



A MINISTRY OF  
OUR LADY OF VICTORY  
MISSIONARY SISTERS

# Along the Way

FOSTERING SPIRITUAL GROWTH, PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION  
IN AN ECUMENICAL AND MULTICULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

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## We're continuing to grow

It's been less than a year and a half since I came to Huntington to work at Victory Noll Center. What a time of transition for me and for the Center. This is already our sixth issue of the newsletter! We've had more than 1,500 people come through our

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

door for retreats, workshops, programs, open houses, board meetings, spiritual direction, to walk the labyrinth or just have some quiet time away for a few hours.

The Villa has now had several groups use it for retreats. There is a Women's Auxiliary in place with prayerful, generous women who help in whatever way we need. We get requests on a regular basis for overnight private retreats. This "list" is not in any particular order, obviously, but it reminds me that people are yearning for a place to slow down, become quieter and more available to God.

With the holidays coming around the corner, have you thought about what you might need to maintain your own balance? Inside you'll notice a couple options that will help you keep Christ in Christmas. Perhaps when the business of the holidays passes, you'll want to join us for the Bag Lunch/Book Study or give yourself six months of going deeper in your prayer practice in our "Ways of Prayer" series.

We're really pleased to have Sr. Ginger Downey of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters and Dr. Barry Sargent with us for a three-night mini-retreat that could prove a wonderful experience for entering the Lenten season in February. By our Baptism we are indeed "Called to Holiness"!

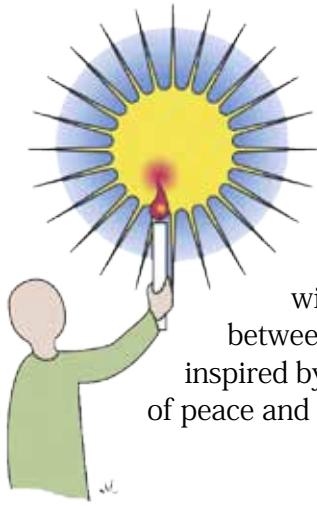
Thank you for the support you give our Victory Noll Center. Let's continue to lift each other and the world to God in prayer.



Peace and blessings,

*Sue Wilhelm*

Sue Wilhelm  
Victory Noll Center Director



## Taize Prayer Services

**"Christ, Our Light in Darkness"**

**Special Advent service on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.**

The service, used by the community in Taize, France, is based on an ancient style found in the church, with songs, Psalms, a Gospel text, silence and prayers of intercession. In Taize, people young and old gather to pray with the brothers for reconciliation and peace between divided Christians and between separated peoples. From its beginning, the Taize community has been inspired by two aims: to live in communion with God through prayer and to be a haven of peace and trust in the midst of the human family.

**Regular services beginning January 12**

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month at 7 p.m. • Services last approximately 1 hour  
All welcome. No registration required • Cost: The gift of yourself to God in prayer**

## 'Keeping Our Lamps Burning Brightly'

**Presented by Sarah Lane and Sue Wilhelm**

**Saturday, December 5 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Advent is a time for preparation and anticipation. We will use the Gospel of Matthew (25: 1-13) to explore the contemplative themes of waiting and listening, darkness and light, openness and surrendering. Making a simple oil lamp will be part of this day's experience.

Participants are asked to bring a Bible and journal.

### **Presenter: Sarah Lane**

Sarah Lane received an advanced certification in Spiritual Formation and functions as a group facilitator and spiritual director both at Victory Noll and her parish, St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne, Ind.

### **Presenter: Sue Wilhelm**

Sue Wilhelm, D. Min., director at Victory Noll Center, brings years of experience in spiritual direction and retreat facilitation.



**Cost: \$25.00 includes lunch and materials • Registration required by Nov. 30th**

# WINTER PROGRAMS

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE AT  
[www.olvm.org/vncenter.html](http://www.olvm.org/vncenter.html)



## 'The Shack'

### BAG LUNCH/BOOK DISCUSSION

**Wednesdays in January • Noon to 1 p.m.**  
**January 6, 13, 20, 27**

Come with your lunch, we'll provide beverages and open discussion on "The Shack," a novel by William P. Young.

You may have already read "The Shack" or heard about it and have needed an excuse to actually read it. Here's your opportunity! You may not agree with everything in it, but it is guaranteed to make you think and perhaps rethink how you think about God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, forgiveness and eternity.

If you have particular questions you'd like to explore around the book, email them to [suewilhelm@olvm.org](mailto:suewilhelm@olvm.org) and we'll be sure to bring them up as part of the discussion starters!



