



# 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

## THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN

*"In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

Luke 15:10

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## Around the Table

Rev. Denis B. Theroux, Pastor

### The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Some of our more senior parishioners may still remember, personally, or from family conversations the “gangster era” of the prohibition days. Our young parishioners are probably familiar with it, too from the endless movies and television programs written about that colorful period of time in our U.S. history. One of the embarrassments of those days occurred when one or the other of these gangsters were killed in a gang war. They often had not only an extremely elaborate funeral with literally tons of flowers, but they were also buried by the Catholic Church! We saw images of priests taking part in the funeral rites, and the mourning family and friends going through the familiar ceremonies that we, as Catholic children, knew and understood. Some of our friends and neighbors from Protestant Communities often times were quite disturbed by all of this. We were often questioned as to what kind of hypocrisy this was, how could these gangsters live such corrupt lives of murder, and thievery and still be buried from the Church? This of course, was no easy question to answer.

Today’s Gospel Reading suggests perhaps the only kind of answer there is to those strange circumstances. In life, as we experience it, some people seem to live very good lives and are never tempted to do gravely wrong things at all; they are always faithful. Others, though, live lives that are dishonest, cruel and even viciously destructive, yet through some mysterious divine process, they, like many of these gangsters, were visited by a priest at the end of their life, received the Anointing of the Sick, and seemed honestly contrite. So they were buried from the Church.

This is one of the awareness’ the beautiful story of the prodigal son offers us. The older brother reminds us of some of the people who, during the gangster era felt perplexed and confused by the Church’s involvement, with “those people.” So too, this brother had served his father faithfully and now he just could not understand. “Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.”

We all know, almost by heart, the father’s magnanimous response, **“My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”** Within this is the mystery of God’s all-loving forgiveness. We, in our humanity, therefore, cannot try to prejudge or second guess God. God’s mercy and compassion are infinitely beyond our comprehension and imagination!

So when the Church forgives, it is imitation of God’s forgiveness. Those forgiven are therefore rightfully honored with devotion, and their families are reassured of God’s greatness. For who of us can judge the great generosity of God’s love? Certainly I cannot. So, humbly and with deep gratitude, together, we submit to God’s inscrutable mercy and wisdom!

As my mom always said, “God loves You”, Fr. Denis

### Our Lady of Victory Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 11, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Cass Benton Park— **New Location!**

(Between Six Mile and Seven Mile Road, along Northville Road)

Join us for 11:30 a.m. Mass outside.

Hamburgers and hot dogs immediately following

(Beverages will be provided)

If you have a favorite picnic side dish, please bring it along  
(cold storage and limited outlets for hot dishes will be available)

**Bounce houses** for kids all ages!

### Sport Equipment Collection for Detroit Police Athletic League

New or Gently Used Sports Items Needed by September 30

#### Baseball and Softball

cleats, mitts, catcher’s gear, helmets, bat bags, baseballs,  
softballs and bats (no more than two years old)

Soccer: cleats, shin guards, soccer balls

Volley Ball: volley balls, knee pads, shoes

Football: footballs, cleats

Basketball: basketballs and sneakers



*Please place all items in designated container in the Gathering Space*



## KATHRYN'S KONNECTION

KATHRYN LING, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

The opening lines in today's gospel from Luke set the stage for the parable that Jesus tells. The lines are drawn between the scribes and Pharisees, who were seen as the righteous religious leaders and the tax collectors and sinners, who were known to be social outcast. We need to remember that when a person shared a meal with someone in the 1st century it meant they shared life with them. Therefore, Jesus' action was not just an unacceptable gesture but was an act which made Him unclean and went against the Jewish law at that time. In contrast, Jesus saw his association with the outcast as a way of stating that He came to ALL people not just those that were acceptable or appeared and judge worthy.

The parable stories that Jesus tells of looking for one lost sheep and one lost coin are told to show the extravagant attentiveness that God would go to rescue any one person. The joy that both the man and the woman feel cannot be contained and they must share it with their neighbors.

