

# THE VICTORY VOICE

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## A MESSAGE FROM FR. PATRICK

It is hard to believe that summer is here already with the school year coming to an end and all of the graduations taking place. As the sign says out front of church, we are proud of all of our students who are graduating from various levels of schooling. With the end of the school year comes summer break and vacation. One of the things to remember is that we do NOT take a vacation from God or church.

I remember growing up the many vacations that we would take. Some were closer like Chicago and Wisconsin, while others took us much farther away to Mount Rushmore, Colorado, New York, Washington D.C. and Florida – just to name some of them. The one thing that was consistent was that we never skipped our Sunday Obligation for church. I think that we enjoyed seeing the different churches throughout the United States and enjoying the different music, church architecture and visiting with people from other parts of the country.

I encourage each of you to enjoy the summer and find time to relax and take a break from the busy schedule that life gives to us. It is nice to visit family, spend time with friends and just do nothing if we are not traveling to some beautiful or exotic place. Remember that on the final day of the week God rested and it is good for our souls to also rest in the Lord. Do not take a break from God – but relax in the goodness that He gives to us!

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!

*Fr. Patrick*  
**Rev. Patrick J. Hilgendorf**  
**Pastor**



# FUELING THE HEALING POWER OF JESUS'S LOVE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

by: Jenny Parvin

When I first moved to the Quad Cities, I was taking a big leap. I came from the East Coast, leaving behind family, friends, and the life I had always known. While I built a life here over the years, something still felt missing. It was not until I became involved at Our Lady of Victory and attended my first CEW that I truly began to feel at home.

The more involved I became in parish life, the more I realized I had found something much deeper than community — I had come back home. The people of this parish have given me strength, encouragement, and hope. Through their example, they helped lead me back to Jesus and reminded me of my true home in God's love and grace.

I would not have had this experience without the beautiful community we share at Our Lady of Victory. That is why I believe so strongly in the mission of the OLV Foundation. The OLV Foundation is about far more than financial gifts. It is about sustaining, strengthening, and growing the faith community that has transformed so many lives. Through the generosity of parishioners, we are helping ensure that future generations will encounter the same love, belonging, and healing power of Christ that we have experienced here.

## **Why Your Gift Matters**

Gifts to the OLV Foundation are thoughtfully invested to provide long-term support for our parish and its ministries. Rather than being used once, donations continue to grow over time, creating a lasting legacy that strengthens Our Lady of Victory for generations to come.

Your support helps provide stability for essential ministries, supports future parish needs, and ensures that the mission of OLV continues to flourish both now and into the future.

## **Where Foundation Gifts Go**

Foundation gifts help sustain and strengthen many important areas of parish life, including:

- Faith Formation & Education: Supporting parish education, youth ministry, adult formation, and the continued growth of our faith community.
- Facilities & Preservation: Maintaining and improving our worship spaces, parish buildings, and gathering areas so they remain welcoming for generations to come.
- Community Outreach & Ministry: Providing resources for ministries and outreach efforts that serve parishioners and those in need throughout our community.
- Future Growth & Innovation: Helping fund new initiatives and opportunities that expand the mission and impact of Our Lady of Victory.

## **How to Make a Gift**

Making a gift to the OLV Foundation is a meaningful way to invest in the future of our parish community. Gifts of all sizes make a lasting impact and may be made at any time.

- Online: Through the parish's secure online giving platform.
- By Mail: Checks payable to "OLV Foundation" may be mailed or delivered to the parish office. Donation envelopes can be found in the Gathering Space.
- Planned Giving: Opportunities such as estate gifts, charitable remainder trusts, and other planned gifts can help create a lasting legacy of faith.

Thank you for your continued faith, generosity, and commitment to Our Lady of Victory. Together, we can continue fueling the healing power of Jesus for generations to come.



