



## New Year - New Logo - New Parish Website



### OUR LADY of MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*Grateful no matter what*

By: RR Staff

Change is refreshing and rejuvenating. And things have been changing. From teacher reordering at different grade levels, to new teachers in the building, to breaking ground for a new elevator, to the new logo for our parish and school, to a new all-day kindergarten offering. The list is ever-growing and changing. Many people have been working hard, guided by the Holy Spirit! Keep your eyes and ears open for all these new things.

#### New First Grade Teacher

By: Brendan McIlvenna and John Sevume,  
RR Staff



There is a new teacher in 1C, Miss Gabby Buckner! Buckner was born and raised in Carmel, Indiana, and attended Indiana University. With becoming a new teacher there are many challenges and new faces but, she has easily adjusted to the school. When asked about what she has enjoyed, she said, "I love the staff and the kids are amazing. I also love how the school is faith-centered and that the kids are always trying to do their best." Buckner continued, "I am looking forward to see how well my students will grow in faith, and academics." Brigg Jaynes and Kayla Strojinc (Both 1C) said they both love Buckner. Strojinc added, "I like how Ms. Buckner keeps us calm in class."

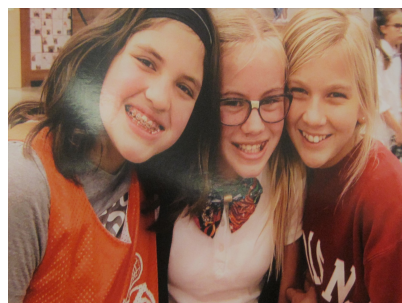
#### Electives

By: Brendan McIlvenna, RR Staff

The seventh graders get a new opportunity this year. They get to choose what elective they want. At the end of sixth grade, they fill out a sheet choosing what electives they want. The seventh grade can have anything from knitting to Live Show. Alejandro Torres (7B) said, "You sort of chose and sometimes you get an elective you did not know was good." There is a different teacher for every elective. Wesley Street said, "Knitting was not my first but I enjoy the class and the teacher. You make your elective how good or bad you



want it to be. You have the option to make new friends through electives."



#### 6th Grade Social

By: Valerie Loso and Katie Carr  
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On November 2, the 6th graders enjoyed a lock-in, located in the Parish Hall. The theme was Mathlete vs Athlete.

There were many exciting activities including basketball, soda ring toss, tug-of-war, photo booth, face painting, dancing, and so much more. They even held a bubble-gum blowing contest, the winner being Lincoln Eup (6A).

"My favorite part was dancing and the photo booth," stated Rose Klinker (6C). Christian Sosa (6C) added, "I enjoyed the soda ring toss and tug-of-war."

During tug-of-war, the students learned to work together as a team and have fun at the same time.

#### A Lovely Logo

By: Riley Laferriere, RR Staff

Out with the old, in with the new! About eight months ago, a team of people started to revise the OLMC logo. Among these people was Katie Berglund, a member of the Parish with a background in graphic design. As a Catholic, she felt it was her way to volunteer. The goal was to create brand awareness for Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The old logo was great, but there was an issue with text and color. Berglund explained, "Our hands were tied with some of the things we wanted." Other concepts considered included the main symbols of the Catholic faith and the simplicity of the logo. After a long selection process, the team agreed on a beautifully created symbol. When questioned if the logo would have an effect on the parish, Berglund responded, "I hope it would, and I do believe it will."



#### STEM by Guerin at OLMC

By: John Sevume, RR Staff

From floating hovercrafts to a volcano exploding with foam, Mr. Ross, teacher from Guerin Catholic High School and students from his physics class, brought it all to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel gym,

on Friday November 16th. Ross and his students started this expo 3 years ago going to a different school each year, with the objective to teach students about science. They have visited St. Phillip Neri, Holy Cross School, and just recently last year, St. Joan of Arc. Ross plans on going to a new school each year. When asked why visit schools to teach them science, Ross stated, "It is a service day so we go around the area and use something my students have learned to help kids get excited about science." Tommy Hedrick and Ella Frazer (both KFD) thought it was cool, and it did make them want to learn more about science. Hedrick said, "I liked the floating hovercraft because it went really fast." Frazer went on to say, "I liked this because it's about science and it explodes (foam volcano.)"





