

OUR VISION

OUR LADY of VICTORY
PARISH

PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS

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One Faith, One Hope, One Love

Rebecca Sontag

"One Faith, One Hope, One Love" is a historic opportunity calling all parishioners of the Greater Cincinnati Archdiocese to join together our resolve and resources in order to foster, nurture, and support the laudable and vital goals of our Catholic Church.

This campaign is seeking to raise 130 million dollars over a five (5) year pledge period to support five (5) key areas of need which are as follows:

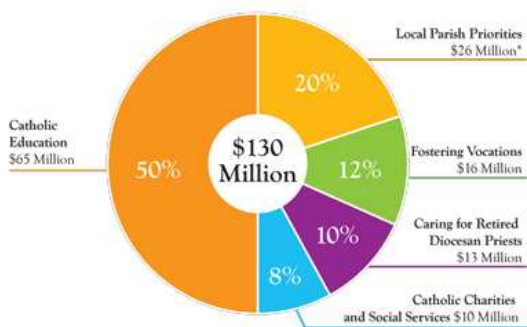
50% for tuition assistance and educational programming -- In the past, families interested in sending their children to Catholic school (grades K - 12) have been dependent on their home parishes in the hopes of obtaining financial help for covering the cost of tuition. With the tuition assistance program monies will be available, archdiocesan-wide, on a level that greatly exceeds what is currently offered. With this additional aid, many more families will have the opportunity to have their children educated in Catholic schools, and, in addition, administrators and teachers will have professional and faith development opportunities and other programmatic needs will be met.



20% for local parishes-- As soon as we, Our Lady of Victory parishioners, contribute money to this campaign, 20% of that cash is strictly earmarked for our parish alone. These resources would enable much needed improvements to the church building and grounds in the way of a new sound system, new flooring, and other necessary infrastructure improvements that would benefit us all.

12% for fostering vocations-- We are quite fortunate as a diocese to be in the the midst of an invigorating surge of new seminarians interested in taking up the cloth. Not only future priests need our help and support but also lay ministers, those studying to be deacons, and graduate students interested in furthering the study of God and the Church. By supplying the Athenaeum with what it needs to nurture not only souls but the minds of future church leaders as well, we are providing ourselves and future generations with a firm and substantive foundation for all of our spiritual growth.

Campaign Goals



10% for caring for retired diocesan priests-- The relationship between parishioner and priest is one of mutual responsibility. In order for the system to work and the greatest good to be accomplished, we must all work to fulfill our duties. The priests that have guided us through our baptisms and births, weddings and loved one's deaths, first communions, holy days, personal triumphs and tragedies are also dependent on us for their needs in the retirement years. And with the fortunate rise in new seminarians, future needs will only grow. Taking care of those who have served the church, God, and ourselves is a responsibility that needs to be addressed.

8% for Catholic charities-- Proverbs 19:17 He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.

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Catholic charities, both within our parish and the archdiocese as a whole, perform a multifaceted abundance of good works. Not only are the poor, vulnerable, lonely, and needy of our fellow humans helped by these acts of kindness of charity performed by Catholic ministries, but these acts of helping enrich the helper as well. This additional financial support to charity will not only enable a broader reach for these acts of mercy and aid to those in need but stimulate our own personal relationships with God that we all crave.

These monies will be managed, not by the Archdiocese itself, but by an already established 501(c)3 Catholic Community Foundation. This allows for greater transparency of fund management and insures that cash is being earmarked and distributed to the promised sources, in accordance with nonprofit laws, in a way that makes oversight easier for those so interested.

While this campaign is a unique, one time opportunity, different from the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal, we as Catholics and members of Our Lady of Victory, are being invited to pledge what we feel we can contribute over a 5-year period. Our own parish goal is 1.1 million dollars, which as noted above, would supply the parish budget with \$220,000. Our local families would have greater access to a Catholic education, our priests would be cared for when they retire with new ones coming in to take over their pastoral duties, and our friends and neighbors would feel the outreach of our love, comfort, and support. Please welcome your fellow parishioners when they invite you into a conversation, pray for the success, and give generously to the campaign.

