



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

## November Principal's Statement

The season of Fall has filled the school air. As one class is subtracting pumpkin seeds, the other is carving jack-o-lanterns. Students feel the texture of cotton balls and slime as they prepare for the season. Kindergarteners wrap their hotdog mummy with the stretchy crescent roll dough. While across the hall, they teamwork to host a tea party with their friends and teddy bears. In junior high, the sounds of singing and instruments are beginning to take on a harmonious tune. Students build escape room projects and their ferris wheels in science class. Some students are even difficult to recognize as they come out of their shell and dress as their favorite saints, nursery rhymes, rockstars, and 50's characters. With imaginations in full force, teachers and students have all five senses actively engaged this season.

I am blessed to make it around to every classroom on most school days. The intended purpose of principal walkthroughs is to ensure that our children are getting the academic and spiritual development we expect, but I am usually given so much more. Sometimes I ask myself, should I live my life a little more like a child? Should I appreciate the origins and texture of the cotton ball ghost? Should I appreciate the tasty caramel covered apples and laugh about the overcooked pumpkin bread?

Fall walkthroughs are usually my favorite. I get the pleasure to hear the bliss of children playing, learning, and decorating for the Fall learning activities. Through our children, one would not know the challenges our world faces. My goal is to one day remember the mark I left on this world and not what the world left on me. For us as faculty, we can leave that mark through our OLV journey here with students. As parents, we can leave that generational impact through our children and the faith we instill. Whatever mark we plan to leave for the future that lies ahead, may we continue to give thanks and do everything for the will of God. I'd like to wish everyone a happy All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, and Happy Thanksgiving.

Justin Matias  
OLV Principal

## **Festival Results**

Thanks to all of you who helped make the 2021 OLV Virtual Parish Festival, held on October 11th, a GREAT success!



## **Parish Tuition**

Remember that the Parish calendar year begins in January and ends on December 31st. Therefore, members registered at Our Lady of Victory Parish must have \$400.00 minimum parish support paid by December 31, 2021. We ask that you fulfill your obligation to the Church or you will be billed for out-of-parish tuition rates, retroactive, beginning August 1, 2021. The parish subsidizes the school \$15,000 each month to help cover the cost of educating our students. No late notices will be mailed.

If you know a family who has been attending Our Lady of Victory Cathedral and 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, 2022 in order to pre-register as an OLV family in February and receive OLV tuition rates.

## **OLV Shadow Day**

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School will host a Shadow Day for prospective students 5K-8th on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Students will have an opportunity to explore and experience first-hand what it means to be an OLV Eagle. A morning session (9 a.m.-11 a.m.) and an afternoon session (1 p.m.-3 p.m.) will be available for students to shadow. This is a VISD holiday. If you know of any families that might be interested they can RSVP to [office@ourladyvictory.org](mailto:office@ourladyvictory.org) by Monday, November 8.

## **Veteran's Day**

OLV's Veterans Day Program will be held on Wednesday, November 10 at 2:30 p.m. in The Cathedral Center. All Veterans, active military, and their families are invited to attend with a reception to follow. Please email or call the school office by Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

We also would like pictures of all veterans for our Wall of Honor. If you would like to submit a picture, you can drop it off by the school office or email it to [office@ourladyvictory.org](mailto:office@ourladyvictory.org) **No Later than November 5.** Please be sure to include their name, military branch and years of service. We will use the photos that were submitted for the 2019 Veterans Day Program.

## **Catholic Life Raffle**

The Catholic Life Raffle is underway and every family should have received their tickets. This is OLV's **only fundraiser the school gets 100% of the proceeds.** Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000 to purchase iPads and Chrome books to help implement 1:1 Technology campus wide. Families who turn in ALL their sold tickets by December 1, each student in the family will get a free Kona Ice. Additional tickets are available in the school office. Top selling students will receive : 1<sup>st</sup> Place-\$100 gift card of choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- \$50 gift card of choice. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Cooper at [denise\\_cooper@ourladyvictory.org](mailto:denise_cooper@ourladyvictory.org)

## **After School Care News**

Early Dismissal on Friday, November 5th. If your child will be staying for aftercare, please remember to send a sack lunch & a drink.

**Thanksgiving break** - your child **must be signed up to attend care for the Thanksgiving holiday**. Please check your email beginning November 8th to sign up. We will be open November 22nd & November 23rd for holiday care. FYI, November 22nd will be a Distance Learning Day to make up for a bad weather day. Aftercare is not responsible for assisting with any Distance Learning Day assignments. We will be **CLOSED** beginning Wednesday, November 24th - Friday, November 26th.

