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## PARISH PICNIC 2015



## The Our Lady of Victory Parish Picnic 2015

### Rochelle Hafner

The Our Lady of Victory Parish Picnic was held on Saturday, August 29, 2015. Attendance was through the roof! Parishioners enjoyed worship, fellowship, food, and many fun activities throughout the evening.



Thank you to the parish office staff for helping to make this event come to fruition. Especially Father Reutter, Deacon Charley, Mr. Jarred Kohn, Jennifer Reinkemeyer,

Karen Meyer, Sara Gonnella and Matt O'Neill.

It is always nice to have a personal invitation and to feel welcome at this event. Especially if you are new to the parish. The committee Helping Hands lead by Genevieve Kenney did just that by making phone calls to new parishioners. Thank you!

Many Parish Council members along with other volunteers passed out name tags before Mass. Thank you!

Mrs. Kathy Lynn and Mrs. Mary Ann Mecher led the Children's Choir at the outdoor Mass. The children's singing voices are so precious and it was wonderful to hear them at this Mass. Thank you!

Parish Council President, Tom Bier, introduced the heads of the various commissions listed on the front of the bulletin. It was nice to put a face with a name. Thanks Tom!

Eric and Peggy Braun donated beautiful potted plants to decorate the foot of the altar for Mass. What a nice touch, thank you.

Chris Broxterman further informed parishioners about the Legacy Project. The project looks amazing and we look forward to seeing the children enjoy it!

The Athletic Association grilled food for purchase after Mass. Thank you to ALL of the Athletic Association members especially, Andy Spinney. Mr. Spinney spent time making sure the grounds looked beautiful for this event. Thanks Andy!

The buffet table was absolutely amazing! Thanks to everyone for bringing a food item to share. Terri Carrick did a fantastic job of organizing and keeping things running smoothly. A special thank you to Erin Dean for volunteering to help too.

Kevin Carrick rocked out the evening by playing your favorite songs. He also kept everyone informed of events and loaned his lights for the corn hole tournament. Thanks so much Kevin!

Lew and Shannon Smith organized the cherished corn hole tournament again this year. Thank you for your time! The winners for the THIRD year in a row are Joe Bianco and Kelly Crowley.

I know all of the children enjoyed playing the brand new PLINKO game that was made by parishioner, Chris Clayton. Thanks to his wife, Emily, for her help too.

Dennis Conroy donated some left over festival prizes that were given away at the kid's games. Thank you!

Many children enjoyed getting their face painted at the picnic. Thank you to Laura Hutzel for organizing this fun activity again this year.

The water balloon toss was enjoyed by many again this year. Thank you to everyone who took time to make water balloons.

Did you get your out of uniform pass? Thank you Suzanne Crable for making this happen.

A lot of children hit the ball out of the park at the Home Run Derby contest. Special thanks to Nancy Kroeger, Kim Sinnard and Jim Schroeder and anyone else that volunteered their time at this new, thrilling event.

Were you the winner of split the pot? Thanks to LOV (Ladies of Victory) especially, Leslie Klingenberg and Nancy Kroeger for selling split the pot tickets.

Say cheese! Did you get your picture taken by Bridget Spinney at the photo booth? Thank you Bridget for organizing this popular event again this year.

When the sun went down the movie, "WALL-E," was enjoyed by many on a gigantic outdoor movie screen. A HUGE thank you to Denver DeGregorio for the donation of the use of his screen and equipment.

Christina Bier and Kristi Wilms along with their families volunteered to fill popcorn bags with popcorn and to pass them out along with glow sticks. Thank you!

Thank YOU for attending the parish picnic. We the parish picnic committee hope you and your family enjoyed yourselves. If you would like to be part of the planning committee for next year please contact, Rochelle Hafner at 225-3103.

