



# Along the Way

*The Gift you have received, give as a gift.*

Matthew 10:8

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## *From the Director:*

Dear Friends,

**V**ictory Noll Center was established in the early 2000s out of a community decision by Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. The goal of the Center was to continue the legacy of the community into the future. We are at a juncture at this time where, with the support of the Sisters, we are becoming a separate non-profit entity.

You may have noticed some subtle changes in the last newsletter or two. We have redesigned our logo. We have a Mission and Vision statement that better articulates what we are about. And our programs reflect these directions. We are about formation of people in God's Mission, through God's Mission to bring about the reign of God. This Mission affects not only how we worship, but how we recognize Christ working in and among all people in every corner of the world-- and we have a part in that work. It extends even further; we are part of God's whole creative plan in the universe, connected with all creation for the glory of God. There is no part of our life that is disconnected from this.

So, you are invited to consider how is God alluring you? How are you invited to participate more consciously in your formation so that your life in Christ can deepen? We have many opportunities for you to consider in this newsletter-- whether it's joining others in contemplative prayer, or participating in ongoing program of study, reflection and prayer, or consenting to a short retreat to be renewed. Please consider one way you will answer the call to deepen.

Before closing, I want to also welcome Jenna Strick to our staff. We are excited to have her join us, and invite you to stop by and meet her. Below you'll find a little write about who she is.

Let's join each other in the heart of Christ, holding one another in prayer and speaking the word of encouragement from the Holy Spirit who sets fire to our souls for Mission!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Center!

from  
**Sue Wilhelm**

- **Extending hospitality**
- **Promoting personal formation**
- **Providing educational opportunities**
- **Creating collaborative partnerships**



The staff at Victory Noll Center includes, from left: Business Manager Paula Goff, Social Justice Outreach & Development Coordinator Jenna Strick, Director Sue Wilhelm, and Administrative Assistant Sister Rose Zita Rosonke, OLVM

### **Meet our newest addition: Jenna Strick**

Jenna Strick began working with the Victory Noll Center on May 16 (her birthday!). Though new on staff, Jenna is not new to the Center, as she has engaged in several programs, education days and retreats over the years. For Jenna, social justice and personal formation have always gone hand in hand and have been a deep part of her growth and development. The Social Justice Outreach & Development Coordinator position at the Victory Noll Center will allow her to journey even deeper into these two important and integrated realms.

Jenna is married to Richard Strick, who serves as lead pastor at St. Peter's First Community Church in Huntington. Though not native to Huntington, Jenna and Richard have intentionally chosen to call Huntington home and are thrilled to have the opportunity to invest in deep and meaningful ways.

#### **OUR VISION**

*Victory Noll Center is a place where people are formed in and for God's Mission.*

#### **OUR MISSION**

*To extend the charism and legacy of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters by inviting all people to discover and develop their capacity for God's Mission.*

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- our spiritual formation programs
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**Business Manager**

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- overnight retreats
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**SISTER ROSE ZITA ROSONKE, OLVN**  
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- spiritual direction
- partnering with us in prayer for the Center

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## Partner with us through a gift to the Victory Noll Center Endowment

We are so thrilled to be stepping out as our own non-profit starting July 1! This exciting venture will allow for us to continue to grow in being *"a place where people are formed in and for God's Mission."*

Thanks to a Lilly Matching Grant in 2015, the Victory Noll Center Endowment was established to support and sustain the work of the Center for years to come.

Would you consider partnering with us to further our mission by making a regular gift to the Victory Noll Center Endowment?

All gifts are tax-deductible and can be sent to:

Huntington County Community Foundation  
 PO Box 5037  
 Huntington, IN 46750  
 Memo line: VNC Endowment

**Thank you for your support & partnership!**



## Retreat Offerings 2016-2017

The invitation from Jesus still stands: “Come apart and rest awhile.” Do we recognize when we need to step out of our busy, full lives and into a space that allows God to encounter us? You are invited to give yourself the gift of a retreat that’s just long enough, but may have you desiring more. These retreats offer a timeless way to be renewed in a timely fashion. The Friday-Saturday schedule includes Taize and/or contemplative prayer experiences, input around particular topics, space for quiet reflection and conversation.

