

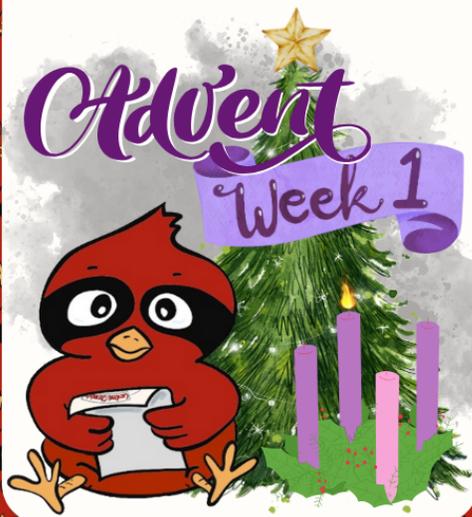


# THE CARDINAL CHRONICLES

## DECEMBER 2, 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **Birthday Brunch (Oct., Nov., & Dec.): 12/5**
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*Our Cardinals began preparing for the birth of Christ yesterday by lighting the Advent wreath and reflecting at morning assembly.*

Thanks to our kindergarten classes, teachers, choir, and everyone who made our Thanksgiving mass beautiful.

We are currently accepting new student application packets for the 2026-2027 Little Cardinals (2-year-olds MDO, 3-year-olds, and PreK) through December 12 and for grades K-4 through January 9, 2026. Please note that **siblings of current students must also submit application packets during this time. We will re-register current students for the 2026-2027 school year during the week of January 5-9.**

Our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Drive continues! Please help us bolster our excellent offerings and partially bridge the gap between the cost to educate a Cardinal and the cost of tuition. Donations may be made via check or online at <https://onecau.se/ollannualfund>.

Scan the QR code to donate and watch a video of our Cardinals describing what they love about OLL!

As of 12/1, we have received \$24,240 from 18 parents and 35 grandparents!

GO CARDINALS! Vita Dickens



### THANKS TO:

#### SILVER CLUB

Mr. Steven & Mrs. Andree Cosse'  
 Drs. Nicholas & Bethany Cross  
 Mr. T.C. & Mrs. Mikaela Ford  
 Grandparents of Ford, Charlotte, &  
 Colette Januszek  
 Dr. & Mrs. Steve Nelson

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Anonymous Donor  
 Jim & Kathy Crouch  
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 Deborah Gordon  
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 Mr. Adam & Mrs. Brittany Hesch  
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 Grandparents of Cammy & James Mumford  
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 The Olivases  
 Mary Jo & Alan Piechocki  
 Mr. Pasko & Mrs. Mallory Skarica  
 Grandparents of James & Anna Grace Spansel  
 Ms. Marlene Vinsanau, Grandmother of Harrison Peart



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### REMINDERS & RECOGNITIONS

Thanks to chairs Mary Jensen and Jennifer Steen for organizing St. Nick's Workshop and to chairs Suzanne Brister and Mikaela Ford for organizing the Christmas Greens program. We are grateful for our amazing PTCC!

Come support our Cardinalettes and Cheerleaders as they march in the City of Mandeville's Winter on the Water parade on Saturday (12/6) beginning at 3:00 p.m. Catch the teams on the route between the beginning (at the Mandeville Yacht Club) and the corner of Lafitte and Madison Street.

## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT - HOPE

During this first week of Advent, we light the first purple candle symbolizing hope. Every morning the students participate in an Advent reflection as we light our school Advent wreath. Also, during this Advent season, our older students have the opportunity to start their day in front of the Blessed Sacrament in our adoration chapel. Here are some ways that you and your family can spread hope this Advent season:

- Light your Advent wreath at home and pray for those who feel hopeless.
- If you haven't already, please consider participating in our Adopt a Family Christmas drive to help spread Jesus' hope to those less fortunate.
- Share a message of encouragement with someone who needs it.



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# Annual Fund 2025

Annual Fund donations bolster our excellent offerings and partially bridge the gap between the cost to educate a Cardinal and the cost of tuition. Our superior academic, enrichment, STEM, and support programs make OLL exceptional! By contributing, you allow us to continue our mission of producing faithfully Catholic, consistently excellent, and confidently innovative graduates. Please scan the QR code below to hear our students describe what makes OLL so special!

