THE CARDINAL CHRONICLES

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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- **Thanksgiving Holidays: 11/23-11/27**

Our 36th Annual Fund drive kicks off soon! Please look for your letter, complete with age-defying teacher video link, in the mail, and help support our Cardinals!

Thanks to the PTCC for hosting our Hallowtide Celebration and to Chairs Ilsa D'Elia and Valerie Green and all the volunteers who made Middle School Fun Night fantastic!

Join us as our 1st graders present Saints Alive on Wednesday (11/4: 1S and 1T) and Thursday (11/5: 1A and 1C) at 7:30 AM in the Chotin Center. Please be courteous to neighboring businesses when parking for school events.

Please help us **purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need and support your team**! Donate $2.00 or more, and wear your favorite jersey on Friday, November 6, with your uniform skort, skirt, or pants.

We are already excited about our ***Jungle Book Kids* productions beginning next week**, and we look forward to seeing many of our families in attendance! All productions will begin at 6:00 PM in the Chotin Center.

Monday (11/9): 3B, 2Ch, 1T
Tuesday (11/10): 3R, 2S, 1A
Wednesday (11/11): 3Br, 2A, 1C
Thursday (11/12): 3M, 2C, 1S

GO CARDINALS!
Vita Dickens
Principal



REMINDERS & RECOGNITIONS

The Northshore Kiwanis Club is **collecting coats for families in need**. If you have any gently used infant through adult-sized coats that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school office no later than November 20.

Last week we recognized the over ***110 4th-7th graders*** who earned one or more **Positive Behavior Reports** in the First Quarter. These students demonstrated virtues by helping to clean up when they weren't asked, showing excellent sportsmanship even when they weren't winning, being great participants at school masses, and much more! Each received a limited edition pin to place on their book bag or wear on their uniform collar. We're looking forward to catching even more virtuous behavior in the Second Quarter.

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LET'S PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

In Catholic tradition, November is the month to pray for the souls in purgatory. Many of our older students will be visiting the adoration chapel this month to do just that.

Here are some ways that you and your family can continue to keep in mind the souls in purgatory:

- Consider having masses said for your loved ones who have passed or visiting their graves and praying for them there.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy this month for all souls in purgatory.
- Before going to bed, pray the "Eternal Rest" prayer for the souls of the deceased.



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2026 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
ESSAY, POETRY, AND POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by: **Council of Catholic School Co-operative Clubs and The Clarion Herald**

Theme: **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

Due: All entries must be turned in to the school office by the ***end of the school day on Friday, November 6th.***

Category 1: Grades 3, 4, and 5 Category 2: Grades 6, 7, and 8
Poster: 11 inches by 14 inches, white poster board Black ink, very dark pencil, or colored pencil (must be able to reprint artwork); chalk is not permitted **Must be labeled on back with student name, grade level, and school name** Essay: 250 word minimum (300 word maximum) Typed (preferred) or legibly handwritten Typed/printed on only one side of paper **Must staple cover sheet to entry containing student name, grade level, and school** Poetry: Any length Typed or legibly handwritten Typed/printed on only one side of paper **Must staple cover sheet to entry containing student name, grade level, and school**

After judging is completed, winners will be contacted, and arrangements will be made with the school for the presentation of awards. Winning entries will be given to The Clarion Herald for publication.

News from THE NEST

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

CARDINAL KUDOS

A HUGE Cardinal Kudos to our Middle School Fun Night Co-Chairs, Ilsa D'Elia and Valerie Green, and all of our wonderful volunteers for pulling off an amazing evening for our 6th and 7th graders!

The weather was beautiful, the music was flowing, and the fun was nonstop! It was wonderful seeing our Middle School Cardinals enjoying a night of good old-fashioned fun with friends.

Thank you for your time, dedication, and hard work in making this night such a success! ❤️

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped bring our Hallowtide celebration to life!
What an incredible morning filled with tradition, prayer, blessings, and joy! Our Cardinals embraced this special tradition, enjoyed their sweet treats, and shared so many smiles and words of thanks along the way.
We are so grateful for everyone who helped make this meaningful celebration possible. What a beautiful way to celebrate our faith and traditions together! ❤️

HAPPENING NOW

🦃 THANKSGIVING BASKETS

This season of giving, we're partnering with the Samaritan Center Food Bank to provide Thanksgiving meals to local families in need.

Collections are happening NOW through November 11! Each class has been assigned specific items to donate, so please see the attached flyer for your student's class list.

Our upcoming Jersey Day will also help support the purchase of perishable items needed to complete these holiday meals!

Together, we can help bring a Thanksgiving meal and a little extra joy to families in our community! ❤️🦃

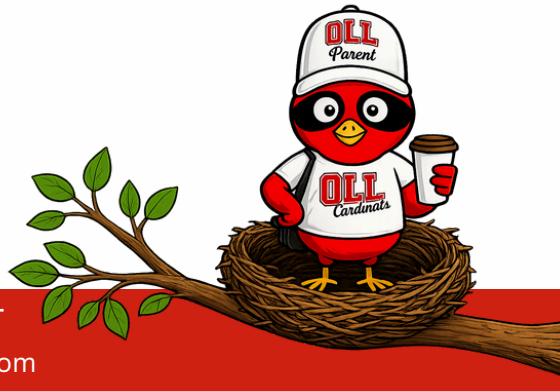
🇺🇸 VETERANS DAY!

Join us on Wednesday, November 11, in the Chotin Center for our special Veterans Day Prayer Service as we come together to honor and celebrate the brave men and women who have served our country.

We are also collecting submissions for our Veterans Day display and slideshow to recognize the special veterans in our OLL families and community! Submissions are due Friday, November 6! Please see the attached flyer for details on how to participate.

SAVE THE DATE!

