

Our Lady of Victory

2021-2022
Guidebook &
Directory



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The Gospels of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke begin with genealogies, a list of names, ending with the name Jesus. The genealogy of Jesus is the remembrance of generations of faith. They are people who contributed to the life of the People of God and prepared the world, in fact, prepared history, for the coming of God's Son, Jesus.

Here, in this small book, we have a list of names, families, who together form a family of faith at Our Lady of Victory Parish. This list is also a genealogy of faith that flows from the birth of Jesus until today. This list is the latest presentation of the genealogy of faith, and it is built upon the generations that went before us, making present the Kingdom of God here in Delhi.

These genealogies remind us that faith is kept alive in hearts and lives. Faith is passed on through individuals and families. Faith is a living thing and is given expression in our lives, in our thoughts, and in our actions. For generations, our faith has been passed along and kept alive in hearts like yours, in families like yours, and in places like Our Lady of Victory.

I want to thank you all for what you do to bring Jesus to new generations of faith today and in our parish. Thank you for your support of Victory.

Our Lady of Victory – Pray for us!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Fr. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh".

Fr. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh, Parish Priest

Parish Information

Parish Office:

810 Neeb Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45233
513-922-4460 (Fax: 922-5476)

Parish School:

808 Neeb Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45233
513-347-2072

Office Hours

Parish: M-F 8:00am – 4:00pm
School: M-F 8:00am – 4:00pm (*school year*); 9:00am – 1:00pm
(*summer – no July hours*)

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Parish Website: www.olv.org

Find us on Facebook:

Search “Our Lady of Victory Parish & School” or link on the OLV website or

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Mass & Sacrament Schedule

Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm
Sunday	8:45am & 11:00am
Weekdays (Mon-Sat)	8:30am
Holy Days	As published in the weekly bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *Reconciliation can always be scheduled by appointment if needed.*

Mondays	7:30pm
Saturdays	3:30pm
Sundays	8:00am, 10:15am (<i>on select Sundays</i>)

Parish Mission Statement

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.

Parish Vision Statement

We, the people of Our Lady of Victory Parish, are a Christian community of the one true Church founded by Jesus Himself and built on the Rock of Peter.

As disciples of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on a pilgrimage to eternal happiness in Communion with the Holy Trinity, we commit ourselves to following Him and entering into a closer relationship with Him in this life through our prayer, worship, sacraments, ongoing faith formation, and a dedication to corporal and spiritual works of mercy to serve those in need.

We seek to proclaim the Gospel in our lives, and we recognize the God-given dignity of every man, woman, and child, created in His image and likeness, at all ages and stages of their existence, from conception until natural death. Specifically:

Worship: We recognize the central importance of the Sunday celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Church's life.

Faith Formation: We commit ourselves to learning and understanding what Christ reveals in the Sacred Scriptures and Tradition of the Church, guided and instructed by our Holy Father and the Archbishop of Cincinnati. We take seriously our sacred mission to hand this faith on to all our parish children.

Works of Mercy: As followers of Jesus Christ, called to be known by our love for one another, we strive to bring the presence of Christ and a true hope to those who may otherwise despair for lack of faith, food, shelter, clothing, Christian friendship, companionship, and treatment not in keeping with their human dignity.

Liturgical & Sacramental Information

Eucharistic Adoration:

Come and encounter Jesus fully present in the Eucharist. Adoration is held in the chapel every Monday immediately following 8:30am Mass. The Eucharist is exposed from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Private Prayer:

Our Lady of the Rosary Eucharistic Chapel is open all day every day for private prayer and devotions. Doors remain open until 9:00pm.

Anointing:

Anyone who is in the hospital, preparing for/recovering from surgery, or has any other illness or ailment is qualified to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you or someone you know is interested in receiving this sacrament.

Communion Visits:

Do you know someone who is sick or homebound who would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital? Arrangements can be made for either one-time or recurring needs. Please call the parish office for more information.

Weddings:

Parishioners may schedule their wedding through the parish office six months to one year in advance. Fees include \$300 for the church plus at least a suggested \$15 per altar server (if provided by the parish). It is recommended to reserve a date with the parish before booking any other details for the wedding. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in getting married at Our Lady of Victory.

Baptisms:

Please call parish office to make arrangements for baptism and orientation. Orientation meetings are offered on the first Sunday of every other month. Godparents are welcome to attend.

