

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 no one ever come to you
without leaving better and
happier. Be the living expression
of God's kindness: kindness in
your face, kindness in your eyes,
kindness in your smile.

Mother Teresa

September 1, 2019

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Visit our website at: www.olvjfk.com

Welcome to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish

A Message from Fr. Jake....

In a recent conversation with a non-Catholic, I was asked the following question: "If you were going to describe the Catholic Church in one word, what would it be?" My immediate response to him was to say, "That is a good question." Maybe all of us should take some time to think about the one word that we would use to describe the Catholic Church. As I will explain below, my response focused on a central tenet of the Catholic faith. However, the way that someone else answers this question might reveal what this individual is currently thinking about the Catholic Church. There is no right answer, so this was a good question for me to reflect upon.

I did take a couple of seconds to ponder the question, and my mind did gravitate towards a response: "The one word that I would use to describe the Catholic Church is thanksgiving." The person was surprised by my answer. He thought that I was saying something related to my role of being a priest ("clergy," "authority," "obedience," or "service"), but I explained that I chose my one word from the meaning of Eucharist, which is derived from the Greek word for thanksgiving. The gift of Jesus' Body and Blood, his very self, is the reality that all Catholics should truly rejoice in receiving. Thanksgiving is sometimes the only adequate response to all the blessings and gifts that we have received from God. There are times when I am celebrating Mass when I am simply stunned by what happens through my action of being "in persona Christi," which means that I stand in the person of Jesus Christ.

The gentlemen, after I tried explaining my answer, responded in a way that took me by surprise: "If that is your belief, shouldn't Catholics spend every possible moment in Church close to Jesus?" I immediately responded, "no," but I do not believe he was convinced given the rest of the conversation. Since I have had some more time to reflect on my response, I now have a few more thoughts that I think would help to answer this gentlemen's follow-up question about how we should live in light of the Eucharist.

The Second Vatican Council proclaimed that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, 11), but from the first moments of the Church after its formation at Pentecost, Christians were gathering to celebrating the Eucharist to give thanks for the blessings that come from Christ's gift of himself:

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age (MT 28: 16-20)

Christ promised to be with his disciples always, and the celebration of the Eucharist is one of the most tangible ways that we get to experience his constant presence among us. Therefore, the celebration of the Eucharist is truly the privileged time when we get to receive a Sacrament that nourishes us, unites Catholics throughout the world, and forgives our venial sins by Christ himself. However, the words of the Christ to the Apostles, and to all of us as well, say that we are not to stay in one place all the time, but we are to go out to all people and share the "good news" of Jesus Christ. There are contemplative religious sisters, religious brothers, and laity who feel called to focus primarily on a life of prayer, which will be spent primarily in a monastery or another single location, but for most of us, we need to witness to Christ in our day-to-day interactions in the world. Our belief about the Eucharist should give us added energy and focus to tell others about the amazing gift that Christ wants to offer to everyone.

In sum, the greatest thing we can do is to give thanks to God by living our lives in such a way that points other people towards him. Therefore, I will stick with my one word response...but on the other hand, the vast nature of our faith does require us to sometimes use more than one word to convey what the Catholic Church is about.

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us.

Happenings in the Parish Family

Please continue to Pray for Our Sick and their Caregivers: Jeanne Bacon, Jeannie Barnett, Larry Barnett, Michael Bihl, Tracey (Dietz) Carlson, Jack Clark, Mick Clark, Kim Clary, Thee De Cook, Trudy Dells, Mark Deppe, Amy Earnest, Tim Fox, Julie Gacke, Rosina Gerardy, Denny Hammill, Angie Harris, Ben Hochstatter, Chuck Husted, Joe Janeczko, Martha Jones, Loretta Kelley, Shirley Kilfoy, Carolyn Kuebler, Miguel Lopez, Pat Maring, Jim McCarthy, Lois McGregor, Nick Miller, Janie Mitchell, Nancy Moore, David Nitzel, Darlene Nolan, Ruth Petersen, Colleen Ryan, Kenneth Scodeller, Christian Tilkens, Vincent Welk, Suzie Yackley.

