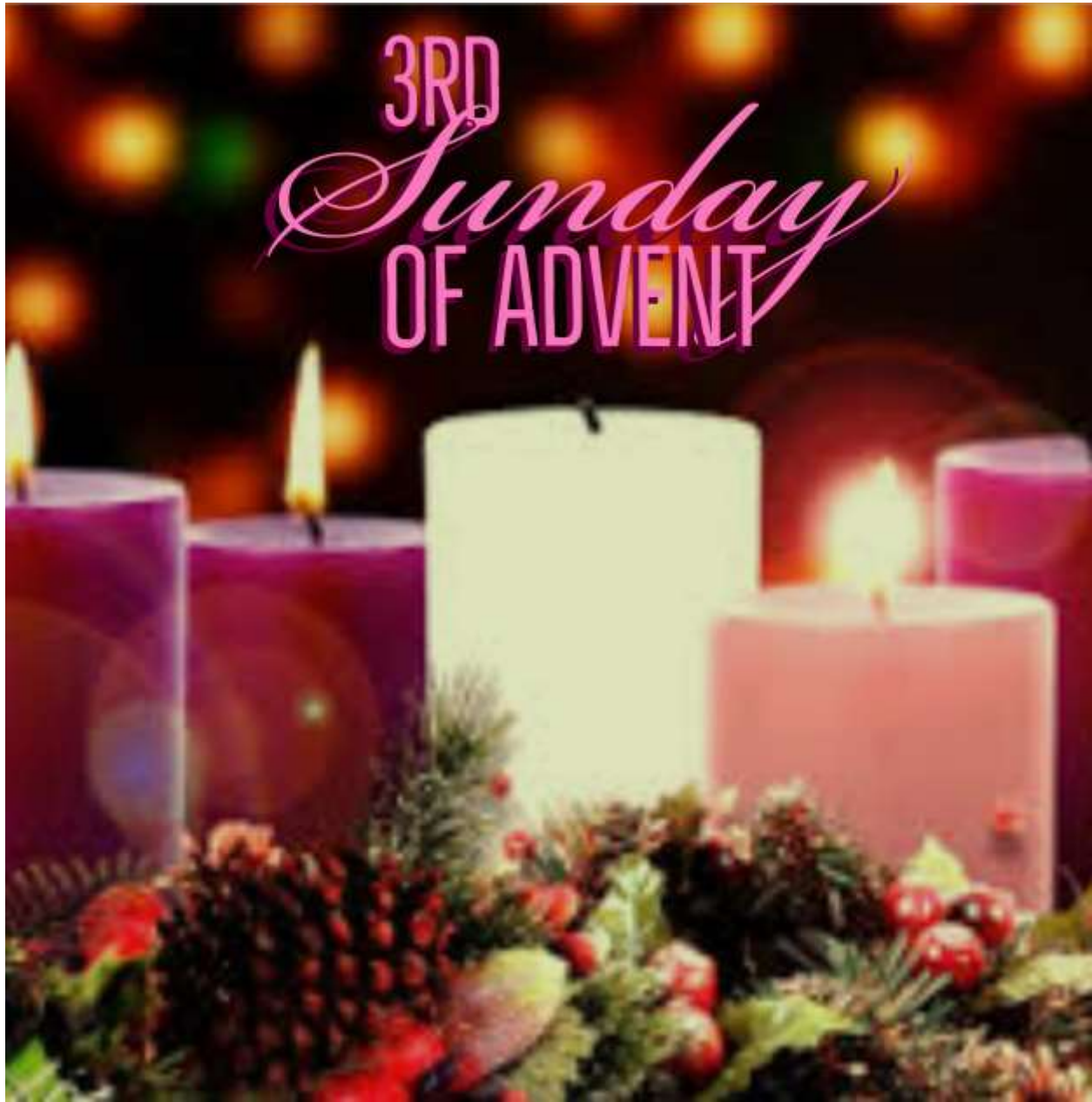


WELCOME TO THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

-Mission Statement-

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



December 16, 2018

Sunday Masses

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

Christmas Masses

December 24th - 4 PM, 6 PM, 10 PM
December 25th - 7 AM, 9 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7 AM
Saturday 8 AM

New Years Masses

December 31st - 4:30 PM
January 1st - 7 AM, 9 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

This Sunday, the beginning of the third week of Advent, we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The word *Gaudete* means “rejoice,” and this third weekend got this name from the use of “rejoice” in the introit to Mass and the second reading. Therefore, we hear the following words from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians:

Brothers and sisters:
Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:4-7).