## Full Day Kindergarten

By: Sophia Moore, RR Staff.

Kindergarten has been at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for many years. Up until now, the option for full day kindergarten was nonexistent. This year, though, OLMC is providing an option for full-day kindergarten. When asked why the change was taking place, Sr. Maria Benedicta, our principal, said, "After taking a survey of school parents, we discovered a large number of those who participated would be in favor of the change."

Full-day kindergarten is virtually the same as what was previously here. The only differences are kindergarteners



now eat lunch at school, go to church with the older grades, have an aid in the classroom, and have more time to learn subjects like science and social studies which were not being taught as much in half-day kindergarten.

The kindergarteners are enjoying the change, too. Benjamin Cronkhite (K1) said, "Some of the things I love about it are the we get to pray the rosary in church and I get to see my mom during the day." Overall, the addition of full-day kindergarten has had a positive impact on our school and parish, and Sr. Maria Benedicta says OLMC might be ready for two full-day classes next year.

## Ms. Eyth

By: Sophia Moore & Elisabeth Green  
RR Staff



Our Lady of Mount Carmel has undergone many

changes this school year, and one of them came all the way from Nebraska. Ms. Eyth, the new eighth grade teacher, left her home in Omaha, Nebraska to move closer to her family in Indiana. She said, "I love that it is a vibrant community; it's so alive!" Eyth said she chose her profession because, when she was a student teacher, she recognized the "A-ha" moment on the student's faces and realized God was calling her to teach math to Jr. High students. She even wrote her thesis on how Jr. High girls can do math. Isabella Pinon (8A), stated, "She is so caring and sweet to her students and encouraging!" Lucy Collins (7C) agrees. Overall, Ms. Eyth plans to spark the "a-ha" moment this year at OLMC.

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2018 Winner  
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### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Biz Town

By: RR Staff

5th grade students are not old enough to work, carry a debit card, balance a check-book, or be the boss of their own business. Or are they? OLMC's 5th graders did that, learned and had a great time.



## COUNCIL CORNER



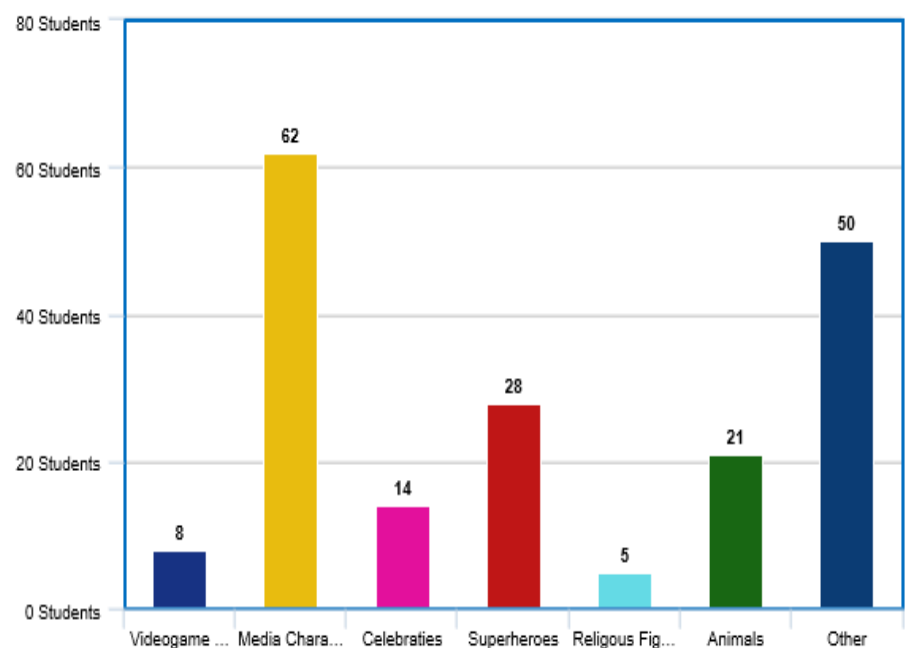
By: Elisabeth Green, RR Staff for Council Corner

