



OLPH NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is committed to providing an affordable, quality education in a Catholic, Christian atmosphere within the framework of the teaching of Jesus and His Church.

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Calendar Reminders

Nov 13 - Preschool Movie Night 6:30 pm

Nov 18 - First Trimester Ends

Nov 21 - 2nd Parents' Club Maintenance Day 7:30 am-1:00 pm

Nov 20, 23 & 24 - Report Card Conferences

Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Liturgy at 8:30 am; First Trimester Awards Assembly at 1:45 pm in the church

Nov 26 & 27 - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 4 - Minimum Day; 12:00 Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting

Dec 8-11 - Scholastic Book Fair

Preschool Movie Night

Tonight at 6:30 pm, Preschool will host its first Movie Night. They will be showing *Pocahontas* and the movie *Up*. Children 12 and under are free. Admission is \$1.00. Bring your chairs and blankets, and of course, your children. This is a great way to spend quality time with your family. Preschool will be selling popcorn, nachos, hot dogs and drinks. All are certainly invited and welcomed!

Life Stream

Thank you to all who were able to give the *Gift of Life* by donating blood last Sunday. Life Stream mentioned that we had 15 donors. That's awesome! Life Stream will be contacting us soon to tell us which class brought in the most donors. The winning class will receive a pizza lunch and \$50.00 for the teacher to purchase class materials. This was a great incentive for our students and families, but more importantly it is the thought and time spent to give to others in

need. Thank you again for your support!

Fall Carnival Update

Wow! What a busy weekend we had on November 7 & 8. Everyone who came enjoyed themselves even though at times it was slow on Saturday. Sunday was a much better day and it could not have gone so well if we did not have the perfect weather. Hats off to all our parents and volunteers for your hard work in setting up your booths, and being prepared for our guests. Congratulations to our Kindergarten class who won the best decorated booth-Handicrafts/Country Store. Today the students received "free dress" and an ice cream treat. Our Fall Carnival was a great success. We profited a little over \$10,000 for the school. Again, we could not have done this without your support and school spirit. OLPH is blessed with awesome parents, teachers and staff.

A special thank you to Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Mrs. Mary Velasquez, and Mr. Tom Brown for their leadership in this event. You were great!

There will be a follow up carnival meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm. All are welcomed!

Chile Cook-off

Well...the results are final. Mrs. Diane Arias was the winner of our Chile Cook Off. Congratulations! Thank you to the following contestants who entered their chile in the cook off. All were delicious! Mrs. Monica Flores, Mrs. Victoria Shatavyzadeh, Mrs. Rafaela Saldivar, Mr. Eddie Rodriguez- Thank you for entering. We look forward to another cook off next year!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 18 is the day grades close for the First Trimester. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled beginning November 20 – November 23. Letters with scheduled appointments have been sent home to families last week. Please mark your scheduled time on your planner so you can attend this important conference. Keep in mind that report cards are only given at conferences the first trimester.

Maintenance Day

The second Parents' Club Maintenance Day is Saturday, November 21 from 7:30 am - 1:00 pm. If you have not completed your 3 hours of maintenance service, now is the time when the weather is cool. We have a little tidy up to do such as the parking lot, preschool playground, sidewalk, and windows. Bring your broom, rake, bucket, rags, towels, and soap. Remember, "Many hands make light work".

Awards Assembly

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 25. We will have our First Awards Assembly for the trimester at 1:45 pm in the church. All are invited to attend.

Thanksgiving Is a Time to be Shared

Each year we take up a collection to be given to those who are in need at this time of year. A flyer will be sent home next week asking for donations. All donations will be presented at our Thanksgiving Liturgy on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 8:30 a.m. All are invited to attend this special Liturgy.

Fresh & Easy Neighbor Market
 OLPH School is participating in *Shop for Schools*. For every \$20 spent at Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market, the school will receive a \$1.00 donation. Fresh & Easy is located on Jackson & Ave 42. All you have to do is bring in your receipt if you spent a minimum of \$20.00. There is a box in the school office for all receipts. This is a great way to support OLPH. Please tell your families and friends to support our school by shopping at Fresh & Easy.

