

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.*



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**SHEPHERD**

**SUNDAY**

May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 8:30 AM to 10 AM & 3:30 PM to 4:10 PM

# Welcome to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish

## A Message from Father Jake:

After experiencing the incredibly strange months of March and April, I am very happy to be entering into the month of May. We honor Mary, our mother, in a special way through this month. The new life around us reminds us of the gift that Mary gave us in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This first day of May is also going to be a special day where Archbishop Gomez, President of the USCCB, will be leading all of the Bishops and faithful in asking for the special intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Here is a part of the press release put out by the USCCB:

“This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady’s continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus,” said Archbishop Gomez in a letter to the U.S. bishops. Each year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. “This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic,” he continued.

It is also my hope and prayer that this special month devoted to Mary will bring better and better news in regards to COVID-19 and its effects on our lives. We, as a Catholic parish, have to wait and see what guidance we get from Bishop Zinkula. We also have to take into consideration our local situation. Our county, Scott County, is one of the 22 counties that will have ongoing restrictions until May 15th, so we will continue to take this one day at a time. Once we have more guidance from Bishop Zinkula, we will pass that information along to everyone in the parish. Please know that we will communicate with everyone in the parish when we are planning to begin Masses again. With each passing day, we are one day closer to being back together in our church, so it is my hope that May, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will bring better and better news with each passing day.

This Sunday, May 3rd, we are going to be collecting diapers, baby wipes, and non-perishable food in the church parking lot from 10:00AM until 1:00PM. There is a tremendous amount of need in our local community, so these items will help Pregnancy Resources, the Women’s Choice Center, and the McAnthony Window at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church. If you would like to donate something, please come to the church, stay in your car, and someone will come and retrieve it from you. Thank you once again to the Knights of Columbus who will receive these items, and thank you in advance for your generous support of those in need throughout our community.

Like many of you, the parish received hail from the storm that came through on the night of Tuesday, April 7th. Included in the bulletin is a picture of one of the larger pieces of hail from that storm. We are currently working with our insurance company, Catholic Mutual, to fully assess the damage, and we hope to have a full report of the damage sometime next week. I will share this information with the parish as soon as it is available. Please know that we will be working hard over the coming weeks to get whatever damage we have on our campus fixed. It is my prayer that these repairs to the roofs and gutters will not take as long as they did in 2017, but we will make sure that the repairs are done correctly.

Please remember that the parish office is open if you need any help or assistance in the days to come. We want to help and support however we can during this difficult time.

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!



## Happenings in the Parish Family

**Please continue to Pray for Our Sick and their Caregivers:** Larry Barnett, Michael Bihl, Cindy Boboth, Sue Boboth, Tracey (Dietz) Carlson, Gregg Dietz, Mick Clark, Kim Clary, Shannon Colemer, Thee De Cook, Trudy Dells, Mark Deppe, Julie Gacke, Tate Green, Karen Hamerly, Angie Harris, Ben Hochstatter, Nancy Hogren, Loretta Kelley, Mary Kellums, Carolyn Kuebler, Miguel Lopez, Robert Mack, Pat Maring, Jim McCarthy, Mary Lou Meade, Nick Miller, Janie Mitchell, Gary Neece, Mary Neece, Melinda (Siskoff) Neumann, David Nitzel, Tara Painter, Colleen Ryan, Kenneth Scodeller, Latricia Straight, Christian Tilkens, Tom Simmons, Melba Torres, Vince Welk, Jim Yackley.

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for Jim Fascher, husband of Donna

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

# Mass Schedule and Parish Events



**Saturday, May 2, 2020**  
† Cathy Berta

**Sunday, May 3, 2020**  
† John & Millie Tofanelli

**Monday, May 4, 2020**  
† Mildred Marietta

**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**  
† Bonnie Husted

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**  
† Carole Micklewright

**Thursday, May 7, 2020**  
† Dorothy Ash

**Friday, May 8, 2020**  
† Fred & Agnes Blubaugh

**Saturday, May 9, 2020**  
† Katie Huggins

**Sunday May 10, 2020**  
† Art & Helen Green

**Readings for the week of May 3, 2020**  
You can find the readings at: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

## **Observances for the week of May 3, 2020**

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:** Cinco de Mayo

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:** National Day of Prayer

**Friday:**

**Saturday:**

**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

## **May 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive – our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off. We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult – even before our own – is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.