For more information on how to make your pledge and donation, and for volunteering as well, call the parish office at (513) 922-4460.

Growing in Our Faith Jonathan Schaefer



SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

Easter Season is here and it is time for us to continue to strive for a closer relationship with

Jesus Christ. As Catholics we give up things and do a little extra during lent. But do we continue to strive for God after Lent is over? Do we take that momentum we have built up in lent and continue forward in our relationship with Jesus Christ? Jesus wants a close personal relationship with each one of us. What are we doing to continue growing in that relationship? Here at Victory we have a great program called Symbolon that the parish is offering for free. It is a video series that explains our Catholic faith, and it is easy to understand and apply to life. We have two groups meeting up at the parish but also couples and individuals doing it on their own at home. The program is available online. You can access the program through our website, look under the Faith Formation tab/Adult Religious Education. On the page is a link to register for the program. Once you create a username and password, you will be able to watch the videos for free. My wife and I have been watching them the last two months and have loved how engaging they are. There is a called to conversion section in each session that helps us stop and think about how that topic really applies to our life. This gets discussion started so that we can share thoughts and ideas that we had when watching the videos. Talking about it with each other has helped us to grow closer to Jesus but also to each other. There is nothing like the feeling of sharing your faith with the ones you love and having an open heart and mind to listen to them. We are called to

walk with those we love in this world and to help them to reach the ultimate goal of heaven in the next. In Symbolon there are even discussion questions available online if you are looking for help on what to talk about.

Growing in our faith means that we are constantly learning more about Christ and His Church. It also means that we are talking with God each day in prayer. How big of a priority do we place prayer in our daily routine? Do we make sure it is scheduled or do we just say if we find time? I would encourage everyone to set time aside each day to spend with the Lord in prayer. If you have a set prayer time then that is great. If you don't have a set time then start by carving out 10 minutes each day to pray. A good place to start is to thank him for all the blessings that we have in our lives. Then talk to God about what you have been struggling with and ask where God is asking us to change our lives to become the best version of ourselves.

To grow in our faith we need to remember to continue to learn more about our faith and to keep a relationship with God in prayer. It is these two things working together that calls us by love to live our faith to the full in the world. Just like we know information about friends we also have to stay in touch. That is true with staying connected with Christ. Let us take the time to know more about him and to talk with him regularly. May you all have a Blessed Easter Season and I pray that the Holy Spirit comes down upon all of you this Pentecost to kindle the fire of God's love in all of our lives.



Our eighth graders celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, February 25. Please continue to keep our eighth graders in your prayers.

OLV is committed to providing a well-rounded education, and we are proud to announce that we have a Girls on the Run team for the first time this year. Our fourth graders started their Girls on the Run program in January. The Girls on the Run program is a national program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum, which creatively integrates running. Girls on the Run is a transformational physical activity based positive youth development program and culminates with the girls running a 5K. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness. In order to offer this experience for our students, we were required to have teachers volunteer to coach the team. We had an overwhelming response of faculty members willing to help to launch this program. Thank you to Mrs. Herrmann for leading our efforts.

Congratulations to Brady Murphy who received a scholarship to high school. We are so happy for YOU!!

Our eighth graders led the school in prayer during Lent. They worked in small groups to lead morning prayer services in each home-room once each week during Lent. The junior high students will lead the school in The Stations of the Cross in April.

We have some happy "baby news" to share. Congratulations to our OLV fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Martin, who celebrated the birth of her baby boy, Coleston Charles, on February 7. Congratulations to our OLV second grade teacher, Mrs. Ashley, who celebrated the birth of her daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on February 11. Both moms, their new babies, and their families are doing well.

