
OUR LADY OF VICTORY

THE VICTORY VOICE

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. PATRICK

As you receive this edition of the Victory Voice we will still have a little time left in the Lenten season. I hope that it is going well for you and you are growing closer to the Lord day by day. As always these are times for us to deepen our faith and experience some of the most beautiful liturgies that the Church has to offer. Last year people from our parish had many compliments about the 7 churches that is a pilgrimage on Holy Thursday to spend time in prayer at seven of the local churches. Holy Week has so many beautiful events that leave us filled with a longing for the Lord Jesus and all that he has done for us, and what he calls us to do as faithful disciples. I always look forward to the Chrism Mass which is so symbolic with the Blessing of the Holy Oils and the renewal of our priestly vows. The list of these events can be found in this edition of the Victory Voice. May we **MAKE OUR LENT HOLY** and attend as many of these liturgies as we are able.

One of the journeys that leads us to Easter Day and the Resurrection of the Lord is the journey of our candidates and catechumens in OCIA to the waters of Baptism and being received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. We are **BLESSED** again this year with a good number of people who will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Easter is about “new life” and great

JOY! These people who will become our new parishioners are the “new life” of our parish and it brings us **GREAT JOY** to welcome them as part of our community.

With Easter we also think about the planting that will soon happen in the fields around us and in our own gardens and flower beds. Planting seeds that will grow into something beautiful. The initiative **CALLED BY NAME** to promote vocations is doing exactly that – planting seeds in the minds and hearts of our young people that they might be called to serve God and His church as a priest or religious. May we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, including from our own parish.

As always, you remain in my constant prayers and remembered as I offer Mass each day. May our Lenten journey that reflects on the passion and death of Jesus bring us to the true joy of Easter – “new life” in our Savior who is **RISEN FROM THE DEAD!**

Father Patrick

REV. PATRICK J. HILGENDORF
Pastor



STRENGTHENING OUR PARISH TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S FAMILIES

by: Jenny VanGenderen

This spring my son will make his first communion at Our Lady of Victory, the same parish I made my first communion at as a second grader at JFK. It is such a blessing for my children to grow up in this parish community.

My hope is that our parish will continue to thrive, so future generations are able to experience this wonderful parish community. This is the main reason I contribute to the OLV Foundation and serve on the OLV Foundation Board.

The OLV Foundation is an approved tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation with its purpose being to receive and invest funds to financially help support our church and school. When a donor makes a gift to the OLV Foundation, it agrees not to spend the principal value of their contribution and instead holds it in perpetuity. The gift is invested and only the earnings from the fund can be spent by the OLV Foundation.

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I am continually impressed by what the OLV Foundation has accomplished, thanks to your generosity and support of our parish. Here are some recent examples of how the OLV Foundation earnings have been used:

- Repairs to Stained Glass Window Frames at OLV Church
- Air Conditioning
- JFK Boiler
- Parochial Vicar Salary
- Campus Security
- Completion of JFK HVAC System
- JFK Computer Server
- JFK Science Textbooks
- OLV Choir Music

- New Exterior Doors on Campus
- Completion of Campus Playground Equipment
- Handicap Accessible Church Door
- Resurfacing and Stripping the Parking Lot
- New Flooring in JFK Classrooms
- Concrete Work at Church and Rectory Entrances and Crosswalk Sidewalk
- Staining of Exterior Wood Above Church Windows

If you would like to help shape the future of our parish and support tomorrow's community today, please consider donating to the OLV Foundation. Donations can be made online through the OLV website or by using an envelope available in the back of the church.

Together, we can ensure that Our Lady of Victory remains a vibrant, supportive parish for generations to come.

OLV Foundation Board Members

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

Members: Rev. Patrick Hilgendorf (ex-officio), Mike Lazio, Bernie Mack, Jodi Siebler, Dan Haverkamp, Denis Prior, Mike Strajack, Jenny Parvin, and Jenny VanGenderen.



Our Lady of Victory
Foundation
Creating Tomorrow's Parish Today

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

by: *Monica Flathman*

Assumption senior Olivia Fernando lives stewardship through her service to church, school, and the community. The daughter of Labora and Kelvis Fernando, Olivia believes being part of the Mass helps her grow in her faith.

“Being a part of the Mass brings me into the Mass,” she said. In her elementary days at John F. Kennedy, Olivia first served as an altar server. Explaining that her mother initially signed her up, Olivia said, “I thought it was really cool. At first, I was really nervous.” After she learned the steps, she said she enjoyed being part of the celebration.