### **November Library News:**

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! Our new Books have arrived. Once the books are processed, and I have shared them with all the grade levels they will be ready for Check-Out!**

**Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays! A time to reflect and give thanks to our loving God for all the many blessings He has given us. I am blessed to be a part of the OLV family and our newly renovated library.**

**A Heartfelt Thank You to the following:**

- **Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Matey for the donation of the Lucky Luke Adventure Series by Kevin Lovegreen and Hometown Hunters Series by Lane Walker.**
- **OLV PTC for the opportunity to raise money for books through the sale of Smencils – the pencil business is Booming!**
- **OLV PTC for the Butter Braid proceeds for books**

**Feature Author – Patti Wheeler and Keith Hemstreet**

**If you have a spirit for adventure, you will love the book series Travels with Gannon and Wyatt.**

**Keith Hemstreet and Patti Wheeler promote the importance of writing and literature. The series is inspired by the real life travels of twin brothers, Gannon and Wyatt.**

**Check out: Travels with Gannon and Wyatt – Egypt**

## **A note from Sr. Donna**

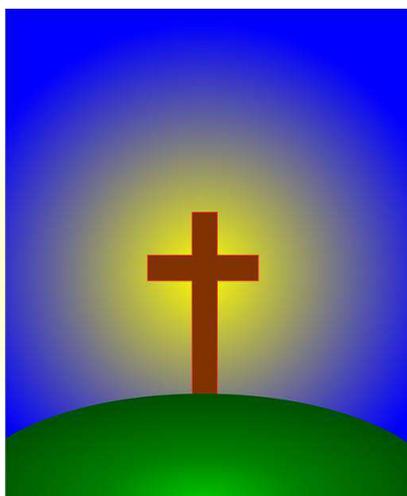
November, the time of harvest and the beginning of the earth's winter sleep, begins with a double feast in remembrance of those who have died. The saints, people already "harvested" into God's kingdom, are remembered on **November 1, All Saints' Day**. On **November 2, All Souls' Day** we pray for all family members and friends who have died. We pray that they too are numbered among God's holy ones. Each saint has something to teach about living as faithful Christians, and we rely on them to pray for us. We know that they will ask God to strengthen and protect us. This is a good time to learn more about our patron saints.

**November 1** is a solemnity, the highest rank in the Church's order of celebrations. Catholics participate in the Eucharist on this day if they can. These honors show us how important it is to be active members in the sacred exchange of love and support that exists between those who have died and those who are still living on this earth.

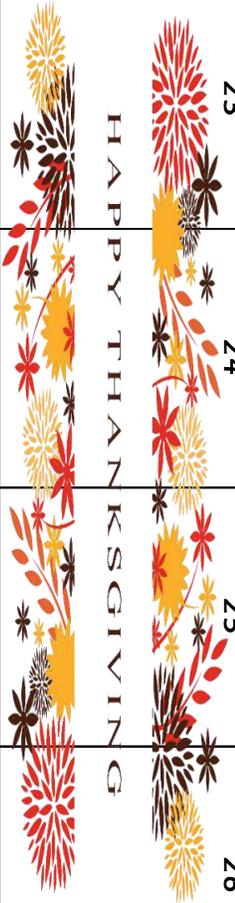
**November 2** is the day we set aside to pray for all who have died, especially our family members and friends. All those who are baptized are members of the one Body of Christ, whether they are living or dead. Our love and work on earth can be a blessing to those who have died, just as their love is a blessing for the living. We call the unity of love, concern, and prayer the "communion of saints."

In Latin America, El Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, is not gloomy or sad. It is a colorful, lively celebration of our belief that in death, life is changed but not ended. All the elements that are used to celebrate this feast day show the strong faith of Christians that those who have died in Christ are raised with him and share in his glory.

On **November 1** at the **8:00** Mass, the fifth graders will dress up like saints and share with us about their saints. On **November 2** at the **8:00** Mass, we will light candles in memory of all those who died in the past year.



# November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b><u>ALL School</u></b> <b>MASS</b> All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day <b><u>ALL School</u></b> <b>MASS</b>	3 OLV Family Fun Night	4	5 <b><u>All School Mass</u></b> <b>Early Dismissal</b> Faculty Meeting	6
7	8 <b><u>Mass</u></b> <b><u>5th-8th Grade</u></b>	9	10 Veteran's Day Program Cathedral Center <b>2:30pm</b>	11 <b><u>Mass</u></b> <b><u>3K-4th Grade</u></b> Veteran's Day 	12	13
14 Student Participation Mass 11:30am	15 <b><u>Mass</u></b> <b><u>5th-8th Grade</u></b>	16	17 First Reconciliation 2nd grade Advisory Council Meeting 5:30	18 <b><u>Mass</u></b> <b><u>3K-4th Grade</u></b>	19 <b>Progress Reports</b>	20
21	22 Distance Learning	23	24	25	26	27
28 <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>	29 <b><u>Mass</u></b> <b><u>5th-8th Grade</u></b>	30	 HAPPY THANKSGIVING			