There is a double focus in the parable about the lost son. (This weekend we are given two options for the gospel passage to be read at Mass. The second option does not include the parable of the Prodigal Son. If we do not hear it this weekend, we will hear it during Lent.) No doubt it is about the mercy that God shows to all who repent, it also contrasts God's openness with the closed-mindedness of those who consider themselves faithful and therefore worthy to be counted among God's chosen. When we examine the three characters in this parable, the picture of the youngest son and that of the father is straightforward. We come to see in the youngest son that he has reached a place of total disgrace but he also comes to a place of repentance in which he is willing to acknowledge his sin and even give up any claims that he would have as a son. The father is watching from a distance and we would get the impression that he has gone to wait on a number of occasions. He is willing to go against the conventions of that time and he runs to meet his son. He treats him not as someone who has hurt him by doing wrong but as if he has been raised back to life. The father is accepting of the decisions of both of his sons even when he disagrees with them. When it becomes clear that they have not made the right choices, he forgives them. This new picture of what it means to be a father becomes the metaphor for understanding who and how God acts with and to us.

It is when we look at the eldest son that the message of this parable, as it connects to the first two parables, becomes clearer. The eldest son resents what the father has done for his brother and he refuses to accept either his father's gift of the greatest portion of the estate or to acknowledge that the youngest son is even his brother. He has always obeyed orders and therefore sees himself as worthy and his brother as the unworthy outcast. The eldest son is contrasting his loyalty with his brother's infidelity, but Jesus is trying to show the difference between God's compassion with the mean-spiritedness of scribes and Pharisees. They resent that God is willing to extend mercy and compassion to ALL people including those who are the outcast and would not be considered as worthy.

We are not able to "box in" God's love and compassion for us. God's ways are not our ways. We find this unconditional love of God at times uncomfortable and difficult to believe both for ourselves and because we as disciples are called to how that same unconditional, nonjudgmental love to others. Do you really believe that God loves you and delights in you just as you are?



## CHOIR NOTES

Psalm 51 is a Lament psalm asking for mercy and a return to God for sins committed. The response "I will arise and go to my father" reminds us of the Prodigal Son returning home. It also reminds us that God is always waiting for us with his mercy and forgiveness to turn to him. We sing an old favorite "Hosea" which is asking us to return to God with changed heart for his love. Written by Gregory Norbet in 1972 when he was a Benedictine monk at the Weston Priory, Norbet now is the director of the Hosea Foundation which is a ministry that provides assistance in the spiritual development of churches and individuals. Norbet travels with this ministry doing missions, retreats, workshops and concerts. He has 12 music collections from his years as a monk and he continues to compose and record music.

The Music Ministry choirs are beginning rehearsals. The Adult Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., in the church. The Cherub Choir will begin this week on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., in the St. Cecilia Room and the Children's Choir will begin this week also on Thursday from 4:00-5:00 p.m., in the church. Please come and join us!



Kathy Sanderson, Music Director



## Hello Youth Group!

Sean Tehoke, OLV Youth Ministry Coordinator

We are in the full swing of things now—keeping busy and settling into a rhythm. I hope the rhythm still involves carving out quiet time to spend with our Lord in prayer and celebration of the Eucharist. Pencil him in first then plan the rest of your week. If you can squeeze in these events, that would be the icing on the cake!

- Youth Group meets on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth Room. Come and join us for food, fellowship and fun.
- Northville High Youth will be holding the first Morning Prayer this Thursday, at 7:45 a.m., in the Youth Room. Come and learn new styles of prayer and start your day off right with donuts from the Looney Baker, milk and juice. We will end at 8:05 a.m. so you can get to class on time.
- Also, I am looking for youth who have talent in media. If you are talented with a camera, editing video or even interested in acting in videos, please contact me for new creative way of spreading the Gospel message.
- If you are a high school youth who needs to be caught up on sacraments (Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation), we will be holding an information night on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth Room. The goal of this program is to bring the youth in complete communion with the church by learning in a different way. We will meet twice a month for two hours and be Confirmed in the Church in March. Any questions, please contact me.

Rejoice with the Father, the shepherd and woman with the coin this week.

Peace, Sean



## Christian Service *by Nancy Tolkacz*

### Catholic Social Teachings

September Theme: The Dignity of Work and the Right of Workers

An excerpt from Michael Hovey's brochure *Major Themes of Catholic Social Teachings*

***"Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected- the right of productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative. The economy exists to serve people."***



Thank you to all the volunteers who came down to St. Leo's on August 27. We served a summertime meal of Coney dogs with watermelon, baked beans, dessert and Guernsey Ice Cream. Thank you to all our meal sponsors. Your donations have allowed

us to make double the lunches to cover the Monday's when St. Leo's is closed. Our next St. Leo's meal is November 12.