Have you ever wondered who decorated bulletin boards in the hallway of the school? The answer is the Student Council. The Council consists of the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and representatives from 4th to 8th grade. They design the bulletin board in front of the gym hallway. Usually, the board shows new events for the upcoming season. This is not the only service they provide. Every Tuesday, before school begins, the members hold a meeting to discuss issues, new ideas, and suggestions from other students. These suggestions come from the black box in the cafeteria. Anyone is free to use it. Will Titus (6B) made a suggestion for a crazy

## Halloween

By: Peter Deck, RR Staff.

Halloween is a favorite holiday among many and a close second for even more! This year students in Kindergarten through Second followed the school tradition by dressing up and showing off their unique costumes to most of the school. The biggest category of costumes was the Media section consisting of cartoon and movie characters from Star Wars to Ninjago. This was the most diverse group by far. Overall, the Halloween costumes in 2018 were unique, unexpected and wonderful!



## Games on the Mayflower

By: Kaitlin Carr and Peter Deck, RR staff

In 1620, the pilgrims set sail from Great Britain to the Americas. To pass the time, they played many games. The 2nd Graders reenacted this by playing similar games,

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hair day or crazy hat day. Our vice president Jimmy Dapp(8A) said, "Our goal is to improve the school for the students." OLMC now has charity dollar days and more fun "out of uniform" days. A future charity dollar day will support children with pediatric cancer. Bridget Gallagher (8A) assured, "As president, my goal is to make this school a family." That is what Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is all about, *Family*.

Up & Coming Activities to look forward to:

- Candy Cane Sale
- Teacher Talent Show
- Future Bulletin Boards
- St. Nick's Shop
- Pep Rally before Christmas Break
- Crazy hair / hat day
- Videos of Student Council

Mayflower continued

including Checkers, Tic-Tac-Toe, and Jacks. When asked if they enjoyed playing these games, Aven Payne (2C) stated, "They [the games] will always be fun," implying the games he plays at recess with his friends are different, but still entertaining. Not all students thought so. Mary-Grace Preston (2C) said, "Yes, only because they [the games] would be the only fun thing to do" Overall, the second graders enjoyed going back in time to experience the fun pilgrims had on their journey to the New World.



### Puppet Show

By: Elisabeth Green, Riley Laferriere, RR Staff

For fifteen years, Dan Raynor has been coming to Our Lady of Mt Carmel to present his puppet show to the kindergarten through third grader. This year, the show was Legend of Sleepy Hollow, also known as the Headless Horseman. Although this monster is scary, it led to many laughs among the crowd. Caleb McGee(3C) says, "My favorite part was when the bad guy was about to kill the good guy." For Raynor, it is all about the kids. "I do it to make kids laugh.

That's my favorite part."

After the show, he brought out puppets. One teacher



stated, "He had new puppets this year and he makes the puppets [himself]."

McGee agreed, "I liked the show because there were volunteers after to hold the puppets."

Overall, Raynor does a wonderful job. As many said, "Our favorite part was all of it!"