**Retreats are from 7 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday unless otherwise noted**

**Cost \$75 includes accommodations and retreat. \$50 for commuters**

**Continental Breakfast and Saturday noon meal included for all**

**Please register by one week before each retreat**

### Labyrinth Retreat

August 12-13

Walking, or pilgrimage, can help ground us and open us to experience God. Using the Emmaus story as our guide, we will explore how the labyrinth as a walking meditation can assist us in deepening in prayer, awareness of God’s presence and awareness of ourselves.

### The Three Windows: Praying with Julian of Norwich

October 7-8

Julian was anchoress at the little church in Norwich. Her writings: Revelations of Divine Love flow from her visions and contemplation of the graces of those experiences. Using the metaphor of the three windows and her writings, we will spend time reflecting on God’s Revelations of Love to us and our response.

### Advent Retreat: Mary’s Yes and Our Yes, Too!

December 2-3

Sr. Ginger Downey will lead us in this retreat. Mary’s had her many Yes’s to God throughout her life that parallel with our own. These will be our starting place for prayer and reflection.

### Lenten Retreat: Save the date! March 3-4, 2017



## Bridges to Contemplative Living

### Book 3: Living your Deepest Desires

Fridays in September to December 2016 • 2 to 4 p.m.

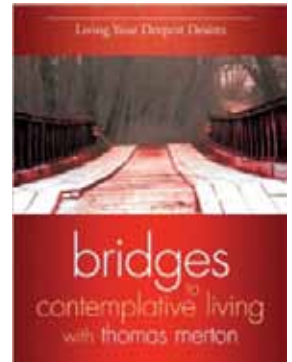
Facilitated by Sue Wilhelm

Do you find yourself seeking to live more contemplatively? Do you probe life's great questions: "Who am I? Who is God? What am I to do with my life?" Or perhaps you have found yourself drawn to the thought and writings of Thomas Merton, the Cistercian monk of Gethsemani in Kentucky, who has written many books and articles on the spiritual life. As the introduction indicates: "The Bridges to Contemplative Living" with Thomas Merton series is especially designed for small group dialogue. The selected themes of each session are intended to progressively inform and deepen the relationships that form our everyday lives. Each session begins with scripture and ends in prayer. In between there is time and space for spiritual reading, reflection, and contemplative dialogue.

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

##### Booklet Three: Living Your Deepest Desires

Sept. 9	Session 1: Finding Our Identity in God
Sept. 23	Session 2: Contemplative Living as Continuous Inner Renewal
Oct. 7	Session 3: Contemplative Prayer and Prayer of the Heart
Oct. 21	Session 4: Contemplative Living and Community
Nov. 4	Session 5: Inner Work and the Struggle to Live Contemplatively
Nov. 18	Session 6: The Spiritual Discipline of Solitude
Dec. 2	Session 7: Living with Purity of Heart
Dec. 16	Session 8: Finding Our Heart's Deepest Desires



**Cost: \$75 due prior to the first session**

**Participants responsible for purchasing their own booklets through Amazon or Ave Maria Press**

**Morning Prayer  
with contemplative time**

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
7:30 a.m.  
beginning September 6  
OLV Chapel

**Taize Evening Prayer**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
7 p.m.  
beginning September 7  
OLV Chapel



## Invitation to Stillness

**Saturday, February 4  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Cost: \$30 includes healthy snacks**

**Please register by January 28**

We can feel extremely fragmented and pulled in a hundred directions. Or our feelings of restlessness and distraction may come from the feeling that Spring will never arrive. Join us in gathering the fragments and bring them to Center: "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 10:46.

**Facilitators: Cheri Krueckeberg, Jan Parker & Sue Wilhelm**

Cheri, a yoga practitioner and teacher, is Associate Professor of Social Work at Manchester University. Jan is an accredited T'ai Chi Chih teacher and also teaches wellness practices. Sue Wilhelm, joins this team offering her expertise in spirituality and the Labyrinth.



## T'ai Chi Chih®: Joy Thru Movement

**Tuesdays, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. • September 6 through October 25**

Many of us yearn for balance in our hectic, stressful lives. Come and experience the relaxing movements of T'ai Chi Chih. Developed by Justin Stone (1916-2012) in 1974, T'ai Chi Chih is a series of 19 slow, gentle movements and one pose dedicated to activate, circulate and balance the vital, universal energy that flows within each of us. T'ai Chi Chih is often thought of as a moving meditation because of the calming effect on the mind and emotions, and the release of tension throughout the body. It is not a martial art. There is no awkward bending or stretching. The movements are accessible to people of all ages and physical abilities. It can even be performed while seated. Treat yourself to a relaxing and fun time.