### On the Rise Bakery to Sell Baked Goods After all Masses: September 17-18.

The bakery is sponsored by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. It is run by members of the R.O.P.E. (Reaching Our Potential Everyday) program. These men have recently been released from prison or have completed a substance abuse treatment program and desire to truly change their lives. With each purchase, you are helping make possible the provision of supportive housing, training and counseling services, educational opportunities and self help programs. We need 4 volunteers per Mass to help sell the baked goods. Please sign up on the poster board in the Gathering Space this weekend, if you are able to assist on September 17 or 18.



### New Hope Heartbreak to Healing Grief Support Talk and Workshop

Thursday, September 29, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
John the XXIII Room

There will be two 45-minute presentations/workshops with a 10-15 minute break in between. During the break you can stretch, get something to eat and pick up information on various grief support groups being offered by New Hope, Angela Hospice, part of St. John Providence. Grief counseling services provided by Sister Sally Smolen. To RSVP, please call the Parish Office at (248) 349-2621, Ext. 258.

### Looking for a Fun Volunteer Opportunity?

Between October to April, OLV host's a Senior Luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month. We are looking for volunteers to help set up, serve and cleanup. Any amount of time that you can provide between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., on these days, would be greatly welcomed. It is a great ministry to give back to some of the nicest people in our parish.

There will be an information meeting in the Martha and Mary room on Wednesday, September 21, at 9:30 am. If you cannot attend and have questions, please call Deb Breitenbeck at (248) 380-2719.

## OLV St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference #437



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.

*The members of OLV's SVdP Conference are truly humbled and grateful for your generous support which allows us to follow Jesus' example and offer compassion and assistance to the "one lost sheep".*

*Please join us at OLV SVdP's first major fundraising event the evening of October 8, where you can bid on donated items such as a week at Club Regina Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; U of M vs Illinois football tickets on Saturday, October 22; Marquis Theater tickets, and Phoenix movie tickets with dinner at Carrabbas among many other items. The proceeds from this dinner and live auction allow SVdP to offer assistance to that "one lost sheep".*

**Join us at our next meeting this Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Martha Mary Room. Please know that your donations to OLV St. Vincent de Paul remain in our area and are used to assist local families in need.**



## Help our Hands Help Others

### Dinner & Auction

October 8, 2016, 6:00-10:00 p.m.  
\$40 per person, Fr. Ernie Center

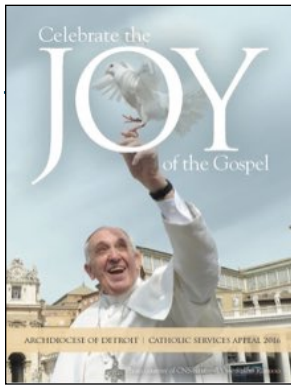
- 6:00 p.m. Auction Preview, 50/50 raffle appetizers, beer & wine,**
- 7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner**
- 8:30 p.m. Silent Auction winners selected and announced**

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office and after all Masses

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference #437  
Our Lady of Victory Parish**







## 2016 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to all of those who have already returned your CSA pledge card. A second mailing went out this week for any new parishioners or to those who may have lost their pledge card. The option to pledge online is at [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org). Thank you for your support.

**2016 Quota: \$245,846**

**CSA Pledges to date: 529**

**CSA Pledged Amount: \$209,395**



## MINUTE

### Marriage, Family and Pro-life Ministry

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan and the archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Pro-life are hosting a half-day "how to" session at Sacred Heart Major Seminary this Thursday, September 15, to help parishes learn about offering a complete support group ministry for divorced and separated Catholics.

Your CSA gifts help fund this two-hour session for pastors, deacons, parish pastoral staff, and parish lay ministers. The gathering, a follow-up to previously offered training for parish-based divorce recovery ministry, will feature an overview of and best practices for the "Catholic Divorce Survival Guide" program, resources and networking, and an opportunity for collaboration with other ministers.

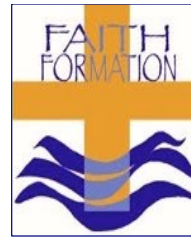
The Marriage, Family and Pro-life Office offers support services and programs that enrich and nurture people in every stage of the family life cycle. For more information on CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.AOD.org](http://www.AOD.org).