Congratulations to our Power of the Pen team. On January 31st, Our Lady of Victory's seventh and eighth grade teams for Power of the Pen competed at the district level. The tournament was held at Summit Country Day. There were 134 seventh graders and 134 eighth graders competing. Gabrielle Kemper, Cate Zentmeyer, Sebastian Schemmel, Sammy Riegler, and Emily Wiczorkowski qualified for the regional finals in March. Gabrielle Kemper scored 14th overall at the seventh grade level. We were well represented by our students. The teams have been practicing for the tournament since October, and we are proud to have such dedicated writers. Congratulations to our team: Gabrielle Kemper, Cate Zentmeyer, Sebastian Schemmel, Annabelle Gonnella, Julie Neumeister, Kaya Roll, Sammy Riegler, Madison Cappel, Chloe Davitt, Emily Wiczorkowski, Nathan Bill, Morgan Mevers, Ethan Plagge and Teddi Schiller.



Our junior high students presented their research during our annual History and Science Fair. Months of planning, experimenting, learning, analyzing, researching, and writing went into the projects. Thank you to the junior high teachers for providing this opportunity for our students. Thank you to our students for sharing their learning with all of us.

New Position for Miss Kane Fr. Reutter

After eight years of excellent service to our parish, our school principal, Miss Kathy Kane, has decided to take a position serving the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Schools office as director of certification for educators. We thank her for her contribution to the mission of our parish and school and wish her well in her new endeavors. Kathy will complete her service this school year before taking on this new post in the summer. The parish has already begun the process of searching for a principal for the 2015-16 year who will be able to build upon the long tradition of strong Catholic education that the parish is known for.



Ladies of Victory

The Ladies of Victory(LOV) have been very busy with the recent events and planning. First thank you to Shannon Smith for chairing the Jr. High Dance February 13th. There were 4 \$25 OLV Festival cash and 4 \$10 iTunes cards giveaways.

This year was the first year for Cocktails and Canvas. The money raised went to ART FOR ALL PEOPLE and 46 ladies came to enjoy a guided painting night. Over \$1000 dollars was donated to their organization which is a ministry supported by the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor. Thank you Nancy Kroeger for organizing.



Our Spring Events are approaching fast as the Bunny Brunch will be March 28th. Look for details in the Bulletin as well as the school VOV.

Snooty Fox bus trip is still being determined and there will be information as soon as a date is secured, hopefully in the month of April. The Anniversary Brunch will be held April 19th with Suzanne Crable taking over for the first year. Good luck to her.

The Festival Chicken dinner on May 17th can always use volunteers and good home made sweets. Please consider helping Suzanne Crable and Lisa Florian.

Last on our calendar will be the annual Fiesta Dinner and General meeting, information will be in the Church Bulletin. At this meeting Officers will be picked for the 2015-2016 calendar year. Also the recipients will be announced for the scholarships given to those going into high school. I hope all of you can attend, participate or help with LOV upcoming Events.

Leslie Klingenbeck Nancy Kroeger

Finance Corner

Being a parish member at Our Lady of Victory means something different to all of us. We have so many perspectives from so many people from so many families within our parish, school, and community. It is the variety of perspectives and backgrounds of our community that invigorates me to work hard towards long term solutions for Our Lady of Victory.

As my family has grown over the years, I was informed that I may set a record for the longest span of kids attending OLV....21 years from my oldest first attending the 1st grade in 2004 to my youngest graduating 8th grade in 2025! I have been volunteering between parish council and finance commission the past five years and am encouraged by the commitment, passion, and dedication of the parish members working towards the solutions needed at OLV.

If I could focus on one thing I have learned over the past five years while on the committees, it would be that the parish always can use more help. The variety of perspectives helps drive the solutions we need at OLV. There is always room for a fresh face, a new perspective, an additional helping hand at OLV to create a bright future for the children and grandchildren that will flourish under the foundation all of us set today and in the future.

Please consider Our Lady of Victory parish as part of your annual giving. I assure you that your money will not be wasted but will instead be invested in the generation for tomorrow. The donation will help build a better parish, a better foundation, a better community for all of us to enjoy. I know Our Lady of Victory has had a tremendous positive impact on my family and I want to ensure we pass that on for future parish families as well.

"Everything
we gain
comes from
what **we give**."

