

ST. VICTORIA PARISH FAMILY



Our Mission

“St. Victoria is a Catholic family inviting all to celebrate the Eucharist in the spirit of fellowship and love. We worship together, seek formation of youth, provide opportunities for spiritual growth and community involvement while reaching out to all as the face and hands of Jesus Christ.”

Palm Sunday April 9, 2017

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Daily: Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m.

Communion Service: Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 6 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary: Tuesday - Friday 7:40 a.m.

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Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

The readings for April 16

Easter Sunday

Reading I: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Reading II Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9



All the Gospels agree that women were the first to come to the tomb. Mary Magdalene is always mentioned among them. The scene symbolizes a new creation brought about by the Resurrection of the Light of the World. The darkness suggests the darkness that covered the primordial abyss before light first appeared. When Mary Magdalene sees the stone removed from the entrance, she runs to the disciples with the news that “the Lord has been taken from the tomb.” She saw him just a few days ago, and that prevents her from drawing any other conclusion. The two disciples run side by side to the tomb. Peter sees the burial cloth and the cloth that covered Jesus’ head, but he doesn’t know how to interpret what he sees. The other disciple, the one Jesus loved and the source of this account, is the first to understand the significance of the empty tomb: “The Lord has risen.” For John all those who came to believe would be loved by Jesus and would love in return.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time in your life when you had a stone (barrier) in your faith life removed?

Communion at Home

If you, or someone you know, is unable to come to Mass on a weekday or weekend (surgery, accident, illness, etc.), parishioners who are a part of the **St. Victoria Pastoral Care Team** will be happy to bring Communion to your home. It can be a one-time only occasion or on-going for as long as you like. To arrange for Communion at home, please call **Mary Foster at 368-9405**.

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

Call Deb LeMay at 297-4255 or Craig Hamilton at 612-237-3463 for information and/or an appointment to learn more about spiritual direction, an ancient process of accompanying people in their spiritual journey toward freedom and peace. Scholarships are available. Call the parish office for details.

Baptism Information

- Baptisms are celebrated on designated weekends during all three Masses and after the 5 p.m. Saturday and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Masses. The next scheduled Baptisms are Easter Sunday (April 16) for infants and children under seven during both 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses and after the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Children seven and older and adults who have completed RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be Baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15. The next scheduled Baptisms will be celebrated May 13 and 14.
- **You may have two sponsors (Godparents), one man and one woman, or just one sponsor.** At least one sponsor must be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic and be at least 16 years old.
- Parents are required to have attended a Jordan Night within the previous five years **before** a scheduled Baptism is celebrated. The next Jordan Night (Baptism class) is **Thursday, May 4**. Contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206 for information and/or to schedule a Baptism.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **April 11**— Loretta Diethelm †

Wednesday, **April 12** — Paul Radde †

Thursday, **April 13** — In Thanksgiving for the Eucharist

Friday, **April 14** — There are no Mass Intentions on Good Friday

Saturday, **April 15** — The newly Baptized and Confirmed in our Faith

Sunday, **April 16** — 8:45 a.m. The Glory of God

10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

“Surge of the Heart”

“Surge of the Heart,” our Lenten Mission, starts tonight, Sunday, April 9 and continues Monday and Tuesday. We’ll gather at 6:15 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m. We are hosting Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker, radio host and best-selling author. Each evening Jon will present on a distinct topic within our Catholic Faith. Tonight he will talk about what we mean when we say “God” and why this matters in our lives today. Monday, Jon will outline the lives of some of the most fascinating and holy people to walk the planet, helping us to live by their example. And the final evening, he will guide us to live an authentic relationship with Jesus amidst the messiness of everyday life.

There’s an optional potluck supper at 5 p.m., tonight. Please bring a salad, entrée or dessert to share (in disposable containers, please). There will be refreshments and hospitality after Jon’s presentations on Monday and Tuesday. There also will be an opportunity for private confessions Tuesday starting at 7:30 p.m.

Note: Childcare will be available all three evenings for families who made advance reservations.

Welcome to St. Victoria

If you are a visitor at St. Victoria, welcome. If you would like information on becoming a registered parishioner at St. Victoria, please feel free to contact Julie Schmiegl in the parish office. She will be happy to line up an appointment for you at one of our upcoming “Bien Venidos” registration dates for new parishioners. (Bien Venidos means good welcome.) You may reach Julie at jschmiegl@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x201. **(Please Note:** If you are a guest at St. Victoria and would like to make a contribution, you will find “Welcome Envelopes” in the kiosk in the Commons.)