St. Paul’s exhortation is a call for all of us to remember that the season of Advent is supposed to help us rekindle joy in the Lord by “preparing the way” and making sure that our lives conform more fully to the life of Jesus Christ. Therefore, how are we doing this Advent? Are we staying true to what we committed to at the beginning of Advent? If not, there is still time. As John the Baptist said in today’s Gospel, “one mightier than I is coming,” and the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives does bring happiness and joy in ways that no earthly reality can give. We can rejoice in the Lord, but we have to be open to Jesus’ love and presence.

I know that there are many people in our parish who will find this holiday season difficult. To those of you who are struggling this holiday season, please be assured of my personal prayers and the prayers of other parishioners. It is sometimes very difficult to rejoice in the Lord when we face difficulties in our lives. Furthermore, it is sometimes easier to fake a smile than try to explain to another person what is really going on. I hope that everyone in the parish knows the parish staff is here to help if you are struggling in anyway. You do not have to be alone in your journey. Please reach out to me or any other staff member if you need assistance.

I would also hope that those who are struggling bring the realities of life to prayer. The Lord wants to change our sorrow, pain, and struggles into rejoicing, but this is a process that sometimes takes time and patience. The latter is one of the many reasons that our parish is starting a grief support group beginning in January 2019. The presence of caring people in our lives does help, but it is the Lord who heals.

Again, let all of us renew our desire to rejoice in the Lord. If you are unable to rejoice in the Lord right now, please do not give up hope. Trust in the Lord. Reach out to the parish.

Our Lady of Victory, please pray for us.

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, Colleen Ryan, Kenneth Scodeller, Betty Thibodeaux, Christian Tilkens, Vincent Welk, Suzie Yackley.

Bans of Marriage: Ill Sarah Gorzney & Jonathan Quist

Mass Schedule and Parish Events



Saturday, December 15, 2018

8:00 AM † Dorothy Brickl
4:30 PM † Leo Kedley

Sunday, December 16, 2018

7:00 AM † Jack Cline
9:00 AM For the Parish
11:00 AM † William A. Donahue

Monday, December 17, 2018

7:00 AM † Renner & Neltner Families

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

7:00 AM † Joey Dietz

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

7:00 AM † Lawrence & Rosemary Nolan
7:40 AM † Eleonore & Lee Hymel

Thursday, December 20, 2018

7:00 AM † Philip Brankin

Friday, December 21, 2018

7:00 AM † Katie Molyneaux

Saturday, December 22, 2018

8:00 AM † Eileen Dunn
4:30 PM † Katherine Lupton & Mary Showers

Sunday, December 23, 2018

7:00 AM For the Parish
9:00 AM † Helen Costello
11:00 AM † Mary Anne Donovan

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.

Year End Contributions

Just a reminder that 2018 contributions must be received in the Parish Office by Friday, December 28, 2018.

Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers Needed

Ministers are needed for all Christmas Masses, New Years Eve and New Years Day.

Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the Gathering Space. Thank you!



This Week

Saturday

15 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)
5:30 PM Wellness Table 2.0 (GS)

Sunday

16 Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Wellness Table 2.0 (GS)
9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
10:00 AM Social Sunday (GS)
12:30 PM Contemporary Music Choir Practice (CH)
4:00 PM Advent Adult Bible Study (GS)

Monday

17 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Baptism Class (GSMR)

Tuesday

18 4:00 PM Mary Devotion (GSMR)
6:30 PM Social Justice (GSMR)

Wednesday

19 7:40 AM All School Mass- Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe (JFK GYM/CAF)
9:30 AM Bible Study (GSMR)
No Faith Formation Class - Christmas Break
7:00 PM Youth Night Potluck
7:00 PM Choir Practice (CH)

