

OUR VISION

OUR LADY of VICTORY
PARISH

PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS

AUGUST 2016

OLV PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

Sundays have been ushered in, as have we, by a smiling and smartly-dressed Ken Burger for 16 years now. Ken's tenure as head usher has allowed him to use his naturally outgoing and effervescent personality to welcome thousands of parishioners through the doors, hand them bulletins, and pass them baskets in service both to

Our Lady of Victory and the greater Church as well.

Mr. Burger embodies the dedication that all parishioners can strive towards to keep our parish vital with the talents of its members. For example Ken's professional retirement in 2000 (a long career punctuated with air-condition and car repair), owning his own business, and even professional auto racing—he was NASCAR's 1967 Top Stock grand champion! And this is the gentleman opening the door for you.

Mr. Burger, having been baptized at St. Monica's in Clifton, attending Our Lady of Lourdes as a young Child, and graduating from Western Hills High School, found himself a parishioner at Victory. After having experienced enthusiastic and cheerful ushers himself, Ken realized he was a perfect fit for the job. And it was but a brief interlude before he was head usher.

Ken's responsibilities extend beyond smiling and exuding warmth and welcome to all souls entering the doors. In addition to overseeing collections, insuring bulletin distribution, and the other visible duties, Ken is also responsible for scheduling ushers, maintaining the schedules for the other volunteers, and filling in when the need arises.

Having served Our Lady of Victory faithfully for 16 years as head usher, Mr. Ken Burger has decided to relinquish his position while still assisting with the duties entailed. Our parish welcomes and encourages all to inquire about opportunities to volunteer at the church. Please call the church office (513) 922-4460.

by Becca Sontag



Our Lady of Victory
2016
PARISH
PICNIC

Join us at our 9th Annual Parish
Picnic on August 27th for food, games,
community and more!

Kickoff begins with Outdoor Mass @ 4pm

**HAMBURGERS
& HOT DOGS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

Bring your own drinks...
**Bring a side dish, appetizer,
OR a dessert to share!**

CORNHOLE • HOME RUN DERBY • OUTDOOR MOVIE • AND MORE!

If you would like more information or are interested in planning some of the
Parish Picnic, please contact:

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AUGUST
27th

Our Lady of Victory Parish
810 Neeb Rd.



SCHOOL NEWS

A New Preschool is Coming to OLV!



We're thrilled to begin offering two preschool classes (half & full day)—one for 3-year-olds and one for 4-year-olds—starting in the fall of our 175th

Anniversary year of 2017. Each class will be offered five days per week onsite at Our Lady of Victory. This summer, curriculums will be developed, furniture and muscle room equipment will be purchased, and additional information will be made available before OLV's early registration in November.

OLV has been educating our children since the inception of our parish in 1842. In this tradition, we feel this is an incredible addition to our curriculum offerings at OLV, and plays a very important role in our school's future. This program will not only provide parents with a high-quality early childhood education for their children, but will also help to prepare students to celebrate God's love, proclaim God's message, and live according to the teachings of Jesus.

If you or someone you know is interested in this program, please look for future announcements and information on early registration, which takes place in November 2016. As we move forward through the planning phases this summer, we will continue to keep you updated on our progress in our parish bulletins, the OLV website, and via email. ●

Important Preschool Dates

Summer of 2016

November 2016

February 2017

August 2017

Curriculum development,
equipment purchased
Room (s) will be ready for
Open House walk-through
& additional information will
be shared
Early Registration
All-school registration
Preschool opens!

This year the Our Lady of Victory **School Musical** will be held on *January 26-28*. All kids grades 4th -8th are welcome to participate. Sign-ups will be held on October 3rd and pre-auditions will be on October 25th. The play this year has been changed due to OLV175th Anniversary events.

Star Teaching at OLV

'Once a month, [Mary Ann Mecher] brings her students [from Our Lady of Victory School] to visit the seniors who attend the Adult Day program at Bayley. "It is part of what I believe is a way to help them live their faith, to follow

Jesus's teachings," Mecher said. And while the seniors enjoy the visit, there is something in it for the kids, too. "It's such a great experience for them because some of them maybe do not have any contact with older adults,"

observed Kathy Baker. "Here, they see people with walkers and wheelchairs and some ask questions." ' -**The Catholic Telegraph**

Way to go, Mrs. Mecher! We're so very blessed to have you here at OLV! ●





What does it mean to live as a Beloved son or daughter? Are we doing that? God truly loves us and wants to be close to us. We *are* the Beloved of God. Do we know that? Beloved of God the Father means, no matter what, His love is still there. It is good, and it is perfect.

Our faults are probably the first things we see when we look upon ourselves. Being God's Beloved means we are seen as gifts, and the one who gazes lovingly through cloudless eyes sees through our sin and into our soul. We are loved by God in spite of our failings and weaknesses. The Father sees our struggles and love us. And He waits for our return to Him. Do you ever let the Lord tell you you're His Beloved?

