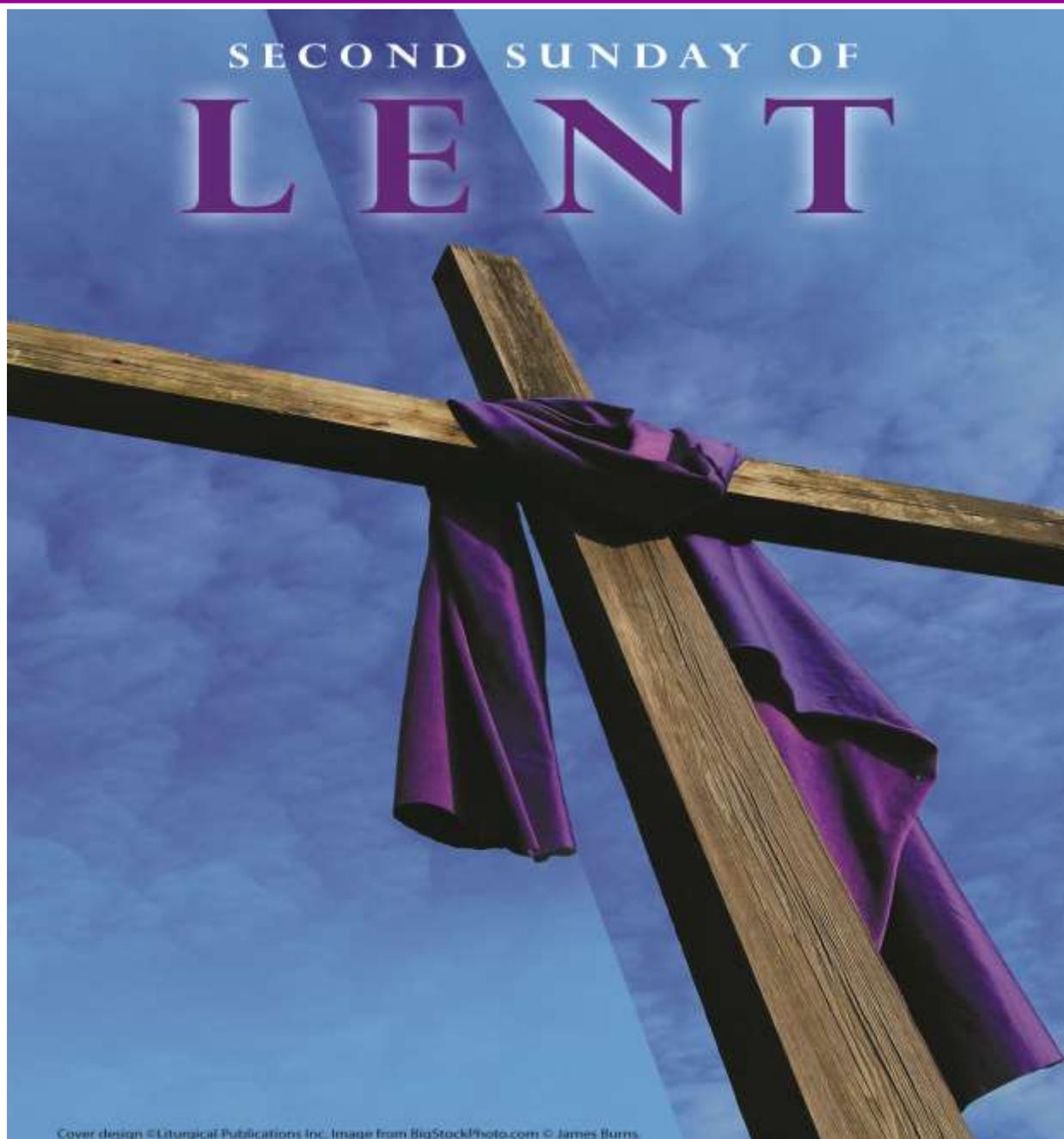


WELCOME TO THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

-Mission Statement-

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



March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Thursdays During Lent - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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....

