

January Newsletter 2020



January 2020- Principal's Statement

Our Lady of Victory of School would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year. As you prepare for the new year, we would like to update you on our tuition rates for next school year. (2020-21) Our annual increase continues to remain at moderate amounts and overall tuition well below the national average.

2020 -21 Tuition Rates	Catholic Parishioner	Non - Parishioner
Grades K5 - 8th		
1 Child	\$4,425	\$5,610
2 Children	\$7,960	\$11,220
3+ Children	\$11,275	\$16,830
2020 -21 Tuition Rates	Catholic Parishioner	Non- Parishioner
PK 3 & PK 4		
1 Child	\$3,570	\$4,080
2 Children	\$7,140	\$8,160

Pre Registration Opens- Registration Opens February 1st:/ for new families.

For existing families Registration Packets go home on January 21, 2020

3K/4K Registration per child: \$350 (Non-Refundable)

5K-8th Registration per child: \$400 (Non-Refundable)

According to the National Catholic Educational Association:

National Average Tuition and Per Pupil Costs - Elementary

Mean parish school tuition: \$4,841 Per pupil cost: \$5,936

"Based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$11,454, Catholic schools provide more than 21 billion dollars a year savings for the nation. The published public school per pupil cost combines elementary and secondary pupils and ranges from \$6,751 to more than \$25,000."

https://www.ncea.org/NCEA/Proclaim/Catholic_School_Data/Schools_and_Tuition.aspx

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education.

Justin Matias
OLV Principal



Congratulations to our students for their outstanding job at the Christmas pageants. We are proud of the many talents that gave praise to God.



Catholic Schools Week

This year, Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 26th – January 31, 2020. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks concerning the special events for that week.

After School Program News

The After School Program will be open on Thursday, January 2nd and Friday, January 3rd for those students **who signed up to attend**.

There will be an Early Dismissal on Friday, January 10th. Any child that will be staying for aftercare will need to have a sack lunch and drink.

The After School Program will be open on Monday, January 20th and Friday, January 31st. A sign up sheet will be placed out before these closure dates to sign up for care.

Please continue to check your emails for sign up reminders and After School Program news!!

Thanks,

Laura Janis
Director, Our Lady of Victory After School Program



Catholic Life Insurance Raffle

Congratulations to the Volkmer Family who won the \$200 OLV Tuition Credit drawn on December 9.

OLV is still short of its Catholic Life Raffle goal of \$25,000. If you have not sold your tickets, IT IS NOT TOO LATE! Final turn-in day for sold tickets is Friday, January 24. Remember, the school gets 100% of proceeds from the raffle. If every family does their part and sells 15 tickets (a \$75 contribution to the school) we can achieve our goal.

Monies will go toward faculty professional development, providing more opportunities for teachers to attend workshops; and, faculty compensation package. Investing in our teachers, we are investing in our childrens' Catholic education at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School.

Families selling their 15 tickets, each student in the family will get a ticket for free ice cream at lunch in the cafeteria. Prizes for Top Selling Students are: 1st place-\$100 gift card of choice, 2nd place-\$50 gift card of choice and 3rd place-\$25 gift card of choice. Top Selling class will have an outdoor party with the Principal (free concessions and games).

OLV Open Houses & Shadow Day

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents and students on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This is a great opportunity for families to tour the campus, meet with teachers, parents and students.

On Thursday, January 23 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon OLV will host a Come & Go Open House for prospective families who would like to visit the classrooms while in session. Also a Shadow Day will be held that day for incoming 5th-8th grade students from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience a day in the life of an OLV Eagle.

We encourage our parents, teachers, students, alumni, and parishioners to talk about school.

Prospective families need to hear your stories, because you understand first-hand the value of an OLV education.

If you would like a prospective family to receive an invitation to OLV's Open Houses and/or Shadow day, please contact Denise Cooper at denise_cooper@ourladyvictory.org

Annual Fund

Annual Fund Our Lady of Victory is very grateful to all who have contributed to the Annual Fund thus far. We would like to acknowledge our current parents, faculty and staff who have contributed to the since our last printing:

Back Door Catering- John Pierce and Lauren Tagliabue

Darrell & Mona Dornak

Chris & Jen Korinek

Kyle & Jacklyn Meisner

Ms. Kathryn Schaper

OLV GALA NEWS

OLV's Fiesta Gala will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020. Invitations will be mailed out first week of January so be watching your mailbox! Come enjoy a fun night out with delicious foods, spirits, games, entertainment, and more. This year's event is going to be the best one yet! You won't want to miss it. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donating items, please contact Sarah Merritt (361-541-0126), Sara Trojacek (361-5503406), or denise_cooper@ourladyvictory.org. Look forward to seeing everyone on February 7th!!

OLV Sports News

Track starts Feb. 10, 2020! Please be on the look out for more information!

We are in need of a high jump & long jump track coach. If interested please contact Melissa Harabis at mharabis@ourladyvictory.org

Also, we could use volunteers to help with track practices and at meets.



