

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

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It is our hope that your summer is going well. If it's anything like our family's, it's flying by! As we all try our best to soak up as much summertime sun and fun as possible, we'd like to invite you to consider taking advantage of a wonderful gift that our parish has so generously provided to all of us, free of charge. It has been referred to as the Catholic version of Netflix! With all that FORMED has to offer, along with easy access on computers and mobile devices, it is sure to meet a variety of needs in our parish community.

Before we go further into the potential of this media platform to enliven the faith lives of our parish families and individuals, please allow us to introduce ourselves and our family. We are Chris and Heather Lindgren. God has blessed us with six children, five daughters and one son, ranging in age from 5 to 19. We moved to Fergus Falls last August after living in the Lincoln Diocese in Nebraska. Four of our children attended OLV Catholic School this past school year.

While being part of the Lincoln Diocese, we were blessed with the opportunity to experience a new media platform created in Denver, CO by the Augustine Institute. Following the mission of St. John Paul II to tap into the social media world and promote the New Evangelization, Dr. Tim Gray and his colleagues have expanded their outreach capability through an online resource called, "FORMED", that is accessible via computer as well as in the form of an app for smartphone use, and the best part is that our parish has provided it to us for free! Our family is filled with an array of varying interest levels, as we'd guess yours is, too, so having the variety of media options is important to us. There's certainly no shortage of Catholic movies, books and audio books, audio dramas, audio presentations, and the like for all ages and varied interests on FORMED.



If you are interested in Bible study and catechetical materials, please check out FORMED for those as well. We are excited to be able to continue utilizing this resource here through OLV and hope that our parish's members do too, so that we can see it continue in the years to come.

TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT FOR YOURSELF AND/OR YOUR FAMILY, FOLLOW THESE 3 EASY STEPS:

1. Use your computer or iPad and go to ["formed.org"](http://formed.org)
2. Enter our parish code: M9ZQ3J
3. Enter your name and email address, and create your own password.

Once you have set up your account, you may download the app for easy access on your mobile device as well!

Enjoy!

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Our Lady of Victory Church

Fall Festival

Sunday, September 15, 2019

**TURKEY
DINNER &
CAKE OR PIE**

**11:00 a.m.
to
1:00 p.m.
Adults \$10
Ages 6-12 \$5
Under 5 FREE**

RAFFLE DRAWING

Cash and Prizes to be given away!
Tickets at OLV, MN Motors,
Rhode Insurance

GRAND PRIZE

**2019 Chevy Trax LT AWD
MSRP \$26,145**



See-Through Kayak

Quilt Raffle 2:00 p.m.
Adult and Children's Games
SILENT AUCTION
Country Store & Produce
Cake Walk
BINGO
Beer and Wine Garden

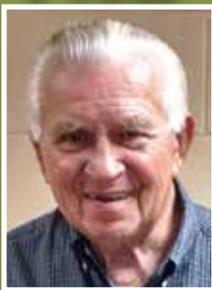
Lakeside Weekend at



PARISH HAPPENINGS

Aug. 27	Stewardship 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 30	Diocesan Ministry Day
Aug. 29	St. Anne Quilters 9:00 a.m.		Staff will be attending –
Aug. 30	Parish Office Closed		Parish office will be closed
Aug. 31	St. Joseph Men 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 1	Social Concerns 5:30 p.m.
	WinGs 9:00 a.m.		Stephen Ministry 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Social Concerns 5:30 p.m.	Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30	Faith Formation
Sept. 5	St. Anne Quilters 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 3	St. Anne Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 7	St. Joseph Men 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 5	St. Joseph Men 8:00 a.m.
	WinGs 9:00 a.m.		WinGs 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 10	Knights of Columbus 6:00 p.m.		First Communion Class 10:00-11:30 a.m.
	St. Theresa's 1:30 p.m.	Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sept. 11	Finance Council 5:30 p.m.	Oct. 8	St. Theresa's 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	St. Anne Quilters 9:00 a.m.		Knights of Columbus 6:00 p.m.
	Catholic Daughters 5:30 at the Museum	Oct. 9	Finance Council 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Fall Festival 1:00 – 1:00	Oct. 10	St. Anne Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 16, 23, 30	Bible Study 1-3 or 7-9		Catholic Daughters 5:30 a.m.
Sept. 17	Stephen Ministry Picnic 5:30 p.m.	Oct. 11-13	REC
Sept. 18	Women's Group 11:30 a.m.	Oct. 15	Stephen Ministry 5:30 p.m.
	Strategic Planning Meeting 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Oct. 16	Women's Group 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 19	St. Anne Quilters 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 17	Quilters 9:00 a.m.
	Board of Ed 5:30 p.m.		Board of Ed 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	St. Joseph Men 8:00 a.m.	Oct. 17	Catechism Class 6:00 p.m.
	WinGs 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 19	St. Joseph Men 8:00 a.m.
Sept. 22, 29	Children's Liturgy of the Word		WinGs 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 24	St. Robert's 1:30 p.m.	Oct. 22	Stewardship 6:30 p.m.
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Sept. 25	Elementary Faith Formation starts	Oct. 24	St. Anne Quilters 9:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.		Mass of Healing for Infant and
Sept. 26	St. Anne Quilters 9:00 a.m.		Pregnancy Loss 7:00 p.m.
	Parish Council 5:30 p.m.		Parish Council 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 28, 29	Commitment Weekend	Oct. 31	Quilters 9:00 a.m.