Bans of Marriage: Il Austin Miller & Marinda Clauson

Mass Schedule and Parish Events



Saturday, August 31, 2019

- 8:00 AM † Pat Moe
- 4:30 PM † Kevin Kavanaugh

Sunday, September 1, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Jim & Mark Ellison
- 9:00 AM † Mildred Marietta
- 11:00 AM For the Parish

Monday, September 2, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Adam Herrig

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Coletta Logel

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Louetta & Leonard Slattery
- 7:40 AM † Fr. William Meyer
- 9:30 AM † Jack Groene (SC)

Thursday, September 5, 2019

- 7:00 AM † VanDeSompele & Werthmann Families

Friday, September 6, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Vivian Kapolka

Saturday, September 7, 2019

- 8:00 AM † Mary & Ignatius Nguyen
- 4:30 PM † Leo Kilfoy

Sunday September 8, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Jeffrey, Joey & Josh Dietz
- 9:00 AM For the Parish
- 11:00 AM † Frankie & Maggie Vinajeras

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.

PARISH LIFE	
<i>Your Gifts Make A Difference</i>	
Fiscal Year runs July 1 to June 30	
As of 8/30/2019	
Adult Envelopes	\$128,379.00
Electronic Giving	\$71,336.00
Offertory	\$6,808.00
Total Contributions	\$206,523.00
YTD Budget Needed	\$208,827.00
Overage/ (shortfall)	(\$2,304.00)



First Friday Adoration will be Friday, September 6th from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Space.

This Week

Saturday

- 31** 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)

Sunday

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

Monday

- 2** Labor Day - Parish office closed

Tuesday

- 3** 6:00 PM St. Gabriel's Circle Meeting (PC)
6:30 PM Board of Education (GSMR)

Wednesday

- 4** 7:40 AM All School Mass (CH)
9:30 AM Bible Study (GSMR)
9:30 AM Silvercrest Mass (SC)
6:00 PM Faith Formation (JFK School)
6:00 PM Fertility Awareness Info Session (GSMR)
7:00 PM Choir (CH)
7:00 PM High School Youth Night (YR)

Thursday

- 5** 12:00 PM Nourish for Caregivers (GSMR)
6:00 7th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting (PC)
7:00 PM Holy Hour (CH)
7:00 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting (PC)

Friday

- 6** 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM Adoration (CH)
6:00 PM Jr High Youth Night (PC)

Saturday

- 7** 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)
Blood Pressure Check - After 4:30 PM Mass (CH)
Expectant Parent Blessing - After 4:30 PM Mass (CH)

Sunday

- 8** Blood Pressure Check - After all Masses (CH)
Expectant Parent Blessing - After all Masses (CH)
9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
11:00 AM America Sign Language for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Mass (CH)
12:00 PM Deaf Community Social Hour (GSMR)
12:15 PM GriefShare (GS)
4:00 PM Adult Bible Study - Wisdom (GSMR)
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study (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	



JFK welcomes Norma Kuehn and Sara Nicoletto to the teaching staff!

Open Positions

School Counselor: We will have a full-time school counselor position available for the 2019-20 school year. To apply for this position, please send a copy of one's license, resume, letter of interest, and references to: chad.steimle@olvjfkmail.com.

Open Teaching Positions (can be combined and/or combined with Aide Position):

Part-time elementary school teacher for 5th grade and/or reading intervention. To apply, please send email - chad.steimle@olvjfkmail.com; letter of interest, resume, copy of IA teaching license (with endorsements noted), and references.

Approximately 6 hrs per week Title I interventionist to provide math support to elementary-age students during the school day. Iowa K-6 elementary license required. Can be combined with above position. **Contact Kitty Temming at 563-391-3030** for more information.

Instructional Aide: PT or FT instructional aide position. Send resume to school office or request application from the school office.



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

Happy Labor Day!

