A Message From Father Greiner

I have had an amazing three months since I became your Pastor!

It has been my honor and pleasure to celebrate Mass, perform baptisms, witness weddings, and participate in the many events that make this parish dynamic and exciting, especially the start of the new year at John F. Kennedy Catholic School and K-12 Faith Formation Programs. I know that I still have a tremendous amount to learn and experience here at OLV and JFK, but I am truly excited about our future, especially given the many blessings that God has already bestowed on the parish and school. As the King David declares in Psalm 40, we have a tremendous amount to give thanks to God for in our parish:

You, yes you, O LORD, my God, have done many wondrous deeds!
And in your plans for us there is none to equal you.
Should I wish to declare or tell them, too many are they to recount.

Our community is truly blessed, and we need to be thankful to God for His blessings. The parish and school also have plenty of challenges that we have to address, and I believe there is a consensus building on how to address these challenges. The Parish Council, the Finance Council, the Board of Education, and the other deliberative bodies of the parish and school are working hard to determine how the Lord wants us to respond to these challenges. Therefore, OLV and JFK have a future filled with hope as we acknowledge our blessings and strive to serve God and neighbor. JFK has adopted the theme of “Here We Go” for the school year, and I believe it adequately describes where our parish and school are at in our journey with God. We, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are hopeful for the future because of the blessings and faithfulness that God has already bestowed upon us. But we have more to do. As parishioners, we simply need to keep moving forward in faith, hope and love -- “Here We Go.”

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know. I want to be a true servant to each of you as we work to build up the Kingdom of God here in northwest Davenport and the surrounding area. From my initial experiences here at OLV and JFK, we are doing a good job, and we are going to keep getting better and better.

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!
The OLV Ladies Council would like to invite you to our annual bazaar. This is our major fund raising project for our Church. The Bazaar will be held:  
**Saturday, November 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and**  
**Sunday, November 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The Bazaar offers many handmade, homemade items, including crafts, ceramics, toys, floral decorations, baskets, Barbie Doll clothes and Christmas items. We will have a Linen Room, a Fall room, and a Jewelry Boutique for your shopping pleasure.

Take a chance on our RAFFLE, which features a grand prize of $1,000.00 along with five other monetary prizes. YOU JUST MIGHT WIN! We’ll also raffle off an American Girl Doll. (And you can dress your doll in American Girl doll clothes made by St. Therese Circle.)

We will serve donuts and homemade breakfast items on Saturday and Sunday mornings if you are an early riser. After shopping, try a tasty lunch of homemade chicken noodle soup, a hot dog, a chicken salad croissant sandwich and a dessert. The Bake Shop offers a wide variety of delicious pies, cakes and cookies. The Candy Shop will satisfy your sweet tooth with their divinity, peanut butter balls and fudge.

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**Fair Trade Festival**

Christian Service Ministry will be holding another Fair Trade Festival in November. Mark your calendars for **November 19-20, 2016**. Once again, we will be ordering from Catholic Relief Services fair trade items from around the world and direct trade coffee from Guatemala. When you purchase fair trade items, you give more of the money you spend directly to the farmer or artisan that grew or made your items. This will be an excellent way to do some Christmas shopping and help someone to stay in their home, to keep their children in school and to help lessen human trafficking in those areas of the world. Watch the bulletin for more news about the Fair Trade Festival in November.
Faith Community Health Needs Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The results will assist us in planning for the future and to meet the needs of our parishioners. Please drop the completed survey in the collection basket or mail to Bonnie at 1106 W. 59th St. Davenport, Iowa 52806. All information is confidential.

Please indicate the number of family members living in your household:

____0-12yrs ___13-17yrs___18-30yrs___31-50yrs____51-65yrs____66-80yrs ____81 and older

1. Do you or any family member have any health problems? Please give a brief explanation.

2. Please list suggestions for health programs that you would like to have presented.

3. What time and day would you attend a health program?

4. What would you like to see the Health Ministry Team and Wellness Committee do for OLV?

5. Do you have any experience in any health field that you would be willing to teach or share with OLV?

6. Are there any specific self-help groups you would be interested in participating? i.e.: diabetes, grief, exercise

7. Would you be willing to participate in assisting our program by providing casseroles, transportation, blood pressure clinics, or visiting parishioners?

