

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.

Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day
your Lord will come. MT 24:42



December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

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 - 7AM, 9AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30-9:00 AM; 3:30-4:10 PM
Thursday's during Advent: December 5, 12, 17th
4 PM to 5:30 PM

Holy Hour: Thursday 7 PM in Church

Welcome to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish

A Message from Fr. Jake....

This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. This liturgical season has the universal Church meditating on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as we also prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. To help with your individual preparation during this holy season, the parish has many special events scheduled along with some resources available for individual parishioners to use.

There is a free resource available called *Best Advent Ever*. If you would like to receive this program's daily email meditations, please sign up on-line at www.bestadventever.com. Generous parishioners once again made *Little Blue Books* available to the parish. These booklets have daily meditations for the Advent Season, and they will be placed at the entrances of the church. If you ordered a copy of the *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph*, you can attend the four group reflection sessions or you can use that resource for your own personal reflection.

The following is the list of extra events that will be held at OLV during the Advent season:

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| November 30 and December 1 | Anointing of the Sick After All Weekend Masses |
| December 5, 4:00PM-5:30PM | Confession - Church |
| December 5, 6:00PM | First Reconciliation |
| December 8, 2:00PM | Christmas Cantata |
| December 9, 7:00AM | Immaculate Conception Mass |
| | Note: Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2019 |
| December 11, 6:00PM | Faith Formation Family Event |
| December 12, 4:00PM-5:30PM | Confession - Church |
| December 15, 3:00PM | Communal Penance at OLV |
| December 16, 6:30PM | Communal Penance at St. John Vianney |
| | Address: 4097 18th Street, Bettendorf |
| December 19, 4:00PM-5:30PM | Confession - Church |
| | Note: Enter Church by Division Street |
| December 24, 4:00PM | Christmas Eve Mass |
| December 24, 6:00PM | Christmas Eve Mass |
| December 24, 10:00PM | Christmas Eve Mass |
| December 25, 7:00 AM | Christmas Day Mass |
| December 25, 9:00AM | Christmas Day Mass |
| December 31, 4:30PM | Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass |
| January 1, 7:00AM | Mary, Mother of God Mass |
| January 1, 9:00AM | Mary, Mother of God Mass |

Our Lady of Victory, please pray that all of us might prepare our hearts and minds well for the celebration of your Son's birth and coming at the end of time!

Happenings in the Parish Family

Please continue to Pray for Our Sick and their Caregivers: Jeanne Bacon, Larry Barnett, Michael Bihl, Delores Blake, Sue Boboth, Tracey (Dietz) Carlson, Gregg Dietz, Mick Clark, Kim Clary, Shannon Colemer, Thee De Cook, Trudy Dells, Mark Deppe, Amy Earnest, Tim Fox, Julie Gacke, Rosina Gerardy, Tate Green, Angie Harris, Ben Hochstatter, Chuck Husted, Steve Jackley, Joe Janeczko, Martha Jones, Loretta Kelley, Shirley Kilfoy, Carolyn Kuebler, Miguel Lopez, Pat Maring, Jim McCarthy, Nick Miller, Janie Mitchell, Nancy Moore, David Nitzel, Darlene Nolan, Colleen Ryan, Kenneth Scodeller, Latricia Straight, Christian Tilkens, Tom Simmons, Jennifer Van Speybroeck, Melba Torres, Vincent Welk, Suzie Yackley.

Bans of Marriage: Il Vincent Santoro & Bibegen Alquisar Entero

Baptisms: Harrison Scott, son of Joesph & Megan (Jones) Masterson; Hudson James, son of Joesph & Megan (Jones) Masterson. Congratulations on your spiritual birthday's!

