



OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

October Newsletter

“It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without the Holy Mass.”

St. Padre Pio

As the clock ticked down on 2019 and we approached 1/1/20, we were already being told about “2020.” The first day of 2020, we could no longer shorten the year and we would need to write out “2020” because of security concerns. I knew we were in for a unique year, but I could not have ever predicted this past Spring semester. As we paid farewell to semester 2, we left the campus the Friday before Spring break and never returned back to campus. As we prepared our classrooms and trained teachers on new COVID protocols, we prayed for a safe and normal return as soon as possible.

As the weeks turned into months, we anxiously awaited a return to normalcy. Unfortunately in August we asked our teachers and faculty to manage both a virtual classroom and a face-to-face classroom simultaneously for the year 2020-21. We know that our teachers wear superhero capes, but this was a task unlike one we have ever experienced. Not only would we ask them to operate two classrooms, they were teaching under 10 pages of COVID procedures that affected their daily routine. However, the teachers and students approached campus more resilient than ever with screenings, masks, and new COVID protocols. The students and teachers have started the fall semester with excitement and joy to be back in the classroom. Some of our students and teachers are on campus from 7AM - 6PM. During this 11 hour period, our COVID protocols may not be perfect, but our hearts and faith are together as a school community. Starting October 5th, we will be fully back to Mass under church guidelines for grades K-8. The opportunity to be together as a church and school community on a weekly basis is a critical part of Catholic education and our mission. Starting October 5th, we will be leading the charge with many other school districts to transition distance learners to new platforms and use virtual learning as a resource when the time is right. We are not alone in this transition but we do agree with some of the information and options from Edna ISD, Louise ISD, Cuero ISD, Industrial ISD, and others.

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to reference Bishop Cahill’s letter released this past week and welcome back our OLV families back to Sunday Mass.

Justin Matias
OLV Principal

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The parent-teacher conferences will be held on Monday, October 12th. You will receive a notice of your conference time soon so you can make arrangements to be there. Conferences are only fifteen minutes long. If you have certain times that you will not be available please call the office or email us at office@ourladyvictory.org by Oct. 2nd before the scheduling is set.



PARISH FESTIVAL



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 OLV Parish Festival will be held in a different format this year. We will not have an event at the Victoria Community Center on October 11, Raffle with 25 great prizes, a Virtual "on-line" Auction and a Bucket Raffle to choose from a wide selection of items to win! Watch the bulletin along with parish and school websites and Facebook pages. More details will follow, including several fun and entertaining opportunities to celebrate who we are as a parish family. Raffle Tickets have been mailed to parish families. Please purchase and/or sell these tickets to be able to win lots of great prizes! Additional tickets are available at the Parish and School Offices.

Virtual Auction & Bucket Raffle Auctions items will be on display in the Cathedral Center beginning Sunday October 4th -Sunday October 11. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 4:30-7:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday: 8:00-10:00 a.m.; 3:00- 5:30 p.m.; also Wednesdays and Fridays: 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 10: 3:00-5:30 p.m.; 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Sunday, October 11: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 4:30- 7:00 p.m. We will also be selling bucket raffle tickets and the regular raffle tickets. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Festival Auction Co-Chairs Bianca Horton (361-550-2280) or Michele Flynn (856- 571-2777).

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

After Care News:

Early Dismissal on Friday, October 2nd. If your child will be staying for care please remember to pack a sack lunch with a drink.

After Care will be **closed** on Monday, October 12th for Parent/Teacher conferences.

Laura Janis

Director, Our Lady of Victory After School & Summer Camp Program

LIFE CHAIN

The Life Chain is a pro-life gathering in which churches and local organizations in the Victoria area will meet Sunday, October 4th from 2-3p.m. in unified support for life of the unborn. Stand in the Life Chain on Navarro between Sam Houston and Zac Lentz Parkway. Stand up for Life!!



Basketball practices will start October 26th, 2020

Need Volunteer parents to coach BOYS A and B teams - must be Safe Environment Certified - Please contact Coach Harabis if interested at mharabis@ourladyvictory.org



Faith, Family, Fun Night

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH



O MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE, RESTORE HARMONY IN OUR FAMILIES AND THE WORLD, THROUGH THY POWERFUL INTERCESSION WITH JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Together on Mission

By understanding its mission, the family can more fully embrace God's plan for the fullness of divine life and love that he wishes to share with the family.

