



OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Weekly School Newsletter

*Our Lady of Victory is a Catholic Parish School Dedicated to Living our Victory Values through Faith, Academics, and Service.
Virtuous living + Intellectual growth + Christ-like behavior + Teamwork + Opportunities for service + Respect for all + Yes to Forgiveness*

2017 Christmas Program

This year's Christmas program is **Thursday, December 14**, in the gymnasium. The program is about an hour in length. We will have a matinee performance at **1:30 p.m.** that is intended for extended family and friends. The evening performance begins at **6:30 p.m.**

What to Wear?

Boys: Dress shirt and tie, slacks, dress shoes ("Sunday's Best")

Girls: Nice Christmas Dresses, keep in mind that lighter colors may make faces "white out" on camera with the lighting.

When to Report to School?

Thursday, December 14 is a school day with regular hours. For the evening program, students may enter the school by the gym doors after 6:00 p.m.:

- Band students-report to the Cafeteria
- Choir students report to their classroom

Pick-up Procedure After the Concert?

For safety reasons, please meet your child at their homeroom after the performance. Band students will meet parents in Victory Hall.

Ordering a High-Definition DVD of the Performance?

An HD DVD of the event will be made. Pre-orders will begin Monday, December 11. The cost is \$15. Bring payment and a completed Order form (found on page 4) to the office starting on December 11.

Volunteers Needed: December 20

On Wednesday, December 20, the PTO will host their annual **Christmas Luncheon for the entire OLV staff from 11a.m.-1 p.m.** in the Fr. Ernie Center. It's a well deserved event for our teachers and staff that they really enjoy. In order for them to attend, we need volunteers to look after the students during this event. Your shift is between 10:45-1:15 p.m., when you will walk the children to and from lunch and recess and setup a movie or craft. We need one volunteer per class and a couple of extras to help with the front office. If you are able to help, please use the link below to sign up: <https://slotted.co/7shfei41>

Next Week's Events:

Monday, December 11

Christmas Program DVD Pre-sale orders begin
Begin sending in Auction donations today!

Tuesday, December 12

Dads' Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 13

School Mass, 8:30 a.m., Church
Moms in Prayer Group, 10 a.m., St. John XXIII

Thursday, December 14

Christmas Program 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., Gym

Friday, December 15

Last day to order January Hot Lunch

January Hot Lunch Orders Due

The January Hot Lunch order is online and due no later than **December 15**. Please note that hot lunch service will not start until Monday, January 8 and milk service will resume on Tuesday, January 9.

Register for Junior Great Books!

2017-18 Registration Closes December 20

Do not delay! Visit the school website for **online registration** –sign up your student now. The program will run for 7 weeks beginning in **January**. For more information about the program, click the **JGB Link** or visit www.olvnorthville.org and go to the School tab.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact a chairperson, **Jen Lampi**, jennifer.h.lampi@accenture.com or **Renee Pelon**, renee.pelon@gmail.com.

Next semester's Recess and Lunch

signup will open on Monday, December 18. Remember that this year's Service Hour program only requires 4 days of recess or lunch volunteer service per year (2 in each semester).



OLV's Annual Fun Fair

Friday, February 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Planning for the OLV Fun Fair has begun! Volunteers are needed for all areas: Setup, Game/Booth attendants, Cafeteria help, and tear-down after the fair. Please sign-up at signup.com/go/MQnLuOn to make this Fun Fair a huge success for our kids!

Library Birthday Club!

Welcome to the OLV Birthday Club: **Seth Sterling, Jamerson Prouty, Mallory Parr, Josie Kustra, Joel Sterling, Chloe Conniff and Zachary Sobczak.** Happy Birthday! Hope you will enjoy your special book. Stop by and take a look at our Birthday Club gallery of photos outside the library doors.

-Mrs. Valerie Ayotte, Children's Librarian

Celebrating Our Faith

by **Mary Ellen Skene, Faith Formation Director**

As we mark the first week of Advent, we recognize the primary focus of this season is Jesus—Emmanuel—God with Us who came into our world some two thousand years ago and will return again at the end of time to fully establish the reign of God.

One of the figures of this season is Mary of Nazareth. We have as a Church many images and teachings about Mary. Her role is proclaimed in Luke's gospel (2:26-38) as we hear the words of her cooperation with God's saving plan. Because of her, Jesus became one with us sharing in our human condition, in order to redeem us! Mary as God's mother assures us of the full humanity of Jesus and through the creative power of the Holy Spirit that he is fully God.

We have since earliest times in our Church attempted to put a face to Mary and to tell her story. There are more than 6,000 titles for Mary. The titles, shrines, portraits, sculptors, statues and depictions of all kind reflect the efforts of every generation and culture to make Mary (or Miriam as she would have been known) their own.

We remember Mary on December 8, as the Church observes the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This feast day which was established in the 18th century with the declaration of her freedom from Original Sin gave to her at conception what we as humans receive by the gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism. The challenge for us as Jesus' disciples is to be like Mary with the giving of our hearts to God's will and saying yes to his plan in our life.