Rest in Peace: Darlene Finch, sister of Connie Welk. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Mass Schedule and Parish Events



Saturday, November 30, 2019

8:00 AM † Renner & Neltner Families
4:30 PM † Leo Kilfoy

Sunday, December 1, 2019

7:00 AM For the Parish
9:00 AM † Troy Lindaman
11:00 AM † Ignatius Nguyen

Monday, December 2, 2019

7:00 AM † Thomas Stack Sr.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

7:00 AM † Sharon McDonnell

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

7:00 AM † Katie Molyneaux
7:40 AM † Peg Gooder
9:30 AM (SC) † Msgr. James Parizek

Thursday, December 5, 2019

7:00 AM † Ken Stratton

Friday, December 6, 2019

7:00 AM † George Lintz

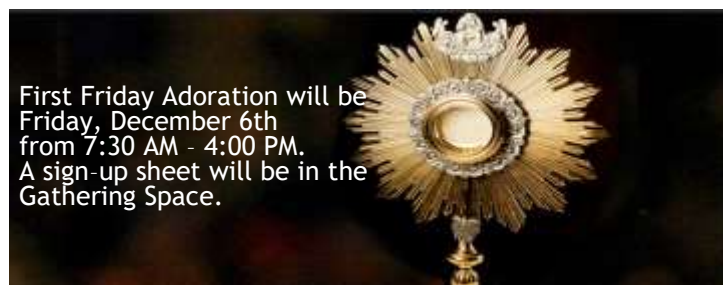
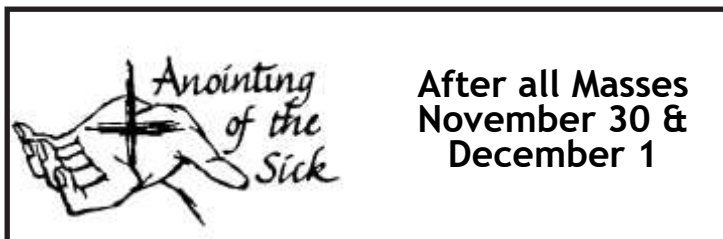
Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:00 AM † Richard Ash
4:30 PM † Joan Frank

Sunday, December 8, 2019

7:00 AM † Paul Murphy
9:00 AM For the Parish
11:00 AM † Christine Schebler

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.



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

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

This Week

Saturday

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

Sunday

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First Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
12:15 PM GriefShare (GSMR)
4:00 PM Advent Adult Bible Study (GSMR)
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study (GSMR)
7:00 PM College Care Package Assembly (PC)

Monday

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

Tuesday

3

6:00 PM St. Gabriel's Circle (PC)
7:00 PM Liturgy Committee (Rectory)

Wednesday

4

9:30 AM Silvercrest Mass (SC)
9:30 AM Bible Study (GSMR)
6:00 PM Faith Formation (JFK/GYM/CAF/PC)
7:00 PM High School Youth Night (YR)
7:00 PM Choir (CH)
7:30 PM Wellness/Social Action Committee Meeting (GSMR)

Thursday

5

12:30 PM Nourish (GSMR)
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Confession (CH)
6:00 PM First Reconciliation (CH)
7:00 PM Holy Hour (CH)

Friday

6

7:30 AM First Friday Adoration (CH)
6:00 PM Jr. High Youth Night

Saturday

7

Blood Pressure Check after 4:30 PM Mass
Expectant Parent Blessing after 4:30 PM Mass
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
9:30 AM - Choir Practice (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)

Sunday

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Second Sunday of Advent
Ribbon Tree Ends
Blood Pressure Check after all Masses
Expectant Parent Blessing after all Masses
9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
11:00 AM American Sign Language for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Mass (CH)
12:00 PM Deaf Community Social Hour (GSMR)
12:15 PM GriefShare (GS)
2:00 PM Christmas Cantata (CH)
3:00 PM Cantata Reception (GS)
4:00 PM Advent Adult Bible Study (GSMR)
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study (GSMR)



JFK had two Mock Trial teams: a 6th grade team and a 7th/8th grade team compete at the Scott County courthouse on November 9th. The teams were coached by Mike Motto and Paul Macek with Mrs. Logan acting as our staff liaison. We are so proud

of all the kids that participated. The following students received individual recognition:
Outstanding attorneys: Olivia F., Sean B., Brandon G., and Elexa A.
Outstanding witnesses: Oscar K., Will A., and Cleary C.



