

# Gator Gala 2022

Due to the increasing numbers of Covid cases both in our parish and the community we are postponing the Gala until 2023. We were looking forward to returning to some normalcy but that isn't going to happen anytime soon.

We are going to proceed with our Grand Raffle like last year. We are also incorporating a basket raffle into the Grand Raffle. Details coming soon.

So sell those Grand Raffle chances to family and friends. Let's make this a great fund raiser for our school.

## **Grand Raffle**

\$20 per ticket, 6 for \$100

Tickets were mailed out to parish families last month. Additional tickets can be picked up at the school and church office and at the doors of church. Tickets are also being sold after masses in the Tekulve Room



## A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

We had a great week of learning in preschool this week! It is really starting to look like winter around here. The preschool hallways are filled with penguins, snowmen, snowflakes, and even some snowy owls! Now we just need some snow! Please see below for important and upcoming dates.

**-NO SCHOOL January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**

**-NO SCHOOL January 18th teacher in-service day. Please note this is a change from the school calendar.**

**-Please don't forget to sell your Grand Raffle tickets! There are weekly prize drawings for students who sell tickets! If you need more tickets to sell, please reach out to Mrs. Stephanie or your child's teacher! We need to reach our goal of \$34,000, we can do it!!!**

**-Open House for perspective families will be held on Sunday, January 30th from 11:00-1:30.**

**-January 31st, we kick off Catholic Schools Week!**

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke

From the

Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald

## What is “ Ordinary Time?”

The liturgical year is made up of seasons. We celebrated the four weeks of **Advent** which led us into **Christmas** which began with the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. The beautiful Christmas decorations are kept in church until the Sunday we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord** which was on January 9<sup>th</sup> .

Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, started the liturgical season of “**Ordinary Time.**” The season of Ordinary Time is the longest liturgical season, and it is divided into two parts. The first part of Ordinary Time began on January 10, 2022 and ends on March 1, 2022. The second part begins on June 6, 2022 and ends on November 26, 2022.

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, take us through the life of Jesus and it is a time for us to grow and to learn more about the mystery of Jesus and how history (HIS STORY) is alive and pertinent for us right now. For 8 weeks the daily scripture readings focus on the life of Jesus. I searched the internet wondering why the term “Ordinary Time” because Jesus’ life is far from ordinary, but I found nothing. ( If you have any info on this, I would love to hear about it.)

Now would be a good time to start reading the daily scripture readings for Mass or start **The Bible in a Year** (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) go to <https://ascensionpress.com> and you can download a free guide. I’m currently listening to the Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz and I love it! He reads the scriptures and then gives a commentary. I have learned so much and I highly recommend it.

In the upcoming Gazettes I will be sharing ideas and activities to do throughout the Liturgical year. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please feel free to contact me at [julie.mcdonald@stjudebridgetown.org](mailto:julie.mcdonald@stjudebridgetown.org) or 574-4840.

**"Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."**

**St .Therese of Lisieux-The Little Flower**

# The Catholic Education Foundation For the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 2022-2023 Tuition Assistance Grants



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2022-23 school year.

Families of elementary students K-8 may apply for needs based assistance between now and February 6, 2022

Please visit [CatholicBestChoice.org](https://CatholicBestChoice.org) for more details and instructions on how to apply.



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**TRACK IS BACK At St. Catharine's  
Track & Field Signups ARE NOW OPEN!**

**Signups end Friday, February 6, 2022 @ 11:59pm. DO NOT MISS OUT!**

**Registrations are only taken online. Emergency & Waiver forms along with payments are due on February, 6<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

**St Catharine Track & Field Running Cougars**

We are excited to offer track and field for students in grades K-8 who love to run, jump and have fun again this year. The goal of this program is to keep our kids healthy and active in the younger grades while fostering healthy competition in the higher grades. Track is also a great cross-training activity for off-season athletes!

Practice days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Practice begins mid-March, with Meets starting late March and running through mid-May.

**Online Sign-up and Fee payment at**  
**<http://stc-athletics.org/athletics/track>**

Fees are \$65 for our neighboring schools for the 2021 season. (Which includes a team t-shirt). **Fees MUST be paid online.**

We look forward to another great track season in 2022!

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Track Coordinator  
nator  
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Mary Kohler  
Assistant Track Coordi-

# Save as a reference

If your child develops any of the following symptoms please have the child isolate and speak to their medical provider.

Fever      myalgia      nausea      fatigue      cough      loss of taste/smell  
 Chills      headache      vomiting      congestion      shortness of breath  
 Rigors      sore throat      diarrhea      running nose      difficulty breathing

	Optimal Duration	Reduced Duration
<b>Optimal Duration to Minimize Risk of Transmis-</b>	Stay at home for at least <b>14 days</b> after last exposure	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through <b>day 14</b> . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
<b>Re-duced Duration 1</b>	Stay at home at least <b>10 days</b> after last exposure	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through <b>day 14</b> . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Consider obtaining a viral test near the end of this period (day eight or later) to increase certainty that there is no infection, but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after day 10. Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
<b>Re-duced Duration 2</b>	<b>Negative test</b> result for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) from a sample collected on day five or later after last exposure <b>AND</b> stay at home for at least <b>seven days</b> after last exposure.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through <b>day 14</b> . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.

*A 14-day quarantine period presents the lowest risk of post-quarantine transmission. This strategy is preferred for people living in, working at, or visiting congregate living facilities, high density workplaces, or other settings where potential extensive transmission or contact with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is possible.*

•ro minimize the risk of Covid-19 transmission, student-athletes should wait until 14 days of symptom monitoring have passed since they would not be able to social distance or

wear a mask during active practice or play. Such student athletes are permitted to return to class sooner since they can social distance (at least 6 feet) and wear a mask when around others in class.

If you or your child's doctor has any questions or concerns, please contact *Hamilton County Public Health's Division of Epidemiology and Assessment Outbreak Response Team* at (513) 946-7919.

Sincerely,



Greg Kesterman  
 Health Commissioner  
 Hamilton County Public Health

