



# THE CARDINAL CHRONICLES

## DECEMBER 9, 2025

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*Thanks to Birthday Brunch Chairs Kat Green and Marcella Spadaro, Christmas Adoption Chairs Sarah Bergeron and Ashley Ferrer, our PTCC Board, and all volunteers who made these event possible! Thanks to Mrs. Bellina, Mrs. Pray, Mrs. Graham and our Cardinalettes and to Mrs. Malter, Mrs. Singletary, and our Cheerleaders for representing OLL beautifully at the Winter on the Water parade.*

Thanks to our first graders for hosting yesterday's mass in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and please join us on Monday, December 15, at 9:00 AM for our Advent Mass in the Chotin Center. Before this mass, we will recognize our Student of the Year nominees. Please help us congratulate Grant Dorhauer, Camille Fetzer, Greyson Jones, Zachary Jones, Gunnar Person, Brooklyn Schenker, and Anna Sciortino on their nominations!

Please note that OLL's application period for admission ends on 12/12 for Little Cardinals and on 1/9/26 for grades K-4. **Siblings of current Cardinals must also submit applications during this time.**

**There's still time to donate to the Annual Fund!** 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 \$42,860 from 26 parents and 63 grandparents!

GO CARDINALS, Vita Dickens

### THANKS TO:

**316 CLUB**  
Mr. David & Mrs. Claudia Franks

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Grandparent of Carson Bollich  
Grandparent of Taylor Piazza  
Linda Scaife  
Mrs. Brandi Schexnayder  
Gordon & Mary Wadge  
Kathleen Davis Zucker



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## PEACE WITH ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

During this second week of Advent, we light the candle of peace. St. Thérèse of Lisieux showed peace through her “Little Way,” which involved finding holiness in small acts of love and service. She believed that peace came from surrendering to God’s will, practicing gratitude, and doing ordinary things with great love.



Like St. Thérèse, here are some ways to find peace during this joyful but busy time.

- Enjoy the silence and peace of the adoration chapel as you pray before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Surrender to Jesus throughout the day by saying, “Jesus, I trust in you.”
- Begin or end your day by listing out the things for which you are grateful.

### REMINDERS & RECOGNITIONS

The Archdiocese of New Orleans’ St. Cecilia Band will host a Christmas Concert/Recital for all northshore and southshore participants, including several of our Cardinals, at Mary, Queen of Peace on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 PM.

OLL’s Choir will participate in Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 14, at 4:00 PM in the church.

Thanks to our Cardinals for sharing their musical talents with us!

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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!



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### Parish Affiliation Categories and Definitions

At this time of year, questions always arise regarding how Parish Affiliation Status is determined. Each individual parish determines its guidelines for defining whether or not a family is considered Registered, Active, and Supporting. Contact your parish for the guidelines. The categories and their definitions are below. Accumulation of dollars is based on the **previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31)**.

#### **RAS-OLL - Registered, Active, Supporting of Our Lady of the Lake Parish**

The school is provided with a list from the OLL Parish Administration Office listing RAS families of OLL. These families meet the requirement, set by OLL Parish, of contributing \$450 to the Parish per calendar year.

Support Fee: \$350 per student

#### **RAS-OTHER-Registered, Active, Supporting of Parishes other than Our Lady of the Lake**

For those worshipping at and supporting parishes other than Our Lady of the Lake, Parish Affiliation Vouchers, verifying that the Parent/Family is “Registered, Active, and Supporting” in their HOME PARISH, are to be acquired from your Parish Office and turned in with the application packet. One voucher per child entering Little Cardinals 3-year-olds program - 4th grade is required. If the vouchers did not accompany the application packets, they must be turned in immediately to the school office, and we will attach them to the appropriate application packets. The deadline for accepting a voucher is March 2, 2026. This voucher indicates the HOME PARISH agrees to provide financial support to the PARENT by paying the “Parish Support Fee” to the ATTENDING SCHOOL. Please note that each voucher must be approved and signed by the Pastor of the home parish.

Support Fee: Family obtains a voucher from their Home Parish for each student. The Home Parish will be responsible to the school for the \$350 per student support fee.

The voucher should be supplied to OLL School by March 2, 2026. OLL School receives the support fee directly from the Home Parish.

#### **NON-RAS - Not listed as Registered, Active, Supporting of any Archdiocese of N.O. Parish**

Support Fee: Parent pays the \$350 per student support fee to the school, as indicated on the school tuition financial form.

#### **NC - Not Catholic - Child is not baptized Catholic**

Support Fee: Parent pays the \$350 per student support fee to the school, as indicated on the school tuition financial form.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ONCE A STUDENT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, ALL FEES, INCLUDING SUPPORT FEES, ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**



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# NEWS FROM THE NEST

DECEMBER 9, 2025

## PTCC Updates

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The spirit of Christmas is alive everywhere at OLL this month, thanks to the incredible dedication of our volunteers and families!

A heartfelt thank you to St. Nick's Workshop Co-Chairs Mary Hernandez and Jennifer Steen and their team of cheerful "elves." The shopping event was pure delight for our children, and the sparkle in their eyes as they chose gifts will surely be matched by the joy their families feel when opening those treasures.

We also extend our gratitude to the Christmas Greens and Poinsettias Co-Chairs, Mikaela Ford and Suzanne Brister, and their wonderful volunteers. Their hard work filled the Chotin Center with beauty and fragrance—never has it smelled so festive! We hope you enjoy your beautiful Christmas greenery throughout the season.

Finally, we thank the Christmas Adoption Program Co-Chairs, Sarah Bergeron and Ashley Ferret, and their dedicated team. Through their efforts, many underprivileged children in our community will experience a brighter, more joyful Christmas. We are especially grateful to the many generous families who contributed to the program—without your kindness, we could not assist so many families in need.