## New School Office Hours

The school office will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Emily Sanderson will be in the school office on Mondays and Thursdays, and Angie Hillebrand will be in the office on

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They are also available via email:

Emily Sanderson - [Emily.sanderson@olvjfkmail.com](mailto:Emily.sanderson@olvjfkmail.com)  
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 You can also call the school office at 563-391-3030.



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

Teens and their families are invited to participate in various on-line forms of ministry during this time:

This Wednesday we'll be gathering our adult team to pray and plan how to continue ministering to our parish families and young people. Interested in some prayer time, in sharing your faith with youth, or with supporting families? Contact [davolvym@diodav.org](mailto:davolvym@diodav.org) to join us!

ProjectYM and some of the biggest names in youth ministry on Sunday evenings for online youth nights from 7-8pm central, which we will follow with zoom conversation! Parents look for the link to our zoom watch party via the weekly e-mail!

College students and young adults are invited to tune in this Thursday, May 7th at 7pm for a Theology on Tap Home Brew - a livestreamed community event involving local and national Catholic speakers: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2435148293442425/> While you're with us, join our group: Quad City Emerging Adults for more community and fellowship in this time!

Seniors! Don't forget it's time to submit your scholarship submissions for the Monsignor Parizek \$1,000 college scholarship. This is a great way to get support from your parish at the start of your college journey! Forms available from the parish offices, youth nights, and the parish website. I'm extending the deadline a bit to give families recovering from this situation a chance to submit.

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.

## Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions appeal. The money raised will help to strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! You can give online at [www.olvjfk.com/olv](http://www.olvjfk.com/olv) (click the Parishioner Giving Button) or [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).



First Communion has been postponed. As soon as we know details about First Communion those will be communicated through email and the website. Please email Jennifer at [davolvrek6@diodav.org](mailto:davolvrek6@diodav.org) with questions.

Hope and fear cannot occupy the same place. Invite one to stay. -Maya Angelou

*Challenge: If you find yourself feeling fearful today, list out five things that make you feel hopeful about the future.*



Daily Reflections with Fr. Jake

## Our Lady of Victory Daily Reflection with Fr. Jake Greiner Available 7 Days a Week is Now LIVE

Parishioners and the public can listen to the Daily Reflections from Pastor Fr. Jake Greiner by calling: **(563) 217-1020**, 7 days a week. The recorded message is an opportunity to stay engaged with your home Catholic Church as Fr. Jake reflects on a special message for the day.

Parishioners can also listen to the daily reflection on:

- OLV YouTube channel - [Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Davenport Iowa](#)
- Facebook - [Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church](#)
- Our website - [www.olvjfk.com/olv](http://www.olvjfk.com/olv).

A recorded Mass is also available on our YouTube Channel - [Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Davenport Iowa](#), at 7 AM each Sunday.

PARISH LIFE	
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Fiscal Year runs July 1 to June 30	
As of 4/30/2020	
Adult Envelopes	\$647,577.08
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# Fourth Sunday of Easter



**May!**  
May your days be filled with sunshine!  
May your days be filled with love  
May you share your love with others  
May you feel God's love for you!



## Stewardship Moment

It is through stewardship—sharing our blessings with others and caring for their needs—that we truly become One Body in Christ. Now more than ever, it is important that we pray for the grace to recognize these opportunities as they arise. Even in this time of quarantine our prayers, donations and communications can mean so much to a hurting world.