When we think of being missionaries, we often assume that this means we must travel to a faraway place and share our gifts and our faith. Jesus challenges us as a domestic church "to guard, reveal, and to communicate love." (*Familiaris Consortio*, 17) This mission is meant to be done together as a Christian Family.

One of the easiest and surest ways of doing this is by attending Sunday Mass as a family. What a perfect time to do this with Pope Francis' blessing to "return to the Eucharist with joy."

Family prayer is also an opportunity to bring the family together. October is traditionally the month of the holy rosary. No coincidence our Faith, Family, Fun night is on the feast of our very own Lady of Victory! Did you know that Our Lady of Victory is also known as Our Lady of the Holy Rosary? What an opportunity to pray one of the simplest and most powerful prayers together. "By coming together this way for prayer and turning together to Jesus with Mary, many families have experienced profound moments of peace, joy and reconciliation. The Rosary's spiritual aid should not be underestimated." (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 41-42)

Jesus said to the disciples: "You are the light of the world" (Matt 5:14). The Lord's words apply in a special way to the family. Light, after all, fulfills its "mission" of bestowing warmth and visibility not by some extra activity added to its nature, but simply by being what it is. St. John Paul II was calling the family to this essential mission when he exclaimed: "Family, become what you are!" Will we answer that call?

Faith

Set aside time to pray the rosary together as a family. Talk to your children about the rosary and how it's prayed. Pray especially for peace in your family and for the healing of family wounds.






Family

Family movie night! Grab some popcorn, all the pillows and blankets in the house and hop in your PJs. Amazon Prime is now showing the hit movie "Fatima." It's the movie that everyone is calling "an undeniable message of faith."

Fun

According to the National Center on Addiction, families who eat three or more meals a week together reduce a teen's risk of using tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. Consider having a family brunch or dinner at the park. Leave your cell phones in the car and take the time to really give each other your undivided attention.

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 Feast of St. Francis Respect for Life Sunday	5 Mass-6th-7th-8th Grade	6 Mass-5K-3rd-5thGrade	7 Parish Feast Day	8 Mass-1st-2nd-4th Grade OLV vs St. Anthony there 5pm School Pictures 3rd-8th Grade	9 Sports Pictures 1:30 School Pictures 3K-2nd Grade	10
11 OLV Festival	12 Conferences OLV vs St. Rose there 5pm 	13 Mass-5K-3rd-5thGrade	14 OLV vs St. Phillip Field of Dreams 5pm 	15 Mass-1st-2nd-4th Grade	16 	17
18 	19 Mass-6th-7th 8thGrade	20 Mass-5K-3rd-5thGrade	21 OLV vs Sacred Heart there 5:30pm	22 Mass-1st-2nd-4th Grade OLV vs St. Joseph at OLV 5:30pm 	23 End of 9 weeks	24
25 	26 Mass-6th-7th-8th Grade	27 Mass-5K-3rd-5thGrade	28 Advisory Council	29 Mass-1st-2nd-4th Grade	30 Halloween Parties Report Cards Go out	31 



October Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Hamburger French Fries Salad Oreo Cookie	2 Early Dismissal
5	6	7	8	9
Corndog Mac & Cheese Ranch Style Beans Strawberry & Peaches	Hot dog with Chili on the side Chips Green Beans Pineapple Tidbits	Tacos Salad Spanish Rice Beans	Grilled Chicken Salad Broccoli Corn Oreo Cookies	Baked Potato Salad Vegetable Blend Pears
12	13	14	15	16
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Sweet & Sour Chicken White Rice Broccoli Orange	Nachos Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Teddy Grahams	Spaghetti Salad Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	Steakfingers Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Peas Pudding Cup
19	20	21	22	23
Chicken Strips German Potatoes Baked Beans Apple Sauce	Hamburger French Fries Salad Oreo Cookies	Chalupas Salad Spanish Rice Mixed Fruit	Meatball Sub Chips Carrot Sticks Yogurt	Chicken Nuggets Waffle Fries Corn on the Cob Cookie
26	27	28	29	30
Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Banana	Chicken Patty on a bun Potato Wedges Salad Apple	Beef & Bean Burrito Spanish Rice Salad Mandarin Oranges	Baked Chicken Drumstick German Potatoes Salad Sliced Pears	Hotdog with chili on the side Mac & Cheese Ranch Style Beans Banana Pudding