I hope and pray that each of you are having a blessed Lent. As we continue to meditate on the one question for Lent (How can I love better?), the Gospel for this weekend poses a unique challenge. Let me explain by first telling a story.

An eight-year-old boy was not happy with his Dad because he was being told that he had to go visit his great-grandmother in the nursing home again. "That place smells," protested the boy. "Most of the people are taking naps," he continued with a growing sense of resolve. However, when the boy's eyes met his father's, he decided to say what he was really thinking: "Granny will not remember we were even there...she never does." The father looked at his son with frustration. However, he decided to negotiate, so he said, "After we are done visiting Granny, we will go out for ice cream." The father thought that his ice cream loving son would jump at the opportunity. However, the boy instead said, "There is plenty of ice cream here." This response poured fuel on the father's frustration, and he was getting ready to respond to his son when his wife walked into the room. She looked at both of them with a sheepish smile since she overheard the conversation in the kitchen, and she said to her son after a brief moment: "I know that you do not want to go, but remember that you are visiting your great grandmother, who helped us to be a family. Without her, none of us would be here." Her son did not respond, so she bent down on her knee and said, "You are also helping Jesus when you go to the nursing home to visit Granny and her friends because you make them happy. You remember how Granny smiles every time she sees you?" The boy listened and then made the same concluding argument to his mother that he made to his father: "She will not remember, so it does not matter." She then said to her son, "Jesus will know that you visited Granny for Him, and this is more important than anything else."

This story points to the fact that in our everyday lives we forget about the Kingdom of God being built up around us. Like the boy, many times we do not do the things we should do because they are hard or we do not enjoy them. The latter is truly a challenge because if we could physically see how we were affecting the Kingdom of God, I have no doubt that we would live our lives very differently. However, we often lose sight of how we are being called to love God and our neighbor in the everyday moments of our lives. We focus on what we want to experience, but again, there is always something greater going on than our own personal experience. God's Kingdom is greater and far more important than anything we could ever imagine, so this is the reason that we have to grow in our love.

Peter, James, and John were forgetting about the important mission that Jesus had to fulfill--His death and resurrection. Therefore, the transfiguration was a moment where they were able to see how Jesus fit into the salvation history (this is the reason Moses and Elijah were present). They could also come closer to understanding that they could not rely only on what is seen. Jesus was more than a carpenter's son from Nazareth. Jesus was more than a person who performed miraculous deeds. Jesus was the "chosen Son" of God as the voice told the three Apostles. The latter is knowledge that would help Peter, James, and John put everything together after Jesus's crucifixion in Jerusalem. Ultimately, this knowledge undoubtedly helped them to love more, even unto death since all three of them were martyred for their commitment to following Jesus.

As we continue with our Lenten journey, let us pray that our minds and hearts may be more fully opened to how we are called to build up God's Kingdom. It is truly present in our lives, but we need to be able to love enough to contribute to continued construction--one soul at a time!

Finally, I want everyone to know that you will be receiving a letter from me this week in regards to our annual Stewardship of Treasure Renewal. Our theme for this year is "Joyful Living, Grateful Giving," which reflects how each of us is being called to live our lives in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you in advance for your continue support of OLV! We will be giving updates about the renewal over the next three weeks.

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!

Happenings in the Parish Family

Please continue to Pray for Our Sick: Jeanne Bacon, Dottie Becker, Jim Blubaugh, Tracey Carlson, Mick Clark, Shirley Corbin, Thee De Cook, Trudy Dells, Mark Deppe, Amy Earnest, Julie Gacke, Angie Harris, Ben Hochstatter, Chuck Husted, Joe Janeczko, Annette Johnson, Martha Jones, Shirley Kilfoy, Carolyn Kuebler, Miguel Lopez, Pat Maring, Jim McCarthy, Brent Meyer, Jane Meyer, Janie Mitchell, David Nitzel, Darlene Nolan, Becky Pilcher, Colleen Ryan, Kenneth Scodeller, Christian Tilkens, Vincent Welk, Suzie Yackley.