High school youth ministry gathers this week for youth night on Wednesday night at 7pm. We've got NCYC on the agenda, along with September youth events, and a discussion about youth ministry's future at OLV.

Middle school ministry will kick off on September 6th at 6pm! We'll be eating pizza, playing water balloon ultimate, and sharing about our faith lives.

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 and special summer events as well!

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



Confirmation Parent Meetings are set for Thursday, September 5th. Both meetings will be held in the carpeted side of the parish center. Seventh grade parents are invited at 6pm, and Eighth grade parents are invited at 7pm.



Faith Formation classes begin on September 4 with a family event at 6PM in the school cafeteria. Families are encouraged to attend with their students for a fun filled hour to kick off the year.

If you have not registered your student for Faith Formation yet, please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms are available at the school office, parish office, in the kiosk in the Gathering Space, and online.

I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days, before you've actually left them.
-Andy Bernard, "The Office"

Challenge: Savor every moment today! Think about what special moments you've experience this past week.



Altar Server Training

All boys and girls of the parish (4th grade and up) interested in serving at Mass are invited to attend Altar Server training in the church on Saturday, September 14th from 9:30 am - 11:00 am.

At least one parent is needed to complete the necessary paperwork. If you have any questions, please [contact the Parish office at: 563-391-4245](mailto:parish@olvjfkmail.com).

Fertility Awareness Info Session

Come join us on Wednesday, September 4th at 6pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room to learn how to embrace and respect your fertility. If you fall into one of the following categories, this presentation is for you: married, engaged, or single; work in the healthcare field; infertility; parent or grandparent of a daughter; sponsor couple; struggling with side effects from birth control. Attendees will learn about the body's natural fertility signs and how to monitor and interpret them according to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. Individuals or couples who are interested in learning the method can sign up for a follow up session. Presentation is free and will run 1 hour. Please call [Dr. Marie Ripslinger-Atwater, DC, FCPI, at 563-505-8578](tel:563-505-8578) to RSVP or for more information.

Adult Bible Study

Study St. Paul's 1 Corinthians: Proclaiming Christ Crucified by Stephen J Binz.

Join this six week bible study, good for beginners and advanced students alike.

2 sessions:

- September 16 (Monday's) - 10 AM - 11:30AM in the Gathering Space Meeting Room
- September 19 (Thursdays) - 7 PM -8:30PM at Trish's house.

Books cost \$13, paid at first meeting.

To register or request information contact:

[Trish Gallagher: galtrish@gmail.com](mailto:galtrish@gmail.com) or [leave message/voicemail at 563-508-8377](tel:563-508-8377)

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The 2018 annual report has been mailed recapping our progress and recognizing donors, memorials, and honorariums throughout the year. If you did not receive one in the mail, extra copies will be in the Gathering Space kiosk and the Parish office. You can also find the latest copy on the website foundation pages (<https://www.olvjfk.com/olv/olv-foundation/foundation-facts/>). Special thanks to all the families that shared their thoughts on what the Foundation means to them. We are truly blessed to be a Foundation supported by so many of our OLV and JFK families. Read it from cover to back to check out the Board Member spotlight, too!

Stewardship Moment

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give way to hopes of repayment, but to contribute openly to the poor and needy. We sometimes have difficulty with this since our culture emphasizes rewards even for charitable giving—raffle tickets, tax breaks, dinner, recognition, etc. God’s gifts were not given to be used as bargaining chips. Preoccupation with repayment is not stewardship.

Stewardship Prayer Warriors

Each month we publish a new prayer intention and invite everyone in the parish to intercede daily for that purpose because prayerful solidarity is critical to inspiring and fostering stewardship as a way of life. And so, during September we pray for workers everywhere—that they be given fair payment for their work, safe conditions in which to labor, and the dignified treatment to which they are entitled.

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.

Support Your Local Choir!

How? If you can sing - join the choir. If you know someone who can sing - encourage and support them to join the choir. If you can’t join the choir - support the choir and the members.

