

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017



Words of Wisdom

Love is not necessarily warm and fuzzy. To love a child is to act in the child's best interest. Discipline therefore, is love. Expecting a child to do chores around the home is love. Not giving a child a lot of material things is love.

-John Rosemond

ADVENT

Advent can be the most hectic season for Christians. People worry about what kind of decorations to put up and what kind of gifts to buy. They're afraid of feeling guilty if the gifts they give are not as nice as those they receive. We may feel pulled by Christmas preparations, shopping, gathering, hosting, and visiting. A prayerful spirit is our ally. We can redeem the moments we spend in traffic or in line by being cheerful with the people in line, helping others with packages, praying it forward or offering a quiet prayer for those around us. Walk with Jesus to bring PEACE TO THE WORLD!



Christmas Program December 8th

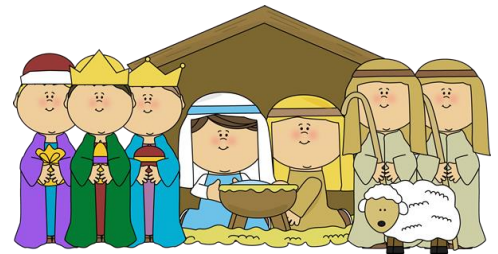


The Christmas program for grades 5K-8th will be held on Friday Dec. 8th at 7:00 pm again at the VISD Fine Arts Center. We will have only one show with all students participating in it. It is a large facility and there are no bad seats in the place!

We will have a dress rehearsal at the facility on the morning of Dec. 8th and more information will be given by email concerning the arrangements. Please read all the emails to stay on top of what's going on!!!

Children's Christmas Mass

We would like to invite the children of grades 4K-5th to participate in the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass for children on December 24th at the Cathedral. This is a special Mass for the children to take part as readers, gift bearers, and participants in the portrayal of the first Christmas. The only practice is on Friday, December 22th @10:30 am – noon. If you have any questions please call the school or church office.



Parish Tuition Rate

Reminder – In order to be charged lower in-parish tuition rates, a minimum donation of \$400 must be made to the parish for 2017. The deadline for meeting this obligation is December 31, 2017. If needed, call the rectory office (575-4741) before December 23 to verify donations to date. Donations not dropped into the collection baskets at Mass or mailed to the church office can be dropped into the rectory front door mail slot when offices are closed. Please fulfill your obligation to the Church to avoid being billed higher out-of-parish tuition rates, retroactive, beginning August 1, 2017. There is also a \$50 per month late fee for those wishing to continue paying in-parish rates but not meeting the deadline of December 31 with their minimum donation of \$400 for 2017. No notices will be mailed.



If you know of a family who has been attending Our Lady of Victory Cathedral and they are considering sending their child(ren) to OLV School next year, please let them know that they must be registered as parishioners prior to January 1, 2018, in order to pre-register as an OLV family in March and receive OLV tuition rates.

After School Care News

There will be an Early Dismissal on Friday, December 1st. Please send a sack lunch and a drink if your child will be staying for After Care. **A Christmas break letter will be sent out on Monday, December 4th; please look for it in your child's backpack as it details all the Christmas break information.** We will be closed beginning Monday, December 25th - Monday, January 1st for the Christmas holidays.

Library News

Thank you to all the students who went to the mall for the "Mall Reading Program." They raised \$110.00 and it will be used at the Book Fair to purchase books for the classrooms. Great Job students.



Yearbook Info

If you would like an ad in the 2017-2018 yearbook please turn in the completed form AND payment no later than Tuesday December 12th. Completed ads will be due by February 1st.

Have you purchased a 2017-2018 yearbook? Not sure?? email jabrogger@yahoo.com to check. Yearbooks can be purchased two ways:

1. Go to yearbookforever.com, select our school and pay by credit card, debit card, or PayPal.
2. Complete an order form (found in the office or email jabrogger@yahoo.com for an electronic copy) and send it with a check or money order to school. Make Checks payable to: **Our Lady of Victory School**

OLV Annual Fund

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School's 2017-2018 Annual Fund is underway. Our goal this year is to **\$75,000**. We need 100% participation from all our families to reach our goal. *If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.* You can help by making your tax-deductible contribution any time until June 30, 2018. We would like to acknowledge our current parents, faculty and staff who have contributed to the Annual Fund:

Lee & Amy Arbogast Cantu
John & Dorothy Gehrke
Kyle & Jacklyn Meismer
Wade & Krista Meismer
Jason & Joan Mikeska
Raul & Lucy Rodriguez
Rev. John & Beth Waak

Catholic Life Raffle Update

Our second Turn-In Date for the Catholic Life Insurance Raffle is **Monday, December 4th**. Students who have sold a minimum of 10 tickets will have a *Pass to Get Out of Class* for one period for free concessions on **Wednesday, December 13th**.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for teachers' wish list items for their classrooms. Please support our fundraiser and sell your raffle tickets. Final turn in for all tickets will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018. We thank All our families who have participated in the fundraiser.