Thursday

20 Parish Nurse "Office Hour" after 7 AM Mass (CH)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confession (CH)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM GriefShare (GSMR)
7:00 PM Holy Hour (CH)

Friday

21 Visit www.OLVJFK.com for a monthly calendar of parish/school events. (GSMR)

Saturday

22 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
10:00 AM Contemporary Choir Practice (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)

Sunday

23 9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)

CH-Church	PC-Parish Center
GS-Gathering Space	RC-Ridgecrest
GSMR-Gathering Space Meeting Room	SC-Silvercrest
JFK SR-JFK Staff Room	YR-Youth Room
MC-Media Center	



The first week of Civic Oration is in the books. We are so proud of all the hard work the 5th through 8th grade students have put in on their papers. It is amazing to see the 5th graders so excited about trying to make it to the next round, the pride they feel

memorizing their entire speech and the support from their classmates is amazing! It is one of the many moments you see, There is a Difference in Education here at JFK!
God Bless!



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

High school youth ministry this week focuses on how Our Lady of Victory Parish can better meet the needs of young people. We're inviting high school students to participate in a confidential focus group session with questions centered around 6 metrics related to church vitality and youth engagement. This session will be recorded for accurate transcription, so parental permission is required! Permission slips are available in the youth ministry e-mail, through Remind text alerts, and at all youth nights in December.

There may still be room on our Winter Escape retreat for high school youth. Make sure to turn in your paperwork before the youth ministry offices close for the week of Christmas. Join us for a couple days unplugged, enjoy lots of indoor and outdoor activities without the pressures of the clock, or the next appointment. We'd love to chat over hot chocolate or coffee, or play a game of euchre together. Sound fun? Then escape with us December 31st - January 2nd!

Our January middle school youth night is Friday the 11th at the QC Storm Faith and Family night. We may still have available spots, so check in ASAP if you haven't yet turned in your payment and permission slip. Cost is \$20. Middle school youth ministry needs 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.



Remember that the sponsor/8th grader service project is January 13th, following the 9am Mass. Sponsors and students should plan on remaining until 12pm to complete the project!



Faith Formation will not meet December 19, 26, or January 2. We will look forward to seeing everyone back on January 9.

There's something about a Christmas sweater that will always make me laugh. -Kristen Wiig

Challenge: Write down a list of traditions that make you smile during Advent and reflect on them if the stress of the season starts to get to you.

Adult Bible Study *Fulfilled Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism—Part One*

Fulfilled explores the biblical roots of the Catholic Faith. It uncovers God's consistent design for our worship of him and his relationship with us. Learn how the Old Testament Tabernacle can be used as a blueprint for the Catholic Faith and how Jesus fulfilled it in the New Testament. Part One focuses on the elements found in the outer sanctuary of the Tabernacle and how they connect to the liturgical calendar, the priesthood, purgatory, baptism, and more.

This study will meet Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM beginning January 24 in the GSMR. To sign up contact Jennifer at 391-8384 or davolvrek6@diodav.org by January 7 so that books may be ordered. Cost of the books is \$25.



Assumption Choir Concert

Please join the Assumption High School Choirs for their Christmas Concert on Monday, December 17th, 7:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. This free, one-hour program will feature both traditional and contemporary Christmas selections by the Choir, Chamber Choir, and Jazz Choir.

Chase the Chill is Back!

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.



Third Sunday of Advent



Oh what fun it is...to get those final charitable donations in before the end of the year! Remember, the OLV Foundation is one of those available to you where you can see the difference you make.

Oh what fun it is...to travel safe and slow down and enjoy every minute celebrating and making memories this Advent season.

Stewardship Moment

Sharing from our blessings is the bottom line for all good stewards and is especially meaningful as we close a year where so many have been devastated by floods, hurricanes, fire and other disasters. God works through us to alleviate suffering and bring hope to a troubled world.

Parish Appreciation Party

The Parish Council is hosting our annual Parish Appreciation Party on Saturday, January 12, 2019: doors open at 5:30 PM; food will be served at 6 PM. The location for the event will be either JFK's school cafeteria or, if renovations are complete, our OLV Parish Center. This event is a special thanksgiving, celebration and appreciation for the many gifts shared by the good stewards of OLV and JFK. Adult parishioners, JFK parents and spouses or guest are cordially invited to attend. Substantial hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend...just the opportunity to sit back and enjoy the evening.