Fundraiser

A fundraiser has been established for Maddison Mertz, a Second Grader at Victoria Elementary, and who has been preparing for her First Communion at St. Victoria this year, as she is fighting Stage 4 Glioblastoma Cancer. (You may have heard about Maddison and the Mertz family on local TV and radio shows.) You may visit Maddison’s Caring Bridge at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/maddisonmertz>.

A cookbook featuring healthy snacks for kids has been produced by “Team Maddison,” a group of caring and concerned moms to help the family cover the costs of her treatments. One hundred percent of this fundraiser will go to the Mertz Family.

Visit www.TeamMaddison.com to order your cookbook by credit card and it will be shipped directly to you. The suggested donation for the book is \$25 plus \$5 for shipping.



...to be the face and hands of Jesus Christ



Holy Week

I hope to see you all tonight (and Monday and Tuesday) at our Parish Mission beginning at 6:15 p.m. I also invite all to set aside time to participate in our Triduum Liturgies this coming week. The Liturgies from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday through the evening of the Easter Vigil are referred to as the "Triduum," meaning three-day period. This is the holiest week of the year — the high-point of the Church Year. Our parish mission and the Triduum Liturgies are a wonderful way to prepare for the joy of Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday, April 13, is celebrated with an evening Mass at 7 p.m. that recalls the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood and includes a symbolic washing of the feet. Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist is taken in procession to a tabernacle prepared for it and the church is prepared for Good Friday.

Good Friday, April 14, is not celebrated with a Mass, but we observe the day with private prayer and reflection and a 7 p.m. Liturgy that includes both Veneration of the Cross and offering prayers and intercessions for the needs of the Church. It is the most somber time of the Church Year, restrained and straightforward with the altar bare.

Please note: "A Light for My Path: Praying the Psalms on the Way of the Cross" is planned at 3 p.m. in the Historic Church which will be open during the day for quiet time and prayer. The church bells will toll at 3 p.m.

The Easter Vigil Mass, on Saturday, April 15, begins at 8 p.m. The Vigil is a purposeful or watchful time with all staying awake during the ordinary hours of sleep. We gather, we wait, we watch. During the Vigil, we welcome our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidates into full communion with the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

The Triduum prepares us to celebrate the joy of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, April 16, at our 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses. It is always a special moment to walk into the church on Easter morning to see how beautiful it looks adorned with banners and fresh flowers and to hear the choir and/or cantors sing in exaltation that Our Savior has risen. We also will celebrate the Baptism of new members (infants) of our parish family both during and after Masses.

Special Invitation

This is my last chance to encourage you to join me tonight and Monday and Tuesday at our Lenten Mission, "Surge of the Heart." It will truly be a special start to Holy Week to hear Jon Leonetti's message.

Fr. Bob

Eucharistic Adoration

Typically there is Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday in the Historic Church beginning at 8:30 a.m. (after Daily Mass) and ending at 8 p.m. However, on Holy Thursday there is no Adoration until after the evening Mass (and ending at 10 p.m.) Throughout the day Thursday, all are encouraged to prepare for the Triduum through private prayer and meditation.

Holy Week

Sunday, April 9 — Sunday, April 16

- †Lenten Mission, April 9, 10 and 11, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. (Details on Page 2)
- †Private Confessions, Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
- †Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper with Rite of Foot Washing, 7 p.m.
- †Good Friday — Stations of the Cross, "A Light for My Path," 3 p.m.
- †Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross, 7 p.m. (Special collection for the Holy Land.)
- †Easter Vigil, Saturday, 8 p.m.
- †Easter Sunday Masses — 8:45 and 10:45 p.m.

Easter Flowers

It's time to think about beautifying our space for the Easter Season with Easter Flowers. As we do each year, we are accepting donations for flowers in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. All donations/memorials are due by Sunday, April 16. Simply turn in your donation along with a note saying who it is from and the name(s) of those to be remembered. Mark the envelope "Easter Flowers: Attention Elizabeth." You can mail the envelope to the church, drop it in the collection basket at Mass or stop by and drop it off at the parish office. Checks should be made out to St. Victoria. A List of all memorials will be in a bulletin insert during the Easter Season.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **Monday, April 17**. St. Victoria serves this ministry the third Monday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, contact Coordinator Peter Taunton at 567-5990.

Simpson House

Sunday, April 23, St. Victoria volunteers will prepare and serve a meal at Simpson House in Minneapolis for guests (men and women) who are homeless. Volunteers participate in the ministry approximately once every six weeks. To volunteer or for information, contact Jan Wohlers at wohlershome@yahoo.com.

Elsewhere...

