

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.



**Let he who is without
sin cast the first
stone.**

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Masses

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

Easter Masses

Saturday, April 20th Easter Vigil - 8:30 PM
Sunday, April 21st 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....

This weekend's Gospel passage from the 11th chapter of John describes how Jesus raised his friend, Lazarus, from the dead. I have meditated for hours upon this passage throughout my life because of how Jesus reacts to this particular situation involving his close friend, and I believe that his actions can help us to better understand how Christ wants to help us in our lives.

This passage reveals just how much Jesus cares for us. We hear in this Gospel reading that the Jews were going to try to kill Him if He went back to the area where Martha, Mary, and Lazarus lived, but he knew that He must take the risk in order to help His friend. As with the entirety of the Gospel of John, we also hear how this event is going to be a "sign" which will point to the glory of the Kingdom of God. Jesus will not stay away from us because He wants to give us gifts of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, Jesus provides grace upon grace, mercy upon mercy, to us no matter where we are at in our lives. Even our personal sinfulness will not keep away our Lord who desires to be our friend. When I feel as if I'm becoming estranged from Christ, I remember what He did for Lazarus, and this gives me hope that Christ will meet me in my deepest need.

After Jesus made the trip, we hear about Jesus' emotional response to the situation. Jesus wept for his friend and his family, but he also consoled those who were living. In the funeral rite of the Catholic Church, this event is recalled at burials because of how profound Jesus' love exists for each of us: "Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn and dry the tears of those who weep." Jesus is constantly moved by our needs. He is not distant. Jesus wants to provide us consolation in the midst of our grief and sorrow, especially by his words from Sacred Scripture. It is definitely difficult for us to receive these words of comfort in the midst of our grief and sorrow, but we need to remember he is there. The latter is the reason that the funeral Mass provides so much comfort because Jesus is truly present through the Eucharist we celebrate.

Martha and Mary assumed that Jesus was too late. Their disappointment is something that we can relate to in our own lives because we all have had unmet expectations. We all have experienced unanswered prayers. However, what Jesus did for their brother was something that they could not even have imagined, so the same is true in our lives. If we remain faithful to God, we will come to experience his love and mercy in ways that we cannot imagine because of the limitations that come from being human. As my spiritual director once told me, "Jake, it is good that God is bigger than our prayers because we simply do not fully understand how the Kingdom of God is at work in the world."

Finally, the image of rolling away the stone is one that has captured the minds of many different spiritual writers over the history of the Church. For me, this action of rolling away the stone means that we have to do some things in our life that we do not fully understand, and we also have to do some things that are difficult. Even though we do not understand or we face difficulties, we are confident that our faithfulness will be rewarded by Jesus Christ. As the Mother of Jesus said earlier in the Gospel of John to the servers at the wedding feast of Cana ("do whatever he tells you to do"), we simply need to respond to Jesus' invitation to discipleship.

Our Lady of Victory, please pray that we may come to love better through our meditation on the life of your son, Jesus Christ.

Happenings in the Parish Family

Please continue to Pray for Our Sick and their Caregivers: Jeanne Bacon, Dottie Becker, Michael Bihl, Jim Blubaugh, Marie Bruhn, 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, Janie Mitchell, David Nitzel, Darlene Nolan, Becky Pilcher, Colleen Ryan, Kenneth Scodeller, Christian Tilkens, Vincent Welk, Suzie Yackley.

Baptism: Lainie JoEllen daughter of Casey & Amanda (Albrecht) Hoffmann. Congratulations on her spiritual birthday!

Rest in Peace: Please pray for Joyce Keller, mother of David (Nancy) Keller; Gerald York, brother of Connie (Vince) Welk, who recently passed away. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Mass Schedule and Parish Events



Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:00 AM † Ed Masterson
4:30 PM † Mitchell Hayes

Sunday, April 7, 2019

7:00 AM † Paul Murphy
9:00 AM † VanDeSompele & Werthmann Families
11:00 AM For the Parish

Monday, April 8, 2019

7:00 AM † Dr. John Bishop

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

7:00 AM † Geheren & Micklewright Families

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

7:00 AM † Wilbur Crawford
7:40 AM † Eleonore & Lee Hymel

Thursday, April 11, 2019

7:00 AM † Cathy Berta
10:30 AM (RC) † Bill Quick

Friday, April 12, 2019

7:00 AM † Bud & Betty Frimml, Mark Andresen

Saturday, April 13, 2019

8:00 AM † Fr. William Meyer
4:30 PM † Doug Wallace

Sunday April 14, 2019

7:00 AM † Margaret Schlue
9:00 AM For the Parish
11:00 AM † Marilyn Zeimet

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.

