

PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER, 2015

For your convenience we have combined the Annual Stewardship newletter with this month's edition of *Our Vision*.

Dear Parishioners:

There is an old saying that goes, "If you want to see how people are serving the Lord, look at their checkbook!" That is why we present to you each year a report summarizing the financial stewardship of our finances and tangible assets. This brief report not only represents the laborious work of the parish finance commission and my parish staff in carefully and responsibly managing your ongoing donations, but it also shows how your generosity makes possible the good work of building up Christ's Kingdom in the particular apostolates that continue to make our parish strong now, as it has been for almost 175 years. In other words, it shows what we value as God's people and what we can get done with His help.

Page four shows some of our "stewardship in action" – a very partial list of the many good things that have been happening with what you have given to us.

I can't help but notice that it also shows how much we depend on your sacrificial giving as our expenses continue to grow, despite our best efforts at cost containment.

This has been a very interesting year financially because of the Archdiocese's *One Faith One Hope One Love* campaign. This campaign will help create new ways to fund school tuition assistance diocese-wide, and will shore up many of the efforts the whole Church of Cincinnati, almost 200 parishes strong, pulling together to meet the needs of our wider community. Benefits from that campaign range from increased emergency and social services for those in need to the promotion of priestly vocations to allow as many parishes as possible to remain open. As that campaign winds down in other parishes at the end of this calendar year, it won't be too long before we will know how that will positively impact our own school tuition assistance needs.

Our own parishioners were extremely generous to that campaign, pledging some almost \$752,000. That means that we will have over \$150,000 to add to our capital campaign for the needs of the church itself. You will not see that figure represented yet in this report, but we have already been planning how to spend that to enhance the most important things we do at Victory: celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass each Sunday; baptize children (and adults) into God's family; celebrate the funeral Masses of our beloved dead; and unite our couples in holy matrimony. Because of the generosity of that campaign, we will be completing this church refurbishment with very minimal impact on our yearly operating expenses.

Finally, excitement is building about the celebration of our parish's 175th anniversary, which should begin toward the end of the next calendar year. While this is mainly about giving gratitude to God for giving us such a rich and beautiful history and heritage of faith, we also have many newer parishioners who are looking for ways to build upon the legacy handed down to them and enhance our facilities to meet the faith and community needs of the parishioners. We are already beginning to look at how to steward our resources to make all those potential projects a reality, ranging from a pre-school to a grotto to an outdoor classroom to a Rosary walk.

Once again, may God bless you for your generosity. If you have any questions at all about this report, please don't hesitate to contact Matt O'Neill, our parish business manager, or Tom Butler, our parish finance chair.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Reutter



Our Lady of Victory General Fund Current Year Revenues & Expenses Compared to Prior Year Year Ended June 30, 2015