**Facilitator: Jan Parker**

Jan is an accredited T'ai Chi Chih teacher. She also teaches wellness practices for retreat centers, service and healthcare organizations, churches, and schools.

**Cost: \$64 • Please register by September 1**

**Make checks payable to: Jan Parker**

## T'ai Chi Chih®

**1st, 2nd, 3rd Wednesday each month  
September 7 through December 21**

**10 to 11 a.m.**

**Donations appreciated**

**An ongoing gathering and practice session  
for those who have completed  
a T'ai Chi Chih course**

Continue to refine the movements and explore the principles that guide T'ai Chi Chih. Enjoy the company of others on your journey to lead a more balanced life.

## Foundations of Christian Spirituality Entering the Narrow Gate

### A reflective study of the Christian Wisdom Tradition over the centuries

Explore the classic elements of monastic, spiritual & contemplative life to discover how this ancient wisdom, learning and spiritual practice might be understood and lived in new settings & life today. The program offers a reflective personal & transformative process for all who desire deeper life in Spirit and more intentional living of the Christian life in Christ. The rich and inspiring teaching is centered on the saints, mystics and spiritual teachers of the Christian centuries, personal contemplative prayer practice and the writing and living of a personal Rule of Life.

- Ten Thursdays, 9:30am-4:30pm; September 2016-June 2017 (with lunch)
- Each session consists of two three-hour sessions with each session a separate topic
- Tuition: \$700 (50% due with registration and 50% due in February)
- Required books (may be purchased on Amazon.com at reduced cost)

#### Required editions:

*The Wisdom Jesus*, by Cynthia Bourgeault;

*The Rule of Benedict*, Ed., Timothy Fry Liturgical Press, 1982;

*The Cloud of Unknowing*, translated by Carmen Acevedo Butcher, 2009;

*The Spiritual Life*, by Evelyn Underhill;

*The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality* by Ronald Rolheiser.

#### Recommended edition:

*Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality* by Richard Rohr

- Each session has required readings (short background and/or readings from the original writings of each spiritual teacher) and journal questions.
- Participation in a four-day silent directed retreat (A retreat is scheduled during Lent at Victory Noll Center and is a separate cost).
- Participants are encouraged to have a spiritual director.

**Please register by August 15**



### Program Schedule

#### September 15, 2016

Biblical Wisdom Tradition  
Spirituality of the Paschal Mystery

#### October 13

Prayer and Contemplation  
Anthony & Desert Spirituality

#### November 10

Rule of St. Benedict &  
Scholastica  
Hildegard of Bingen

#### December 8

Catherine of Siena &  
Meister Eckhart  
Francis & Clare

#### January 12, 2017

The Beguines-Lay Women's  
movement of 13th century  
Julian of Norwich

#### February 9

Cloud of Unknowing  
Ignatius of Loyola

#### March 9

Martin Luther  
D. Bonhoeffer

#### April 6

John of the Cross  
Theresa of Avila

#### May 18

John Wesley  
Evelyn Underhill

#### June 8

Dorothy Day  
Thomas Merton

## Spiritual Direction Practicum

### Ecumenical Two-Year Spiritual Direction Practicum 2016-2018

Spiritual Direction is concerned with a person's real experience of their relationship with God. It can best be described as the art of contemplative listening carried out in the context of a one-to-one trusting relationship.

#### Requirements and Considerations

Spiritual directors journey with and assist in discerning spiritual experiences and the Spirit's direction in the interior life of the other, as well as confirm or challenge those experiences and sometimes suggest paths of growth in grace. They consequently need to have considerable experience of the inner life and a reasonable depth of knowledge of their own faith tradition, theology, scripture, spirituality and ethics as well as a degree of psychological health in one's life. They need to be well grounded in their own spiritual formation and reflect significant inner freedom – a discerning hear and a mature spiritual life. In addition, they need to have an openness and willingness to journey with others from different faiths and traditions.

#### Applications due June 30, 2016

For an application packet email Sue Wilhelm at [sue.wilhelm@victorynollcenter.org](mailto:sue.wilhelm@victorynollcenter.org)  
or visit the website at [victorynollcenter.org](http://victorynollcenter.org)

A NEW Spiritual Formation Program for anyone who has completed "Entering the Narrow Gate"

## Companions on Pilgrimage

### Our Journey into our True Self in God, with and for Community

As we journey as companions on a pilgrimage, how do we grow into healthy, whole, spiritual friends?