St. Teresa of Avila



Volunteers Wanted

Paul Hutzel

The success of the Our Lady of Victory community depends on the many individuals who willingly volunteer their valuable time and talents. This is the time of the year where all of the Ministries and Organizations are looking for new volunteers.

Parish Council has heard that some parishioners, especially those newer to our OLV community, feel it is difficult to find out about the multitude of volunteer opportunities at OLV. This could be anything from:

- ✚ serving on a commissions (Worship, Education, Peace & Justice, Finance, etc)
- ✚ serving on a committee (Picnic, Festival, Buildings & Grounds)
- ✚ becoming a member of an organization (Athletics, LOV, scouts)
- ✚ lending a hand in carrying out the numerous activities that are a daily part of parish life
- ✚ (fund raising, maintenance/improvement of parish grounds and facilities, helping with weekend mass, helping parishioners in need, etc, etc, etc.)



If you think you are able to volunteer in any of these areas, please call the Parish Office. The OLV.org website can also be a valuable resource to view all of the Ministries and Organizations opportunities. Any amount of help would be greatly appreciated. We won't be able to continue all of the success we have now without you!



Please help support the #1 biggest fundraiser for the Parish. For the past several years OLVA has written the Parish a \$60,000 check to help the OLV budget and minimize rise in tuition.

There are many ways to show your support. To name a few;

- Volunteer your time - chairing a booth (open positions for 2015)
- Get your company to be a sponsor- GOLD \$400, BLUE \$300, and WHITE \$200
- Festival setup, nightly cleanup, Monday tear down/ clean up.
- Help is needed only through May 13th-18th and is a HUGE giveback to the OLV Community. Please don't assume that we do not need your help. It is fun too!

Please email or call Brian Weber to get involved. bweber@wallingfordcoffee.com / Cell # 513.383.2632

LIVE MUSIC EVERY NIGHT

FRIDAY - 8:00—11:30 PM - SULLIVAN JANSZEN BAND

SATURDAY - 8:00 - 11:30 PM - THE MENUS

SUNDAY - 6:00 - 10:00 PM - DANNY FRAZIER BAND

Christ Renews His Parish

is returning to **Our Lady of
VICTORY**

Who: For all women of OLV parish

What: Christ Renews His Parish is a week-end retreat of renewal for women to share their experiences and challenges with faith and find ways to bring Christ into their every day.

