



# 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*

### School Registration Deadline

This week, the oldest student in your family received the paperwork for the 2018-19 registration. Please note, that a non-refundable check for your family's registration fee (\$300) and paperwork is needed to save your seat for the 2017-18 school year. Registration is due back to the school office by **Friday, March 23**.

### Tuition Raffle Tickets Now on Sale

The OLV Auction is right around the corner. In order to make this a wonderful night for our teachers and families, we need high school student volunteers. What a great way to earn **7 Service Hours towards the 2018-19 school year!** Sign up with a friend and enjoy pizza and pop while you work! Check here for the open positions: [www.slotted.co/highschoolvolunteersolv](http://www.slotted.co/highschoolvolunteersolv).



### OLV Celebrates St. Patrick's Day Friday, March 16

All students are welcome to wear their favorite St. Patrick's Day (or green) shirt with jeans to honor St. Patrick on Friday, March 16. For anyone in PE class that day, please wear gym pants!

### Middle School Information Night Thursday, March 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

All students entering grades 6-8 this fall are invited to learn more about OLV's Middle School. Also, information regarding 6th Grade Camp and chaperone sign-up will be available. **Please note:** 7th grade parent meeting for the Washington D.C. Trip has been rescheduled for this night at **6:30 p.m.**

### Next Week's Events:

#### Sunday, March 11

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Confirmation Rehearsal, 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

#### Monday, March 12

#### Tuesday, March 13

OLV Winter Sport Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.  
*Light Reception to follow in the Fr. Ernie Center*  
OLV Dads' Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria

#### Wednesday, March 14

School Mass, 8:30 a.m., Church  
Moms in Prayer, 9:30 a.m., McAuley  
8th Grade Confirmation, 7 p.m., Church

#### Thursday, March 15

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#### Friday, March 16

Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day  
OLV Grade 7-8 Dance, 7 p.m., Gym

### Saint Catherine of Siena Academy Presents a Broadway Musical Revue:

### "THIS GIRL'S LIFE"

Friday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, March 18, at 2:00 p.m.

\$10 general admission (children 5 and under free)  
Tickets available at the door.

**17 of our elementary students are in the show.  
Come out and support them!**



## OLV Basketball Players

Please join us as we celebrate another incredible season!

**Prayer Service: Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., in Church**

Light Reception: immediately following in the Fr. Ernie Center

Please be sure to clean, fold and place your player's uniform and practice penny in a bag labeled with the player's name and number and team name. Your Team Manager will be collecting the bags for your team.



### OLV Spirit Wear Store is now OPEN

Shop the Spring Under Armour Collection

Visit [KTforms.com](http://KTforms.com) by March 18.

- Use Access Code: **OLOVATH18**
- Select and Add Merchandise to cart.
- Click CHECKOUT.
- Register as a New User or Login with past credentials.

Orders will be processed and shipped 3-4 weeks after March 18.

## OLV Spring 2018 Flag Football Registration Now Open

The program is offered to both boys and girls who are currently in grades K-1 and 2-3. The season is planned to begin the weekend of April 15. Games will be April 22, 29, and May 6, 13 for the regular season. Playoff weekend tournament will be May 19-20. Games will primarily be held at Catholic Central H.S. with a potential for a crossover game at Brother Rice H.S. Visit [www.OLVAthletics.com](http://www.OLVAthletics.com) to register today! If you are interested in coaching, please complete an online coaching application.

## OLV DADS' CLUB CORNER

Upcoming Events & News [www.olvathletics.com](http://www.olvathletics.com)

- Next **Dads' Club Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m.**, OLV cafeteria. All OLV dads are welcome!
- **7th and 8th Grade Dance: Friday, March 16, 7-10 p.m.**, OLV Gym. Volunteers needed!
- If you would like to stay up to date on all of the OLV Dads' Club's news and events, please send an email to [olvdadsclubsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:olvdadsclubsecretary@gmail.com) to be **added to our email distribution list**.



## Jump Rope for Heart

Many thanks to all of the OLV students who participated and donated for Jump Rope for Heart. This year we raised

**\$3,201.37!!!**

Great fun was had by all!

This money will help with research and educating the public awareness of heart attacks and stroke.

