

THE VICTORY VISION

PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS



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FINDING GOD IN A SHOEBOX

Every year during Catholic Schools Week, Ms. Guile's third grade class creates a project unique to that year's specific group of students, one that engages the children. In the words of third grader, Dominic Schroeder, "...[we] appreciate that we go to a Catholic school to learn about God and Jesus."



This year, the students were asked to create 3-dimensional scenes using empty shoe boxes as blank stages to show their love of Our Lady of Victory and of God. Plastic figurines, popsicle sticks, clay, paint, and many more materials were transformed from their pedestrian and common states into beautiful scenes and examples of the richness of our Catholic faith.

These thoughtful, artistic, and personal creations combine so much of what is to be valued in a Victory education. The children made representations of the Sacraments, stories

from the bible, lives of Saints, or even moments from their own spiritual lives. This is what is nurtured, cultivated, and encouraged to flourish in the loving and rigorous environment Our Lady of Victory School provides: creativity, love of God, application of ideas, reverent awe for the Sacraments. All of this was on clear display with the children's art.

Through religious education, challenging academics, and an extensive athletics program—alongside art and music, foreign language, and a call to serving God, church, and community—Our Lady of Victory School develops and challenges the whole student: mind, body, and soul. Students

don't effectively grow and learn in isolation, but as a part of a community, one that includes and integrates the child and the family with the Church and the school, one that strengthens connections to Catholic tradition, one that unites under a common mission to live out the teachings of Jesus.

Our Lady of Victory School is a proud tradition that has been molding and teaching the youth of the parish and beyond for around 175 years. This magnificent achievement is a testament to the strength and goodness of the ties that bind and nourish the parish with everyone playing an integral and necessary role. Because, like the popsicle sticks, paste, glitter, and clay from the shoebox dioramas, we are transformed into something greater than ourselves when we are united in Christ. Our Lady of Victory, pray for us! ●

By Becca Sontag

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LIGHTS SHINE BRIGHT FOR OLV'S 2017 MUSICAL

The OLV Players are now in their 13th annual production with over 500 children performing over 1000 roles performed on stage in the Convocation Center. Each show has been unique and has brought new triumphs and challenges throughout the years. Every production has also shared a biblical message through popular musical theater. If you have never seen one of their shows, you are missing out on something special. In fact, if you ask performers, parents, alumni or someone that graced the audience about their experience, you are likely to hear the phrase "It's not just a typical grade school play". What does that mean?

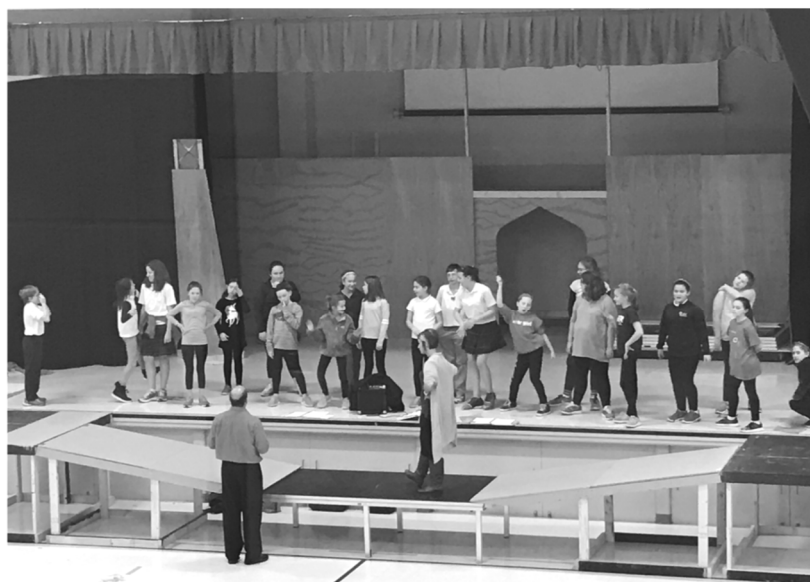
Those who have performed with the OLV Players share accounts of the joy and excitement it brought and the confidence they gained in themselves and their abilities to sing, act, and speak in front of others. For alumnus and current production volunteer Elizabeth Kehling ('09), "Being



a part of the OLV musical is truly my favorite time of year! The musical program provides so many great opportunities for all types of performers to showcase their talents both on and off stage. This program fosters such an incredible bond of community between students, parents, and alumni of the program. It is so great to see past performers return year after year

by building friendships between people who would have otherwise been strangers at church. Volunteers for Saturday set construction continue to help year after year, even when their youngest child has moved on to high school, bringing parents from many generations together under one cause. Parents with children of all ages come together to help with concessions, costumes, make-up, and back stage operations. Children of varying ages perform side by side on stage together and also celebrate together after the closing show. These bonds continue when people see each other in church, at the festival, and attend future shows.

