

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week:

Kathy Kane

Registration for new and returning students for the 2015-2016 school year begins on February 2, 2015 and extends through Feb. 28, 2015. We invite all members of our OLV community to help us to get the word out about Our Lady of Victory by spreading the good news about your child's OLV experience. We have an excellent school and a warm and welcoming school community. There is no better PR for our school than a family's recommendation.

At Our Lady of Victory School we live our mission and our faith is at the center and the guiding force of all we do – the policies we set, the procedures we follow, the curriculum we teach, the communication we share, the standards we teach, the community we create. Our entryway sign states, "Jesus Christ is the reason for our school, the unseen but ever present teacher, the model of the faculty, and the inspiration of our students." Our Catholic identity is embedded into all we do.

The final week of January marked the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week. It was a time when schools across the country celebrated the joy of being a Catholic school. At Our Lady of Victory, we sponsored an annual Open House, and the community was invited to visit classrooms, tour our Art Show and Cultural Fair, and celebrate together.

We have a lot to celebrate ... from the academic successes of our students to tremendous fine arts and parish athletic programs, from opportunities such as an exceptional gifted program, Honors Algebra, K-8 foreign language, occupational therapy, and intervention services to technology resources that transform learning, from co-curricular programs such as our environmental club, National Junior Honor Society, speech competitions, chess club, Student Council, and musical program to our Ambassador Service Program which teaches students to put their faith into action.

This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. In reflecting on the theme, I am filled with gratitude for the tremendous support Our Lady of Victory School receives from the Victory community. We are blessed daily by volunteers, faculty, families, staff, and resources that give us the tools, expertise, wisdom, knowledge, and opportunities to give the very best well-rounded, faith-filled education to our students. What sets Our Lady of Victory apart is our community. We are people who roll up our sleeves to get things done, and people that come together in prayer to support each other in times of hardship and celebration. With caring compassion, together, we are faithfully dedicated to the education and faith journey of our Victory children. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week this year, we want you to say "thank you" to the Victory community.

Incredible Love

Jonathan Schaefer

Following the Christmas Masses, this past December, we handed out a book wrapped as a present to all adults. While I was reading "Life's Greatest Lesson" by Allen R Hunt I came across this quote that I felt called to share with you.

"I kept meditating and realized that in a way that is exactly what happens every time I receive the Eucharist. It really is the body and blood of Jesus. He is coming straight to me. Straight into me, really. He comes to me in the Eucharist and gives Himself to me. That is love. And now every single time I receive the body and blood, my heart just nearly explodes. Because of the incredible love." (Life's Greatest Lesson, Allen R. Hunt)



During the Christmas season we are reminded of God's great love for us. He loved us so much that He sent us His only begotten Son to Earth. But not only does Jesus come to Earth to redeem us and save us from sin. He also comes inside each one of us when we receive communion at Mass. This is a total act of love that is so incredible. We receive His body and blood and become living tabernacles to be filled with his mercy and grace. How incredible is that? When I get back from receiving communion I like to close my eyes and just dwell on the fact that Jesus is physically inside of me. Not just spiritually with me and guiding me but His body, blood, soul and divinity is with me. What an incredible God we have to love us so much to enter into us as a spiritual food that strengthens us each week. Through that strength and nourishment given by God we go out and spread the good news of the Gospel message to the whole world. Let us all take some time this week after receiving communion and reflect on what is truly happening and how we can spread that joy to others this next week.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:

FEBRUARY 18
8:30 A.M.
7:00 P.M.



Athletic News:

**Betsy Jones
Bob Frommeyer**

Girls' Volleyball:

Girls volleyball has enjoyed a successful season overall. Three teams placed 2nd in the Seton tournament: 7/8A Carrick, 5/6A Jones and 5/6B Webber. 5/6A Jones also placed 2nd in the Lourdes tournament and finished 9-1 in the league with a 2nd place finish. 5/6B Webber is currently 9-0 and in 1st place in the league.



Boys Basketball

The Boys Basketball season is about half way through the regular season. We have 15 grade school teams and 5 high school teams. Overall, our grade school teams are having good seasons. The Victory Christmas tournament ended on January 3rd with 3 Victory teams in the Finals. Our Stack Tournament for grades 5-8 begins on Friday, January 16th and runs through February 14th. This tournament is well known as one of the best tournaments in the greater Cincinnati area. The 7th and 8th grade A teams recently won the St. Joseph-Crescent Springs Tournament in Northern Kentucky. Congratulations to both teams.