Scan the QR code to see what our Cardinals love about OLL!



## GIVING LEVELS

**316 Club**  
\$10,000 and above

**OLL Club**  
\$5,000-\$9,999

**Platinum Club**  
\$3,000-\$4,999

**Gold Club**  
\$2,000-\$2,999

**Silver Club**  
\$1,000-\$1,999

**Cardinal Club**  
\$700-\$999

**OLLie Club**  
\$500-\$699

**Lafitte Club**  
\$1-\$499

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Write a Check**

**Donate Online**

Visit [https://onecau.se/\\_dmf7x1](https://onecau.se/_dmf7x1)  
or scan the QR code above.

**Make a Matching Gift**

Check with your workplace to see  
if they offer matching gifts.

Please mail checks and/or donate online by 12/12/25.

By donating to the Annual Fund, you instruct the school that your monetary donation is restricted for the use of Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic School's facilities and programs that directly impact its students.



Thank you for helping to keep our school consistently excellent, faithfully Catholic, and confidently innovative!

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

DECEMBER 2, 2025

## PTCC Updates

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Welcome Back! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with joy, laughter, and plenty of pumpkin pie. Now that the holiday season is in full swing, we're excited to celebrate the spirit of Christmas together as a community.

This Wednesday, families who purchased Christmas greens and poinsettias can pick them up in front of the Chotin Center. Pick-up will be available from 7:30 to 8:30 AM and again from 4:15 to 6:00 PM, with cars entering from the driveway closest to Lakeshore Drive.

As we continue spreading Christmas joy, we are collecting new, unwrapped gifts for our Christmas Adoption on Monday, December 8. If you would like to purchase a gift or even adopt a family, please reach out to our co-chair, Sarah Bergeron. More information is available in the attached flyer. This special tradition supports Project Christmas. Your generosity helps brighten the season for families in need.

Finally, we are thrilled to share OLL's Christmas Service Project, a beautiful opportunity for our students to be a light to the world and to experience the joy of Advent through acts of service and kindness to others. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, we invite everyone to embrace this season of waiting with prayerful service, remembering that each small act of love reflects the light of Jesus. More details are available in the flyer below. We cannot wait to witness the many ways our children open their hearts in anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

## Grow In Faith



### JOURNEYING TOGETHER THIS ADVENT

As our children grow in faith this Advent season, we invite parents to join in the journey of preparing hearts for the coming of Christ. December is filled with opportunities to pause, pray, and celebrate together as we await the joy of Christmas.

On December 8, we'll gather for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 12:45 PM, honoring Mary's "yes" to God. On December 15, the Advent Mass at 9:00 AM will be a beautiful time to reflect on hope and anticipation.

Parents are invited to come together in prayer during the Rosary on December 17 at 7:45 AM, lifting our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders' special intentions.

The season continues with the beloved tradition of the 7th Grade Living Nativity, presented on December 18 at 6:00 PM and again on December 19 at 9:30 AM. This joyful reenactment of Christ's birth is a highlight of the season, reminding us of the humble beauty of that holy night.

We encourage all parents to take part in these celebrations of faith, hope, and love as we prepare to welcome the Savior with joy.

## Important PTCC Dates

- DECEMBER 3** Christmas Greens Pick-up  
7:30 - 8:30 AM & 4:15 - 6:00 PM
- DECEMBER 5** Birthday Brunch
- DECEMBER 8** Christmas Adoption Gift Drop-Off
- DECEMBER 17** Parents' Rosary at 7:45 AM

## Stay Connected. PTCC Contact Info:

**BETH TEES, PTCC PRESIDENT** 504.628.0519 [bethtees@gmail.com](mailto:bethtees@gmail.com)

OLL PTCC  
asks for your participation in



# CHRISTMAS ADOPTION

Each year our PTCC joins with a local charitable organization to adopt families for Christmas. In the spirit of almsgiving, we ask you to consider adopting a child or family from the attached list. Participate however you can: buy one gift, buy for one child, or buy for the whole family!

Please review the attached spreadsheet and if you would like to participate, contact chairperson Sarah Bergeron by email with the family number and letter of the child you would like to buy for. Any and all participation is appreciated! Financial donations are accepted as well and can be pooled to purchase larger, higher priced wish list items.