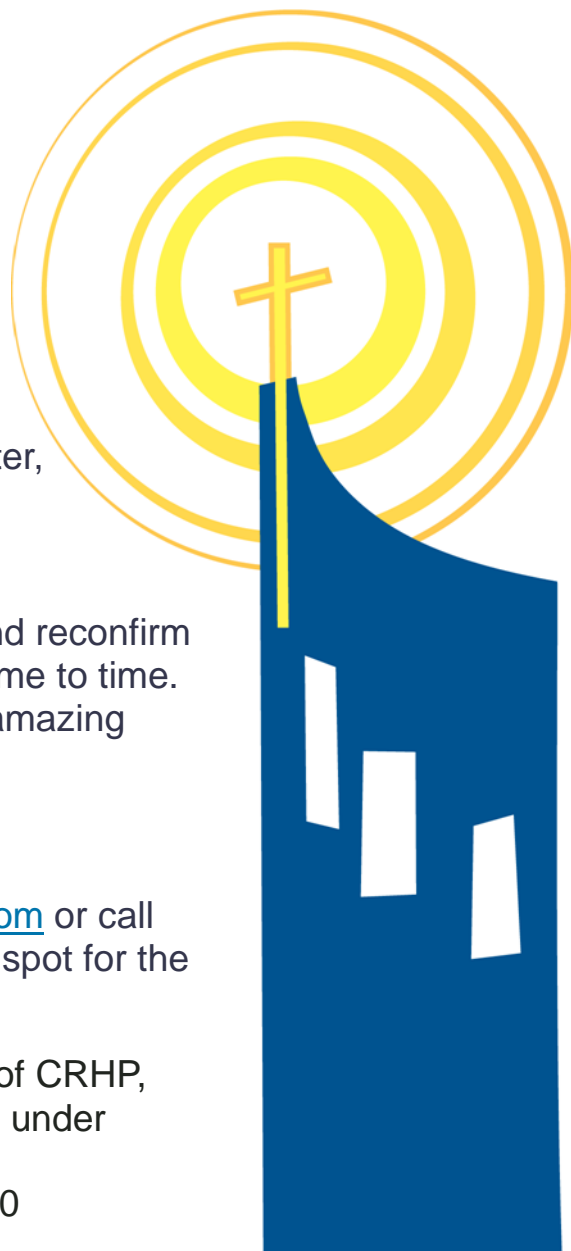
When: **September 12th and 13th 2015**

Where: Our Lady of Victory Convocation Center, church and chapel.

Why: We all need to refocus, re-energize and reconfirm the purpose of our life in Christ from time to time. The retreat is an opportunity to meet amazing women in our parish.

How: Simply email olvcrhpwomen@gmail.com or call Shannon at 315-7217 to reserve your spot for the September retreat.

*For a more complete overview of CRHP, please see the parish website under Organizations/CRHP or call Susan at 706-9950



Memorial Mass Fund

Robert Burlage

Joel Rebennack

Dr. John Willke

Gary Wolfram

Tuition Assistance

Dr. John Willke

Gary Wolfram

Baptisms

Orin Paul Autenrieb -

*child of Michael and Frances
Autenrieb*

Robert Stephen Oswald -

*child of William & Allison
Oswald*

Welcome to Our Church

Guy & Deborah Cappel

Giles & Chrissy Harmon

Robert & Mary Johnson Jr.

Richard & Kelly Kuethe

Robert & Patricia Kaufman

Scott & Molly Moehring

Phil & Katy Marston

In Loving Memory

Daniel R. McBreen

OUR LADY OF VICTORY MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Association is another way of remembering family members and friends who have died. One Mass a month for a year is offered for those enrolled. All donations provide seasonal church decorations and furnishings.

During the month of November our OLV Book of Remembrance is placed in the atrium of the church. The book is inscribed with the names of all those enrolled in the OLV Memorial Association since 1983.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

The Tuition Assistance Fund has been established to help OLV parishioners afford a Catholic education for their families.

Food Pantry

Teresa Humphrey

On Monday, March 30th we gave out Easter food boxes to the needy in our area. Support for this ministry comes from our parish caring and sharing days, our food barrels, and individual donations. Thanks to all who in any way support this effort.

One event that is happening is that during their Lenten religion classes the school children are touring the food pantry and will see how the pantry works. This will help them better understand how their support helps people in need.

The Delhi firemen were once again on hand to carry the Easter boxes to cars. We cannot do this on our own. All the food pantry workers and carriers deserve a big thank you. They are a blessing to our Church.



Our Lady of Victory Food Pantry - March 2015

Oak Hills 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Highest Honors

Alissa Cain

High Honors

Matthew T. Brodbeck

Hollyann Hellmann

Kristina Sattler

Kyle Weisker

Rebecca Wooddell

Honors

Abigail Cain

Randall Hager

Jillian Kallmeyer

Matthew Kessler

Caroline Weisker

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Our Lady of Victory Parish is a part of the Roman Catholic Church, which we believe is the institutional continuation of the church founded by our Lord Jesus Christ when he sent out his apostles after his resurrection with these instructions: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,



and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to carry out all that I have commanded of you, and know that I am with you always, until the end of the world." By the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, members of the church are promised eternal life and are equipped to serve God and their neighbor, according to the gifts and talents which each of them have received. In this way, we worship God in Spirit and Truth and welcome his Kingdom into our hearts and into the world.

Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays: 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.

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Easter Masses

Holy Saturday 8:45 p.m. Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m.



Divine Mercy Sunday April 12, 2015

At OLV, we will celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy in the church at 2pm. This special devotion includes: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, and sacrament of Reconciliation.



"Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."- Pope John Paul II. This is a great spiritual opportunity too good to miss!

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