Our Lady of Victory  
Foundation  
Creating Tomorrow's Parish Today

**Officers:** Mike Matthys, Roni Pianca, Kathy Peterson and Joe Creen

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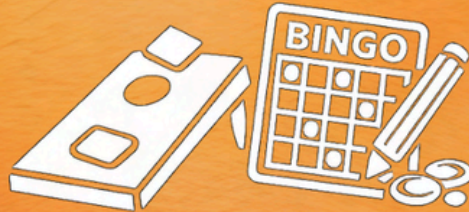
# Fall Festival



*Food Trucks*



*Entertainment*



*Indoor and Outdoor Activities*

**Save the Date!**

**August 29 • 4:30-8:30pm**

***Watch the bulletin and your email for details!***

# *From Closets to Community: Stewardship at Work*

by: Deanne Mainey

When we think of stewardship, we often picture offering plates, pledge cards, or mission projects. But stewardship is much more than that. It is how we care for all that God has entrusted to us—our time, talents, treasures, and possessions.

Our upcoming Rummage Sale is a wonderful example of stewardship in action. By donating items we no longer need, we practice gratitude, recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. Rather than allowing unused belongings to gather dust, we give them new purpose and the opportunity to bless someone else.

The sale also reflects our stewardship of creation. Reusing and repurposing items helps reduce waste, keeps usable goods out of landfills, and honors the resources that went into making them. It is a simple yet meaningful way to care for God's creation and embrace a more thoughtful way of living.

Perhaps most importantly, the Rummage Sale strengthens our parish community and connects us with the larger community around us. Days before the sale begins, volunteers of all ages come together to sort, organize, price, set up, and prepare for the event. Their generous gifts of time and talent make the sale possible and create a spirit of fellowship and shared purpose.

The impact extends well beyond our parish. Even after the sale ends, many donated items remain. These items are carefully packed and shared with organizations that continue the cycle of reuse, ensuring that donations can benefit others long after our doors close.

The financial proceeds from the sale also support the ministries of our parish, multiplying the impact of every contribution. What may begin as a sweater in a closet, a lamp in a basement, or a set of dishes on a shelf can ultimately help support ministry, outreach, and care for those in need.

As St. Peter reminds us:

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

Our Rummage Sale beautifully brings together the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that are at the heart of stewardship. It is an opportunity to express gratitude, serve others, care for creation, and strengthen the bonds of our faith community.

Thank you to everyone who has organized, donated, volunteered, shopped, and spread the word about this important event. Your generosity is a powerful witness to stewardship in action and a reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together for the good of others.



# Answering the Need with Faith and Generosity

by: Helen White

Did You Know?.....

The OLV Little Food Pantry began as a heartfelt mission led by Jennifer Wemhoff and the OLV Youth Group to serve those in need within our parish and surrounding community. A few years ago, members of St. Anne's Circle graciously continued this important ministry, helping ensure that the pantry remains a dependable source of support for so many.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our OLV parishioners and support from the Knights of Columbus, this mission continues to thrive. The pantry is stocked daily—and at times, even twice in one day due to the growing need in our community. Your kindness truly makes a difference.

Many parishioners have shared stories and feedback from community members expressing deep gratitude for the food and hygiene items provided through the pantry. Those simple acts of generosity bring hope, dignity, and comfort to individuals and families facing difficult times. Words cannot fully express our appreciation to you, our parish family. Without your continued donations and support, this much-needed mission would not be possible. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in such a meaningful way.

To help keep the pantry filled, we will be hosting a "Stock the Pantry" Food Drive in July. Blue donation bags will be available the weekend of July 11/12 for parishioners to take home and fill with food and/or hygiene items. We ask that bags be returned the following weekend, July 18/19. Volunteers will be available after each Mass to collect donations.

Because many who use the pantry are homeless or have limited storage and cooking access, smaller and easy-to-carry grocery items are especially appreciated. A suggested donation list will be included in each blue bag.

**\*\*Please note: we are unable to accept expired or out-of-date food or hygiene products.\*\***

Donations for the pantry are welcomed year-round and may be placed in the collection bins located at the bottom of the stairs in the main church entrance. We will also hold another "Stock the Pantry" drive this winter.

Thank you for continuing to be the hands and feet of Christ through your compassion and generosity.



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# Summer Praise and Prayer Passport

by Jammie Jamieson

Happy summer to all of our parish families! It is time for play, relaxation, summer sports, swimming and travel.. We would love to learn more about where you were this summer to encounter Jesus with unique summertime opportunities for praise and prayer. Complete as many passport pages as you would like by completing all the information and drawing a picture, then submit them to the Parish Office or scan and email to Mrs. Jammie Jamieson ([davolvdre@diodav.org](mailto:davolvdre@diodav.org)). The deadline for submission is Tuesday, August 11th.

