

# 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.”

## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ November 26, 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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### Parish Team

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**Solemnity of Christ the King  
November 26, 2017**

**The readings for December 3**

First Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



Advent literally means “coming.” This coming refers to the first coming of Jesus as a baby in Nazareth, His coming into the hearts of faithful Christians throughout the ages and his final coming in glory at the end of the world. Christians in the first century looked for Christ to return soon to establish once and for all God’s reign of justice, peace and love. The parable we hear in Mark’s Gospel encouraged the early Christians not to grow careless. Advent is a time of joyful expectation. Jesus will come again. He will not forget his own. Keep looking!

**Question of the Week**

How do you bring God into your life every day?

**This Week in RCIA**

The most important series of events in the history of the world was the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By means of His death, Jesus fulfilled prophecy and bought man’s freedom from slavery to sin. By means of His burial, Jesus removed any doubt that He had really died. By means of His resurrection, Jesus proved He had power over death. Come join us during our RCIA class at 6 p.m. Tuesday night to join in a thoughtful discussion about these important topics. *The death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord are the very foundation of the Gospel by which we are saved (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).*

**Welcome to St. Victoria**

If you are a visitor at St. Victoria this holiday weekend, 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.)

**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 will be celebrated December 9 and 10.
- **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 (Baptism Class) within the previous five years **before** a scheduled Baptism is celebrated. The next Jordan Night is scheduled on **Thursday, December 7.** For information or to schedule a Baptism, contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206.

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, **November 28** — Judy Forcier and Family

Wednesday, **November 29** — Hilda Caspers †

Thursday, **November 30** — Ray Jendro †

Friday, **December 1** — Marvin Gregory †

Saturday, **December 2** — Nicholas and Josephine Pezzuto †

Sunday, **December 3** — 8:45 a.m. Ken and Deb Diethelm †  
10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

**Now Hiring Youth Formation Leader**

We are seeking a highly-motivated, energetic and enthusiastic applicant to serve as a Youth Formation Leader in our parish. This position is part-time (20-32 hours/week that will be negotiated upon hiring depending on applicant’s desire for hours, with benefits commensurate with hours). Because of the breadth of youth formation at St. Victoria, the person in this role will team with the current youth formation staff to successfully execute this ministry.

The role of youth formation at St. Victoria is to enable the teens of our parish to encounter their faith, the community, and thereby Jesus — so that teens can embody our parish mission to “reach out to all as the face and hands of Jesus Christ.” This encompasses planning, administration and execution of faith formation and catechesis components, including 6 through 8th grade formation and 9 and 10th grade Confirmation, with special emphasis on enabling, mentoring and retaining small group adult and teen leaders. The role also is responsible for relational ministry programs, and therefore building relationships with teens, parents and the broader parish. Additionally, this role is responsible for the development and execution of extra-curricular formational ministry programs which may include mission trips, Bible studies, retreats, middle school Vacation Bible School, etc.

The ideal candidate will have three (3) or more years of demonstrated relevant experience working with youth in a parish setting, demonstrated enthusiasm for 6 through 12th grade teens, demonstrated organizational and marketing skills with excellence-in-execution. Additionally, the ideal candidate will have proven success and experience recruiting, empowering, and inspiring teens, parents and adult volunteers in a way that engenders trust and confidence. The person must have a demonstrated track record of collaborating with others, knowledge of youth formation best practices and be an advocate for implementing new strategies to meet the changing needs of families and teens in our parish. Most importantly, the ideal candidate will have the spiritual and emotional maturity to enable them to witness how God has acted in their life.

To apply for this position, contact Deacon Ray in the parish office at 443-2661 or rortman@stvictoria.org. The initial application should include a detailed resume and a cover letter that explains the nature and extent of the applicant’s interest in and experience and training for the position. The initial application also should include a list of professional references and a writing sample (ideally a concise one that communicates to parents or advocating a ministry program). The deadline for applications is December 1.

**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 **John Abel in the parish office.**



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



## Thanksgiving Wishes

I hope that you are enjoying a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend filled with family and friends, fun and laughter, good food and time for contemplating the blessings in your life. If you are a visitor at St. Victoria this weekend, welcome! Visit us anytime.