- **Western Cursillo Ultreya today, Sunday, April 9**, St. Hubert Catholic Community, Chanhassen. Speakers are Gary and Holly Martini. 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.
- **Bring Back the Funk Boogie Blast** to support St. Joseph School, Saturday, April 22. Dinner, drinks, dancing and silent and live auctions. Fundraiser for the school. Tickets are \$25 and available at <http://bidpal.net/stjoes2017> or in the school office. More info at www.facebook.com/stjoesboogieblast/.
- **Breaking Bread with Jesus: Meals in the Gospels**, Monday, April 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Richard in Richfield. Learn about "earlier meals" with the disciples before the "Last Supper" with local theologian Art Zannon. There is no charge, but please RSVP at sosacho@strichards.com or call 612-869-2426.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **April 9** — Children's Liturgy
- **April 9** — Middle Sunday and First Sunday
- **April 9, 10 and 11** — Lenten Mission
- **April 12** — Living Stations
- **April 12** — Last Confirmation Session
- **April 19** — 10th Grade Parent, Student and Sponsor meeting

Adult Ministry

Lenten Mission

Don't forget our Lenten Mission, *Surge of the Heart*, with noted speaker and author Jon Leonetti starts tonight, Sunday, and continues Monday and Tuesday, April 9, 10 and 11. Invite your friends and family. We hope that you all will attend!

Coffee and Conversation

Our next Coffee and Conversation is Saturday, May 13, 9:30 to 11 a.m. We'll discuss the popular movie and book *The Shack*.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook for ideas and suggestions all during Lent.

Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Now that you've got your calendars marked for Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23, for VBS, please think about how you can help out with this fun event. We can always use extra hands to make all the magic happen! The week of VBS we need adults to help out as station leaders as well as small group leaders. And the week before VBS, June 12 to 16, there is a lot of work that needs to be done to prepare the stations and decorate the spaces. If you can give a little time throughout the week, even just an hour or two, we could use your helping hands. Please let Sara know if you can help out or if you have any questions.

Sacramental Reminders

The **First Communion Retreat is April 22**. Rehearsal is May 3. First Communion Masses are May 6 and 7.

The **10th Grade Parents, Students and Sponsors Confirmation Evening is April 19**. Rite of Sending is April 23. Confirmation is April 24.

Youth Ministry

Summer Activity Registration is Open

St. Victoria's registrations for Senior High Summer Festival Camp, Middle School Getaway and SplashFest are now open. Please look to the youth ministry page on St. Victoria's website for the links to reserve your spot.

Readings for Sunday, April 9

Processional: Matthew 21:1-11

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Here is an excerpt from the *Ascend* by Life Teen about today's readings:

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

This year, allow God to love you at each stop of the Passion and renew your love for Him through the sacrifice of your time and through your prayer.

Random Fact: We hear that during Jesus' mock trial before the Sanhedrin the high priest "tore his robes." Far more than an overly dramatic gesture to make a point, it was a practice done to communicate extreme distress. The Law of Moses forbade a priest to tear their garments as they were sacred and this action was done as a response to the supposed "blasphemy" from Jesus' response/claim.

Behind the Scenes: Upon first glance or hearing, it may seem as though Jesus is angry with God upon the cross proclaiming, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" In truth, however, this proclamation points us to a much deeper meaning that is not apparent to most listening. Jesus is actually quoting Psalm 22 here and, in echoing the first verse, is not just citing it but the entire psalm which is the story of the righteous man who is suffering. Read through the length of Psalm 22 on your own.

In this psalm, we see the eventual vindication of the suffering servant and see that Jesus is putting his own suffering into context. Our Lord understands what is happening and how it all fits together in the "big picture" of salvation. As Jesus entrusts His suffering and death to His Father in heaven, we see not only the love and the trust but the fulfillment of God's promise and ultimate victory over sin, death and the enemy.

Word Play: Gethsemane was more than just a garden on the side of the Mount of Olives. Gethsemane was the location of the oil press, where olives were pressed or "squeezed" to emit its valuable oil. Hebrew in origin, Gethsemane is translated to "oil press" or, more to the point, "crushing place" which is not an ironic title for the location where our Lord sweats blood.

+Discussion Questions: In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus acknowledges this is difficult but still surrenders to God's will. How can you imitate this practice in your own life?

Blessings . . .

Emily Klinker

Sara Svenby

Ann Esping

Tanya Hisey

(Please see our contact information on the cover.)

