# 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.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."

—JEREMIAH 33:14

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

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
Thursdays: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturdays: 8:30 AM & 3:00 PM
Holy Hour
Thursdays 7PM in the church

# Welcome to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish

# A Message from Abbey Heinrichs, Youth Minster......

In 2013 I walked into Lucas Oil Stadium for the National Catholic Youth Conference and was blown away by the mere concept of thousands of people my age also there to grow in their relationship with Jesus. I remember going into high school and starting to feel tempted by the lies that practicing my faith was weird, that it wasn't something teenagers did, that it was this un-relatable, over my head subject. I wanted to know Jesus better, but I also was so worried about fitting in and distracted by school work, sports, and friends. I allowed so many other things to take priority over my faith.

But, I also remembered leaving Lucas Oil stadium feeling like I had truly encountered Jesus for the first time. I left inspired to strive for a life rooted in Christ. I left with so many seeds planted that I only recognized years later, as Jesus gently revealed these greater desires and shifts in my perspective.

This year, exactly a decade later, I walked into Lucas Oil Stadium with high hopes that the students traveling with me would have an experience like my own. That they would come to know Jesus personally and feel His presence, that they would recognize the power of thousands of students their own age gathered for the same reason, that seeds would be planted in their hearts that can continue to grow the rest of their lives, that living their faith is supposed to be fun and fulfilling. This year, a decade later, I walked out of Lucas Oil stadium knowing that exactly that happened. These students experienced the power of the Eucharist, and they knew it too. NCYC was full of insightful speakers, life-giving concerts, and a community of people on fire for the Lord. NCYC 2023 was a glimpse of Heaven.

Even more telling than what I perceived NCYC to be is what the students perceived NCYC to be. Read what one of our students, Mary V., had to say about her experience in adoration in Lucas Oil Stadium:

"I turn around and see a boy crying now I know I'm gonna cry. I look up at the altar. I feel and could almost see the Holy Trinity. At first I sobbed asking for forgiveness and I thanked him over and over. I think back to all the hardships in my life and can hear all the faith figures in my life praying for me. I look back onto those moments and see all the things God has done for me. I look around acknowledging that God is here for everyone. Any other day that would make me feel small and unheard. But when I look up to the Eucharist all I feel is God looking back at me. I feel his kindness and all the love he has for me. I wipe my tearbut there is no way i can, it feels like my face was just made of water. I want to feel this all the time. I understand why people are called to this. Before it's all over I pray that this will stick with me. I think it will."



# Happenings in the Parish Family

Please continue to Pray for Our Sick and their Caregivers: Diane Allen, Larry Barnett, Michael Biehl, Tom Brehmer, Taffy Brown, Gail Chaffin, Mick Clark, Kim Clary, Shannon Colemer, Nolan Crowell, Tracey (Dietz) Carlson, Duane Eganhouse, Tate Green, Lorine Geurtsen, Rita Hagner, Joanne Hansen, Angie Harris, Judy Hillebrand, Loretta Kelley, Carolyn Kuebler, Bev Lantz, Karen & Thomas Hammerly-Lohse, Miguel Lopez, Pat Maring, Joe Masterson, Jim McCarthy, Rebecca McClellan, Beverly McCreary, Daniel McGranaghan, Brent Meyer, Denny Meyer, Jane Meyer, Nick Miller, Janie Mitchell, Gary & Mary Neece, Melinda (Siskoff) Neumann, David Nitzel, Julie Noel, Jim O'Brien, Tom Olsen, Linda Otte-Nordeen, Tara Painter, Natalie Paulsen, Clancy Poston, Larry Rudolph, Amy Schubert, Cliff Tappa, Tom Simmons, Patricia Taylor, Anita Veasey, Connie Welk, Cris Worley

Baptism: Leighton Elizabeth, Maryn Louise & Breckan James, children of Ryan & Marci (Furlong) Hill; James Joseph, son of Tyler & Kathryn (Matson) Hoelting; Mia Louise, daughter of Matthew & Elisabeth (Narup) Zager; Elliott George, son of Adam & Jillian (Yackley) Spangler. Congratulations on their spiritual birthday.

Marriage: Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. David Schweitzer (nee Elizabeth Finerty) on your new life together!