### 3rd Grade Team-building

By: Elisabeth Green and Sophia Moore & RR Staff

When the bell rang, the ecstatic third graders in 3B yelled, "Aww". This year they are working on team-building activities such as S.T.E.M. projects and Tinker Tuesday. Christopher Koscal (3B) explained, "As a table, we used tinfoil to make bowls. Then, we put candy corn in the bowl on top of water. Whoever's bowl floated the longest won." Koscal's table won and were sad when

class ended. The S.T.E.M. projects' goal is to create a growth and teamwork mindset for the kids. 3A has Tinker Tuesday where they use different materials to build structures. Chloe Sullivan (3A)



exclaimed, "It's like another recess and it is really fun!" Sullivan and Alex Meyer (3A), her partner, built a huge tower of blocks, and said they couldn't wait for next Tuesday, so they can do it again.



### Saints of All Kinds

By Riley Laferriere, RR Staff

Sometimes people say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. On November 1, the fourth graders dressed up as their favorite saints and shared facts about their saints at mass and later with other grades. The teachers also assigned a project to the students called The Pizza Box Project. In this box, they had to put many facts, a picture, and a bibliography about their holy person. Along with the knowledge they gained doing this project, they also realized that being a saint does not mean being perfect, but rather putting trust in God. Lane Johntson (4B) pointed out that, "St. Peregrine slapped another saint." When, in fact, to be a saint means to overcome human faults and help others.

### Mrs. Wolf Moves In

By: Valerie Loso & RR Staff

IU! The college students exclaimed during the Indiana University football games. Along with her classmates, Mrs. Wolf could be spotted cheering on the team. This would not be surprising considering Indiana University is where Mrs. Wolf received her teaching degree.



Before moving into the 5th grade as the science teacher, Mrs. Wolf, was the teaching assistant in the middle school resource room, but before that she taught fourth grade at St. Thomas Aquinas, located in Indianapolis. She is clearly an experienced teacher and loves her job.

Just when you thought Mrs. Wolf could not be any cooler, she shared some of her favorite activities. She loves to run marathons, climb mountains, and enjoys reading a nice book. Mrs. Wolf's name is engraved on plaques on top of many mountains, which she has conquered.

She is clearly the perfect fit for our fifth grade teaching staff. "Oh yeah, I do like it! There is more independence and more people," Mrs. Wolf cheerfully explained. Welcome to the OLMC family.



### Choir Tour

By: Valerie Loso & RR Staff

"Spread to all nations," Jesus exclaimed to the Apostles. When Jesus declared this, He wanted us to share his love with the whole world. That is precisely what Mr. Krauser's 4th-8th grade choir achieved in the 2018 choir tour on November 30th. Christmas is all about sharing gifts and waiting for Santa, or so many believe. Mr. Krauser and the Raider Chorus found the true meaning of Christmas and chose to share their joy.



## 5 Ways to Make friends with the Saints

Read their stories and know their sayings.  
Celebrate and get excited for their feast days.  
Treat them as you would treat any close friend.  
Most importantly, remember that they are human.  
Pay special attention to their relationship with Christ  
It takes time.

## WE LOVE OUR SAINTS

### 2018 Patron Saints of each Household:

Mrs. McClure: St. Francis  
Sr. Maria Joseph: Blessed Imelda  
Mrs. Gonzalez: St. Therese of Lisieux  
Mrs. Kremer: St. Bernadette  
Miss Malone: St. Catherine of Siena  
Mrs. Fletcher: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Mrs. Misak/Mrs. McHaffie: St. Patrick  
Ms. Eyth: St. Martin de Porres  
Mr. Krauser: St. Cecilia  
Mrs. Doyle: St. Andrew  
Mrs. Gardner: St. Theodore Guerin  
Mrs. Pliley: St. Juan Diego  
Mrs. Farrell: St. Agnes  
Mrs. Fox: St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
Mrs. Cronkhite: St. John Bosco  
Mrs. Wolf: St. Joan of Arc  
Sr. Joanna Marie: St. John Paul the II  
Mrs. Neterer: St. Albert the Great  
Mr. Hughes: St. Dominic  
Mrs. Hinshaw/Mrs. Wilson: Bl. Fra Angelico  
Mrs. Fraga/Mrs. Gould: St. Rose of Lima  
Miss Buckner/Mrs. King: St. Anthony of Padua  
Mrs. Hagel: St. Dominic Savio  
Mrs. Downey: St. Peter  
Mrs. Gregus: Blessed Margaret of Castello  
Ms. Noesges: Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassatti  
Mrs. Keck: St. Maximillian Kolbe  
Sr. Sophia: St. Thomas Aquinas  
Mrs. Hodgson: St. Maria Goretti  
Mrs. Barks: St. Teresa of Calcutta  
Mrs. Pitcock/Sr. Maria Benedicta: St. Joseph