We will feature several submissions in our Fall Victory Voice Newsletter to share what neat places our children, families and parishioners of all ages found this summer to be with Jesus to worship Him and to offer prayers for others, especially those with acute needs. You may even share about a special trip or experience that happens at Our Lady of Victory - either inside or outside of our gorgeous Church building!

We know that we never have to travel far to find Jesus in the Tabernacle and He desires to be close to us at all times, no matter where we are, what we are doing or who we are with. Invite Jesus along for all your summer fun!

(This Summer Passport activity is for ALL ages!)



**PRAISE AND PRAYER PASSPORT SUMMER 2026**

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# YOU ARE NOT ALONE: GRIEF SUPPORT AT OLV

by Char McGovern

## Save the Date!

The fall session of OLV's GriefShare support group will begin Wednesday, September 9, and continue through November 18, meeting each Wednesday evening from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space meeting room.

GriefShare is an 11-week program offering support, encouragement, and hope for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Each session includes a video presentation, group discussion, reflection on the previous week, and fellowship with others who understand the journey of grief. The program is led by fellow parishioners who have personally experienced loss.

Even if you have attended GriefShare before, you are welcome to return. Many participants find they gain new insight and healing each time. One participant shared, "Help and insight on the normal grief journey," while another said, "I realized I am not alone. Hearing others' stories helped me understand that grief is a process and healing takes time."

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, we invite you to join us. Please call the rectory at 563-391-4245 to register so supplies may be prepared. There is a \$20 fee to help offset the cost of materials, but no one will be turned away. Additional information will be shared in the bulletin throughout the summer.



Save the date! If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and are wondering how you will face the upcoming holiday season, we invite you to join us for Surviving the Holidays, a special GriefShare morning designed to offer comfort, support, and hope.

This gathering, led by a member of the OLV Wellness Committee, will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 9:00–10:30am. A light breakfast will be provided. There is a \$10 fee to help cover the cost of the workbook, but no one will be turned away due to financial concerns.

Please know that you are not alone in your grief. Watch the bulletin for additional details as fall approaches.



# We Are Made for More.

## A Q&A with Christopher West and Mike Mangione

As parishes and families try to keep up with a fast-moving world where the definition and purpose of our humanity seem to constantly change, an eye-opening and breathtakingly beautiful national touring event called **Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land** is coming to:

**Our Lady of Victory - 4105 N. Division St. Davenport IA 52806 - Thursday November 12, 2026**

"Where do we come from and where are we going? If we don't have compelling answers to these questions, we have no orientation in our lives," says Christopher West, world-renowned teacher of St. John Paul II's liberating vision of human life and love called "Theology of the Body."

The event, led by West and internationally touring folk/Americana musician Mike Mangione, will dive deeply into life's deepest questions and provide both grounding and great hope.

"This is not just a lecture or a talk," insists West. "It's an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts."

West and Mangione recently spoke to the media about some of these clues and much more, including the transformation they hope takes place in those who attend Made for More.



Christopher West (left) and Mike Mangione.

### What is Made for More? Why is this your focus?

**Christopher West:** We call it Made for More because we yearn for so much more than what the world is telling us. The world understands that we are creatures of hunger and passion, but they lead us to what I call "the fast food gospel," which is the promise of immediate gratification for that hunger. Many people think Christianity, on the other hand, is an invitation to a "starvation diet." No! That's not the Gospel. Christianity is an invitation to an infinite feast of life-giving love, and that's what this event is all about.

**Mike Mangione:** It's a presentation meant to meet you where you are and bring you to a place of communion. It is the culmination of Christopher's 25 years in this work, my 15 in music and our friendship. It is a conversation through sight and sound about how God

reveals himself through creation and how our desires are meant to draw us closer to Him. It is a special and unique opportunity coming to your area.

It is my focus because it addresses the question of what it means to be human, Christian, Catholic right at a crucial moment in our history. We really need to look at these questions before we lose ourselves and slip into a stale state of indifference as a culture.