### October Prayer Pilgrimages

You are welcome to join Prayer Pilgrimages for two upcoming pilgrimages with guided tours early next month. On Monday, October 3, we will celebrate the **Traditional Feast Day of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus** with a visit and Holy Door Indulgence at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, a visit to the Carmelite Monastery in Clinton Township, and a visit to the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak concluding with a 7:00 p.m., Solemn Latin High Mass which is also open to the public. Deluxe motor coach pickup and return from the Basilica. Cost is \$25 per person (lunch cost at Golden Corral not included).

From Tuesday, October 4 through Friday, October 7, we will visit several churches, basilicas, & shrines in St. Louis and surrounding areas with Fr. Marcel Portelli from Saginaw. Included also is a special visit and blessing from Archbishop Robert Carlson, at the Cardinal Rigali Center. The entire three night stay at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Hotel, deluxe motor coach pickup and return from Sterling Heights, Plymouth, Lincoln Park or Saginaw is a cost of \$480 (single), \$355 (double), \$310 (triple), \$290 (quad).

For more information or to make your reservation, please contact Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or visit [www.prayerpilgrimages.com](http://www.prayerpilgrimages.com).



### Why should your child attend Faith Formation?

**Reason #1:** We no longer live in a culture that allows children to pray, or speak of faith at school. ASFF provides an environment where children not only can speak of God and desire to build a deeper relationship with him, his Son and the

Holy Spirit, but can ask the big questions of life and get a faith filled answer! It is here that they can come in touch with the traditions of the Church and freely display the images and articles of faith.

**Reason #2:** Children need to be able to talk about faith at their own level with other children. As they do so they begin to understand more deeply the importance of being part of a faith community and learning about faith from each other.

In the Faith Formation Program at OLV, we offer after school sessions on Monday and Tuesday at 4:45-6:00 p.m. and Monday evenings at 6:30 -7:45 p.m. We also offer a preschool program at 9:30 a.m. during Mass on Sunday and on Monday at 4:45-6:00 p.m. This program is based on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. We also offer a home study program for children in grades 1-7. We prefer that eighth graders are onsite for Confirmation Prep and are willing to help families with scheduling in order to do that. Forms for the fall's programs are posted on the parish website under the heading Faith Sharing and then After School Faith Formation.

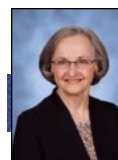
The After School program begins this week September 12-13. Those registering this week will be included the following week. If you have not registered your children, please do so that we can be sure to have enough space and materials for them!

### Catechetical Sunday

Next weekend at the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Masses, we will recognize those volunteers who have stepped forward to be catechist to all who are involved in Faith Formation at Our Lady of Victory. This includes those who work with our youngest to the oldest of parishioners. We invite all who are involved in the mission of catechesis—school teachers, after school catechists, home study parents, those who share the Word of God with our adults and children alike as well as our preschoolers, etc., to join us and receive a special blessing. We thank you for all that you do and are grateful that you have heard Jesus' invitation to share his love in a very special way. **We are still in need of some Catechists! Please consider this wonderful ministry. If you have any questions, contact us at (248) 349-2559.**

**Sunday, September 11, is a National Day of Service and Remembrance** in commemoration of the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. We keep alive the memories of those who died and extend our gratitude to those who were in the service of others as first responders.

As this day has become one to remember, reflect and to serve, we encourage our families to pray for an answer to violence and to be granted a sense of unity among each other that honors our Lord's command to love one another as he has first loved us.



Mary Ellen Skene, Director



## Welcome OLV's New Principal!

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

We have enjoyed a fantastic beginning to the 2016-2017 school year here at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School. Students genuinely appear to be reenergized after their summer vacation and our faculty and staff anticipated their arrival with much excitement. I am confident that, with our parents, faculty and staff, and students working in concert, we will accomplish many great things this year.

As most are aware, the theme for this year stems from John's gospel. It is **My command is this: Love each other, as I have loved you.** In a very short amount of time, I have already been afforded the opportunity to see this theme in action in our hallways, classrooms, and playground. This was also so clear to see in the love and concern that our parents displayed during their strong attendance at our two recent Parent Nights. Thank you for attending these very important events.

