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It is the mission of the OLMC Sports Department to provide a Catholic sports environment for the physical, mental, and spiritual growth of OLMC parishioners.



### A WORD FROM OUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Many times sports can bring out the best and worst in us. Being an avid sports fan and an athletic director, I can tell you that I too struggle with the woes that go along with sports (coaching, parenting, and being a fan). Sports play a vital role in our human development (whether it's exercising or being part of a team) and it's important to understand that our ultimate mission is to serve others, putting ourselves last on the list. Recently, I had to deal with a difficult situation and came across a blog that really helped me see through the issue and remind myself that a bigger picture is always being painted by our Savior. I'd like to share this blog as part of my words for this newsletter and ask that you ponder over the last sentence.

God Bless,  
Tim Fletcher

*"There is something in the human heart that loves a battle and longs for victory. We all desire to win, be victorious, triumph, succeed, prevail, overcome, conquer, and surmount! Every good movie, TV show, novel, and story tries to tap into this eminent human quality. Beyond merely being competitive, it is as if this aspiration for victory is in the blueprint of our being."*

*"The deification of sports is an example of this human attraction to the contest, the battle. My memories of growing up in basketball-obsessed-Indiana were rekindled as I watched Butler almost topple Duke in the NCAA Championship basketball game (a.k.a. "March Madness" or "The Big Dance"). I couldn't fall asleep for hours after the game was over. Our brothers in Ireland were recently embroiled by controversy because they suggested it was wrong for Catholics to replace church with a rugby match on Good Friday (I guess the brothers kicked the sacred cow)."*

*"There must be something from God our creator in this human yearning for victory. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the culmination and fulfillment of our deepest desire for victory ..."*

Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher, C.F.R.  
Saint Joseph Friary, Harlem, New York

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# SPORTS HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT

## OLMC Mandatory Playing Time

It is the policy of OLMC Sports that every athlete in the 6<sup>th</sup>-grade or below will play a minimum of 50% of the game. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes will receive at least 25% playing time. An exception may be made by the coach if this standard puts the athlete in an unsafe position. Exceptions also include player injury, missed practices, or a disciplinary action. Coaches at all levels are encouraged to give athletes as much playing time as possible.

It should be noted that OLMC's playing time standards exceed those of the CYO, which are at 25% minimum playing time for all age groups (Note: the OLMC standards take precedence).

## Double-Sported

It is not the Council's policy to tell an athlete that he or she may not play two sports at one time. However, if an athlete misses practices or games due to the other sport, then the athlete's playing time is at the coach's discretion. A player on an "A" team must make the "A" team his or her first priority.

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# NEWS CLIPS

- The OLMC Sports Department is completing a substantial revision to the OLMC Sports Handbook. It will be introduced to parents during May 2010. It has been updated to reflect our current policies and will provide greater detail than the previous handbook.
- OLMC Sports is promoting our new theme "Pray Hard Play Hard" this spring by selling a baseball-style T-shirt! Check them out in our concession stand this spring and buy them for your family!
- **Isportsministries** will be launched in May of 2010. The first component of this program will be explained at a mandatory parent and athlete meeting this coming May 2010. Please check the church bulletin and our website for dates and times.
- Spring sports are in full swing! The track team had its first meet on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, competing against a half dozen other schools. Our in-house baseball league (K-6<sup>th</sup>) has "opening day" on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, while our CYO 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> baseball teams began league play on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Our soccer teams began competition on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and all have winning records thus far! Please come out and watch our athletes compete and have fun! Your presence is enormously meaningful to them!
- TGA Golf is conducting group golf lessons here at OLMC. There are two classes: one for our K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders and the other for our 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders! All of the classes are full and these students are enjoying learning golf in an environment geared for kids. For more information, please visit <http://hamiltonboone.golftga.com/>.

## HIGH FIVES

High Fives for **Ted Labus**. Ted has served OLMC athletics in many different ways. He has served as a key member of the OLMC Sports Council for the past three years, helping to direct OLMC Sports through some of its most challenging periods. He is also a talented football, basketball, and baseball coach, having successfully coached all three sports for many years! In addition, Ted has taken a leadership role in the supervision and maintenance of our athletic facilities. His presence in our ministry is immensely valuable and deeply appreciated!

Thanks Ted!

## ON-LINE

Check out the OLMC Sports website at [www.olmcsports.org](http://www.olmcsports.org) for details on all of our activities, including:

- Football Camp Dates Set: OLMC football camp is set for July 14th-16th. [Click here](#) for a save-the-date flyer or visit [www.olmcsports.org](http://www.olmcsports.org).
- Sports Physicals: CYO of Indianapolis requires an official sports physical to be completed and submitted to the sports office for any participant playing a CYO sport. The CYO season begins on September 6, 2010 for most fall sports.

## OLMC SPORTS SPONSORS

The following companies have generously sponsored OLMC Sports. Please be certain to thank them and patronize their businesses. If you are interested in sponsoring OLMC Sports, please contact Tina Fletcher.