| | | 2014 Actual | | | 2015 Actual | | · · | 2016 Budget | | 2015 Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|---|---------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| | Parish | School | Total | Parish | School | Total | Parish | School | Total | from 2014 |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday & holyday contributions (Note 2) | \$ 856,602 | \$ | 856,602 | \$ 819,161 | | \$ 819,161 | \$840,000 | | \$ 840,000 | \$ (37,441) |
| Parish festival | 000'09 | | 000'09 | 60,000 | | 000'09 | 48,000 | | 48,000 | • |
| Grocery certificate program | 9,512 | | 9,512 | 8,547 | | 8,547 | 8,500 | | 8,500 | (396) |
| Religious education fees | 6,818 | | 6,818 | 7,477 | | 7,477 | 6,700 | | 6,700 | 629 |
| Interest | 1,039 | 7,403 | 8,442 | 4,919 | 8,798 | 13,717 | 10,000 | 8,350 | 18,350 | 5,275 |
| Bequests | 192 | | 192 | 2,000 | | 5,000 | 2,500 | | 2,500 | 4,808 |
| Stipends and other revenues | 27,577 | 2,000 | 29,577 | 24,689 | 10,120 | 34,809 | 27,000 | 2,000 | 29,000 | 5,232 |
| Tuition (Note 3) | | 1,572,233 | 1,572,233 | | 1,545,907 | 1,545,907 | | 1,516,800 | 1,516,800 | (26,326) |
| Less tuition assistance awarded (Note 4) | | (108,932) | (108,932) | | (91,577) | (91,577) | | (80,000) | (80,000) | 17,355 |
| Less tuition not yet collected | | (3,223) | (3,223) | | • | • | | (000'9) | (000) | 3,223 |
| Plus transfer from tuition assistance fund (Note 4) | (t | 34,250 | 34,250 | | 78,000 | 78,000 | | 78,000 | 78,000 | 43,750 |
| School registration fee | | 45,957 | 45,957 | | 44,751 | 44,751 | | 43,600 | 43,600 | (1,206) |
| State reimbursement | | 162,923 | 162,923 | | 166,030 | 166,030 | | 158,000 | 158,000 | 3,107 |
| After School Program | | 52,584 | 52,584 | | 61,957 | 61,957 | | 62,000 | 62,000 | 9,373 |
| Restricted school gift | | - | - | | - | - | | 5,000 | 5,000 | - |
| Total revenues | 961,740 | 1,765,195 | 2,726,935 | 929,793 | 1,823,986 | 2,753,779 | 942,700 | 1,787,750 | 2,730,450 | 26,844 |
| Expenses: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wages & Benefits (Note 5) | 441,608 | 1,621,098 | 2,062,706 | 412,467 | 1,614,623 | 2,027,090 | 435,000 | 1,612,000 | 2,047,000 | 35,616 |
| Liturgy and sacramental | 48,136 | | 48,136 | 52,245 | | 52,245 | 53,000 | | 53,000 | (4,109) |
| Archdiocesan assessment | 96,334 | 2,622 | 98,956 | 93,074 | 2,819 | 95,893 | 92,000 | 2,800 | 94,800 | 3,063 |
| Facilities cost (parish/cc/church/rectory) | 130,638 | 267,414 | 398,052 | 151,883 | 287,226 | 439,109 | 136,500 | 288,500 | 425,000 | (41,057) |
| Office operations | 32,988 | 15,042 | 48,030 | 41,212 | 25,124 | 66,336 | 39,000 | 16,000 | 55,000 | (18,306) |
| Text books & teaching supplies | | 31,638 | 31,638 | | 27,426 | 27,426 | | 29,000 | 29,000 | 4,212 |
| Total expenses | 749,704 | 1,937,814 | 2,687,518 | 750,881 | 1,957,218 | 2,708,099 | 755,500 | 1,948,300 | 2,703,800 | (20,581) |
| Transfer to Capital Fund (Note 6) | 39,417 | | 39,417 | 45,680 | | 45,680 | 26,650 | | 26,650 | (6,263) |
| Transfer to Tuition Assistance Fund | | | • | | | • | | | • | • |

\$160,550 \$ 133,232 | \$ (133,232) (172,619) 172,619 ₩ Excess of revenues over expenses & transfers (expenses over revenues)

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(160,550)

General Note. Our Lady of Victory operates on an accrual basis of accounting with a fiscal year which begins July 1 and ends on June 30.

Note 2. Contributions decreased 4.4% from the prior year. The budget was reduced 2% from 858,000 to 840,000.

Note 3. School enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year was 463 students versus 471 in 2013-2014. Tuition increased 3.9% from 2013-2014 to 2014-2015. Budgeted enrollment for 2015-2016 is 436 with a 3.8% tuition increase from 2014-2015.

Note 4 See page 3 for Restricted Tuition Assistance Fund, Note 3.

Note 5 Reduction in wages & benefits due to drop in employees choosing family health insurance.

Note 6 Capital reserve transfer of 45,680 increased interest bearing note held with Archdiocese to 202,950.

Other Restructed Funds Cash Receipts & Disbursements For the Years Ended June 30, 2015 & 2014