Stewardship Prayer Warriors

The U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter emphasizes care for God's creation as an essential part of Christian stewardship. This month please pray that God will guide our daily actions and thoughts to become better stewards of the earth. Ask Him to bless our efforts to act responsibly, use resources wisely, and make prudent choices so that planet Earth is kept healthy and clean.

To be added to the email group that receives 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.



This Week

Saturday

6

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)
Blood pressure checks after 4:30 PM Mass
Expectant parent blessing after 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday

7

Blood pressure checks after all Masses
Expectant parent blessing after all Masses
9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
12:00 PM GriefShare (GSMR)
3:00 PM Vigil Mass Music Practice (CH)

Monday

8

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (PC)
7:00 PM Stewardship Committee (GSMR)

Tuesday

9

6:00 PM K of C Meeting (PC Tiled)
7:00 PM Liturgy Committee (GSMR)

Wednesday

10

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

11

9:30 AM Queen of Heaven (GSMR)
10:30 AM Ridgecrest Mass (RC)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confession (CH)
6:00 PM Confirmation Practice (CH)
7:00 PM Holy Hour (CH)

Friday

12

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (CH)
6:30 PM Bunco Ladies Night (PC)

Saturday

13

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
1:30 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Mass (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)

Sunday

14

Palm Sunday
9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
11:00 AM American Sign Language for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (CH)
12:00 PM Deaf Community Social Hour (GSMR)
12:00 PM GriefShare (GS)
3:00 PM Vigil Music Practice (CH)

CH-Church

GS-Gathering Space

GSMR-Gathering Space Meeting Room

JFK SR-JFK Staff Room

MC-Media Center

PC-Parish Center

RC-Ridgecrest

SC-Silvercrest

YR-Youth Room

April 7, 2019



JFK School

Return Tuition Contracts.
Register for Preschool and Childcare

Tuition contracts for next year's K-8 students should be returned before the end of April in order to receive the discount. Please return them with the registration fee as soon as possible so we can make plans for the 2019-2020 school year. Some of our classes for 3, 4, and 5 year old preschool and/or childcare already have waiting lists forming for the 2019-20 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 is youth night! Join us in the youth room from 7-9pm for great conversations on topics relevant to your life! We'll finish up our discussion on relationships this week, and move into our topics for April. As always we'll have lots of food, fun, and time with friends!

Only one Middle School youth night remains this school year! Join us in May for our end of school blow out!

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.



Confirmation is this week! Make sure all your forms and service reflections are turned in.

Practice for Confirmation will be Thursday, April 11, starting at 6pm, in the Gathering Space at church. Practice will last for 1 hour, and be facilitated by Deacon Agnoli. Confirmandi should plan to attend with their sponsors and/or parent.

Mark your calendars for Confirmation on April 13, 2019. Mass will be at 1:30pm, pictures will start at 10:45 in the morning and go until 12:30pm. All teens should be present for pictures - individual orders have individual time slots, all others should come by 10:45 for group pictures. The time between pictures and Mass will be spent with Bishop Zinkula and then getting ready for Mass.



Faith Formation classes meet April 10, 17, 24, and May 1.

First Communion practice is Thursday April 25 at 6:00pm. Please meet in the Gathering Space at church. Practice will last one hour. First Communion is Sunday April 28 at 1:30pm.

Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.
-St. Catherine of Siena

Challenge: If you have felt frustrated or tempted to despair lately, reflect on Christ's sacrifice on the cross

Attention Parents of College Students!

We are seeking monetary donations for the cost of the mailing and to purchase items for the packages. Please place monetary donations in the offertory basket in an envelope marked "College Care Packages" or drop them off at the rectory. Checks should be made out to "Our Lady of Victory". Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.



Please keep our college students in your prayers.

If you would like to help in the assembly of the care packages we will be meeting on Monday, April 22 at 7 pm in the parish center on the carpeted side. Assembly takes less than an hour. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Peterson at 563-388-5192 or email:

RJPeterson5@msn.com



Bunco is Back! Ladies Night Out-Friday
April 12!

Come socialize, meet new people, enjoy a well deserved night out, and play a fun game that requires no special skills! Even if you've never played Bunco come and learn—it is super easy. All that's required is to know how to toss dice, add to 21, recognize 3 of a kind, be willing to have a great time, and knowing how to have a good laugh. Cost to play is \$10 per person; bring a snack to share, and BYOB. Proceeds will benefit those attending NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in November 2019. Come alone or bring a friend or two however there is no pressure to fill a table. Doors open at 6:30PM and play begins at 7PM in the OLV Parish Center. Prizes will be awarded for the winner, loser, and person with the most Bunco's. If you have questions call or text Jennifer Wemhoff at 563-508-2346.