New Members



Gus Wilhelmy moved to Fergus Falls from Chicago, Illinois. He has three children: Shelley, Todd and an adopted daughter, Rebecca, and seven grandchildren.

Gus has lived in many countries and speaks multiple languages. He was a professor and he started, with another gentleman, a nonprofit, The Safer Foundation, which deals with youth and adults trapped in the criminal justice and prison system.



Curt and Mardel Krabbenhoft are new members of Our Lady of Victory, coming here from Our Lady of the Lake in Battle Lake. When asked what brought them here, the reply was, "We like the church and we think Fr. Alan is the greatest!"

Curt has 2 sons and Mardel has one daughter. Between them they have 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

They enjoy living on the lake and going for pontoon rides, along with gardening and canning. Curt enjoys working on the lawn. They enjoy spending time with their families and their puppy, Kalie. They have a home in Arizona that they go to for the winter months.

Nikki has been a member of Our Lady of Victory her whole life. Shane grew up as a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Fergus Falls. After college they both moved back to the Fergus Falls area and Shane began attending OLV when they started dating. Shane became a member of OLV when he went through RCIA last year. They were married on June 1st and are now joining OLV as a married couple. Shane works for Lake Region Healthcare and Nikki for Otter Tail Power Company. Welcome, Shane and Nikki!





The Birth of “Children of St. Peter” in Guatemala



It has been said that you should never underestimate the impact you can have on the world. A person in our midst who is making a huge impact in the lives of children of Guatemala is our own Faith Formation/Financial Director Mayme Hofland. Along with the many contributions Mayme makes in the life of Our Lady of Victory’s parish community, Mayme is Director of a 501c3 non-profit organization named Children of St. Peter (Ninos de San Pedro) in Guatemala. The purpose of this article is to give readers some background into how this came to be, the current status of the organization, and how you might choose to become involved.

February 2014 was the first time Mayme visited Guatemala. This was an Our Lady of Victory church trip that was visiting Rising Villages and was shared with other parishioners from the OLV community. At first, Mayme recalls that she really disliked being there, but after five days of struggling, she woke up, saw and heard the birds, smelled smoke from the volcano, and saw the mountains as if for the first time, and she felt at peace. Mayme believes the Holy Spirit was working in her, and while she originally fought it, she has learned that mission work is in her blood. Now when Mayme returns to Guatemala, she is happy when her plane lands with a sense that this is a place with which God wants her to be connected.

Mayme has formed a personal and professional relationship in Guatemala with Ana Vasquez. Ana grew up in Guatemala. As a child, Ana’s education was sponsored by people from the United States. Now for over 35 years, Ana has and continues to work with underprivileged children and their families, with a focus on their education. Ana



Mayme Hofland, Founder of the Children of St Peter, and sponsored children

is well-respected by the people in her town of San Pedro, Guatemala, and the Catholic Church community there.

In August 2018, when Rising Villages ceased to exist, Ana reached out to Mayme. Ana knew of parents who wanted their children in school, but they could not afford it. In order to go to school in Guatemala, money is required for registration, monthly tuition, school supplies, a school uniform, two pairs of shoes, transportation, and other related expenses. As Ana and Mayme talked, they hoped that by the end of the year, ten children would be sponsored. Happily, that goal proved to be low, as at this time 26 children are sponsored to go to school through this program. There is 1 child on the program who is waiting for a sponsor and several other children who are requesting to be on the program so they can attend school also. The students on the program receive additional support from Ana. Ana has internet access and computers for children to complete homework. She keeps close track of the grades they are getting and makes sure they attend school each day. She will push them to do their best, as she cares very much about helping her people. Ana is the only employee paid for by the Children of St. Peter organization.

Mayme went through the application process for Children of St. Peter to become legally incorporated in the USA as a nonprofit organization. The effective date of this incorporation was on October 1, 2018. October 1st happens to be the Day of the Children in Guatemala, which is a huge celebration for their country. When Mayme learned this “no coincidence” in God’s timing, it was easy to see God’s amazing grace and hand in it all.

At this time, there are several ways people can help support this wonderfully blessed organization. One method is to become more familiar with the organization by checking out its website: <https://childrenofstpeter.org>. There, one can find more background information, including the profiles of children awaiting sponsorship.

To sponsor a child, the cost is \$70 per month or \$840 per year. However, any donation is appreciated, and all are tax deductible due to the organization's 501c3 status.

Another fun and delicious way to help would be to eat any time during the day on **Monday, August 26th at Don Pablo's**. On that day, the management of Don Pablo's has graciously agreed to donate 15% of their sales to the Children of St. Peter organization.