As this current group of 55 students prepare to perform the latest production, *Shrek the Musical Jr.*, the students find this same bond forming as they prepare to tell the tale of an Ogre and a Princess who learn that their story is better than the fairy tale they thought it would be. The performances will be March 23, 24, and 25 at 7pm with an additional matinee at 1pm on Saturday the 25. Whether it is your first time experiencing this "not-so-typical grade school play" or you would like to return, tickets are available at www.olvmusical.com, at the door or by contacting Kelly DeGregorio at (513) 256-2990 or kkraft@kecc.com. •
By John & Kristie Jung, Directors



to enjoy the next outstanding production!"

This program has also created a new community within the parish

Students learn choreography for one of the big dance numbers in Shrek the Musical Jr.
Photo Credit
Elizabeth Kehling

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MUSICAL WEBSITE:
OLVMUSICAL.COM**

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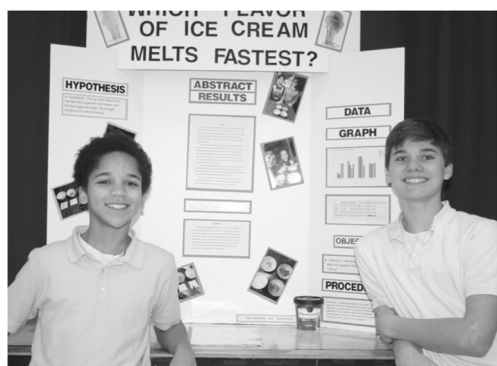


Photo Credit Shannon Smith

This year's Catholic Schools Week theme was *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*. In my reflection on the theme, I'm 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.

For 5 Years of Dedicated Service to Catholic education, we congratulate Miss Guban. For 10 Years of Dedicated Service to Catholic education, we congratulate Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Flesner. For 15 Years of Dedicated Service to Catholic education, we congratulate Miss Geeslin. For 20 Years of Dedicated Service to Catholic education, we congratulate Mrs. Lang. Thank you to all of our teachers for sharing their gift of teaching. We are blessed with an exceptional faculty and staff at Our Lady of Victory.

Our Lady of Victory is set apart in our community, and it's why we have been around for 175 years! We are people who roll up our sleeves to get things done and come together in prayer to support one another in times of hardship and celebration. With our united compassion, we are faithfully dedicated to the education and faith of our Victory children. As Catholic Schools Week comes to a close, we say a big "thank you" to the Victory community.

Congratulations to our eighth grade scholarship winners and for their acceptance into honors programs, and admission with distinction to high school. We are so proud of you! We know there will be more good scholarship news to share in the coming months. Congratulations to Sophia Gillis, Lauren Lott, Maggie Jones, Joellen Kneppfle, Jake Vollmer, Maggie McGrail, Mitchell Meyer, Brennan Martin, Luke Lammers, Jason Hericks, Michael Faillace, Ben Albers, Reece Niederhausen, Ben Schaiper, & Ashley Galbraith.●

Amy Borgman, Principal

We are also proud to acknowledge faculty and staff who are celebrating milestones in their dedicated service to the ministry of Catholic



Photo Credit Amy Borgman

Congratulations to Nicholas Telscher who was honored at the School for Creative and Performing Arts! He was awarded a Gold Key Scholastic Art Award for his printmaking. We are very proud of you!

Lenten
DAY of
GRACE

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

9:00AM - 4:00PM

Eucharistic adoration & confessions
will be available in the chapel all day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday during Lent, 7pm in Church

- THE LEGACY PROJECT'S 175 CLUB -

When you think of our amazing campus at Our Lady of Victory, there is so much to be proud of. The church. The gym. The library. Field 5. The Convocation Center. The Schimpf Shack and concession shelter.



While certainly not a complete list, these beloved, often-used parts of our campus came to fruition because so many wonderful parishioners before us had the foresight, dream and drive to bring them to life. Now, it is our turn!

You might not know us and you may not have heard of The Legacy Project, but our aim is simple: we believe it is our generation's turn to leave our stamp on OLV. Our goal is to re-purpose some forgotten areas of our campus to give all generations an even greater sense of pride and purpose. And like our predecessors, we cannot do it alone.