| | | | 2015 | | | | | 2014 | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Capital | Note 4 Legacy | Tuition | | | Capital | | Tuition | | |
| | Expenditure Fund | Special Projects | Assistance Fund | School | Total | Expenditure Fund | Special Projects | Assistance Fund | School | Total |
| Cash receipts (Note 1) | | , | | | | | | | | |
| Parishioner contributions | | 15,803 | 37,600 | | 53,403 | 350 | 4,690 | 29,541 | 2,000 | 36,581 |
| Anonymous contribution | | | | 20,000 | 20,000 | 16,900 | 8,100 | 25,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Special ESAP contribution | | | 17,100 | | 17,100 | | | 10,180 | | 10,180 |
| LOV, PTO, Athletics contributions | S | | | | 0 | 17,091 | 3,250 | | | 20,341 |
| Interest | 3,603 | | 7,660 | 4,483 | 15,746 | 2,138 | | 8,756 | 2,979 | 13,873 |
| Technology Rebate | | | | | 0 | | | | | 0 |
| Transfer fr. General Parish Fund | 45,680 | | | | 45,680 | 39,417 | | | | 39,417 |
| Transfer of funds (Note 2) | 2,000 | | | | 5,000 | | | | | 0 |
| Total cash receipts | 54,283 | 15,803 | 62,360 | 24,483 | 156,929 | 75,896 | 16,040 | 73,477 | 54,979 | 220,392 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash disbursements: | | | | | C | 42.600 | | | | 7.2 6.00 |
| Transfer to General Fined (Note 3) | ĺ, | | 7000 | | 78.000 | 7,300 | | 040 60 | | 24.260 |
| Lighting Main Hall and Gym | (0 | | 0000,0 | | 000,62 | 11 835 | | 04,400 | | 11 835 |
| Sport on decize the state of | | 200 | | 00000 | 20 100 | 500,11 | 7 225 | | 0000 | 0,7 |
| Spelit oil designated items Professional Development | | 2 | | 330 | 330 | 5,0 | 5,5 | | 1,350 | 1,350 |
| Technology improvements | | | | 7 860 | 7 860 | | | | 435 | 435 |
| Church altar & crucifix | | | | 2 | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total cash disbursements | 0 | 188 | 78,000 | 28,190 | 106,378 | 29,941 | 7,335 | 34,250 | 3,785 | 75,311 |
| Excess of cash receipts over disbursements | | | | | | | | | | |
| (disbursements over receipts) | 54,283 | 15,615 | (15,640) | (3,707) | 50,551 | 45,955 | 8,705 | 39,227 | 51,194 | 145,081 |
| Beginning of year | 148 666 | C | 431 262 | 187.320 | 767 248 | 102 711 | 3.581 | 392 035 | 136 126 | 634 453 |
| Eddining of your | 202,07 | 15615 | 415,622 | 183.613 | 817 799 | 148 666 | 12.286 | 434 262 | 187 320 | 779 534 |
| Lid of year | 646,303 | 0.0,01 | 413,022 | 510,501 | 667,710 | 140,000 | 007,21 | 431,402 | 026, 101 | 400,677 |

Note 1. These contributions are restricted and must be used for specific donor purposes. They are noted here as received and in financial statements as spent Note 2. \$5000 midyear transfer

Note 3. Monies from Tuition Assistance Fund supplement monies from General Fund to cover tuition assistance grants. In 2013-2014 \$34,250 came from the Tuition Assistance Fund, \$17,450 from EASP and \$57,232 came from the General Fund. This totals \$108,932. The tuition assistance program helped 46 families and 75 children.

In 2014-2015 \$78,000 came from the Tuition Assistance Fund, which included \$17,100 from EASP and \$37,600 from parishioners. The General Fund portion was \$13,577 of the \$91,577 awarded. This assisted 44 families benefiting 75 children.

Note 4. The Legacy Project accepted a Playground Project donation in Nov 2014. This column is not comparable to the 2013 Special Projects column. The Legacy Project will be reported on in the Future as it will begin to have significant revenue and expense activity going forward.

Our Lady of Victory Parish - Stewardship in Action

The Little Sisters of the Poor - collected \$1,742 for their work among the elderly poor.

Christmas in July - raised \$3,700 for the Mother of Christ School Program.

Christmas Giving Tree

St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. VDP's mission is to answer Christ's call. St. VDP provides names of families residing in Delhi in need of assistance for the Christmas season. In 2014, St. VDP received \$4,656 from parishioners through the St. VDP's collections and boxes in Church. Twenty-one families (68 individuals) received gifts from OLV's giving tree.

Community Land Co-op - In 2014, \$790 was donated on behalf of OLV. The Community Land Co-op's mission is to empower families with low and medium incomes to own homes in the West End and neighboring communities. The monetary donations collected assist individuals in paying their utility bills, cover costs of minor repairs, etc.

