on Saturday, February 29th. Our classes have been working hard on their projects for the Silent Auction. There will be a lot of great items for bid. Information for purchasing tickets is on the school website. Come and join us for a great evening!

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year opened to new families on February 18th. If you have friends or family interested in OLPH please let them know. If you have any questions please call Ms. Kennedy at 210-651-6819.

The CDC is in need of clothes for our "accident" bucket. Occasionally our littles will have an accident and not have a change of clothes. If your child has outgrown some of their clothes, we could use underwear, shorts/pants and shirts Sizes 3-5 for both boys and girls.

Just a reminder, the School and CDC will also be CLOSED for Spring Break this year.

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God Bless,

Stephanie Dunne, Director

- Feb. 28 Chicken Broth (15 oz.)
- March 6 Bag of white rice,(2 lbs)

After School Activities in the CDC

*Registration/information is available at the CDC or at <http://www.teamsoftomorrow.com/> for TOT and <http://www.webbydancecompany.com/state/texas/selma/> for Webby Dance

- Mondays – Art (3:45p, ages 6+, Art Room in the Admin Building)
- Tuesdays – TOT (2:30p, PK, CDC Bldg.)
- Wednesday – Dance (2:45p PK & 3:45p, Kinder+, CDC Bldg.)
- Wednesdays – Orchestra - Guitar/Violin (3:30p, Grades K-8, Music room in Admin Building)
- Fridays – Chess (3:45p, 1st-8th grade, Art room in the Admin Building)

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

Bring these items on these dates and wear jeans with your OLPH spirit shirt!

Spiritual Corner

Our Lenten Journey

Ordinary Time comes to a close as we begin the Holy Season of Lent this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. Below you will find some materials on Lent as we begin our Lenten Journey

Is Ash Wednesday a Holy Day of Obligation?

Though this is NOT a holy day of obligation in our tradition, many people would not think of letting Ash Wednesday go by without a trip to church to be marked with an ashen cross on their foreheads. It marks the beginning of Lent, 40 days before Good Friday, and it is a day of fasting and abstinence as are all Fridays in Lent. All people 14 or older observe the abstinence.

Why do we get ashes on our forehead? Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes). They also remind us of our mortality (“remember that you are dust”) and thus of the day when we stand before God and be judged. This can be linked to the death and resurrection motif of Baptism. To prepare well for the day we die, we

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must die now to sin and rise to new life in Christ. Being marked with ashes at the beginning of Lent indicates our recognition of the need for deeper conversion of our lives during this season of renewal. Check the Bible: Jer 6:26, Is 58:5, Dn 9:3, Jon 3:6, Jdt 4:11; 4:15 and 9:1, 1Mc 3:47, 4:39, Mt 11:21, Lk 10:13

[Why do we give things up for Lent?](#) Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and His way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The key to renewed appropriation^[SEP] of these practices is to see their link to baptismal renewal. For catechumens, Lent is a period intended to bring their individual conversion to completion.

Have a graced filled Lenten Season.

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