Together, these traditions remind us that the joy of Christ's birth is not only celebrated but shared—filling our campus and our hearts with faith, hope, and love.

## Grow In Faith

### JOIN US IN THE JOY OF ADVENT

As our children grow in faith this Advent, parents are invited to walk alongside them as they prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ. December offers beautiful moments to pause, pray, and celebrate together.

During our Parents' Rosary on December 17 at 7:45 AM, we will lift the heartfelt intentions of our 4th- and 5th-graders in prayer. Please join us inside the church near the creche. What a gift to gather as one community and support our children in faith.



Living Nativity – The season's highlight returns with the cherished 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 brings the story to life, reminding us of the humble beauty of that holy night. The evening presentation is offered especially for our parish community and for families who may not be able to attend during the school day, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to share in this beloved tradition.

We warmly invite you to join us for these special Advent and Christmas traditions. We look forward to sharing these sacred moments with you as an OLL community.

## Important PTCC Date

**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'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: \_\_\_\_\_

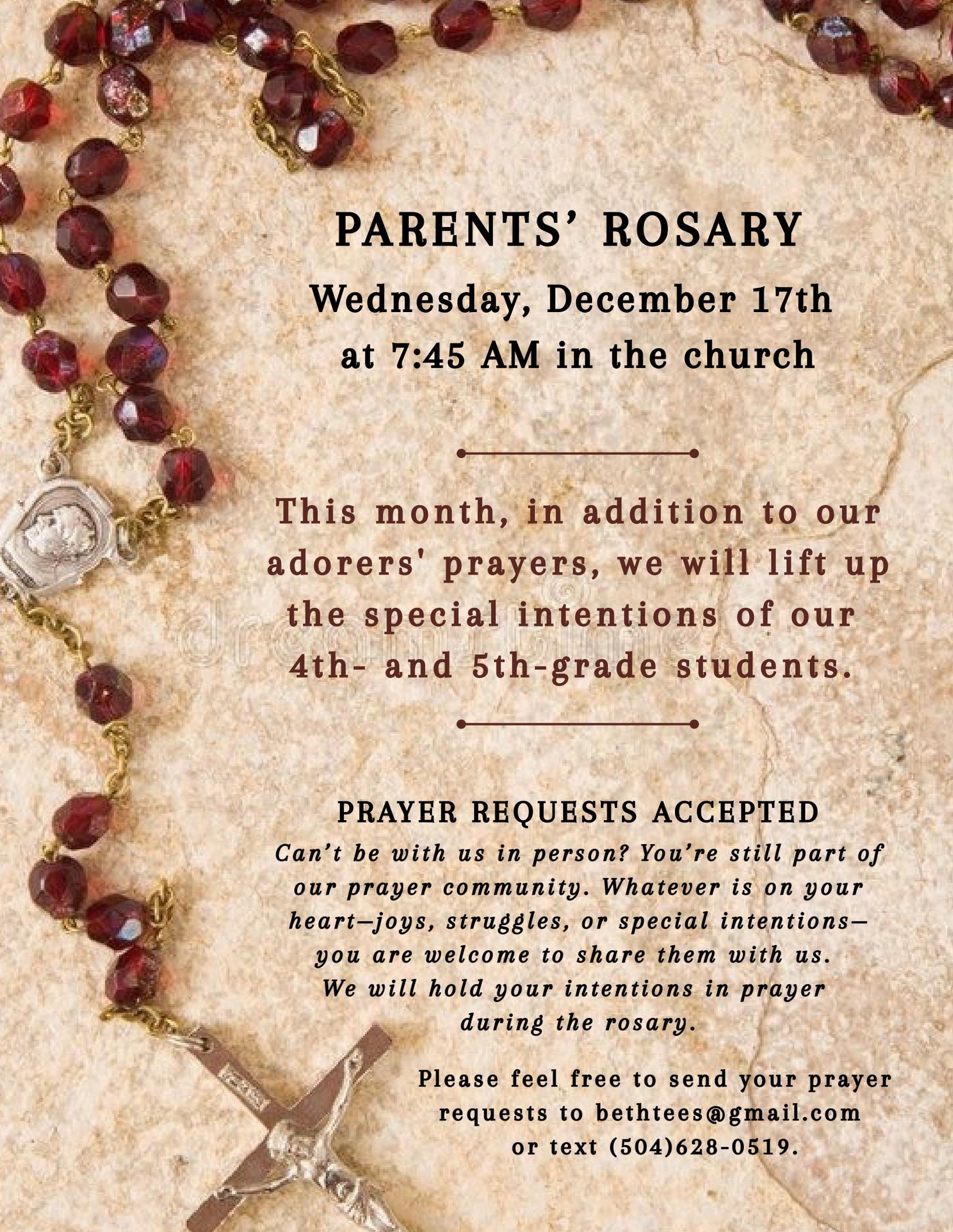
Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

How have you prepared your heart for Jesus this Advent?

Describe your acts of service and kindness below



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



# PARENTS' ROSARY

**Wednesday, December 17th  
at 7:45 AM in the church**

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**This month, in addition to our adorers' prayers, we will lift up the special intentions of our 4th- and 5th-grade students.**

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS ACCEPTED**

*Can't be with us in person? You're still part of our prayer community. Whatever is on your heart—joys, struggles, or special intentions—you are welcome to share them with us. We will hold your intentions in prayer during the rosary.*

**Please feel free to send your prayer requests to [bethtees@gmail.com](mailto:bethtees@gmail.com) or text (504)628-0519.**