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

Happy Thanksgiving! Hope you had a great holiday weekend! Youth night returns this Wednesday for high school with our monthly planning night - we'll be planning December events, especially our St. Nick's Chili Cook-off! Middle School age youth will also meet this Friday to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas with a white elephant gift exchange and Christmas games, music, etc. in the parish center!

Do you make amazing chili? Are you a phenomenal baker? Do you just like to eat chili and baked desserts? Then we've got something for you! The first ever OLV Youth Ministry St. Nick's chili and baked goods cook off! Join us December 14th after the 4:30pm Mass - tickets are \$10 for the chili, and \$5 for the baked goods.

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 Information

You can now sign up for our River Bend Foodbank day on December 7th! Follow this link to sign up! <http://cerv.is/m?0226rOurLadyofVictory>.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

We are in need of families or individuals during the Advent season, to assist in the lighting of the Advent candles before each Mass starting this weekend (November 30/ December 1). It is an easy way to get involved this Advent season. There are sign-up sheets for each Mass of Advent on the table in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions please ask a Hospitality Minister.



Faith Formation classes meet December 4, 11, and 18.

First Reconciliation is Thursday December 5th at 6:00pm in the church. Please call [Jennifer at 391-8384](tel:391-8384) if you have any questions.

Our Faith Formation Advent Family Event is Wednesday December 11 from 6pm - 7pm in the school cafeteria. Please attend as a family this evening.

Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. -Marcel Proust, Author

Challenge: Think of someone in your everyday life who makes you happy—your teacher, your coworker, your favorite barista—and let them know that you appreciate them.

Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph

The *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph* discussions begin today Sunday, December 1st from 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room at Church. You are not required to participate in the discussion group in order to purchase a book.

Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph may be used as an individual devotional as well this Advent season. Together with the guided meditations found at: rejoiceprogram.com the journal will help you see Advent through Joseph's eyes. Contact [Jennifer at 563-391-8384](tel:563-391-8384) or davolvrek6@diodav.org if you have questions.



Congratulations Bazaar Raffle Winners

Handmade Quilt - Robin Larson
Americal Girl Doll - Jasmine Barnett
\$1000 - Theresa Gehbauer
\$500 - Julianne Fischer
\$200 - Mike Gallagher
\$100 - Judy Blubaugh
\$100 - Joanne Hansen
\$100 Terry Schlue



Communal Penance Service

Communal Penance Service for Advent will be:

- Sunday, December 15th at Our Lady of Victory at 3:00 PM
- Monday, December 16th at St. John Vianney, Bettendorf at 6:30 PM

Additional Confession times for Advent:

Thursdays: December 5th, December 12th and December 19th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Victory

First Sunday of Advent



Can we say Ho, Ho, Ho now that it is December? Did you know that when you shop for the holidays at smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1344392, AmazonSmile donates to Our Lady of Victory Foundation Inc? Have fun this year bringing joy to friends and family knowing a small portion of the gift allows our Foundation to receive a gift, too!



Stewardship Moment

Gratitude is the cornerstone of stewardship. All is a gift for those who see life with the eyes of faith. God gives us our existence, our family, our friends, our talents, and all our material resources. Stewards express their gratitude by a life of generosity.

Stewardship Prayer Warriors

Each month we publish a new prayer intention and invite the parish to join in praying. Together we hope to inspire a new level of stewardship at OLV/JFK. During Advent, we pray for the wisdom to be good stewards of our typical December busyness. We ask God to bless all our works—the decorating, baking, shopping, gift exchanges, and social gatherings—so that we may bring hope, happiness, and the love of Jesus to the world. To be added to the email list to receive prayer intentions electronically, send a message to: olvstewaship@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.