Mrs. Kolbow  
Physical Education Teacher



### 1st Annual OLV K of C Student Essay Contest!

Congratulations **Laura Mallie** and **Clare Gulowski** for being two of the top three finalists in the First Annual OLV 8th grade Student Essay Contest that was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The theme was "The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to giving back to the community, and protecting the disabled and unborn children. As a young Catholic, how can you promote charity?"

The girls were invited to a presentation of the awards and presented with two checks, one made out to them and the other to a charity of their choice. **CONGRATULATIONS girls!**



### 29TH ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ORATORY CONTEST!

Hosted by Right to Life of Novi

**Wednesday, March 21, 6:00 p.m., Doors open at 5:30 p.m.**

**St. Catherine of Siena Academy, 28200 Napier Road, Wixom**

Research one of the issues below and present a 5-7 minute pro-life speech to a panel of judges.

- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Infanticide
- Embryonic Stem Cell Research/Human Cloning

Register at [www.saintcatherineacademy.org](http://www.saintcatherineacademy.org) (under Community tab) by March 16.

Rules available online when you register.

**Prizes: \$250, \$100, and \$50**

Please bring 2 copies of your speech: 1 for you and 1 for Michigan Right to Life.

Parking is available in the student parking lot. Please enter through side doors.

Hosts will show you to the contest room.

The winner will go on to participate in the State contest held in Holt, MI on Sunday, May 5.

Questions? Contact Anneke Houbeck at [ahoubeck@saintcatherineacademy.org](mailto:ahoubeck@saintcatherineacademy.org).

### HAVE YOU SETUP YOUR AMAZON SMILE ACCOUNT YET?



Thank you to those who have setup their Amazon Smile Account! Amazon donates money directly to OLV for all applicable purchases.

For the remaining weeks in March, Amazon has bumped up the donation rate to 1.5%. Now is the time to get setup and make a purchase.

Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for more information!

## Celebrating Our Faith | by Mary Ellen Skene, Director Faith Formation

Lent can be for each of us a time of prayer—time when we spend stolen quiet moments with our God. Wonderful things happen during prayer. We encounter God in ways that go beyond pretense—beyond our own agendas. It gives us a glimpse into the person that God sees—the inner person that we all too often hide so that he may get to the heart of things and in his own gentle way transform us or give us a new perspective.

If you are looking for a way to help your children understand more about prayer teach them this lesson taken from [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org) about the pretzel!

“The pretzel has a deep spiritual meaning for Lent. In fact, it was the ancient Christian Lenten bread as far back as the fourth century. In the old Roman Empire, the faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent: no milk, no butter, no cheese, no eggs, no cream and no meat. They made small breads of water, flour and salt, to remind them that Lent was a time of prayer. They shaped these breads in the form of crossed arms for in those days they crossed their arms over the breast while praying. Therefore they called the breads "little arms" (bracellae). From this Latin word, the Germanic people later coined the term "pretzel." Thus the pretzel is the most appropriate food symbol in Lent. It still shows the form of arms crossed in prayer, reminding us that Lent is a time of prayer. It consists only of water and flour, thus proclaiming Lent as a time of fasting.”

Why not buy some frozen unbaked bread dough this weekend and make your own pretzels with your children. Tell them how it can remind them to pray and help them to imagine that the little arms of the pretzel are not only their arms in prayer but God’s arms wrapped around them every second of every day!

God’s Blessings this weekend! Mary Ellen



### First Communion Collection: Suits, Dresses and Shoes

Please consider donating new or cleaned but gently used First Communion dresses, veils, suits, ties and shoes for children in the Detroit area parishes who would otherwise go without one. Many parents are struggling financially and purchasing such items can be almost impossible.

If purchasing new items, please consider sizes 8, 10 or 12. The need is great. All outfits can be hung on the clothing rack in the Church’s Gathering Space or brought to the School

Office and must be in by **March 25**.

## Free car seat checks by Novi Fire

*Certified techs will inspect or install your car seat from 9-noon on March 17*

Make sure your little one is riding safely in their car seat by having it installed or inspected by the Novi Fire Department for free.

The Novi Fire Department will be conducting **free car seat safety inspections** from **9-noon on Saturday, March 17, at Fire Station #4, 49375 Ten Mile Road**. No appointments are necessary, and checks should only take about 25 minutes to complete.

Please bring the owner’s manual for the vehicle, the car seat manual, and, if possible, the child who will use the safety seat. If you would like to make an appointment you can do so at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or by calling **248.735.5673**.

