

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent



December 15, 2019

Third 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 December 19th 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....

Are you a patient person? In other words, are you a person who has the capacity to tolerate and even accept the difficulties and frustrations that come with our daily lives? I respond to this question differently depending on what I have going on in my life. It is my prayer that most people would describe me as a patient person, but I do have my days. I even seem to have weeks where impatience is a constant companion. Wherever you are in your life, I believe some personal reflection on patience is necessary, especially during this busy time of year.

Patience, in my words, is the glue that holds together our busy and chaotic lives. Patience allows us to be selfless by not always insisting that our personal needs and desires come before someone else. This virtue also helps us to alleviate stress that constantly seems to build. When we are feeling the stress that accompanies impatience, our entire life seems more difficult and frustrating.

The presence of patience in my life, probably like many of you, is linked to other aspects of our lives. Therefore, if we are tired, sick, stressed, anxious, and/or afraid, we may struggle in being patient with those around us. There might be reasons that we could be impatient with those around us, but these reasons will never fully justify the anger and lack of love that always accompanies our impatience. Praise be God that we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the opportunity to be forgiven for the times we should have been more patient with others, especially our family and friends.

The Letter from St. James in this week's reading challenges all of us to be patient. St. James is referring specifically to the second coming of Jesus at the end of time, but I believe that there is much wisdom in his words:

"Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient" (James 5:7-8).

In other words, we need to look towards eternal life as we contemplate our daily struggles as a farmer looks towards a future crop that he just planted. There has to be "long-view" on how we deal with people and things that fill our lives. From my perspective, patience again is the glue that holds it all together. This "long-view" on patience can only be lived out through our personal work to being patient every day. A person gets the reputation as being "patient" not because of one instance, but it is because this person has worked at making patience a part of his or her life.

Practically speaking, a person can strive to become more patient by working at being more present in the moment. Some of us have lives that are so full of activities, deadlines, and responsibilities that there is no room for us to be patience. We need everyone around us to make all the sacrifices for us because we have no room for sacrifice in our lives. Therefore, we may have to take things out of our lives in order to get the necessary space to be the patient person that we want to become.

Patience in our lives should also not be based upon how we are feeling or what we are experiencing at any given moment. If we are truly striving to become disciples of Jesus Christ by looking towards eternal life, we need to strive towards not making excuses for our lack of patience, but we should be working to become more patient. As St. James mentions at the end of the same reading mentioned above, "Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord" (James 5:10). There are many wonderful examples of saints and people in our lives who have become people defined by their patience, and we simply have to look to them for inspiration and prayers.

As we continue with this busy December in our parish, let us pray that we can become more patient in our lives. I believe that this is something that will not only help you better live out your faith with your family and friends, but your growth in holiness will be transformative in all the people you meet as you journey towards eternal life.

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!

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, David Nitzel, Darlene Nolan, Colleen Ryan, Kenneth Scodeller, Latricia Straight, Christian Tilkens, Tom Simmons, Jennifer Van Speybroeck, Melba Torres, Vincent Welk

Bans of Marriage: Il Maggie Furlong & Ryan Molek

Baptisms: Eli Anthony, son of Elizabeth McGraw; Jasmine Nicole, daughter of Steven Barnett Jr. & Nicolasa Hernandez. Congratulations on their spiritual birthdays!

Rest in Peace: Suzie Yackley, wife of Jim and mother of Jonathan, Jessica and Jillian; Eden "Bliss" Kalk, niece of Taffy Brown. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Mass Schedule and Parish Events



Saturday, December 14, 2019

8:00 AM † Patricia Early
4:30 PM † Shirley Eddleman

Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:00 AM For the Parish
9:00 AM † Mildred Marietta
11:00 AM † Marilyn Zeimet

Monday, December 16, 2019

7:00 AM † Don DeCock

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

7:00 AM † Jack Groene

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

7:00 AM † Cathy Berta
7:40 AM † Pat Hogan
9:40 AM (SC) † Katie Huggins

Thursday, December 19, 2019

7:00 AM † Damon Frison

Friday, December 20, 2019

7:00 AM † Carole Micklewright
7:40 AM † Dr. John & Mary Bishop

Saturday, December 21, 2019

8:00 AM † Eleonore & Lee Hymel
4:30 PM † Marilyn Kosgard

Sunday, December 22, 2019

7:00 AM † Kimberly Normoyle
9:00 AM For the Parish
11:00 AM † William A. Donahue

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, 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:

Thursday: December 19th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Victory

Liturgical Ministers Needed

Hospitality & Eucharistic Ministers as well as Altar Servers are needed for all Christmas Masses, New Years Eve and New Years Day. Please sign up via Ministry Scheduler, your Ministry head, or contact the office at 563-391-4245. Thank you!



