

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.”

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 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.

St. Anthony Novena: Tuesday after Mass

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2017**

The readings for February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



Jesus certainly believed that the law of Moses was connected to the reign of God he came to announce. He tells his followers that he came not to abolish but to fulfill the Law, meaning that his message demanded that people go beyond the letter of the Law to the spirit behind it. Christian life beyond the Law was more, not less, demanding than a strict keeping of each little rule of the Law. Jesus promised that the spirit of the Law would lead the people to the fullness of the reign of God.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time when rules and regulations began as an obstacle but became an opportunity to grow in faith?

Baptisms

- **Addelynn Sue Dito**, daughter of Timothy and Ashley
- **Caleb Lance Flannery**, son of Lance and Amanda
- **John Michael Goin**, son of Greg and Krista
- **Nicolas Edwardo Jost**, son of Federico and Maria Cordova

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 the weekend of **February 18 and 19**. **Please note:** Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent (March 1 to April 15.) Baptisms are scheduled on Easter Sunday, April 16, during both the 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses and after the 10:45 a.m. Mass.
- **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 they must 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, February 23**.

Contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206 for information and/or to schedule a Baptism.

Baby Bottle Collection

Be sure to return a baby bottle filled with your loose change next weekend. (There are still bottles available for pick-up.) The money collected is earmarked for Southwest Options for Women, a pro-life Christian organization caring for women and infants in need. Can we top the \$3,600 contributed by our generous parishioners last year?



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

Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, **February 7** — Ray and Caroline Williams †
 Wednesday, **February 8** — Troy Sawvel
 Thursday, **February 9** — Evelyn Schneider †
 Friday, **February 10** — Grace Stacken †
 Saturday, **February 11** — Rose Marie Pfaff †
 Sunday, **February 12** — 8:45 a.m. Hilda Caspers †
 10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

In Memoriam

Robert “Rob” Lucas

January 26, 1976 — January 14, 2017

GIFT Event

GIFT (Girlfriends in Faith Together) has a breakfast and speaker event Saturday, February 11, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The morning will feature local author and speaker Betty Liedtke who will help women discover their own and each other's gifts from God. How many of us have set resolutions to do more in order to become "the best version of ourselves possible?" Come have a fun and interesting morning and recharge after the holidays. RSVP with GIFT after Mass this weekend (February 4 and 5) or by tomorrow, Monday, February 6, by emailing stellamckinney@me.com

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 Schmiege 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 jschmiege@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.)

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

Explore a closer relationship with God. 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.

Volunteer Opportunity

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women is in need of volunteers. Currently they have opportunities for crisis line advocates, child care volunteers and safe home providers. All volunteers are important in helping the organization serve the community. Free volunteer training begins on April 8. For more information, contact Alex at 873-4214 or alex.g@svabw.org.



Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that **John Abel** is joining our parish staff as our new Director of Shared Ministries. John, along with his wife Lauren, is a St. Victoria parishioner. He brings to this position wide and varied experience in the corporate world, including strategic planning, marketing and communications, sales and other skills that will serve him in his new position. Please join me in welcoming John who is already hard at work here. Be sure to introduce yourself to him when you have an opportunity. I have asked John to share some information with you in next week's bulletin — so stay tuned.

Catholic Services Appeal

As we prepare for the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal, I want to share excerpts from a letter from Archbishop Hebda.

“As shepherd of this Local Church, I wholeheartedly support this appeal, have committed to making a pledge and am asking others to do the same.

The 17 collective ministries of the Catholic Service Appeal Foundation (CSAF) reach over 200,000 people each year. For many of the ministries supported by CSAF, the Appeal is their only source of funding. It is vitally important that we reach this year's \$9.3 million goal.”

Many of you have received letters at home asking for your continued support. You may send your response back to CSAF or drop them in the collection basket at Mass. There will also be an opportunity for others to make a pledge or donation at an upcoming Mass later in February.

As Archbishop Hebda said, “Our generosity is a reflection of our gratitude for the even greater generosity that the Lord has shown to us.” I hope you will prayerfully consider joining in this appeal.

The Spirit is Calling...