## Life is Short

If you have a little spare time, following are some words of wisdom I read recently that you might find intriguing.

### This life will go by fast, so . . .

Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

Enjoy travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs (or cats) to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware. Don't save your favorite perfume, use it to go out with yourself, wear out your favorite sport shoes, repeat your favorite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before your sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas, for Friday, for reunions, for another year, for when I have money, for love to come, when everything is perfect. . . . Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings cannot accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn.

So take this challenge that is life and do it now . . . Love more, forgive more, embrace more and leave the rest in God's hands.

## Come Travel With Me

The piece above says "enjoy travel" and I have the perfect invitation to do just that! There's still time to join me on my travels to Ireland next year. I am leading a tour to visit many of the highlights in both the south and north of this beautiful country. Leaving April 2 (returning April 13), we will 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 and visit Belfast including the outstanding Titanic Belfast Museum.

Next we will head south to visit the Knock Shrine, Kylemore Abbey, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, Rock of Cashel and Trinity College where there will be time to view the Book of Kells. And, there will be tours of the Bushmills Distillery and the Guinness Storehouse.

I have an **Ireland Information Night planned on Tuesday, November 28, at 6:30 p.m. in Elstan Hall.** There are brochures in the Franciscan Commons and information at [www.stvictoria.net](http://www.stvictoria.net).

*Fr. Bob*

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday in the Historic Church beginning at 8:30 a.m. (after Daily Mass) and ending at 8 p.m.** The Lord loves it when you spend time with Him. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

## La Noche Azul

We announced last week that all 200 tickets for our annual La Noche Azul Advent Dinner on December 4 are sold out. While we are pleased, we know that some people will be disappointed. You can add your name to a waiting list by calling the parish office. If we do have additional tickets, and your name is on the waiting list, you will be contacted by Tuesday, November 28.

Please remember that all donations for the Silent Auction should be brought to the parish office by Monday, November 27. It appears that the Silent Auction is going to be a lot of fun and a great success.

We're assured our entertainer for the evening, singer/song writer Joel Blunk, is prepared for his trip north (he resides in Virginia) and is busy getting his set list ready for his performance.

## Important Dates

- **December 4** — La Noche Azul Advent Dinner, 6 p.m.
- **December 5** — Parish Reconciliation, 6 p.m.
- **December 17** — Annual Christmas Concert and Children's Pageant, 5 p.m.
- **December 22** — Individual Confessions, 6 p.m.
- **December 23** — Individual Confessions, after 5 p.m. Mass
- **December 24** — Christmas Eve Masses at 4, 6 and 10 p.m.
- **December 25** — Christmas Morning Mass at 9 a.m.
- **January 13** — Men Building Bridges Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.

## 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](http://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 make sure you contact the coordinator of the event to make sure he or she is aware of any change in your plans.

## Elsewhere...

- **Praying with St. John Paul II.** Mother Adela and three Sisters of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be available November 28 through December 1 for days of prayer and veneration. There are events at **St. Hubert in Chanhassen** on Wednesday, Nov. 29, including Mass with Archbishop Hebda at 9:35 a.m., veneration from 10:35 to 11 a.m. and a talk and veneration 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and at **Guardian Angles in Chaska**, Thursday, November 30, when there is veneration and a talk from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale**, Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pax Christi. Over 50 crafters and artisan and raw honey from their hives. Luncheon available.

# Faith Formation

## Important Upcoming Dates

### Adult Formation, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry

11/26	No Children's Liturgy
11/29	Faith Formation and Confirmation
12/3	Children's Liturgy and WAVE for Grades 3 through 5
12/6	Faith Formation; No EDGE or Confirmation
12/10	Children's Liturgy
12/10	Face and Hands
12/13	Faith Formation and Confirmation
12/13	Final day for Giving Tree
12/17	Children's Liturgy
12/17	Children's Christmas Pageant and Christmas Concert

### Adult Formation

#### RCIA

You are invited to attend any RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) session that sounds interesting. You will find the topic for each upcoming week on page two of the bulletin, on our website and Facebook page. Feel free to join us any Tuesday (or every Tuesday).