This Week

Saturday

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8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Gently used Christmas item Sale (GSMR)
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Confession (CH)
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM Confession (CH)
5:30 PM Social Saturday (GS)
5:30 PM St. Nick Chili/Dessert Cook Off (PC)

Sunday

15

3rd Sunday of Advent
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM Gently used Christmas item sale (GSMR)
9:00 AM RCIA (PC Tiled)
10:00 AM Social Sunday (GS)
3:00 PM Advent Communal Penance (OLV)
4:00 PM Advent Adult Bible Study (GSMR)
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study (GSMR)

Monday

16

3:00 PM Christian Service/Social Action (GSMR)
6:30 PM Communal Penance Service (St. John Vianney, Bettendorf)
7:00 PM Baptism Class (GSMR)

Tuesday

17

7:30 PM Parish Council (GSMR)

Wednesday

18

7:40 All School Mass (CH)
9:30 AM Silvercrest Mass (SC)
9:30 AM Bible Study (GSMR)
6:00 PM Faith Formation (JFK School/GYM/CAF/PC)
7:00 PM High School Youth Night
7:00 PM Choir (CH)

Thursday

19

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Confession (CH)
7:00 PM Holy Hour (CH)

Friday

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7:40 PM All School Mass (CH)

Saturday

21

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

Sunday

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9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)
4:00 PM Advent Adult Bible Study (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	



The most wonderful time of year for our 5th - 8th graders, Civic Oration! We are so proud of them all. For those who are not familiar, the kids research, write and memorize a 3-5 minute speech and then present it to their peers. For those who excel, they move on and present their paper in front of the other grades, and finally in front of a panel of adult judges. It is such an amazing experience and one they will appreciate in years to come.

Great job!



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

This week, high school youth ministry having is our annual gift drive and Christmas celebration! Bring your gift for a teen in need, plus a small, wrapped gift for our gift swap game! We'll have lots of food and treats, fun and friends, all while celebrating the coming of our Lord!

Thank you to everyone who has prepared a delicious chili or baked good for our St. Nick's chili cook-off this weekend! See you Saturday evening!

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

Remember, our sponsor and candidate service day is January 12, 2020, from 10am to 12pm! It will be here before you know it so please make sure you let your youth's sponsor know the date.

Confirmation Mass date - April 25th, 10:30am.
Confirmation practice will be on April 23rd, at 6pm in the gathering space and church.



Thank You!

College Care Packages - Thank you for your generous support of the College Care Package ministry. Care packages were sent out to 63 OLV college students. The packages brightened the day for these students while they were preparing for finals. The students really appreciate your support and prayers. Thank you so much!!



Faith Formation classes meet December 18. No Faith Formation classes December 25, January 1, or January 8.

On December 18, students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation during class.

Whatever we are waiting for—peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance—it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart.
-Sarah Ban Breathnach, Author

Challenge: Spend 10 minutes in quiet prayer reflecting on where God may have been reaching out to you today.



Sunday, December 22nd at 12:30 PM

Bring your family and friends! We will be serving Chili and hotdogs for lunch to all those that help.

Christmas Rummage Sale

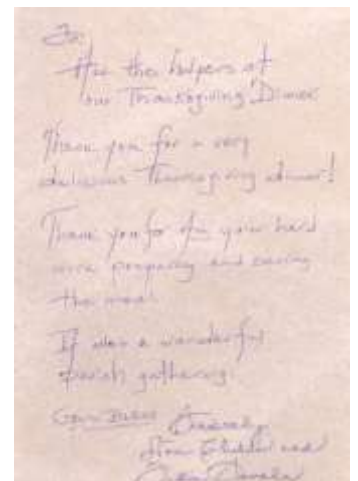
The Christmas sale will be Sunday, December 15 from 7 AM to 1 PM in the Gathering Space Meeting Room. If you have questions regarding the sale, please contact [Maureen Mosse](mailto:Maureen.Mosse@olv.org) at 563-386-8658



We  our Parish Community and volunteers!

