

# Church of OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day, June 13

*This month, we reflect on the life of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints – St. Anthony of Padua was a powerful Franciscan preacher and teacher. The patron saint of lost and stolen articles, he is typically portrayed holding the child Jesus, a lily, a book, or in some instances all three. Many people give alms to St. Anthony, and Bread, in thanksgiving to God for blessings received through the prayers of St. Anthony.*

St. Anthony was born Fernando Martins in Lisbon, Portugal. He was born into a wealthy family, and by the time he was 15 he asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, Portugal. During his time in the abbey, he learned theology and Latin.

Following his ordination to the priesthood, he was made responsible for the abbey's hospitality. When Franciscan friars settled a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to St. Anthony of Egypt, Fernando felt a longing to join them. Fernando eventually received permission to leave the abbey to join the new Franciscan Order. Once admitted to the order, he changed his name to Anthony.

Anthony then traveled to Morocco to spread God's truth, but became sick and planned to return to Portugal to recover. The return voyage was blown off-course and the party arrived in Sicily, from which they traveled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo after local friars considered his health.

As he recovered, Anthony spent his time praying and studying. In 1224, St. Francis of Assisi entrusted his friars' studies to Anthony. Anthony had a book of psalms that contained notes and comments to help when teaching students and, in a time when a printing press was not yet invented, he greatly valued it. When a novice decided to leave the hermitage, he stole Anthony's valuable book. When Anthony discovered it was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned



to him. The thief eventually returned the book, and it is preserved in the Franciscan friary in Bologna today.

Among the Franciscans, St. Anthony is celebrated as a teacher and extraordinary preacher. His teachings on the Catholic faith were designed to be simple so his message would be understood by the masses, even those without a formal education. It is for this reason Pope Pius XII declared him a Doctor of the Church in 1946. He was the first teacher in the Franciscan Order, given the special approval and blessing of St. Francis to instruct his brother Franciscans.

St. Anthony of Padua was only 35 when he died, and he was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. Upon exhumation some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it. His feast day is celebrated on June 13.



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## Unity and Charity

What do those words mean to you? For the Catholic Daughters organization at Our Lady of Victory Church those two words are not just a motto, but a mission.

Although the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) can trace their origins back to New York in 1903, the group here at OLV began after World War 2, in 1948. Some people consider the group to be a ladies auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus, and although some members have a spouse in the KCs, the CDA is its own apostolate.

Each Catholic Daughters group is called a court. Here at OLV, our court is named after Saint Francis Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who became the first American saint. Mother Cabrini was an excellent choice to serve as our role model in trying to serve others using that motto, Unity and Charity.

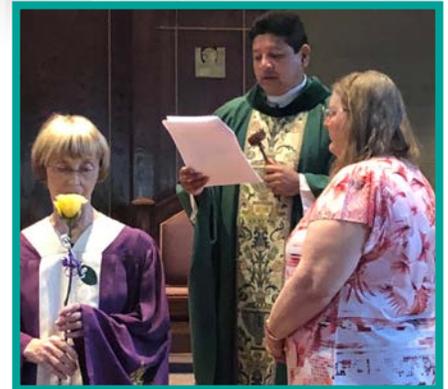
Unity and Charity is the basis for the activities our OLV court takes part in. Of course, we are unified in our support of the Holy Father with our Blessed Mother as our guide. Nationally, we are unified with our sisters throughout the United States and now, thanks to the efforts of Shirley Seyfried, also we have CDA sisters in Kenya and Peru (Father Lucho is their chaplain!). Catholic Daughters support the good works of Habitat for Humanity and each year a new Catholic Daughters home is built in Minnesota, not to mention the many CDA-funded Habitat homes constructed throughout the USA.

In addition, Catholic Daughters in Minnesota pray for and help support the many seminarians studying to be the future priests so desperately needed for our churches. Caring and Sharing Hands in Minneapolis, Dorothy Day houses, Apostleship of the Sea (Great Lakes) and many other



Catholic ministries receive the help and prayer of Catholic Daughters.

In our own community and parish, Catholic Daughters try to assist in any way we can. The REC Jail Ministry, the United Way programs like Stuff the Bus and weekend backpack food programs, and post prom party are just a few of the ways we give back to the community.



