

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.”

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 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 February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 58:7-10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



Isaiah reminds the people that if they learn to care for one another, they will be able to receive God's care. Their rituals must express a genuine conversion of their hearts. They cannot fast expecting to twist God's arm. Jesus likewise calls his followers to conduct their lives so that they will call attention to the presence of God within them. Salt, light and a city on a hill are clear ways to show what this message means.

Question of the Week

Who in your life might help you find courage, meaning and energy for living?

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.)

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 31** — Ray Jendro †

Wednesday, **February 1** — Lois Boll †

Thursday, **February 2** — Bruce Schneider †

Friday, **February 3** — Loretta Diethelm †

Saturday, **February 4** — Victor and Evelyn Schneider †

Sunday, **February 5** — 8:45 a.m. Paul Radde †

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

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 before Monday, February 6, by emailing stellamckinney@me.com or sign-up after Masses next weekend (February 4 and 5). See the insert with this bulletin for more details.

Baby Bottle Collection

Be sure to pick up your baby bottle this weekend to aid in the collection for Southwest Options for Women. Last year, our generous parishioners contributed more than \$3,600 to aid Southwest Options in caring for women and babies in need.

Reminder

All holiday decorations should be removed from the cemetery by Tuesday, January 31, or they will be removed by a member of the cemetery committee. Artificial decorations in good condition will be stored by the recycling bins for two weeks for owners to retrieve.

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**.

Caregiver Spiritual Support Group

Recent studies report that nearly 44 million adults in the United States are providing personal assistance for family members with disabilities or other care needs. That's more than one out of every six adults. As these numbers increase, hundreds of websites and services have been created to assist with the mental, physical, and emotional demands of caregivers. Pax Christi's Caregiver Spiritual Support Group aims to support caregivers on the spiritual dimensions of this journey by offering a prayerful and supportive faith-based time to gather together. This group meets on the third Thursday of every month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in room 221. Topics such as spiritual pain, forgiveness, and hope will be explored through video presentations and small group sharing. The group is open to anyone in the role of a caregiver. You may attend monthly or as needed. Please contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Pastoral Care, 405-7211, if you have questions.



Is There a Calling In Your Life?

Have there been times, perhaps in quiet moments, when you have felt that perhaps the Holy Spirit might be calling you to religious life? I know personally these are not thoughts you take casually, and certainly ones that you can easily disregard. Know that you can always talk to me! In the next few weeks there are several events taking place in the Archdiocese that you also might want to explore.

Miryam Dinner on Tuesday, February 7, 6 to 8 p.m., for women ages 16 to 35 who are discerning consecrated life will be hosted by Bishop Cozzens and Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies. Typically, the women attending are accompanied by their Pastor, a Consecrated Religious or Youth Minister. If this is something you would like to explore, call me and I will arrange to accompany you if you so desire..

Women's Discernment Retreat with Bishop Cozzens at Nativity of Mary in Bloomington on Saturday, February 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gain a deeper understanding of consecrated life at the retreat that will include Mass with Bishop Cozzens, consecrated women sharing their stories, opportunities to chat and ask questions. Discover the steps of discernment, learn more about yourself and listen to God speak to your heart. There is no fee, but a free-will donation is welcome to cover the cost of lunch. Register online by February 15 at www.10000vocations.org/events.

Vianney Visit for high school sophomores through college-age men (ages 16 to 24) to provide an opportunity to take a closer look and experience college seminary life. The visit is Thursday, February 9 through Saturday, February 11. Attend Mass, prayer and spiritual conferences with St. John Vianney (SJV) priests and hear testimonies with SJV seminarians. There is no charge. All meals are provided. Information and registration at www.10000vocations.org/events.

Team Vianney is a Catholic movement of men in 9th through 12th Grade in the Archdiocese. Meet Thursday, February 16, at SJV Seminary in St. Paul, from 5 to 8 p.m., for dinner with college seminarians, to hear a short, dynamic talk on our Catholic Faith and participate in an energetic Mass with seminarians and university students. For more information, go to svj@stthomas.edu or call 651-962-6825.

Again, feel free to talk with me about the possibility of a vocation. I will be happy to share my journey with you!

Holy Family Open House

Holy Family Catholic High School will hold its 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. I personally want to encourage families with youngsters in Grades Six through Eight to consider Holy Family. I can attest to the tremendous value of a Holy Family education. I hear from the students how they love their school. Register for the open house at hfchs.org/RSVP.

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. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

Note, Please...

The parish office staff will be on retreat Thursday, February 2. The parish office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until noon (thanks to a volunteer). The office will be closed in the afternoon.

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.

Summer Employment Opportunity

College-aged young adults are needed for teaching this summer. Apply to be a team member for the Totus Tuus Summer Catechetical program. Young men and women are called to share their Catholic faith with youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese. Positions last two months and includes one week of training and a one-week break over July 4. Each team member receives \$2,520. Application forms are at www.archspm.org/TotusTuus.

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. Speaker on Feb. 2 is Brenda Demotte, Professional Counseling and Grief Service, Inc. Her topic is "The Uncommon Sense About Change, Loss and Grief" 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, A

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **January 29** — “Souper” Bowl Fundraiser
- **February 1** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **February 1** — First Communion Parent Meeting
- **February 5** — Children’s Liturgy
- **February 5** — First Sunday
- **February 8** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **February 12** — Children’s Liturgy
- **February 18** — Coffee and Conversation
- **February 18** — 9th Grade Parent and Student Confirmation Retreat

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. Details next week.

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.

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.