Funerals: (see “Parish Office Business” for cemetery information)

All funeral Masses are held at 11:00am. If a different time is preferred, the family should work with the funeral home to secure a priest and organist for the funeral. Please contact the parish office for funeral and Convocation Center rates.

The Bereavement Ministry will meet with you and your family to plan the funeral liturgy. If you have any questions regarding funeral planning, you may contact the parish office at 922-4460.

Family Masses:

Family Masses were established as a way for young families to come together and participate in the Sunday liturgy as a part of the community. It also gives our young parishioners the opportunity to participate in some of the minor ministries at Sunday Mass. Students serve as lectors, ushers/greeters, musicians, and a parish family brings up the offertory gifts. Family Masses occur once per month during the school year. Family liturgies are typically followed by a donut social and/or family activity. Watch the bulletin for scheduled dates. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office.



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Parish Office Business

Safe Environment Training

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati seeks to do all it can to protect our youth. Therefore, we require all volunteers and employees, especially those who have contact with the children of Our Lady of Victory to:

1. Attend a VIRTUS Awareness Training Session
2. Receive a Selection.com Background Check
3. Complete monthly training bulletins provided through VIRTUS
4. Be familiar with the Archdiocesan Decree on Child Protection

Our first and foremost concern is for the safety of our children, and we cannot allow anyone who has not been through these processes to work with our children.

Register online at www.virtusonline.org. Questions? Contact Natalie Brunsman at 513-347-8824.

Publishing Bulletin Articles:

Need something published in the bulletin? Written notices can be emailed to olvbuletin@olv.org, or delivered to the parish office in person. **Articles must be submitted by 9am on the Monday before it is to be published.**

Mass Offerings:

If you would like to honor a loved one (either living or deceased) by having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for them, please stop by the parish office to schedule a date. There is a \$5 minimum donation required for each offering. You may also enroll a deceased person in the Memorial Society (\$5 minimum) to have one Mass per month offered for them for one year and have their name included in the Memorial Book on display for All Souls Day in November. Donations can also be made in honor of a loved one for the Tuition Assistance Fund, the OLV Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.

Booking the Convocation Center:

Convocation Center privileges are limited to OLV parishioners only. A \$75 security deposit is required to book the meeting room or conference room (up to 42 occupants), and a \$200 security deposit is required for the Main Hall (43-300+ occupants). Security deposits are due upon reservation and are refunded after the event provided there are no damages. A \$1 million liability policy is required to book an event - through your homeowner's policy or application through the Archdiocese (more information is available through the parish office). An F-Permit is also required for alcohol sales.

Fees for booking the Convocation Center are as follows:

Meeting or Conference Room: \$100.00

Main Hall: \$135 - \$675 depending on size of event

Access to Served (food prep area, walk-in): \$75.00

Please call the parish office for more information if you are interested in booking an event.

OLV Cemetery:

Gravesites available: Traditional burials, Cremains (in-ground and columbarium). Interest free plans available. For information and pricing please call Carol Weisker at 513-347-8812 or email at caweisker@olv.org. More details about the cemetery can be found on our parish website: www.olvdelhi.org/cemeterycontact.

Special Dates for the Parish



Parish Feast Day:

Our Lady of Victory celebrates our patronal feast day on the weekend closest to October 7 – also known as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This memorial, established by Pope Pius V in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571, recalls the rosary and its meditation on the mysteries of Christ and our salvation.

Parish Festival:

The Our Lady of Victory Festival takes place every year on the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. Festival hours typically run Friday 6-11pm, Saturday 5-11pm, and Sunday 3-10pm with a chicken dinner in the Convocation Center on Sunday evening. Games, rides, and entertainment always promise a good time! This year the festival will take place the weekend of October 1-3, 2021(due to the Covid-19).

Parish Picnic:

The parish holds a picnic at the end of the summer each year starting with an outdoor Mass in the afternoon and a grill out/potluck afterwards. There are also games and activities for the kids and an annual corn hole tournament! The picnic usually takes place the Saturday after school begins in August.