Plans for the Grotto, Rosary Walk, Outdoor Classroom and Children's Play Scape are becoming a reality at OLV. Amazingly, simply talking about these projects has helped us raise an incredible amount of funds without formally asking. The excitement generated around these projects is quite simply overwhelming.

- JOIN THE 175 LEGACY CLUB -

Please consider supporting these projects by joining the 175 Legacy Club in honor of our 175th Anniversary! You and your family will help provide a lasting impact to our parish and school, and will be permanently recognized in the OLV Grotto and Rosary Walk area with your name or memoriam engraved on the donor recognition plaque.

___ I would like to join the 175 Legacy Club with a contribution of \$175.

___ I do not wish to join the 175 Legacy Club, but would like to make a contribution to these exciting projects.

___ I am interested in learning about funding a bench or tree to be located in the Rosary Walk and Grotto areas.

Name: _____

Name for Plaque: _____

(For example, "Mr. & Mrs. John Smith" or "The Smith Family").

Phone Number: _____

THANK YOU!

Make checks payable to "Our Lady of Victory". Tear along line above and return with your check to the Parish Office, drop in a separate envelope in the collection basket, or give to any member of The Legacy Project committee below. If you have specific questions regarding your donation please contact any member of the Legacy Project committee.

Andy Spinney

Tom Bier

Paul Hutzel

Chris Broxterman

John Haynes

Chris Kenney

Jenny Spieser

Mark Schneider

Bryan Kelley

Guy Harmon

For more information or to contact us, visit our website: <http://parish.olv.org/District/Portal/legacyproject>

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

OF VICTORY STUDENTS PAST 2ND QUARTER 2016-2017

ELDER HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST HONORS

Nicholas J. Albers	Connor B. Johnson
Wyatt J. Albers	Timothy J. Kearns
Nathaniel B. Bill	Jarred M. Kelley
Joseph R. Bischoff	Alexander M. Lott
Zachary R. Bischoff	Matthew R. Luebbe
Alexander Brigger	Robert C. Luebbering
Joseph E. Brockmann	Michael T. Maloney
Andrew J. Brown	Joseph C. Monahan
Ryan T. Browne	Eric J. Moser
Andrew P. Broxterman	Brady J. Murphy
Joseph A. Catania	Joseph D. Nartker
Samuel J. Catania	Adam M. Noeth
Marc W. Crable	Chad P. Ostertag
Lucas C. Downey	Matthew A. Peterson
Xavier J. Eilers	Ethan A. Plagge
Andrew G. Eubanks	Owen C. Plagge
Robert D. Evans	Solomon J. Richards
Anthony R. Frommeyer	Austin M. Roll
Brent S. Gavin	Tyler J. Sadelfeld
Samuel M. Gillis	Michael T. Schenkel
Eric M. Groll	Ryan N. Schenkel
Justin C. Haas	Nicholas J. Shappelle
Alexander J. Hils	Matthew R. Trotta
Clayton A. Hodge	Evan M. Vollmer
Max J. Hofmeyer	Jacob L. Wuebbolt

SECOND HONORS

Joseph M. Accurso	Kyle R. Klingenberg
Spencer T. Bernard	Joshua G. Lammers
Benjamin M. Burke	Ronald A. Larkin
Benjamin J. Deters	Connor J. Magness
Nicholas E. Dirr	Alexander T. Mischell
Ryan W. Duell	Michael P. O'Connor
John P. Eary	Nicholas G. Renner
Robert C. Englehardt	Jackson R. Sinnard
Jacob R. Hofmeyer	Maxwell C. Trotta
Jacob P. Kelly	Michael S. Wauligman
Kory E. Klingenberg	

OAK HILLS

HIGHEST HONORS

Kathryn Wooddell

HIGH HONORS

Grace Cain
Jillian Kallmeyer
Brooklyn Purvis
Natalie Rowe
Kristina Sattler
Rebecca Wooddell

HONORS

Marie Altenau
Mitchell Brodbeck
Alissa Cain
Savannah Doran
Thomas Ray
Caroline Weisker

ST. XAVIER

FIRST HONORS

Adam Arar
Grant Zentmeyer

SECOND HONORS

John Altenau
Nicholas Bower
Nicholas Helmers-Wegman
Jacob Roeller
Spencer Schaiper
Max Schiller
Ryan Smith
Bryce Weyler