For an article that explains this Church doctrine visit <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/solemnity-of-the-immaculate-conception/>

May your yes to God give life, breath and love to you and your family!

God bless, Mary Ellen



All Moms Welcome!
OLV's Moms In Prayer Group

Every Second Wednesday of the month

Wednesday, December 13, 10 a.m., St. John XXIII Room

Any questions or to add your name to our email list, please contact Steffanie Porter at steffn13@yahoo.com.



Congratulations!

2017 Santa Shop Raffle Winners

Daily Winners

- Brooklyn Nurkala
- Brody Craig
- Anabelle Bednarz
- Megan Lauster
- Kyle Quinn
- Sophia Ivezaj
- Olivia Montemayor
- Katherine Weiss
- Georgina Nafso
- Kaia Bedbary
- Sarah Leiger
- Courtney Cassidy
- Christian Manjo
- Anna Merucci
- Jamerson Pronty
- Caitlyn Sherwin
- Dominic Said
- Michael Villanueva
- Dominic Cummings
- Tommy McGreevy
- Daria Rorick
- Adele Jones
- Michael Cooney
- Patrick Szendro
- Liam Marinelli
- Alexandra

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS!

Drawn by Office Staff

Grade K-2:

Kindle Fire HD Tablet

Tyler Bink

Grade 3-5:

Kindle Fire HD Tablet

Matthew McLoughlin

Grade 6-8:

\$150 VISA Gift Card

Drew Lehnert

OLV Holiday Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. with Fr. Wheeler
 4:15 p.m. (Gym) with Fr. Denis Theroux
 6:00 p.m. with Fr. Denis Theroux
 10:30 p.m. with Fr. Denis Theroux

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. with Fr. Denis Theroux
 11:30 a.m. with Fr. Wheeler

Monday, January 1 New Year's Day

9:30 a.m. with Fr. Denis Theroux

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 22, at noon
 Monday, December 25-Tuesday, December 26
 Friday, December 29-Tuesday, January 2



Robotics Christmas Parade Sunday, December 17 After 9:30 a.m. Mass

Bring your family to the **Dads Club's BREAKFAST with SANTA** and witness the annual CougarBOTS Autonomous Robotics Parade! The OLV Robotics team has designed, built and programmed 11 Christmas-themed Robotic Floats. Each float contains at least 1 gear driven moving feature and will be pulled autonomously by a student programmed robot. These will be running on a track in the Father Ernie Center during the Dad's Club Santa Breakfast—after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Fall Season Robotics Team has 23 student engineers in grades 4-6. See you there!

DADS' CLUB CORNER

Upcoming Events & News

1. **Dads' Club Meeting:** is **Tuesday, December 12, 2017** at 7:30 p.m., in the OLV Cafeteria. All OLV dads are welcome!
3. If you would like to be added to the OLV Dads' Club's email list, please send an email to olvdadsclubsecretary@gmail.com.
4. Website: www.olvathletics.com

OLV Christmas Decorators Wanted!

Dads' Club is looking for volunteers to help decorate OLV for Christmas. This is a fun family event! The schedule is below. Sign up today: <http://signup.com/go/FcCtWrY>.

- Saturday, December 9, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 16, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 23, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 6, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



OLV Dads' Club to Host
Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 17
after all Masses

Fr. Ernie Center

Enjoy a pancake breakfast!
 Get your photo taken with Santa!

OLV Quiz Night 2018

Saturday, January 20th
 OLV Gym
 Doors open at 6:00 PM
 Main competition begins at 7:00 PM



➔ Tickets \$40/person and includes pizzas, salads, subs, snacks, desserts, coffee, beer, wine & pop

Reservations are now open for this year's most popular event: The 16th annual OLV Quiz Night. **NOTE: This event sells out quickly every year, so get your table today!**

Teams, of 8-10 adults per table, pool their knowledge to answer questions. There is one answer per table, per team, submitted for scoring. Trivia questions are based on a variety of topics! **Remember to dress and decorate your table in a TV SHOW theme...prizes to the BEST TWO TABLES**

Register on-line
 At
www.olvathletics.com

Checks can be mailed to:
 Mark Anderson
 21026 Wheaton Lane
 Novi, MI. 48375
 Questions to:
 Jack Buchan
jbuchan@msn.com or 248.561.6431



Our Lady of Victory Catholic School 2017 Christmas Performance DVD

PRE-ORDER FORM—\$15 Each

Reserve your copy by February 1, 2018

STUDENT'S NAME _____

HOMEROOM/TEACHER _____

QUANTITY _____

CIRCLE ONE:

CASH

CHECK

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO *OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL*

A high-definition video and audio recording will be made of the concert by CV Media, an award-winning, Northville-based Video Production company (check them out at www.cvmedia.com). CV Media is a high-end producer of tape-to-digital media, taking old videotapes and turning them into modern digital video, as well as commercial and tutorial videos for corporate clients.

This will be an outstanding quality keepsake of our performance this year!

This performance captured on video by:



Over 110,000 family tapes and film reels transferred to DVD!
Located right here in Northville!
cvmedia.net