Also, I am always encouraged to witness small amounts of faith in action. I have already seen this in the manner in which our older students show care and concern for our younger students. These small acts can have a tremendous and lasting impact. Reinforcing a culture of care is critical as we work together with our parents and parish community to create confident, faith-filled, kind, resilient, and intelligent young citizens. Instilling a sense of God's permanent love and importance in the lives of young people is our primary responsibility as educators and it is one that we take very seriously.

I am looking forward to the weeks and months ahead. I have learned in just under one hundred days how uniquely special this community is. Together, I have no doubt that we can make a lasting impact on the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

Dan Timmis  
Principal

## 23rd Annual Mass for Commerce Wednesday, October 19, 8:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Arturo Cepeda and the Catholic business and professional community for the 23rd Annual Mass for Commerce, at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, at the Chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit 48206.

This celebration of the Eucharist reminds Catholic men and women at all levels of business and professions of the need to incorporate their faith into their daily lives. More importantly that they are not just business and professional people who happen to be Catholic, but people who recognize they are stewards of God's gifts. Their need for the Holy Spirit to be with them will be their guide every day.

A breakfast will follow Mass. For more information, please call (313) 596-7430 or visit the web at [www.massforcommerce.org](http://www.massforcommerce.org).

## Friends of The Poor Walk Registration After All Masses: September 24-25

OLV's St Vincent de Paul Conference is looking for walkers and sponsors for the Friends of the Poor Walk on Sunday, October 9, at Belle Isle. Come join us as we walk three miles to help raise money for those in need. Each walker who signs up will receive a t-shirt at the beginning of the walk and lunch at the end of the walk. We are suggesting that each walker donate at least \$20 to cover the cost of the lunch and t-shirt. A state park pass is also required in order to enter Belle Isle which costs \$11. You can purchase one upon arrival or carpool with someone who has one. The state park pass is good for the calendar year and allows you admittance into any state park.

Register for the walk at [www.friendsofthepoorwalk.org](http://www.friendsofthepoorwalk.org). Click the Belle Isle Detroit, Michigan tab, search for 'Our Lady of Victory Footprints in the Sand' group and choose it. Finally, complete your registration.

You can register for the walk after all Masses on September 24-25, in the Gathering Space. You may also at that time sponsor a walker or simply make a donation. All monies collected will go directly to our conference and will be used for rental or utility assistance. On the day of the walk, please look for the Our Lady of Victory banner. We will be holding it as we stand on the grass near the front of the line. Let us walk in unity.

Anyone wishing to attend Mass before the race are invited to St Bonaventure Monastery off of Mt. Elliott for the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The walk begins at 11:00 a.m.

## OLV CYO SPORTS UPDATE

### OLV Basketball Registration is now OPEN for all Students in Grades 4-8!

Due to the high demand and amount of pre-season preparation needed, **registration will close on SEPTEMBER 30.** Late registrations will be placed on a waitlist. Do not DELAY!

The season runs November 1, 2016 through March 16, 2017. Generally, practices are 3-4 times/week plus games on Saturday and Sunday. To register, visit [www.OLVAthletics.com](http://www.OLVAthletics.com), and click on the **PLAYER/COACH REGISTRATION** tab. Online payment (only) is due at the time of registration. Sports Physicals (dated after April, 2016) must be submitted prior to the first practice.

Coaching applications will be accepted through September 30. Whether you can volunteer your time as a Head or Assistant Coach, please know that our program could not be successful without you. Thank you for your support!

- Dan Gutowsky, Athletic Director



## Week at a Glance

### Monday, September 12

ASFF, 4:45 p.m., School  
ASFF, 6:15 p.m., School  
Mass, 7 p.m., Church  
RCIA, 7 p.m., St. John  
AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Fr. Ernie  
Dads' Club Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria

### Tuesday, September 13

Bible Study, 10:00 a.m., McAuley  
Card Group, 1 p.m., Martha Mary  
ASFF, 4:45 p.m., School  
Northville Strings, 6:00 p.m., St. Cecilia  
St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, 7 p.m., Mary

### Wednesday, September 14

Rosary, 8:05 a.m.  
School Mass, 8:30 a.m., Church  
Moms in Prayer, 9:30 a.m., Martha  
Cherub Choir, 4:00 p.m., St. Cecilia  
Youth Group Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth

### Thursday, September 15

Rosary, 8:05 a.m.  
Mass, 8:30 a.m., Church  
Gospel Reflections, 9:15 a.m., St. John  
Stitching Group, 9:15 a.m., St. Anne  
Children's Choir, 4:00 p.m., Church  
NA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fr. Ernie  
PPC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Solanus Casey  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Church