URSULINE ACADEMY

HONORS

Angelina Tran

ST. URSULA ACADEMY

FIRST HONORS

Margaret Berding	Anna Engelhardt
Mary Berding	Andriana Knollman
Alexa Carlton	Anna Lohrer
Amanda Carrick	Macy Luebbers
Savannah Carrick	Jessica Lutz
Kristin Currin	Catherine Zentmeyer
Jennifer Dillon	

SECOND HONORS

Kelli Currin	Olivia Oliverio
Elizabeth Lamping	Teddi Schiller
Molly Martin	

SETON HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST HONORS

Shannon Cavanaugh	Emily Mohs
Ainsley Cook	Julia Neumeister
Meghan Davis	Renee Niederhausen
Delaney Dee	Megan Peterson
Jamie Dee	Veronica Richards
Abigail Dirr	Kayamarie Roll
Kathryn Eary	Megan Ruffing
Olivia Faillace	Emma Sander
Emma Feckter	Molly Scherer
Julia Gavin	Kristen Stacklin
Annabelle Gonnella	Bailey Stinson
Anne Haley	Payton Stinson
Anna Hauer	Maria Tan
Allison Huesman	Madison Truitt
Gabrielle Kemper	Morgan Van De Velde
Audrey Laiveling	Isabelle Warren
Kristen Lehan	Olivia Webber
Emily Lipps	Emily Wiczorkowski
Elizabeth Mannix	Kelsey Willmes
Patricia McHale	

SECOND HONORS

Emma Acomb	Anna Lanzillotta
Madison Brigger	Julia Lanzillotta
Lydia Brigham	Morgan Mevers
Kelsey Cappel	Kelly Monahan
Madison Cappel	Sara Neumeister
McKenzie Custer	Sidney Perry
Chloe Davitt	Brooke Pohlman
Michelle Deters	Samantha Riegler
Emily Flowers	Kaitlyn Sferrazza
Elizabeth Groh	Hannah Smith
Renee Hofmeyer	Sarah Telscher
Allison Huesman	Amanda Topmiller
Katherine Kemen	Megan Williams
Erin Klumb	Erin Willig
Margaret Korte	McKenzie Zimmer

MOTHER OF MERCY

FIRST HONORS

Hannah M. Back
Kelsey A. Boeing
Julie A. Deye
Morgan E. Maloney

SECOND HONORS

Kate A. Bailey
Paige E. Bailey

A History of Service

Over the last 175 years, OLV parishioners have understood the importance of serving our parish, and many men and women, past and present, have stepped up to give back.

The men of our parish established the *St. Stephen's Society* in 1845. These married and single men gave support to the pastor by maintaining the spiritual welfare of the members of the parish. In 1850, they added a resolution to assist in supporting the school. The *St. Stephen's Society* eventually came to be the *Holy Name Society*. The women, too, wanted to serve. On January 5, 1845, the women formed the *St. Mary's Ladies' Society*. Each participant paid a due of 10 cents a month. These women supplied the necessary articles for Mass, eventually becoming the *Rosary Altar Society*, and then the *Ladies of Victory*.

On September 25, 1870, the single women separated from the group and formed the *St. Rose of Lima Young Ladies Society*. Under the patronage of St. Rose of Lima, these young ladies continued to provide

the articles for Mass, and helped furnish the rectory. And around the same time, young men formed the *St. Aloysius Young Men's Society*, and served the parish and school needs.

The *St. Mark Benevolent Society* was formed on January 28, 1905, supplying support to its ailing and grieving members. The *Catholic Order of Foresters* was organized in June of 1925, and was a life insurance society, providing financial security and opportunities for growth.

On October 12, 1938, the PTA was formed, providing the kitchen with necessary items and serving hot lunches. They gave entertainment for the school and made donations to the parish. In time, the organization went on to become independent of the PTA and formed the OLV PTO. This group still exists, and serves Our Lady of Victory in many ways.

The *Legions of Mary* started in September of 1941, in order to also lend their aid, including taking a census of the parish and supplying books for the boys in the service.

The *Bereavement Committee* is one of our current organizations and gives support to those who have lost a loved one by helping them plan the funeral Mass and making sure that the everything runs smoothly.

OLV also has an Athletic Association. This group gives all of the youth of the parish the opportunity to safely participate in many sporting activities. The Athletic Association also sponsors the parish festival each spring, donating profits back to the church. ●

By Kathy Lynn



The OLV175 committee would like to thank our parish for all the support given to the *Das Karneval* gala in February! Be sure to look for next month's Vision article featuring pictures from the event.