Holy Smokes:

Holy Smokes is a professional BBQ competition sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society that is held at Our Lady of Victory every year during the first full weekend in August. Holy Smokes is designed to bring people together... those already within the Parish, as well as folks outside of the Victory community. Holy Smokes is one of only a few competitions held in the Cincinnati area throughout the year. It is a family-friendly event with games, activities for all ages, music and of course... more BBQ than you can eat!

Meet the Pastor

Fr. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh, Pastor

Phone: 922-4460



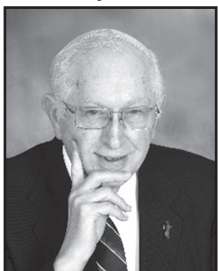
Fr. Benedict was born in Dublin, Ireland, 1964. His parents are Gerry and Martha, siblings, David, Gerard, Deborah, and Stephanie all living in Dublin. His sisters are identical twins. He has 11 nieces and nephews and two grand nephews. He is a graduate of Scoil Fursa (Catholic Elementary School, Dublin) and Belcamp College (Catholic High School, Dublin) as well as All Hallows College (Dublin), The University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum, Rome), and the International Marian Research Institute, University of Dayton (Ohio).

He was ordained to the priesthood in Ireland in 1993 and has a Doctorate in Theology. In 2011 he was appointed first recipient of the Daniel E. Pilarczyk Chair of Systematic Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio. Fr. Benedict arrived in the United States in 1993 and became a citizen of the United States in 2000. After serving at St. Albert the Great Parish, Kettering, Ohio and Holy Angels Parish, Sidney, Ohio, he was appointed by Archbishop Pilarczyk to the Athenaeum of Ohio and Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology in 2000, where he taught theology at the Seminary, Theology School and was director of the Permanent Deacon Formation Program. He was appointed President and Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology in 2011. Fr. Benedict has a Border Collie, Blathene (Irish for Little Flower) and three cats named Gail, Maggie, and BoBo. Fr. Benedict was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Victory in July 2018.

Meet the Staff

Charley Jenkins, Deacon

Phone: 922-4460



Deacon Charley was assigned to Our Lady of Victory Parish by Archbishop Bernardin immediately after ordination in 1976. As a member of the pastoral staff, he works closely with the pastor in planning, coordinating, and executing liturgical functions. By definition, a deacon's ministry is focused on liturgy, Word, and service. Deacon Charley is focused on visiting the home-bound, including some in nursing homes.

Mark Machuga, Deacon

Phone: 922-4460 x8895

Email: deaconmark@olv.org



Deacon Mark is a native of Youngstown, Ohio. He and his wife Julie moved to Cincinnati in 1983 and became members of Our Lady of Victory Parish. They have two children, Jonathan and Jennifer, both married, and four grandchildren. Deacon Mark was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on April 30, 2016 by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. He has been very involved in Christ Renews His Parish, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Liturgical Planning. In addition to his ministerial duties at Our Lady of Victory, Deacon Mark works full-time as the Director of the Office of the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Bruce Laake, Business Manager

Phone: 347-8826

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Bruce is responsible for overseeing the financial health of the parish and school. He works with the pastor, principal, and maintenance supervisor to make sure projects are completed. Bruce supervises the bookkeeper, prepares the budget and financial statements, and works with parish organizations to understand their financial and facility needs. He also reviews all parish contracts and administrative policies. Bruce graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Cincinnati and currently lives in Mack along with his wife Kathy.

Andy Spinney, Director of Planning, Involvement & Development

Phone: 347-8819

Email: getinvolved@olv.org



Andy is a longtime member of Our Lady of Victory Parish and a 1987 alum as well. He and his wife Bridget have three children, Anthony, Anna, and Haylee. Andy works with our Pastor, Principal, alumni, parish staff, and school faculty in developing creative ideas that engage our faith community, promoting our parish and school, parishioner involvement, and parish support.

Sara Gonnella, Parish Administrative Assistant

Phone: 347-8810

Email: secretary@olv.org



Sara works in the parish office as the Administrative Assistant to the pastor. She schedules all facilities for the parish and schedules appointments for the pastor. Sara schedules all baptisms and maintains all sacramental records. Sara also registers new members. She works in conjunction with the Bereavement Committee to prepare for the Funeral Masses. She assists with all social media, bulletins, and newsletters. In addition to many other office duties, she answers the phone and greets visitors who come to the office. Sara is a long-time parishioner at OLV and a 1993 alum. She and her husband Dan have two daughters: Annabelle alum 2015, and Grace alum 2019.

