

# VICTORY VOICES

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## Advent and Christmas Concert OLV Choir and Orchestra

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Sunday, December 15, 3:00 PM  
Our Lady of Victory Church



The Comisar Family lights the Advent Wreath



Carol Ann Bradley, OLV Music Director,  
leads the choir in joyful praise

Usher in the Advent and Christmas Season with beautiful music from our OLV choir accompanied by an orchestra. Beginning with the simplicity of the 15th century melody “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and concluding with the joyful chorus “And the Glory of the Lord” from Messiah, the choir will offer a variety of music from many traditions.

Experience the message of Advent and Christmas  
through MUSIC!

## IMPORTANT DATES (NOVEMBER 2013—MARCH, 2014)

### CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

**Advent Penance Service:** Dec 8, 6:30PM

**Christmas Vigil:** Dec 24:

4:00 PM Mass (Religious Education Children Sing)

7:00 PM Mass (Brass Quartet)

10:00 PM Mass (9:30 PM choral & organ music)

**Christmas Day:** Dec 25: 10:00 AM Mass

**Holy Mother of God Feast:** Jan 1:

**Vigil** - Dec 31, 7:00 PM Mass

**Day:** Jan 1, 10:00 AM Mass

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Conference:** Feb 22, 2014

**Men's conference:** Mar 1, 2014

**“Rediscover Catholicism”,** by Matthew Kelly

This book will be made available to all parishioners during Advent in the vestibule of the church

**RCIA**—4 Catecumens and 4 Candidates begin their faith journey to culminate Easter Vigil (see Page 6)

**First Fridays;** 8PM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

## OLV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Highlights/Notes for ALL Religious Education Parents



**Michelle Fishpaw, DRE  
Dir, Religious Education**

- \* Held Open House for parents to see the curriculum, to meet teachers and visit classrooms
- \* Participated in Service Saturday (Catholic Social Services) - landscaping projects
- \* Father Romano blessed rosaries in celebration of Our Lady of Victory's Feast Day
- \* Children enjoyed Hallowed Hayride and learned about Saints around a bonfire
- \* 3-8th Grades completed reconciliation
- \* Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Pre School Program) in full swing - Teacher, Ellen Cook
- \* Xmas Caroling at First Community - Sunday, Dec 15, 6-8:30PM (middle school and high school teens)
- \* Midnight Magi - Sat Dec 21, 6PM-12:30AM.

### All Saints Day, November 1

Fourth Graders studied the lives of the saints and chose one special saint to represent on All Saints Day. On a beautiful Sunday morning, the children arrived in full costume and processed to the altar to celebrate this wonderful church tradition. Father Romano invited all the children/saints to the altar and interviewed each one about their chosen 'saint'. Some, like Saint Francis and Saint Patrick, were easily recognized. But others, like Saint Adelaide, even stumped Father Romano!

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Please observe the non-parking signs on the curb (**painted yellow**) west of the Parish Life Center to facilitate the flow of traffic and remove any danger to the children and walkers.

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### Vacation Bible School KINGDOM ROCK

**Where Kids Stand Strong for GOD**

Children come closer to God through play, song, art and laughter. Plan for your children to attend VBS June 2014 and consider volunteering.

## OLV YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Holly Jo Monnier  
Youth Minister

### High School Teens (Grades 9-12)

We help students know Christ, own their faith and make their faith known. “We can do no great things; only small things with great love.” (Blessed Mother Teresa).

#### SAVE THE DATES!

**Sun, Jan 12, 6:30-8:00PM:** High School Student Ministry Winter Kickoff “Part I- Theology of the Body Series for Teens.” A dynamic faith formation program for teens: a great mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and relevant references to the culture, it goes beyond traditional chastity programs by connecting the two hottest topics on the planet--God and sex. We will gather several times a month (Winter/Spring). Check the bulletin for updates or join our email list.

**Jan 19-22: March for Life Pilgrimage** – Join teens from St. Agatha, St. Andrew, St. Matthew, Immaculate Conception and St. Catharine for the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. Visit the Holocaust Museum, memorials in D.C., Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Youth Rally and Mass with thousands of other teens from around the country. We end our pilgrimage by marching for life and the unborn. Sign-ups in December!

**Mar 8-9: Diocesan Youth Rally** – A two-day life-changing experience of faith-sharing, prayer, and liturgy. Keynote by Jesse Manibussen, St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville. <http://jessemanibusan.com/home/>

**Apr 18, 8:00-11:00AM: Walking Stations of the Cross** – Walk through downtown with reflections from parish teens on various topics of social concern.

**Jul 13-17: Summer Mission Trip, Gospel Road** — A local mission trip that unites teens of our Diocese



### Middle School Teens (Grades 6-8)

**Jan 11, 6:00-8:00PM: Middle School Fun Night Kickoff** - monthly gathering for food, fun, faith and fellowship!

**Feb 1: Bosco Bash: Middle School Youth Rally** - An exciting experience of faith, prayer, Mass, and FUN! Keynote by Mike Patin, St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville. <http://www.mikepatin.com/>



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## 2013 Parish Summer Festival

Everyone looks forward to our Parish Summer Festival and this year was no exception! The festival has become an important part of our parish community as we come together with our community to socialize and share the wonderful blessings and gifts of our parish. With the help of over 200 parish volunteers the festival raised almost \$40,000 to support the parish.



