



# OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm,  
7:30am 9:30am,  
No 11:30am Mass on  
Dec. 24

### Weekday : 12/18-12/23

Mon.: 8:00am Mass  
Tue.: 8:00am Mass  
Wed.: 8:00am Mass  
Thu.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.  
9:00am NO MASS  
6:30pm NO MASS  
Fri.: 8:00am Mass  
Sat. 9:00am Mass

Confessions –see inside

### Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament takes place after  
8:00am Mass Tuesday until  
4:00pm and Thursday until  
8:00pm with Reposition.  
Adoration ends at 4:00pm  
on Dec. 19 & 21)

The Church is open Monday -  
Sunday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

OLV Online Giving: go to  
[www.ourladyofvictory.com](http://www.ourladyofvictory.com)  
and click on the link  
<https://abundant.co/olvsc> to  
give online.

- Text Giving: Text OLVSC  
to 73256.

- Use the Abundant App,  
which you can download on  
your smartphone.

- Scan QR code



You are now  
able to give to  
School,  
Maintenance,  
Twin Parish  
Mission, Debt  
Reduction, Christmas &  
Easter online.

December 16 & 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent



Deacon Dave blessing OLV Preschool Advent Wreaths.

Office Phone

Church Website:

Church E-mail:

School

Preschool

School/Preschool Website

Diocesan Website

OLV Prayer Network

814-237-7832

[www.ourladyofvictory.com](http://www.ourladyofvictory.com)

[office@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:office@ourladyofvictory.com)

814-238-1592

814-238-6616

[www.olvcatholicschool.org](http://www.olvcatholicschool.org)

[www.ajdiocese.org](http://www.ajdiocese.org)

[prayer@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:prayer@ourladyofvictory.com)

**Flocknote:** Are you signed up for **Flocknote**? If not, you may be missing out on important announcements from Our Lady of Victory. This is the quickest and most effective way to get up-to-date OLV news to you. If you are not getting flocknote emails, we may not have your email address on record at the Church. To sign up, go to <https://ourladyofvictory10.flocknote.com/OLVParishioner>.

**Parish Staff - (814) 237-7832**

Pastor, Fr. George Jakopac gjakopac@dioceseaj.org  
Deacon David Lapinski dclfl@ourladyofvictory.com  
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Secretary, Diane Lapinski  
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Director of Development, Chris Kirkpatrick  
Director of OCIA, Mary Ann Spychalski  
Director of Music, Joe Malafarina  
Principal, Samantha Weakland - (814) 238-1592  
Pre-School Administrator, Jennifer Rogan - (814) 238-6616

**Secretaries' Office Hours:** Mon.-Fri., 8:30-4pm  
(Please try to correspond by phone, email or regular mail)

**Bulletin Notice**

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on Diane's desk no later than Monday, 4:00pm.

**Baptism**

Sundays, 1:00pm, with arrangements having been made previously by contacting Diane.

**Marriage**

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice. Contact Betty, the Secretary.

**Sacrament of Penance:** OLV Penance Service on Monday, Dec. 18 at 6:00pm is the last chance for Confessions before Christmas. Thursdays at 5:30pm - 6:00pm, Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm and 6:00-6:30pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays following 8:00am Mass, with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays, following the 9:00am Mass with Reposition at 8:00pm. Ends at 4:00pm on Dec. 19 & 21.



**Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

**Are You an Adult Catholic Seeking Confirmation?**

If you are interested, please email the Office of Christian Initiation of Adults:  
[becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com).

Please contact us at the above email to let us know if you are interested.

**Dec. 10:** Envelopes \$30,563.00; Loose \$1,685.00; Online \$3,930.58; School \$376.00; Maintenance \$213.00; Twin Parish \$466.00; Candles \$322.00; Donuts \$28.00; Debt Reduction \$88.00; Gabriel Project \$1,165.00; SVdP \$70.00; Retirement for Religious \$4,154.00, Immaculate Conception \$4,294.00. Total \$48,945.16.

**MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE**

**Mon., December 18**

**8:00am - † Don Infield by The Wimmer Family**

**Tues., December 19**

**8:00am - † Frank Machi by The Family**  
**Adoration ends at 4:00pm**

**Wed., December 20**

**8:00am - † Vince Fudrow by The Family**

**Thurs., December 21**

**8:00am - Communion Service**  
**No 6:30pm Mass and No confessions.**  
**Adoration ends at 4:00pm.**

**Friday, December 22**

**8:00am - † Francis & Vivian LaMar by**  
**The LaMar Family**

**Sat., December 23**

**9:00am - † Margaret Kocher by Jane Hoy**  
**5:00pm - † Flo Kasubick by Marge Hamady**

**Sun., December 24**

**7:30am - † Sylvia & George Huegel by**  
**Shirley Hendrick**  
**9:30am - † Craig Avedesian by**  
**Steve & Roberta Milillo**  
**NO 11:30am Mass**



**Christmas Masses**

**Sun. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm - † Kathleen Powell by Douglas**  
**Powell & Family**

**6:30pm - † Dorothy Torretti by Jack &**  
**Karen Infield**

**9:00pm - † Gustavo A. & May S. Bottega**  
**by Connie Randolph & Family**

**Mon. Dec. 25 - Christmas Day**

**7:30am - † Charles Schneider by Laura**  
**Schneider**

**9:30am - † Beverly English by husband,**  
**Frank**

**Advent Penance Services:**

- **Our Lady of Victory Penance Service, Monday, Dec. 18 at 6:00pm** (last chance for confessions at OLV before Christmas).

- Good Shepherd, Port Matilda, Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00pm
- Queen of Archangels, Clarence, Wed., Dec. 20 at 6:30pm.

**Sunday Mass Schedule - December 23/24**

Saturday, December 23: 5:00pm Vigil  
 Sunday, December 24: 7:30am & 9:30am  
**(NO 11:30AM MASS on Dec. 24)**

**OLV Christmas Masses:**

(All Masses are in the Church only)

**Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24**

4:00pm Mass  
 6:30pm Children's Nativity & Mass  
 9:00pm Mass (in the Church), Carols before Mass at 8:30pm

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25**

7:30am & 9:30am (no 11:30am Mass)

**Solemnity of Mary (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)**

Sunday, Dec. 31- **No Vigil Mass**  
 Monday, January 1 8:00am & 10:00am



**Blood Drive:** Help our Confirmation Track Students give life to others when you sign up to participate in their Blood Drive! It will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9:00am-2:00pm in the OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall.

Register ahead of time for speedy check-in: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

Search for OLVconfirmation and choose a time to donate. Thank you for your consideration and help support our CCD students!

**Hospital Stay** - Call the Church Office at 237-7832 if you are or will be a patient at Mount Nittany Medical Center and wish the Eucharist brought to you. This facility does not notify us, so you or your family must call the church.



**The Annual Children's Living Nativity** will be held at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Sunday, Dec. 24.

**Rehearsal: THURSDAY, Dec. 21 from 6:45pm -7:30pm** at Our Lady of Victory Church. Performers **MUST** attend the rehearsal to participate.

**Final date to sign up: Dec. 20th**

**Living Nativity Cast**

Joseph: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Older  
 Mary: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Older  
 Angels: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Older  
 The Three Kings (Gift Bearers): 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Older

Shepherds: K-5th Grade

Sheep: K-5th Grade

Donkeys: 3rd Grade & Older

Mass Parts (6th Grade and Older): First

Reading \* Second Reading \* Petition Readers

We could use parent helpers who have their clearances. Please contact Ms. Bord if you are interested in your child having a role or can volunteer as a parent helper:  
[directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com)

**\*\*\*Early Bulletin Submissions for December.**

Please send any announcements by the dates listed below.

- Bulletin for December 31, due to the office by Thursday, December 21.