Altar serving opened the door eventually to being a lector. When Jane Brockman, Coordinator of Lectors, asked several eighth graders if they were interested, Olivia was trained and began reading from the altar. Lectoring has provided Olivia with opportunities for her and her family to experience different Mass times since she and her sister Faithlyn, who also lectures, read at a variety of masses. She said you experience the larger community at Our Lady of Victory. Volunteering, said Olivia, “gives you a bigger community, fellowship, and making more connections within the church.” That also strengthens your faith, she said.

In addition to serving at Our Lady of Victory, Olivia volunteers as a camp counselor in the summer at St. Philomena Academy Youth Camp (SPAYC) at Holy Family. Most recently she has served on the team of the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat in Moline. Describing it as an “amazing experience,” Olivia said participating in a TEC “creates a community of fellowship, allows you to bond with people, and truly see God’s love for you.”

At Assumption Olivia participates as a drum major in marching band, first chair flautist in concert band, and pianist for jazz band. She sings in choir and currently is serving as the theater department’s publicist for the upcoming play.

Outside of school, Olivia works on the weekends for the Davenport Parks and Rec as a referee for Dad’s Club Soccer in the spring and fall. In the summer, she works with T-ball, Coach Pitch, and Youth Track and Field.

After graduation Olivia is planning on attending the University of Iowa in the Bio Medical Engineering field. She hopes to work in the area of prosthetics one day.

“A part of me loves being involved and doing service,” said Olivia. In addition to her sister and her brother Stevens, who currently is an altar server, Olivia encourages others to give volunteering a try. “It gives you another perspective,” she said.



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Parishioners who use our online giving method are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. If you have not yet tried it, then please consider this option. This simple and secure tool is perfect for anyone who shops online. Visit www.olvjfk.com and select the “Parishioner Giving” button at the bottom of the homepage, or download the free *VANCO MOBILE* app for your handheld device..



DESIGNER'S SPRING FLING LUNCHEON

by: *Emily Raupp*

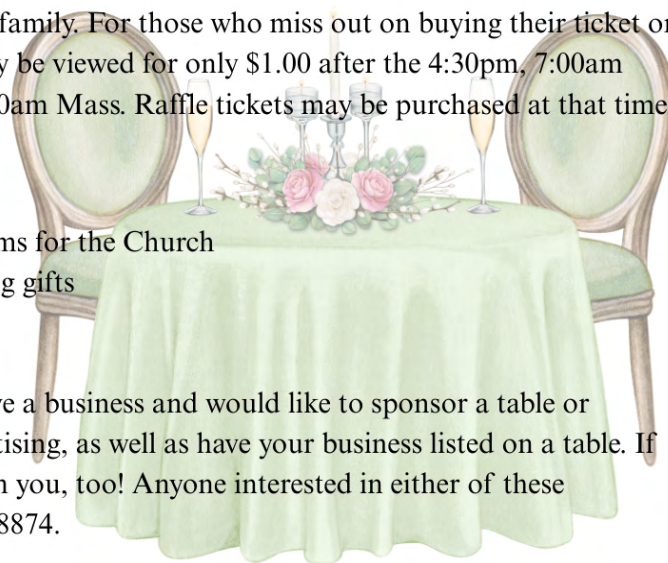
The Victory for Life Ministry, and the Queen of Heaven Circle are sponsoring a fundraiser called The Designer's Spring Fling on Sunday, April 19th. Doors will open at 12:00pm and lunch will be served at 12:30pm, in the Parish Center. Tickets to attend will be \$15 per guest. Look for tickets to be sold after masses in March and April. Youth Ministry will also be helping to serve the meal for service hours.

Each table will be elaborately decorated in a different theme; a light lunch of soup, salad, and dessert will be served (gluten/allergy friendly); a raffle will be held; and entertainment will be provided! Women, men, and children 7 and older are welcome to attend with their family. For those who miss out on buying their ticket or are not attending, the beautifully decorated tables may be viewed for only \$1.00 after the 4:30pm, 7:00am and 9:00am masses that weekend, and before the 11:00am Mass. Raffle tickets may be purchased at that time also.

Proceeds from the event will be distributed to:

- Queen of Heaven Circle to purchase Sacramental items for the Church
- Victory for Life to fund the Expectant Parent Blessing gifts
- Woman's Choice Center and Pregnancy Resources

Now, designers and sponsors, we need you! If you have a business and would like to sponsor a table or donate a raffle prize, we will post your business advertising, as well as have your business listed on a table. If you would like to design a table, we'd like to hear from you, too! Anyone interested in either of these opportunities, please call Maureen Mosse at 563-579-8874.