## Special Collection for the Church in Latin America

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection. You can give online at [www.olvjfk.com/olv](http://www.olvjfk.com/olv) and click on the *Parishioner Giving button* or by using the special collection envelope enclosed in your monthly offertory envelopes. To learn more go to [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

## Social Action/Christian Service

The storm exposes our vulnerability and uncovers those false and superfluous certainties around which we have constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities. It shows us how we have allowed to become dull and feeble the very things that nourish, sustain and strengthen our lives and our communities. The tempest lays bare all our prepackaged ideas and forgetfulness of what nourishes our people's souls; all those attempts that anesthetize us with ways of thinking and acting that supposedly "save" us, but instead prove incapable of putting us in touch with our roots and keeping alive the memory of those who have gone before us. We deprive ourselves of the antibodies we need to confront adversity.



**Wellness Corner**  
From your Parish Nurses

As the Governor starts to slowly reopen Iowa, here are some ideas that may inspire you while Scott County continues to maintain our mitigation efforts. Continue to social distance, wear a mask in public, and only go out for essential items. This still means if you are sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms, have pre-existing conditions, or if you are vulnerable for the virus, stay home! Try the following to stay interested at home:

- Yes, this crisis will eventually pass. Try to be patient.
- Make exercise a priority. Get outside-walk, garden, bike
- Check out SGN (SomeGoodNews) on YouTube. Hosted by John Kransinski, it is an interesting and funny podcast. There are currently 5 episodes.
- Facetime or Zoom family and friends for a potluck or happy hour.
- Buy Victory Vouchers and do carryout. Better yet, give out to others as a thank you.
- Make prayer a habit daily in your life, but don't approach it as 'routine.' Formulaic or rote prayers can be helpful but sometimes lose their meaning. Change it up and pray what's on your heart today.


In the meantime, let's all use our time wisely and behave in a manner pleasing to God!

## Stewardship Prayer Warriors

During these unsettling times, there can be a temptation to focus only on ourselves and our immediate loved ones. Some folks do not have the ability or resources to do more. But so many others have stepped up in amazing ways to become a shining light in the darkness. During the month of May please give thanks and praise to God for all who are placing the common good ahead of personal gain; and ask God to bless the good stewards of our community who are protecting the vulnerable, supporting the heroic and sharing the love of Christ.

Stewardship Prayer Warriors inspire and sustain stewardship in our parish through personal prayer. Suggested prayer intentions are announced each month. Anyone can become a Stewardship Prayer Warrior. Simply include the intention in your daily prayers. To receive intentions electronically send an email to [olvstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:olvstewardship@gmail.com). Type "Add Me" into the subject line and give your first and last name in the body of the email. Contact information is kept private.





# WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS

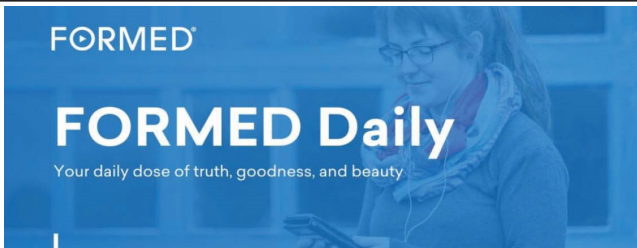
“Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say “yes” to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.”

--Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020.

## Prayer for Vocations

God, in Baptism you called me by name and made me a member of your people, the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life, and to respond by living a life of holiness. For your greater glory and for the service of your people, raise up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.

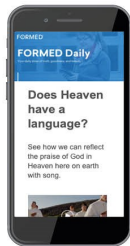
Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me that I may serve your people following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I offer this prayer. Amen.



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Char McGovern, RDMS, Health Advocate ..(563) 508-3890  
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**Choir Director**  
Sharon Ehlers.....(563) 940-2418

**Baptisms**  
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Pre-Baptismal welcoming and information class 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](mailto:davolvpa@diodav.org) or call (563) 391-4245. Bulletin deadline is Monday at 3 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:  
Bob or Diane Allen (563) 391-5765  
Jeanne Barnett (563) 391-0716



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# DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

Department of Communication

## News

***For Immediate Release***

**DATE:** April 28, 2020  
**FROM:** Deacon David Montgomery  
Diocese of Davenport  
**RE:** Press Release

**PHONE:** 563-888-4222  
[montgomery@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:montgomery@davenportdiocese.org)

Our Dear People:

Since the arrival of the coronavirus pandemic, Catholics in Iowa have been obliged by civil, scientific, and church authorities to sacrifice the opportunity to receive sacraments and worship in common.