**End-of-the-Year Charitable Giving 2023**

During this season of giving, please remember Our Lady of Victory. Your financial support is essential in helping us as we experience the rising costs in utilities and other areas of our ministries. Ease your tax burden while benefitting Our Lady of Victory

Over 70 ½: Take advantage of the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA: If you are over age 70½, you may transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 from your IRAs to OLV. The gift can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) each year AND does not count as income to you! When the transfer is processed directly to OLV, you do not pay taxes on the distribution. Contact your IRA Trustee or Financial Advisor for paperwork to process this distribution directly to OLV.

Please contact Chris Kirkpatrick at [chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com) or 814-237-7832 with any questions.



**OLV Catholic School**

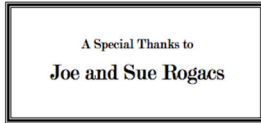
**Give Your Child A  
Complete Education**

**(Pre-K through Middle School) offers:**

Academic Excellence   Self-Discipline   Passion for Charity  
Catholic Values   Leadership

**New Student Enrollment is Now Open. Call 814-238-1592 to  
schedule a tour. Apply online at [www.olvcatholicsschool.org](http://www.olvcatholicsschool.org).**





**OLV Preschool:** Please visit our website <https://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/domain/173> for program and registration information.

**Part Time Middle School Math Teacher:** Beginning January 2; two periods each day. (long term substitute until the end of the year) Elementary or Math certification desired. Join the OLVCS faculty & Staff in a friendly, warm and supportive environment. All interested candidates contact Samantha Weakland [weaklands@olvcs.org](mailto:weaklands@olvcs.org) or 814.238.1592.

**Sign Up NOW for Junior WolfPack Clinic:** All boys in grades 1 - 6 are invited to join in the Saint Joseph's Junior WolfPack Basketball Clinic. Takes place **All Saturdays in January** (Jan 6, 13, 20, and 27), **9am to 10:00am** in the SJCA gymnasium. **Only \$35 if signed up by December 31.** More info and registration at <https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/boys-basketball-clinic/>



**It's easy to earn cash for OLVCS by shopping at Weis.** Next time you are getting groceries at Weis, just have the cashier scan your Weis card AND this code: That's it! Now a percentage of your purchase price will go to OLVCS! Please tell others--friends, neighbors, and relatives--to do the same...and THANK YOU!



**Collecting Box Tops** has always been a great way to earn money for our school and now it is even easier! Just download the BoxTops for Education APP on your phone and select Our Lady of Victory School. Once the app is up and running, you can scan your receipts easily or send copies of digital receipts. We could really use your support so download the App today and start scanning. Visit <https://boxtops4education.com> for more information.



**Saint Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Come to Saint Joe's - To schedule a tour, Meet and Greet with students and faculty, find out more about the affordability of tuition, and to see Saint Joe's "in action," please email Principal Anna Rupprecht at [arupprecht@sjcacademy.org](mailto:arupprecht@sjcacademy.org).



**Third Sunday of Advent:** Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. 'Gaudete' is a Latin word meaning 'rejoice'. The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing. The more we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more we will be filled with joy.

We can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light. ... He was not the light, but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too, to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior, by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care. Our actions and our priorities themselves give testimony to all that God has done in our lives. What a privilege!

When God himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any 'clutter' in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

**Please Note: There is NO 11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 24.**

## Religious Education News (CCD)

**Protecting God's Children Lessons:** A program for children presented by Lesson Leaders, each lesson includes an age-appropriate video component along with engaging learning activities. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them. These lessons will be taught to our CCD students, **THIS WEEK** on **Dec. 10th**. Please check your email for more information on these lessons.

**Fifth and Sixth Grade** will host Mass on Dec. 17 at 11:30am.

**11th Grade Confirmation:** There are **NO** classes scheduled in December. Next class is January 7 at 1:15pm.

**CCD Christmas Break:** There will be no CCD on December 24 and 31 due to the Christmas break



**Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)** meets weekly on Tuesdays in the Activities Center Library from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Contact Cecilia at [middleschoolyg@gmail.com](mailto:middleschoolyg@gmail.com) with any questions.

**High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)** meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, in the basement (Youth Room) of the Activities Center. Young people are encouraged to attend the 6:30 PM Mass beforehand if they can. Join us for fun and fellowship! Contact Nick at [highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com) with any questions.