Stefanie Busch, Bookkeeper

Phone: 347-8827

Email: bookkeeper@olv.org



Stefanie works in the parish office as bookkeeper and is responsible for assisting the Business Manager with maintaining daily, monthly, quarterly, and yearly financial transactions for the parish and school. She processes accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, and school registration. Stefanie is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. She is a parishioner at Our Lady of Victory along with her husband Andy and two daughters: Elizabeth (alum 2018) and Emma (alum 2019).

Jonathan Schaefer, Director of Religious Education

Phone: 347-2071

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Jonathan works in the parish office as the Director of Religious



Education. He is entrusted with the task of planning, implementing, and evaluating a total parish religious education program. These programs include early childhood, religious education school, adult religious education, and other education programs. He is also responsible for scheduling, planning, and formation of the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion. Jonathan graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a degree in theology, philosophy, and religious education. He currently lives in Miami Heights with his wife Sarah and his five children.

Elaina McCormick, Music Director

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Email: musicdir@olv.org



Elaina is the Director of Sacred Music and would love to help you get involved in music at Our Lady of Victory. She believes that anyone can be musical and loves working with volunteers who want to be of service in this way. When she is not making music at church, Elaina loves performing locally with the Queen City Sisters, a 1940's acapella trio, and singing with local Big Bands.

Natalie Brunsman, Assistant to the DRE/Communications

Director/Safe Environment Coordinator

Phone: 347-2072

Email: admin@olv.org



Natalie works in the parish office assisting the Director of Religious Education with sacramental preparation and faith formation administrative duties. She prepares the weekly bulletin, maintains the parish website, and assists with all social media content. She is also the Safe Environment Coordinator, making sure the Decree on Child Protection is implemented and all our volunteers are trained. She grew up in a rural area in Georgetown, Ohio. She attended the University of Cincinnati and received a Bachelor's degree in Electronic Media. She and her husband Kyle, along with their 4 children, are parishioners here at Victory.

Amy Matthews, School Principal

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Our mission for your child is to nurture Catholic values and traditions; through academics, prayer, service, and worship, to provide a well-rounded quality education; and to build a compassionate community of respectful members who live the Gospel message of Jesus by serving the Church and the broader community. Jesus Christ is the present teacher, the model of the faculty, and the inspiration of the students. We believe that a Catholic education empowers children to grow academically, socially, creatively, emotionally,

physically, and spiritually. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to educational excellence for your child in a nurturing learning environment.

Kelly Hillebrand, Assistant Principal

Phone: 347-8835

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Mrs. Hillebrand graduated with her Bachelor's from Mount St. Joseph University. She also holds a Master's degree in Education Administration from Xavier University. Prior to becoming Assistant Principal and Preschool Director, Mrs. Hillebrand taught 7th & 8th grade English and Religion. She works alongside parents, students, and staff members to help make Victory the outstanding learning environment each student deserves. Outside of school, she spends time with her husband, Erik, and 2 daughters.

Amy Weber, School Administrative Assistant

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Amy works in the school office assisting the principal, faculty, staff, and students. She coordinates the Voice of Victory, the weekly school newsletter that communicates information about the parish and school to parents. Amy has been a member of OLV for several years and is privileged to serve her parish as a full-time staff member. She currently lives in Delhi with her husband Brian and two children, Brian Jr. and Samantha.

Bridget Shad, School Administrative Assistant

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Bridget works part-time in the school office assisting with the many duties that help the school run smoothly. A born West-sider, Bridget attended Our Lady of Lourdes and Mother of Mercy High School. She and her husband Mark have two sons, a daughter, a daughter-in-law, and a grandson. She is grateful to be working at OLV with so many great people.



