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"You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 22:37 & 28:19

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00-9:30 AM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should call the Parish Office upon their engagement to arrange a date for their wedding. The bride or groom must be a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Victory.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Daily (Mon -Thur)	8:30 AM
Holydays & Other	As announced within

OFFICE HOURS

PARISH: Mon-Fri	8:30-4:00 PM
RELIGIOUS EDUC.:	8:30-4:00 PM
LUNCH (offices closed):	12:00-1:00 PM

(Offices closed holidays & major holydays)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms can usually be scheduled for any weekend Mass. Attendance of a preparation workshop for first-time parents is required. Parents can call the Parish Office to arrange a date for Baptism, and to check dates for the Baptismal Workshop. Sponsors can call the Parish Office for details about acquiring a Certificate.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Available at any time to those who are ill, facing surgery, or in danger of death. Sacramental care is provided by chaplains at all area hospitals. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is a process for those interested in the faith of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Linda Herold at 633-3637 or email her at lherold@ourladyofvictory.net.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parents can call the Parish Office for information.

PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

(to be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament)

Lord Jesus, as we gather at your altar, you give yourself to us in the Most Holy Eucharist, so that we might become what we receive.

May we be transformed forever by your love that stretches forth to us from this altar.

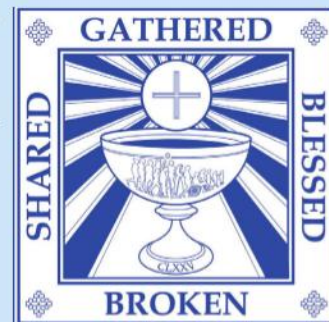
May your sharing in our humanity humble us to share in your divinity.

Heal our brokenness with your real presence and help us to draw strength from you in the Eucharist. Unite us to you in this Sacrament that brings healing and redemption.

As we glorify you by our lives, give us grace and courage to share your love with a world sorely in need of your mercy. May your true presence bring hope to those on the peripheries, dry the tears of the poor and the wounded, and end our divisions.

May your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity be a constant source of revival for us. Let us become one with you as we seek the peace of your kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharist



MASSES & SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

(ALL PRAYER/MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED. WEEKEND MASSES ARE ALSO BROADCAST OVER FM 93.7)

Live stream Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorychurchtallmadge/>

Uploaded to VIMEO at: <https://www.vimeo.com>

or YouTube at: <https://www.YouTube.com>

Monday, Dec 25	(10:00 am-C) For the Parishioners <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)</i> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday, Dec 26	(No Mass) (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer St Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday, Dec 27	(8:30 am-C) Carl Giet (7:00 pm-C) Exposition/Evening Prayer St John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday, Dec 28	(8:30 am-C) Jim & Roberta Smith (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday, Dec 29	(No Mass) (7:00 pm-PC) Adoration/Night Prayer St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday, Dec 30	NO Confessions (5:00 pm-C) Tiffany Marie Tilenni 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday, Dec 31	(8:30 am-C) For the Parishioners Baptism of Noah Hackathorn (11:00 am-C) Leonard Palmer Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40 (5:00 pm-C) Mary Matusz Vigil of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve) Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

In Our Parish – What/Where/When

MONDAY, DEC 25, 2023

****Offices closed**

TUESDAY, DEC 26, 2023

****Offices closed**

WEDNESDAY, DEC 27, 2023

AA Meeting/FH/10:00 am

THURSDAY, DEC 28, 2023

NO Bible Study or Women's Book Study

FRIDAY, DEC 29, 2023

****Offices Closed until Wed, Jan 3**

SATURDAY, DEC 30, 2023

NO Confessions

SUNDAY, DEC 31, 2023 – *New Year's Eve*

Child Liturgy of the Word/Church/8:30 am



Like us on Facebook at: Our Lady of Victory Church, and our youth page at: Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Youth Ministry! Also, you can follow us on Instagram, by going olv1944 and follow.



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Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 12/17/23

(Not available at print time)

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS – Just a reminder that donations received **through Sunday evening Mass, Dec 31** will go toward **2023 Contributions**. Donations received **Monday, Jan 1, 2024**, or after **must go toward 2024, no matter the date on the check, per the IRS**. Faith Direct users - they will be accepting 1-time Checking/Savings account gifts and live 1-time credit card gifts until **midnight on Dec 31**. Blessings to you and your loved ones in 2024!!