Healthy Moms and Babes - In 2014, 31 gifts were donated on behalf of OLV. Healthy Moms & Babes is a nonprofit, community based organization rooted in the Catholic Social Teachings, serving at-risk, low-income women and children.

West-End Communities - In 2014, 392 gifts were donated on behalf of OLV. The majority of the ornaments on the tree are names of children from the West-End. These children attend various centers including YMCA Christ Child Day Care, Youthland Day Care, and ParkTown.

Baby bottle campaign - collected for Pregnancy Center West from both the parish and the school.

Donations to Food Pantry-- Our Food Pantry continues to supply year round food assistance to those in need. At Christmas and Thanksgiving we provided food baskets to about 300 less fortunate families in our neighborhood. At Easter approximately 90 families received food baskets. In addition to food received from the Care Barrels and the school and religious education children, cash donations totaled over \$9,105 to the Food Pantry for the twelve months ended 6/30/15.

Archdiocesan Designated Collections

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati requests all parishes to collect funds for specific designated purposes throughout the year. The appeals include Religious Retirement, Catholic Relief Services, Mission Sunday, Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Inner-City Education Fund as well as other designated collections. Through your generosity, over \$11,200 was contributed for these very worthwhile purposes.

Thank you for your continued generosity to these requests as well as the time and talents of parishioners who give so generously individually or through Pastoral Council, Commissions and Parish organizations.

Parish Festival

The following is the distribution of the Parish Festival net profit for the last two years.

May 2015 Festival May 2014 Festival Parish Athletic Programs \$21,700 \$13,045
Parish General Fund 60,000 \$60,000
Net Profit \$81,700 \$73,045

Our Lady of Victory 2014-2015 Finance Commission members were: Fr. James Reutter, Pastor; Tom Butler, Chairperson; John Berding, Katie Davis, Dave Haller, Bryan Kelley, Tim Kelly, John Kemper, Toni Tedesco and Tricia Vonderahe.

Thoughts on Manhood from the Sidelines Jarred Kohn, Seminarian

When I first got to Our Lady of Victory this year I was looking for ways to get involved in the parish and school. Along with showing up at other sporting events I decided to see if I could get involved in the football program. I had played football until 8th grade in school and I am a huge Ohio State Buckeye and Cincinnati Bengals fan. I have also observed how boys and young men think that following Jesus and being Catholic is at odds with participation in manly activities. The football program director introduced me to all the teams one night at practice.

I began coming to football games as often as I could. The first game I went to was against Guardian Angels, a parish where one of my good friends, Deacon Sean Wilson, did his internship two years prior. We both stood on our respective sidelines. It was an excellent way to start off my "chaplaincy" at Victory. It showed the boys that I was not the only seminarian interested in sports and other activities.

Enough about me...through my experiences on the sidelines and in the stands I observed a number of things. First, the boys were awesome. It was great to see how the players de-



veloped throughout the year. Overall I saw many of the boy's become tougher and more skilled players. They all gelled as a team as the year went along. The coaches too were men who cared about their players. They would let the players know if they had done something wrong and instruct them how to do better in the future. But never did

they get down on a kid, while not letting someone off the hook. They treated the players with kindness and encouraged them to get better. It was a blessing to be a part of the varsity team during coach Jim Boyle's last season as Victory's head coach. His fire and passion got his boys fired up to play. He was kind and forgiving when they made a mistake. Coach Boyle cared about his team deeply and would defend his players from injustices on the field. I thank him for welcoming me to the team. He was in many ways a father to his team throughout his years as coach.

This is the lesson I want to take off the field and into the life of faith and for all to take into the world. I will for the rest of this article focus on men and fathers and what it means to be a man in today's world. Though I do think that many things I say women will be able to relate with as well. However, I want to remind both grown men and boys that being male is an amazing gift and responsibility. But it must be properly oriented and directed.

On the football field, baseball field, and basketball court boys learn to be physically and mentally tough, deal with criticism, and overcome unfair calls and circumstances. Fathers and coaches teach and pass on skills they have learned themselves,

motivate and push their players to condition, practice hard, run drills, and most importantly leave it all out on the fields, or court. All these lessons can and should transfer into the players everyday life. Fathers and coaches should also recognize that just as they teach their sons and players the how to's and in's and out's of different sports. As men and fathers, we have to set the example and



show our young men how to be men. Not just men, but good men, who sacrifice for the good of others. Today our culture does not give us men a flattering picture of who we are. Either men are portrayed as buffoons on sitcoms, told we are the cause of every conflict in world history (oppressing women all along the way,) or that real men are unfeeling macho men who live the lifestyle of rich bachelors seeking pleasure at every turn. We men are left with a choice between the effeminate or the pleasure seeker.