In prayer, I find myself constantly thinking about things

I think I should pray for or even simply tasks I should do in my day. I don't leave much time for the Lord to talk with me. Prayer is a conversation. It's not meant to be one-sided. Do we let God speak with us? Does He have a place in our prayer?

Sometimes the hardest part of living as a beloved son or daughter of God is to sit in the silence of prayer before our Lord Jesus. To remain quiet and let His love embrace us. But if we allow Him, God's embrace will bring peace only He can give.

Society lifts men like James Bond up to a pedestal in the way they "love." But this love is self-centered, self-serving. It's about what he can get out of any given relationship. James Bond may have all the moves and gadgets, but he also only holds synthetic love. What is

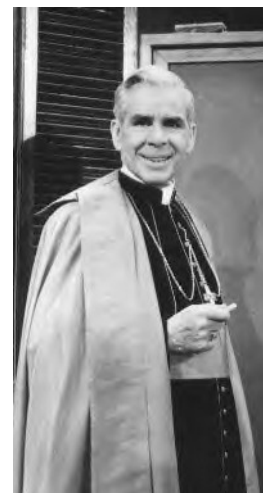
love? We must look to the Cross. It was there Christ showed us, taught us. Love is self-sacrifice. It is commitment to another in good times and bad. It is being a gift and overcoming challenges with love. Christ led in love and we must follow thus. He lived to sacrifice His life for His Loves, and so should we. Let us begin at home. Let us begin in our own hearts, and then in our families.

Look at your prayer life; your *relationship* with God. See how much time you spend dominating the conversation. Then spend that same amount of time sitting in God's presence, letting Him get a word in. Ask for the peace and love that can only come through recognizing that we are the beloved of God. ●

By Jonathan Schaefer



Quote of the Month



"Evil is thus a kind of parasite on goodness. If there were no good by which to measure things, evil could not exist. Men sometimes forget this, and say, there is so much evil in the world that there cannot be a God. They are forgetting that, if there were no God, they would have no way of distinguishing evil from goodness. The very concept of evil admits and recognizes a Standard, a Whole, a Rule, an Order. Nobody would say that his automobile was out of order if he did not have a conception of how an automobile ought to run."

-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



OUR LADY *of* VICTORY *Renovations*



As we arrive at the near end (or possibly full completion by the time you're reading this) of our Church Nave Renovations, there is much to be thankful for and many to thank. When we designed the renovations, we made a leap of faith. We knew it would be hard to accept such a change when the church was not quite so old. But our mission was never to replace the 1960 renovation of OLV. We understood the importance and personality of the church we've embellished on, but we also knew there was something missing.



In 1908, OLV was laid out in such a way that it demanded respect and reverence. With the very necessary structural renovations, the 1960 church offered an invitation and comfort. In meditating on these two ideas, we wondered if we could combine them. Could we warm the hearts of community members and allow a space for a deeper, more reverential relationship with God? So that's what we did. Our mission was to bring even more reverence, but keep the invitation. And we think we accomplished just that.

Thus, we want to thank you. Thank you to anyone and everyone who gave us their endless support, whether that be financially, prayerfully, complimentary, or even literally by lifting pews out of the nave! This courageous community is unlike any other in that it was willing to step out into the unknown, to cast out into the deep and see what the Lord can do with just a few willing servants. Thank you for your time, your talents, and your treasures. We are gratified beyond words. PAX. ●



IN LOVING MEMORY

Lois Rolfes Thomas Freeman
Michael Driggers Mary Alice Hofmann
Anna Mae Whitton

NEW PARISHIONERS

Kyle & Natalie Brunsman Thomas & Sarah Caito
Mark & Amanda Muenchen Kevin & Sara Redman
Christopher and Leslie Green
William & Beth Vanden Eynden
Phillip & Samantha Napolitano

MEMORIAL MASS FUND

James Maurmeier Lisa Bischoff
Harry Morris

BAPTISMS

Owen Thomas O'Shaughnessy
son of Peter and Jennifer O'Shaughnessy

Quinn Olivia Carrington
daughter of Matthew Carrington and Sarah Zielinski

Bradley Thomas Swenson
son of Timothy and Anne Swenson

Joseph Robert Weisker
son of Kenneth and Stephanie Weisker

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.

Our Victory Family just got a little larger!