### Friday, September 16

Rosary, 8:05 a.m.  
Mass, 8:30 a.m., Church  
Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 a.m., CH  
Adoration Closing, 11:30 a.m., CH  
OLV Grade 7/8 Dance, 7:00 p.m., Gym

### Saturday, September 17

Reconciliation, 3:30 p.m.  
Mass, 5:00 p.m., Church

### Sunday, September 18

Mass, 7:30 a.m., Church  
Mass, 9:30 a.m., Church  
Mass, 11:30 a.m., Church  
Baptisms, 12:30 p.m., Church

### After All Masses Next Week:

- **On the Rise Bakery Sales**
- **SVdP Auction Ticket Sales**

## Readings of the Week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Monday</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> <i>1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 7:1-10</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 7:11-17</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <i>Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> <i>1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b> <i>1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, and 15; Lk 8:1-3</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <i>1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13</i>



### Lonely? Sad? Discouraged?

Going through a tough time—emotionally or spiritually?  
Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down?

Consider letting a **STEPHEN MINISTER** help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk alongside you during difficult times. It is confidential, free and very helpful. A Stephen Minister is not a “holy joe” who will only offer prayer. This is a person who knows that sometimes the best gift a person can receive is another person who is present and listens!

Leave a message on our confidential phone line. A Stephen Leader will call you back to provide you more information about the program and then make your decision! **(248) 349-2621, ext. 482.**

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL FEATURED ON TV PROGRAM

Our Lady of Victory School will be featured on the new Catholic Legacy of Michigan television program! The TV program will air at **10:30 a.m.** on **WADL Channel 38** on **Saturday, September 24.** The Catholic Legacy of Michigan produces television programs that promote positive stories about our Faith to the mass public. The upcoming program will promote Catholic education and showcase stories on five Metro-Detroit Catholic schools including Our Lady of Victory.



### OLV Fall Blood Drive

**Sunday, September 25, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.**  
**Father Ernie Center**

To reserve a time:

- Log into [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), use sponsor code (OLVC) or
- Call (313) 549-7052
- **Rapid Pass:** On the day of the blood drive you can receive a Rapid Pass if you before your appointment (1.) Go to [www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass) (2.) Read the booklet (3.) Answer the health history questions (4.) Print the form or send an attachment to your phone (5.) Present either at the blood drive. Remember you must be pre-registered in order to use the Rapid Pass.



## Those who need our prayers...

**Dear God,** we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...

Jennie Abanese	Mildred Madigan
Jan Bailey	Sue McCann
Lisa Brandt	Maggie McQuillan-Key
Gina Buchan	Nora Miller
Barbara Burbo	Richard Mitera
Claudette Buria	Mary Nameth
Pat Bynum	Tom Nieto
Richard Day	Daniel Cutwater
Cindy Dicosola	Patricia Outwater
Elaine DiFazio	Patrick Paquette
Flora DiPardo	Betty Rayburn
Ed Fleming	Bob Rayburn
Carolyn Freebury	Sal Reale
Patrick Fries	Ken Rogale
Candy Gardner	Andrea Seratti
Shirley Horwath	Sam Seratti
Jennifer Kuphal	Dennis Sinks
Toni Lachowicz	Audrey Thomas
Kay Laurencelle	Charlie Traverse
Eileen Longsworth	John Vanderwouw
	Lillian Wiktor

Names are kept on the list for **four weeks**. If you wish to add or remove a name, please call the Parish Office at (248) 349-2621. Thank you!



### IN MEMORIAM

We remember and pray for the loved ones from our parish family who have entered eternal life:

**Shirley Pivetta**



## Pray For Those Who Serve in Our Military

Do you know someone who is serving in the military?

Please call the Parish Office to add your loved one's name. Continue to pray for peace and for a lasting and peaceful solution to the world's conflicts.