Thankfully as Catholic Christians, Jesus and the many male Saints who have followed after Him have showed us a better way. Where, like the coaches at Our Lady of Victory, while being firm when the players mess up and do not get it right, yet being kind and gentle so that players do not get down on themselves and lose heart. We as men and fathers too need to learn that being a man is awesome! Manhood is a gift from God, but we must not misuse this great gift. I would encourage all the men in the parish to embrace their manliness and step up to the plate. As a Church we need men more than ever. Just as I mentioned how coaches protect and guide their players, the Church and Her members need men to step up and defend the Church and our families from the attacks being thrown at both by the culture. We need men to step up and carry out the vision and goal of the Christ's Church which as Jesus Himself told us "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Remember, real men love Jesus!

Please, do not think that I am excluding women from the mission of the Church. Quite the opposite, women fill the Church with life and make it a home. We men like to build and to have something to "compete" and work towards. Thus, I felt the need to exhort and motivate men and fathers that while sports are great, we need to carry the virtues that sports teach us, into the life of faith and we must take that faith seriously. God created us men and wants us to be men after his own heart. I end with the words that King David said to Solomon in the First Book of Kings right before his death "Be strong and be a man!" Following this advice while keeping our eyes on Jesus Christ, the true man, will we become the men God intended us to be.

Called and Chosen Jonathan Schaefer

God has called each one of us for a specific purpose in this world. That purpose will give us meaning in life but also bring about a happiness that only God can supply. We all know the passage of John 3:16 about how God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. God loves us so much that he continually waits for our return to him. He has prepared a place for us and gave us specific gifts and talents to be able to reach that happiness which God has in store for us. Mankind was made for happiness with Him. Before the fall Adam and Eve lived in this happiness where they walked with God and enjoyed His presence. After the fall they were separated from this communion with God. Our baptism has brought us back to God and called us into communion with Him. We have been called to be in communion with God to



participate in His mission on Earth. That mission is to share the Good News of Christ's love and mercy to everyone we come into contact with but also to have a personal relationship with God each day. We take part with our talents and gifts to join with the other baptized members of the Body of Christ. We then better our parish communities by sharing our gifts with others around us. Here at Victory I have seen some wonderful initiatives and community building over the last few years. I would like to encourage everyone to participate with the gifts and talents that you are called upon to use in our community.

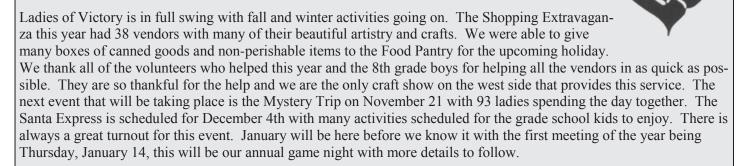
Some of us may ask how we know what God's purpose is for us in this life. The short answer is that we have to join into a relationship with God. This means that we have to receive the sacraments frequently and continue to pray to God



and learn more about our Catholic faith. The Our Lady of Victory Parish Community is encouraged to learn more and share our faith. We have recently been given the opportunity to learn more about our faith through any device with an internet connection. You are invited to try Formed at www.formed.org where you can create a user account for free with the Parish access code c82551. Formed gives us free access to Catholic movies from Ignatius Press, books, and audio files of Lighthouse Catholic media talks online. It also has easy Bible studies and study programs on different topics that can be seen from the comfort of your own home. Symbolon is the program we have been doing at the parish since January and I invite you to check it out and continue to learn more

about your faith. But learning isn't the end. Once we learn what God has given us we have to transform our life with this good news and live it every day. You are chosen by God and called to share it. The saying goes that you can't share what you don't have so join us for Mass and learn more about your faith through Formed.

LOV Leslie Klingenbeck Nancy Kroeger



School News Amy Borgman
Principal

We are preparing for conferences and the Thanksgiving holiday here at Our Lady of Victory. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I'd like to offer sincere grati-

tude to all of our OLV families and parishioners who give so generously of their time, resources, and talents to make OLV an excellent environment for our children to grow in faith and to excel academically.