Most recently you perhaps noticed the crib in the Gathering Area where we collected baby items. We have for many years been a supporter of the Agape Center now called the Health Resources Center. Women can go there for reproductive services and support during their pregnancy. We have held two baby showers for the facility to provide families with supplies they need to take care of their newborn, infant or toddler.

We would love to have you join us in our work! We meet the second Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall and welcome guests.



The Court of St. Cabrini #1466 inducted their officers for the 2018-2019 year. Inductees included Missy Hermes-Regent, Shirley Stevens - Vice-Regent, Marlys Bald - Treasurer, and Rhonda Antrim-Recording Secretary. Father Lucho presided over the ceremony. A potluck celebration followed the Mass.

The Catholic Daughters will be considering fundraising options for the coming year. If you have ideas, please contact one of the officers or the church office. They are also looking for new members. If you are interested in more information about joining, please contact one of the officers or feel free to attend a monthly meeting to see what they are about. The next meeting is September 13th, 2018, and the second Thursday of each month thereafter.

## FROM FATHER ALAN

In case you missed the recent article from *Catholic News Service* in the June 15 edition of “The Visitor” about cardinal-designate Konrad Krajewski, here are some excerpts! The selection of this young, (54-year-old) “street priest” highlights for us our stewardship and care for the poor.

“For years, this Polish assistant to St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI walked Rome’s streets offering meals and assistance, often accompanied by volunteers from the papal Swiss Guard.”

(Now he continues and has expanded this same work for Pope Francis.)

“Every morning he reads requests for help forwarded from the pope with a comment that says, ‘You know what you must do’....As papal ‘almoner’, the Polish cardinal-designate distributes charitable aid from the pope; but he has taken the job to a whole new level, getting a dormitory, showers, a barbershop and laundromat set up near the Vatican for homeless people. He handed out 1,600 prepaid phone cards to refugees who survived a dangerous journey by boat to Lampedusa to let their families know they were safe. He’s also organized special

private tours for poor and homeless people to the Vatican Gardens, the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel.

Cardinal-designate Krajewski said Pope Francis told him to sell his desk when he was hired because his job wasn’t to wait for people to come ringing, but to go out and look for those in need. The cardinal-designate went a step further, giving up his apartment for a time to a Syrian refugee family.

He said the pope wanted him to do what he had been free to do in Buenos Aires: to seek out, share with and be there for people. ‘You will see,’ he told me, ‘I have entrusted you with the most beautiful part’ of being a priest, the cardinal-designate said.”

Wow, the *most beautiful part* of being a priest, a disciple, a Christian: to reach out and care for those in need. May God especially bless the efforts of our Social Concerns summer food distribution, the support of our Peruvian and Guatemalan sisters and brothers, and our emergency fund “almsgiving” to those who come to the office seeking assistance. Thank you Pope Francis, and thank you cardinal-designate Krajewski for this inspirational summer reminder!

## EVENTS CALENDAR

- June 20 Women’s Group at Hunan Springs 11:30 a.m.
- June 21 Quilters 9:30 a.m.
- June 26 Stewardship 7:00 p.m.
- July 3 Stephen Ministry 6:30 p.m.
- July 5 Quilters 9:30 a.m.
- July 7 St. Joseph Men 8:00 a.m.  
WinGs 9:00 a.m.
- July 8-13 Totus Tuus
- July 10 St. Theresa’s Circle 1:30 p.m.
- July 12 Quilters 9:30 a.m.
- July 17 Stephen Ministry 6:30 p.m.
- July 18 Women’s Group 11:30 a.m.
- July 19 Quilters 9:30 a.m.
- July 21 St. Joseph Men 8:00 a.m.  
WinGs 9:00 a.m.
- July 24 Stewardship 7:00 p.m.
- July 26 Quilters 9:30 a.m.
- Aug. 2 Quilters 9:30 a.m.
- Aug. 4 St. Joseph Men 8:00 a.m.  
WinGs 9:00 a.m.
- Aug. 7 Stephen Ministry 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 8 Finance Council 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 9 Quilters 9:30 a.m.
- Aug. 14 St. Theresa’s 1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15 Women’s Group 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 16 Quilters 9:30 a.m.
- Aug. 18 St. Joseph Men 8:00 a.m.  
WinGs 9:00 a.m.