Rest in Peace: Corrine Siebler, wife of Kalvin and mother of Jeremy (Jodi) Siebler; Gail Olsen, wife of Tom; Ellen Sterk Dickman, cousin of Janet (Bob) King. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

# Mass Schedule and Parish Events



Saturday, December 2, 2023

8:00 AM † Cathy Berta 4:30 PM For the Parish

Sunday, December 3, 2023

7:00 AM † Jack Clark

9:00 AM † VanDeSompele & Werthmann

**Families** 

11:00 AM † John & Jerry Gerardy

Monday, December 4, 2023 7:00 AM † Pat May Tuesday, December 5, 2023

> 7:00 AM † George & Joan Stack

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:00 AM † Richard Ash 7:40 AM † Ron Fincham

> 9:30 AM † Gabriel Molitor (SC/AL)

Thursday, December 7, 2023

7:00 AM † Julie Gacke 6:00 PM † Jean Scott

Friday, December 8, 2023

7:00 AM † Mary Cooksey 8:15 AM For the Parish

12:00 PM † Msgr. James Parizek

Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:00 AM † Fr. William Meyer

4:30 PM Mark (living) & † Lorraine Lintz

Sunday, December 10, 2023 7:00 AM † Joan Cherry

9:00 AM For the Parish 11:00 AM † James Lee



### Solemnity of the **Immaculate** Conception Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Thursday, December 7th - 6:00 PM

December 8th: 7:00 AM &

12:00 PM



### **Deanery Advent Penance** Services

Area priests are teaming up to offer confessions from 7AM - 7PM on the following days:

Thursday, December 14th -Sacred Heart Cathedral

Tuesday, December 19th -Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf

# This Week

### Saturday

6:30 AM TMIY (PC)

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

Anointing of the Sick after 4:30 PM Mass Blood Pressure Checks, Expectant Parent Blessing and Victory Vouchers sold after 4:30 PM Mass

#### Sunday

First Sunday of Advent Anointing of the Sick after all Masses

Blood Pressure Checks, Expectant Parent Blessing after all Masses, Victory Vouchers sold after 7AM & 9 AM

7:00 AM Mass (CH) 9:00 AM Mass (CH) 9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)

11:00 AM Mass (CH) 11:00 AM Mass (CH) 11:00 AM Hospice Cookie Drop-off 1:30 PM Bazaar Wrap Up Meeting (GSMR) 4:00 PM Family Adoration (GS/CH) 6:00 PM CEW Renewal (PC)

#### Monday

7:00 AM Mass (CH)

6:00 PM Stephens Ministry (PC-C)

#### Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass (CH) 1:00 PM GriefShare (GSMR)

3:30 PM Stephens Ministry (GSMR) 6:00 PM Victory 4 Life (PC-C) 6:30 PM Board of Education (GSMR) 7:00 PM Faith Formation Sub-Committee (PC)

#### Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass (CH)
7:40 AM JFK All School Mass (CH)
9:30 AM Silvercrest Mass (SC/AL)
6:00 PM Faith Formation (School/CAF/Gym/PC)

6:00 PM Advent Bible Study (GSMR/GS) 7:00 PM Choir Practice (CH)

#### Thursday

7:00 AM Mass (CH) 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM Confessions (CH) 6:00 PM Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass (CH) 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study (GSMR/GS) No Holy Hour

#### Friday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

7:00 AM Mass (CH) 8:15 AM JFK All School Mass (CH) 9:00 AM Health Ministry Meeting (GSMR) 12:00 PM Mass (CH)

1:30 PM Gently Used Christmas Sale Set-Up (GSMR)

### Saturday

6:30 AM TMIY (PC)

6:30 AM IMIT (PC) 8:00 AM Mass (CH) 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Christmas Sale (GS/GSMR) 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Confession (CH) 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (PC-C) 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Confession (CH) 4:30 PM Mass (CH) Victory Vouchers sold after 4:30 PM Mass

#### Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent

Victory Vouchers sold after 7AM & 9AM Mass 7:00 AM Mass (CH) 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM Christmas Sale (GS/GSMR) 9:00 AM Mass (CH) 9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR) 11:00 AM Mass (CH)

11:00 AM American Sign Language for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Mass (CH) 4:30 PM IGNITE Sunday (CH/PC/GYM/School)



# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

**OLV PARISH CENTER** 

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM | BINGO STARTS AT 7:00PM

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS & DRINKS (ALCOHOL ALLOWED)

MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND

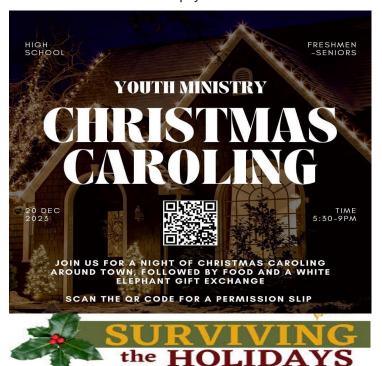


UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST!