Christmas Rummage Sale



The sale will be Saturday, December 14 from 8 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, December 15 from 7 AM to 1 PM in the Gathering Space Meeting Room. Donations of new or gently used items (no Christmas trees) can be dropped off at the front entrance of the church from Sunday, December 1 to Friday, December 6. If you have larger items or would like us to pick up your donations, please contact [Maureen Mosse](mailto:Maureen.Mosse@parish.org) at 563-386-8658 and we would be happy to do so. Any questions, please contact Maureen.

Ribbon Tree

St Gabriel's Circle is continuing their Ribbon Tree project. Your support of this project is appreciated and will help to give a child a very special holiday. Take a ribbon from the tree and purchase a gift for the child listed and return the UNWRAPPED gift, with ribbon securely attached to the Gathering Space by noon on Sunday, December 8th. Victory Vouchers will be available in the Gathering Space if you choose to purchase one in lieu of shopping for a gift. Even if you haven't taken a name from the tree but would like to participate, additional Victory Vouchers, gift card or cash donations may be given to help fulfill additional needs for the children. No checks please.



The three leading causes for death in the ENTIRE world are:

Heart Issues /Disease
Cancer
Respiratory Distress

Hypertension is the #1 Heart Issue/Disease causing death.

50% of all heart attacks and strokes are caused by hypertension.

Hypertension is a silent killer. It is mainly identified through monitoring your blood pressure.

Free blood pressure readings by the OLV Wellness Committee in the Parish Nursing Office in the back of church after all masses next weekend. Take the time and monitor your blood pressure.

Volunteer(s) Needed

We are in need of a volunteer to clean the SMALL church linens (IE: Purificators, Lavabo towels) on a weekly basis. If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact: Rita Hagner at 563-391-1862.



Knights of Columbus New Years Eve Bash

Come join us for a New Years Eve Dinner/Dance on December 31, 2019 at the Columbus Club: 1111 West 35th St., Davenport, IA.

Social Hour is from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM, followed by Dinner and Live Music and includes: Prime Rib Dinner, Live Music from the band Identity Crisis, and a Champagne Toast at Midnight.

Tickets are \$50 each or \$100 per couple if purchased before December 22, 2019 and \$60.00 after.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses at OLV and in the Parish Office. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Columbus Club, St. Anthony's Parish Office, and from Knights of Columbus member's of Loras Council #532.

Tickets will not be for sale at the door

All profits will go to the Women's Choice Center to purchase an Ultra Sound Machine.

Questions, please contact Rick Willows at 563-570-0476.





Knights of Columbus - LAST COLLECTION WEEKEND
 OLV's Knights of Columbus Council are wrapping up our second Diaper/Wipes Drive on **December 1** to benefit the Women's Choice Center, our Quad Cities pro-life women/baby health services center in Bettendorf. There will be a sign and designated location in the Gathering Space where you can place diapers/wipes before or after any Mass you attend. Thank you for supporting our pro-life efforts and local women and children in need!

The Knights are also seeking donations of gently used or new winter coats of all youth sizes to redistribute to parishioners in need as well as other organizations within the diocese and Quad Cities community. There will be a large tote in the Gathering Space labeled "Coats for Kids" where you can place your donations. The collection will run through **December 1** and distribution will happen in early December.

Lastly, the Knights of Columbus have launched a 2019-20 fundraising campaign to purchase a new Ultrasound machine for the Women's Choice Center. There will be upcoming events, small and large, where you can participate or donate to benefit this effort. Keep your eyes open for updates!

Any questions about any of these initiatives, please contact Grand Knight Rick Willows at (563) 570-0476. God Bless!