**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:** Enjoy your Christmas shopping with us and you'll **SAVE \$\$\$!!** So many good buys, here's the list:

- **Christmas sweater extravaganza** (mostly nice, but maybe a few ugly ones)
- **Christmas holiday items, décor, cards and more!**
- **"That Special Gift"** table with fabulous items in all price levels.
- **Beanie Babies now HALF PRICE**—such good gifts for children of all ages.
- **Hand-crocheted, hand-knitted and fleece** shawls, afghans, hats, dish cloths, potholders and children's sweaters.
- **Winter coats**, hats, scarves, and gloves in excellent condition.

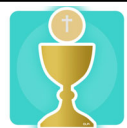
Available now is an incredible collection of **Pampered Chef** pieces—**NEW** in original packages

- **Penn State Vintage Football Game Day Buttons**, dating from 1987 to 2009; wonderful memories for a tiny price.

All these gifts are sure to make someone's Christmas **Very Merry**. Our store is located at 1300 Benner Pike, open Monday-Saturday, 10:00AM-4:00PM—however we will close for Christmas from December 23 through January 1.

**The November 2023 Report of Assistance for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** "We are here on this earth to accomplish the will of Providence." These are words from Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In November, the Our Lady of Victory Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul received 121 requests and directly assisted 187 individuals, including 130 adults and 57 children. We helped 22 households secure or maintain housing and provided utility assistance for 18 other households. We provided transportation assistance for 18 others and helped with the personal/physical needs of 47 others. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists Centre County residents with basic needs on a case-by-case basis. Your support allows us to accomplish the work that God has given us to do. New Volunteers and Vincentians are always welcome. Call (814) 867-3131 for more information.

**The Marian Gift Shop** is open on Sundays, 10:00am to 11:30am. To schedule an appointment for another time, please call Lesa at 814-237-7832 and leave a message.



**Mark Your Calendars for the next Eucharistic Holy Hour:** Friday, January 5, 6:00pm to 7:00pm in OLV Church. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00pm with private adoration and some musical meditation, followed by Evening prayer and Benediction.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -** Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on **Tuesdays**, 8:30am (and ends with Reposition at

4pm), and **Thursdays**, 10:00am and ends with Reposition at 8:00pm. Adoration will end at **Noon** on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Please consider spending time with Him, If you cannot commit to every week at a specified time, please consider volunteering to be a substitute for Adorers who cannot attend during their scheduled time. Please call or email the church office at [office@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:office@ourladyofvictory.com) to be added to our adoration schedule as a committed or substitute adorer.



**Children's Holy Hour, Tuesdays 10:30am to 11:30am during Adoration.** This gives the children of the parish the opportunity to come to adore our Lord. If you are looking for a

very quiet hour of Adoration, it would be best to look to come another time.

**Sponsor of the Week:** Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **Alpha Bravo Remodeling**, this bulletin could not be possible. Be sure to remember them when you need their services.

If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact Mike McAleer at (412) 855-8013 or via e-mail to [mmcaleer@4lpi.com](mailto:mmcaleer@4lpi.com).

**Is God Calling You to be a Permanent Deacon?**

For more information on the Permanent Diaconate, please visit the website [www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/](http://www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/) or contact: Deacon David Lapinski at [dcfl@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:dcfl@ourladyofvictory.com) or Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036.

**Formed.org:** Watch Adore Week Three of Advent with Fr. John Burns joining him as he journeys deeper into the them for week three, NEARNESS.

To sign up for Formed, go to [Formed.org/](http://Formed.org/) signup: enter our zip code (16801) and select Our Lady of Victory. Formed also has an app and is also available on Apple TV and Roku.