### How is it different from other Catholic presentations?

**MM:** It is broad and relevant to all types of people. "Catholic talks" tend to be more on a specific element of the Catholic tradition/faith. This talk will be focused on the human heart no matter where it has been before. This presentation uses sight, sound, video, music, and images to reveal, teach and enable us to experience something communally as a group.

**CW:** Catholicism is a sensual religion – meaning, we experience the divine in and through our bodies, through our senses. And this event is designed to engage your senses, to wake them up and enable a new way of seeing, of hearing, of experiencing the world.

### Mike, what is your role in the event? What are you trying to convey through your music?

**MM:** I am a co-creator as well as the musician for the event. My goal is to facilitate an experience that is communal between presenters, recipients and the Holy Spirit. I call it the Holy Campfire experience ... where we can all gather around and discuss the deepest mysteries of what it means to be human and be part of the human mystery. It is sometimes easier to achieve this with music because, like most art forms, it is often felt first and understood later. My aim is to create an event that brings the audience into the experience rather than just simply watching a talk.

### Christopher, what are you trying to convey through your presentation?

**CW:** We're taking people on a journey through some particular words of Christ. We start with: "They look but do not see." So we've been trained to look at the world, but not see it; to look at the human body, for instance, but not see it. All of creation has a message, and Jesus says, "Come and become one who sees." He's in the business of giving sight to the blind.

The great battle between lightness and darkness is particularly intense in the world today. The meaning of our humanity is being eclipsed. The goal of this event is really to help turn the lights on for people, so they can see the mystery of God revealed through all of creation, and especially through our own humanity, our own bodies as male and female. Through that "coming to see," our eyes are opened in stunning new ways to God's plan for creation and for our own lives.

### Mike, what is the "dance" between your music and Christopher's presentation?

**MM:** There are places music can go that the spoken word cannot. There is so much happening at once: lyrics, melody, instrumentation etc. All of these things can combine into a potent force that can pierce the heart. Sometimes the spoken word can tease out very clear ideas in a way that music never can. Combined, if done correctly, you can create a full head and heart experience. We try to create an experience where Christopher sets up a thought or a vision and then the music helps to prayerfully reflect upon it.

### Is Made for More just for adults and parents? Or can youth attend?

**MM:** Made For More is for everyone who is ready to ponder the questions "Who am I, what am I, and where am I going?" This event is for married, single, celibate, Catholic, non-Catholic, devout, skeptic, youth and ... experienced.

### Why is art and beauty essential to the event?

**CW:** Art is the language of the heart and the heart is wired for beauty, but, sadly, a lot of us are anesthetized in the modern world. "Anesthetized" actually means "numb to beauty." We want to wake people up to beauty, and through that, help people get in touch with their deepest yearnings. That's where we discover the great mystery we are all part of.

### How can Made for More transform a parish? How can it help the priest and parish leadership?

**MM:** Made for More can tenderize the hearts and dig the furrows for the Holy Spirit to drop seeds and cultivate. We provide post-event resources that help those seeds take root and potentially grow into something beautiful and life-giving. Any seeds dropped in the right conditions can provide an abundant harvest.

### What would you like attendees to come away feeling?

**MM:** Empathy, affirmation and hope.  
**CW:** That they're not crazy to yearn for more than what this world offers. They're not crazy to want to be loved and affirmed as they are, behind the masks, warts and all. They're not crazy to imagine a world where every tear is wiped from the eye and every cry of the heart is answered. It's called "the promised land," and we want to give people a vision of it.

## MADE FOR MORE

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# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

**JUNE 6-7**

**WELLNESS  
BOOK  
SALE**

Find your next favorite book and help invest in the future of healthcare!

**JUNE 11-13**

**OLV  
RUMMAGE  
SALE**

Something for everyone, Vintage finds, Don't miss out!

**AUG 29**

**OLV FALL  
FESTIVAL**

OLV Fall Fest — Food, Fun & Fellowship for Everyone!

**NOV 12**

**PARISH  
MISSION**

An inspiring evening of faith, music, beauty, and purpose—discover what you were MADE FOR MORE!

**For event  
details,  
please visit:**

**[WWW.OLVJFK.COM/OLV](http://WWW.OLVJFK.COM/OLV)**