

WELCOME TO THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

-Mission Statement-

We are a community that lives and shares the preaching, teaching and healing of Christ.



December 2, 2018

Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 7 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7 AM
Saturday 8 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30-9:00 AM; 3:30-4:10 PM

Holy Hour: Thursday 7 PM in Church

Welcome to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish

A Message from Fr. Jake

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy
from carousing and drunkenness
and the anxieties of daily life,
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.
For that day will assault everyone
who lives on the face of the earth.
Be vigilant at all times
and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man."
Luke 21:34-36

This is the second half of the Gospel reading that we mediate upon this First Sunday of Advent. Jesus does not mince his words. As I have been praying the Gospel passage, I have truly been convicted by my lack of vigilance in my own life. I am missing out on opportunities to serve God more fully.

If you are like me, I always seem to have plenty of reasons why I do not respond to God's invitation. However, if I am honest with myself, these reasons are truly excuses. Being too busy is an excuse in most cases. We could make time. Yes, not everything will get done, but many times in our life we could make time. Being too frustrated with the demands of our life is an excuse in most cases. We could say "no" occasionally. We also could try to let go of many of the frustrations that we have no control over in our lives. Being unwilling to change is an excuse in all cases because we are always facing change.

God's invitation to grow closer to Him is always present. Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is the greatest sign that God is always ready and willing to help us in our lives. Therefore, there will never be the perfect time to grow in our relationship with the Lord. Is there ever a perfect time to change our bad habits? Is there ever a perfect time to devote more time to prayer and to serve others? Is there ever a perfect time to seek the healing from the Lord that we need? There is no perfect time, but with more vigilance in our faith, we might find that Lord is providing us the grace to response to his invitation of a deeper relationship now.

I challenge all of us here at OLV to truly try to slow down, so we can be attentive and alert to how the Lord is calling us to serve Him in our lives. Let us not get pulled into the chaos of the "holiday season," but let us focus on what the Lord wants us to learn through this Advent season. Let us avail ourselves to the Advent prayer resources, the additional confession times, and the opportunities for Mass. Therefore, when we arrive at Christmas in a few short weeks, we can truly appreciate what a precious gift we have been given through the birth of Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Victory, please pray that our parish may have a fruitful and blessed Advent season!

Happenings in the Parish Family

Please continue to Pray for Our Sick: Jeanne Bacon, Dottie Becker, Jim Blubaugh, Mick Clark, Shirley Corbin, Carmen Cowan, Trudy Dells, Amy Earnest, Julie Gacke, Leo Huber, Chuck Husted, Joe Janeczko, Annette Johnson, Martha Jones, Pat Maring, Jim McCarthy, Brent Meyer, Janie Mitchell, Janet Moscinski, David Nitzel, Darlene Nolan, David Oberbroeckling, Colleen Ryan, Kenneth Scodeller, Betty Thibodeaux, Christian Tilkens, Vincent Welk, Suzie Yackley.

Bans of Marriage: I Sarah Gorzney & Jonathan Quist

Rest in Peace: Robert Noble, father of Martha (Robert) Gilbert; Leon Saskowski, husband of Fran; Michael Ehlers; Jack Groene, father of Barb (Chris) Milke. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

First Friday Adoration will be
Friday, December 7th
from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.
A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Space.

Mass Schedule and Parish Events



Saturday, December 1, 2018

8:00 AM † Ignatius Nguyen
4:30 PM † Mary Thobe

Sunday, December 2, 2018

7:00 AM For the Parish
9:00 AM † Thomas Stack Sr.
11:00 AM † Donald Wubben

Monday, December 3, 2018

7:00 AM † Carolyn Boyer

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

7:00 AM † Nancy Bagley

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

7:00 AM † Jo Steinhagen & Angie Kempf
7:40 AM † Barb Poster
9:30 AM (SC) † Linda Laake

Thursday, December 6, 2018

7:00 AM † Maurice Albrecht

Friday, December 7, 2018

7:00 AM † Katie Rettenmaier
7:00 PM † Walter Schwartzhoff

Saturday, December 8, 2018

8:00 AM † Karen Erickson
4:30 PM † Loras & Sally Hughes

Sunday December 9, 2018

7:00 AM For the Parish
9:00 AM † Marie & Albert Brus
11:00 AM † Mindy Karwath

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the parish office at 563-391-4245 to request available dates and times.