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# OLMC Winter Sports Wrap-Up

## Volleyball

By Scott Adams, OLMC Volleyball Commissioner

*"Coaches build teams; parents build players". Charles Smyth*

This quote is especially true here at OLMC. Our program was blessed this season with a wonderful group of coaches who gave their time and talent, and parents who were extremely supportive. OLMC Volleyball was comprised of almost 150 girls and fielded 16 CYO teams for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Congratulations to our three 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams who finished their careers at OLMC with a combined winning record of 15-5. We wish these girls the best of luck in their future and thank them for their contribution to OLMC Volleyball. These teams were coached by Rob and Katie Kluger, Liz and Lauren Zuercher, and Bill and Jenny Nichols.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls entered their first season as Cadets with four teams. These teams wouldn't have been possible without the help of a group of parents and former OLMC players who stepped up and committed to coaching. We welcomed first year coach Cathy Wanstrath who was a former Cathedral and Division I player and had no connection to OLMC but wanted to get involved and give back. Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Yellow team who made it to the Semi-Finals of the CYO Cadet C tournament.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade also fielded four teams and ended their season with a combined 15-10 winning record. Three of the teams made it to the quarterfinals of the CYO tournament. Congratulations to the Blue team who advanced to the semi-finals of the 5/6 A tourney. Look out next year as these girls plan to enter the ranks of Cadets with a bang!

Three 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams entered a new level of CYO sports playing against both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls. They stepped up to the challenge and finished with an 11-8 winning record. The White team went as far as the quarterfinals in the CYO 5/6 C tournament.

We welcomed two 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams to the 'big leagues' of CYO Volleyball. Both advanced in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade CYO tournament and ended their season on a strong note. The girls and parents were especially blessed with the talents and experience of head coaches Lynn Trott and Jeff Norris. They provided excellent instruction and training which will prepare the girls very well for next season.

We are already planning and looking forward to the 2011 CYO Season. Go Raiders!



6<sup>th</sup> Grade Blue Team waiting to get on the court and take care of business

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# OLMC Winter Sports Wrap-Up

## Boys' Basketball

By Todd Metzger, OLMC Boys' Basketball Commissioner

Along with Tim Fletcher, I want to thank all of the coaches that volunteered their time to coach our CYO teams this year. I received a number of compliments from parents and other schools about the coaches in our program. As a whole, this is easily the best group of coaches we have had since I have been involved with the OLMC boys' basketball program. I'm really proud of this group of coaches.

The head coaches in our program this year were:

Tim Fletcher, Sam Knight, Rob Bickel, Mark Bobilya, Jeff Beckley, Jamey Crocker, Todd Metzger, Mike Dial, Mark Lammers, J.R. Freiburger, Dan Diebolt, Steve Genco, David Rodgers, Darin Etchison, Mike Haugh, Leo Buehler, Ted Labus, and Grady Gaynor.

I encourage all of these coaches to come back and coach again next year!

I want to highlight three coaches in particular:

Darin Etchison: Darin stepped up to coach when no one else signed up to be a head coach for this team. His team won the majority of their games, but more importantly his players had fun and really improved during the course of the season.

Steve Genco: Steve's team went undefeated and was the only OLMC CYO team to win the City Championship. Congratulations Steve!!

Jeff Beckley: Jeff is as good of a basketball coach as any that we've had at OLMC. By the end of the season, every player that plays for Coach Beckley is a better player and has a better understanding of the game. The OLMC basketball program owes Jeff a big thank you for all of the time he has volunteered to the program over the years.

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## Girls' Basketball

By Jason Lueking, OLMC Girls' Basketball Commissioner


With over 90 girls and 11 teams participating, OLMC completed another fun and successful season of CYO girls' basketball. Our coaches and fans noticed that the girls showed great determination, attitude, and improvement throughout the season.