\$20 PER PERSON / \$120 PER TABLE OF 6
2 CARDS PER PLAYER, ADDITIONAL CARDS AVAILABLE FOR \$5 EACH.

Registration forms are available in the school or Parish Office. Please make check payable to SCCS.



Navigating the holiday season after a loss can be incredibly challenging, and you don't have to face it alone. We invite you to join our upcoming Surviving the Holidays event, where we'll provide support, understanding, and tools to help you not just endure but find moments of peace and healing during this time. Please join us Tuesday, December 5th from 1-3pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room. Please call the Parish Office to register (563-391-4245). Cost is \$5 to offset the price of the book. We will view a video and then discuss some of the most important tips from the video.

Please consider joining us as we come together to support one another through this challenging time. Your presence can make a significant difference, and we are here for you.

Surviving the Holidays is supported by GriefShare.



All families are invited to come to a special Family Advent Holy Hour! This will be held on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3rd at 4:00pm.

Eucharistic Adoration is for ALL ages and this Sunday, we most especially would like to welcome families with children ages birth to 18. You may come for 10 minutes or stay for the entire hour. If you need to sit, please sit. If you need to move, move. If you need to step away and come back, please do so! If your kiddos make noise, please remember that Jesus has invited them to come to Him and we really get to be with Him and adore Him in Eucharistic Adoration. He is accessible to all!





Our next IGNITE Sunday will be December 10. Our theme for the evening will be Advent. We invite you to join us for any or all of the following: Mass at 4:30pm in the church, a meal in the Parish Center at 5:20pm, and then we will all gather in the Church at 6:10pm for our programming. All

ages will gather together for this special IGNITE Sunday as we dive into Advent.



God wants to draw you closer to Himself this Advent.

He wants to invite you away from the hustle and bustle to sit at His feet.

-and what better way to do that than through His Word?

This new installment of the *Rejoice!* series, will immerse you in the readings that anchor us during the Advent season-the Sunday Mass readings.

This year's Advent pilgrimage (for the busy Catholic) will bear fruit in your life as Jesus comes to live more fully in your heart, and you experience greater joy and peace throughout the Advent season and beyond.

You can pick up a journal to reflect with this Advent Season on your own, or join us for three weeks during Advent to discuss the reflections. We will meet December 6, 13, and 20 from 6:00-7:00pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room to discuss our discoveries with the journal. The *Rejoice!* journal is available in the Parish Office for \$9 or contact Jennifer at davolvaff@diodav.org for more information.



It didn't take long for Father Patrick to see the value of the Our Lady of Victory Founda-tion. In honor of his parents' sacrifice to send their children to Catholic school and in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, Father Patrick will match up to \$1000 contributed to

the JFK Scholarship Fund of the Our Lady of Victory Foundation. Let's meet and exceed that challenge and show Father Patrick our continued support for John F. Kennedy Catholic School. Father Patrick, your leadership of our parish and school is greatly appréciated. Thank you for your generous offer. Our Lady of Victory, pray for us.

Stewardship Moment

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of St. Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand Jesus meant that each one of us has been assigned a task by God. Each of us has been set in a particular place and station in life. Each one is gifted with unique relationships. When we respond justly to the tasks and cultivate our relationships well, we stay alert for the return of Christ.

**Stewardship Intention for December**As the National Eucharistic Revival continues through the

Parish Mission, what better time to reach out and share the love of Jesus with another person? While year-end financial donations are a needed blessing, challenge yourselves to practice stewardship through a personal interaction with another. Share the love of God with someone in your life. As St. Peter wrote: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15) Heralding the true "reason for the season," this month let us pray we can tell someone about the love we have for Christ.

New/Gently Used Holiday Sale

The Holiday Sale will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 8am to 6pm Sunday, December 10th from 7am to 1pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 563-391

### Ethical Trade

The Christian Service Ministry will be holding an Ethical Trade Sale on Saturday, December 16th and Sunday, December 17th before and after all Masses in the Gathering Space. We will have herbs, spices, olive oil, coffee, and chocolate for purchase...they make great stocking stuffers! Cash or check only (please make checks payable to OLV).