## New Member of OLV

Norma Jepperson moved here from Worthington, MN when her husband, Donald, became a resident of the MN Veterans Home in Fergus Falls. He died on Christmas Day in 2016. Norma has three children, 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Welcome, Norma!



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## Former OLV Principal Has Lived an Amazing Life

Former Our Lady of Victory School Principal Sister Adela Gross, known in Fergus Falls as Sister Mary Peter in the 1960s, has fond memories of her service to others.

She is 87 and resides at the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls campus.



After leaving Fergus Falls in the late 1960s she served as a missionary in Peru, worked with migrant farm workers in south Texas and other areas and served the Hispanic community in Melrose.

The aforementioned would deserve praise in itself. But it doesn't stop there for Sister Adela.

From 1991 to 1997 she served with the Catholic Bishops Conference in Washington, D.C., coordinating ministry to people on the move.

"Part of our work included assistance to those who ministered to carnival and circus workers," said Sister Adela to some OLV parishioners who visited her at her residence in Little Falls on May 5.

"Over the years I've been so thankful for the blessings of good health and a satisfying ministry," she said.

Sister Adela never forgot her years in Fergus Falls at Our Lady of Victory School. She returned for OLV school reunions over the years and has kept in touch with former students and members of the OLV congregation.

Former students at OLV remember Sister Peter bringing her class to the audio-visual room and seeing on TV the launch of astronaut John Glenn on Feb. 20, 1962. Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth.

Others recall the annual OLV eighth grade class trip to Duluth.

She always strived to attain more education, and in 1980 completed a Master's Degree in religious education from Fordham University in New York.

Sister Adela traveled to China and for two weeks she assisted with the Catholic Church ministry in that country.

She never slowed down. Even in her late 70s she continued to minister to Hispanics in and near Melrose. She served close to 200 Hispanic families.



Her duties in Melrose included arranging for priests to celebrate Catholic Mass every week in Spanish, head sacramental preparation and religious instruction, and perform outreach.

On top of that she assisted with translating, helping people with forms and assisted those applying for housing and medical assistance.

She was a nun highly respected all across the Diocese of St. Cloud.

In 2000 Sister Adela was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Office of Migration and Refugee Services in recognition of her service to migrant workers.

Her life has indeed been a life well-lived in service to others.

*Story & photos by Tom Hintgen, eighth grade student of Sister Adela at OLV in 1961-62*



*Former OLV principal and eighth grade teacher Sister Mary Peter, now Sister Adela Gross, resides at the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls campus.*

# Thank You...

I would like to thank everyone at Our Lady of Victory for their prayers and support in my journey to become a deacon. Although God's calling started when I was younger, I did not realize it at the time. However, every few years God would send me a sign of His calling. It was only upon reflecting on my life that I started to see this calling. The OLV community was instrumental in me finally opening my heart to God's calling.

It was about ten years ago that God's calling started to get stronger. Then Deacon Chuck came to OLV. After praying over being a deacon for over a year, I mentioned my thoughts to Father Greg and Deacon Chuck. I spent about another year and a half discerning before formally applying to the diaconate program. After about a year, I was admitted into the Diocese's formal diaconate discernment program.

One aspect of the formal diaconate discernment program is education. This had me attending classes for about four years. These classes were typically on Thursday nights or weekends. Another aspect was to prepare me spiritually. For this, I met with a prayer group and continued meeting with my Spiritual Advisor. The final part of formation was in ministry. For this, I continued doing my ministries I had been doing at OLV, faith formation and

ushering. I also expanded into the Social Concerns Committee and visiting the homebound.

Through the formation process, there are four formal steps. The first is an aspirant. This is the first year of formation because I was exploring what it means to be a deacon. The next stage is to become a candidate. In this stage, I had explored what a deacon is, enough to be considered a candidate. The third year I was installed to the office of lector. This is a formal installation that the bishop does which allows me to read the Sacred Scripture at Mass outside of OLV. The fourth year I was installed to the office of acolyte by the bishop. This allowed me to be a Eucharistic Minister and to serve at the altar.

The formation process has been such a blessing that words cannot describe how my love for our God and our Church has grown. The joy within my heart keeps growing every day. Just when I do not think it can grow any more, God allows it to grow more.



