



# THE CARDINAL CHRONICLES

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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*Welcome back, Cardinals!*

Ask your Cardinal about our Lenten preparations, including our daily silent reflection and Sacred Heart prayer. Check out page 2 for ways to journey through Lent with forgiveness by imitating St. Maria Goretti. Please join us on Friday, February 27, as our 3rd Graders present the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 AM in the Chotin Center.

Before the break, we enjoyed a wonderful day with our Cardinal grandparents. Thanks to Liz Mansfield, the PTCC Board, and the many volunteers who made this event a tremendous success!

Our Book Fair will be held next week (3/2-3/6), along with Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. Please see the attached flyers and schedule for details.

May God continue to bless our families during the Lenten season and always.

GO CARDINALS!

Vita Dickens





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## MERCY WITH ST. MARIA GORETTI

St. Maria Goretti is known for her beautiful act of forgiveness in the time before she passed away. When we are forgiven or when we forgive others, we feel a tremendous amount of peace wash over us.

Like St. Maria Goretti, here are some ways to experience peace by giving and receiving mercy:

- Use this time of Lent to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience Jesus' mercy.
- Let go of any grudges, and give someone a second chance.
- Look for the good in someone who has hurt or offended you. Pray for them.



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JOIN US FOR

# TASTE of TAMMANY

**APRIL 17, 2026**

**PATRON PARTY: 7 PM**

**MAIN EVENT: 8-11 PM**

## THE GREYSTONE

**TABLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!**

**Tables can be sponsored by businesses, friends, or anyone wanting to support our Cardinals!**

FOR A \$1200 DONATION,  
EACH TABLE SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

- ENTRY TO THE PATRON PARTY
- RESERVED SEATING FOR 6
- NAME RECOGNITION ON EVENT WEBSITE,  
IN PARISH BULLETIN & NIGHT OF EVENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include payment by check payable to Taste of Tammany.**

**Questions? Contact**

**OLLDEVELOPMENT@OURLADYOFTHELAKESCHOOL.ORG**

# BOOK FAIR COMING SOON! MARCH 2-6, 2026



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO  
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER.



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/OLLBOOKFAIR](https://bit.ly/ollbookfair)



## Book Fair Class Visit Schedule 2026

### Monday, March 2, 2026

8:30 - 9:10	5S
9:10 - 9:50	5B
9:50 - 10:30	5W
11:30 - 12:10	KH
12:10 - 12:50	KHy
12:50 - 1:30	KK
1:30 - 2:10	KW

### Wednesday, March 4, 2026

8:30 - 9:10	4C
9:10 - 9:50	4M
9:50 - 10:30	4H
11:10- 12:00	6th Grade 5th Period Speciality
12:35 - 1:25	6th Grade 6th Period Speciality
1:25 - 2:10	6th Grade 7th Period Speciality

### Tuesday, March 3, 2026

7:40 - 8:15	3T
8:15 - 8:50	3B
8:50 - 9:40	McCollum T/TH MDO
9:45 - 10:20	3G
10:20 - 10:55	3Br
11:30 - 12:10	1Sa
12:10 - 12:50	1T
12:50 - 1:30	1S
1:30 - 2:10	1R

### Thursday, March 5, 2026

8:00 - 8:40	2C
8:40 - 9:20	2S
9:20 - 10:00	2B
10:00 - 10:40	2Ch
11:10 - 12:00	7th Grade 5th Period Speciality
12:35 - 1:25	7th Grade 6th Period Speciality
1:25 - 2:10	7th Grade 7th Period Speciality

### Friday, March 6, 2026

8:00 - 11:00	Little Cardinals - Mrs. Baum - Mrs. Bible - Mrs. Canatella - Mrs. Gristina - Mrs. McCollum - Mrs. Patterson - Mrs. Pechon
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**Preschool students must be accompanied by a parent while shopping. Parents of kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders are welcome to shop with their children.**

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

## PTCC UPDATES

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Welcome back, OLL Family! We hope your Mardi Gras break was filled with joy, rest, and plenty of parade magic.

A heartfelt thank you to **Liz Mansfield and her amazing team of volunteers** for creating such a beautiful and memorable Grandparents' Day before Mardi Gras break. Their hard work and hospitality made the day truly special for our students and their guests.

We have two exciting events coming up next week...more info below.

### BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is heading straight for a great adventure! From March 2-6, our library transforms into a National Park-style book outpost. Get ready for the adventure!!!

All the details you need about shopping times and more can be found on the flyer below.

### TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION

The theme for one of the most anticipated weeks of the year is "How Sweet it is to be Taught Bayou!"