Name and phone number: (optional) ___________________________________________________________
News from Fernando

The Children of OLV recently received a letter from our Guatemalan friend, Fernando Miranda Miranda, through the Unbound Program. Here is what he wrote:

I am lovingly greeting you wishing you a lot of success in your daily activities hoping that you are enjoying good health. I am very happy because I am writing you my letter for the first time to tell you that my whole family and I are enjoying good health. I thank you so much for the help that you send me through Unbound which allows us to be better people, may God reward you with great blessings. I tell you that I attend school every day and am in the 2nd grade, I am learning many good things. During the recess time I play marbles with my friends. What do you do when you get together? The place where I live is very nice because there are fruit trees and corn crops. I ask to God to bless you in your home. I say goodbye sending you big hugs, with love,

Fernando Miranda Miranda

Thank you to all children who excitedly give to Fernando each week. Remember to drop a picture or letter and we will make sure it gets to him. His letter will be available to view on the kiosk at church. This ministry truly makes a difference in Fernando’s life. Is this something your family is interested in? Unbound works side by side with people living in poverty in 20 countries around the world. When you sponsor a child, a young adult or an elder through Unbound, you invest in individual ideas and initiatives that change lives and even entire communities. Your sponsorship helps real people struggling against difficult odds. Learn more at Unbound.org.

Trunk or Treat

Are you looking for a different way to celebrate Halloween this year? How about something that is appropriate for the entire family! Attend Mass on Saturday, October 29th at 4:30 PM, and then after Mass adults and children alike will be able to participate in “Trunk or Treat.” Children may even wear family friendly costumes to Mass (no masks please).

What is “Trunk or Treat”? Adults decorate their cars in the spirit of the holiday and have “treats” to pass out to the participating children. Children dress in family friendly costumes and go from car to car, instead of house to house, and “Trunk or Treat.” Wondering how to decorate your “trunk”? The best way to decorate your “trunk” is to pick a theme. Think of it like dressing yourself in a costume. Ideas for a themed “trunk”: Mother Goose, beach or luau, NASCAR, harvest, sports, animals, movies (keep kids in mind), camping, or a holiday theme, just to name a few. New this year is the opportunity to vote on the best decorated vehicle. Prizes will be given accordingly.

After “Trunk or Treat,” you and your family can enjoy hotdogs, chips, and a beverage outside the Parish Center. In case of adverse weather, join us inside the Parish Center.

Come on out for this evening of safe family fun! Invite your friends and family, as this event is open to all those wishing to participate.
Youth Ministry
By Evan Brankin

We are disciples of Jesus Christ making faith matter and sharing God’s love in order to make more disciples. We are growing with God, loving our neighbors, and sharing the faith. On behalf of the entire youth ministry team here at Our Lady of Victory, I want to thank the parish for its prayerful support of our teens. We have a team of people dedicated to praying for our teens every single day, and a core team of adults and teens who want to be mentors in discipleship and help make youth ministry an amazing and formative opportunity for our youth. We are all about discipleship and relational ministry - being Christ in the lives of high school and junior high school students. That means loving them, being present in their struggles, and helping them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. To accomplish this, we are having lots of fun and building a community of discipleship while helping them form stronger prayer lives, learn about their spiritual defenses, gain the apologetics knowledge needed for high school and college life, and discern their spiritual gifts and vocations.

