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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED
THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD
WOULD BE FULFILLED."

—LUKE 1:45

December 24, 2023

Fourth 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

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

Welcome to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish

A Message from Fr. Patrick.....

Merry Christmas! While this bulletin comes out on Christmas Eve Day and we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent at the Masses in the morning the tone will quickly change from the somber color of violet (purple) to the beautiful bright white and gold that celebrates that Christ is born to us this Christmas Day! It is my hope that we are able to celebrate it as the beautiful event that it truly is. NOT a day but a whole season that is filled with so many beautiful days and moments to celebrate! May we enjoy the true GIFT of Christmas that is the Christ Child who is born to us and what an unbelievable gift HE is in our lives!

It is sad to see the trees by the curbside on December 25 or shortly thereafter when the REAL Christmas season has begun. We think of the Octave of Christmas when we celebrate each of those eight days as if they were Christmas Day itself! We also hear of the twelve days of Christmas that begins on Christmas Day and continues through January 6 (the Traditional day of the Epiphany). The Epiphany is the day when the "Three Kings", Magi or the Wise Men come to the manger and present their gifts to the Christ Child. It is called "Little Christmas" in some traditions and symbolically a gift is set aside to be opened on this day. The Wise Men lay their gifts before the true GIFT which is Christ Emmanuel. Gold for a KING, Frankincense (incense) for God and Myrrh (a burial oil) for the one who would offer HIS very life for us on the Cross!

The Twelve Days of Christmas some would say have Christian references: 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments, 3 French Horns = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues, 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists, 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament (the Pentateuch), 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation, 7 Swans A-swimming + the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven Sacraments, 8 Maids A-milking = the eight Beatitudes, 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit, 10 Lords A-leaping = the Ten Commandments, 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles, 12 Drummers Drumming = the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed and of course the partridge in a pear tree, naturally represents Jesus Christ.

In the midst of all of those days we celebrate MANY awesome events from the Feast of the Holy Innocents to the Feast of the Holy Family. The Feast of the Epiphany is also the traditional day when we bless our homes (20+C+M+B+24). These DAYS of Christmas remind us to celebrate all of the BLESSINGS that the Lord gives to us and to always remember that JESUS is the Reason for the Season and our TRUE GIFT at Christmas!



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, 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

Rest in Peace: Kay lannuzzelli. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Mass Schedule and Parish Events



Saturday, December 23, 2023

8:00 AM † Eleanor & Jack Groene

4:30 PM † Patty Weber

Sunday, December 24, 2023

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 Monday, December 25, 2023

7:00 AM † Paul, Pete & Adam Herrig 9:00 AM † Darrell Micklewright

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

† Charles & Aldora Madden 7:00 AM

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

7:00 AM † Sandy Moellenbeck

Thursday, December 28, 2023

7:00 AM † Kenneth Scodeller 10:30 AM (RC) † Kurt Wiegand

Friday, December 29, 2023 7:00 AM † Ivan Even Saturday, December 30, 2023

> 8:00 AM † Gregg, Jeff & Joey Dietz

4:30 PM † Jane Awbrey

Sunday, December 31, 2023 - Christmas Eve

7:00 AM † Randy Boever For the Parish 9:00 AM 11:00 AM † Tom Carlson

4:30 PM † Frances Christensen



This Week

Saturday

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

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday Mass Times 7AM & 9AM (CH)

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



Monday

Christmas Day Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Mass (CH) 9:00 AM Mass (CH)

Tuesday

Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Mass (CH) 3:30 PM Stephens Ministry (GSMR)

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass (CH)

No Faith Formation Class - Christmas Break 7:00 PM Choir Practice (CH)

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass (CH)

10:30 AM Ridgecrest Mass (CH) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions (CH)

7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday

7:00 AM Mass (CH)

Saturday

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

New Years Eve 7:00 AM Mass (CH) 9:00 AM Mass (CH) 11:00 AM Mass (CH)

4:30 PM Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (CH)

CH-Church **GS-Gathering Space** GSMR-Gathering Space Meeting Room JFK SR-JFK Staff Room

PC-Parish Center RC-Ridgecrest SC - Silvercrest

Position at JFK



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.