Sincerely,

The Parish Picnic Planning Committee:

Rochelle Hafner

Nancy Kroeger

Jennifer Reinkemeyer

Genevieve Kenney

Melanie Broxterman

Kevin and Terri Carrick





We are so thrilled each year to hold our WALK for Victory. Our WALK each year is on the Friday closest to the celebration of Our Lady of Victory's Feast Day. Thank you to all of the Victory families and friends who supported our students for our annual WALK. Thank you to Becky Bill who organized and coordinated the WALK for Victory. Thank you to the parents, faculty, staff, and volunteers who worked together to make this possible. We appreciate it greatly!

Each year our eighth graders participate in a trip to Camp Kern for a day of leadership, friendship, and fun.

One of the goals at Our Lady of Victory is to help our students put their faith into action. Our junior high students have the opportunity to our Ambassador Board. Our Ambassador Board works with our assistant principal, Mrs. Hillebrand, to coordinate and plan service experiences for our school. Students in all grade levels have different opportunities for service throughout the year. Thank you to the following students who have graciously volunteered their time to serve Our Lady of Victory as part of the Ambassador



Board: Anna Lohrer, Riley Wilms, Alayna Wuebbolt, Tara Lang, Abby Dirr, Julia Brockmann, Ainsley Cook, Hannah Crowley, Kelly Monahan, Joellen Kneppfle, Jillian Webber, Austina Fischli, Isabelle Warren, Marie Schenkel, Haley Hughes, Joseph Catania, Luke Gavin, Maggie McGrail, Meredith Garvey, Julie Schenkel, Traci Christo, Allie Siefke, Mark Siever, Kevin Schenkel, Teddi Schiller, Carina Oliverio, Brennan Martin, Abby Brunner, Shayne Menner, Chris Pohlman, Anthony Spinney, Matthew Telscher,

Matthew Smith, Jamie Dee, Emma Feckter, Olivia Warren, Ethan Plagge, Robby Engelhardt, Nathan Evans, Nick Bower, Delaney Dee, Kelly Corneulle, Evan Vollmer, Macy Luebbers, Lauren Frederick, Gabrielle Kemper, Marie Altenau, Maria Becker, Jacob Fulenkamp, Erin Willig, Ben Shaiper, Kristin Currin, Morgan VanDeVelde, Sophia Gillis, Jackson Sinnard, Olivia Oliverio, Jocelyn Bier.



At Our Lady of Victory, we are proud to have active teachers who spend time over the summer participating in professional development to bring back new knowledge to the classrooms. Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Hofmann, and Mrs. Schwier took advantage of a summer retreat at the Cincinnati Nature Center. The goal was to build upon their own natural history knowledge from insects to plants and to the birds who love them. They also discussed ways to use Victory's grounds for building better thinkers and more engaged learners. The three teachers recently did the same activity they did in the summer with their students. It was a great thinking activity! The students enjoyed looking at the sand and trying to figure out what animals may have left the tracks. Some students went further and imagined the story that went along with the tracks that were left. Thanks to all of the teachers for all of the hard work and effort that goes into each day! We are very grateful!

## Family Prayer

**Jonathan Schaefer**

Family is the center of society. It is a basic building block of civilization. How do we help to make this group of people stronger? There is a saying that everyone has heard along the way. A family that prays together stays together. This is a great saying about how spirituality and prayer can unite members of a family even closer together as they build a spiritual connection with each other and God together. Praying together



can strengthen our relationship with God and draw us closer to Him. Just like friendship becomes closer by more frequent communication. Communicating with God in prayer draws us closer to Him. Prayer can transform the relationship with the family if it becomes a habit or ordinary thing that happens each day. Saying grace before meals or saying prayers of thanksgivings for what the Lord Jesus has done for us each day is a great place to start. I came across a saying years ago that made me think about

this. What if all we had tomorrow was what we thanked God for today? Do I take the time to thank God for the blessings I do have each day as they come? Each night my family likes to sit down and pray together. We go around the room and thank God for something that we appreciate as a blessing that day. In addition to just thanking God for the gift of our family, we might thank God for special gifts or even challenges that helped us to grow or think about things in a different way. Of course it is also very important to attend Mass each week together as a family because this will transform the child's way of thinking about God. What are we saying about God each week when we don't make Mass or don't pray together? The graces that we receive each week at Mass and in prayer help to strength us to do what is right each day and then gives us the grace to hear what God is calling us to do. Take some time this next week and focus on what we are saying about God in our family? Is God a focus that we center on together or just something that we put in if we feel like it? Let's strengthen the family by letting God take an active part in it.