This October, a small delegation of OLV parishioners will be traveling with Mayme to San Pedro, Guatemala to celebrate the one-year anniversary of this non-profit organization. Please pray for the safety of travelers, and for the continued growth in education and faith in these beautiful children of San Pedro.

By Deb Forstner

Olga's Experience



Mary Waller

As part of our Sister Parish Relationship with Fr. Lucho's parish in Chimbote, Peru, many strong and beautiful friendships have been formed. One example is the bond between Peruvian Olga Burgos Guzman with Mary Waller and Deb Forstner of Fergus Falls. During the Chimbote Mission Trip in January 2019, Olga opened her home and served as a marvelous hostess to Mary and Deb during their stay. Because Olga has family living in the United States, she was in New Jersey for most of this summer on a Visa to visit her daughter and grandson. Arrangements were made for her to spend some time in Minnesota, and several things were packed in during this 5-day stay, including tours of St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict, with an overnight stay at the St. Ben's Monastery guest house; a reunion with some of the others who went to Chimbote this past January; and taking part in Masses at both Our Lady of Victory and out in St. Leonard's Pelican Rapids for their Hispanic Mass. At St. Leonard's, Fr. Jeff Ethen, who also had been in Chimbote in January, invited Olga up to speak about her life in Peru, and from people's reaction to her, they were clearly inspired.

It was a wonderful opportunity to partially return the hospitality Olga had shown her American guests. I am certain that everyone who has been to Peru wishes



they could do the same. Unfortunately, access to visas and sufficient funds make this difficult if not impossible. We are grateful that Olga experienced the beauty of our area, and am sure she will return with many stories of the love she found here.

By Deb Forstner





Join us at The Upper Room Retreat

You Are Invited to “The Upper Room” Women’s Retreat with Gina Bauer

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Retreat Begins at 9:00 am and Ends at 4:00 pm

Venue: Xanadu Island Lake House

35484 235th St, Battle Lake



The Holy Spirit is always calling us deeper and deeper into the love of the Father and Jesus Christ. Come to the Upper Room to prepare for a beautiful encounter with the God who loves you unconditionally.

Gina is a dynamic entertaining speaker, teacher, and trainer with years of experience serving dioceses, parishes, families, youth/young adults, men and women’s groups. Gina captivates and engages her audience with lively stories and humor. She is able to convey Catholic teachings in a compassionate, down-to-earth style that reaches hearts of listeners. Her vocation as a wife and mother of four personally connects her to audiences on a very real and practical level, drawing them in the beautiful love story of the Catholic Church. Her inspirational speaking moves listeners and equips them with practical tools to live holy lives in today’s culture.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Registration fee \$40.00, by Sept 10 as space is limited to 30 women.

Send Registration to Diane Aschnewitz: 1500 So Sherman St, Fergus Falls MN 56537

Checks payable to OLV

Memo: WinGS Upper Room Retreat

Direct Questions to Diane Aschnewitz or Teresa Thompson wings.olv@gmail.com

Lunch, break time snacks, coffee and water will be provided.

If you have special dietary needs and need to bring your own food, there is a refrigerator available.

Reflections of an Old Man

Heaven?

Many of you probably remember the Sunday morning quite some time ago when Father Joe started his homily by asking, “How many of you want to go to heaven?”

Not surprisingly, every hand in the congregation (as far as I could see) shot into the air.

Father’s second question, “How many of you want to go today?” also received a unanimous response. *But this time, not a single hand was raised!*

I’ve thought about that second question several times over the years because it raises an important question for me: “Why did not a single hand (including mine) go into the air?” After all, I consider Heaven as my reward for having tried to live a good life. I often hear it referred to as “A better place,” “A place of eternal happiness,” “A place where I will spend eternity with my God”. *It doesn’t get any better than that, does it?*

So again, what kept me from raising my hand?

The only answer I’ve been able to come up with is that life, despite its ups and downs, is a pretty wonderful thing. *I love it because I know what it is.* On the other hand, as the “definitions” cited in a previous paragraph show, there are simply too many descriptions of Heaven to make any of them a certainty. Fact is, I’ve heard definitions that range from “A place where you’ll be reunited with your loved ones for eternity” to “It will be so beautiful that all earthly things will be forgotten.” At the same time, I’m certain that other questions that concern me such as “Will my right leg be healed so I can play golf and tennis again?” “Will I see my mom and dad, my sister and brother?” “Will I be able to enjoy a martini before supper and a shot of good bourbon at bedtime?” seem frivolous.

After much thought, I’ve decided that, whatever heaven is like, *it’s there!* After all, Jesus said it is, and I believe everything else he said. *As to what it’s like, I’ve decided to be satisfied with the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:9 as paraphrased in one of my favorite hymns:*

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
What God has ready for those who love Him.

Lee Krogh

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MASSES

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 8:30 a.m. (*when there is a 9:00am Mass*)
Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 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

OLV 2019 FLOWER BED



www.ffolvchurch.org

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.