Nacy Rose
Hillebrand

made her appearance on
June 23, 2016 at 4:23pm
8 lbs 7 oz. 21 1/2 inches long

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

ELDER HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST HONORS

Nicholas J. Albers	Eric M. Groll
Wyatt J. Albers	Justin C. Haas
Spencer J. Bacon	Adam S. Helmers
Zachary R. Bischoff	Kevin J. Hericks
Ryan E. Boehm	Alexander J. Hils
Andrew J. Brown	Clayton A. Hodge
Ryan T. Browne	Frank A. Hofmeyer
Andrew P. Broxterman	Jacob R. Hofmeyer
Samuel J. Catania	Max J. Hofmeyer
Steven A. Catania	Connor B. Johnson
Jack J. Dee	Kyle T. Kehling
Thomas A. Doerflein	Jarred M. Kelley
John P. Eary	Kyle R. Klingenberg
Xavier J. Eilers	Alexander M. Lott
Andrew G. Eubanks	Jacob D. Luebke
Robert D. Evans	Michael T. Maloney
Jacob T. Galvin	Alexander T. Mischell
Brent S. Gavin	Joseph C. Monahan

Eric J. Moser
Brady J. Murphy
Nick R. Niehaus
Michael P. O'Connor
Chad P. Ostertag
Matthew A. Peterson
Owen C. Plagge
Clay T. Pragar
Bradley M. Quatman
Austin M. Roll
Michael T. Schenkel
Ryan N. Schenkel
Matthew A. Stacklin
Matthew R. Trotta
Jacob L. Wuebbolt

SECOND HONORS

Joseph R. Bischoff
Benjamin M. Burke
Ryan R. Custer
Nicholas E. Dirr
Lucas C. Downey
Matthew S. Jacobs
Jacob P. Kelly
Joshua G. Lammers
Ronald A. Larkin
Steven R. Morman
Adam M. Noeth
Solomon J. Richards
Tyler J. Sadelfeld
Andrew C. Schenkel
Benjamin K. Siefke
Maxwell C. Trotta



MOTHER OF MERCY

FIRST HONORS

Hannah M. Back	Julie A. Deye
Kate A. Bailey	Morgan E. Maloney
Kelsey A. Boeing	Madison M. Link



SETON HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST HONORS

Shannon R. Cavanaugh	Kristen R. Stacklin
Chloe A. Davitt	Olivia M. Webber
Olivia M. Faillace	Emma K. Acomb
Annabelle M. Gonnella	Kelsey Cappel
Anna C. Hauer	Meghan E. Davis
Julia R. Neumeister	Lauren M. Duell
Megan R. Peterson	Kathryn J. Eary
Veronica L. Richards	Audrey R. Laiveling
Kayamarie A. Roll	Anna C. Lanzillotta
Emma E. Sander	Kristen M. Lehan
Bailey E. Stinson	Sara A. Neumeister
Emily N. Wiczorkowski	Megan E. Ruffing
Julia E. Gavin	Molly E. Scherer
Renee E. Hofmeyer	Payton M. Stinson
Erin P. Klumb	Maria C. Tan
Julia F. Lanzillotta	Kelsey Elizabeth Willmes
Elizabeth M. Mannix	
Patricia G. McHale	
Emily C. Mohs	
Renee E. Niederhausen	

SECOND HONORS

Madison M. Cappel
Brooke E. Pohlman
Samantha L. Riegler
Michelle K. Deters
Elizabeth M. Groh
Margaret M. Korte
Mya N. Moser
Sarah R. Telscher
Kimberly M. Tope
Lindsay M.
Wiczorkowski
Megan E. Williams
Lydia M. Brigham
McKenzie R. Custer
Katherine A. Kemen
Emily A. Lipps
Elizabeth R. Moore
Sidney M. Perry
Hannah M. Smith
McKenzie R. Zimmer

GRADUATE 1ST & 2ND HONORS

Audrey E. Acomb	Abigail M. Barnette
Kylie C. Albers	Sarah E. Becker
Nicole M. Bertke	Kelsey M. Finn
Mara G. Brown	Jessica R. Hayhow
Mackenzie R. Dugan	Lauren E. Heideman
Kaitlyn E. Fields	Alyssa R. Held
Taylor M. Frommeyer	Devon R. Jim
Samantha M. Gavin	Shannon C. O'Connor
Jennifer N. Kathmann	Erica L. Pohlman
Meghan C. Koch	Cassandra L. Quitter
Ashley M. Luebke	Shannon M. Smyth
Kelly M. Luebbing	Dana S. Wink
McKenna L. Moehring	
Erin K. Morgan	
Anna C. Schoster	
Rileigh N. Smyth	
Katherine M. Zimmerman	



* Please Note: St. Xavier, St. Ursula, and Oak Hills high schools' 4th quarter honor roll will be included in next month's newsletter. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

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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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OLV Pilgrimage to the HOLY DOORS



Join us September 10th on a Pilgrimage of Mercy...

OLV is visiting one of the Holy Doors at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Our Holy Father made it so that during this Year of Mercy, all who passed through it and prepared for it would receive a plenary indulgence.

8:30am – Mass at OLV

Group Rosary

Caravan to the Doors of Mercy downtown

Pass through the Doors

Pray for the Holy Father

Go to Reconciliation

10:00am – Tour of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral



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Erica Trabanino, Editor

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Reserve your place for the Year of Mercy
Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors today:

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*“Open wide the doors of Christ
and you will find true life.”*