St. Joseph High School Open House


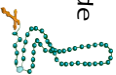
St. Joseph High School **Open House for Prospective Students and Families** *It's Not Just What You Learn....It's Who You Become*

If you are considering St. Joseph High School for your son or daughter, please join us for Open House.

Experience STJ with a campus tour and attend academic department presentations; meet the faculty and coaching staff. Get answers to your questions about admissions, curriculum and tuition assistance.

Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 pm
STJ Flyer Dome
St. Joseph High School - 110 E. Red River St.
Visit STJvictoria.com/admissions
You'll Love the Journey!

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year!!	2 Free Day	3 Free Day	4
5	6 Classes Resume	7 Mass - 3K-4th Grade	8	9 Mass - 5th-8th Grade OLV @ St. Michael's 5pm C Boys B Boys & B Girls	10 12:15 Dismissal Report Cards	11 Basketball Tournament A Boys @ St. Philip B Girls @ Trinity
12	13 Faith Academy @ OLV B Girls, C Boys, A Girls B Boys	14 Mass -3K-4th Grade Open House for Prospective Students	15 Geography Bee 2:00pm	16 Mass - 5th-8th Grade OLV @ St. Philip	17 Rosary 5th Grade 1:45 	18 Basketball Tournament
19	20 Teacher Retreat Free Day for Students Sacred Heart @ OLV Basketball Game	21 Mass - 3K-4th Grade 8th Grade Field Trip Registration Packets Go Home	22 8th grade Field Trip	23 Mass -5th-8th Grade Victoria Christian at OLV 5pm B Boys Come N Go Shadow Day	24 Basketball Tournament Seadrift A Boys	25 Basketball Tournament A Boys Seadrift A Girls Nazareth Academy
26 Catholic Schools Week	27	28 Mass-3K-4th Grade Registration Packets Due	29	30 Mass-5th-8th Grade OLV @ Trinity A/B 5pm	31 Free Day	Please refer to online Athletic schedule for updates



JANUARY LUNCH MENU














MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

		1	2	3
		 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK 	 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK 	 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK 
6	7	8	9	10
MEATBALL SUB OR TUNA SANDWICH CORN ON THE COB GREEN BEANS PEACHES	FISH STICKS OR BBQ ON BUN GERMAN POTATOES VEGETABLE BLEND CHOCOLATE PUDDING	BEEF & BEAN BURRITO OR HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH RICE SALAD SLICED PEARS	CHILI MAC OR TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICH CORN BREAD ROSY APPLAUSE	 EARLY DISMISSAL 
13	14	15	16	17
CHICKEN NUGGETS OR SALISBURY STEAK MASHED POTATOES CORN NUGGETS MIXED FRUIT	BEEF RAVIOLI OR TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICH BROCCOLI BREADSTICK MANDARIN ORANGES	FRITO PIE OR HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH RICE BEANS JELL-O	CHILI DOG OR CORN DOG POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS TROPICAL FRUIT	GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH OR PBJ SUBSTITUTE SANDWICH CARROT STICKS CHIPS YOGURT
20	21	22	23	24
 NO SCHOOL  	MEATLOAF OR CHICKEN STRIPS GREEN BEANS MASHED POTATOES PINEAPPLE TIDBITS	CHALUPAS OR HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH RICE SALAD ORANGE	HAMBURGER OR CHEESEBURGER SALAD FRENCH FRIES OREO COOKIES	DOMINO'S PIZZA PEPPERONI SLICE SALAD BANANA COOKIE
27	28	29	30	31
SPAGHETTI GREEN BEANS SALAD APPLE COBBLER BREADSTICK	PORK CHOP MASHED POTATOES BROCCOLI BANANA PUDDING BREAD	TURKEY & DRESSING SWEET POTATOES GREEN BEANS FRUIT SALAD ROLL	CHICKEN FAJITAS SPANISH RICE PINTO BEANS TORTILLA PEACHES & STRAWBERRY	 NO SCHOOL 

Reclaim Family Time

"among these many paths, the family is the first and the most important." - St. John Paul II



How many of you have heard "There is power in prayer"? As Catholics we have so many forms of prayer, i.e.. Mass, Adoration, Novenas, the Rosary, Lectio Divina, etc. Sometimes we can get caught up in the ritual or routine of doing these prayers and put the power into the devotion. The power of prayer is in the One to WHOM we pray. When Jesus was asked by the disciples to teach them how to pray He began with, "Our Father in heaven." He focuses on the Heavenly Father with whom He has a personal relationship. When we engage with God on this level we are saying to Him, "I cannot do this on my own, but with You all things are possible."

I encourage you to include praying as a family as one of your New Year's resolutions. You will be amazed at the change in your family as you all partake of God's own "strength."
 Matthew 18:20 promises, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Godspeed,
Nerv' Crockett, Campus Minister



FAITH & FUN! FAMILY

Pray Together: The Catechism recommends that find places favorable for prayer. One of the places it suggests is a "prayer corner" in the home. This sacred space could be a simple table with a Bible, prayer cards, etc.. Make it unique by having each family contribute something to the space. For more ideas see: The Little Oratory: The Beginner's Guide to Praying in the Home by David Clayton.