**Free will offering for beverages • No registration required • All welcome**

**COMING WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH: LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION • MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

## Ways of Praying

### A SIX-MONTH PROGRAM OF STUDY AND REFLECTION TO DEEPEN OUR PRAYER LIFE

**Second Saturday of each month from January through June • 9 a.m. to noon**  
**Dates are January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8 & June 12**



Join us once a month for three hours as we explore 6 ways to pray beginning with Praying the Scriptures and continue with Great Christians who witness the many paths to union with God. Each participant is encouraged to practice the particular way of prayer during the month with the intention of deepening their own relationship with God.

#### SCHEDULE

January 9 ..... Praying Scripture  
February 13 ..... Hildegard: The Prayer of Art  
March 13 ..... The Cloud of Unknowing: Beyond Words  
April 10 ..... Dominic: Prayer Postures  
May 8 ..... Ignatius Loyola: Discerning Prayer  
June 12 ..... Dorothy Day: Prayer as Reflective Writing  
and Service

**Cost: \$25 per session OR \$125 for the series**  
**OR \$100 each if you bring a friend or family member**  
**Registration required by January 4th**

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## Call to Holiness

### A THREE-SESSION RETREAT PREPARING FOR LENT

February 9-11 • 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. each night

Please join Sr. Ginger Downey, OLVM and Dr. Barry H. Sargent, Ph.D. of Faith on Fire ministry formation team of Phoenix, Ariz., as they present this special retreat. Just as baptism calls us into a life of holiness in Christ, the journey to personal holiness can only mature and grow in and through a shared life of community. During these three evenings we will explore how the call to holiness is revealed in our understanding of prayer and liturgy, in the discernment of gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit and in service offered for the building of community and bringing reconciliation and healing to the world.

# Faith On Fire



#### **Presenter: Sister Ginger Downey, OLVM**

Sr. Ginger Downey is a member of the congregation of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. She has a Masters of Theology in Liturgical Studies from St. John's University, in Collegeville, Minn. She has ministered in parishes doing Religious Education and Liturgy as well as serving as vocation director for her religious community. She ministered as the Director of the Office of Worship for the Phoenix Diocese. Her current ministry is with Faith on Fire. Sr. Ginger has conducted workshops on liturgy, religious education and discernment and is an experienced retreat director and spiritual companion for those continuing on their journey of faith.



#### **Presenter: Dr. Barry Sargent**

Dr. Barry Sargent holds a PhD in Historical Theology from Marquette University and has over 20 years experience in Catholic Education: high school, college and adult formation. Along with being a sought after facilitator for parish staff development and Ecumenical and Interreligious issues, he currently serves on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's Committee on Certification and Accreditation. Dr. Sargent is married with four teenage children and his currently ministry is with Faith on Fire.

For more information on Faith on Fire,  
log on to [www.faithonfirenow.org](http://www.faithonfirenow.org).

**Cost: \$45 per person for all three nights**  
**OR \$30 each if you bring a friend or family member**  
**Registration required by February 3rd**



# WINTER REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would like to receive future information from Victory Noll Center

Place an "x" in the box in front of the program you would like to attend and indicate how many from your family will be coming.

Dates	Program	Cost	Number Attending	Total Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 5	<b>Keeping Our Lamps Burning Brightly</b>	\$25	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Sat.	<b>Ways of Praying</b>	\$25 per session	_____	_____
	Jan. through June	\$125 for series	_____	_____
		\$100 if register with someone else	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 9-11	<b>Call to Holiness</b>	\$45	_____	_____
		\$30 each if two people sign up	_____	_____

**PLEASE CONTINUE ON THE OTHER SIDE**



# WINTER REGISTRATION FORM

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Victory Noll Center  
P.O. Box 109  
1900 W. Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750

If you have any questions about any of the programs  
or about Victory Noll Center, contact:

Sue Wilhelm, Director  
(260) 356-0628, ext. 128  
suewilhelm@olvm.org

You can also register online at:  
**[www.olvm.org/vncenter.html](http://www.olvm.org/vncenter.html)**

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION  
FROM VICTORY NOLL CENTER? SIGN THEM UP HERE:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## WHAT WE OFFER

Victory Noll Center offers two meeting rooms that can accommodate groups for meetings, retreats or workshops for a part of a day or for a full day, including food services.