To all who donated and volunteered at the Thanksgiving Day dinner a huge THANK YOU! We served approximately 80 people and had over 25 volunteers. Those that attended could not have been more appreciative.

You made this day a true "Thanksgiving!"



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 choose where your contribution makes a difference, just mark it on the envelope or select your choice online:

- General Parish Education Fund
- JFK Catholic School Staff Fund - for salaries and benefits
- JFK Catholic School Scholarship Fund - for scholarships or tuition assistance
- JFK Catholic School Facility Fund
- Our Lady of Victory Facility Fund
- OLV Unspecified Fund

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 violence, fire, floods and other disasters. God works through us to alleviate suffering and bring hope to a troubled world.

Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to this special collection.



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.



Anyone can get high blood pressure (Hypertension). Some people have a greater chance due to things they can't change such as:

Age. The chances of having high blood pressure increases as you get older.

Gender. Before age 55, men have a greater chance of having hypertension. Women are more likely to have hypertension after menopause.

Family History. Hypertension tends to run in families.

Race. African Americans are at an increased risk for hypertension.

Hypertension is common in older people. For older people, often the first number (systolic) is 130 or higher, but the second number (diastolic) is less than 80. This is called isolated systolic hypertension. As we age, our vascular system changes and arteries get stiffer especially in the major arteries. This is the most common form of high blood pressure in older people and can lead to other serious health problems (stroke, heart disease, eye problems, and kidney failure).

If you are older or have any of the high blood pressure risks mentioned, get into the habit of checking your blood pressure regularly.



GriefShare is a grief support group that is led by friendly, caring trained volunteers from Our Lady of Victory who will walk alongside you through one of life's most

difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

Our next program starts January 12 at 12:15pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room. A light lunch will be provided. The cost is \$10.

"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray." James 5:13a. Please come and join us if you have suffered a loss, and are grieving. If you have any questions, please call [Char at 563-508-3890](tel:563-508-3890). For more information go to www.griefshare.org.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - 4:00 PM
(Christmas Music prelude starting at 3:30 PM), 6 PM & 10 PM (Join us for reprise of the Christmas Contata with Music starting at 9:30 PM)

Christmas Day - 7 AM & 9 AM

Christian Service/Social Justice

This mystery of evil also includes the base belief that some of us are more important, deserving and worthy than others. It includes the ugly conviction that this country and its history and opportunities and resources as well as our economic and political life belong more properly to 'white' people than to people of color. This is a perverse way of thinking that divides people based on heritage and tone of skin into 'us' and 'them', 'worthy' and 'unworthy', paving the way to dehumanization. Pastoral Letter to the People of God in El Paso from Mark Joseph Seitz, Bishop of El Paso August 2019



Upcoming Retreats

Save the dates! February 14, 15, and 16, 2020!! Marriage Encounter's back! And our retreat is once again in Clinton, Iowa! Our Marriage Encounter team is happy to be able to help couples give this wonderful gift to each other - a quiet, quality time of reflection and deepening of love and commitment to each other. Join us! You will be glad you did: our team is frequently complemented on our ability to restore communication, renew commitment and rekindle love for the couples who have attended! What a great Valentine's Day gift to give each other after the busy holiday season! For more information or reservations, call Deacon John or Cheryl Wagner at 563-391-2805. Stay tuned! More information and applications are headed your way!

UPDATE

Ladies Council Update

A check for the Ladies Council Bazaar and other fundraising activities will be presented to Fr. Jake at the next Ladies Council meeting (not the Bazaar Meeting as previously published. We apologize for any confusion.

Ethical Trade

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...Christian Service/Social Action Ministry would like to thank you for your support of Ethical Trade, Juan Ana and Project Lydia. We wrote checks for over \$2400 to these ministries. You made our 6th Annual Ethical trade fair a success. Don't forget, we sell chocolate, coffee, teas, oils, spices during Social Saturday/Sunday in the Gathering Space.

We look forward to serving you in 2020. Watch the bulletin for our upcoming sales dates.



Church/Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday.....7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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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

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Phone: (563) 391-3030 Fax: (563) 388-5206

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Director of Religious Education

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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

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.

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.