

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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,  
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;  
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,  
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 7 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM

Christmas Eve 4PM, 6PM & 10PM  
Christmas Day 7AM, 9AM

**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 Minister.....

We are now in the third week of Advent. The third week of waiting for the birth of Jesus, of preparing for Christ to come again. This week in particular, we notice our joy continuing to grow as we approach Christmas day. We reflect on the joy the Shepherds must have felt as they were journeying toward Jesus.

I have been anticipating this Advent season since being in Bethlehem earlier this year on my Holy Land Pilgrimage. I remember standing in the holy sites, very aware that Advent would never be the same for me, that I had now experienced a closeness to Jesus and the joy of Christmas that I hadn't before.

On June 1st of this year, I and 36 other Catholic young adults stood in the Shepherd's Field Chapel just east of Bethlehem singing carols and sharing the joy the shepherds must have felt knowing of Jesus's birth. I remember walking out of the chapel looking towards the site of the Nativity, the actual location we believe to be where Jesus was born, overwhelmed with a joy that brought me to tears. God's grace was so abundant in that place.

We then stood in a long line, shoulder to shoulder, with security rushing us through the church as we attempted to claim a moment to reflect in the place of the nativity. Surrounded by the gold structures built over the site and the hustle of all of the pilgrims also trying to steal a moment, I didn't expect to feel anything. I noticed myself starting to feel some frustration and fear that this moment that I had so highly anticipated would pass by with little impact, as I had just a moment to snap a quick picture and move along. When it was my turn to be quite literally pushed into the cave where Jesus was born and claim about 20 seconds to try and take in as much as I could with my eyes and my heart, I felt this nudge to reflect on the hustle and chaos Mary and Joseph must have experienced trying to find a place to welcome Jesus into the world. I'm sure the moments leading up to His birth were nothing short of frustration and fear. God chose to become human and be born into a chaotic and broken world for us.

I walked out of the cave, my eyes welling with tears, overcome with joy and peace. I'm sure just a glimpse of the joy and peace Jesus's birth brought to Mary and Joseph in that moment. Just a glimpse of the joy and peace God desires for us to live in every day.

With Advent quickly coming to an end and Christmas approaching, I challenge you all to take the next week to reflect on what this season of waiting means for you. To ask Jesus why He forces us to wait. I challenge you to pray for the joy of Christmas for yourself and your loved ones.

Lastly, as I reflect on my time in the Holy Land, I can't help but feel sorrow and fear for the people in Israel and Palestine. This week, I beg you to pray for all of the families being affected by the war. I pray specifically for the Israeli family that welcomed me into their home to share a meal during my time in Bethlehem.



Shepherd's Field



Nativity

### 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, Herbert Painter, Tara Painter, Natalie Paulsen, Clancy Poston, Larry Rudolph, Amy Schubert, Cliff Tappa, Tom Simmons, Patricia Taylor, Anita Veasey, Connie Welk, Cris Worley

**Baptism:** Kinsley Michele, daughter of Dylan Jones & Ashley Drumm. Congratulations on her spiritual birthday.

**Rest in Peace:** Ronald "Scott" Fisher, husband of Roswitha. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



# Mass Schedule and Parish Events

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 16, 2023

8:00 AM † Harry Bradley  
4:30 PM † John & Julie Loftus

### Sunday, December 17, 2023

7:00 AM † Klein Families  
9:00 AM † Fr. Donald Molitor  
11:00 AM † Bill & Patricia Reagan

### Monday, December 18, 2023

7:00 AM † Renner & Neltner Families

### Tuesday, December 19, 2023

7:00 AM † Bill & Therese Donahue

### Wednesday, December 20, 2023

7:00 AM † Bill Gallagher  
7:40 AM For the Parish  
9:30 AM (SC/IL) † Don & Vivian Ryan

### Thursday, December 21, 2023

7:00 AM † Myrna Brehmer

### Friday, December 22, 2023

7:00 AM † Janet Thomas

### Saturday, December 23, 2023

8:00 AM † Eleanor & Jack Groene  
4:30 PM † Patty Weber

### Sunday, December 24, 2023 - Christmas Eve

7:00 AM For the Parish  
9:00 AM † Mary Ann & George Otte  
4:00 PM † John & Millie Tofanelli  
6:00 PM For the Parish  
10:00 PM † Joan Frank



## This Week

### Saturday

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8:00 AM Mass (CH)  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Confession (CH)  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Confession (CH)  
4:00 PM Ethical Trade Sales (GS)  
4:30 PM Mass (CH)  
Social Saturday and Victory Vouchers sold after 4:30 PM Mass

### Sunday

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#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

Social Sunday and Victory Vouchers sold after 7AM & 9 AM Mass  
Ethical Trade Sales before and after all Masses  
7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
9:00 AM Mass (CH)  
9:00 AM RCIA (GSMR)  
11:00 AM Mass (CH)  
1:00 PM Christmas Music Practice (CH)  
1:00 PM Church Decorating (CH/GS)