### Faith Formation

#### Christmas Pageant Clean-up

Do you have a little bit of free time and could do a little laundry for the Faith Formation team? Don't worry, you don't have to wash our socks! It has been a few years since the Christmas pageant costumes had a good cleaning and they are a little musty. If you would be willing to help out with this project, please contact Sara in the parish office. We have multiple bins to launder – take one or take them all!

#### Speaking of the Christmas Pageant....

Now that Thanksgiving is over, it is time to start concentrate on Advent and Christmas. This year's Christmas pageant will again be combined with the annual Christmas Concert and will be held on Sunday, December 17, at 5 p.m. Rehearsal will be the day before (Saturday, December 16) from 9 a.m. to noon. Start talking to your children about being a part of this special event and watch the bulletin for more information.

### Youth Ministry

#### High School Mission Trip

We are excited to announce that St. Victoria will again be partnering with YouthWorks for a mission trip to their Blue Ridge Mountains site in North Carolina next summer from July 20 to July 29, for 9th through 12th Graders. **And, we are even more excited to share that over half of the spots are taken.** Please fill out the form on the website if you are interested in the trip, or if you are ready to commit, deposits are now being taken for those wanting to hold a spot. Please contact Ann for more details.

#### Black Friday Specials

If you made a spectacular purchase and have a Blue Ray Player or a flat screen TV 40 inches or larger that you no longer plan to use, the Confirmation team would be happy to take any items off your hands. Just give Ann a call.

### Face and Hands Event

All are welcome to join us for our next Face and Hands Event on Sunday, December 10 at 6 p.m. This event will feature singer, songwriter and inspirational speaker Luke Spehar. Luke has been named one of the top 12 Christian artists in the nation and has received rave reviews on his speaking as well. According to Matthew Kelly, founder of DynamicCatholic.com, "We all need to be inspired from time to time, especially in our spiritual journeys. Luke Spehar is using music in a powerful way to inspire the people of our times." The event will not only include an inspirational message from Luke, but also time for fun, hospitality and Mass.

### Thanksgiving

We hope this Thanksgiving Weekend has been a special time! The Faith Formation Team would like once again to thank our 100-plus volunteers for their time, dedication and the faith-filled compassion they share with our children and youth each week.

**Blessings . . . . . Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby and Ann Esping**

### Events in the Archdiocese

- Symposium to explore the Catholic vision of the human person within its theological, scientific and social context is Monday, December 11, at the University of St. Thomas. The goal is to equip clergy, religious, pastoral ministers and lay leaders with the pastoral insights and language they need to reach out to those they serve in love and truth. Reservations open soon. For more information, contact Dr. Deborah Savage at [pdsavage@stthomas.edu](mailto:pdsavage@stthomas.edu) or 651-962-5061.
- Catholic Watchmen – Men's Bible Boot Camp with Jeff Cavins, Saturday, December 2, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at St. Therese in Deephaven. Learn the basics of the Bible in one day. Learn the structure of the Bible and the story of Salvation History. Discover the heroic men of the Bible. Find out how to make Scripture a part of your daily life. Learn how to lead your family to read the Bible. Cost: \$40 (Includes workbook, donuts and lunch. Free for sons under 18.) Register at [St-Therese.org/events](http://St-Therese.org/events). For more information, contact Susanna Parent at [parents@archspm.org](mailto:parents@archspm.org) or 651-291-4411.
- Women, WINE, & Wisdom – Long Story Short: The Original Millennials, Models of Faith, Thursday, December 7, 7 to 9 p.m., at Kellerman's Event Center in White Bear Lake. Storytime isn't just for kids — We could all use some wonder and joy in our lives. This Advent, WINE invites you to gather with women of all ages as Catholic singer and storyteller ValLimar Jansen fills an unforgettable evening with music, storytelling, Scripture, reflection, and poetry. Spanning 4,000 years in one hour, ValLimar's wisdom on mystics, martyrs, and models of the faith will equip you to live your faith with confidence, conviction, and hope. Reserved seating for groups of 10. For more information and to register, visit the events page at [CatholicVineyard.com](http://CatholicVineyard.com).

# Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **November 18 and 19, Week 21** of our fiscal year, will be included in next week's bulletin.

*Thank you for using your envelopes.*

## **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Friday, December 8, 7 p.m.**

**Sacristan**

Tim Breslin

**Lector**

Janet Bergeron

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Tim Kearney, Kari Struthers, Luci Tellers

**Greeter/Ushers**

Rick Stucki, Ryan Wenning

**Servers**

Mitchell and Sadie Holman

**Sound**

Tim Breslin

**Music**

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Providing Meals** for Launch Ministry clients is a St. Victoria ministry. Volunteers provide about 10 meals. (Launch provides a safe and stable space for struggling youth and young adults in Carver and Scott Counties.) Volunteers can make a complete meal for 20 or provide just one item for the potluck dinners provided as a group. When you volunteer, donations are delivered to St. Victoria between 4 and 6 p.m. and a designated person delivers the food to Launch (located in Chaska). For more information or to volunteer, contact Lynn Gerebi at [lgerebi@gmail.com](mailto:lgerebi@gmail.com).

**Christmas Basket Packing and Delivery** on December 16, at various times, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Carver, Mt. Olivet Lutheran West in Victoria and Westwood Community Church in Chanhasen. Help assemble food baskets with food donated and purchased by Love INC. Each volunteer group/family will be assigned two or three families to whom they will deliver food baskets, spend a little time with each family and share a prayer with them. **Contact Love INC at 448-2508 for more information and/or to volunteer.**

## **Holiday Decorations**

Holiday decorations can now be placed in the cemetery. Please remember that everything must be placed either in a standing pot or on shepherd's hook. Nothing can be planted or placed on the ground. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **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.

## **Keep Us In the Loop**

If there are changes in your life, be sure to let us know so we can keep our records up-to-date. Be sure to share your phone number (cell and land line) and email changes and/or address changes. Thank you.

# Ministry Schedule

**December 2 and 3**

**Sacristans**

5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen  
8:45 a.m. Diane Theis  
10:45 a.m. Julie Catalino, Rose Rooney

**Lector**

5 p.m. Leslie Becker  
8:45 a.m. Kurt Bongard  
10:45 a.m. John Helgerson

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Bob Elfering, Debra McMillan, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Katharine Paulsen, Charles Schmidt, Nancy Schmieg, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf  
8:45 a.m. Joanna Bongard, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Roger and Paula Jackels, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Dave and Ellen Roan, Laura Synstegaard  
10:45 a.m. Rachel Anderson, George Barker, Marty Dentinger, Diane Forsythe, Gina Holman, Tim Kearney, Michelle Kunze, Linda Lindeman, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Annette Smyser, Carol Trantow

**Greeter/Usher**

5 p.m. Pat Henning, Randy and Jacque Krause, Phillip Smith, LeRoy and Margaret Worm  
8:45 a.m. Doug and Susan Hines, Gary Lauwagie, Lyle Oddan, Daryl Schmieg, Shawn Sutherland  
10:45 a.m. Ragan and Jaden Anderson, Mark and Mary Kelly, Steve and Jill Sonnek

**Servers**

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Megan Jeurissen  
Daniella Krause  
8:45 a.m. Arin Hausmann, Lydia Jackels, Nate Nicklaus  
10:45 a.m. Evie Heiland, Sadie and Joey Holman

**Sound**

5 p.m. Tim Woodfield  
8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson  
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

**Team Isaiah**

5 p.m. Jim Becker, Tom and Marty Cashman, Elizabeth Contreras, Monica Grengs, David and Kristen Kowalski, Cindy Worm  
8:45 a.m. Jim, Wendi and Jakob Alessio, Carly Dammann, Melissa Krcil, Brigid Lund, Scott Monson, Pat Moore, Debbie Nolan, John Sweeney  
10:45 a.m. Sam Fellingner, Bob and Becca Kack, Tom, Julie, Courtney, Elizabeth, Mitchell, Grace, Anna, Madelyn and Natalie Rydeen

**Music**

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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

8:45 a.m. Ann Eilertson, Kiahley Bosch  
10:45 a.m. Nicole Della Paolera, Chastity and Sydney Perkins

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