## My visit with the Franciscans of the Eucharist in Chicago: Jarred Kohn

When Pope Francis declared a year for consecrated life, I cannot say that my level of excitement was that high. I was a diocesan seminarian with little contact to religious. I had loved many of the religious sisters I had met throughout my time in the seminary but I had not really developed a friendship with any of them.

Providentially I got to spend my past summer working with the Franciscans of the Eucharist in Chicago. It is a religious order of five sisters (plus two women who entered this fall) and Fr. Bob who is the superior (aka the boss.) The goal is that the order will eventually have both men and women religious. Of course they will have separate housing. They work with the poor in West Humboldt Park, which is one of the poorest and most violent neighborhoods in Chicago.

While the work they do is extremely important to helping the community. I realized early on that something more profound was happening in this tiny religious community of one priest and five sisters. The work ethic of this order was amazing. But more than that Fr. Bob and the sisters had a deep trust in God's providence. Fr. Bob had showed up to the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in 2005 to not only an impoverished neighborhood but a dilapidated and crumbling property which included two buildings and a Church. Within a ten year span Fr. Bob not only restored the Church and other properties but with the urgings and support of Cardinal George, the then Archbishop of Chicago, established in 2010 the Franciscan of the Eucharist of Chicago as religious community. The community sustains itself entirely off of donations.

As Franciscans the core of their charism is preaching the Gospel and care for the poor. While for this order in particular they have specialized (as Franciscans often will) their charisms to Eucharistic adoration, service to the poor, evangelization, and teaching. A charism is essentially a gift that one is given for the sake of the Church and world. The four items listed above are how Fr. Bob has envisioned this religious order will build up the Church in the world.

The members of this community have their own personalities and senses of humor. Which made for entertaining meals and uncontrollable laughter on numerous other occasions. I worked with

three other volunteers for the summer and the Father and the sisters all made us feel welcomed helped the four of us to develop our own community. There was a strong love for the poor and outcasts that just emanated from Father and the sisters. It was contagious. I learned that their work ethic and zeal for souls sprung from their deep relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. They loved the poor because Jesus loves the poor and because they saw Jesus in the poor. Prayer was what grounded them in their work. This was the most important thing I learned from them this summer. One would expect work with the poor to be rewarding. However, often times work with the poor was difficult and people would complain and be unappreciative of what they were given. I recognized that the fount of love that the Franciscans of the Eucharist would pour out upon the impoverished in Chicago was sometimes not returned by those they cared for.

Only by turning to Jesus, our Lord, in the Eucharist could they continue to spread His love to the surrounding community. Father and the sisters also relied on each other for support, like a family. All these elements showed me the difference

between religious life and activism. Activism is motivated by the work itself, which can lead to burnout and worse the loss of focus on Jesus Christ. Religious life authentically lived out is rooted in relationship with Jesus and His Church, an inexhaustible source of strength for those who turn to it. As much as Fr. Bob and the Sisters enjoyed their work and the people in the surrounding community, for them this could never be separated from their Catholic faith which is rooted in Jesus Christ and was in fact, what drove them to work in such a neighborhood.

On October 4th of this year, this community will have two sisters, Sister Kate and Sister Alicia take final vows. The first for the community. Final Vows is when religious vow to live out the evangelical counsels of poverty (no personal possessions,) chastity (forsaking husband and children for the sake of the kingdom,) and obedience to one's superior for the rest of their lives.