Each parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will have their doors open on March 14th to provide the opportunity for the sacrament of Confession. If you have been reluctant, away for some time, or just find it difficult to make it to confession, this will be a wonderful opportunity for you. We will leave the light on for you in our chapel March 14! ●

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TUESDAY, MARCH 14 7PM-9PM

The Light is
ON for You.



Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Stephen & Sarah Meyers

Robert & Marie Seitz

Kayla Swift

Tim & Stacy Kyde

OLV Baptisms

Robert Francis Ewing

son of Alexander & Elizabeth Ewing

In Loving Memory

Judith Ahrman Peggy Sue Comose

Kenneth Huber

Memorial Association

Nancy Dierkes
William R Stetter

Catherine Barrett
Eunice Bischoff

Francis Stetter

Judy Ahrman

Melvin Graf

Dorothy Lind

Mae Young

Jeanne Albers

Bernard Stolz

Rose Willmes

Edgar Willmes

Al Binder

Pauline Stolz

Dan Rudolf

Fred Bischoff

Alvin "Toby" Binder

Tuition Assistance

Laura Ostertag

St. Vincent de Paul

Laura Ostertag

Food Pantry

Laura Ostertag Judith Ahrman

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. In lieu of flowers and gifts, please consider donating to support Catholic Education.

God's Presence in the Mass

God is present everywhere. In the Eucharist, however, there are four extraordinary ways that Jesus presents Himself, transcending the ways He is present outside the Liturgy of the Mass of the Catholic Church.

CHRIST IS PRESENT IN COMMUNITY

Sometimes it's difficult to see Christ in our fellow Mass-goers, but He's there. People gather from various places, distracted and preoccupied, but as we enter a church, we're no longer scattered sheep, but members of Christ's body. At Mass we deepen our communion not only with Christ, but with the whole Church, including the Saints and our deceased.

CHRIST IS PRESENT IN THE PRIEST

Some priests astound in holiness and have power in preaching, some do not. But Christ's presence doesn't depend on a priest's personal virtue. Instead, He is present by a unique charism given through the sacrament of holy orders. That's why priests wear vestments; to signify that he's acting *in persona Christi*, or "in the person of Christ." Christ is the true Priest made present in a special way through His ordained.

CHRIST IS PRESENT IN THE WORD

The Catholic Church is not often called a "Bible church," but stick around for a Mass, and you'll hear scripture from the beginning to end. The word of God is a tremendous gift, and this understanding is reflected in the Mass. The first part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word, in which we read from Scripture: a passage from the Old Testament, the psalms, another reading from the New Testament, and then the Gospel. These readings are even carefully arranged so Sunday Mass-goers hear the most important passages from the Bible over the course of three years. By reading and hearing scripture, the Lord desires to speak on a personal level with us, penetrating the depths of our hearts with His nourishing, challenge and draws us to conversion.

CHRIST IS PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:14) During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Christ Jesus, or *transubstantiation*. Under the appearance of food and drink is Jesus. His very body, blood, soul and divinity. Through the Eucharist, God comes into us in a very real and tangible way. And He gives us the grace to be more like Him. Only in the Mass can this unique encounter take place. ●

By Jonathan Schaefer



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LADIES OF VICTORY SEEKING VICTORIOUS LADIES!

LOV is a social and service organization for the ladies of the OLV parish, providing events and services for parishioners to enjoy! Please consider volunteering to help in one of our many opportunities.

Some events sponsored by LOV include the Jr. High dance (Co-sponsored by the Athletic Association on Feb 3), the Mystery Trip in March, the Bunny Brunch (April 8), Cocktails and Canvas (April/May), and the 25th/50th Anniversary Brunch on April 30th. LOV also sponsored the band for the OLV 175th Anniversary Gala in February.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PARISH? LADIES OF VICTORY (LOV) HAS OPTIONS, BIG OR SMALL! ATTEND OUR MAY MEETING OR EMAIL ANDREA.DRESMANN@GMAIL.COM

Plans are also underway to celebrate Ladies of Victory's 40th anniversary at our May 11th LOV dinner in the Convocation Center. This is also the meeting where the 8th grade scholarship winners are announced, and we install our new officers. We would love to have all the ladies of the parish attend! You do not have to be an official member to attend. Details to come for LOV events in the bulletin, Vision, and school's Voice of Victory. ●

By Andrea Dressman

Would you or your OLV Organization like to be featured in the Victory Vision? Have our editor place you on the Vision Contact list!

Email: Erica Trabanino, admin@olv.org

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