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Drew Breiner, Maintenance

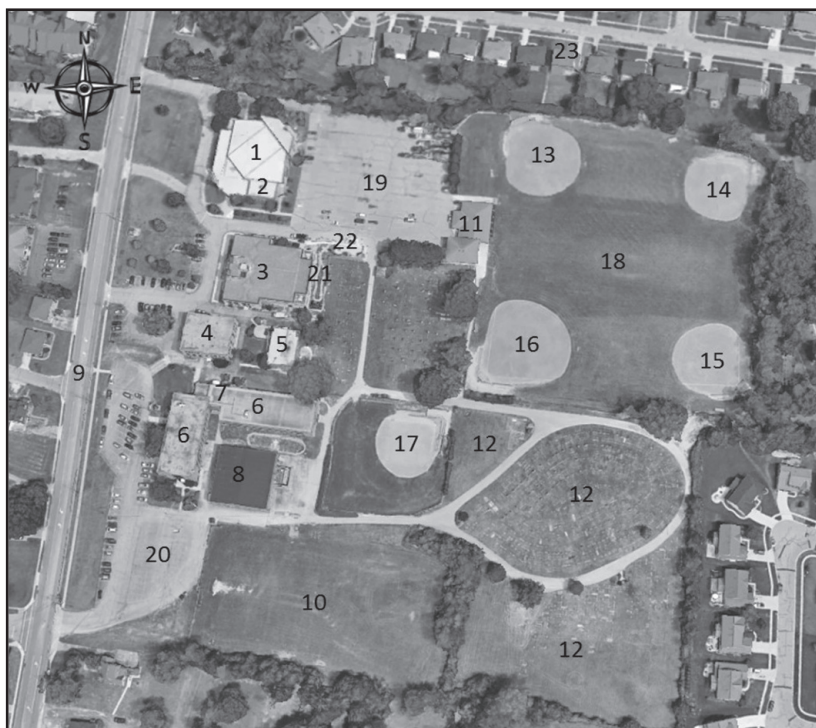


Drew joined our maintenance staff in 2020. As a long time parishioner of Our Lady of Victory, Drew along with his parents and brothers have spent years giving back to the parish through their involvement with the festival and other areas. He loves to spend time with his family, work around the yard, and occasionally take in a local ball game. Drew is responsible for maintaining our facilities and keeping our campus a safe and welcoming environment.

Ric Cowan, Maintenance



Campus Map



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| 1. Church | 12. Cemetery |
| 2. Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel | 13. Field #1 |
| 3. Convocation Center | 14. Field #2 |
| 4. Library/Science Building | 15. Field #3 |
| 5. Parish Office | 16. Field #4 |
| 6. Main School Building | 17. Field #5 |
| 7. School Office | 18. Football Field |
| 8. Gym | 19. North Parking Lot |
| 9. Neeb Road | 20. South Parking Lot |
| 10. Soccer/Lacrosse Field | 21. Rosary Walk |
| 11. Athletics' Concession Stand/Shimpf Shack | 22. Marian Grotto |
| | 23. Rectory |

Religious Education

“The primary goal of the Religious Education Programs of Our Lady of Victory Parish is to continue the mission of Jesus by proclaiming the Word of God, celebrating the sacred mysteries and serving the people of the world.” - OLV Handbook

Religious Education School

The Religious Education Program (grades one through eight) meets on Monday evenings September through May from 6:45 - 8p.m., learning about God’s love in various ways. There are many special activities and events planned. The catechists, aides and tutors are committed to quality education. Registration is required.

Adult Religious Education

“The purpose of the Adult Religious Education Team is to meet the needs of the parish community by providing learning opportunities that strengthen our relationship with God and with each other.” - Mission Statement

The Adult Education Team works with the Director of Religious Education to plan, execute and evaluate adult learning opportunities that respond to the needs of the parish community.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Program

The Baptismal Program is set up to assist parents in realizing their commitment to their child and to assist the Priests and Deacons in baptizing the children. Prior to the baptism, parents must attend a Baptism Orientation class, presented by members of the Baptism Team. To schedule a baptism please call Sara Gonnella at 513-347-8810.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Students in grade two of the Day School and Monday Evening Program are prepared in partnership with their parents to celebrate these sacraments. First Reconciliation is celebrated at the Parish Penance Service during Lent.

Confirmation

Students begin this formation in their eighth-grade year. Preparation includes service projects, spirit evenings, classroom instructions and a retreat. Students must be enrolled in Day School or in Monday Evening Program. *(Note: Arrangements are made for students who have special needs or request preparation at other times.)*

If you are interested in being a catechist or volunteer, or for more information and registration, please contact the Religious Education Office.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that supports and encourages those who are inquiring about or seeking membership into the Catholic faith community. It welcomes new members and tries to provide an appropriate spiritual and practical formation according to each person's needs.