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Pew Prayer Card Holders

As you may have noticed, prayer card holders were installed in the pews and we have now added pencils and information cards to those holders.

If you are new to the parish, want to volunteer, need to update your information or have any questions, please fill out one of those slips and put them into the offertory basket so that the parish office can assist you.

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.



1 John 4:15-16, "If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:15-16). Although you may feel overwhelmed and out of control, you can still have the deep inner peace that comes from God alone. Some people clearly sense the peace of God during times of adversity, but others wonder why they cannot feel it. Be assured that His peace is always available to you. Join us as we start the GriefShare program here at Our Lady of Victory. Fellow parishioners are training right now to welcome you to this program. Lay people will lead GriefShare in the Gathering Space Meeting Room starting Sunday, January 13th from 12:15pm until 2:15pm (a light lunch will be provided).

We are here to support, encourage and give you the care that you need as you struggle with your grief. Whether it has been 6 weeks, 6 months or years, you are welcome to join us, (must be 18 years and older) Everyone's grief journey is unique-your experiences are yours alone, but you are not alone-we are with you and God has never left your side. We will give you the care you need and information you can trust. If you would like to attend, please call Char at 563-508-3890, leave a message and she will return your call as soon as possible.



Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

GRACE. God's Grace is an amazing gift that is plentiful and available to all of us unconditionally. Think you have enough of God's Grace in your life? We can ALWAYS use more of God's Grace. Christian Experience Weekends (CEW) are a great way to be showered with an incredible amount of God's Grace! CEW consists of Christian-themed talks, reflection, special masses, fellowship and good food! The 2019 weekends are scheduled on February 1-3 for women and February 15-17 for men. Please consider taking some time for yourself to rekindle your faith and relationship with God. Brochures are available in the gathering space or online at olvjfk.com. If you have any questions, please contact the Lay Directors - Kelly Poster (563)468-8552 or Shawn Atwater (563)650-9206. We pray you will say YES to our 2019 CEW!



Marriage Encounter Weekend

Are you wanting to give a great gift to your spouse (and yourself) this year? Have you dreamed of quiet, quality time with your spouse lately, as the busy-ness of the work week keeps you both occupied? Well, we have the answer for you! Marriage Encounter is back! In Clinton, Iowa - just a short distance away - on February 1, 2, and 3, 2019! We have room for all! Ask anyone who has ever attended - and many attend more than once! This is the best gift you will ever give your spouse - and your marriage! For more information or to make reservations, use one of the handouts in the back of the church, or call Deacon John or Cheryl Wagner at 563.391.2805. Make this a memorable 2019!!

Church Calendar

Halligan McCabe DeVries will NOT be providing calendars this year. They extend their apologies for any confusion or inconvenience this may cause.

Christian Service Ministry

Christian Service is asking for your help and donations during the Advent season. Now until January 13th we are collecting new or gently used backpacks that will be filled during Lent *Blessing Bags* to give to the homeless. More information will be coming before and during Lent about these *Blessing Bags*. Please place the backpack in the box in the Gathering Space by the main church doors.

Menards currently has adult backpacks for \$7.00. Stop by the Victory Voucher table and pickup a Menards gift card or two to purchase the backpack. Paul says in Romans 1: 11-12, "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong-that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." Together we are stronger and more effective than we are by ourselves. We are a community called to help those less fortunate than we are. Merry Christmas and may the blessings of our Lord be upon each and every one of you.



Consecration to the Holy Family

Families of Our Lady of Victory, you are invited to attend a Consecration to the Holy Family that will take place after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 30th. This is a free event hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Please watch the bulletin for more information about the consecration.

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

John F. Kennedy Catholic School and Guardian Angel Pre-School

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



Social Justice

The Social Justice commission promotes solutions to problems that attack human dignity, oppress people, and contribute to poverty. We bring Catholic Social Teachings into parish life with educational programs and action oriented activities.