## Ladies of Victory

Leslie Klingenbeck

LOV is in full swing with the school year starting. We are in need for someone to Chair the Santa Express and also the Bunny Brunch. Please contact Leslie Klingenbeck, 200-0929 or Nancy Kroeger 484-7460. If there is no one to chair these events they are in jeopardy of not happening this year. Please consider chairing these events. The chair persons from prior year will be happy to help. The calendar for the year is available and will be posted in the bulletin for those who could not make the first meeting.



We would also like to give our heartfelt condolence to the Shappelle family. JoAnn lost her husband Kevin suddenly in September. She has been an active member and volunteer to LOV for many years. Please continue to pray for the family.

Thank you,  
LOV Board Members

## Parish Feast Day Celebration

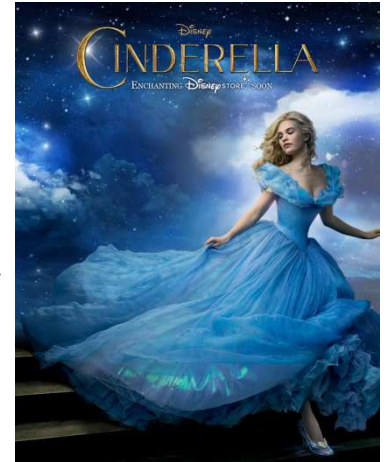
### Jennifer Reinkemeyer



On **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate our parish patronal feast day, Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast day is usually celebrated on October 7, but since we want the whole parish community to be able to participate in the festivities, we are allowed to move the celebration to the closest Sunday.

We will begin the day with a Family Mass at 11:15am. Student readers and the children's choir will be there along with lots of parish families! After Mass, all are invited to the Convocation Center for some donuts, coffee and juice, along with some great social time!

Later that evening, join us for a Family Movie Night with a LaRosa's pizza dinner. We will be playing the 2015 version of **Cinderella**! Movie begins at 6:30pm. Don't forget blankets, pillows and a snack/dessert to share.



When the movie is over, everyone is invited to stay a few extra minutes to pray a family rosary led by Father Reutter.

Come join us for some or all of the festivities to celebrate our patroness and mother, Our Lady of Victory!

Please rsvp to [jreinkemeyer@olv.org](mailto:jreinkemeyer@olv.org) or [jschaefer@olv.org](mailto:jschaefer@olv.org) by Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend the movie and pizza dinner. Thank you

## CUB SCOUTING AT OLV – THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES..... COME JOIN THE PACK!

### Ron Lewis

As summer winds down and the school season begins, Cub Scouting at OLV continues in full swing! This summer we camped at Delhi Park. There were s'mores and a movie, wiffle-ball, water balloon catapult and a wonderful picnic for families. Several Cubs and their parents set up tents and we spent the night camping. Later in June we went back to the park again. This time we were one of 1st groups to have a fishing event in the lake at Delhi Park--- the old Clearview Lake. EVERY person in attendance caught at least one fish. They may have been as small as 3 inches (yes there were several like that caught on bamboo poles) or as large as the nearly 2 foot long catfish (yes it was that big and probably weighed 20 pounds or more).

In July we saw Saturn through a telescope on astronomy night, rode bicycles on a 'skills and control course' in OLV's parking lot. It was fun doing timed races on the course and learning about bike safety. Also we hiked the Miami Fort Trail with beautiful scenic river overlooks at Shawnee Lookout... and there were more s'mores afterward.

August was the month our swim party. Even though it was a rainy day, the weather cleared and the adventurous swimmers came out for an evening at the pool. See the photo of those who came out to swim, dive, play "bass and minnows"..... or is it "sharks and minnows"? Finally in August the 2nd OLV Pack 909 Adventure Race was held. There were hacky sack challeng-

es, water balloon launchings, rope throwing events, and other physical challenges to keep the boys moving and learning.