Advent Communal Penance Services

Communal Penance Service for Advent will be:

- Sunday, December 2nd at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport at 3:00 PM
- Monday, December 3rd at St. John Vianney, Bettendorf at 6:30 PM

Additional Confession times for Advent

Additional confession times at OLV:
Thursdays: December 6th, 13th and 20th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Social Justice

Human Dignity means that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. The measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the person.

This Week

Saturday

1

Blood Pressure Checks after 4:30 PM Mass
Expectant Parent Blessing after 4:30 PM Mass
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Christmas Décor Sale (GSMR)
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)

Sunday

2

First Sunday of Advent
Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses
Expectant Parent Blessing after all Masses
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM Christmas Décor Sale (GSMR)
9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
3:00 PM Communal Penance - Sacred Heart Cathedral
4:00 PM Advent Adult Bible Study (GS)

Monday

3

6:30 PM Communal Penance - St. John Vianney

Tuesday

4

4:00 PM Mary Devotion
6:00 PM St. Gabriel Circle Meeting (PC)
6:15 PM 1st Reconciliation (CH)
7:00 PM Board of Education (GSMR)

Wednesday

5

7:40 AM All School Mass (CH)
9:30 AM Bible Study (GSMR)
9:30 AM Slivercrest Mass (SC)
6:00 PM Faith Formation - Advent Workshop
6:00 PM GriefShare® Training (GSMR)
7:00 PM Youth Night
7:00 PM Choir Practice (CH)

Thursday

6

Parish Nurse "Office Hour" after 7 AM Mass (CH)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confession (CH)
7:00 PM Holy Hour (CH)

Friday

7

7:30 AM First Friday Adoration
7:00 PM Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass (CH)

Saturday

8

8:00 AM Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass (CH)
8:45 AM - ? Confession (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)

Sunday

9

Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
11:00 AM American Sign Language for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (CH)
12:00 AM Deaf Community Social Hour (GSMR)
2:00 PM Ladies Council Meeting (GSMR)
4:00 PM Advent Adult Bible Study (GS)

December 2, 2018



It was such a pleasure reading some of the posts on the JFK Moms and Dads Facebook page this weekend. We have so many kind and loving kids! They were shoveling walks for their parents and neighbors, cleaning snow off of cars and helping to decorate for Christmas! It is a great reminder of how special the little things are in life. Take a moment, take it all in and appreciate all the blessings in your life.

God Bless!

Blood Drive

Our Lady of Victory & JFK Catholic School

Date: Tuesday, December 11th

Time: 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Place: OLV Parish Center 1627 W. 42nd St

To donate, please contact the school office at 563-391-3030

Please eat before you donate. You must have a photo ID to donate.



We are disciples of Jesus making faith matter and sharing God's love to make more disciples!

Youth Ministry this week meets at 7pm on Wednesday to plan for the month of December. As part of our growth as disciples we are planning a special Advent with increases in fasting, service, and prayer. Join us to talk more about Advent, and what we are doing this year to prepare for the coming of Jesus!

We need more adults participating in ministry to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade age kids! If you care about our youth, and want to help, please let me know at davolvym@diodav.org

For High School Youth:

Parents and HS teens: Sign up for our Remind text service by texting "@olvh" to the number 81010. We'll be using these texts to let families know about youth ministry events all year!

Grow with God. Love your neighbor. Share your faith.



Don't forget that the sponsor/8th grader service project is January 13th, following the 9am mass. Sponsors and kids should plan on remaining until 12pm to complete the project!

Mark your calendars for Confirmation on April 13, 2019. Practice will be April 11, more details to come.



Faith Formation classes meet December 5 and December 12.

First Reconciliation is Tuesday December 4 at 6:15pm in the church. Please call Jennifer at 391-8384 if you have any questions.

On December 5 we will be celebrating the start of Advent with our family event for all classes, kindergarten through eighth grade. We will be talking about the significance of the Jesse Tree as well as making one per family to take home that evening. Please make sure to join us on December 5 from 6:00-7:00pm in the school cafeteria.

Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

-Harriet Beecher Stowe

Challenge: If you hit a low point today, say a quick prayer and ask God for the strength to keep going.