With the lifting of restrictions against certain public gatherings, including religious assemblies, by Governor Kim Reynolds, members of the faithful are understandably renewed in their hope that they might safely return to church and resume some form of regular parish life. Yet the spread of the COVID-19 disease remains a real and present danger. In particular, the health and survival of the elderly and other vulnerable populations is still a grave concern. Many parishioners and priests fall within these groups.

In light of the expectation that positive cases of COVID-19 will peak in Iowa in the next few weeks, we have decided it would be most prudent for now to continue to follow the liturgical restrictions we have in place, including the suspension of public Masses. Without an effective vaccine or widespread testing and contact data that justifies a change in course, we simply are not at a place where we can resume our previous prayer practices.

The suspension of the Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect statewide, and all vulnerable persons, the sick, and those may who have been exposed to the virus are asked to look after their own welfare with the support of those who care for them. We ask parish, school and diocesan staff to continue to minister to the faithful, and the faithful to each other, in ways other than meeting in groups during this difficult time of the pandemic. We strongly encourage parishioners to visit the website and social media outlets of the parishes and schools to stay in touch as we look forward to gathering in person.

We will continue to closely monitor the statewide and respective regional situations through the weeks of May and beyond. When the time comes that we can gather in greater numbers while observing social distance, safe hygienic practices and other precautions without placing one another at serious risk, public Masses and other sacramental celebrations will be allowed to resume.

These days are not easy. We understand that many of you are frustrated with this situation; so are we. We want to celebrate Mass with our parishioners and get back to "normal." However, we take the advice of Paul: "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer" (Romans 12:12). Take comfort in knowing that Jesus is with us and with you, our faithful.

Your Brothers in Christ,

Most Rev. Michael Jackels  
Archbishop of Dubuque

Most Rev. Thomas Zinkula  
Bishop of Davenport

Most Rev. R. Walker Nickless  
Bishop of Sioux City

Most Rev. William Joensen  
Bishop of Des Moines

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A Message from Bishop Zinkula  
April 28, 2020

We desperately want to get back to Sunday Mass, to First Communions and Confirmations, to weddings and funerals, to gather as parish communities and as a society. The SARS-COV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19, is very contagious. It has spread quickly and efficiently because no one is immune to it. The only clear way to get proven immunity is by using a vaccine that may be 12-18 months away. Meanwhile, the virus will continue to spread at different rates in different places, so there will continue to be restrictions and we will need to continue to take precautions.

However, eventually we will be able to begin to slowly relax the restrictions and precautions, which include physical distancing, wearing masks, self-quarantine or isolation in certain circumstances, travel restrictions, school and business closures, working from home and modifying our participation in the Mass. While the rate of infections and deaths decrease over time, we will need to watch for any return of the pandemic outbreak which will require us to reapply some precautions and restrictions.

During this adaptation to the pandemic, the number of people in the church building will need to be limited. We will need to reconsider how we celebrate Masses, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, weddings, funerals, and ordinations with a smaller community to maintain physical distancing. Technology will continue to keep us connected with those who need to stay home.

Familiar practices, like receiving communion on the tongue for some people or from the chalice, will need to wait for now. Those most at risk—those who are older and have underlying health issues—will need to take extra precautions to stay safe, including perhaps not attending Mass.

Adjusting to this pandemic will take patience and hope as we navigate the best way to keep risks reasonably low.

“We have such need in these times that can appear dark, in which we sometimes feel disoriented by the evil and violence that surround us, by the distress of so many of our brothers and sisters. We need hope. We feel disoriented and even rather discouraged because we are powerless and it seems this darkness will never end. We must not let hope abandon us, because God, with his love, walks with us.” Pope Francis, *On Hope*.