That's the Spirit of Ireland, North and South. In 2018, I will lead a tour to Ireland to visit many of the highlights in both the south and north of this beautiful country. Leaving April 2 (returning April 13), we'll fly into Dublin and then travel north to see Giant's Causeway, St. Patrick Centre in Downpatrick, which includes what is reputed to be the grave of St. Patrick. We'll travel onto Belfast, visiting sites of historical and political unrest. We will have an opportunity to visit the Titanic Belfast Museum, an opportunity I have been told is outstanding.

Next we'll head south to visit such sites as the Knock Shrine, Kylemore Abbey, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, Rock of Cashel and Trinity College where we will view the Book of Kells. Oh, and did I mention we'll tour Bushmills Distillery and the Guinness Storehouse?

There are brochures in the Franciscan Commons and also at www.stivictoria.net with all the information including hotel accommodations, included meals (daily breakfast),

entertainment, special sites and activities. *Fr. Bob*

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. A quiet place is available. Come and adore Him and wait patiently to hear His words. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **Monday, February 20**. 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.

Bible Studies

You are invited to join two Bible Studies. A group studying the Gospel of St. John began meeting on Wednesday, January 25, but you are still welcome to join. Participants gather in the Fireside Room from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Beginning on Thursday, February 16, you are invited to explore the Gospel of Matthew. The study group will meet Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in the St. Anthony Room.

Both studies will use the Collegeville Bible Commentary. The suggested donation is \$10 for either study. RSVP for either study (or both) with Mary Catino in the parish office.

Elsewhere...

- **Breakfast** at St. Nicholas in Carver, serving Pancakes, French Toast and Homemade Sausage, **today, Sunday, Feb. 5**, 8 a.m. to noon.
- **Cana Dinner** at St. Joseph Catholic Community in Waconia on Saturday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. All happily married couples are invited to celebrate God's gift of marriage.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** meets on Thursdays at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Wayzata. Registration and refreshments at 4 p.m., Devotions and speaker at 4:30 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. grief break-out sessions. Call Christine Ducharme at 473-6601 for information.
- **Southwest Grief Coalition**, Family of Christ Lutheran Church. Speaker on Feb. 9 is Teri Burns, Children's Minister, Family of Christ. Topic is "Grief Story, 'I'm Fine'" 5:30 p.m. gathering and dinner, 6 p.m. speaker, 6:30 to 7:30 small groups, 6 to 7:30 p.m. children's groups. Call 460-0030 to register children. All are welcome; no cost.
- **Forgive Yourself.** If you, or a loved one, are grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, you are invited to experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on a weekend Vineyard Retreat Friday, Feb. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 26. Contact Nancy at 763-250-9313.
- **Love INC 10th Anniversary Gala**, Friday, Feb. 17, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Hazeltine Country Club, Chaska, tickets \$65 or \$600 for table of 10. Purchase tickets at www.loveincecc.org.
- **Men's Club Beef and Sausage Dinner**, Guardian Angels in Chaska, Sunday, February 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets at the door; take-out available.
- **Annual Spaghetti Dinner and silent auction**, East Union Lutheran Church of Carver, Sunday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Information at www.eulc.org.
- **Visit St. Joseph's School All School Open House today, Sunday, February 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The school also is holding a Catholic United Raffle until February 28. Purchase raffle tickets from any St. Joseph parishioner or at the school or parish office. Additional information at www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/raffle.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **February 5** — Children's Liturgy
- **February 8** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **February 12** — Children's Liturgy
- **February 12** — First and Middle Sunday
- **February 15** — Faith Formation and **no Confirmation**
- **February 18** — Coffee and Conversation
- **February 18** — 9th Grade Parent and Student Confirmation Retreat
- **February 19** — Children's Liturgy
- **February 22** — Faith Formation and Confirmation

Adult Ministry

Coffee and Conversation

Last fall we had such a great turnout for our first Coffee and Conversation that we will be offering another one on February 18 at 10 a.m. The topic is the gift you received from St. Victoria at Christmas, the book *Resisting Happiness*. Don't worry if you haven't read it, we will be providing excerpts from the book to enhance our small-group conversations led by a facilitator. Please RSVP to Emily Klinker.

