



Our Lady of Consolation

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear OLC Families,

We wanted to share an update and a call for support for one of our own families. Bill Cichewicz, father of 7th grader Ainsley, suffered a medical emergency last Thursday and remains hospitalized in Muskegon in very serious condition.

Bill is currently sedated and unresponsive, on a ventilator, and in Stage 4 kidney failure. His doctors recently had to remove fluid from his left lung and are testing for pneumonia and cancer. He is being treated with antibiotics for an infection and has begun dialysis. A permanent catheter will be placed, as it appears he will need ongoing dialysis treatment. The care team hopes to reduce his sedation soon and, if he's able to breathe on his own, remove him from the ventilator in the coming days.

As the family navigates this medical crisis, they are also facing serious logistical and financial challenges. They are currently without a reliable vehicle and must travel frequently to and from Muskegon to be with Bill. The costs of fuel and food are adding up quickly, on top of an already significant burden of past and current medical bills.

If there is one thing OLC does best, it's wrapping our arms around those in need. We are taking up a collection to help the Cichewicz family with immediate needs such as car repairs, fuel, food, and other day-to-day expenses. We also hope to raise enough to help ease the pressure of their growing medical bills.

We have decided not to use a GoFundMe platform, as those platforms charge processing fees. OLC already has a donation account in place, which allows us to get 100% of your contribution directly to the family.

If you feel called to support the Cichewicz family during this incredibly difficult time, please send cash or a **check made out to OLC**, with "**Cichewicz Family**" in the memo line. Your generosity—no matter the size—will make a real and heartfelt difference.

Please continue to keep Bill, Ainsley, and the entire Cichewicz family in your thoughts and prayers.

Kevin Varner