That’s just the weekly and monthly meetings we are having. For teens to have relationships with Jesus, first they have to encounter Jesus, and we want them to encounter Him in many places and ways; in the Sacraments, at Adoration, in us their mentors and friends and family, in each other, through art and music and literature, and through retreats and conferences. This year we are also a host parish for the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) and want to send as many of our teens as possible! The conference is held at St. Ambrose University, from November 19th to November 20th. Registration materials for high school students and chaperones are now available from the youth ministry office, and can also be found at http://davenportdiocese.org/dyc (forms 6 and 7 for youth and adults respectively). Please see Evan Brankin before registering and send all registration materials to him, NOT the office of faith formation for the diocese. Early bird registration is $85.00, regular registration is $90.00. Early bird registrations will need to be received by October 17th to allow for processing time. If you want to grow as a teenage disciple, or mentor teens in their discipleship, or if the Holy Spirit has just been whispering to you to live your Baptism by getting more involved, then please let me know at davolvym@diodav.org, or at 563.391.8384. May God bless you in your journey of discipleship!

Ministering to OLV College Students
Another school year has begun and we have sent many of our young parishioners off to new adventures at college. College can be a very challenging, stressful, and difficult time. Sometimes there is even “home-sickness”. Here at OLV we want our college students to know that they have our love, support, and prayers. That is the goal of our college care package program.

The college care package program sends out care packages right before fall and spring final exams. The boxes that the students receive include treats to feed their hungry stomachs, but also inspirational material to feed their souls. We also include non-food items and “fun” items to help reduce their stress. Special care packages are created for students with severe food allergies. Each semester the boxes have a different theme and contain different items, so the students will always be surprised.

There are several ways to be involved with this ministry. One is to donate items or money. Another is to help on the committee assembling the packages. Most importantly is to pray for our college students. Please remember that no donation is too small. We will start collecting items in November for the care packages. Notices will be in the bulletin regarding requested items and deadlines for donations.

If you have a college student that you would like to sign up to receive a care package, please contact Kathy Peterson at 563-388-5192 or email RJPETerson5@MSN.COM. The deadline for signing up your student is November 1st. Even if they were signed up last year you need to sign them up for the current school year. We need the name of the student, school that they are attending, and mailing address.

On behalf of all of our college students, thank you for your prayers and support.
Msgr. Parizek’s Retirement Celebration and Parish Picnic

On Saturday, June 11 we celebrated Msgr. Parizek’s Retirement in conjunction with our parish picnic. There was a wonderful turnout of friends, family, and parishioners despite the warm weather conditions. Msgr. Parizek presided at mass accompanied by Fr. Stephen, Fr. Meyer, and Deacons Al Boboth, Marc Mosse, and John Wagner. The choir performed several of Msgr. Parizek’s favorite hymns.

Following Mass the celebration continued at the parish picnic. Golf carts were used to transport people from the church to the school grounds. Delicious food and beverages were enjoyed by all. There were two music groups, arts and crafts, four inflatables, and a rock climbing wall for entertainment. It was a joyous occasion and a wonderful time to wish Msgr. Parizek the best in his retirement.

Thank you, Msgr. Parizek, for your dedicated service to Our Lady of Victory Parish and John F. Kennedy Catholic School!
Fr. Greiner’s Installation Mass

Fr. Jacob Greiner was officially installed as pastor at Our Lady of Victory at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, July 24 by Bishop Martin Amos. The church was filled for this exciting event with members of Fr. Jake’s family, long time friends and many supportive parishioners. Even the lack of air conditioning on a blistering summer day did not affect the joy that was experienced.

This special liturgy included presentation of the pastor to the congregation as well as the Bishop’s introduction of parish deacons and staff, Pastoral Council, Board of Education and Finance Council to Fr. Jake. The assembly erupted into applause after Fr. Jake recited the Oath of Fidelity acknowledging his duties and responsibilities as our new spiritual leader. Following Mass attendees welcomed Fr. Jake with handshakes, hugs and warm wishes. Many others stopped to congratulate Bishop Amos on his excellent decision in choosing a leader for this parish. Other priest concelebrants at the Mass included Msgr. James Parizek and Fr. Stephen Abaukaka.
OLV Iowa/Iowa State Football Game Party
Saturday, September 10 was a fun time for our parish community to come together to watch some football and enjoy some good food.

There were lots of prizes and lots of fun! We had a great turnout, with people of all ages attending.

Hawkeye fans were rejoicing and the Cyclone fans will wait for next year!