**New Lector Workbooks** are available in the Sacristy. Please sign your name when you take one.

**Catholic CDs:** Have you checked out the CD rack in the back of the Church?



**Gabriel Project:** The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. It is the goal of the Gabriel Project to help such women with all their practical needs, as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy. There is a need of newborn clothes (up to 6 months) and newborn items such as onesies, sleepers, baby wipes, shampoo, etc. Due to liability, we cannot accept used toys, strollers, cribs, or baby formula. Thank you very much for your support for these families. For more information about the Gabriel Project, please call 814-867-5511. For monetary donations, please place them in the Sunday collection, or mail them to Betty Gummo, c/o Our Lady of Victory Church, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. A check made out to "OLV/The Gabriel Project (a 501c3 non-profit)" can be used as a tax deduction.



**Share in the gift of WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM this Christmas!**

Enjoy special Christmas programming beginning on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm and continuing throughout the octave season. God bless you for prayerfully considering a year-end contribution to support our spiritual work of mercy. Our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers at Christmas.

**The Rosary** is prayed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 8:25am, Thursday & Friday at 7:25am and Saturday, at 8:25am.



**Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City March 2-7, 2024.** Please join

Xhonane Olivas and her family in a pilgrimage to Mexico City, which is designed to give you an experience that will offer opportunities for meditation, prayer, sacrifice, and spiritual growth. We start with preparation so that when you get there, you can see Our Lady's image through Saint Juan Diego's eyes! We pray that this pilgrimage will be a **life-changing experience** for you! For information on costs and other details, please visit <https://arealpilgrimageolg.blogspot.com/p/pilgrimage-to-basilica-of-our-lady-of.html>

**Oplatki** is available in the Gathering Space.



**Father O'Hanlon Council #4678**  
State College Knights of Columbus

**"Knights Notes" :**

Please check [www.kc4678.com](http://www.kc4678.com) for Calendar of Events.

Council Meetings - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, **7:00pm.**

OLV Activities Center - Fr. O'Hanlon Room (basement)  
at 820 Westerly Parkway

Blood Donations: Check: [redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801)

Knights Dad Joke:

What did Adam say when he was asked his favorite holiday? "It's Christmas, Eve."

**Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a Knight or send an email to [info@kc4678.com](mailto:info@kc4678.com). COME AND SEE!**

On the Web:

K of C webpage: [www.kc4678.com](http://www.kc4678.com)

K of C Facebook: [www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678](https://www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678)



**Women of Grace® Study Program**

– Update: We have started our Monday afternoon from noon to 2:00pm in the

OLV Activities Center and we have added an evening class that started Wednesday, Nov. 29, that will end on February 7, right before Ash Wednesday and Johnnette is here to speak to the Parish. If you are still interested in the evening W.O.G. class, please contact Karen Kearney as soon as possible at [kearneyt1@comcast.net](mailto:kearneyt1@comcast.net) or call 814-883-4588, so she can get the materials that you will need. We will transform the world one woman at a time. Join us and see who God created you "For Such A Time as This". God needs YOU!

**Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto, 2023 Christmas Concert.**

All are invited to "A New and Glorious Morn!", a night of Christmas music performed by the Basilica Choir and the St. Michael Children's Choir on Wednesday, December 27, at 6:00pm, at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto, PA.



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WELCOMES



*Johnnette Williams*

SPEAKER, AUTHOR &  
EWTN Host

Friday, Feb. 16, 2024

Parish-Wide Talk

7:00 - 8:00 pm

in the church

Following Stations of  
the Cross at 6:30 pm

Free of charge

Saturday, Feb. 17th, 2024

Catholic Women's Conference

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass followed by Conference

Registration: \$30

Includes a light breakfast  
& lunch

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

PLEASE CONTACT

MELANIE SMITH FOR DETAILS:

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[HTTPS://FLBAGWVH.PAPERFORM.CO](https://flbagwvh.paperform.co)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

WALK-INS WELCOME!



**All Saints Parish in Boswell** (Somerset County)

will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy or Pastoralki) on Sunday, January 7th, at 2:00 PM at the church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The hymns will be sung by their Polish choir. Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience the time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.



**Christmas Memorial Poinsettias 2023** - Donations for poinsettias in memory of loved ones can be made during this Advent season by filling out the form below and dropping it off in the mail slot or the collection basket. Memorials will be published in the bulletin after the holidays.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_