September brings another year of Cub Scout Adventure! Boys are getting into gear as Tiger Cubs, Wolf Cubs, Bear Cubs, and Webelos. Official signup for Cub Scouts will be held on September 1st with a Parent Info night the next week on September 9th. BUT---- You can join the Cub Scout Adventure at ANY-TIME. It is a year round activity but attendance at every event is not required. Even if you can only attend a few events we encourage parents to register their sons as Cub Scouts. Sports and Cub Scouts do mix and we welcome ALL boys Grades 1 to 5 to become a part of Pack 909! In Cub Scouting you have lots of fun and learn while doing it.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about Cub Scouting at OLV please contact Ron Lewis, Cubmaster, 276-8542.







# GREATER CINCINNATI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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*"Do Whatever He Tells You"*

- John 2:5

## Where?

Our Lady of Victory Parish  
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## When?

Saturday,  
October 17, 2015



Sr. Miriam James Heidland  
SOLT  
Speaker



Jennifer Fulwiler  
Speaker



Andrea Thomas  
Music



Fr. Anthony Brausch  
Speaker



Archbishop Dennis  
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## *Memorial Mass Fund*

*Ed Bedinghaus  
Carol Bell  
Ruth Butcher  
Carlotta Uliesmann*

## *Tuition Assistance*

*Peggy Heringer  
Margaret Rapier*

## *In Loving Memory*

*Eleanor Becker  
Elizabeth Lesch  
Clea Porter  
Margaret Rapier  
Kevin Shappelle  
Joe Williams*

## *New Parishioners*

*Mario & Maria Auciello*

### **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*

*Grace Anne Fitz - child of  
Michael & Kelly Fitz  
Ruthie Mae Schultz - child of  
James & Angela Schultz*

## **Celebrating 175 years of Our Lady of Victory** Genevieve Kenney

As one of the earliest religious settlements in Delhi and the third oldest Catholic parish and school in Hamilton County, Our Lady of Victory is a mainstay in our community.

Delhi township was established in 1816. Less than twenty years later a small group of German immigrants began construction on a tiny log church and school. St. Stephen was completed in 1842 on a little plot of land on Rapid Run Road, about a quarter mile west of Neeb Road. In the 1840's, Nicholas Longworth encouraged German immigrants to cultivate grapes on the Delhi hillsides. As the township's population grew so did the parish community. The Franciscan Fathers began serving the parish in 1844 and were determined to accommodate the influx of German Catholics. The little log church was taken apart, moved and reconstructed as a schoolhouse on three acres of donated land on Neeb Road. A new brick church was dedicated in 1853 to Maria Zum Siege, or Mary of Victory. The parish's name was later changed to Our Lady of Victory.

Many changes have occurred since those early years, the building of multiple new churches, school buildings, rectories, gyms, a convent and many renovations to each structure. Our parishioners have witnessed countless numbers of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages and funerals. Our Lady of Victory has welcomed new families and said goodbye to others, but the strength of our parish community remains strong.

Our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish and school community will be commemorated in 2017. Festivities will begin with the Feast of St. Stephen in December of 2016 and carry through to our feast day, Our Lady of the Rosary in October 2017. The anniversary year will give us the opportunity to celebrate our parish, our school, our parishioners, our perseverance, and above all our faith. If you would like to participate in the planning or offer assistance in any way, please contact the parish office at 922-4460 or email [genevievekenney@yahoo.com](mailto:genevievekenney@yahoo.com) to receive additional information. Updates will be posted in the bulletin.

Interested in finding out more about Our Lady of Victory's history? Please consider offering your services to organize our parish archives for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can also discover more by visiting the references for this article: Our Lady of Victory parish website [www.olv.org](http://www.olv.org), Delhi Historical Society's website [www.delhihistoricalsociety.org](http://www.delhihistoricalsociety.org) and Delhi township website [www.delhi.oh.us](http://www.delhi.oh.us).

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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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### **Athletics**

#### **Max Hofmeyer**

We are in search of new coordinators for the following sports: Boys volleyball, Girls volleyball, Boys soccer, Girls soccer and GWAC Rep. If interested in any of these positions or if you would like more information, please contact Max Hofmeyer by email [maxhoffy@fuse.net](mailto:maxhoffy@fuse.net) or cell phone 513-374-8424



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Becky Weber, Editor

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