Baptisms: Esmerelda Rose, daughter of Edgar & Kayla (Ramker) Rios; and Weston Carter, son of Tristan & Ruthanne (Ramker) Morse. Congratulations on their spiritual birthday.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for Carmen Cowan, mother of Diane Grandinetti; Fred De Splinter, uncle of Dawn (Matt) Henning; and Stan Czachowski III, who recently passed away. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Mass Schedule and Parish Events



Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:00 AM † Bud & Betty Frimml & Mark Andresen
 4:30 PM † Patrick & Charles Hagner

Sunday, March 17, 2019

7:00 AM † Louetta & Leonard Slattery
 9:00 AM For the Parish
 11:00 AM † Mindy Karwath

Monday, March 18, 2019

7:00 AM † Carole Micklewright

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

7:00 AM † Dr. Les Schaefer

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

7:00 AM † Pat Moe
 7:40 AM † Ade Kurt

Thursday, March 21, 2019

7:00 AM † George & Joan Stack

Friday, March 22, 2019

7:00 AM † Msgr. James Parizek

Saturday, March 23, 2019

8:00 AM † Fr. William Meyer
 4:30 PM † Kevin Kavanaugh

Sunday March 24, 2019

7:00 AM For the Parish
 9:00 AM † Helen Costello
 11:00 AM † Lawrence & Rosemary Nolan

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.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, March 24th - 3:00 PM
 Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Monday, March 25th - 6:30 PM
 Our Lady of Victory Church

This Week

Saturday

16 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
 3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)
 4:00 PM Ethical Trade (GS)
 5:30 PM Social Saturday (GS)

Sunday

17 7:00 AM Ethical Trade (CH)
 9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
 10:00 AM Social Sunday
 12:00 PM GriefShare (GSMR)

Monday

18 6:00 PM - 1st Communion Make-up Meeting (JFK CAF)
 7:00 PM Baptism Class (GSMR)

Tuesday

19 6:30 PM Social Action Meeting (GSMR)

Wednesday

20 7:40 AM All School Mass
 9:30 AM Bible Study (GSMR)
 6:00 PM Faith Formation
 7:00 PM High School Youth Night
 7:00 PM Choir Practice (CH)

Thursday

21 9:30 AM Catholic Schools Week Mass (AHS)
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confession (CH)
 7:00 PM Holy Hour (CH)
 7:00 PM Fulfilled Adult Bible Study (GSMR)

Friday

22 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (CH)
 7:00 PM Band Boosters Trivia Night (K Of C)

Saturday

23 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
 3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)

Sunday

24 9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
 12:00 PM GriefShare (GSMR)
 3:00 PM Communal Penance - Our Lady of Lourdes

Visit www.OLVJFK.com for a monthly calendar of parish/school events.

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	



Kindergarten Round-Up and Preschool and Childcare Registration for 2019-20

If you missed the Kindergarten Informational Sessions and Round-Up, please contact the school office as soon as possible. You don't want to miss being put on our list for the next school year!

Some of our classes for 3, 4, and 5 year old preschool and/or childcare already have waiting lists forming for the next school year. Register now while the classes that meet your family's schedule still have openings.



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

This Wednesday we gather to begin a two-part discussion on human sexuality for teens. Gather in the youth room at 7pm for a Lenten repast, followed by confirmation of our Lenten challenge, and the beginning of our conversation. We hope to see you there!

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.



Picture envelopes are here! They have been sent home with the 8th grade students, but if you didn't get yours please ask for them in the office! Picture times are first come, first serve. Early returns on envelopes will have the picture time slots closes to the Mass - late returns will have earlier picture times. Please get them in ASAP, so we can send families their picture time slots.

Practice for Confirmation will be Thursday, April 11, starting at 6pm, and facilitated by Deacon Agnoli. Confirmandi should plan to attend with their sponsor and/or parent.