The choir season will begin with practice on Wednesday, September 4th from 7-8:30 pm in the church (use the winter entrance). Our debut this season will be Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 Mass.



Hunger Ministry

The next meal for the hungry at Zion Lutheran Church is **Tuesday, September 24th**. We invite parishioners to donate vegetables, potatoes, salads or desserts for this meal. Sign up in the Gathering Space (food suggestions are provided). Please bring your meal in disposable containers and provide enough food to feed 10-12 people. Gently used disposable containers are available by the sign up sheet. If you have any questions, please call **Rich at 563-343-1580**.



Healing Plant

Aloe Vera can do much more than soothe sunburn. Its stems store water, creating a clear gel-like substance that contains vitamins, antioxidants, minerals, and amino acids. The leaves contain compounds that suppress inflammation, as well as pain relief. Aloe Vera contains agents known to inhibit fungi, bacteria, and viruses, possibly speeding up the healing of wounds.

There are a number of ways to use the Aloe Vera plant and the various gels and extracts that can be made from it. Researchers are continuing to discover new methods to put this succulent to use. Be sure to consult your doctor if you plan to use Aloe



September’s Topic: Roles in Caregiving And Decisions We Face.

Thursday, September 5th at 12:30 PM (GSMR)

Caregiving is doing God’s work. As we are able to embrace this concept, we are able to move with joy and fulfillment in all the tasks and responsibilities associated with caring for another. We become the hands and feet for our Lord to our loved one. If you have any questions, contact **Char at 563-508-3890**.



Please join us September 8th at 12:15pm in the Gathering Space meeting room to begin your journey of healing and gaining you joy of life back after your loss. Any adult with a loss is welcome to join us. The fee is \$10 to help offset the cost of the workbook. A light lunch will be provided. It is not too late to sign up for this program or just come on our first day. Any questions, call **Char at 563-508-3890 or the Rectory at 563-391-4245**. The Bible says there are powerful principles for living that can be learned through grief and loss. "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation ..." (Philippians 4:12).



OLV Parish picnic Saturday, September 21st after 4:30 PM Mass (behind JFK School)

Bring your lawn chairs and your appetite as we will be serving up BBQ catered by Smokin' Butt BBQ, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee and Water will be provided. Beer and Wine Coolers will be available for purchase. Music and Fun for all!

Tickets are \$1 each and Free for children 5 and under (children need to pick up tickets) Tickets sold each weekend until September 14 in the Gathering Space. Tickets may also be purchased at the Parish office.

In addition to your ticket you are asked to bring a dish to share (please bring a serving utensil and mark all dishes and utensils with your name for return).

Last name ending in:
A - H bring Desserts
I - P bring Vegetables
Q - Z bring Salads



Christian Service-Social Action

Racism can be institutional, when practices or traditions are upheld that treat certain groups of people unjustly. The cumulative effects of personal sins of racism have led to social structures of injustice and violence that makes us all accomplices in racism.
USCCB 2018

Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for Catholic Families

A new 12-session program will begin meeting September 10, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. Material cost is \$20. Scholarships for this program would be available. Please contact the parish office for more details. To register contact **Stephanie Zeising**, 319-530-5487 or joyingratitude@gmail.com.

Additional resources for individuals and families affected by divorce or separation are available on the Times of Challenge webpage.



Beloved Widows Of the Midwest

Beloved Widows of the Midwest, Inc. host, Deb Bosewell is inviting all widows in the Quad Cities to a luau luncheon on Saturday, September 21 from 11am-1pm at the Deere Wiman House (yellow house) 817 11th Ave. Moline.

Deb Gustafson from WDLM will be the guest speaker.
Please RSVP by September 17 to 309-883-1127.

Church/Parish Office

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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
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:
Beverly McCreary - 563-391-1394
Georgette Menster - 563-391-1317

To report child abuse, contact: Iowa Department of Human Services
Child Abuse Hotline: 800/362-2178.
If it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens Victim Assistance Coordinator
PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004
563/349-5002, vac@diodav.org