



Happy St. Patrick's Day & Happy Spring March 2018

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Renovation in the Church

There are many changes happening in the OLV Church currently. Renovation began at the first of the year and Saturday and Sunday Masses are being held in the gym. After asbestos removal, the renovation includes new flooring and carpet, new efficient lights, upgraded electrical, fresh paint, new pews and kneelers! So far, everything is on time to celebrate Easter in the newly renovated Church. You can see updates in real time on the Parish [Facebook](#) page or from this link on the Parish website.

While the Church is under renovation, daily Mass and Baptisms are being held in the Gathering Space. Funerals are being held at other local parishes and no weddings were scheduled. All-school Masses, which are held twice a month, are in the gym.



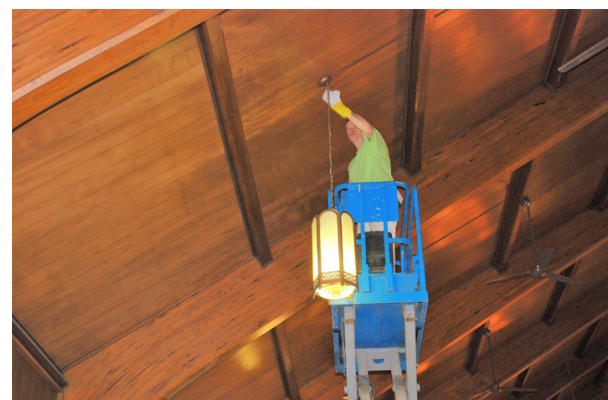
View from choir loft after pews and flooring were removed. The Stations of the Cross, all statues, and Baptismal font were removed

for protection, but will be returned.



Cranes and other heavy equipment have replaced pews, parishioners and OLV students as the dominant site during the

OLW church repair project.



Workers washed the vaulted ceiling prior to removing the old light fixtures and painting the area around the altar.



New paint colors around the altar.

Recent Student Activities

Catholic Schools Week was the first week of February and a chance for OLV to celebrate itself. One of the celebrations was Spirit Day with an afternoon Pep Rally. Each grade and the teachers competed in silly relay races amidst a very loud, cheering student body.



Catholic Schools Week 2018 concluded with a new favorite tradition - Buddy Bingo. Mrs. Tiltz calls the numbers and then the buddy pairs play the bingo cards together. The buddies both win and they run to the office to grab their snack pack prize.



Trinity Irish Dancers perform at OLV

Just before St. Patrick's Day, a large troupe of Trinity Irish Dancers performed for all our students. Kate Kohut, class of 2014, who has danced for many years with Trinity, was the backstage manager. Megan Kohut, class of 2017, was one of the star performers. There were also four current OLV students who were able to perform in front of their classmates and friends. Watch the [video](#).



Alumni Update

This edition, we are featuring some of our alumni teachers and the alumni children of some teachers.

Tina Schmidt Brocato, class of 1986, is a 3rd grade teacher at OLV and has been at OLV for 13 years. She is married to Christopher who is a Navy vet. They have a 13-year old and also a 7-year old who is in first grade at OLV. Her hobbies are crafting and baking.

Tina remembers the Christmas show when every grade participated. She said that science is in the same middle school room now as then. The uniforms are the same color, but with different styles.

Tina's sister, **Monica Schmidt, class of 1987**, lives in WI with her husband and three children.

Her brother, **Karl Schmidt, class of 1993**, lives nearby in Palatine with his wife.

Libby Bowes Lewis, class of 1990, is in her 1st year as a Kindergarten teacher at OLV after being a kindergarten and preschool aide here. She has students in 8th, 6th and 3rd at OLV. She remembers that our Wildcat Prowl used to be called the Track-a-Thon and students would ask people to sponsor them as they walked around the track in the parking lot. Libby also remembers having Buddies just like we do today. "I still remember my older and younger buddies and the fun activities we did with them."

Greg Tiltz, class of 1996, is married to Kelly and they live in Arlington Heights with their three young children. He is a safety engineer.

Laura Tiltz Vivirito, class of 1999, lives in Vail, CO with her husband. She is a Director for HeadStart and they are expecting their first child this summer.

Their Mom, *Mrs. Chris Tiltz* is our still our amazing school secretary and has been for many many years. She keeps things around here moving smoothly.

Jennifer Myers Hernandez, class of 1999, is married to Chris and they live in Palatine. She is a resource teacher at Queen of All Saints School in Chicago.

Lauren Myers Shumate, class of 2002, was recently married to Ken and they live in Cincinnati. She teaches at St. Rita School for the Deaf.

Mrs. Jan Myers teaches Kindergarten at OLV and has taught preschool and 2nd grade here as well.

Caitlin Bremner, class of 2010, graduated from the University of Illinois. She is currently clerking in a law firm.

Stephanie Bremner, class of 2013, is a freshman at the University of Illinois in the College of Media.

Emily Bremner, class of 2014, is a senior at St. Viator. She participated in all of the plays and musicals.

Emily is planning on attending film school in Chicago or New York.

Andrew Bremner, class of 2016, is a sophomore at St. Viator. He plays water polo, is in the band, and participates in the plays and musicals.

Mrs. Chris Bremner is currently the technology coordinator, science fair moderator, and Robotics Club moderator. She started teaching at OLV in 2009 as a middle school science teacher after Mr. Rhinehart retired.

Patrick Doherty, class of 2013, is a freshman at the University of Dayton after graduating last year from Saint Viator.

Maggie Doherty, class of 2015, is a junior at Saint Viator High School.

Mrs. Laura Doherty started as a preschool teacher at OLV two years ago.

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