Scholarship Requests

Requests for scholarships are now being accepted from active St. Victoria parishioners who have been registered members of St. Victoria for at least six months and who do not otherwise qualify for a tuition discount or subsidy by reason of also being a member of the host school's parish. Parents who qualify may submit a scholarship request (found on the parish website) annually to request tuition assistance for children who are enrolled in Grades 1 through 8 in a neighboring Catholic School for the coming year. All completed request forms must be received by Deacon Ray in the parish office before June 1, 2017, to be considered for scholarship aid for the 2017/2018 school year. **Due to budgeting requirements, no late scholarship requests will be considered.** All scholarships will be disbursed, in equal amounts (as funds allow) directly to the school on a quarterly basis, provided students remain enrolled.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **April 1 and 2, Week 40**, of our fiscal year will be included in next week's bulletin.

Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Sacristans

Erv and Linda Spevacek

Lector

Erv Spevacek

Eucharistic Ministers

Sam Fellingner, Connor Glenn, Roger Jackels, Michael Lanners, Linda Lindeman, Cherie McGraw, Mary Moore, Dennis Oas, Kathryn Paradise, Carol Spalding, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Greeter/Ushers

Robert Muller, Gary Sohns, Rick Stucki, Sam and Troy Stuckenborg, Shawn Sutherland

Servers

Isabella Detienne, Sadie and Joey Holman, Amelia McGraw

Sound

Phillip Smith

Music

Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Good Friday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Sacristans

Joyce Burau, Leslie Treka

Lector

Lisa McColman

Eucharistic Ministers

As Assigned

Greeter/Ushers

Ted and Carole Chalgren, Elizabeth Contreras, Mike Jeurissen, Debra Millis, Roger Osweiler

Servers

Laura Contreras, Ava Kunze

Sound

Roger Osweiler

Music

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Easter Vigil, April 15, 8 p.m.

Sacristans

Tim Amundsen, Tim Woodfield

Lector

Tim Amundsen, Cynthia McKee

Eucharistic Ministers

Greg Butler, Anne Fowler, Joyce Heiland, Mike Kokesh, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Lindsey Norton, Katharine Paulsen, Jerry Schmieg, Nancy Schmieg, Doris Schmieg, Luci Tellers

Greeter/Ushers

Cal Haasken, Joseph Happ, Pat Henny, Gary Lauwagie, Robert Schmieg, Matt White

Servers

Evie Heiland, Chastity and Sydney Perkins, Sydney Weinandt

Sound

Steve McNamara

Music

Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure with St. Victoria

Ministry Schedule

Easter Sunday, April 16

Sacristans

8:45 a.m.

Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis

10:45 a.m.

Julie Catalino, Rose Rooney

Lector

8:45 a.m.

Nan Emmer

10:45 a.m.

TBD

Eucharistic Ministers

8:45 a.m.

Jim Alessio, Mary Bishop, Renee Boraas, Adrienne Carrica, Cindy Eide, Jim and Betti Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Nancy Rezac

10:45 a.m.

George Barker, Mary Catino, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Marty Dentinger, Ann Esping, Marcus Hoffman, Jeff Lenzmeier, Ken Pavett, Anna Shay, Jill Sonnek, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

8:45 a.m.

Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese, Mark Lund, Lyle Oddan, Daryl Schmieg, Ryan Wenning

10:45 a.m.

Al and Louise Lehner, Don and Sue Roper, Steve and Jill Sonnek

Servers

8:45 a.m.

Ann Hausmann, Lydia Jackels, Megan Jeurissen

10:45 a.m.

Lily and Sam Esping, Jakob Lenzmeier

Sound

8:45 a.m.

Mike Hanson

10:45 a.m.

Mitchell Holman

Music

8:45 a.m.

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

10:45 a.m.

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Sharon Schindler

There is no Liturgy of the Word for Children Easter Sunday.

Rummage Sale

The annual St. Victoria Rummage Sale, sponsored by Catholic United Financial, is May 4 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Friday, May 5, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Now is the time to clean the closets and check the basement and garage for things to donate for the annual fundraiser that benefits St. Victoria education.

- **Drop-off** dates are Sunday, April 30, (noon to 7 p.m.) Monday and Tuesday, May 1 and 2, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (No large furniture items, computers or micro-wave ovens will be accepted.)
- **Set-up** is Wednesday, May 3. **No donations will be accepted.** Please think about helping with set-up starting right after 8 a.m. Daily Mass. Stay for lunch and fellowship when the work is done!
- **Clean-up** starts at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

Volunteers are needed everyday!

Please Note: All unclaimed and unmarked dishes and pans left after funerals and unclaimed items in the Lost and Found Box will be donated to the rummage sale.

2017 Area Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

- Sunday, April 9, 4:30 pm., St. Joseph, Waconia
- Tuesday, April 11, 6 to 9 p.m., St. Nicholas, Carver
- Wednesday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. "Confesstival," St. Mark, Shakopee