Coming up March 2 - 6, we will shower our teachers and staff with love and appreciation for all they do. Our committee has a spectacular week planned. Details are included on the flyer below.



### CARING CARDINALS

Our Caring Cardinals donation drive for March will be for the Samaritan Center. See flyer for details.

## CARDINAL MINISTRIES

### PARENTS' ROSARY

Cardinal Ministries continues to help nurture the spiritual life of our school community, especially during this sacred season of Lent. We invite all OLL parents and grandparents to consider incorporating the Parents' Rosary into your Lenten practices of prayer, sacrifice, and charity. Setting aside this quiet, intentional time each month is a meaningful way to deepen your family's journey toward Easter and to pray alongside one another.

Join us this Wednesday as we lift up our school, especially **the intentions of our 2nd graders**, as they continue their journey through this important sacramental year.

## LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

The PTCC is grateful for every opportunity to support the spiritual life of our families and students. This year's Lenten Service Project asks students, "**How can you carry the cross for Christ this Lent?**" Please see the flyer with more details.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**FEBRUARY 25** Parents' Rosary, 7:45 AM

**MARCH 2 - 6** Book Fair

**MARCH 2 - 6** Teacher Appreciation Week

**MARCH 6** Caring Cardinals Donation Drive

Stay Connected. PTCC Contact Info:

**BETH TEES, PTCC PRESIDENT** 504.628.0519 bethtees@gmail.com

# how sweet it is to be taught *bayou*



March 2-6, 2026

MON



**“Fais Do Do in Full Bloom!”**

Don't sleep on the chance to bring a flower or something that smells good for your teacher!

TUES

**“Stock the Stall!”**

Just like a french market booth, bring new classroom supplies to help keep learning fresh and fun!



WED



**“Jazz it up with Something Sweet”**

No festival is complete without something sweet. Bring your teacher a treat or favorite snack.

THUR

**“You're a Champion!”**

Show your team spirit by writing a note or drawing a picture to cheer on your MVP teacher.



FRI



**“Lagniappe of Love!”**

Wrap up the week by choosing anyway to say thanks. Share a note, a smile, or a small surprise.



Don't forget to visit the teacher request wall at the Book Fair this week.



# Caring



# Cardinals

monthly donation drive

**Friday, March 6, 2026**

benefitting:

*the Samaritan Center*

100% juice (individual or  
large containers)

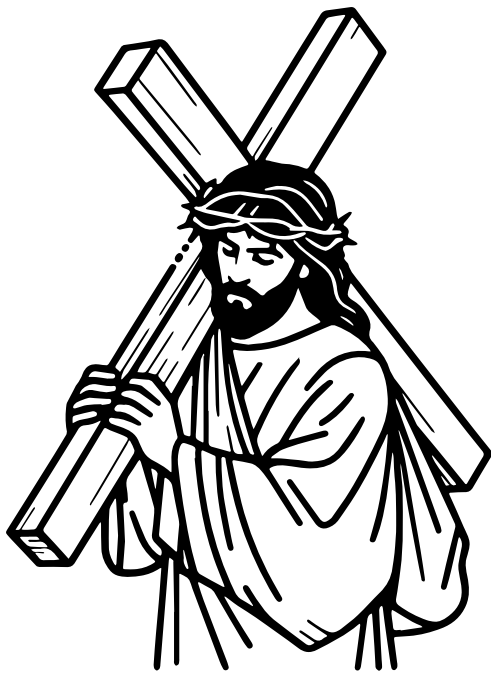
Dry pasta

Jelly

Canned green veggies (spinach,  
asparagus, peas, etc)

Hot cereal

**PLEASE NO GLASS JARS!**



# Carry the Cross with Christ

OLL's Lenten Service Project

*reflect . repent . restore*

The church calls us to walk with Jesus during Lent by giving of ourselves through prayer, sacrifice, and charity.

How can you "Carry the Cross with Christ" this Lent?

Here are some ideas:

## Prayer

- go to mass
- read the daily mass readings
- read the Gospels
- pray the Stations of the Cross
- pray the rosary for someone
- go to confession as a family
- learn about Lent with Brother Francis on Formed.org
- join the Kids' Lent Challenge: Miracle Hunters! on the Hallow app

## Sacrifice

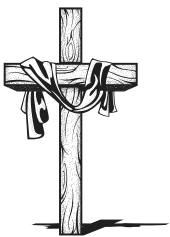
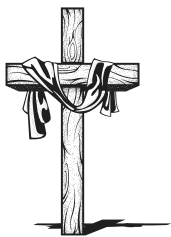
- pass up a special treat and pray for those living in poverty
- help at home without being asked
- give up your favorite app or TV show
- limit or give up screen time

## Charity

- collect change for the St. Anthony poor box
- collect and donate food for the food bank
- light a candle at mass for someone in need
- help a neighbor with a chore
- donate clothes to those in need

Every student that turns in this form, sharing their Lenten acts of prayer, sacrifice, and charity, will have a wooden cross placed in their grade level basket which will be displayed in the cafeteria during Lent.

