



January 11, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 29 - Feb. 3. This is a national celebration of the value that Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. The final calendar of events will be sent out next week; here's what we have planned:

- ★ Sun, Jan. 29, 11am: Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass
- ★ Mon, Jan. 30: Pastries for Parents, Crazy Hat Day, Salsa's Spirit Night, Students write thank-you cards
- ★ Tue, Jan. 31: Free Mismatched Clothes Tag Day, Talent Show, Free Chik-fil-A Lunch
- ★ Wed, Feb. 1: Sports Jerseys Day (bring canned food donation), Spelling Bee
- ★ Thu, Feb. 2: Students dress as their desired professions, 8th graders teach lower grades
- ★ Fri, Feb. 3: 9am School Mass, Crazy Sock Day, Contest Winners Announced
- ★ WEEK-LONG EVENTS: Guessing Game, Scavenger Hunt, OLSS Quiz, & Souper Bowl



Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

JAN. 13 & 16: This Friday, Jan. 13 is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is no school on Mon, Jan. 16 for MLK Day.

REPORT CARDS: The 2nd Quarter ends on Jan. 20. Report cards will be emailed to parents on Feb. 1.

MAP TESTING: Mid-year standardized MAP Testing will take place over the next two weeks for 1st – 8th grades.

JAN. 20 EVENTS: There are many pro-life events taking place in the DC area on Fri, Jan. 20. Please see the second page of this newsletter for more detailed info from OLSS Youth Minister Joanne Pensenstadler.

CSW OPENING MASS: We are looking for students to participate in the CSW Opening Mass on Sun, Jan. 29. Please see the form in today's yellow folders.

PASTRIES FOR PARENTS: Please join us for Pastries for Parents in the Providence Room on Mon, Jan. 30 from 7-8am! This is the first time we have hosted this in-person since 2020. Pastries, coffee, and juice will be provided for parents and children.

TALENT SHOW: We will be holding a Talent Show on Tue, Jan. 31 during Catholic Schools Week. Students who would like to perform must turn in the permission form in today's yellow folders.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING: OLSS Parish has a job opening for a part-time Parish Secretary; please email Father Bob at kilnerr@adw.org

RAFFLE: 8th Grade is holding a raffle for a "Cozy in Winter" basket of items. Tickets can be purchased through the school office or the [online store](#). Proceeds support the 8th grade's graduation fund.

RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24: On Jan. 30, every family will receive an email with a link to complete re-registration for the 2023-24 school year. Registration for new families opens Feb. 13. Spaces are given on a first-come, first-serve basis, so we encourage you to complete re-registration ASAP to secure a spot for your child(ren).

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM



Congratulations to 5th grade, who graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance & Education (D.A.R.E.) Program last week! We thank Officer Durner for all the time he spent working with our students, and to Calvert County Sheriff's Office for providing this valuable program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 👤 Jan. 13: 12:30pm Dismissal
- 👤 Jan. 16: No School – MLK Day
- 👤 Jan. 20: End of 2nd Quarter
- 👤 Jan. 27, 9-11am: Open House
- 👤 Jan. 29-Feb. 4: Catholic Schools Week
- 👤 Jan. 30, 7-8am: Pastries for Parents
- 👤 Jan. 30: '23-24 Re-Registration Opens
- 👤 Jan. 30: Salsa's Lusby Spirit Night
- 👤 Jan. 31: Talent Show

FEBRUARY

- ♥ Feb. 3, 9-11am: Open House
- ♥ Feb. 6: Wear Kindness Shirt
- ♥ Feb. 14: St. Valentine's Day Tag Day
- ♥ Feb. 17, 9-11am: Open House
- ♥ Feb. 17: 12:30pm Dismissal
- ♥ Feb. 20: No School - Presidents Day
- ♥ Feb. 21: Mardi Gras Tag Day & Parade
- ♥ Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday/ Lent Begins

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

Dear Parish Families,

We are excited to share with you some upcoming "Life" youth events on **Friday, January 20th, 2023** that continue to advocate for the dignity of **all** life. PREP Confirmation I or II students who attend will receive 3 service hours. Please contact OLSS Youth Minister Joanne Pensenstadler at youthministry@olss.org for more info.

Transportation will not be provided.

ST. MATTHEWS CATHEDRAL: YOUTH MASS OF CELEBRATION & THANKSGIVING

Homilist: Fr. Bob Kilner!

- 1) Doors open at 7:30am
- 2) Please arrive early so we can give all available spaces to any potential walk-in groups.
- 3) Mass will start at 8:45am
- 4) The Sacrament of Reconciliation **will not be offered**.
- 5) Before Mass groups will be welcomed and invited to listen to live music, talks, and join in praying the Rosary.
- 6) Following the Mass there will be a youth rally with live music, a keynote speaker, games, and a conversation with His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory.
- 7) Participants must exit the Cathedral by 11:45am to allow time to for the Cathedral to prepare for their 12:10pm daily Mass.
- 8) Please remember that our celebration is on a weekday, therefore rush hour traffic will be an issue and parking will be limited. Cathedral staff recommends groups use the Metro if possible.
- 9) The event will go on regardless of the weather, please plan accordingly. However, if severe weather is forecasted make sure to check the CYO website (<https://adwyouth.org/weather>) prior to leaving for the event in case of any emergency changes.
- 10) If interested in attending, contact Joanne Pensenstadler for your free ticket.

LIFE FEST - Sisters of Life, sponsored by KoC (national):

Life Fest will be held on the morning of the March for Life, January 20, 2023, at the Entertainment & Sports Arena in Washington D.C. Doors will open at 7:00am ET, and will feature dynamic speakers such as 2020 Rose Dinner keynote and March for Life Rally speaker Sr. Bethany Madonna, SV and others; worship music led by Sarah Kroger; Holy Mass; and a time of Eucharistic adoration.

MARCH FOR LIFE:

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

March for Life Expo: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Rally Concert: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

March for Life Rally: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

March for Life: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.