

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.*



January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Saturday 4:30 PM Mass also livestreamed:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@olvdavenport>

Holy Hour  
Thursdays 7 PM in the Church

# Welcome to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish

## A Message from Fr. Patrick.....

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany within the Christmas season and there are a number of beautiful things that are connected with this Feast. One of the main things that people think about are the three Wise Men who are also referred to as the Magi or the Three Kings. They come to visit the baby Jesus after his birth and bring with them the very symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Gospel of Matthew interestingly is the only one of the four gospels that mention the Magi who have come “from the east” to worship the “King of the Jews.” The three Wise Men are given the names Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar and their initials can be found above the door in the traditional house blessing on this feast. The inscription would look like this: 20+C+M+B+24.

The gifts that they bring are highly symbolic and have a spiritual symbolism for the Christ child. Gold represents His Kingship, Frankincense (an incense) represents that He is a deity (God) and Myrrh is an embalming oil - a symbol of death that directs us to the fact that he would become Savior of the World and give his very life for us! In many cultures and traditions one gift is set aside to open up on the Feast of the Epiphany which is also known by some as “Little Christmas” because the Wise Men come to present their gifts to the Christ child.

The traditional date of the Epiphany is January 6 (some places always celebrate on this date) while in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. It has become the tradition to bless our homes on the Feast of the Epiphany. As seen above the initials in the blessing above the door signify the names of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) and are also the first letters of the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.” The sign of the cross is between the numbers and letters and the numbers represent the year (2025).

After inscribing the 20+C+M+B+24 above the front door the following is said: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand and twenty-four years ago. May Christ Bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Let us pray: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.



## Happenings in the Parish Family

**Please continue to Pray for Our Sick and their Caregivers:** Diane Allen, Larry Barnett, Tom Brehmer, Taffy Brown, Nolan Crowell, Tracey (Dietz) Carlson, Michael Donahue, Chuck Easton, Lorine Geurtsen, Rita Hagner, Joanne Hansen, Angie Harris, Judy Hillebrand, CJ Jamieson, Jean Kavanaugh, Pat Maring, Jim McCarthy, Rebecca McClellan, Beverly McCreary, Daniel McGranaghan, Brent Meyer, Jane Meyer, Dan Micklewright, Nick Miller, Janie Mitchell, Charlotte Moldenhauer, Gary & Mary Neece, Melinda (Siskoff) Neumann, Jerry Nykoluk, Jim O’Brien, Tom Olsen, Linda Otte-Nordeen, Herbert Painter, Tara Painter, Natalie Paulsen, Jerry Rappel, Larry Rudolph, Amy Schubert, Patricia Taylor, Anita Veasey

**Baptism:** Adelina Christine, daughter of Jacob and Kacie Schwarz. Congratulations on her spiritual birthday!

**Rest in Peace:** Loraine Imming. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



# Mass Schedule and Parish Events

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, January 4, 2025

8:00 AM † Cathy Berta  
4:30 PM † Julia & Robert Tigges

### Sunday, January 5, 2025

7:00 AM † Vince & Donna Kelly  
9:00 AM For the Parish  
11:00 AM † Josh Brennan

### Monday, January 6, 2025

7:00 AM † Thomas Stack Sr.

### Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7:00 AM † Mary Klein

### Wednesday, January 8, 2025

7:00 AM † Mary & Kenny Stratton  
7:40 AM † Patricia Heffren

### Thursday, January 9, 2025

7:00 AM † Renner & Neltner Families  
10:30 AM (RC) † Violet Jerin

### Friday, January 10, 2025

7:00 AM † Connie Pond

### Saturday, January 11, 2025

8:00 AM † John Pham  
4:30 PM † Joanne Schwager

### Sunday, January 12, 2025

7:00 AM For the Parish  
9:00 AM † Paul, Peter & Adam Herrig  
11:00 AM † John & Jerry Gerardy



### Did You Know?

Our online giving system provides the opportunity to make gifts to holy day, diocesan and special collections in addition to your regular offerings. Contributions are withdrawn on the date you specify and can be made from your bank account or credit card. Even if you typically use offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online for a special cause. It's easy, secure and convenient! Visit [www.olyjfk.com](http://www.olyjfk.com) and select the "E-Giving" button or download the free Give+ app for your mobile device.