Mississippi Valley Student Tuition Organization Donations Welcome

Tax advantages still exist for donations to Student Tuition Organizations, and, even with ESAs helping even more students next year, other families may still need financial assistance. If you would like to make a donation to the MVSTO, please reach out to the SCCS business office located at Assumption High School.



JFK Music Boosters Trivia Night

The JFK Music Boosters would like to thank you for your generous support of the program through the Butter Braid fundraiser and invite you to their Trivia Night this winter. The Trivia Night will be held at the Columbus Club on Friday, January 12th. Doors will open at 5:30pm and the trivia will begin at 6:30pm. The cost is \$100 for a table of 8 or \$15 per person. 8 or \$15 per person. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Beverages can be purchased from the Knights of Columbus at the event. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase new instruments for the band, pay for repairs on donated instruments, and pay student registration fees for honor bands. Please RSVP or reach out to: Ms. Claire Schaecher (JFK band director) with any questions: 309-373-3435. We hope to see you there!

When: Friday, January 12th, 2024 Where: Columbus Club, 1111 W 35th Street, Davenport, IA

52806

Doors open at 5:30 Trivia Starts at 6:30

\$100 for a table of 8 or \$15 per person

Christian Experience Weekend Holy Spirit, Come to Me! FEB 16 - 18 (Women) MAR 1 - 3 (Men)

The "Season" to celebrate Christ's birth doesn't need to end at Christmas!

OLV offers two great weekends to honor Christ by improving your ever-growing relationship with Him!

With the "Holy Spirit, Come to Me" CEWs (Christian Experience Weekend) retreats coming Feb 16-18 (for Women), and Mar 1-3 (for men).



Signups have already begun, so please consider picking up your blue registration forms which can be found at the kiosk in the church gathering space, parish office, or download the form at www.olvjfk.com.

Please don't hesitate to contact this year's CEW Directors if you have any questions or need more information:

Women's Lay Director - Anita Gorzney (563) 508-0103 Men's Lay Director – Jake Pries (563) 940-7526



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 from your circle attend the meeting.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

Sunday, December 24th

• Mass Times: 4:00pm (American Sign for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing), 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 you 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



Merry Christmas to all Our Lady of Victory parishioners. We ask Jesus to continue to bless our parish. Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!

Stewardship Moment

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generosity. When we share God's gifts, the peace of Christ truly controls our hearts and we come to know Christmas joy every day.



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 <u>pantry box</u>.

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)

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.



Did you know that December 26th is National Thank you Note Day?

The Health Ministry Team would like to thank all of you - the great parishioners that we have the opportunity of working with! We are here to help you- so please feel free to reach out to us! May the Lord continue to bless you and your family during this Christmas Season and grant you a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year!



Victory 4 Life
In the parish center this ministry has placed a Christmas tree decorated with gold and silver bulbs. The gold ones are in remembrance of those babies who lost their lives from abortion, miscarriage, or stillbirth. We should continue to pray for these children, the unborn and their par-

ents. May those in a crisis pregnancy hear the truth and find support from family, friends or a pregnancy center.

The silver bulbs are a celebration of all babies born this year. Jesus's birthday can be a reminder to also pray for parents who struggle to care for their children. May they, too, receive the help they need from family, friends, or pregnancy centers.

Victory 4 Life meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in either the OLV gathering space room or the parish center. All are welcome, and ideas and suggestions for further ways to support life are encouraged. If you have questions please contact Emily Raupp at 563-349-7545, or email her at rauppemilym@gmail.com



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



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 PM 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



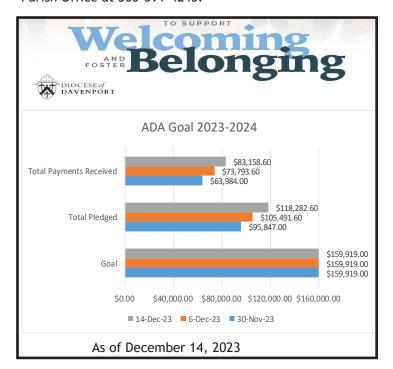
Join your Catholic brothers and sisters as we encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and are sent out on mission for the life of the world.

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 discounted tickets from the parish, please contact the Parish Office at 563-391-4245.



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

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 K-8 Jammie Jamieson - davolvdre@diodav.org Sacrament Coordinator Kaye Meyers- davolvcre@diodav.org
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.

<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