Mark your calendars for Confirmation on April 13, 2019! Mass will be at 1:30pm, pictures will start in the morning and go until 12:30pm. The time between pictures and Mass will be spent with Bishop Zinkula and getting ready for Mass.

Social Action

The moral imperative to respond to the needs of our neighbors—basic needs such as food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work—is universally binding on our consciences and may be legitimately fulfilled by a variety of means. Catholics must seek the best ways to respond to these needs.



Faith Formation classes meet March 20 and 27.

Our last family meal of the year will be March 27 for the 4th-6th students and their families. All other students will have regular classes that evening.

Our prayers for others flow more easily than those for ourselves. This shows we are made to live by charity.
-C.S. Lewis

Challenge: Write down the names of 10 people you will keep in your prayers throughout Lent.

JFK Band Trivia Night

"The "5th Annual JFK Band Boosters Trivia Night" at the Knights of Columbus is on March 22nd! Doors will open at 6:00 PM and trivia will start at 7:00 PM. Invite your friends and family for a fun, adults-only, night out.

The price is \$100 per table with a maximum of 8 people per table. "Double Downs" and "Mulligans" are included in the price of the table this year and do not need to be purchased separately. You may bring your own snacks. Drinks may be purchased from Knights of Columbus.

Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place teams. It will be a fun night! Contact Ethan Connors at ethan.connors@olvjfkmail.com to reserve your space.

All proceeds will go to the JFK Band Boosters in support of the 5th - 8th-grade bands.



Attention Parents of College Students!

There is still time to sign your college student up to receive a care package from OLV. Each care package will contain treats, inspirational material, "fun" items and a letter from the parish. Care Packages will be sent before final semester exams. If you would like your college student to receive a care package we will need their name, mailing address and school that they are attending. If they have any food allergies you can let us know that as well. You can sign them up by contacting Kathy Peterson at 563-388-5192 or by email at RJPeterson5@msn.com There is no cost to receive a care package, however, monetary donations are accepted. Sign up deadline is March 31st. If you have any questions about the program contact Kathy Peterson.



Second Sunday of Lent



Our Lady of Victory
Foundation
Honoring Mary's 150th Birthday

Was it luck that has led you through the good and bad days? Or has it been His plan for you all along?

Legacy or planned giving can be a great tool to contribute to the Foundation later if you are unable to today - just include Our

Lady of Victory Foundation in your estate planning to contribute a portion of your estate (the legal name to specify is Our Lady of Victory Foundation.) There are samples on our website of ways to accomplish this. A set amount, a percentage, or as a contingent bequest are options a lawyer can help you with when reviewing your Last Will and Testament papers.

Join the growing number of parishioners who have included the Our Lady of Victory Foundation in their plans.

Stewardship Moment

Many who make the decision to put God first in their budgets find their faith deepened, and far from being impoverished, find themselves enriched. Giving of our time, talent and treasure is not about giving until it hurts. Rather, it is about giving until we feel good about it.

Blessing Bags

We've all been there: stopped at a red light with someone standing beside your car asking for money. Here's a simple way to help the homeless: *Blessing Bags*. Blessing bags are a simple concept, but a wonderful way to serve.

This is week two of the Lenten season and this week, we are asking for donations of:

- socks-new or gently used
- nail clippers for fingers and toes
- heavy duty gallon zip lock bags to put our items in

We will be filling the backpacks with items we have collected to be handed out at The Center, King's Harvest or Humility of Mary's homeless shelter. If you would rather give a monetary donation, put it in an envelope labeled Blessing Bags and drop it in the collection basket or the Parish Office.

Galatians 5:13, 6:9-10 states, "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature, rather, serve one another in love. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Come, donate, love one another and you will reap a harvest.



