



December 2014

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News from the **KNIGHTS**



Monthly Virtue: Charity

The Blessing of Giving

Charity is a word that we do not hear much today except in reference to foundations or groups that provide monetary relief for certain disadvantaged people. However, the word charity implies much more for Christians. Charity is the traditional word for love; an act of charity is an expression of your unselfish love for God or an unlimited loving-kindness toward all others. The term must not be confused or strictly interpreted as "benevolent giving". Charity, or love, is the greatest of all theological virtues. Charity has two parts: love for God above all things and love for man which includes both love for yourself and love for your neighbour.

Faith, Hope, and Charity are the three theological virtues and are the foundation of moral activity. Charity is superior to all of these virtues. It also draws us closer to God and closer to one another. In order to better understand charity, we need to reflect on God's love for man. We see God's love for us as being both selfless and sacrificial. The greatest demonstration of these two attributes is evident in the passion of Christ. Before his death, Jesus informs us of his wishes: "My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you." (John 15:13) Jesus loved His disciples and humanity to the end.



Advent Season

First Week of Advent

Theme: Anticipation and longing for the coming of Jesus.

Second Week of Advent

Theme: Preparation for the coming of Jesus

Third Week of Advent

Theme: Rejoicing in anticipation of Christmas

Four Week of Advent

Theme: God's love and hope.

Advent Mass

The staff and students will be celebrating our Advent mass on December 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the theater.

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

Mark Your Calendar!

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OSO Update

Christmas Formal – The dance will take place on December 12th, from 8:00 pm until 11:30 pm. OPK will be serving light snacks in the Common Area of the school.

Christmas Basket Donation – The student organization is asking for everyone to bring in \$2.00 on December for our next casual day. All money brought will go towards our annual support of the St. Anthony's Christmas Basket Campaign. Your continued support on this will be appreciated! The staff and students will be helping to deliver Christmas Baskets for St. Anthony's Parish.

Christmas Ornaments – From December 1-19, OSO will be selling OHS Christmas ornaments. The cost of the ornaments is \$6.00 and the ornaments will be on sale in the Common Area or in the cafeteria.

United Way Challenge – O'Gorman will be hosting the United Way Challenge in the gymnasium on Dec. 3rd. Go Knights!

OSO Spirit Activities

Dec. 15 - Cozy Monday- wear scarves, hats etc., minimum of 2 items

Dec. 16 - Tacky sweater Tuesday

December 17 - Plaid Day

December 18 - Dress up as "favourite part of the holiday"- fancy clothing

December 19 – It is our red, green, and white day spirit day. Christmas Assembly in the afternoon.

Parent's Corner

How to Help Your Kids Succeed in School – New Video!



People for Education has launched a [new video](#), *Helping Your Kids Succeed in School*. Based on a review of 30 years of research, the three-and-a-half minute video outlines the four most important things parents can do to improve their children's chances for success at school.

Catholic Parent Council

The Catholic Parent Council will be meeting on December 11th, at 6:00.

Check us out on Twitter @OHS_council

O'Gorman Parents for Kids

OPK will be meeting on December 1st, at 6:30 in the Library.

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10 000 Villages

We are hosting the 10,000 Villages Fair Trade in our school cafeteria, on Friday, December 5th, from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm and Saturday, December 6th, from 9:00 am to noon. Twenty local artisans also participate and sell their crafts. This is a great opportunity for you to purchase unique Christmas Gifts.

"A product is not just a thing for sale. It is art with a human touch inside."

First Semester Exams

Exams for first Semester will be on; January 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th & 28th.

A friendly reminder that requests to withdraw a student during final evaluation periods for reasons other than illness (accompanied by a doctor's note) will be denied.

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