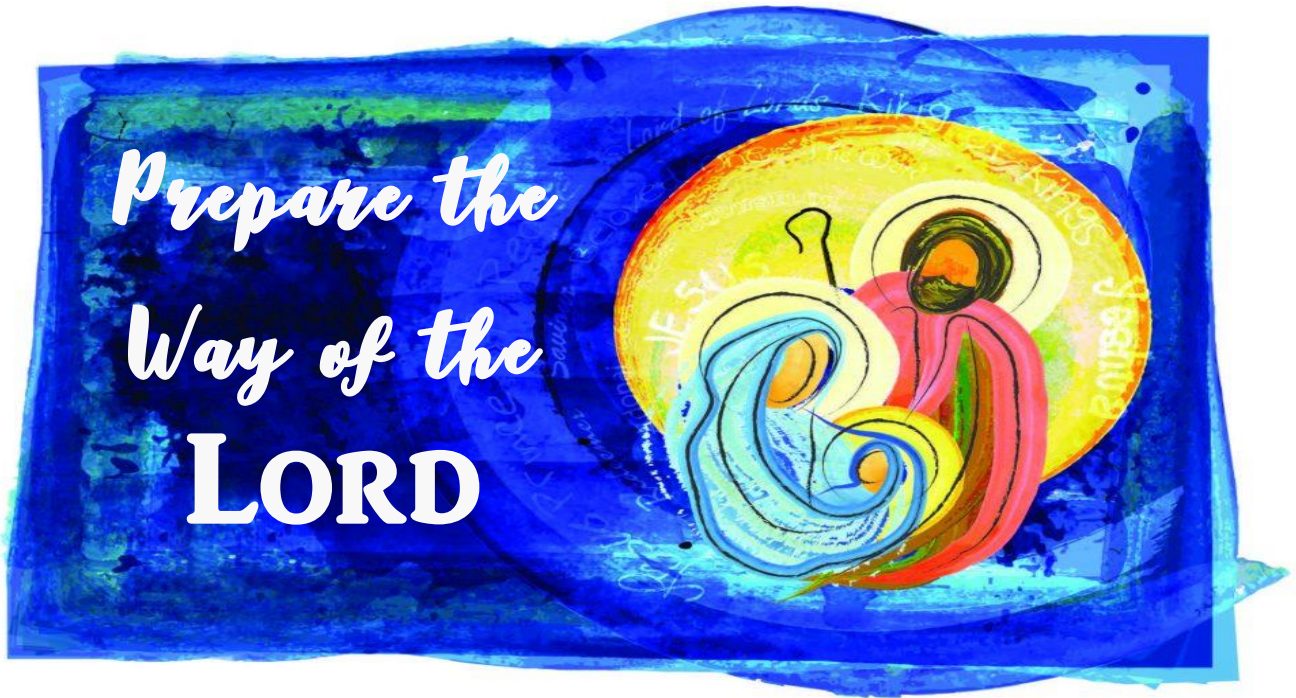
Fun Together: Do you remember your 1st car and turning up the volume to your favorite song? There is something special about music that connects us to life, memories, and our spirituality. At home or in the car ask your kids what their favorite songs are right now. Turn them up, sing, dance, or just have fun getting to know them more through music.

Epiphany House Blessing with Chalk
 Excerpt Prepare the Way of the Lord by Messy Family Project
 We invite you, **Sunday, January 5th** to incorporate this Catholic tradition into your family's celebration of the Epiphany. The purpose of this ceremony is to seek

God's blessing on your family, your home, and all those who visit you. It's an annual renewal of your family's invitation that Jesus be the unseen guest at every meal and the silent listener to every conversation.
 A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to mark above your home's entrance

with the date and the initials of the three kings. In the way, the year "2020" would be written as : 20+C+M+B+20. You will need chalk (have it blessed if possible) and holy water. At the time of the marking, each child can take a turn writing a number, letter, or cross.
 For the complete ceremony please see the attached pages.





Leader: We begin in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Both now and forever.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Reading

Assistant: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him: . . . Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going in to the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



Celebrate Advent and Christmas the Messy Family way

Blessing of the Door

Leader: The three Wise Men sought to worship the Christ Child. They brought their gifts as an offering to honor the newborn King. Tradition has interpreted the gifts of the three Wise Men as gold for the great King, frankincense for the true God, and myrrh for the suffering Redeemer.

Leader: (Makes the sign of the cross on the front door with the holy water) Jesus. Be the King of this family. Be the unseen guest at every meal and the silent listener to every conversation.

Assistant: (Makes the sign of the cross on the front door with the holy water) Jesus we recognize you as the one true God. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Children: (Make the sign of the cross on the front door with the holy water) Jesus, we claim you as our Savior and redeemer.

Leader: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever

Marking of the Door (Leader coordinates the writing of the symbols over the door.)

Leader: May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve. In everyone we meet, that same Jesus, who is the Incarnate Word, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

All: Amen

Leader: Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior

All: Amen