Holiday Celebrating Notes



CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10:00 AM. Tuesday No Mass. Saturday NO Confessions. NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS 5:00 AM.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The offices will be **closed Monday and Tuesday of this week**, and will **reopen Wednesday, Dec 27 at 10:00 am**. The offices will again be **closed Friday, Dec 29**, and **reopen Wednesday, Jan 3 at 10:00 am**. If you have an emergency during those times, please call the office, dial extension 18 (Fr Mike), and follow the instructions. The happiest of Feast Days to you and your loved ones!!

Question of the Week

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Adults: We are very familiar with Mary's yes; that as 'the handmaid of the Lord' she agreed to cooperate with God's grace. How have you, and will you, continue to cooperate with God, to bring the mystery of God to light in you, and through you, to those you encounter?

Children: Do I believe that nothing is impossible for God? Why or why not?

Coming Events/News in our Parish

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR 2023 TAX CREDITS?
SEE TWO OPTIONS BELOW!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SUPPORT OUR LADY OF VICTORY with a **Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA** - If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 800-869-6525 x 4070 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

DID YOU KNOW - Donations to the **Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF)**, through the Catholic Community Foundation, helped make it possible for our parishes and schools to raise more than \$4.5 million in 2022, and for a growing number of families to receive tuition assistance for their children to attend a high quality Catholic school. As we approach the end of the 2023 calendar year, our hope is for the number of ASF supporters to grow. **We encourage all Ohio taxpayers to consider making an ASF donation by December 31, 2023**, that may be eligible for the state tax credit when filing a 2023 Ohio tax return. Eligible donors receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit, and students get scholarships! There are multiple ways to donate. Visit www.CatholicCommunity.org/angel-contribution, or call 216-902-1312 for more information. This does not constitute legal or tax advice. Please contact your tax professional.

LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING: Please finalize your financial gifts for our annual Advent **"Christmas Gift Giving"** and **make checks payable to Our Lady of Victory**. Or you may give online through Faith Direct by visiting <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH669/53879>. Thank you!



MANY THANKS TO ALL who were able to give to the Thanksgiving collection for St Bernard Hunger Center. We collected \$1,509.00 to share with them.

LIFE LINE SCREENING COMING TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY! Take a step toward staying healthy and active. Be smart – do more for your cardiovascular health! Mark your calendar for **Friday, Jan 5, 2024**. To register, call 800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC.



News & Notes in our Neighborhood

BELIEVELAND YOUNG ADULT RETREAT APRIL 5-7,

2024 - Jesuit Retreat House. Young Adults 20s & 30s; \$40 Early Bird pricing; \$65 after Jan 6th.

(Confidential financial assistance available) Come to the quiet. Find peace in the Lord. Contact Mike

Hayes, Young Adult Ministry mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org for more information or to register, or use the QR Code above.



A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AND HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE – Beginning January 26, 2024

- The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and 6 follow-up sessions. For more information, or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org, or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

BEST SHRINES OF FRANCE – with Fr Norm Douglas & Fr Dominic

Gideon – **September 23 – October 4, 2024!** Cost is \$5,793/person from Cleveland. Group Leader will be Deacon Robin Adair. Trip includes Lourdes, Rocamadour, Paray Le Monial, Nevers, Lisieux, and Paris.

Register for the Pilgrimage at www.206tours.com/deaconadair. For questions, email danielle@206tours.com.

Celebrating the Sacraments

WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

NOEL HACKATHORN – 12/31/23

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED:

MARY L PATTON

MICHAEL & EMILY VARNEY & FAMILY

ANGELINA YACKEY & FAMILY

(Welcome home!)

Caring Commission

Pray for the Sick: Kelly Castle, John Charterina, Bob Christian, Agnes Clark, Mary Dumke, Danny Firth, Floss Firth, Doug Fox, Daysha Furtney, Robert Giet, Gerry Hollenack, Julianne Jenkins, Dan Lane, Nancy Litten, Mary Lombardo, Tom Lorkowski, Beth Mariola, Lin Mattingly, Kate Naglak, Carol Scalley, George Serba Jr, Paula Simmons, Kay Lynn Tafini, Giovanni Testa, Mary Testa, Tina Testa, and all who suffer from the coronavirus.

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