The CRHP Experience: One Man's Perspective Wayne Topp

Hi, my name is Wayne Topp. I am the Associate Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, husband of my wonderful wife, Marianne (Fry) Topp and father to 5 awesome children. Marianne and I have been official members of this parish since our marriage in 2004, though Marianne has been a member since birth. I responded to the opportunity for this retreat because not only did I welcome the opportunity for retreat and a renewed connection with Jesus, I also saw this as a great opportunity to meet men from our parish and begin to form some relationships with others in the parish that I was struggling to meet previously. Let's face it, the 3 seconds we have after Mass on Sundays just isn't enough time to strike up a friendship with others in the parish!

However, my expectations did not prepare me for the truly life-changing experience I had. I did get a boost in my spiritual life and I did meet and get to know people I never would have had a chance to befriend, but I bonded with these men. It's not just that I know the name of a familiar face at the back of church or at Kroger, at the end of just 30 hours of retreat, this group of men is ready to truly revitalize this parish! We are here for each other, we are praying for one another and I can't underestimate the value of knowing that someone outside my family is definitely there for me and is praying for me to succeed in achieving our ultimate goal of getting to heaven.

I look forward to continuing to strengthen the bonds I've formed with these men and to sharing this new fire for the faith with all the people of the parish! Thank you to everyone who was praying for the success of this retreat. I can assure you, your prayers were answered.

Happy 2015! We wish all of our Victory community a healthy and happy new year.

Our school registration begins at the start of February and continues through the end of the month. We have an excellent school and a warm and welcoming school community. There is no better PR for our school than a family's recommendation. Please help us to get the word out about Our Lady of Victory by spreading the good news about your child's OLV experience.

Students in all grade levels have been putting their faith into action during the Advent season. Our junior high students made treat bags for Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. We thank our students and their families for sending in cookies and treats and Mrs. Pizzo and the junior high teachers for organizing the project. Our junior high students also went to Eldermount to help the elder guests with their Christmas dance. Students in the middle grades made blankets for the Linus Project, and students in the primary grades made holiday decorations for local nursing homes and community spaces. Our Ambassador Board coordinated a coat drive for Saint Vincent DePaul.



Please keep our second graders and our eighth graders in your prayers. Our second graders made their first Reconciliation in December and are preparing for their First Communion in May. Our eighth graders are preparing for their Confirmation in February.

Thank you to Mrs. Lynn and to our fabulous performers in first grade, third grade, and junior high for a spectacular Christmas program! Their excellent performance at the start of December filled the convocation center with joy and beautiful music.

Thank you to Ms. Borgman for organizing and preparing our annual Spelling and Geography Bees. Thank you to Mrs. DiTullio and Mr. Wuebbolt for leading the Bees. Thank you to our teachers who served as judges.

Congratulations to our Geography Bee Champion, Matthew Telscher. Congratulations to our Geography Bee Championship Round contestants: Ashley Galbraith, Robert Evans, Sabrina Schultz, Casey Sullivan, Bob Luebbering, Cate Zentmeyer, and Matthew Telscher. Congratulations to our Geography Bee contestants: Greg Carlton, Anna Schmitt, Peter Braun, Zoe Luebbers, Casey Sullivan, Ethan Listerman, Joey Bianco, Libby Luebbering, Sydney Gavin, Sabrina Schultz, Mariah Mevers, Meghan Davitt, Jackson Kehling, Jake Vollmer, Nathan Evans, Matthew Telscher, Matthew Smith, Ashley Galbraith, Ethan Plagge, Sebastian Schemmel, Connor Magness, Cate Zentmeyer, John Altenau, Abby Brunner, Sammy Riegler, Veronica Richards, Shannon Cavanaugh, Bob Luebbering, Taylor Eilerman, Robert Evans. We are so proud of you!

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Champion, Sebastian Schemmel. Sebastian has made OLV history by winning the Spelling Bee three years in a row. Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Runner-up, Jake Vollmer. Congratulations to our Spelling Bee contestants: Carson Browne, Anna Schmitt, Connor Hess, Payton Simonson, Zane Arar, Isabel Schemmel, Luke Flowers, Greg Carlton, Austin Taylor, Matthew Moser, Mariah Mevers, Drew Magness, Sam Schwallie, Olivia Mohs, Gabe Porter, Jill Laub, Meghan Davitt, Caleb Warren, Arianna Beltos, Emma Camardo, Vince Crump, Ashley Galbraith, Luke Gavin, Sophia Gillis, Jason Hericks, Maggie Jones, Jackson Kehling, Joellen Knepfle, Ben Schaiper, Jake Vollmer, Teddi Schiller, Sebastian Schemmel, Meredith Garvey, Gabrielle Kemper, Cate Zentmeyer, Delaney Dee, Joey Nartker, Carter Smith, Katie Wooddell, Morgan Mevers, Drew Brown, Jarred Kelley, Tyler Lewis, Brooke Pohlman, Jacob Wuebbolt, Shannon Cavanaugh, Kassidy Kaimann, Jessica Lutz, Brady Murphy, Max Schiller. We are proud of all of you!