The RCIA is a journey of faith in which candidates learn Catholic teachings, come to accept Christian values, develop a life of prayer, and become members of the local faith community. As a sacramental process, it consists of several rituals that mark the spiritual growth of the candidates as well as express the community's joy and concern for them.

Our parish RCIA Team consists of the Priests, Deacons and many volunteers who serve as catechists, hospitality ministers, sponsors, and liturgists.

Parish Organizations and Commissions

Pastoral Council

The purpose of Pastoral Council is to help meet the pastoral needs of the parish. Pastoral Council is primarily a consultative group representing the wisdom of the parish community at large and dealing with broad directions and goals. This contrasts with the various missions, activities and associations which represent a specific service function and deal mainly with specific means and strategies. These various commission, activities, and associations report to the Pastoral Council, thereby maintaining proper direction and leadership. Pastoral Council consists of nine members elected at large.

If you have an item you would like to present to Pastoral Council, please contact the Chairman or other member of Pastoral Council to be placed on the agenda.

Worship Commission

The Worship Commission develops policies for the application of the guidelines of the Archdiocesan Worship Commission and is responsible for all policies under which parish liturgical worship is conducted. Included in its responsibilities is the recruiting and training of liturgical ministers, preparing liturgical celebrations, determining parish policy on liturgical matters and liturgical education of the parish. Its membership consists of competent, interested, and responsible persons from our parish community who share in the responsibility of promoting good worship on an ongoing basis in our parish.

Peace & Justice Commission

The purpose of the Peace and Justice Commission is to establish, facilitate and review activities and educational programs that promote the principles set forth in the Mission Statement: "to educate, inform, and call all members of our parish community to a responsible and Christ-like action regarding social, economic, political, environmental, or any other issue that concerns human dignity and the quality of human life worldwide."

Some of the programs include: Care Barrels/Food Pantry, sale of Fair-Trade products, The Giving Tree, Christmas in July, Tender Mercies, letter writing for Legislative Advocacy, Medical Missions overseas, and other important issues.

The meetings are always open, and we welcome everyone to come, listen and learn. One person can make a difference! Can you?

Education Commission

The purpose of the Education Commission is to recommend policy which shall govern parish educational programs, subject to the approval of the pastor. The Education Commission will serve as a vital link in assisting the pastor and parish administrators in the development of a long-range plan for parish educational programs in compliance with Archdiocesan Standards and Policies and to offer counsel and advice to the pastor and parish administrators in the operation of these programs.

Finance Commission

The purpose of the Finance Commission is to serve the Pastor and Pastoral Council regarding financial issues of the parish as needed. This will be accomplished through the research and analysis of the facts surrounding the issues. Once formulated, the financial plans and the budgets developed will be implemented through the Pastor and the Pastoral Council.

Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs)

Extraordinary Ministers assist the priest and deacons in distributing Holy Communion to the congregation at Mass. A devout reverence for the Eucharist and a deep understanding of the true presence of Christ's Body and Blood under the guise of bread and wine is a requirement for this ministry. EMHCs are assigned to quarterly schedules through Ministry Scheduler Pro. If you are interested in becoming an EMHC, please contact the parish office or speak with Deacon Mark Machuga.

Distribution of Holy Communion to the Sick

The clergy (pastor and/or deacon) make regular visits to nursing homes and the homebound as requested. Lay persons who are commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may visit and bring Holy Communion to the homebound and nursing homes on a weekly basis if interested. Contact Deacon Charley Jenkins for more details. **If you wish to receive Holy Communion through this ministry, please call the parish office.**

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Scripture readings at all Masses. Lectors are scheduled for weekend Masses so they may prepare in advance for weekly readings. Some lectors are simply listed as subs to fill in when needed. If interested, please contact the parish office.

Music Ministry

Music makes up an important ministry for any parish. Our music department includes: the Adult Choir, the Contemporary Music Group, solo cantors, and the Victory Youth Choir, comprised of students in grades 2-8. Mrs. Elaina McCormick is our Music Director and Mrs. Kathy Lynn leads the youth choir through the school. If interested in getting involved with Music Ministry, please contact the parish office.

Altar Servers

The servers assist the priest during the celebration of all liturgies. Their ministry involves preparations before, during, and after the liturgy. This ministry is currently open to both boys and girls who have begun the sixth grade and up. Information about getting involved is sent out through the school and Religious Education classes each year.