NOV 3	Christmas Greens Order Forms Due
NOV 6	Jersey Day - $2 Donation
NOV 3 - 11	Thanksgiving Basket Collection
NOV 11	Veterans Day Prayer Service
NOV 16 - 19	St. Nick's Workshop
NOV 18	Parent Rosary



QUESTIONS? REACH OUT!

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TOUCHDOWNS FOR TURKEYS

DONATE $2 OR MORE TO WEAR YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY!

NOVEMBER 6TH

ANY TEAM!
ANY SPORT!
WEAR A JERSEY TO SUPPORT!

ALL FUNDS COLLECTED GO TOWARD GIFT CARDS FOR HAM/TURKEY AND PERISHABLES TO BE INCLUDED IN THANKSGIVING BASKETS!

let's honor

Veterans Day, November 11th

This nation shows its gratitude to all veterans for their years of dedication and loyal service to our country by celebrating Veterans Day every year on November 11th. We at Our Lady of the Lake School would like to thank all of our veterans for the sacrifices they have made to keep us safe and protect the freedoms and rights that we hold dear. Listed below are some of the ways we continue to show our appreciation.

Each student will make a thank you card in religion class to be sent to a soldier currently serving overseas through the organization "Operation We Care."

There will be a patriotic display in the cafeteria to honor all who have served and who are currently serving in the military by showcasing their photos.

Veterans Day will be observed on Wednesday, November 11th.

If you would like to honor a family member or loved one who has served or is currently serving in the military, please submit:

The honoree's name
Branch of the military
The honoree's photo
The youngest OLL student's name and current grade level

Those Veterans submitted last year will still be included.

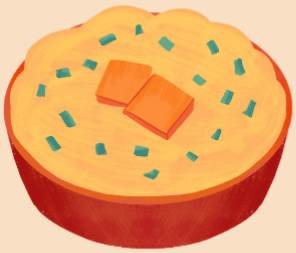
Submit to OLLVeteransDayPhotos@gmail.com by Friday, November 6th.

Please continue to pray for our soldiers daily!



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

THANKSGIVING BASKETS





This year OLL School will partner with the Samaritan Center Food Bank to provide Thanksgiving dinner to those less fortunate. Through your generosity, we will be able to provide meals for families in need within our local community.

We are requesting a different *non-perishable* food item from each homeroom, which you will find on the **attached list.** Please have your child bring items to his/her teacher.

Gift cards will also be provided for families to purchase perishable items. Money for these gift cards will be raised on Friday, November 6, when students **may donate $2.00 or more to wear their favorite team jersey!**

Collection Begins: Monday, November 2
Jersey Day: Friday, November 6
Collection Ends: Wednesday, November 11

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Katherine Gristina & Crissy Green
Thanksgiving Basket Committee Chairs



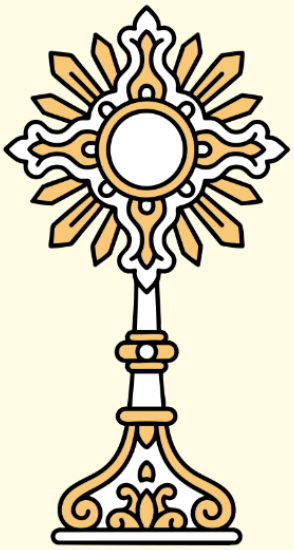




MDO	2 cans sweet peas
3PKM	2 boxes/bags stuffing
3PKO	2 boxes/bags instant potatoes
3PKP	2 packs or cans turkey gravy mix
PKBa	3 boxes cornbread mix
PKB	2 boxes mac & cheese
PKG	2 boxes shelf-stable milk
PKP	2 pie crusts (mix or ready-made, not cold)
KH	1 lb white sugar
KHy	1 lb brown sugar
KK	1 package marshmallows
KW	1 large can sweet potatoes
1A	2 cans cranberry sauce
1C	2 pie crusts (mix or ready-made, not cold)
1S	2-3 cans evaporated milk
1T	2 cans pumpkin
2A	2 packages flour, 2 lbs each
2C	2 cans sweet peas

2Ch	2 cans corn
2S	2 cans green beans
3B	1 lb brown sugar
3Br	2 cans corn
3M	1 bottle cooking oil (24 to 48 oz)
3R	2 cans green beans
4H	2 boxes/bags stuffing
4M	2 boxes/bags instant potatoes
4T	2 packs or cans turkey gravy mix
5B	2 boxes mac & cheese
5S	1 package marshmallows
5W	2 cans cranberry sauce
6A	1 lb white sugar
6B	2 cans pumpkin
6S	2 boxes shelf-stable milk
7B	1 large can sweet potatoes
7Se	1 bottle cooking oil (24 to 48 oz)
7S	2 packages flour, 2 lbs each

You Are Invited To



Family Adoration

Saturday, November 7th

11am-12pm in the Church

All families are welcome to join us for a time of adoration with Jesus - however long or short works for your family! There will be guided prayer, music, and prayerful activities for children.

Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church

SAINT SCHOLASTICA ACADEMY

BEST OF ST. TAMMANY 2026 WINNER

OPEN HOUSE

4:00–6:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

122 S. Massachusetts Street
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Spots go fast, register early.

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Questions? Emily Borne ‘20, Director of Admissions
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Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club

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PLEASE DONATE COATS

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Oct. 5 - Nov. 20

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th | PELICANS VS. PISTONS | 7:00PM

Celebrate Catholic Schools Night! Catholic Schools will be represented in the National Anthem, and pregame performances. Recognition for schools attending will be shown on our Pelivision boards. With purchase of a ticket your student(s) will be entered for a chance to participate in our Anthem Buddies or Pregame Fan Tunnel experience. A portion of every ticket sold will benefit the Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Schools.



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