Have you recently moved, updated your phone or email address? Do you have a temporary winter address? If you answered YES to any of these questions, please give us a call at 563-391-4245 and we can update your information (name, address, cell/home phone, email) to Lisa in the Parish Office - [davolvpa@diodav.org](mailto:davolvpa@diodav.org).

## This Week

### Saturday

4 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)  
Victory Vouchers Sold, Expectant Parent Blessing and Blood Pressure Check after 4:30 PM Mass

### Sunday

5 The Epiphany of the Lord  
Victory Vouchers Sold after 7 AM & 9 AM Mass, Expectant Parent Blessing and Blood Pressure Check after all Masses  
7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
9:00 AM Mass (CH)  
9:30 AM OCIA (GSMR)  
11:00 AM Mass (CH)  
11:00 AM Hospice Cookie Drop-off (GS)

### Monday

6 JFK Classes Resume  
7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
6:0 PM Stephens Ministry Heads (PC-C)

### Tuesday

7 7:00 M Mass (CH)  
6:00 PM Victory 4 Life (PC-C)  
6:30 PM JFK Board of Education (GSMR)

### Wednesday

8 7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
7:40 AM JFK All School Mass (CH)  
6:00 PM Faith Formation Class (JFK School/Gym/Caf/PC)  
7:00 PM High School Youth Night (YR)  
7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice (CH)

### Thursday

9 7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
10:00 AM Queen of Heaven (GSMR)  
10:30 AM Ridgcrest Mass (RC)  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions (CH)  
7:00 PM Holy Hour (CH)

### Friday

10 7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
9:00 AM Health Ministry Meeting (GSMR)

### Saturday

11 6:30 AM TMIY (PC-T)  
8:00 AM Mass (CH)  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Confession (CH)  
9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (GSMR)  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Confession (CH)  
4:30 PM Mass (CH)

### Sunday

12 7:00 AM Mass (CH)  
9:00 AM Mass (CH)  
9:30 AM OCIA (GSMR)  
11:00 AM Mass (CH)  
1100 AM American Sign Language Mass for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (CH)  
2:00 PM CEW Team Meetings (PC)



Christ caring for people through people

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Sometimes it is hard to walk through major life changes alone. Here at Our Lady of Victory, we have Stephen Ministers, who will meet with you on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide you with emotional and spiritual support. Ministers are trained, and called, to walk with you during this time and remind you of God's love and peace even in the roughest of storms.

If you think this program could be helpful to you, please contact Marilyn Riley at 563-349-8815 to be paired with a Stephen Minister.

### 2025 Christian Experience Weekend "Made For These Days"

February 7-9th (Women)  
February 28th-March 2nd (Men)

Registration forms are located in the kiosk in the Gathering Space, Parish Office or at [www.olvjfk.com/olv](http://www.olvjfk.com/olv).

For questions, please call:  
**Marie Ripslinger-Atwater:**  
(563) 505-8578 or  
**Karl Stratman (563) 210-2724**



### Pray in the New Year

Did you know that since 1973, when Roe v. Wade legalized abortion nationally, 66.1 million babies have been aborted in the USA? With several states now expanding the access to abortion since Roe was overturned in 2022, that number is certainly higher.

We in Iowa can be grateful that the heartbeat bill was finalized and enacted in our state. Now abortions here can not legally be performed if a baby's heartbeat can be detected, usually between 6 and 10 weeks of gestation. However the fight is not over. We must continue to pray for women considering abortion and those who have already made that choice.

If you would like to join Victory 4 Life, please consider attending our next meeting on Tuesday, January 7th, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. For questions contact [Emily at: rauppemilym@gmail.com](mailto:rauppemilym@gmail.com) or call: 563-349-7545.