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

Business Manager, David Mattke - davolvbiz@diodav.org

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 Nurse.....563-391-4724

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

Ann Marie Rowe, BS, MT, ASCP, Health Advocate..512-626-2293

Jan King, RN, BSN, MBA, CRRN, Parish Nurse..563-343-3134

Parish Nurses email - davolvnurse@diodav.org

Choir Director

Sharon Ehlers.....563-940-2418

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 - email:

davolypa@diodav.org. Bulletin deadline is Monday at 3 PM.

Questions, please call 563-391-4245.

Celebrate the birth of our Savior through music...

The OLV Choir
accompanied by a 16-
piece ensemble
presents the
Christmas cantata:

*Christmas Presence
A Gathering of Hope,
Peace, and Love
by: Pepper Choplin*

Sunday, December 8, 2019
2 PM in the Church
Concert is free
Reception to follow in the
Gathering Space



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Because a Great Christmas Begins
with an Incredible Advent

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www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

for the best Advent ever!

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:
Camilla Poston: 563-284-5135
Loretta Reed: 563-650-3040



Year End Contributions

Just a reminder that 2019 contributions
must be received in the Parish Office by
Monday, December 30, 2019.

Development of a Regionalized Catholic School System in Scott County Receives Endorsement

Over the last two years, OLV and the nine parishes supporting Scott County Catholic Schools (Assumption, All Saints, JFK, Lourdes, and St. Paul's), have been working with consultants to study how the Catholic Schools in Scott County could increase our cooperation as we look towards the future. This planning effort was in support of the *Strategic Plan for Catholic School Education* for the entire Diocese of Davenport, which challenges all Catholic schools in our diocese to "remain relevant, valuable, competitive and effective for the Church, our families, and society." Furthermore, there were some important assumptions that were also held throughout this process. First, each school has an important history that must be honored. Second, each school has strengths that parishes and families cherish in their lives. Third, each school has some challenges that will have to be addressed as we move into the future.

After many meetings and conducting a thorough analysis of data and trends from the schools, parishes, and Scott County in general, it has been concluded that the future of the five schools looks brighter if some resources, human and capital, are shared among all Catholic Schools in Scott County. The conclusion of this strategic planning process is the following goal: **Over the next two to three years, there will be movement towards a regionalized Catholic school system, PreK-12, with the following features aimed at helping every parish and school in Scott County:**

- An inspired plan will be developed that will ensure Catholic identity and faith formation are strong in the mission of making disciples who will encounter Jesus, grow in their knowledge, and serve God and neighbor.
- An enrollment management program will be created that markets and brands schools, which has the staff and resources needed to execute the mission of Catholic education at the highest possible level.
- Academic programs will be strengthened by capitalizing on the strengths of a PreK-12 program.
- Enrichment opportunities will be identified so all faculty, staff, and students in the county may experience these benefits.

This new model, with the features listed above, must fit the culture and values of Catholics and other Catholic School stakeholders in Scott County. It will build upon the strengths of existing schools and attain the following benefits that would not be possible through the work of a single school:

- Improved efficiencies and resource sharing
- Enhanced program offerings
- Increased professional development opportunities
- Pastors who can focus more on the pastoral leadership for their school
- School administrators who can focus more on their school's educational needs and development of their staffs
- Common compensation and benefits
- Enhanced ability for managing enrollment through marketing, branding, recruitment and retention
- Larger funding opportunities
- Tuition that better matches the actual cost of education for a child with expanded tuition assistance to keep it affordable for all
- Reasonable and affordable parish subsidies due to increased revenue streams for the overall system from other sources

Bishop Zinkula, my fellow Pastors of the Davenport Deanery, and I all approved the development of a regionalized Catholic school model. We also requested Andy Craig, President of Assumption High School, and Rosie Barton, President of the Scott County Catholic Schools Foundation, to co-lead the development of this new system.

I am excited to see where God leads us as we move to strengthen JFK and all of the Catholic Schools in our local area. Our Lady of Victory, please pray for the Catholic communities in Scott County as we move into the future!

Blessings,