FIRST AID IN THE CHURCH AT OLV



by: *Cheryl Wagner*

Just to be sure everyone knows where items are in case of emergency, the parish wellness group members wanted to give a quick update! There is an AED (automated external defibrillator) in a red case mounted on the wall, outside the door of the Gathering Space meeting room. There are also several first aid kits – with items for small scrapes and bruises like gauze, sponges, alcohol wipes, tape and Band-Aids – one in the nurse's room – which is the room east of the baptismal font – and another in the altar servers' room on counter by the north wall. There are blankets in case of disaster in the altar servers' room and in the closet just north of the nurse's room. There are blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes in the nurse's room, both manual and electronic. There is a small kit in the altar servers' room for persons that are light-headed, dizzy or nauseous – with crackers and clean-up materials in case of accidents. There is one case of plastic bottled water in the altar servers' room. And we have lots of Kleenexes and paper towels for the flu season, as well as antibacterial cleanser in multiple locations throughout the church – by all doors in the Gathering Space, by the Winter exit, the organ, and the credence table in the front of the church, and by the sinks in the Sacristy, the Altar Servers' room, and all bathrooms. We want to be prepared!!



INDULGING IN NEW LIFE

by: Jammie Jamieson

As we enter into a season of new life through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Halleluia!) and enjoy the new life that surrounds us on and off our beautiful campus with gorgeous spring flowers and baby animals, let us turn to our patron saint of animals, Saint Francis. Of Assisi. Pope Leo XIV is offering a very special opportunity to find God's grace through his proclamation of the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis which extends us a chance for an indulgence. Our Pope has called upon the faithful to become "a model of holiness" in the example of Saint Francis of Assisi.



A plenary indulgence is a heavenly remedy, offered in God's abundant mercy and obtained through indulgenced acts of piety, which offers total remission of the temporal punishment for our past sins, namely time in purgatory. To obtain the plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis through Jan 10, 2027 ~

1. With a spirit detached from sin, make a pilgrimage to a parish named for Saint Francis of Assisi or one that is under the care of Conventual Franciscan Friars, which includes St. Mary's, St. Pius and Sacred Heart parishes in Rock Island, Illinois. While there, devote some time to prayer, including the following prayers and invocations: 1 x Our Father, 1 x Apostles Creed, Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us; Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us; Saint Clare, pray for us; All you holy men and women of the Franciscan Family, pray for us.
2. Offer prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV.
3. Receive the Eucharist, ideally within the same day but at least within several days before or after making your pilgrimage.
4. Make a sacramental confession within several days before or after making your pilgrimage.

Further considering the life of Saint Francis and Pope Leo's asking of us to be models of holiness, recall the deep conversation of young Francis. Following a calling from Christ during a time of prayer, he began to live a different, simplistic life; One that was according to

Christ's example in a vow to poverty and unconditional love for God and all of His creatures. He founded the Order of Friars Minor that is rooted in fraternity, service and humility. Saint Francis' spirituality was based on his deeply personal relationship with God and his love for all creation. As individuals and in our family life, let us pursue a stronger prayer life, a commitment to service and humility and to seeing God's presence in every creature and plant around us, with a great respect for all life.

In our prayer life, beyond our invitation to seek a plenary indulgence, we can allow ourselves to be open to complete surrender to God's will and openness to His plans for our lives. For the young people of our parish, this may be an openness to religious life. The Church and specifically our Diocese, are in need of more young men and women who are open to life as a priest or religious sister. If you have questions or have been discerning whether or not this may be what you are called to do and you have not sought spiritual advice or had your questions answered, please reach out to Father Patrick or Father Andrew who is our Diocese Director of Vocations. Either of them may be reached via email or at their respective offices.



For our young ladies, in case you did not know, we have The Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Divine Teacher right here in Davenport! Mother Susan is our current 4th grade Catechist and Sister Anthony is a theology teacher at Assumption. Both of them are very active in other ways in our Quad Cities Catholic community and would be happy to answer any questions and pray along said you! Feel free to contact them at: info@divineteacher.org. Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us, especially our young people and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

(* Franciscan Tau Cross image by Abraham Sobkowski OFM)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER...RE-DISCOVER THE ONE YOU LOVE

by: Sandy Brus

When you look forward to Springtime, do you think about breathing in the fresh Spring air and seeing new life as the plants and flowers pop up out of the ground? If you are married, how would like to bring some fresh air and new life into your marriage? This Spring, Our Lady of Victory is offering a wonderful opportunity to do just that with a Marriage Encounter Weekend to be held April 10-12th.