### Monday

18

7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
6:00 PM Stephens Ministry (PC-C)  
6:00 PM Special Needs Ministry (PC-T)  
7:00 PM Baptism Class (GSMR)

### Tuesday

19

7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
9:00 AM K-2 Christmas Program (Practice CH)  
3:30 PM Stephens Ministry (GSMR)  
6:00 PM K-2 Christmas Program (CH)

### Wednesday

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7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
7:40 AM JFK All School Mass (CH)  
8:30 AM K-2 Christmas Program (CH)  
9:30 AM Silvercrest Mass (SC/IL)  
5:30 PM HSYM Christmas Caroling (meet in YR)  
Faith Formation - Christmas Break  
6:00 PM Advent Bible Study (GSMR/GS)  
7:00 PM Choir Practice (CH)

### Thursday

21

JFK Christmas Break  
7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
11:00 AM Nourish (GSMR)  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions (CH)  
7:00 PM Holy Hour

### Friday

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JFK Christmas Break  
7:00 AM Mass (CH)

### Saturday

23

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)

### Sunday

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#### 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass Times  
7AM & 9AM (CH)

Christmas Eve Mass Times  
4PM, 6PM & 10PM (CH)





### Job Openings at Scott County Catholic Schools

- JFK is looking to fill a full-time, school year only childcare, preschool, and recess supervisory position. Please forward your resume to [Chad Steimle at chad.steimle@olvjfkmail.com](mailto:ChadSteimle@chad.steimle@olvjfkmail.com).
- The Little Lancers at Lourdes Catholic School have both a Full time and a Part time Childcare position open in the childcare center. Please forward your resume to [BethGiese:beth.giese@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:BethGiese:beth.giese@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us) or contact her with any questions.
- SCCS Business Office is looking for a Full-time Bookkeeper/Accountant to join the team. If you have 2-4 years of accounting education and or equivalent experience, please send your resume to Nikki Gartner at [nikki.gartner@sccsiowa.org](mailto:nikki.gartner@sccsiowa.org)
- Villa Maria is looking for Full and Part-time Childcare positions. Please forward your resume to Lauren Hovey at [lauren.hovey@assumptionhigh.org](mailto:lauren.hovey@assumptionhigh.org)



## Faith Formation

Family prayer & study - Read Philippians 4:4-8 together today and meditate on this scripture: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

## Youth Ministry



### Save the Date

The next Ladies Council Meeting will be held on January 14th at 1:00pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend.

Circles, please have a representative attend.

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass

### Sunday, December 24th

- Mass Times: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm (choir starts at 9:30pm)

### Monday, December 25th

- Mass Times: 7:00am and 9:00am

\*Catholics are invited (and obligated) to attend Mass for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas. This allows us to celebrate the fullness of the Advent season and truly prepare our hearts to receive Christ at Christmas.

Here's a chart that can help us plan for those two days!

CHOOSE ONE MASS FOR THE  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23rd  
at 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 24th  
at 7:00am and 9:00am



CHOOSE ONE MASS FOR THE  
CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 24th  
at 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm

Monday, December 25th  
at 7:00am and 9:00am





As we approach the end of 2023, The Our Lady of Victory Foundation Board would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the support of your Foundation. Thank you for Creating Tomorrow's Parish Today. God has truly blessed us.

# Thank You.

## Stewardship Moment

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances..."  
~1Thessalonians 5:16-18

These verses from St. Paul might sound easy, but they're not. Two words that make it difficult are "always" and "all." This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not moments of joy, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Paul is not calling us to be uber-optimists or say something is good when it clearly is not. Rather, he reminds us to focus on God's goodness and grace. It's how we live out stewardship!



## Little Food Pantry



**URGENT APPEAL: HELP STOCK OUR NEW FOOD PANTRY!**  
This is a great outreach to our community that might go without necessary needs. A suggestion list of needed items is below. ALL items need to be placed in the "box" at the main entrance of church. NO Fresh fruit or expired items. Please do NOT put items directly into the outdoor pantry box.

Some suggested items are:

- Dry goods: oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, dried beans, rice and other whole grains, pasta, boxed dry soup, gluten free pasta,
- Individually packaged snacks: boxes of raisins, granola bars, protein bars, fruit snacks, juices, gluten free granola bars
- Food not requiring kitchen preparation: nuts and seeds, dried fruits, granola, nut butters, cereal, canned vegetables, applesauce, and pudding packs
- Personal hygiene items: shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, NO RAZORS please
- Baby wipes and diapers
- Gift cards and Monetary donations also accepted (please make check payable to OLV - add food pantry in the memo line)



### Manage your Time



### During the Holidays



#### 1. It's okay to say no

The holidays are a busy time for us all. It is easy to get caught up in pleasing others and to RSVP "yes" to more events than we have time for. This year, choose your happiness and your mental health over the desire to please everyone. Your family and friends will understand if you need time to prepare for the season.