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Tax Season: Some contributors to the Our Lady of Victory Foundation have tied their annual 300 Club Gift to this time of year when perhaps there is a refund to utilize or they are in touch with God's blessings over the last year. Whatever time is right for you and your family, the Foundation doors are always open to help build for future generations.

Stewardship Moment

In reality, stewardship is our decision to build the parish through participation and financial support. There is no minimum gift, nor a maximum.



Blessing Bags

Luke 6:35-38 states, "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." The final weeks of Lent are upon us and as we give, we will be rewarded as Luke states, especially if we do not judge while giving.

The last items on our list of needs for the *Blessing Bags* are: mints, gum, beef jerky, granola or breakfast bars, crackers with cheese or peanut butter, trail mix or nuts, any non-perishable snack items. Christian Service Ministry will fill the bags and after Easter, will hand out the filled bags-our *Blessing Bags*-to you to put in your car to give to those in need when you see them. The filled backpacks will be delivered to the homeless shelters in downtown Davenport. What a blessing each of you are to those in need in our community. Thank you and have a blessed Easter and Easter season.



A seizure is a short change in normal brain activity that can cause changes in awareness, behavior, or body movement. Seizures are the main sign of epilepsy, a brain disorder that causes repeated seizures. Seizures can also be caused by other medical problems such as high fever, low blood sugar, or drug or alcohol withdrawal. About 1 out of 10 people may have a seizure during their lifetime, which means seizures are common. It's important to recognize when a seizure is happening and know how to help. Most seizures are not like on TV where the person falls to the ground, shaking and becoming unaware about what's going on around them. That is one kind of a seizure but, the most common type is where the person may seem confused, stare into space, wander, make unusual movements, or be unable to answer questions or talk. Some people with seizures feel sensations such as a strange taste or smell or a "funny feeling" in their stomach. Not all seizures are emergencies, and most will stop on their own within a few minutes. The first response is to remain calm and provide care and comfort. Time the seizure, and check for a medical identification bracelet or other emergency information. Stay with the person until the seizure ends or is fully awake. After it ends, explain to them what happened. Most seizures do not require emergency medical attention. Only call 911 if one or more of the following are true:

- 1) The person has never had a seizure before.
- 2) The person has difficulty breathing or waking after the seizure.
- 3) The seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes
- 4) The person has another seizure soon after the first one
- 5) The person is hurt during the seizure
- 6) The seizure happens in water
- 7) The person has a health condition like diabetes, heart disease, or is pregnant.

If the person is having a generalized tonic-clonic seizure also called a grand mal seizure here are additional things you can do for them. Ease the person to the floor, turn the person gently onto one side, this will help the person breathe. Clear the area around the person of anything hard or sharp to prevent injury. Put something flat and soft, like a folded jacket under his or her head. Remove eyeglasses, loosen ties or anything around the neck that may make it hard to breathe. Time the seizure and call 911 if it lasts longer than 5 minutes.



If one of your Lenten Resolutions this year is to declutter and purge, then here is an opportunity for you to give back to our parish community. The Wellness Committee is having their annual Book Sale on June 1st and 2nd and the proceeds go to the Wellness scholarship program as well as other health related projects. We need gently used books for all ages, DVD's and CD's. Collection bins are located inside the winter entrance and by the main door of the church. Any items not sold at the book sale will be given to the Rummage Sale which will take place later in June. Thank you for your support of our Health Ministry Team and Wellness Committee.

WE NEED YOU!



If you are looking to live out your faith in the spirit of charity by helping others, our OLV Knights of Columbus Council welcomes you to join them! We will be holding a membership drive after all the Masses this weekend, April 6 & 7. Stop by and see us after Mass, let us answer your questions or sign-up. You will not be disappointed. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Willows at 563-570-0476.

- Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 20th starting 11 AM at the soccer field behind JFK.
- Bring the entire family to Holy Week Services: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Knights will be at the church to act as escorts after Friday Night Adoration.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**



Book Drive

*Help give our children parishioners
new books for Mass.*

Our children parishioners are in need of some new books to read during Mass. If you would like to help, follow the link below or scan the QR Code to check out the requested books.



Social Action

Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. . . . If we understand the human person as the "temple of the Holy Spirit"—the living house of God—then these issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house's foundation. (Living the Gospel of Life, no. 22)

Church/Parish Office

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Deacon Al Boboth

Deacon Marc Mosse

Deacon John Wagner

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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 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:

Marcia Dietz - 563-370-9685

Martha Gilbert - 563-326-3970



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.