## WHAT MAKES YOU WONDER

By: Anonymous



"Because God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son." This is why Bishop Timothy Doherty feels called to visit with the people of the Lafayette diocese.

On his way to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, on November 7th, Rev. Bishop Timothy Doherty saw a star in the sky. During his homily, he shared why he was visiting OLMC; to celebrate the Eucharist with the all-school congregation. Although he was here for a Trinity Clinic meeting, the Bishop really came to spend time with the children. As he drove from Lafayette that morning, before the sun had risen, he wondered about a bright light in the sky. He realized this star was planet Venus with its five bright moons and remembered the star of Bethlehem, which led everyone to Jesus. Venus happened to be right above OLMC and it was leading him. It reminded him how *awe and wonder* have been such an important part of his life, even since he was a little boy. He talked about how it can lead us to thankfulness and also reminded us how important it is to pray.

During his homily, we learned he is one of seven children, four sisters and two brothers and his ninety-two year old mother lives in Indiana. It was important to him that everyone recognize Bishops can come from anywhere. "Even families of seven!" asserted the Bishop.

There truly was an edge of excitement and wonder that filled the school during the Bishop's visit!

Carlo Riester (6B) exclaimed as he walked into his classroom, "Isn't it exciting the Bishop is here today! Mrs. Pike (K), added "Bishop Doherty sat down with my children for quite a long time, asking them about 'Bear Day', getting down at their level and talking with them!"



## FRIENDSHIPS AT OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

By: Fr Paternoster, OLMC Priest

In life we, as human beings, have a variety of relationships. We can interact with others as family, classmates, teammates, co-workers, husband and wife, fellow parishioners and whatever else might come to mind. Unique among these is friendship. Definitions for friendship may vary according to age and gender. Friendship to a child or even a young adult can be different than to an older person. Still there are characteristics that friendship has in common no matter what age.

Listing these characteristics... we say that honesty, loyalty, trust, common interests, mutual understanding, kindness, selflessness, having the same values, and compassion are a good starting point. Thinking of the opposite of this list tells you what a friend is not: a liar, a betrayer, cruel, selfish, uncaring.... You get the idea.

Friendship is a mutual relationship. It is not one sided. Although not always expressed verbally, it is a relationship of love. List of characteristics is also true of more profound relationships, such as marriage.

Friendships are part of life. Human beings interact with one another. Jesus had friends. They were also his followers. The depth of this friendship is found in his statement, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend. (John 15: 12-15)

In life we have more valued friendships than others. In my life, I recognize friendships in two categories: Those where Jesus is at the center of the friendship and those that are not. The best friendships are those where Jesus is at the beginning of the friendship and are the ultimate end and reason for the friendship. Common interests are fine such as sports, movies, hobbies, or cooking. But, those interests end when this world ends. A friendship where Jesus is what brings us together is eternal.

Friendships can be for a short period of time or they can be lasting. It depends on the friend. We cannot control others, but we can decide to be a good friend by what we say and what we do. A worldly friendship has its limits. A spiritual friendship can continue to flourish even beyond this life. A holy friend of mine always spoke of the saints as his friends. My friends that have died are still my friends because of the kind of friendship that we formed in this life.

Think of the kind of friend you want to have and be that friend for others.

