

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.”

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 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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The readings for January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3:3, 12-13

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



The Beatitudes, which we hear in this Gospel passage, are the heart of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus says that the ones who will be “happy” are those whom society has judged unhappy, even wretched. “The poor in spirit” see through the illusion of wealth and with nothing else to rely on, come to depend on God. The sorrowing bemoan the sad state of a world that neglects God’s wishes. The meek and lowly do not presume to act independently of God. Christians seek happiness by striving to imitate God’s readiness to forgive. They are called to be single-hearted in doing God’s will rather than making self-interest their primary motivation. They must make peace, doing everything in their power to bring this blessing that God holds out to people.

Question of the Week

What does society say makes people happy? What really makes people happy? What makes you happy? In what ways do you find yourself resisting happiness?

Banns of Marriage

Alissa Richter and Jim Heiland

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.

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.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **January 24** — Elizabeth

Wednesday, **January 25** — Tim Forcier †

Thursday, **January 26** — Hilda Caspers (Anniv.) †

Friday, **January 27** — Marie Stumpf †

Saturday, **January 28** — Tony and Becky Truhler

Sunday, **January 29** — 8:45 a.m. Hilda Caspers †

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

Save the Date

GIFT (Girlfriends in Faith Together) has a breakfast and speaker event coming up on Saturday, February 11, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. More details coming!

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

Today, Sunday, January 22, Catholics and Lutherans are invited to join together for an evening of prayer along with Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Patricia Lull (ECLA) to mark the beginning of a year-long observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The service at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis begins at 5 p.m.

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**.

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. Come and adore Him and wait patiently to hear His words. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

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



No Wrapping Paper Required

By now the Holiday wrapping paper and ribbons have probably been put away until next year (or someone's birthday), but I have some suggestions for gift giving now.

Married Couples

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and perhaps some special time together might be the perfect gift. There are retreats for couples that might be the answer.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers retreats throughout the year. Their statistics show that couples attending their retreats experience only a two percent divorce rate, that they live the true meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage and that they often become more involved in their parish. There are weekend retreats scheduled February 10 through the 12 at Kings House in Buffalo and the Retreat Center in New Prague. For more information go to twincitieswwme.org.

Married Couples Retreat at St. John's Abbey Guesthouse in Collegeville, Friday, February 3 through February 5. Chris and Rich Codden will present "Love in Marriage: The Place Where You are Standing is Holy Ground." Go to www.abbeyguesthouse.org for more information.

Newly Married Retreat for couples just recently married to those married seven years is Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo in Minneapolis. Keynote presentation by Bishop Cozzens, breakout sessions, reconciliation available and couples are invited to renew their wedding vows. Details and registration at www.archspm.org/nmr.

CANA Dinner planned at the Church of St. Joseph in Waconia on Saturday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. (Watch for more information.)

Children and Youth

While we do not have a school at St. Victoria, we are fortunate to have schools at nearby parishes that welcome our children in K through 8 and a highly-regarded high school in the neighborhood. We join them all in celebrating National Catholic Schools Week January 29 through February 4 with the theme "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Through Catholic education, children benefit from religious guidance, prayer and support in building a strong faith-based community. Children also learn the importance of family, community and serving others.

Many of the schools have open houses scheduled and all welcome calls and visits from prospective parents and their children. St. Joseph in Waconia (442-4500) has an open house planned on Sunday, February 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. St. Hubert School in Chanhassen (934-6003) has an open house planned the morning of Sunday, January 29. Guardian Angels in Chaska had an open house earlier this month, but always welcome calls at 227-4010 for information or a tour.

St. Victoria offers tuition assistance for students in Grades 1 through eight attending Catholic schools in the community. To be eligible for assistance, you must be an active, registered parishioner for at least six months prior to applying for tuition aid and not receiving aid from another parish. Applications will be accepted beginning April 1 and are due before June 1.

Holy Family Catholic High School has received high marks for the excellent college-preparatory curriculum as well as its faith-based programs. Their winter open house is scheduled for Thursday, February 2. Call 443-4659 for information.

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Bible Studies

You are invited to two upcoming Bible Studies. All are welcome to explore the Gospel of St. John using the Collegeville Bible Commentary as a guide on Wednesday evenings, January 25 through April 12. Participants will meet in the Fireside Room from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Beginning on February 16 (through April 13) you are invited to explore the Gospel of Matthew, also using the Collegeville Bible Commentary. The study group will meet Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in the St. Anthony Room.

The suggested donation is \$10 for either study. RSVP for either study (or both) with Mary Catino in the parish office.

Annual Pancake Breakfast

The annual pancake breakfast to support pro-life initiatives sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #2508 (headquartered at St. Joseph Catholic Community in Waconia) and Trinity Lutheran, also in Waconia, is **today, Sunday, January 22**, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran.

Elsewhere...