Marriage Encounter is a weekend to spend re-connecting with your spouse, away from the usual distractions and tensions of everyday life. The emphasis of Marriage Encounter is on communication between the husband and wife and discovering God's plan for their marriage. A series of presentations is given by a team of married couples and a priest. Each talk is followed by a time of private individual reflection, and then sharing your reflections with your spouse. There is no group sharing. This is not marriage counseling. This is a time for you to be alone together; to rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves this kind of attention! And it doesn't stop at the end of the weekend. Through the Marriage Encounter, spouses learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives.

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is at Our Lady of Victory Church on April 10-12, 2026. The cost of the weekend is \$95 per couple. The schedule is: Friday: 7-10:00 pm; Saturday: 8 am to 9:00 pm; Sunday: 7:30 am to 5:30 pm (ending times are approximate). Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served on Saturday and breakfast and lunch are served on Sunday. Couples do not sleep at the OLV facilities. Registration forms are available in the OLV Gathering Space kiosk. Financial assistance is available if a couple may have difficulty paying the \$95 fee. If you have questions, contact John and Cheryl Wagner at (563) 391-2805 or (563) 320-7174.

Marriage Encounter is open to all ages and all lengths of married years. If it has been too long since you have shared your hopes, dreams, joys, and frustrations with your spouse, maybe it is time to re-discover the one you love and share a relaxing Marriage Encounter Weekend together.

Medicare Information Night

The OLV Wellness Committee invites you to a helpful session on Medicare basics, including Medicare Supplements vs. Medicare Advantage Plans, out-of-pocket costs, prescription drug coverage (Part D), and what's actually covered. A representative from SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) will be available to answer your questions.

- April 21
 - 6:30 PM
 - Gathering Space Meeting Room
- Save the date and join us!



JOIN JFK HOME & SCHOOL
FOR SOME EGG-CITING FUN AT THIS FREE EVENT!

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH
3:00PM-4:30PM

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE ON LAWN BEHIND JFK SCHOOL

PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!
YUMMY DRINKS BY SWEET LEMON FIZZ!



Egg Hunt Times

- Age 0-3 - 3:10pm
- Age 4-5 - 3:20pm
- Age 6-7 - 3:30pm
- Age 8-9 - 3:40pm
- Age 10-12 - 3:50pm

VOLUNTEER
SIGN-UP:



DONATIONS
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Hop on over to
Mass at 4:30pm

Upcoming Event at OLV

MARCH

- 20th - St. Anne's Circle Euchre Night 5pm-9pm
- 28th - Easter Egg Hunt 3pm

APRIL

- 2nd - Holy Thursday Mass 7pm, Adoration & 7 Churches Pilgrimage 8:30pm
- 3rd - Good Friday Prayer Service 3pm & 7pm, Parish office closed.
- 4th - Parishioners Helping Parishioners 8am

APRIL Continued

- 4th - Easter Vigil Mass 8:30pm
- 5th - Easter Sunday Mass: 7am, 9am, 11am
- 6th - Parish office closed
- 10th - 12th - Marriage Encounter Weekend
- 18th - 8th Grade Confirmation 1pm
- 19th -Spring Fling Luncheon 12pm
- 21st - Medicare Info Meeting 6:30pm
- 25th - Wellness CPR Class 9am
- 26th - Victory 4 Life Diaper Drive 12pm

MAY

- 3rd - 1st Communion 1:30pm
- 16th - Parish Appreciation Dinner 5:30pm
- 25th - Memorial Day Parish office closed
- 29th - 8th Grade Graduation Mass

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Davenport Deanery Communal Penance Services

March 19th - 10am - 8pm Sacred Heart Cathedral

March 24th - 10am-8pm Our Lady of Lourdes

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

CHRISM MASS: March 30th at 10:30am
(Sacred Heart Cathedral)

HOLY THURSDAY: April 2nd - 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3rd - 3:00pm & 7:00pm

EASTER VIGIL: April 4th - 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY: April 5th - 7:00am, 9:00am &
11:00am

Please note that following Masses will be
livestreamed on our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@olvdavenport/streams>

And available on our website: www.olvjfk.com/olv

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