We are so blessed by your support, and as we count our blessings, we pray a prayer of gratitude for our Victory community.

Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they prepare for their First Reconciliation in December. We had a wonderful Grandparents/

Special Friends Celebration at the end of October! Thank you to Mrs. Rudy and all of the volunteers and teachers who made this possible. Thank you to Mrs. Lynn for the wonderful program. It is such a pleasure to spend the morning with the students and their grandparent's and special friends.

Students have been participating in Ambassador Program activities to put their faith into action. They

have been making placemats for our annual Thanksgiving food pantry boxes, spreading cheer to Veteran's, and sharing good cheer at Bayley Adult Day Center.

We started the month of November, celebrating All Saints Day. Fr. Reutter invited students to come dressed as a favorite Saint to celebrate mass and honor the Saints.







175th Anniversary Call for Volunteers Genevieve Kenney

John Roebel, Jennifer Reinkemeyer and Genevieve Kenney are looking for volunteers as the planning begins for Our Lady of Victory's 175th anniversary in 2017. This is an amazing time to be an OLV parishioner and everyone is encouraged to participate! A wide variety of events are being planned so there is definitely something for everyone. In these early stages of plan-



ning, we would like to connect with parishioners interested in uncovering more of our history in the parish archives as well as those who were involved in either of the 125th or 150th anniversary events. Please contact Genevieve Kenney at 941-9909 or genevievekenney@mac.com if you would like to offer your assistance.

All parishioners are invited to join us at an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in the Convocation Center Main Hall at 7:00p.m. to find out more regarding the 175th anniversary preparations. We look forward to seeing you there!

Inaugural Family Holy Hour... in More Ways than One Kelly McCarthy, 11/9/2015

A few weeks ago, as I was reading the weekly Voice of Victory, I noticed an article for a Family Holy Hour and realized I'd also seen it mentioned in the Bulletin. I have been very eager to get involved in the Victory parish life and have tried to bring our son, Connor (K - OLV), to as much stuff as we are able (Family Masses, Family Movie Nights, Fridays @ The Fields, etc.) so I made plans to attend not knowing much about what I was getting in for. Although I was raised Catholic (St. Clare School & Parish in College Hill; Roger Bacon High School in St. Bernard) I had never heard of, that I could can remember, or attended a Holy Hour of Adoration.

I was envisioning families gathered together in the church, worship music, family prayer... and, while the layout was slightly different than I expected, that is exactly what we got. A small group of families joined in the chapel with the Blessed Sacrament. A number of children came in their pajamas, brilliant move by their parents. Coloring pages, crayons and a Prayer for Families were available at the back of the chapel. After a few words from Wayne Topp about his desire to bring the event to our families here at Our Lady of Victory, Seminarian Jarred Kohn brought in the Sacred Host in the Monstrance and placed it on the altar and our Holy Hour began.

Children roamed free in our little space with many of them wandering up towards the front closer to the Eucharist, encouraged to spend this time finding themselves in Jesus' presence. Connor and his buddy, who tagged along with us for the evening, asked Jarred if he would go pray with them and he was more than happy to oblige, taking the two boys up to the kneeling rail for a prayer. As the hour progressed, filled with music and the murmurs of little children, it became easy to see why the Topp Family was eager to start this tradition here at Victory. After leaving the church that evening, and doing some research on adoration to more fully understand, I am even more grateful for having had the opportunity to join with the other families for this hour of reflection and prayer. We are looking forward to the next on December 17th.



St. Vincent de Paul Paul Kenkel

The members of the OLV Society of St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank you for your support of the past, present and future. The thank you cards we receive and



the smiles from the people we meet are a reminder of why this organization is such a success. We could not help our neighbors without you. Please feel free to call me if you are interested in helping your neighbors in such a rewarding way.

Community Andy Spinney

COMMUNITY... that is the word that best describes our parish. For almost 175 years the Our Lady of Victory community has strived to bring men, women, parents, teachers, and children together in a common goal to grow our faith. We have risen through the hard times and challenged ourselves to be the best parish that we can. Over my years here at Our Lady of Victory, I've seen many people volunteer their time to the numerous commissions and activities that help our parish function throughout the year. Our community can only keep growing with the continued support of our parish families volunteering in a wide range of activities. This will not only better our parish but it also gives each of us the opportunity to meet new people, make lifelong friendships and build a relationship with God.