At the school Lenten mass, the baskets will be placed on the altar as a gift to Jesus in honor and praise to Him for His ultimate sacrifice for us.



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

### How will you carry the cross with Christ this Lent?

describe your Lenten promises below

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Sparklettes

DANCE TEAM

# TRYOUTS

**MARCH 2-5**

- ◆ **Clinic Day 1** • Monday, March 2  
Until 4:30 PM
- ◆ **Clinic Day 2** • Tuesday, March 3  
Until 4:30 PM
- ◆ **Clinic Day 3** • Wednesday, March 4  
Until 4:30 PM
- ◆ **Tryout Day** • Thursday, March 5  
Until 4:30 PM

📍 Pickup Daily Outside the Chotin Center

*Tryout packets are available  
in the front office with Mrs. Fecke*



\* Only girls entering grades 5-7 are eligible to try out \*

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# OLL Parents' Rosary - Feb. 25

The OLL PTCC invites you to consider incorporating the Parents' Rosary into your Lenten practices of prayer, sacrifice, and charity. Set aside this quiet, intentional time with us to deepen your family's journey toward Easter.

If you've never prayed the rosary, or if you're a regular participant, this is a welcoming place to be. Just come and see what Jesus has in store for you.

*\* This month will include special intentions from our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders as they journey through this important sacramental year.*

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**Wednesday, February 25**  
**7:45 AM**  
**Our Lady of the Lake Church**

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**Join us at Gather for coffee and conversation at 8:15 AM if you can't make the rosary.**

**Come by and say hello—we'd love to connect and get to know you!**

**All are welcome!**  
**Bring a friend.**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 1-5, 2026**

9:00-12:00PM

*Ages 5 to rising 4<sup>th</sup> graders*

*Adult and Teen Volunteer registration opens Monday, March 2*

*Child registration opens March 9*



**FESTIVAL**  
of the  
**LAKE**

MANDEVILLE



**JOIN  
THE  
FESTIVAL  
COMMITTEE**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEER  
LEADERS FOR:**

- **FOOD &  
BEVERAGES**
  - **GAMES**
  - **PRIZES**
  - **HOSPITALITY &  
DECOR**
  - **ONLINE**
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**OCTOBER  
9th  
10th  
& 11th  
2026**

The festival has grown & we need more support to sustain the growth. If you are interested in being on the Festival Committee, please click the button below or reach out to Kenzie Cardella at [kenziecardella@gmail.com](mailto:kenziecardella@gmail.com)

**CLICK TO LEARN MORE**



MATTHEW 5:13-16

# illuminate 2026 NOLA JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

MARCH 21-22, 2026  
CAMP ABBEY RETREAT CENTER  
(COVINGTON, LA)

**\$75 PER ATTENDEE**

THIS OVERNIGHT RETREAT IS A TIME FOR CELEBRATION, LEARNING, PRAYER, AND CHALLENGES IN A CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY FOR 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH GRADERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PATRICK DUFFEY AT THE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY OFFICE  
PDUFFEY@ARCH-NO.ORG (504) 227-3226

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

*ways to register:*

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/d200bd26-3f13-4dce-97ba-75c9ab8e7a2b>



OR



MASS CONFESSION



ARCHDIOCESE OF  
NEW ORLEANS  
CYO/Youth &  
Young Adult Ministry



ADORATION MORE

# Musical Theatre Summer Camp 2026

*Mouledous Music Presents*



**July 13-24 | Mon-Fri | 9am-3pm**  
**Archbishop Hannan High School**  
**\$500 | Open to grades 1st-8th**

**Showtime July 24, 3pm, The Fuhrmann Auditorium**

**Campers should bring lunch, snacks & water**  
**Concessions will be sold daily**

**Register at [www.mouledousmusic.com](http://www.mouledousmusic.com)**

Venmo: @JenniferMouledous  
(Due to fees, camp cost is \$520 if paying through Venmo)

Checks: Payable to Mouledous Music  
Mail To: 1502 Natchez Loop, Covington, LA 70433

\$250 non-refundable deposit due upon registration  
Balance due four weeks prior to camp dates

For questions email [jmouledous@yahoo.com](mailto:jmouledous@yahoo.com)