## OLV Alumni Gathering

The 2nd Annual OLV Alums Gathering was held Saturday, August 10 at the Parish Festival. Classmates from various classes enjoyed gathering under the tent in front of the church to look at old photos and to share memories of their days at OLV.

November 22, the OLV 8th grade class of 1970 reunited for dinner at Matt the Millers in Grandview. This is the first time the group has gathered since graduation! In addition to reliving their fun days together at OLV, the group enjoyed sharing family photos and catching up on the events of the past 43 years!

We need OLV alums to serve as class representatives! Reps will create a contact roster for their class and serve as the liaison with their former classmates. If you are interested in serving in this role, please contact:

**[olvalums@ourladyofvictory.cc](mailto:olvalums@ourladyofvictory.cc)**



1st row: Dianne Cenci-Krause, Kathy Makely Kinney, Lucy Rains, Rocco Morrone .  
2nd row: Mark McPherson, Mike Ciconne, Jim Meier, Mike Young (class rep.)

## Parish Social Action Ministries

Our Parish community provides many opportunities for parishioners to engage in outreach activities. In this way we interact with our parishioners, contribute to our communities and ‘live our faith’ the way Scripture calls us. Find your place in our Parish Ministries! Here are a FEW of the social action ministries offered at OLV.

### St. Vincent DePaul (Randy Harlor, 271-1185)

Spring and fall clothing drives; cleaning supplies for J.O.I.N.; food pantries; “Christmas Giving Tree”; Food baskets (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas); Respond to calls for families in need.

### Food Pantry (John Drake, 488-6621)

Monthly collection of non-perishable food items for St. John’s Food Pantry in Columbus and St. Francis Center in McArthur, OH.



### Interfaith Hospitality Network (Beth Anderson, 487-1625)

The parish regularly provides/serves dinner or lunches for the homeless at the YWCA Family Center. Watch the bulletin for requests for bakers and servers.

### Red Cross Blood Drive (Jeanne Bogen, 457-5160)

An annual blood drive (August) at our parish supports the efforts of the Red Cross. You can put your healthcare experience to work and assist in this ongoing, crucial blood drive.

### Respect Life Committee (Maureen Studer, 771-4843)

We respect, defend and promote the dignity of every person, at every moment, in every condition of life. We promote Catholic social justice teaching and concern for the unborn and oppose the death penalty and euthanasia. We sponsor a luncheon/baby shower to

provide items for newborn babies and provide dinner to new moms coming home from the hospital.



### Knights of Columbus (Paul Milsom, 309-1016)

Catholic men committed to making their community a better place. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community, supporting your local Church, and enhancing your own faith. It is about protecting and enhancing your family life.



### Run the Race (Debbie Daoud, 370-1990)

A unique and wonderful ministry on the West side of Columbus—just 3.6 miles from OLV. Developed by Rachel Muha in loving memory of her murdered son, Brian, this center fosters health and happiness through spiritual and emotional development for West Side kids.

## RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults and older children are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. The RCIA process started in October 2013 and will continue through to its culmination at the Easter Vigil on April 19th, 2014. The 2013-2014 RCIA class at Our Lady of Victory is a wonderful group this season, ranging in ages from 20-something to 80-something!

**Four catechumens will be baptized, confirmed and receive first communion:**

**Dani Igo, Roxie Reeb, Angela Voisard, and Lisa Ruscilli.**

**Four candidates will be confirmed and receive first communion:**

**Linda Duvall, Darin Fulks, Nicole Goettel, and Bryan Zajic.**

You will see them periodically in ceremonies in church as the season continues. On Sunday, December 1, we invited the candidates and catechumens to join our Christian fellowship. Please welcome them warmly to Our Lady of Victory. We are so happy that they have chosen us to guide them through their faith journey and grateful to their sponsors, who have given of their time, and shared their faith, to mentor these fledgling Catholics:

**Peri Vargo, Pat Feamster and Michelle Fishpaw.**

## Reflections on the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

**By Holly Monnier**

I attended the National Catholic Youth Conference on November 21-23 with our DRE Michelle Fishpaw and her daughter, Claire. We traveled with many other teens and adults from the Diocese of Columbus to the great Hoosier State! The conference, in the Indianapolis Convention Center, hosted OVER 23,000 Catholic teens for this extraordinary experience of faith! The theme....Signed.Sealed.Delivered!



**Signed — Through baptism we were claimed for Christ by the sign of the cross.**

**Sealed — We are anointed into his death and resurrection.**

**Delivered — We are called to be witnesses of his love to all those we encounter.”**

The weekend included a variety of prayer experiences using music, dance, drama and Scripture, Christian entertainers and inspirational keynote speakers. One of the popular highlights was the Thematic Park-Inspiration Junction. This interactive venue included over 150 exhibitors representing colleges, Religious Orders, ministry organizations, performers and opportunities to explore the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit through prayer experiences, service projects, creative activities and much more.

It was incredibly inspirational to see how ALIVE and VIBRANT are our Catholic youth! On the last night we experienced the chance of a lifetime,..receiving Holy Communion with 23,000 other Catholics. There is nothing else like this in our country.

**Join us at the next NCYC, November 19-21, 2015.**