### You are invited to Join the Choir!

If you enjoy the music the Adult Choir shares with the congregation and would like to become a part of this wonderful ministry, January is the perfect mid-season time to join us. For more information contact [Sharon at 563-940-2787](mailto:Sharon)



## Faith Formation

Thank you to all of our students and families for an amazing 2024! We are excited about the year ahead with Youth + Family Engagement and pray that 2025 brings us all closer together and closer to Jesus Christ!

*May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making our path easy,  
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from us,  
But by taking fear from our heart;  
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making our life always pleasant,  
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,  
and by making us anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.  
Amen.*

2025  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our OLV Wednesday night Faith Formation Students who collected over 300 toiletry items for the less fortunate at St. Anthony's. A special thanks to Jammie Jamieson, Maureen Mosse, and an anonymous cash donor who planned this event. Your generosity and kindness will greatly benefit many people who need a helping hand during this special season.



**Parish Appreciation Dinner**  
**Saturday, January 18**  
**5:30pm-8pm**  
**OLV Parish Center**

Please join us for an evening of food, drinks, and great music! We hope you will attend our Parish Appreciation dinner, so we can thank you for all you do to make Our Lady of Victory a wonderful Parish.

To RSVP, please contact the Parish office at: 563-391-4245.



# The Epiphany of the Lord

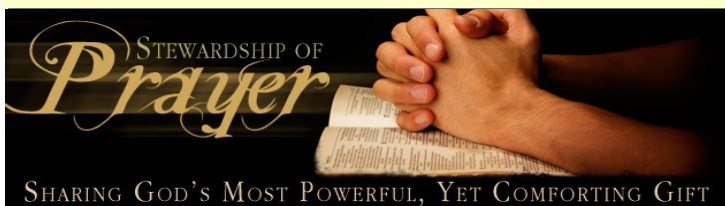


The OLV Foundation Board is excited to start 2025 with Our Lady of Victory Church and John F. Kennedy Catholic School families as we continue Creating Tomorrow's Parish Today. The OLV Foundation Board is pleased to serve on your behalf. Contact us with questions or suggestions to build a stronger Foundation.

## Stewardship Moment

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11*

Pope Gregory I (Gregory the Great) said that these three gifts represent what we too should give God everyday. Gold—we should reflect Christ's wisdom in our relationships. Frankincense—represents our daily prayer. Myrrh—a symbol of the sacrifices that we make for the sake of others. Stewardship is much easier when we seek God first and open our coffers in generosity.



## January Prayer Intention

Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season. While much is unknown about the Magi who traveled to worship baby Jesus, they are examples of amazing risk takers. They traveled with few directions across grueling terrain during a time of little comfort and much danger. They encountered the cruel and sly King Herod; yet, the Magi persevered. After they "fell down and worshiped" Jesus, they did not expect recognition, but instead brought presents to the Holy Family before avoiding Herod and returning home. As we start the new year, let us pray that we develop a similar persistence in living our faith and worshipping Jesus.



## Calling all interested persons!

The church is in need of some heavy and not so heavy cleaning of various areas throughout its inside, including some areas of the Gathering Space. The sacristans (Cheryl Wagner, Peggy Lotspeich and Loretta Reed) are in need of help to make this happen. We would like to have a couple cleaning days starting after the holidays in mid-January and February [tentatively Saturday, January 25th and Saturday, February 15], where we would have any and all interested persons here to help us as this is a BIG job. We need to dust and polish all of the wood work - including walls that reach to the ceilings and many of the chairs in the small chapel, as well as doors. Windows need to be washed and brass fixtures on doors and holy water fonts need to be de-tarnished and polished. The beautiful stained glass windows need to be dusted and cleaned where appropriate. There is much more to do too, but please let us know if you are interested in helping. You can RSVP to the Parish office at: 563-391-4245.

Many thanks for helping us keep our church beautiful!!!