Catechist Retreat a Big Success

It was a beautiful evening with catechists and volunteers representing all ages of our Faith Formation learners. The evening began with everyone enjoying a meal together and then we began our program that included some fun activities that challenged us both creatively and logically. Next, we proceeded to the Worship Space where we prayed, sang and had an opportunity to hear Father Thomas Joseph from St. Nicholas in Carver who shared with us his experience with Mother Teresa and how we can be like her and see Jesus in ourselves and see Jesus in others. A big thank you to **Sara Picka, Allison Vanek** and **Krystal Seguin** for helping with final food prep for our dinner and a big thank you to **Dan Esping** and our teens **Erin Wohlers, Kathryn Wise, Mitchell Holman, Jack Pavett, and Dylan Machalek** who not only came and participated in the retreat but stayed late and helped us clean up. The Faith Formation Team looks forward to making this an annual event. Be sure to check out the pictures on Facebook.

Faith Formation

The K through 5 Faith Formation year is off to a great start. The Second Graders have received their First Reconciliation and will soon start preparing for their First Communion. The Fifth Graders recently had a great Eucharistic Adoration experience with Fr. Bob. The Kindergarten, First and Second Grade classes recently participated in a WAVE weekend by helping with some special tasks at Mass and sharing a song with the parish. All of

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the grades are busy learning about God’s love and growing in their faith. I’m excited to see where the second half of our program year takes us!

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.

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. **Come one, come all Soup Chefs.** Contact Tanya or Ann if you would like to participate with your best soup or chili!

Mission Trip and First Sunday

We will be having a Mission Trip meeting on Sunday, February 5, at 6 p.m. This meeting is for the students who will be going on the mission trip. We encourage all students to attend as we will be talking about some of the details going forward as well as a couple activities. First Sunday activities to follow...you are encouraged and invited to attend. There’ll be fellowship, a message, music and transformational prayer that will inspire our teens to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Blessings . . .

Emily Klinker

Sara Svenby

Ann Esping

Tanya Hisey

(Please see our contact information on the cover.)

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. The day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by lunch and C-STEM Science Fair Open House from 11 to 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.

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.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **January 21 and 22, Week 30**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 12,331
 Electronic Offering: 4,975
 Total Membership Offering: 17,306

Second Collection for Debt Reduction: \$8,385

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Archdiocesan Events

- **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.
- **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." The cost for the day is \$65. 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.
- **2017 Newly Married Retreat**, Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Mass at 8 a.m.), at St. Charles Borromeo in Minneapolis. The retreat is for couples newly married to married seven years. The retreat includes keynote presentations by Bishop Cozzens, breakout sessions, opportunities for reconciliation and for couples to renew wedding vows. Details and registration at www.achspm.org/nmr.
- **Charismata Evening** Friday, February 10, 8 to 10 p.m., at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. Come experience the Holy Spirit in a powerful way. Prayer teams are available to listen and pray specifically for your needs. Spend time with Jesus in Adoration and praise Him with music. Leader is Fr. Michael Becker. All are welcome.
- **25th World Day of the Sick**, Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m., Mass with Archbishop Hebda. Special prayers, blessing with Lourdes Water and following Mass, a reception and presentation by Professor Elizabeth Schiltz, University of St. Thomas, on the dignity of the human person.
- **Theology on Tap** Wednesday evenings through February 22, at O'Gara's in St. Paul for young adults. Social hour at 6:30 p.m., speaker at 7:30 p.m.

Ministry Schedule

February 4 and 5

Sacristans

5 p.m. Joyce Bureau, Tim Woodfield
 8:45 a.m. Linnea Lylum, Diane Theis
 10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lector

5 p.m. Ken Pavett
 8:45 a.m. Judy Sones
 10:45 a.m. Carol Trantow

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, David and Jessica Bruns, Greg Butler, Dennis Oas, Katharine Paulsen, Jerry Schmieg, Nancy Schmieg, Sue Schrempp, Carol Spalding
 8:45 a.m. Adrienne Carrica, Cindy Eide, Connor Glynn, Sharon Lauwagie, Jim and Debbie Moss, Dave and Ellen Roan, Chris and Judy Sones, Kari Struthers
 10:45 a.m. Rachel Anderson, Marty Dentinger, Joe Hamilton, Kristen Kowalski, Louise Lehner, Deb LeMay, Kerry Leopold, Kathryn Paradise, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Annette Smyser, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Jerry and Gerda Schmieg, Steven and Nancy Schmieg, Phillip Smith, Gary Sohns
 8:45 a.m. Robert Diethelm, Connor Glynn, Eric Hanson, Joseph Happ, Gary Lauwagie, Scott Monson
 10:45 a.m. Jaden Anderson, Mark and Mary Kelly, Al and Louise Lehner, Kerry Leopold

Servers

5 p.m. Isabella Detienne, Ann Hausmann, Colton Schrempp
 8:45 a.m. Lydia Jackels, Nate Nicklaus, Lilly Treka
 10:45 a.m. Regan Anderson, Joe and Nathan Tinucci, Chastity Perkins

Team Isaiah

5 p.m. Jim Becker, Tom and Marty Cashman, Elizabeth Contreras, Monica Grengs, Roger and Paula Osweiler, Cindy Worm
 8:45 a.m. Carly Dammann, Roger and Paula Jackels, Melissa Krcil, Steve and Becky Letsche, Brigid Lund, Pat Moore, Debby Nolan, Ralph and Nancy Rezac, John Sweeney
 10:45 a.m. David, Gina, Sadie and Joey Holman, Bob and Becca Kack, David and Kristen Kowalski, Carissa Kuntz, Linda and Kayla Lindeman, Sydney Weinandt

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
 8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson
 10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Music

5 p.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
 8:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
 10:45 a.m. Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Sharon Schindler
Liturgy of the Word for Children
 8:45 a.m. Tracy Edsill
 10:45 a.m. Nicole Della Paolera, Chastity and Sydney Perkins

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