Note Of Thanks

A/R New to You Book Sale:

Thanks to all who participated in the Book Sale, either by contributing books or buying them. It was a great success. Thanks to the volunteers who helped put on the sale. We will continue to collect books for the remainder of the school year, so if you are cleaning out bookshelves, please keep us in mind.

Save the Date: OLV 5th Annual Gala

Mark your Calendars for the 5th Annual OLV Gala, *An Evening Under the Sun*, on **Friday, February 2, 2018** at The Cathedral Center. Letters have been mailed out for Sponsorships and auction items. If you would like to be a Sponsor or donate an item, please contact Kathy Cowan at 361-935-9434 or denise_cooper@ourladyvictory. Invitations will be mailed out in early January so be watching your mailbox!

The Gala is our largest fundraising event that benefits the school, but most importantly Our Children! Look forward to seeing everyone on February 2nd!!

Choir News

The OLV School Choir will be performing at school and in the community during December. You can hear them at the following times and places. We will rehearse after school on **12/5, & 12/12**. Attendance at these rehearsals is imperative. Permission slips are due.



ASM

Fri, Dec 1st at 8:00am & Fri, Dec 8 at 2:30pm

Wed, Dec 13th

Concert in the OLV Cathedral at 6:15 after 5:30 Mass
Meet in the back of church at 6:00pm if you are not attending Mass.
All are welcome!

Thursday, 12/14

1st State Bank 4805 N. John Stockbauer (John Stockbauer & Salem)
9:50am load bus wear Mass Uniform sing at about 10:15.
Parents and friends are welcome
Twin Pines Nursing Home on Mockingbird sing at 11:00

For all performances: Uniform should be clean & presentable and hair should be pulled out of faces (so our smiles show) 😊

LOOKING AHEAD – Mark your calendars

Sat. Jan. 20, 2018 5:15pm (5:30 Mass) 2nd Grade First Communion Mass



FLY BY

**An Academic Workshop for Middle School Students
Presented by St. Joseph High School
Tuesday, December 5
4:30-6:00 pm – Come and Go
STJ Library**

St. Joseph High School invites all 6th-8th graders to a monthly ***FLY BY!***

FLY BY Parents-sign in your middle schooler and we've got them from there!
FLY BY Students-bring your homework, novels, email, questions and curiosity!



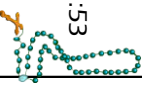

FLY BY offers:

- One-on-one homework help facilitated by a motivated STJ student.
- Introduction and login to Khan Academy practice and instructional videos created by experts with resources for every subject and level. Your student will learn more about Kahn Academy and how to use it to help them with their studies.
- Supervision by the STJ Guidance Department.

Join us afterward for the STJ Band and Choir Concert in the Pozzi Center at 7:30 pm.

Space is limited, contact pzapalac@stjvictoria.com with questions or to RSVP now!

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Notes				1 All School Mass - 5th 12:15 Dismissal Faculty Meeting	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Bball St Anthony @ OLV Girls B 5:00 A 7:00 Boys B 6:00 A 8:00	Mass 3K-4th	Feast of St Nicholas	Mass 5th-8th 3rd Grade Field Trip	Christmas Program 5K-8th 7:00pm Fine Arts Center All School Mass 2:30 pm Holy Day	 NA Bball Tournament Girls A
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Bball OLV @ Yoakum Girls B 5:00, Boys B 6:00 Boys A 7:00	Mass 3K-4th	3K & 4K Christmas Program Pass out of class 2:40	Mass 5th-8th Chior Field trip Band Concert 2:45	Rosary 6th - 1:53 	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		All School Mass End of 2nd 9 Wks		No School		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	No School					
						



December Lunch Menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

						<p>Early Dismissal</p>			
4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15
Chicken Fried Steak on Bun or Tuna Sandwich Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Chocolate Pudding	Spaghetti or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Breadstick Tropical Fruit	Nachos or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Salad	Chicken Nuggets or Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Broccoli & Cheese Teddy Grahams	Sack Lunch Ham & Cheese Sandwich Apple Pickle Chips Fruit Roll-up	Salisbury Steak or Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes Corn on the Cob Apple Cobbler	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Salad Chips Yogurt	Cheese Quesadillas or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Peaches	Chili Mac or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Corn Bread Banana Pudding	<p>Potluck</p>
18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Pepperoni Hot Pocket Stick Carrot Sticks Chips Christmas Treat	Domino's Pizza Pepperoni Slice Salad Fresh Fruit Cookie	<p>No School Christmas Break</p>		<p>No School Christmas Break</p>		<p>No School Christmas Break</p>		<p>No School Christmas Break</p>	
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