*Dean and his wife, Sarah*





# Special Events



*Seniors from Baccaluaureate Mass*

- 2018 SENIORS**  
 Peter Anderson  
 Sydney Anderson  
 Camryn Appert  
 Philip Budke  
 Paul Dummer  
 Victoria Fiedler  
 Nicholas Hohrman  
 Marshall King  
 Maxwell King  
 Sara King  
 Carlene Kraft  
 Kate Kotschevar  
 Jenna LaPorte  
 Nathan Longtin  
 Alexandra McKinnell  
 Alexander Muchow  
 Lauren Oseien  
 Ashley Skonseng  
 Brandon Soland  
 Austin Stanislawski  
 Jonathan Steinbach  
 Nathan Zierden

## Congratulations To All!

**2018 CONFIRMATION  
CANDIDATES**

- Isaac Ahlgren  
 Maria Castro  
 Joseph Connelly  
 Caleb Danielson  
 Mady Eklund  
 Emma Jaroszewski  
*(not pictured)*  
 Nicholas Kusnierek  
 Hailey Macheledt  
 Sophie Rausch  
 Evelyn Rodriguez  
 JB Sandahl  
 Peter Steinbach  
 Sawyer Votava



*2018 Confirmation Candidates*



*6th Grade Graduation*



*Principal Tonya Zierden completed her Master's in Education*



#### **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

The Social Concerns Committee will be delivering food to needy families this summer. Please contact Sarah Kampa or the church office if you wish to donate food or funding to the cause.

#### **Lutheran – Catholic Book Study**

This past April and May, several members of OLV and area ELCA Lutheran Churches participated in a book discussion study using the resource One Hope: Remembering the Body of Christ -- Catholics and Lutherans Reflect Together on Christian Unity. Three Catholic and three Lutheran faith leaders/scholars authored this book cooperatively while they were together on retreat. The study was a 4-week offering which rotated in location between Augustana Lutheran and OLV. The leaders of the program were Pastor Ben Durbin of Augustana, and Deb Forstner, chaplain at Lake Region and member of OLV. We are grateful for the ecumenical and open blessing of the Holy Spirit which brought this group of people together. Thanks also for funding through the OLV Library Fund for the purchase of these books.

*Submitted by Deb Forstner*



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## MASSES

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday 7:00 p.m. (June- August)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Victory School (K-6th grade)  
Learning Ladder Preschool (3-5 year olds, full and half day)  
218/736-6661  
[www.ffolvschool.org](http://www.ffolvschool.org)

## Reflections of an Old Man

### “The loss of heaven and...”

*“If there isn’t a hell, then Jesus Christ was the biggest fool who ever lived, because he died to save us from it.”*

Shocking words, aren’t they? I heard them more than 70 years ago, spoken by a missionary priest in my home town of Lake City, Minnesota. As I remember, they formed the basic message of a sermon (what today is called a “homily”) designed to counter the idea that an all-loving God would never consign one of His creations to eternal damnation.

*Needless to say, they had a powerful impact on my developing faith. An impact so great that I think of them often even today, especially each time I make an Act of Contrition.*

For one thing, they remind me of a basic tenet of my faith: That there is a hell—a place of unending flames, weeping and gnashing of teeth, and eternal separation from God. For another thing, they remind me that it’s been a long time since I’ve heard a good old fashioned homily about hell.

*Don’t get me wrong. I think that’s just fine.* Even though it was powerful, the missionary’s message was a negative one—a message based on fear. It contrasts vastly with the message I hear today. The message I hear today is a positive one—a message based on love. It’s the message that Christ died to open the gates of Heaven and grant me eternal happiness in His kingdom rather than the missionary’s message that He died to save me from hell.

Now, I’m no theologian, but I do know that both messages contain elements of truth. That being true, it seems I have a choice: I can base my actions on the fear of punishment or on the promise of reward. The choice seems obvious. Basing my faith on love rather than fear is going to be better both for me and those around me.

So I’m glad I haven’t heard a good old fashioned fire and brimstone speech for many years! I really don’t care if I don’t hear another one. *But now and then the missionary’s words come back to haunt me, especially when I find myself saying the words, “because I dread the loss of heaven and...”*

Lee Krogh

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**Weekend Mass:** Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Vigil | Sunday, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Daily Mass:** Tuesday, 12:05 p.m. | Thursday & Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confession:** Thursday, 8:30 a.m. | Friday, 8:30 a.m. | Saturday, 3:30 p.m.