COMMUNITY... at Our Lady of Victory, we have supported each other through life's celebrations and devastations and one thing remains true, you can count on the Victory community to support you through all of them. Our community supports us with dinners that are brought over and the friends that keep one another busy. Its the handmade cards sent home from the students that warm your heart. That's Our Lady of Victory and I'm extremely proud to be apart of this COMMUNITY.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years! Andy Spinney

OLV's New Commission: Helping Hands Genevieve Kenney

The Helping Hands Commission is extremely excited and humbled to officially join Our Lady of Victory's ministry list as our commission by-laws are completed this month. Thank you to Father Reutter and Jennifer Reinkemeyer for their support in making this happen. Currently on the commission are Shannon Smith, Lori Willig, Michelle Menner. Genevieve Kennev and Jennifer Reinkemeyer, our

parish staff representative.



The purpose of the Helping Hands commission is to provide assistance in welcoming new parishioners, prepare and deliver meals to grieving or struggling families due to illness or other circumstances, be a catalyst to garner support and help for the needs in the parish, propagating a culture of prayer through spiritual and scripture bouquets, and helping to cultivate a warm, inviting environment around the parish and school. Quite simply, we aim to serve our parishioners, parish organizations and ministries, parish office and school.

Helping Hands has a volunteer list that is emailed periodically as needs arise in our parish. Some examples of the requests are making meals for families or donating paper goods and snacks for funeral receptions held in our convocation center. Currently, we have a strong group of school families involved but are eager to reach out to parishioners not associated with the school. All parishioners are invited to sign up to be on the list! The Helping Hands volunteer list is an easy way to add to your current volunteer responsibilities or a first step to volunteering. The volunteer list requires no obligation, just help when you can! It is also a great way to know what Helping Hands is doing within our parish. Please email olvhelpinghands@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our volunteers.

Helping Hands is not privy to the lives of all our parishioners so we rely on requests to know when to help. If you or someone you know could use help or prayers from Helping Hands. please contact Genevieve Kenney at 941-9909 or the parish office at 922-4460.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

ST. URSULA ACADEMY

1st Honors Margaret Berding Mary Berding Amanda Carrick Savannah Carrick Anna Engelhardt Abigail Engelhardt Karly Hofmann Anna Kellev Madelyn Young

2nd Honors Alexa Carlton Kaitlin Carmosino Kelli Currin Jennifer Dillon Kathleen Doherty Yulia Feist Adriana Knollman Jessica Lutz

MOTHER OF MERCY

First Honors Hannah Back Kate Bailey Kelsey Boeing

Madison Link

Morgan Maloney

Second Honors Paige Bailey Julie Deve



OAK HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Highest Honors Kristina Sattler High Honors

Alissa Cain Kayley Jaeger Jillian Kallmeyer Kyle Weisker

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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.

Baptisms

Bennett Joseph Cavanaugh - child of Jonathan & Laura Cavanaugh Joshua Michael Sanders, Karalina Jane & Isabella Rose Wilson - children of Adam Durbin & Jessica Wilson Parker James Hornsby - child of Thomas & Victoria Hornsby Ryan Matthew, Madison Jade & Dominic Michael Hofmeyer-children of Matthew & Andrea Hofmeyer

Advent - Christmas Schedule

Monday, November 30th - All Parish Confessions

7:00pm

Saturday, December 5th – Day of Grace
9am – 4pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions

Monday, December 7th - Immaculate Conception Vigil (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00pm Mass (incense)

Tuesday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of **Obligation**)

6:30am Mass

8:30am Mass (incense)

7:00pm Mass

Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Vigil

3:00pm Mass

5:00pm Mass

11:00pm Mass (incense)

Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day

10:00am Mass (incense)

12:00 noon Mass (incense)

Thursday, December 31st - Mary, Mother of God Vigil (Holy Day of Obligation)

4:30pm Mass

Thursday, December 31st

10:00pm – 12 midnight Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 1st - Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00am Mass

Saturday, January 2nd – Epiphany of the Lord Vigil

4:30pm Mass

Sunday, January 3rd - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass (incense)

11:15am Mass (incense)

During Advent Confession will be heard after all Weekend Masses.

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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.

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