- **Breakfast** at St. Nicholas in Carver, serving Pancakes, French Toast and Homemade Sausage, Sunday, Feb. 5, 8 a.m. to noon.
- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** at Kings House in Buffalo is Feb. 10 to 12. For information go to twincitieswwme.org.
- **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. More information later.
- **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.
- **Married Couples Retreat** February 3 to 5, St. John's Abbey Guesthouse, presented by Rich and Christine Codden. Go to www.abbeyguesthouse.org or call 320-363-3929 for information.
- **Southwest Grief Coalition**, Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Jan. 26 speaker is Sheila Bauer, M. Ed., Zany and Zen, LLC. Her topic is "Staying Well Through Loss and Transition." 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.
- **One-Act Play performance** at Holy Family Catholic High School, 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26, "You're Driving Me Crazy," a collection of four 10-minute comedies taking a look at the world of teenage rite of passage. Students in grades 5 to 8 are invited to a post-performance reception. RSVP hfchs.org/rsvp. No RSVP or tickets required for performance.
- **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. For information contact Nancy at 763-250-9313 or rachels@rvineyardmn.org or go to www.rvineyardmn.org.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **January 22** — Middle Sunday
- **January 29** — “Souper” Bowl Fundraiser
- **February 1** — First Communion Parent Meeting
- **February 18** — 9th Grade Parent and Student Confirmation Retreat

Adult Ministry

New Bible Studies beginning in the New Year

Gospel of John on Wednesday evenings and the Gospel of Matthew on Thursday mornings. See page three for details.

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. So, be watching for details.

Sacramental Prep Updates

First Communion Parent Meeting

Just a quick reminder that we have our First Communion Parent Meeting on Wednesday, February 1. At least one parent needs to attend this meeting to receive the packet and all the information you will need to prepare your child for First Communion. The meetings will take place during the 5 and 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation sessions. If you have younger children, they can enjoy our childcare room while you attend the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, contact Emily in the parish office to arrange a time to meet with her.

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.

Youth Ministry

Mission Trip 2017 Fundraiser

Souper Bowl — a soup celebration and fundraising event aimed at naming St. Vic’s best soups. You are invited to spend time in Elstan Hall on Sunday, January 29, starting at 5:30 p.m. tasting soups prepared by parishioners and then voting for your favorite soup in various categories including the prestigious title of “Best Soup in Victoria.” The 2017 Souper Bowl will benefit the St. Victoria Mission Trip to the Crow Reservation in Montana this summer. Look for more details about this inaugural event in future communications. **Come one, come all Soup Chefs.** Contact Tanya or Ann if you would like to participate with your best soup or chili!

Middle Sunday

Today, Sunday, January 22, is Middle Sunday. Join us for a fun January Jumpstart to inspire us to grow our faith in a deeper way.

Blessings

**Emily Klinker
Sara Svenby
Ann Esping
Tanya Hisey**

(Please see our contact information on Page One)

Stay Connected

Instagram is [st.victoriaparishfamily](#)
Twitter is [@Saint_Victoria](#)
Facebook is [St. Victoria Parish Family](#)

Gifts

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For Yourself

This is a perfect time of year to take some time for yourself. We have two excellent **Bible Studies** about to get underway. Explore the Gospel of John on Wednesday evenings, January 25 through April 12, and the Gospel of Matthew on Thursday mornings, February 16 through April 13. Check out the details on page 3 or the flyer with this bulletin.

GIFT (Girlfriends In Faith Together) will host a **Saturday Morning Retreat** on February 11 featuring Betty Liedtke, local author and speaker. The topic of her presentation will be **“Discovering Our Own and Each Other’s Gifts from God.”**

Finally, there’s a **Parish Mission** planned during the first days of Holy Week. John Leonetti, Catholic speaker, author and radio host will share **“Faith Without Prayer is a Hobby”** on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (April 9, 10 and 11).

A Gift Already Received

The men of our parish and their guests were treated to an outstanding Men Building Bridges Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 14. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast and an awesome talk by Todd Fultz, author, producer, entrepreneur and dad. He shared with us his journey back from a life-changing automobile accident. Thanks to coordinator **Mike Ramler** assisted by **Bernie Mackell, Mike Hatch, Ralph Hatch, Mike Goin, Mary Catino, Mary Harvey and St. Victoria Youth.**

Fr. Bob

Alpha Invitation

A 10-week Alpha Evangelization series begins Tuesday, January 31, at Guardian Angels in Chaska, gathering from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Topics provide the basis for people to explore their faith at an introductory level and prepare them to go deeper. All are welcome. Catered meal provided (freewill offering). Call 227-4095 for information.

Visit St. Joseph’s School

There’s an All School Open House on Sunday, February 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They are also celebrating Catholic Schools Week with a Talent Show and Generation Day on Friday, February 3 at 12:30 p.m. They will start the day with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by lunch and C-STEM Science Fair Open House Open House from 11-12:30 p.m.