OLV is committed to providing a well-rounded education, and we are proud to announce that we will have a Girls on the Run team for the first time this year. We are starting with our fourth graders. 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 that 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.

Distinguished Principal Award

Amy Borgman

Congratulations to our principal, Miss Kane. Miss Kane was awarded the 2015 National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Distinguished Principal Award. This prestigious award is presented this year to only nine awardees across the nation. Miss Kane will receive her national award at the NCEA Awards Night in April.



Finance Commission Corner

Toni E. Tedesco

I looked around church as I waited for Mass to start.....and was met with sights that brought me comfort. To my right and a few pews up were the parents of an OLV classmate. We were good friends, but high school and college happened and he moved out of state more years ago than I care to remember. To my left was a high school friend of my college aged daughter. When they were both in town it was nice to see them do a quick catch up with each other in the back of church. And now that my boys are in high school they say hi to kids they no longer see on a regular basis, giving me a chance to catch up with their parents.

OLV is so much more than a physical church and school. It is a second family for many of us. Sure, it might be faster to go to Mass somewhere else, but it just wouldn't give the same familiar feeling. I remember when my youngest child graduated this past June, there were people very happy they were finished and could stop giving to OLV. This perplexed me. Were the last 8 years that bad?

The longest and most difficult meeting of the Finance Commission is the one where school tuition is determined. Much like the

budget process in your home, it's such a delicate balance between what's coming in to the school in tuition and what needs to go out in expenses. The balance is threefold: keep it low enough to be affordable, give a fair and equitable salary to our many talented teachers and administrators, and cover school expenses. The tuition amount does not reflect the true cost to educate an OLV student. Our hope is that school families will contribute at church, enabling them to deduct that contribution from their taxes, allowing tuition to stay below true educational cost.

Based on this theory, the people that come to church are helping to subsidize school children's tuition with a portion of their contributions. Sometimes it's parishioners who have current students, and sometimes it's parishioners who don't have children at OLV yet. And sometimes it's parishioners who have had their last child graduate from OLV.

I feel very blessed that my grade school friend's parents are still coming to OLV and helping current parishioners with children in school, in addition to supporting the parish. I genuinely appreciate what they have done for my 4 children while at OLV. Give it some thought and maybe come back, say hi, and help pay back the generosity a family once gave to your family when your children were in school. You might be amazed at who you'll see to your right and a few pews up!



PASTA DINNER with Wine for Married Couples

During our Nurturing Marriage Evening

Three Married couples from the parish are preparing to share how God and their faith have helped them throughout their marriage. We have couples from multiple age groups to share their experiences of faith. Everyone is welcome to attend this evening at \$10 a couple. Come and meet other couples from the parish who strive to live the faith in their marriage. Call Religious Education Office at 347-2071 to sign up. Limited space available!

Whether married 5-20-40 years you will all be able to relate!!

Sponsored By:



**Nurturing Your
Marriage
Evening
at
Our Lady of Victory**

**Sunday
February 8, 2015
6-8 PM**



Welcome Tommy!

Please welcome our new maintenance employee Tommy Youngman. Tommy comes to Our Lady of Victory with over 20 years of experience in the maintenance field. Tommy will be training with Joe Lipps and Tom Ohmer to learn cemetery procedures as well as the many maintenance aspects of our seven buildings and large grounds.

Business Manager

Our Business Manager, Debbie Wait has accepted position with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. A search committee has been formed to assist in selecting her replacement. Until the position is filled, Charlie Fehr has been gracious enough to fill in as the Business Manager.

LOV'S Bunny Brunch Saturday, March 28, 2015 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



Cost is \$5.00 per person and includes muffins, donut holes, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. Other activities include: face painting, an Easter craft, an Easter egg hunt and door prizes. Bring your camera to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Questions or additional information, call Amy Wuebbolt at 467-0740. Reservations are limited, so mail early!

Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope for ticket return along with this completed form and your check to Catherine Salamone, 6209 Cedar Bluff Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233 or via school mail, attention Sammy Salamone.

Checks are to be made payable to Ladies of Victory and MUST be received by Friday, March 18, 2015.

LOV's Bunny Brunch Reservation Form



Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____

Ages of Children _____

Total Number of Reservations _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Our Lady of Victory Athletics Association has put together a **2015 Booster Club** for Parishioners and extended family and friends. This membership is designed to help minimize rising organizational cost/ fees while keeping OLV Athletics top notch with uniforms, equipment, and our campus maintenance (multiple fields and gym). In turn, members will be entered into a monthly raffle for cash awards as well as reduced sports participation fees! OLVA is a proud supporter of our Parish, School, and Victory Community. Please see the flyer below to sign up and hand out to extended family and friends.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ATHLETIC **ASSOCIATION** **BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP**

FEES

The annual membership fees (January-December) will consist of the following:

Blue Membership \$75.00

Gold Membership \$50.00

White Membership \$25.00

INCENTIVES

o Reduced Sports Fees

To increase membership in the Booster Club, the following one-time reduction in playing fees will apply to the next sport after membership is sold:

- o **Blue \$25.00**
- o **Gold \$15.00**

Example: If you sell 2 Blue and 1 gold membership, you will receive \$65.00 off of your next sports registration.

o Monthly Cash Drawings

As a member of the Booster Club, you will be entered into monthly drawings at the OLVA meeting.

- o **Blue Membership # of entries → 3**
- o **Gold Membership # of entries → 2**
- o **White Membership # of entries → 1**

Monthly Cash Awarded:

- o **1st place \$175.00**
- o **2nd place \$75.00**
- o **3rd place \$25.00**

***Membership fee applies to current Calendar Year ONLY (Jan. 1st – Dec.30th)**

OBJECTIVE

The Booster Club is an organization established to provide capital improvement funds through annual dues, and to provide its members with a monthly raffle drawing.

MISSION

To maintain existing facilities and fields and to consider any improvements, upgrades or additions to the present facilities and work within the budget and guidelines of the Booster Club.



NAME

Address

Email

Phone

Athlete/Family Name (to apply credit)

Please make check payable to OLVA and return completed form to:

**Brian Weber
5177 Serenade Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45238**



Memorial Mass Fund

*Dan Brogan
Evelyn Cummiskey
Shirley Damron
Paul Gorman
Harry Herdman
Daisy Mae Hinton
Robert Menninger
William Quinn
Bernard Stolz
Edgar Willmes
Rose Willmes*

Tuition Assistance

Bob Gravett

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.

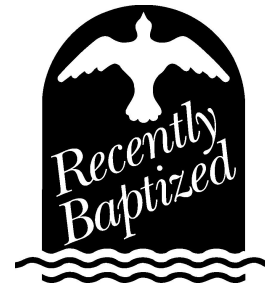
During the month of November our OLV Book of Remembrance is placed in the atrium of the church. The book is inscribed with the names of all those enrolled in the OLV Memorial Association since 1983.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

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



Michael & Kelly Fitz
Timothy & Brigid Lipps



Micah Cole Brunner - child of
Grant & Amy Brunner

Makenzie Marie Carbaugh - child of
Jason & Lauren Carbaugh

Hadley Marie Lafleur - child of
Hugh & Kristen Lafleur

Liam Daniel McWhorter - child of
Jason & Jaime McWhorter

Gianna Jo Napolitano - child of
Phillip Samantha Napolitano

Andrew Christopher Roedersheimer
child of Christopher & Jennifer
Roedersheimer



Evelyn Cummiskey
Rosemary Ehlman
Daisy Mae Hinton
John Paoello
Jacqueline Schroder
Albert Wittich

**Our Lady of Victory
810 Neeb Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45233**

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.

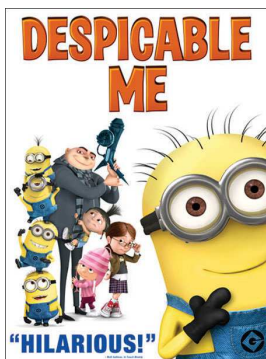
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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

MOVIE BEGINS AFTER THE FAMILY
MASS

This is a great opportunity to come together as a community. Pizza will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to share and blankets and pillows. This movie is good for all ages! RSVP by E-mail to the Office of Religious Education at jschaefer@olv.org



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