Advent Adult Bible Study

Join us for our ADVENT MISSION: with Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary on Sunday December 2 (postponed from November 25 because of weather) at 4:00pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room. This program includes an inspirational journal and an engaging 30 minute video featuring reflections by presenter Fr. Mark Touns and his friends Sr. Miriam Heidland and Fr. Josh Johnson. Join us and experience real spiritual formation and growth, finding yourself changed from the beginning of Advent to Christmas Day.

The Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary books have arrived. You are welcome to pick up your pre-ordered copy at the Advent Mission, or stop by the Faith Formation office during the week to pick up your copy. Please call Jennifer at 391-8384 if you have any questions.

You are also invited to join us for the Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary discussion on the following Sunday's December 9 and 16 from 4:00-5:30pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room.

Chase the Chill is Back!

Over the last few years the JFK and OLV Faith Formation students have been able to make and distribute over 700 scarves to the less fortunate in Davenport and we are once again asking for your help. We will be collecting new or gently used scarves from Monday, November 19th through Sunday, December 30th. There will be a tote in the Gathering Space to place the scarves in or you can drop them off over at the school office or parish office. We are also asking for donations of JoAnn gift cards to purchase fleece for the JFK and Faith Formation students to make scarves for the homeless. These can be purchased through Victory Vouchers and dropped off over at the Parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Evan at 563-391-4245.



First Sunday of Advent



December is that time of year to wrap up your gift to the OLV Foundation. You can use an envelope in your monthly packet, or go online to make a one-time payment if you choose. There is still time to gift shares of

appreciated stock or have your advisor send a gift via a charitable trust.

Gifts received by Monday, December 31 will be recorded for the 2018 tax year. We know you have many worthy choices, and we appreciate you choosing the OLV Foundation where your gift will make a difference for many years to come.

Stewardship Moment

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and be generous in caring for the poor.

Stewardship Prayer Warriors

Each month we publish a prayer intention seeking the grace to foster stewardship as a way of life within the OLV/JFK community. During December please pray that those who come to our parish this Advent/Christmas season with sadness in their hearts may experience, through the kindness and hospitality of our parishioners, a new beginning of healing, hope and peace.

To be added to the email list to receive prayer intentions electronically, send a message to: olvstewardship@gmail.com. Type "Add Me" into the subject line and give your first and last name in the body of the email. Your contact information will be kept private.



OLV KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OLD FASHION NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Prime Rib Dinner from Smokin' Butt BBQ
Live Music from Identity Crisis
Drink Tickets, Champagne Toast and More
December 31st - 6:30pm to 12:30am
K of C Hall

1111 - W 35th Street, Davenport
Tickets will be sold after Masses or
Email: jdiggs@powergrafxinc.com to make
your reservations.
\$40* per person. Call John at 563-940-3914
with questions.

Blood Pressure Volunteers Needed

The Wellness Committee and Health Ministry Team will be establishing the schedule for Blood Pressure Clinics for the new year. We are in need of more volunteers. The clinics are held the first weekend of every month after Mass. You can choose which Mass you would like to volunteer for. It takes 10-15 minutes after the Mass and you are usually scheduled 3-4 months per year. Please consider assisting us with this ministry. Please contact Bonnie at 563-940-4058.



Mark your calendars for Griefshare® - your journey from mourning to joy coming to Our Lady of Victory. This 13 week program starting Sunday, January 13th will be lead by caring lay people from our church who are here to support and encourage you through your grief journey. We understand how you feel and we will walk alongside you through this most difficult experience. You do not have to go through the grieving process alone.

John 11:35 "Jesus wept". GriefShare® is a support group that meets weekly on Sundays right after the 11am Mass. A light lunch will be provided along with, fellowship in a warm and caring environment

If you have any questions, please call Char at 563-508-3890, leave a message and she will return your call as soon as possible. Watch the Wellness Corner for more information in the upcoming weeks.



We Need Your Help!

Wellness ministry and your fellow parishioners NEED YOU! Hebrews 10:23-25 says "Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming." We are looking for a few compassionate, caring, spiritually mature parishioners that can help lead our new GriefShare® program that starts Sunday, January 13, 2019. Training session will be held on Wednesday evenings starting December 5th from 6 PM to 9 PM in the Gathering Space Meeting Room.