## FACTS ABOUT BLOOD DONATION

- Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood or platelets.
- That amounts to about 36,000 units of blood needed each day
- One donation can save up to three lives.
- Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured and must come from a human donor

\*Statistics provided by the American Red Cross

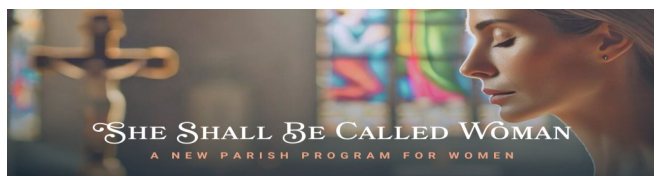


We are in need of help with the Blood Pressure Clinic after three of the 4:30 pm Masses during 2025. Please contact Jan King at 563-343-3134 if you are available to help. Thank you.



The next session of GriefShare will be starting Wednesday, January 29, 2025 with no class on Ash Wednesday, March 5th ending on April 30th, 2025. It will be held in the Gathering Space Meeting Room of the church from 6:30pm-8:00pm. There will be a \$20 fee for the workbook. Scholarships available per request if you are unable to pay. Please contact the OLV Parish Office at 563-391-4245 to register.

GriefShare is a 13-week session, Christ-centered grief support group. Each session, we will view a video, hold discussion and review our workbooks. We will provide a safe and healthy group experience led by lay leaders from the church. There are 6 signs of healing which will help you make healthy progress through your grief. If you have lost a loved one whether they were a parent, spouse, sibling, child, or a close neighbor, please join us.



## Save the Date She Shall Be Called Woman - Kick-Off Event Saturday, May 10

We are thrilled to announce that She Shall Be Called Woman will start at OLV. The official program starts in the fall; however, the She Leadership team is planning a women's retreat in May to gather the women of the Parish in fellowship and faith. The kick-off event will be on Saturday, May 10 from 8:30-11am. Please save the date and we will share more information as it becomes available.

Questions or want to express interest? Contact Cheryl Wagner at [c.wagner@mchsi.com](mailto:c.wagner@mchsi.com).



The OLV Singles Group is looking for new ideas and parishioners to join us. We welcome all singles over 21 years of age. Invite your friends and come check us out!

### Upcoming Singles Ministry Events:

- January 5th - 1pm, Lotus Asian Bistro 589 E 53rd St. Davenport
- January 9th - Singles Game Night 5:30pm, OLV Parish Center

For more information or to RSVP, please call Jim at 563-343-1386



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](mailto: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 or Eucharistic Ministers after you have been discharged.

**SHEPHERDING  
Families in Faith  
Annual Diocesan Appeal 2024  
Total as of December 18, 2024**

**GOAL**

**TOTAL  
PLEGDED**

**TOTAL  
RECEIVED**

**\$170,463.00**

**\$162,499.77**

**\$117,800.57**

### 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.....8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Pastor Rev. Patrick Hilgendorf- [hilgendorfp@diodav.org](mailto:hilgendorfp@diodav.org)  
Parochial Vicar Rev. Mike Snyder- [snyderm@diodav.org](mailto:snyderm@diodav.org)  
Deacon Al Boboth - Retired  
Deacon Marc Mosse - Retired  
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](mailto:Chad.steimle@olvjfkmail.com)

### Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Office: (563) 391-8384

### Director of Religious Education K-8

Jammie Jamieson - [davolvdre@diodav.org](mailto:davolvdre@diodav.org)

### Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation

Jennifer Wemhoff - [davolvaff@diodav.org](mailto:davolvaff@diodav.org)

### Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Thomas Day - [davolvym@diodav.org](mailto:davolvym@diodav.org); (563) 391-4245

### 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](mailto:davolvnurse@diodav.org)

### Stephen Ministry

Providing emotional and spiritual support

Marilyn Riley.....(563)349-8815

### 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](mailto: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:

Nancy Gusse - 563-386-1462

Debbie Kelly - 563-391-9021