**USN Patrick Antio**  
**CPT Barton Blackorby**  
**SSG Joshua Bullock**  
**Sgt Jamie Bushman**  
**2LT Daniel Courtney**  
**LT Michael Cullen**  
**SPC Tyler DeBozy**  
**MAJ David Faulk**  
**Daniel Giraud**  
**Sr. Airman Brian Hada**  
**LT John J Hamann**  
**CPT Jay Heide**  
**LTC Barbara Krause**  
**LT Daniel Kuriluk**  
**CPT Matthew Kuriluk**  
**USMC LCPL William Litzinger**  
**PFC Ben Maday**  
**MAJ Shawn Magowan**  
**Sgt Mark McGlynn**  
**Sgt Alexandra McGlynn**  
**Cpl James McGlynn**  
**PFC Shawn M McHale**  
**Chap. Tim Meier, SJ**  
**Sgt. Steven Miller**  
**SPC Lauren Moloney**  
**WO1 Lincoln Moloney**  
**CPT Michael Morrissey**  
**DC3 SW Jeremy Nemeth**  
**2LT Garrett Quick**  
**Capt. Mark Saurer**  
**Cpl USMC Gabriel Smith**  
**SFC William Smith**  
**PFC Nathan Swiger**  
**LTC Christopher Wagner**  
**MAJ Phillip Wiktor**  
**LCpl Dittrick Williams**

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, September 12**

**7:00 p.m. Spec. Int. of Joanne Ratkewicz**  
*req. by Glenn Ratkewicz*  
**In Thanksgiving for Cletus and Chijioke Nwagwu**  
*req. by Family*

**Wednesday, September 14**

**8:30 a.m. Dr. Karl Stockhausen**  
*req. by Family*  
**Richard Witkowski**  
*req. by Geri Witkowski*  
**Helen Sulkoski**  
*req. by Geri Witkowski*

**Thursday, September 15**

**8:30 a.m. Deacon Conlin**  
*req. by Fr. Denis & OLV Staff*

**Friday, September 16**

**8:30 a.m. David Widzinski**  
*req. by Family*  
**Jake Winter**  
*req. by the Widzinski Family*

**Saturday, September 17**

**5:00 p.m. Janet Caza**  
*req. by April Wikentiew*  
**Charles Ayers**  
*req. by M/M George McLeod*  
**Lawrence Haase**  
*req. by Theresa Haase*

**Sunday, September 18**

**7:30 a.m. William Darish**  
*req. by Family*  
**9:30 a.m. Nancy Gunderson**  
*req. by Jeff & Terry Snyder*  
**Michael and Margaret Griffin**  
*req. by M/M M. Spitery*  
**John and Genevieve Zonca**  
*req. by Family*  
**11:30 a.m. Sylvia Houle**  
*req. by Merry Herdell*  
**Rita Lane**  
*req. by Tuesday Morning Bible Study*  
**John Brady**  
*req. by Bob & Pat Finn*



## Ministry Schedule

	Saturday, September 17	Sunday, September 18		
	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Clergy:	Fr. Denis Theroux	Fr. Dennis Kauffman	Fr. Denis Theroux	Fr. Denis Theroux
Lectors:	Peggy Bozyk Frank O'Connell	Anne O'Connor Marc Sierra	Denise Jenkins David Compo	Denise Weaver Nancy Tochman
Altar Servers	<b>There is no schedule for the summer months.</b> <b>Please stop by the sacristy, if you are available to serve. Thank you!</b>			

## SACRAMENTS, MINISTERIAL OUTREACH & FAITH SHARING at OLV

**Baptisms:** Celebrated the third and fourth Sundays of the month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Call the Parish Office to register for the Baptism Preparation and Formation class held the first Sunday of the month. No Baptisms during Lent.

**First Eucharist:** Parents of children who need to be prepared to receive First Eucharist should contact the Director of Faith Formation, Mary Ellen Skene. Adults who wish to be prepared for First Eucharist should contact the RCIA Coordinator, Kathryn Ling.

**Reconciliation:** Celebrated every Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Holy Orders/Religious Vocations:** Anyone interested in learning more about vocations to the Priesthood or to consecrated religious life should contact the Archdiocesan Office for Vocations at (313) 237-5875.

**Confirmation:** Adults who have not been confirmed are invited to call the Parish Office to arrange for classes. Adults may be confirmed along with our students or on Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Marriage** Couples are invited to call the Parish Office, minimally six months in advance, to prepare for and schedule their marriage.

**Sacrament of Anointing** is celebrated after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of every month.

**Funerals:** Please contact the Parish Office so that we may walk this journey with you.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for anyone inquiring about the Catholic Faith or who wishes to deepen their own understanding of the Catholic Faith. You are invited to call the RCIA Coordinator, Kathryn Ling, for more information on meeting dates and times.

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