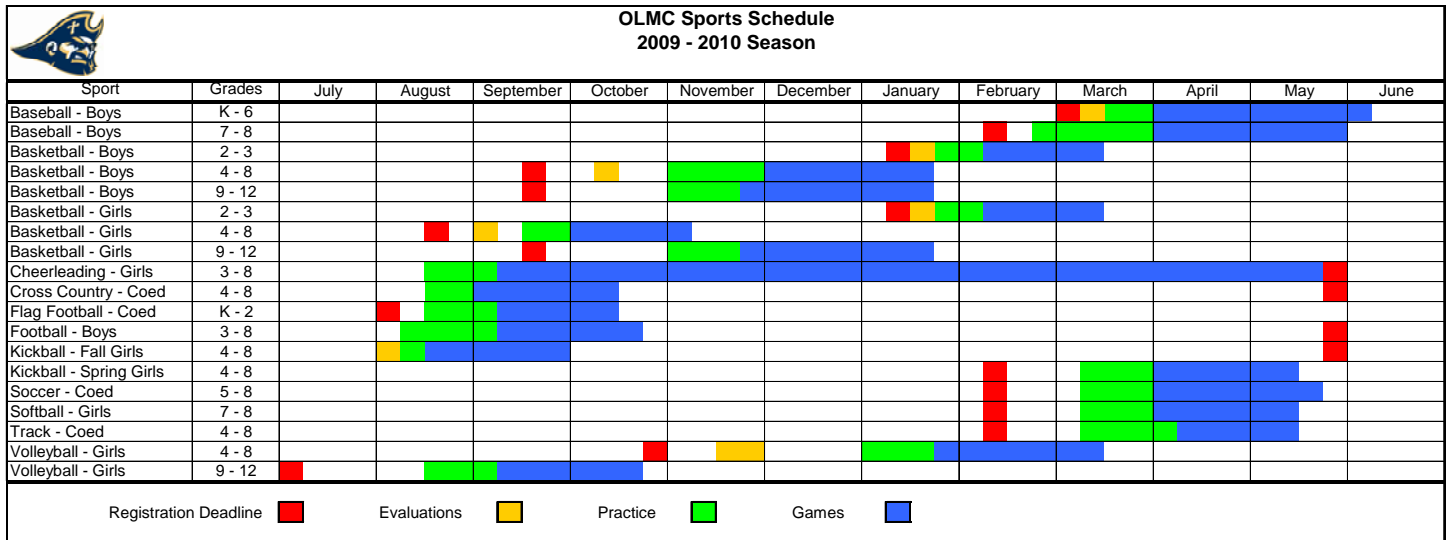
OLMC made impressive runs in the tournaments for both 5/6 and Cadet divisions. The 6th grade blue team coached by Dale Jensen and Scott Adams lost in the final four of the 5/6A tournament held at Little Flower. Also, the 8th grade blue team coached by Jason Lueking, Tim McClure, and Phil LaMere advanced to the final four of the Cadet A tournament held at St. Matthew.

The program will miss the seventeen 8th graders who played their last games as students at OLMC. We wish them nothing but the best in their future pursuits.

A heart felt thanks goes out to all of the coaches and volunteers who organized practices, helped at games and made tremendous contributions to the teams. Our fans showed incredible sportsmanship and support for the players. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated and helped to make OLMC a wonderful place for all of us.

# CALENDAR

|  <b>OLMC Sports Calendar<br/>2009 - 2010 Season</b> |        |                       |                   |                       |                |                  |
|--|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sport  | Grades | Registration Deadline | Evaluations       | First Day of Practice | First Game     | End of Season    |
| Baseball - Boys  | K - 6  | 03/09/10              | Early March       | Mid/Late March        | 04/05/10       | Early June       |
| Baseball - Boys  | 7 - 8  | 02/08/10              | NA                | Late February         | 04/05/10       | Mid/Late May     |
| Basketball - Boys  | 2 - 3  | 01/11/10              | Mid January       | Mid January           | Early February | Mid March        |
| Basketball - Boys  | 4 - 8  | 09/21/09              | Mid October       | Early November        | 12/05/09       | Mid/Late January |
| Basketball - Boys  | 9 - 12 | 09/21/09              | NA                | Early November        | 11/30/09       | Mid/Late January |
| Basketball - Girls   | 2 - 3  | 01/11/10              | Mid January       | Mid January           | Early February | Mid March        |
| Basketball - Girls   | 4 - 8  | 08/17/09              | Early September   | Late September        | 10/04/09       | Mid November     |
| Basketball - Girls   | 9 - 12 | 08/17/09              | NA                | Early November        | 11/30/09       | Mid/Late January |
| Cheerleading - Girls   | 3 - 8  | 05/25/09              | NA                | Mid August            | 09/12/09       | Mid/Late May     |
| Cross Country - Coed   | 4 - 8  | 05/25/09              | NA                | Mid August            | 09/12/09       | Mid October      |
| Flag Football - Coed   | K - 2  | 08/01/09              | NA                | Mid August            | 09/12/09       | Late October     |
| Football - Boys  | 3 - 8  | 05/25/09              | NA                | Mid August            | 09/12/09       | Late October     |
| Kickball - Fall Girls  | 4 - 8  | 05/25/09              | Early August      | Mid August            | 08/20/09       | Late September   |
| Kickball - Spring Girls  | 4 - 8  | 02/08/10              | NA                | Mid/Late March        | 04/05/10       | Mid/Late May     |
| Soccer - Coed  | 5 - 8  | 02/08/10              | NA                | Mid/Late March        | 04/05/10       | Mid/Late May     |
| Softball - Girls   | 7 - 8  | 02/08/10              | NA                | Mid/Late March        | 04/05/10       | Mid/Late May     |
| Track - Coed   | 4 - 8  | 02/08/10              | NA                | Mid/Late March        | 04/11/10       | Mid/Late May     |
| Volleyball - Girls   | 4 - 8  | 10/26/09              | Mid/Late November | Early January         | 01/30/10       | Mid March        |
| Volleyball - Girls   | 9 - 12 | 07/06/09              | NA                | Mid August            | 09/09/09       | Late October     |



## FINAL THOUGHT

“My purpose in life is simply to glorify God. We have to be careful that we don’t let the pursuit of our life’s goals, no matter how important they may seem, cause us to lose sight of our purpose. I coach football. But all the good I can do to glorify God along the way is my real purpose. I want to help people see the path to eternal life through Christ, to enjoy an abundant life now, and to fulfill their God-given purposes here.”

~ Tony Dungy, Former Head Coach of the World Champion Indianapolis Colts