Lenten Mission

"Faith Without Prayer is a Hobby" with Jon Leonetti, Catholic speaker, author and radio host is coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (April 9, 10 and 11) during Holy Week. More details coming soon.

Faith Formation

Chillfest Success

The 9th Annual Chillfest was another smashing success! Thanks to the nine churches that participated, we had just over 350 students join in for this fun event. They swam, skated, danced, and so much more throughout the night. If you missed out on your chance to join us this year, be sure to register early next year!

9th Grade Confirmation Student/Parent Retreat

Final preparations are underway for the upcoming 9th Grade Confirmation Student and Parent Retreat on February 18 from 3 to 8 p.m. The retreat will encompass speakers, prayer time, Mass, and a potluck dinner. Ninth Grade families are asked to register at the link on the St. Victoria website.

First Communion Parent Meeting

If you missed the important parent meeting to receive materials and to discuss your child's First Communion, please contact Emily Klinker to set up an individual meeting.

Youth Ministry

Mission Trip Fundraiser – Souper Bowl

Many thanks to all those who participated in and contributed to the Souper Bowl Fundraiser to benefit the 2017 Mission Trip to the Crow Reservation in Montana. It was a fun event with 22 different tasty chili and soup dishes, alongside lots of tasty sweets. Congratulations to Gina Holman for winning the prestigious "Ladle of Glory" award in both the chili and soup categories. She also stole the show and won the Spirit award!

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First and Middle Sunday

First Sunday and Middle Sunday, February 12, 5 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. Invite friends. There'll be fellowship, music, a message and transformation prayer that will inspire our teens to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Safety Reminder

As a reminder (or as a first time notice for new families), when you are dropping your children off at Faith Formation, please use the south entrance at the far end of the parking lot. If your child is old enough (we would like to suggest 5th Grade and above) to walk in without an adult, use the first aisle as a pull-through/drop-off lane. If you are parking to walk your child in, please use any of the other lanes to park. Be sure you don't use the handicap spaces. The cones are to keep the area in front of the entrance completely clear for pedestrians. Please don't move them or drive through them.

Following these guidelines for the parking lot during our busy drop-off/pick-up times will help us to be sure that we can keep everyone safe.

If anyone is around a little early or stays a few minutes late and would be willing to help supervise the parking lot area during drop-off and pick-up times, please let Sara know.

Blessings . . .

Emily Klinker

Sara Svenby

Ann Esping

Tanya Hisey

(Please see our contact information on the cover.)

Employment Opportunity

Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) of Eastern Carver County is now accepting applications for Clearinghouse Coordinator. This is a part-time position, reporting to the Executive Director. Primary responsibilities include coordinating the Love INC Clearinghouse activities and church ministry needs. The Clearinghouse is the heartbeat of the Love INC ministry. Clients call in with needs and our Clearinghouse Coordinator and volunteers listen and respond by connecting the person in need with the resources available through our partner churches in the community. Applicants should have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and agree with the Apostles' Creed. They should also be non-judgmental, empathetic and sympathetic, with good communication skills as the Clearinghouse Coordinator interacts closely with our clients and partner churches. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Ken Norman at knorman@loveincecc.org.

Assisting Homeless and Struggling Youth

Launch Ministry in Chaska is hosting a training seminar for adults who come in contact with struggling youth ages 16 to 24. If you are in contact on a regular basis, whether through work or as a parent of a young person who is struggling to live under your roof, you will learn proven methods to reduce homelessness, including the nine guiding principles of working with youth. The half day of training will better equip parents and community leaders who care about youth and their struggles. The training is Saturday, February 11, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Chaska Moravian Church. Sign up to attend at www.launchministry.org/events.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **January 28 and 29, Week 31**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 7,997
Electronic Offering: 3,674
Total Membership Offering: 11,671

Tithing January 21 and 22: \$1,730 for Simpson Housing

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

New Parishioners

- Joe and Greta **Brooks** and Johnathon
- Joe and Donna **Pezzuto**
- Tim and Karen **Rasmussen** and Jenna
- John and Mary Jo **Zirbes** and Jaelyn and Kyle
St. Victoria now has 1,365 registered households.