Thank you for making the holidays merry for these families!

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**DONATION COLLECTION:**  
**DECEMBER 8TH MORNING CARLINE**

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To buy a gift or adopt a family, please reach out to [SBERGERONMD@gmail.com](mailto:SBERGERONMD@gmail.com)

Our Christmas Adoption supports Project Christmas  
[stprojectchristmas.org](http://stprojectchristmas.org)

Angel Tag #		Age	Gender	Gift Wish 1	Gift Wish 2	Gift Wish 3	Shirt Size	Coat Size	Pant Size
4062	A	1	4	F				6T (Y6/8)	
4063	A	2	6	F		Stand Alone Kitchen Set		4T-5T	
4066	A	2	9	M	Game Stop GC	Scooter or ripstick	Wallet (black)	12 Y	
4067	A	1	1	F	Stand up Play kitchen	Balance Bike	Learning Toy	6-9 mos	
4070	A	2	2	M	3-Wheel Scooter	Train Set		4T	
4070	B	2	4	M	Keyboard/piano	Fishing Pole/Tackle Box	Kid's Cologne	5T	
4072	A	4	10	F	Ulta GC		Nails Gift Box Set	Y 14	
4072	B	4	5	F			5T		5T
4072	C	4	3	M	Remote control Truck	Spiderman Action Figures	Play Workbench	3T	
4073	A	5	14	M		Scooter	Remote Control Car	ALG	
4073	B	5	10	M		Scooter	Remote Control Car	A med	
4073	C	5	8	M		Scooter	Remote Control Car	Y Lg	
4073	E	5	5 wks	F			0-3 mos	0-3 mos	0-3 mos
4074	A	3	9	F	Jewelry Set (Earrings, Bracelet, Necklace)		Game Stop GC	Jr 16	
4074	B	3	8	M	Bluetooth Headphones	Game Stop GC	Barnes & Noble GC	Y 12	
4074	C	3	2	F	Musical Toys	Doll & Stroller & Accessories	Stand Alone Kitchen Set	2T	
4076	B	2	14	M	Amazon Echo Show	bluetooth Speaker	Art Kit	A-M	

# OLL's Christmas Service Project

"THE ONE WHO IS THE TRUE LIGHT, WHO GIVES LIGHT  
TO EVERYONE, WAS COMING INTO THE WORLD"

JOHN 1:9

As we enter into this holy Advent season, we invite all OLL students and families to be a light to our world and experience the joy of Advent through acts of service and kindness to others.



How can you bring HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE to your community this Advent?

Here are some ideas:

- go to mass with your family
- visit the Adoration chapel
- pray a decade of the rosary for all those who are lonely on Christmas
- read the Nativity story as a family
- make Christmas cards for the OLL parishioners who are homebound
- donate food to a local food bank
- donate outgrown clothes and toys to those in need
- donate books to a Little Library
- donate old towels and blankets to an animal shelter
- pick up litter
- read a book to someone younger
- mail a Christmas card to a soldier or a missionary
- help a neighbor rake leaves
- ask how you can help with a chore at home



A "Christmas Service Tree" will be set up in the cafeteria now until Christmas break. Every student that turns in this form, sharing their Advent act(s) of service, will have a "Christmas Caring Cardinal" added to the tree.



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

How have you prepared your heart for Jesus this Advent?

Describe your acts of service and kindness below



Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

All Are Invited to

Caroling | Prayer | Concert | Refreshments

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 PM on Campus



# Saint Paul's School

## *Luminarias*





PLEASE JOIN US...



**DECEMBER 06, 2025**  
**10AM - 12PM**

SSA GYM: MASSACHUSETTS ST, COVINGTON  
SSA FUTURE DOVE CLUB WELCOMES ALL!

**DONUTS | CRAFTS | GAMES | PHOTOS WITH SANTA**

**LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE**

**\$40/FAMILY**

**INCLUDES UP TO 4 ATTENDEES  
(EACH ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE IS \$10)**

**TICKET INCLUDES 1 DIGITAL PICTURE WITH SANTA  
BY PHOTOGRAPHER JOEL TREADWELL**