Hunger Ministry

If you signed up to bring a dish to Zion Lutheran Church for the hungry, please bring it to the Parish Center on Tuesday, March 26th between 3:00 PM and 5:15 PM. Food for 10-12 people should be brought in a disposable container. Please contact Rich at 563-343-1580 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your generosity in serving the hungry of our community!



Lent has already started but here are some creative ideas to add or do to better yourself and help others.

1. Don't buy anything you don't NEED. If you can live without it you don't need it. Donate what you saved during Lent by doing this.
2. Throw away 40 things for 40 days. Each day pick out 40 items you don't need and donate them.
3. Find 40 tasks of decluttering or cleaning. Decluttering is a way to free up the things that hold you back....material things. Donate to organizations that can use the items.
4. No Gossiping! This is much harder than it sounds.
5. No eating after dinner.
6. Give up soda or alcoholic beverages. Your body will thank you. Drink water or infuse it with fruit.
7. Say 3 nice things to your spouse and kids daily. Try to do 3 out of the box things during Lent, go beyond saying thank you or good job.
8. Don't eat out for 40 days. Make easy meals you can enjoy as a family.
9. Replace 30 minutes of TV time with 30 extra minutes of devotion/prayer time. Involve the whole family.
10. Don't complain. We often whine and complain about things, but we need to try to have a positive outlook on things. You don't realize how much you complain until you give it up. "Do everything without arguing or complaining....Philippians 2:14.

Encounter Lent

For Annet and her family, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all refugees in search of safety and security, after fleeing violence and hardship. We pray to the Lord...

For those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities. We pray to the Lord...



JFK/OLV Plant Sale

The 2nd Annual OLV/JFK Plant Sale is now in full swing! Color brochures and order forms are available in the Gathering Space and Parish Office.

New this year: Online Only BONUS BUYS! Please visit the website for online shopping opportunities.

<http://www.janetsjungle.com/davenport-jfk-catholic-school.html>

Plant Sale Order dates:
March 5th - April 3rd

Order Pickup dates: May 1st & 2nd in the Parish Center





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Any male 18 years or older and Catholic may join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact John Diggs at 563-940-3914 for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Lenten Fish Fry Friday's are every Friday throughout Lent at the K of C Hall - 1111 35th Street, Davenport from 4:30 PM to 6:45 PM. Buffet includes: Fried Catfish, Baked White Fish, Potatoes, Vegetable and Salad. Cost is \$12 adult, \$8 Children (8 and Under), 5 Pieces of Shrimp available for an additional \$4. Hope to see you there!



St. Anne's Circle would like to thank everyone for participating in this year's Euchre Night held last Saturday, March 9th. Lots of laughter and conversation was shared. Thank you to the people who helped set up, clean up and tear down. A special thank you to those that stayed and help set up the parish center tables for the next activity.

Congratulations to our winners:
 1st place - Steve and Char McGovern
 2nd place - Chuck Gerlach and Kevin Luster
 50/50 - Fred Wendl.

We look forward to seeing everyone return next year and those who weren't able to attend this year.

Special Collection

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish we collected \$1,549.00 to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Butterfly Blessings

Butterfly Blessings, an annual gathering for those who have been touched by the death of an infant before or shortly after birth will be held Saturday, March, 23rd at 2:00pm at Trinity Medical Center, Rock Island. It includes personal stories, music, a candle lighting ceremony and a simple craft project made in remembrance of the baby. For information or to pre-register, please call Trinity Pastoral Care at 309-779-2989 or email mary.colwell@unitypoint.org. Butterfly Blessings is an intergenerational, interactive experience intended to give families a place to publicly remember their children and honor their grief. There is no cost for this event.

Church/Parish Office

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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

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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 Nurse.....563-391-4724
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:

Connie Creen 563-386-3645
Joan or Leon Dahl 563-386-4073



Interested in Joining Our Parish?

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us and invite you to consider joining our parish community. Stop by the information kiosk in the Gathering Space to pick up a packet of materials with further details. We'd genuinely like to connect your family to our family of faith and hope that you will allow us to be part of your spiritual journey.