#### 2. Unplug

In the season of constant holiday parties, gift exchanges, and family get-togethers, it is easy to be attached to our phones to make sure we are staying in the loop. Sometimes we are so busy planning, we forget to live in the moment and simply enjoy. Schedule some time to put the phone away and enjoy the holidays, unplugged.

3. Plan now. Enjoy later. Procrastination is the largest, avoidable stressor during the holidays. Get your gift shopping, party planning, and recipe gathering done in advance, and enjoy the holiday season by spending it focused on the people you love.



#### 4. Keep a calendar and make lists.

The best way to stay stressed is to constantly wonder what events are coming up. Keeping a calendar of all of your holiday obligations will ensure you know when you're busy and when you have some free time to be productive. Make lists to prioritize your time and work as efficiently as possible.

#### 5. Take it easy, and have fun!

When you're down to the wire and feel like you have way too many responsibilities than you can handle, don't prioritize your stress over your sleep. Staying well rested will protect you from sleep-deprivation and frantic behavior. Ultimately, prioritize your own joy over some of your responsibilities. It's your holiday, too, after all!



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.

Please join the Adult choir Christmas Eve at 9:30pm as we celebrate the birth of our Savior through song prior to the 10:00pm Mass.

Our Lady of Victory

# Singles Adult Ministry

## January Events

- January 7th - Singles movie night 4 pm. GSMR bring snacks NEED IDEAS FOR MOVIE (2)
- January 11th - Game night PC-T 5:30 pizza RSVP to Jim: 563-343-1386
- January 14th - OLV Luncheon, 1:30 PM Red Robin - 3903 E 53rd ST RSVP to Jim: 563-343-1386
- January 15th - Game night PC-T, 5:30 PM, pizza will be served. RSVP to Jim: 563-343-1386
- January 21st - Singles movie night 4 pm GSMR BRING SNACKS need ideas for 2 movies
- January 25th - Game night PC-T, 5:30 PM pizza will be served. RSVP to Jim: 563-343-1386

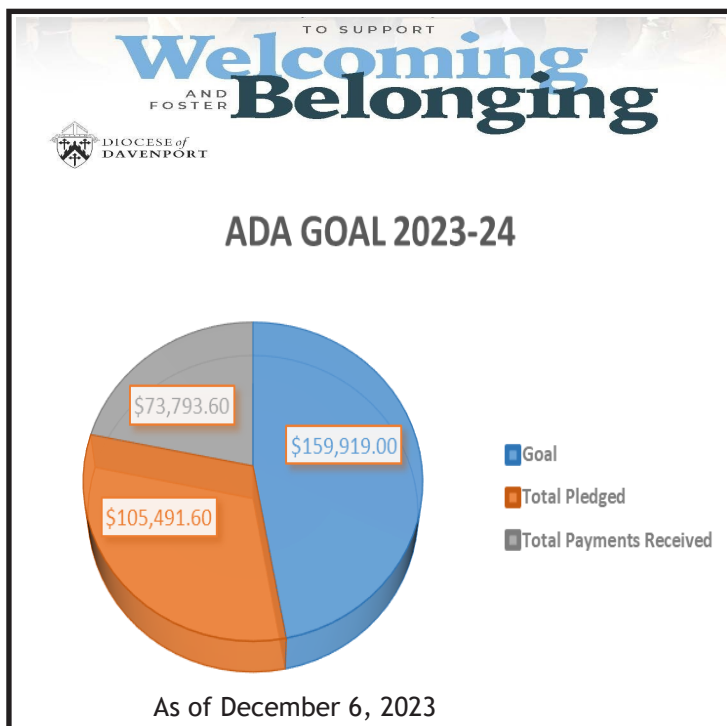


Join your Catholic brothers and sisters as we encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and are sent out on mission for the life of the world.

National Eucharistic Congress: July 17-21, 2024  
<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

Registration for the Congress is now open!

Our parish has 10 discounted tickets available (\$200 instead of \$350)! For more information, or to request



## Interested in Joining Our Parish?

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us and invite you to consider joining our parish community. Stop by the information kiosk in the Gathering Space to pick up a packet of materials with further details. We'd genuinely like to connect your family to our family of faith and hope that you will allow us to be part of your spiritual journey.

## Church/Parish Office

4105 N. Division Street Davenport, IA 52806

Phone: (563) 391-4245 Fax: (563) 445-1003

Emergency: (563)-293-1177

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

Pastor Rev. Patrick Hilgendorf- hilgendorfp@diodav.org  
Parochial Vicar Rev. Andrew Rauenbuehler -  
rauenbuehlera@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

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### Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation

Jennifer Wemhoff - davolvaff@diodav.org

### Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Abbey Heinrichs - davolvym@diodav.org

## 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.

## Send bulletin announcements to:

Lisa: davolvpa@diodav.org or call (563) 391-4245.  
Announcements are due by 3pm on Monday.

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