Archdiocesan Events

- **WINE: Catholic Women's Conference** Saturday, February 25, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. 2017 theme is "Small Things, Great Love: It's What We Do." The cost for the day is \$65. For details go to www.archspm.org/WINE.
- **World Day for Consecrated Life** celebrated at a Mass with Archbishop Hebda **today, Sunday, February 5, 3 p.m.**, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Pray for those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and thank them on their special day that they may continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.
- **Charismata Evening** Friday, February 10, 8 to 10 p.m., at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. Experience the Holy Spirit in a powerful way. Prayer teams available to listen and pray specifically for your needs. Adoration and special music. Fr. Michael Becker will lead.
- **25th World Day of the Sick**, Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m., Mass with Archbishop Hebda. Special prayers, blessing with Lourdes Water, followed with a reception and presentation by Professor Elizabeth Schiltz, University of St. Thomas, on the dignity of the human person.
- **Theology on Tap** for young adults, Wednesday evenings through February 22, at O'Gara's in St. Paul. Social hour at 6:30 p.m.; speaker at 7:30 p.m.
- **Miryam Dinner**, Tuesday, February 7, 6 to 8 p.m., for women ages 16 to 35 who are discerning consecrated life. Hosted by Bishop Cozzens and Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations.
- **Women's Discernment Retreat** with Bishop Cozzens at Nativity of Mary in Bloomington on Saturday, February 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mass with Bishop Cozzens, share time with consecrated women.
- **Vianney Visit** for high school sophomores through college-age men (ages 16 to 24) to experience college seminary life, Thursday, February 9 through Saturday, February 11. Go to www.10000vocations.org/events for information and registration for the three events above.
- **Team Vianney**, a Catholic movement for young men in 9th through 12th Grade, will meet Thursday, February 16, at St. John Vianney, 5 to 8 p.m., for dinner, short talk on our Catholic Faith and Mass. For more information, go to sjv@stthomas.edu or call 651-962-6825.

Ministry Schedule

February 11 and 12

Sacristans

5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen
8:45 a.m. Chris and Judy Sones
10:45 a.m. Tim Breslin, Julie Catalino

Lector

5 p.m. Sue Schrempf
8:45 a.m. Tom Welch
10:45 a.m. Lisa McColman

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Anne Fowler, Joyce Heiland, Todd Hesse, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Debra McMillan, Ken Pavett, Doris Schmieg, Nancy Schmieg, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
8:45 a.m. Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Jim and Betti Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Mike Kokesh, Michael Lanners, Barb Schultz, Laura Synstegaard, Luci Tellers
10:45 a.m. George Barker, Mary Catino, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Diane Forsythe, Marcus Hoffmann, Gina Holman, Louise Lehner, Deb LeMay, Linda Lindeman, Rose Rooney, Anna Shay

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Tom, Lisa and Maggie Katalinich, Kerry McMillan, Robert Muller, Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Chris and Cheryl Mach, Scott Micek, Ryan Wenning
10:45 a.m. Janet Bergeron, Carole Chalgren, Sam Deweese, Chastity Perkins, Jim and Carol Slater

Servers

5 p.m. Grant Hayes, Grace and Madeline White
8:45 a.m. Colton Schrempf
10:45 a.m. Megan Jeurissen, Nate Nicklaus, Nick Payne Mitchell, Sadie and Joey Holman

Sound

5 p.m. Tim Woodfield
8:45 a.m. Mike Hanson
10:45 a.m. Joseph Klinker

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Caroline Swanson —
8:45 a.m. Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:45 a.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m. Dawn and Carly Dammann
10:45 a.m. Maggie and Chloe Roper

Your Attention Please . . .

Please do not leave clothing and other items (except food) unless there is a specified collection underway, i.e. the winter coat drive. We do collect items on an ongoing basis for Simpson House including toiletry items for men and women, t-shirts, underwear, towels and occasionally other items they request. However, they are unable to accept and/or distribute other items. Thank you.

Wear your name tag provided by a Team Isaiah member this weekend and stop by the Victoria Subway after Mass for a complimentary cup of coffee or freshly baked cookie.

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