The school is also holding a Catholic United Raffle (purchase raffle tickets starting now through February 28 from any St. Joe’s family.) All proceeds support St. Joseph School. You can also purchase tickets at the school or parish office. Go to www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/raffle for more information.

Holy Family Open House

Holy Family Catholic High School will hold their winter open house on Thursday, February 2. The evening begins with an activities fair from 6:30 to 7 p.m. followed by presentations about the college prep process, financial aid and Holy Family curriculum. Register for the open house at hfchs.org/RSVP.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **January 14 and 15, Week 29**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$	9,391
Electronic Offering:		7,881
Total Membership Offering:		17,272

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Archdiocesan Events

- **MCCL Rally and March for Life** at the State Capitol, **today, Sunday, January 22**. Speakers at 2:30 p.m. Busses leaving St. Joseph's in Waconia at 1 p.m. There may still be room available; call 442-4151.
- **Intentional Prayer — Lectio Divino Workshop** Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Golden Valley. Light supper. Suggested donation is \$10. Lectio Divina will open your heart to receive the truths that Jesus wants to show you. Fr. Jonathan Kelly will lead the workshop. Register at archspm.org/intentionalprayer.
- **Coffee House Talent Show**, a pro-life fundraiser, **today, Sunday, January 22**, 4 to 6 p.m., at St. Anne and St. Joseph Hien in north Minneapolis. Talented youth will entertain. There'll be refreshments and a silent auction. Details at www.smore.com/dt4yd.
- **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office (CCRO) Annual Winter Teaching Conference** on Saturday, February 4, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. Praise and Worship led by St. Paul's Outreach, speakers, and more. Tickets are \$35 at the door. Students/older adults, \$20. Scholarships available. Register at www.ccro-msp.org or call 763-571-5314.
- **Catholic Watchmen Rally**, Thursday, February 2, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Church of St. Peter, Mendota. Speaker is Fr. Brian Park, Pastor of Annunciation. Dinner served. Registration not required. Contact Enzo Randazzo at randazzov@archspm.org or 651-291-4483 with questions.
- **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." Early pricing, \$55, ends Jan. 25; \$65 thereafter. For details go to www.archspm.org/WINE.
- **World Day for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in the Archdiocese at a Mass with Archbishop Hebda on Sunday, February 5, 3 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please 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.

Closings

If inclement weather should make it necessary to cancel an event at St. Victoria, including Faith Formation and Confirmation, the information will be sent via an all-parish email, be on the marquee in front of the church, appear as a "newsflash" on our website, www.stvictoria.net, and it will be announced on WCCO Radio and TV. If this occurs after regular business hours or during a weekend, office telephones most likely will not be answered. If you are scheduled to help with an event, donate food, etc., and there is bad weather (or for any other reason), please contact the coordinator of the event to make sure he or she is aware of any change in your plans. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule

January 28 and 29

Sacristans

5 p.m.	Roger Osweiler, Tim Woodfield
8:45 a.m.	Sue Halverson, Mary Ann LaValle
10:45 a.m.	Erv and Linda Spevacek

Lector

5 p.m.	Cynthia McKee
8:45 a.m.	Paul Kohls
10:45 a.m.	Tony Brausen

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Tim Amundsen, Anne Fowler, Joyce Heiland, Todd Hesse, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Karl and Patty Tauscher, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
8:45 a.m.	Mary Bishop, Jim and Betti Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Mike Kokesh, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Sharon Lauwagie, Jim and Debbie Moss, Barb Schultz
10:45 a.m.	Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Sam Fellingner, Joe Hamilton, Marcus Hoffmann, Mitchell Holman, Michelle Kunze, Cherie McGraw, Lindsey Norton, Kathryn Paradise, Ken Pavett, Rose Rooney

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m.	Jeff and Connor Fowler, John Heiland, Randy Jacque and Daniella Krause,
8:45 a.m.	Jon and Nancy Carlson, Robert Diethelm, Doug and Susan Hines, Gary Lauwagie
10:45 a.m.	Donavan and Sam Esping, Don and Sue Roper, William and Bryan Saathoff

Servers

5 p.m.	Grace Fowler, Arin Hausmann, Nicholas Salwei
8:45 a.m.	Grant Hayes, Lydia Jackels, Megan Jeurissen
10:45 a.m.	Ava Kunze, Amelia McGraw, Chastity Perkins

Sound

5 p.m.	Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m.	Mike Hansen
10:45 a.m.	Joseph Klinker

Music

5 p.m.	Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl — Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m.	Cantor Maria Glynn — Acc. Amee Gallagher
10:45 a.m.	Agape Singers — Acc. Amee Gallagher
	Liturgy of the Word for Children
8:45 a.m.	Cindy Worm, Connie Jeurissen
10:45 a.m.	Greg Pavett, Linda Spevacek

Assisted Hearing

There are assisted hearing devices available in the Worship Space that will allow individuals to hear through their own personal hearing devices. If this is something you would find helpful, ask the volunteer at the sound board for assistance.

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.