# November Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Fish Sticks  Corn Green Beans Mixed Fruit	Meatloaf  German Potatoes Vegetable Blend Peaches	Chicken Fajita Taco  Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Pineapple Tidbits	Corndog  Potato Salad Ranch Style Beans Mixed Fruit	<b>Early DISMISSAL</b>  
8	9	10	11	12
Salisbury Steak  Mashed Potatoes Carrot & Peas Animal Cookies	Sausage on a Bun  Chips Corn on the Cob Rice Krispy Treat	Nachos  Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Peaches	Pepperoni Hot Pocket  Baked Beans Salad Yogurt	<b>Thanksgiving Lunch</b>  Turkey and Dressing Green Beans Sweet Potatoes Dinner Roll
15	16	17	18	19
Chicken Nuggets  Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Apple Sauce	Hotdog w/chili on side  Seasoned Red Potatoes Ranch Style Beans Oreo Cookies	Steak & Cheese Chimichanga  Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Salad	Cheeseburger  French Fries Salad Pudding Cup	<b>Domino's Pepperoni Pizza Slice</b>  Rice Krispy Treat Apple Salad
22	23	24	25	26
Distance Learning	<b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b>		<b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b>
29	30			
Chicken Spaghetti  Green Beans Breadstick Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Patty on a Bun  Potato Wedges Salad Teddy Grahams			



## *Tis the Season*

Hey Eagle Families,

I don't know about you, but my kids are already asking when we can put up our Christmas decorations?! I respond with "we have to wait until the day after Thanksgiving" and, of course, I am met with their boos. LOL! But, the thought of decorating with those pretty icicle lights and our sweet little manger scene made me think, what will Advent look like for us this year? I'm so glad we can talk about it now, so we all have time to prepare as Nov. 28th rapidly approaches. I did some searching around and found some great resources that inspired me...I pray they will do the same for you!

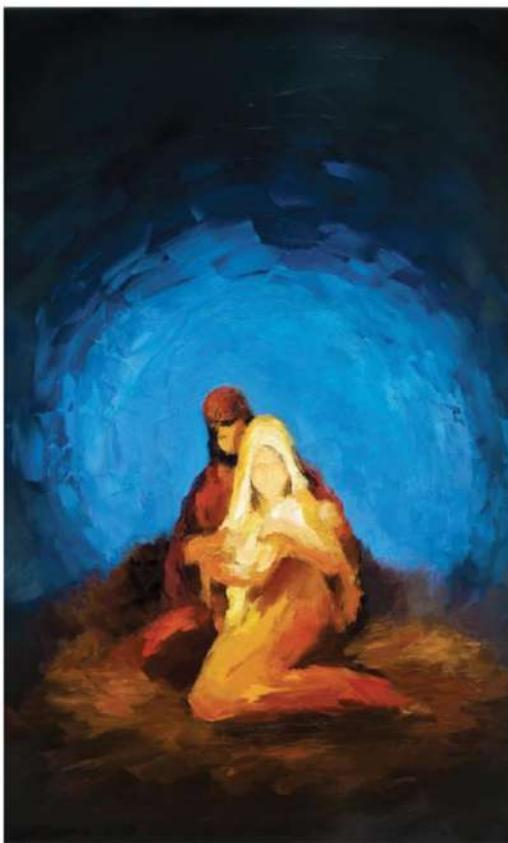
1. **FORMED:** Free to our Eagle families, an on-line platform filled with over 200 Christmas/Advent studies, movies, cartoons, audio dramas, ebooks, and talks. Search Christmas.

2. **Catholic Family Crate:** Advent Crate that is all done for you and includes step by step instructions on how to use in your home. Includes Catholic Jesse Tree, Advent Liturgical Art Prints, O'Antiphons Ornaments, St. Andrew Christmas Novena, and more. Visit [CatholicFamilyCrate.com](http://CatholicFamilyCrate.com).

3. **Catholic Icing:** If you could use some organizational help to make your celebrations actually happen, Lacy has created The Advent Christmas Planner! She also has a ton of free Advent/Christmas Activities. Search Advent.

As you know each liturgical season gives us all the opportunity to dive deeper into our relationship with Christ. Advent is a beautiful time to prepare our homes and our hearts to receive the Messiah. What will you do to prepare the hearts of your family for the greatest gift we've ever been given?

May the Lord bless your family,  
Vern Crockett, Campus Minister



### *Faith*

When you don't pray, you will... Begin to doubt God's presence in your life. Begin to doubt God's promises. Begin to doubt God's faithfulness, goodness, and love. Everyone in your family needs prayer right now in their life. Commit to praying for each other intentions everyday for a week and check in with one another to see how they are doing. St. James tells us, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." James 4:8

### *Family*

Make dinner as a family. Everyone participates in preparation and cleanup. During dinner, say a special prayer as a family, where everyone offers what they are thankful for in their lives and take this as an opportunity to reconnect.

### *Fun*

Game Night Swap. Call your closest friend and swap your family's favorite board/card game with their family's favorite for the night. You never know how much fun a new game can be until you try it! Family game night is a great opportunity to spend quality time together while having fun and even fostering that healthy competitive spirit!