The Companions on Pilgrimage program focuses on the transformational journey of becoming God's vision of us through deepening in prayer, in community and service. Each of us is called by God into this life to become our True Self, as Thomas Merton expresses it. This interior journey invites us to grow in self-knowledge, to see and listen with the eyes and ears of our heart, and respond to Christ's Gospel invitation. This pilgrimage is made in community. We will grow together in contemplative prayer, in study and learning, and by sharing with each other our experience of God at work in us. Peer Sharing will allow us these conversations where we can receive wisdom and encouragement as spiritual friends in a confidential setting.

#### Participant Requirements

- Completion of Foundations in Spirituality (exceptions may be made if there is sufficient foundation in the study of Christian spirituality)
- Commitment to regular prayer practice and reflection on being a spiritual companion to others
- Willingness to participate in all aspects of the program including written papers and Peer Group Presentations, required readings and preparation for each session
- Participation in personal companioning, individual or group spiritual direction during the program
- Attendance at all sessions
- Annual silent directed retreat

12 Mondays 1 to 4 p.m.

Dates: 2016: September 12, October 3, October 24, November 14, December 5

2017: January 9, January 30, February 20, March 13, April 3, April 24, May 15.

Cost: \$450

For application materials, email Sue Wilhelm at [sue.wilhelm@victorynollcenter.org](mailto:sue.wilhelm@victorynollcenter.org)  
or visit the website at [victorynollcenter.org](http://victorynollcenter.org)

## Just Faith

***“Justice is what love looks like in public.”***

- Dr. Cornel West

**How can our faith inspire us to work for social justice?**

**What are real, tangible ways to do justice in ministry, at work and in our communities?**

*Just Faith* provides space to listen, dialogue, and journey with others toward a deeper sense of love, compassion and service. Discover your own role personally, locally and globally in furthering God’s work of justice. Through small group engagement, participants will spend sessions in prayer, reflection, discussion around session reading materials and opportunities to put session lessons into real practice through service.

Honor the call to be part of God’s vision of true reconciliation.

**Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m.**

**12 sessions with dinner September 2016 through May 2017**

**Cost: \$450 Please register by August 25**

**For more information contact Jenna Strick at [jenna.strick@victorynollcenter.org](mailto:jenna.strick@victorynollcenter.org)**

### TOPICS COVERED

People & Earth Care  
 Poverty At Home & Abroad

Personal & Structural Biases  
 Violence & Nonviolence

### SESSION DATES

September 8, 2016	January 26, 2017
September 29, 2016	February 16, 2017
October 20, 2016	March 9, 2017
November 10, 2016	March 30, 2017
December 1, 2016	April 20, 2017
January 5, 2017	May 11, 2017



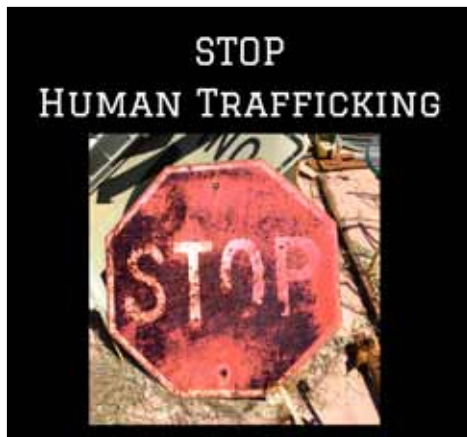
## Have you seen ALICE?

**Friday, October 28**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

ALICE is an acronym that stands for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed. ALICE describes families and individuals whose household income is above the federal poverty level but below the standard cost of living. Perhaps you work with ALICE. Maybe ALICE is your neighbor, or maybe you find yourself in this category. Victory Noll Center will be hosting a day of engagement around who ALICE is and how a community can better support its ALICE families. The day will include interactive conversation, focused breakout discussions and testimonials from real ALICE individuals.



**\$35. Lunch included.**  
**Please Register by October 21**



## Human Trafficking Awareness Education Day

**Friday, January 20, 2017**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Victory Noll Center will be teaming up with northeast Indiana organizations who are working to end human trafficking in Indiana to offer a full day of education and awareness regarding this issue. We hope you will join us for this important day and learn more about how you can take action against human trafficking.