The Center is a gathering place for individuals or groups. Events are designed to foster personal and spiritual growth. Some of the activities and opportunities offered at the Center include:

- retreats
- prayer and reflection
- a labyrinth to walk and pray
- study groups
- spiritual direction
- educational workshops
- enrichment workshops
- meeting place for support groups

## 2009 FEE SCHEDULE

### PRIVATE RETREATS

\$55 per day, includes accommodations and meals

### DIRECTED RETREATS

\$75 per day, includes accommodations, meals and daily time with a spiritual director

### A DAY AWAY

\$25 for a private room; \$32 with lunch

### ONE-DAY CHURCH LEADERSHIP/ GROUP RETREATS FACILITATED BY VNC STAFF

\$50 to \$75 per contact hour plus meals  
Room rental included

### OVERNIGHT SMALL GROUP RETREATS

Includes accommodations for up to 12 people, meals, snacks, and meeting space

One day and one night: \$65 per person  
Weekend: \$125 per person, includes 5 meals

### ROOM RENTAL

O'Donnell Room: \$65 half-day; \$125 full day  
Guadalupe Room: \$45 half-day; \$85 full day  
Hourly: \$25 per hour

## THE VILLA

The Villa is perfect for small group retreats. It sleeps 11-12, has a meeting space, a small prayer room and kitchen area. Nestled in the beauty of trees and nature, the verandas invite people to sit and reflect, slow down and experience the presence of God.

## PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

No one is ever turned away from a program because of inability to pay. Payment plans or other arrangements may be made by contacting Sue at (260) 356-0628, ext. 128.

## ADDITIONAL PLACES FOR REFLECTION AT VICTORY NOLL

### OLV Chapel

We invite you to visit Our Lady of Victory Chapel, a special place of prayer located in the OLV building.

### Outdoor Labyrinth

The Labyrinth at Victory Noll is open to the public during daylight hours. It is our hope that this walking meditation will bring you in touch with your own spiritual journey and help you find peace and integration in your life. If your group would like to plan a Labyrinth Retreat/Experience contact Sue Wilhelm at the Center.

### Reflection Room

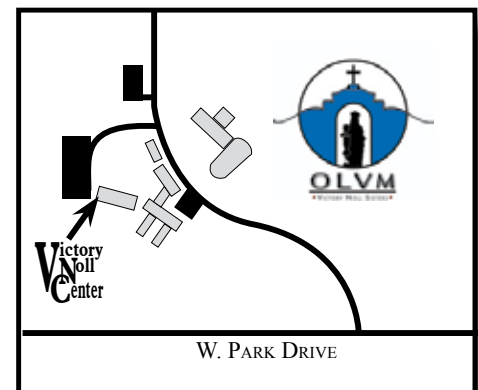
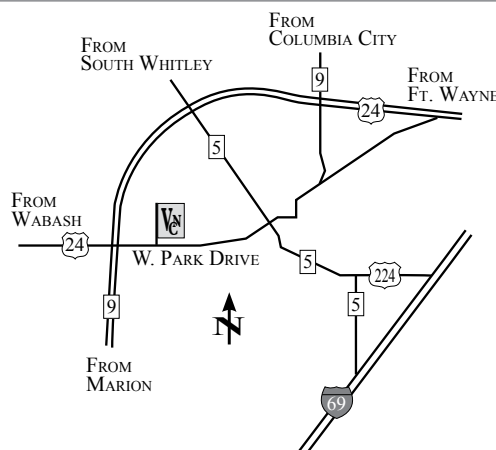
Our reflection room is a quiet space with comfortable chairs and a window that looks out onto the Labyrinth. This room is available for anyone who wishes to spend a little time pondering, praying, in meditation or in reflection.

### OLV Library

There is a lovely library on the Victory Noll campus that you might wish to explore. Sr. Sharon Rose would be happy to assist you so that you can borrow books. You can contact her at (260) 356-0628 ext. 127 or library@olvm.org.

### Getting to Victory Noll Center

The Victory Noll campus is located on the west side of the city of Huntington on the north side of West Park Drive. Once on campus, follow the main drive up the hill and past the statue of Our Lady. From there, follow the signs to the Victory Noll Center parking lot.





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## **Mark Your Calendars!**

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO UPCOMING SPRING PROGRAMS AT VICTORY NOLL CENTER**

Thursday, March 4th      Poverty Simulation

Saturday, April 24th      All-day retreat with Edwina Gateley!



Edwina Gateley is dedicated to following the call of God in her life. To date, this has led her to ministering in Africa, sojourning into the Sahara Desert and the wilderness to pray, founding the Volunteer Missionary Movement, befriending and ministering to the prostitutes and street people of Chicago, "God's little ones," and preaching the Good News: God is With Us.

Edwina is a poet, theologian, artist, writer, lay minister and modern-day mystic and prophet and has received many awards for her writing and service.

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