If you have questions and/or want to be involved with this ministry, please call Char at 563-508-3890.



Ribbon Tree

Many thanks for your enthusiastic response to the Ribbon Tree. St. Gabriel's Circle truly appreciates your generosity in brightening a youngster's Christmas. Please return UNWRAPPED gifts, with ribbon securely attached, to the main entrance Gathering Space tree next weekend. Friendly House, our partner in this project, will deliver all gifts to the children at their holiday party. If you have any questions, please contact Agnes (563-650-1758).



Christian Service Ministry

From Sunday, December 2nd through Sunday, January 13th, the Christian Service Ministry will be collecting new or gently used ADULT backpacks to make blessing bags for the homeless. Donations can be put in the box in the Gathering Space marked "Blessing Bags." More information will be coming out about items we need to fill the bags during the Lenten season. You can visit Goodwill, the Salvation Army or any thrift shop to find gently used backpacks to donate at a minimal cost.



Ladies Council Meeting

There will be a Ladies Council meeting Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room. We will be closing out 2018 and presenting Father Jake with the proceeds of the bazaar. If you have any items for the agenda, please contact Helen White at 563-391-3791. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there!

Advent Wreath Lighting

We are in need of families or individuals during the Advent season, to assist in the lighting of the Advent candles before each Mass. It is an easy way to get involved this Advent season. There are sign-up sheets for each Mass of Advent in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions please ask a hospitality minister.



Best Advent Ever

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with . . .
Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
Practical tips for your everyday life
Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey.

To sign up go to www.bestadventever.com/christmas18

Charitable Giving

If you are 70 1/2 years old or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA directly to Our Lady of Victory or the Our Lady of Victory Foundation and receive tax benefits in return. An IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distributions and allow you to see your gift at work today as you build your legacy for the future.

For questions regarding IRA charitable rollovers or other planned giving opportunities, contact David Mattke (davolvbiz@diodav.org) at the parish office or Bernie Mack (bernard.r.mack@ampf.com) on behalf of the OLV Foundation. It is also encouraged and prudent to seek the advice of your financial advisor prior to making a gift.

If you have already included the parish or the foundation in your planned giving strategy, let us know by contacting David or Bernie, so your plans can be noted and you may be properly acknowledged.

Church/Parish Office

4105 N. Division Street Davenport, IA 52806

Phone: (563) 391-4245

Emergency: (563)-293-1177

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday.....7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Pastor Rev. Jacob M. Greiner - greinerj@diodav.org

Deacon Frank Agnoli

Deacon Al Boboth

Deacon Marc Mosse

Deacon John Wagner

Parish Center: (563) 391-3030 ext:#143;
after hours option #4

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1627 W. 42nd Street Davenport, IA 52806

Phone: (563) 391-3030 Fax: (563) 388-5206

Principal, Chad Steimle - Chad.steimle@olvjfkmail.com

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Office:

(563) 391-8384

Director of Religious Education

Jennifer Wemhoff - davolvrek6@diodav.org

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Evan Brankin - davolvym@diodav.org

Parish Nurses

Nurses can answer your questions, present health information, facilitate access to services, listen to your concerns, and pray with you. Please let us know your needs.

Carol Burns, RN, Parish Nurse563-391-4724

Bonnie Beyhl, OTR/L, Health Advocate...563-940-4058

Char McGovern, RDMS, Health Advocate ..563-508-3890

Choir Director

Sharon Ehlers.....940-2418

Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.
Pre-Baptismal welcoming and information is held on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Marriage in the Lord

Please contact the Parish Office before setting a desired wedding date.

Holy Communion for Homebound

We'd love to serve you. Please call the Parish Office in advance to make arrangements.

Send bulletin announcements to - Lisa

davolvpa@diodav.org. Bulletin deadline is Monday at 12 PM.

When you have a special need or wish to know that someone cares, the Communion of Saints Circle will join their prayers with yours.

Please call:

John Callahan 563-349-5878

Mary Ann Clark 563-391-0575



Invitation

Allison Bengfort, daughter of Scott and Linda and a JFK graduate will be ordained Saturday, December 8th at 2 PM at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (1100 E. 55th St. Chicago IL 60615). All are invited to attend to ceremony.