Ushers

Ushers perform many duties, including assisting people at Mass to make them comfortable, finding available seating, directing Communion, and/or taking up the collection. An usher coordinator is responsible for assigning a captain at each Mass who is assisted by four to six additional ushers to oversee all functions. They also greet parishioners as they arrive and pass out bulletins at the end of the Mass.

Other Ministries

Marriage Ministry

The Marriage Ministry is a group of married couples who prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of Matrimony. This preparation consists of a series of one-on-one meetings with each couple to administer the new *Fully Engaged* Inventory and then review the results with the engaged couple. The goal of *Fully Engaged* is to help couples learn more about themselves by identifying and working through key issues before marriage. Marriage Ministry helps couples to realize the significance of the commitment they are making to each other and enriches their relationship with God and the Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps the needy families of the parish and community materially and spiritually, usually, on a temporary basis. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please call the parish office.

Social Groups and Organizations

Athletic Association

The Athletic Association is a great way to get involved at OLV and meet new people. It provides the opportunity for our grade school and high school students to participate in sporting activities including soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, football, lacrosse, golf, and volleyball. The Athletic Association provides many of the capital improvements that are necessary to insure first-class facilities for all sports participants. Athletic Association members also volunteer to help coach or coordinate various sports and help with the festival each year. Our monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month starting at 8:30pm. We meet at the concession stand by the upper fields or in the cafeteria, depending on weather.

Ladies of Victory (LOV)

Ladies of Victory is a social organization open to all women of the parish which offers service, promotes unity, and provides for social activities. No dues are charged and every woman in the parish is considered a member if she chooses. Annual events include the Ladies Night Out, Mystery Trip, Anniversary Brunch, Chicken Dinner at the parish festival, Bunny Brunch. Proceeds from the above events are used for various church and parish improvements.

Holy Smokes

Holy Smokes is a differentiator for the OLV parish, delivering faith and fellowship through...food. Named some of Cincinnati's best BBQ by Cincinnati Magazine in 2019, the Holy Smokes Organization is woven throughout the parish, supporting food-based events throughout the year. Holy Smokes cooks for events such as: the big game, fish fries, graduation, Thanksgiving, and other pop-up events. Additionally, OLV is proud to host the only Cincinnati-based Kansas City BBQ Society Competition, held in early August. The Competition hosts professional BBQ teams from all over the world to compete for various prizes and bragging rights! Holy Smokes is a great way to get involved at OLV! Whether you are interested in becoming a BBQ Pitmaster or joining the Rockstar serve/community team, there is a place for you! Our proceeds stay in the OLV community and are used for various church, school, and parish needs.

Boy Scouts

The aims of scouting are to build character, to instill citizenship, and to promote physical fitness. The ideals of scouting, as shown through the scout oath and law and a vigorous outdoor program build strong bodies, instill an awareness of community life and needs, and allow for the practice of leadership skills. Weekly meetings are devoted to learning scout skills and crafts and there is at least one outdoor program each month. The boys become aware of needs of everyday life and practice leadership the first-hand way. There is at least one outdoor program each month. Boy Scouts is open to boys 11 to 18 years old. Boys can join anytime of the year through registration and active involvement.

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Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts program is targeted for boys in grades one to five. The program is designed to introduce boys to many exciting adventures and fun activities, both indoor and outdoor, while teaching them the importance of Duty to God, helping others and good citizenship. Boys are introduced to camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities and to indoor activities as well. Events happen in smaller groups called Dens sorted by grade level as well as the full group, called the Pack. The Cub Scout program also prepares boys for the advancement into the Boy Scout program.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts is open to all girls in kindergarten through high school offering a program “Where girls grow to be caring, competent, confident women.” The girls grow and learn through experiences that enable them to make decisions and discoveries about themselves. Girls, with the help of adult volunteers, promise to serve God and their country and to always help people. Activities include camping, trips, earning badges and volunteering for the community. Adults are also needed to assist with the program as leaders or helping Moms.

Give the Gift of Yourself!

If you are interested in learning more about how to get involved with anything you have read about in this book, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have or to help you find the best way to use the gifts and talents you have to best serve the parish community.

**Blessings to all,
The Our Lady of Victory Staff
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