## Winter Safety tips:

- Wear layered clothing, mittens or gloves, and a hat. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.
- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from severely cold air. Avoid taking deep breaths; minimize talking.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat.
- Stretch before you go out. If you go out to shovel snow, do a few stretching exercises first to reduce your chances of muscle injury.
- Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a vehicle, or walking in deep snow. The strain may cause a heart attack. Sweating could lead to a chill and hypothermia.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks. Slips and falls occur frequently in winter weather, resulting in painful and sometimes disabling injuries.
- Get out of the cold immediately if the signs of hypothermia and frostbite appear.
- Signs of frostbite include lack of feeling in the affected area or skin that appears waxy, is cold to the touch, or is discolored (flushed, white or gray, yellow or blue)

Information from: www.redcross.org



The Bazaar follow-up meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 1:30pm. Bazaar committee chairs and interested committee members for 2024, please attend.



OLV's Caregiver Support Group is meeting for a social on Thursday, December 21st from 11AM-1PM (note the time change). We are asking you to bring a small appetizer, savory or sweet and a small gift for a caregiver IE: lotion, your favorite music, journal, etc. something you would use as a caregiver. We will have a Christmas prayer, exchange gifts in a fun way and share fellowship with one another. "Where two or more are gathered, I am with you." Please, even if you have not come before, come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



As we continue to recognize the Euclidean Revival, please find in the holders in the pews at church a prayer card with prayers and after Mass. Please use them As we continue to recognize the Eucharistic of for before and after Mass. Please use them of they help you experience the start of the start if they help you experience the great gift of Jesus in the Eucharist!

Victory 4 Life
With the overturning of Roe vs. Wade by the
U.S. Supreme Court this past year, abortion has become a much discussed topic in political circles. Much information given by pro-choice

groups in the media is very misleading and untrue. To find out factual information about this topic you can visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website at www.usccb.org/topics and click on the abortion link.

Anyone who would like to help the Victory 4 Life ministry may attend the next meeting on Tuesday, December 5th in the Gathering Space Meeting Room at 6:00 pm. All individuals interested in protecting life from conception to natural death are welcome.

# **Our Lady of Victory** Singles Adult Ministry

#### **December Events**

- December 4th: Game night PC-T 5:30pm pizza RSVP to Jim at: 563-343-1386
- December 14th: Game night PC-T 5:30 pizza RSVP to Jim at - 563-343-1386



#### The Book of Glory -Dr. John Cavadini

- The passion, death, and resurrection of Christ
- Christ's ultimate moment of glory
- Is Mary our spiritual mother
- A super abundance of joy from the wedding feast in Cana



Saturday pecember 9, 2023 **OLV Parish Center** 6:30 AM - Breakfast 7:00 AM - Video Presentation 7:30 AM - Group Discussion 8:00 AM - Depart

All Men Welcome, Join Us!

Contact Matt (563) 293-1610 | olvtmiy@gmail.com



If you or a family member would like a visit or an anointing prior to or while in the hospital, please contact:
Parish Office: 563-391-4245
Emergency phone: 563-293-1177

Email: davolv@diodav.org

Or ask the hospital chaplain to do so. As a reminder, Genesis and Trinity Hospitals do not notify the parish office or priests when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital. As always, in the event of an emergency please call the emergency line. Thank you! We can also arrange for a follow-up phone call, visit or communion from one of our Health Advocates after you have been discharged.

Church/Parish Office

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Health Ministry

Advocates 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. Char McGovern, RDMS, Health Advocate .....(563) 508-3890 Julie Kilburg, Health Advocate......(563) 210-3480 Bonnie Bobet-Beyhl, OTR/L, Health Advocate....(563) 940-4058 Deacon John Wagner, RN, BSN, MA, MPTH ......(563) 391-4245

Health Advocate's email - davolvnurse@diodav.org

Choir Director

Sharon Ehlers.....(563) 940-2418

Holy Communion for Homebound We'd love to serve you. Please call the Parish Office in advance to make arrangements.

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.

<u>Send bulletin announcements to:</u> <u>Lisa: davolvpa@diodav.org or call (563) 391-4245.</u> <u>Announcements are due by 3pm on Monday.</u>

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: Mary Ann Fahrenkrug: 563-370-9167 Martha Gilbert: 563-326-3970