Box Tops for Education



Holiday shopping can be a breeze with Box Tops for Education Market Place! Log onto www.boxtops4education.com (be sure to register as an OLPH customer!) and check out what stores are available. Each store will give a percentage of your purchase to our school. Some vendors are offering free shipping! Check out "Limited Time discounts! It's an easy and fast way to help our school while doing your Christmas shopping. Thank you for all your support.

Catholic Calendar

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

(1769 - 1852)
November 18

Born in Grenoble, France, of a family that was among the new rich, Philippine learned political skills from her father and a love of the poor from her mother. The dominant feature of her temperament was a strong and dauntless will, which became the material—and the battlefield—of her holiness. She entered the convent at 19 and remained despite their opposition. As the French Revolution broke, the convent was closed, and she began taking care of the poor and sick, opened a school for street urchins and risked her life

helping priests in the underground.

When the situation cooled, she personally rented her old convent, now a shambles, and tried to revive its religious life. The spirit was gone, and soon there were only four nuns left. They joined the infant Society of the Sacred Heart, whose young superior, St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, would be her lifelong friend. In a short time Philippine was a superior and supervisor of the novitiate and a school. But her ambition, since hearing tales of missionary work in Louisiana as a little girl, was to go to America and work among the Indians. At 49, she thought this would be her work. With four nuns, she spent 11 weeks at sea en route to New Orleans, and seven weeks more on the Mississippi to St. Louis. She then met one of the many disappointments of her life. The bishop had no place for them to live and work among Native Americans. Instead, he sent her to what she sadly called "the remotest village in the U.S.," St. Charles, Missouri. With characteristic drive and courage, she founded the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi.

It was a mistake. Though she was as hardy as any of the pioneer women in the wagons rolling west, cold and hunger drove them out—to Florissant, Missouri, where she founded the first Catholic Indian school, adding others in the territory. "In her first decade in America, Mother Duchesne suffered practically every hardship the frontier had to offer, except the threat of Indian massacre—poor lodging, shortages of food, drinking water, fuel and money, forest fires and blazing chimneys, the vagaries of the Missouri climate, cramped living quarters and the privation of all privacy, and the crude manners of children reared in rough surroundings and with only the slightest training in courtesy" (Louise Callan, R.S.C.J., *Philippine Duchesne*).

Finally, at 72, in poor health and retired, she got her lifelong wish. A mission was founded at Sugar Creek, Kansas, among the

Potawatomi. She was taken along. Though she could not learn their language, they soon named her "Woman-Who-Prays-Always." While others taught, she prayed. Legend has it that Native American children sneaked behind her as she knelt and sprinkled bits of paper on her habit, and came back hours later to find them undisturbed. She died in 1852 at the age of 83.

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Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

- Pope Benedict XVI
- Bishop Barnes and Bishop del Riego
- Father Miguel and Father Franklin
- Mrs. Laura Lopez
- Marlene Gibson, who is ill (mother of Jackson Gibson, 8th Grade)
- Soul of Mickie Lopez, mother of Ms. Sandy DeTamble, our parish business manager.
- Aidan Handy who is very ill (grandson of Mrs. Sandi Wells)
- Mrs. Diane Martinez who is ill (mother of Elijah Martinez, 7th Grade)
- Students, families, teachers and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

This Week's Question

The Philadelphia heiress who used her wealth to help the poor and founded an order of Sisters to care for Native Americans and African Americans is:

- a. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- b. St. Katharine Drexel
- c. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
- d. St. Maria Goretti

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

Last Week's Question

The first American-born saint is

c. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) was a wife, mother, and founder of a religious order. She was very important in the development of the Catholic School system in the United States.

Prayer in Honor of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Gracious God, you filled the heart of Philippine Duchesne with charity and missionary zeal, and gave her the desire to make you known among all peoples. Fill us who honor her memory today, with that same love and zeal to extend your kingdom to the ends of the earth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

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