**\$35. Lunch included.**  
**Please Register by January 13**

## Matthew 25 Project

*"I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least, you did it for me."* **Matthew 25:40**

**Tuesdays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. • September through May**

Each Tuesday is a Matthew 25 day where you can live the Gospel by making hats and blankets for those in need. The hats and blankets will be distributed through local agencies.



## MEETING ROOMS



### O'DONNELL ROOM

Our large, multimedia room can accommodate up to 80 people. Wireless Internet and food service are available.



### MULTICULTURE ROOM

This meeting room can accommodate up to 20 people and features artifacts from the multicultural history of the OLVN Sisters. Food service is available.



All of our meeting rooms are handicap-accessible

Victory Noll Center offers 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. To schedule, contact Paula Goff at (260) 356-0628 ext 174 or [paula.goff@victorynollcenter.org](mailto:paula.goff@victorynollcenter.org)

## RETREAT ACCOMMODATIONS



The **Sigstein Center** has four bedrooms and a lounge. The **OLV Building** has 16 bedrooms with shared bathrooms, a kitchenette with microwave and refrigerator and lounge areas, as well as two reflection rooms for prayer and spiritual direction.

## PLACES OF REFLECTION



The **Labyrinth** is a metaphor for life's sacred journey and offers a wonderful tool to deepen one's own spirituality and awareness of God's all-prevalent presence. As you make this walking meditation it is our hope that it will bring you in touch with your own spiritual journey and help you find peace and integration in your life.

These spaces provide opportunities for:

- retreats
- prayer and reflection
- a labyrinth to walk and pray
- study groups
- spiritual direction
- workshops
- support groups

# REGISTRATION/INFORMATION

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE AT  
victorynollcenter.org



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Dates	Program	Cost	Number Attending	Total Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> August 12-13	<b>Labyrinth Retreat</b>	\$75 \$50 for commuters	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> August 24	<b>Stations of Divine Mercy</b>	No Cost	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sept. 6 - Oct. 25	<b>*T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement</b>	\$64	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sept. - May	<b>JustFaith</b>	\$450	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sept. - Dec.	<b>Bridges to Contemplative Living</b>	\$75	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sept. - June	<b>Entering the Narrow Gate</b>	\$700	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> October 28	<b>Have You Seen ALICE?</b>	\$35	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> October 7-8	<b>The Three Windows Retreat</b>	\$75 \$50 for commuters	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> December 2-3	<b>Advent Retreat</b>	\$75 \$50 for commuters	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> January 20	<b>Human Trafficking Awareness Day</b>	\$35	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> February 4	<b>Invitation to Stillness</b>	\$30	_____	_____
<b>Total for all programs</b>				_____

**Make checks payable to:** Victory Noll Center

\* Except for T'ai Chi Chih. **Make checks payable to:** Jan Parker

**MAIL THIS FORM TO:**

Victory Noll Center, P.O. Box 306, 26 Victory Noll Drive, Huntington, IN 46750

**REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS AND PAY ONLINE AT:** [victorynollcenter.org](http://victorynollcenter.org)

**PAYMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE**

No one is ever turned away for inability to pay. Payment plans, scholarships and Pay It Forward opportunities are available. Please contact Victory Noll Center at (260) 356-0628 ext.174.

**We appreciate your ongoing support of Victory Noll Center**

***"The Gift you have received, give as a gift." Matthew 10:8***

We value your partnership and your support. If you would like to give to Victory Noll Center directly, visit us at [victorynollcenter.org](http://victorynollcenter.org). You are a gift to us. Thank you for the gifts you give in return.



P.O. Box 306  
26 Victory Noll Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

## Stations of Divine Mercy

**7 p.m. August 24**

**Meet in the O'Donnell Room**

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy we have numerous possibilities for growing in our experience of God's Mercy

and extending the gift of Mercy through the Spiritual and Corporal Works. Please join us in praying the Stations of Divine Mercy, a walking meditation with stations that allow us to pause and ponder the dimensions of God's gra-

cious mercy and our call to live more deeply in, with and through Mercy.



**Donations**

**Registration requested by August 22**

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**November 5**

**6:30 p.m.**

An evening of New Orleans style food, music, and a live auction to support the endowment of Victory Noll Center.

Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Jenna Strick at [jenna.strick@victorynollcenter.org](mailto:jenna.strick@victorynollcenter.org) or (260) 356-0628 ext 129.

**Visit our web site and register for programs online at: [victorynollcenter.org](http://victorynollcenter.org)**