

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.”

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 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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Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

The readings for October 1

Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

This Gospel emphasizes the theme of personal responsibility and accountability. Not only are we to respond with a “yes” to God’s call, but we are to carry out the tasks that go with that yes. This parable is set within a series of conflicts Jesus has with the religious authorities. It is Jesus’ last week in Jerusalem. The parable is another way of saying, “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven” (7:21). Our actions and our lives must demonstrate that we truly follow Christ and the message of the Gospel.



Question of the Week

Has there been an event or encounter that made you change your behavior or attitude?

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.)

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 October 7 and 8.
- **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 is **Thursday, November 2.** For information or to schedule a Baptism, contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206.

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.**



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **September 26** —Irene Schneider †
 Wednesday, **September 27** — Dalles Notermann †
 Thursday, **September 28** — Dorleen Schmiege †
 Friday, **September 29** — Otto and Irene Pottebaum †
 Saturday, **September 30** — Living and Deceased Members of Catholic United Financial
 Sunday, **October 1**— 8:45 a.m. Marvin Gregory †
 10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

67th Annual Red Mass

All lawyers, judges, and others involved in the administration of justice, along with their families, are invited to the annual Red Mass at Church of the Assumption in St. Paul, on Saturday, October 7, at 6 p.m. Archbishop Hebda will celebrate. A reception will follow immediately in the church. This special event is sponsored/presented by the Lawyers Guild of St. Thomas More.

Return 2017

- Do you have a loved one who has stopped practicing their Catholic faith?
- Are you unsure of what to say to them?
- Do you want to help be an instrument of the Holy Spirit in their lives?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this program is for you. Along with prayer and support from small group time, this seven-night program will help you understand why most people leave the Church and give us practical tips and strategies to help our loved ones return. Meet Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9 and November 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Brooklyn Park. The cost is \$50 and includes all materials. Find more details and register online by September 30 at rediscover-faith.org and click on EVENTS. Contact Molly at mollyschorr@saintvdp.org or 763-762-7374 for additional information.

Everyone Leads

A presentation, “Everyone Leads – How to Revitalize the Catholic Church” is planned on Monday, October 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Saint Thomas More in St. Paul, with a presentation by Chris Lowney. Chris, a former business executive, lectures globally about leadership and how challenged organizations can navigate change to emerge stronger. As chair of one of Catholicism's largest hospital systems, he writes "from within" as a Catholic who loves his church and is committed to seeing it flourish. This event is free and open to the public. Hospitality follows the presentation. Call 651-227-7669 or visit www.morecommunity.org/parish.

Deanery Meeting

The West Deanery Council of Catholic Women (St. Victoria is a member of this Deanery) will hold its fall gathering on Thursday, September 28, at the Church of St. George in Long Lake. The gathering begins at 9:20 a.m. with Mass celebrated by Fr. David Kohner at 10 a.m. The day includes a business meeting, interesting speakers and presentations and lunch. The event will adjourn at 2 or 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Carol Shukle at 612-232-7800 or Carole Hedlund at 445-3061. If no answer, please leave a message.



Once Again

Again, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible generosity. We are sending a check to the Center for Mission for \$5,826 for Hurricane Harvey Relief and we filled the disaster relief pod in the parking lot with many much needed items for the people of Houston.

As I thank you for Hurricane Harvey help, I now have to inform you that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) also is asking that Catholic parishes throughout the U.S. take up an emergency collection on behalf of those devastated in parts of the Caribbean and southeastern United States by Hurricane Irma.

These funds will be used in the affected areas to support humanitarian aid, assistance with long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction and for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in the U.S. and the Caribbean, especially the Diocese of St. Thomas. Next weekend we will have a second collection to help in this endeavor. If you write a check, please make it out to St. Victoria and on the memo line indicate Hurricane Irma Emergency Relief.

And, as we send this bulletin to the printer, we pray that these very areas will be spared another catastrophe as Hurricane Maria approaches the same area.

As we have provided care and support for people impacted by these hurricanes, you also have generously participated in an event closer to home. Thank you for your donations of twin-sized bedding for kids in need. We have partnered with KleinBank in their "My Very Own Bed" campaign to provide beds to children in need ages 2 to 17.

A couple other items of note — We received a thank you from Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers — "Please accept the sincere thanks of Maryknollers around the world for the kindness and generosity shown to us during Fr. Bill Vos' recent mission appeal visit to St. Victoria."

We also received a check from our Catholic United Financial Council for \$10,531, representing the proceeds from their May rummage sale. This includes a \$1,000 matching grant from Catholic United Financial. Here is a breakdown of how the funds have been allocated: \$2,000 for Faith Formation activities, trips and special events; \$1,000 for Faith Formation training and enrichment; \$1,000 for Youth Ministry Summerfest and Mission Trip; \$1,000 for Faith Formation need-based scholarships and the balance of \$5,531 for mortgage debt reduction.

Bless Those Sneakers

Are you training to participate in the Twin City Marathon or the 10 Mile Run coming up Sunday, October 1? If so, bring your running shoes to the 5 p.m. Mass next Saturday, September 30, for a special blessing. **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. Seek the Lord and know the Lord is lovingly seeking you. **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Save the Date

- **Considerations for End of Life**, Tuesday, October 3, 6 p.m. St. Victoria and Bertas Funeral Home and Cremation Services are hosting a 45-minute program for adults of all ages to learn about the importance of making important spiritual, emotional and financial plans ahead of time.
- **Fall Clean-up**, Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m. to noon.

Elsewhere...

- **Healing Mass** at Holy Name of Jesus in Medina, Tuesday, Oct. 3. Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m.
- **Taste of St. Hubert Harvest Festival**, Saturday, Sept. 30, Mass with Fr. Mike Schmitz at 4 p.m., festival follows with food trucks, games, raffles, beer and wine tent, music, bingo and more.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** meeting at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Speaker Sept. 28 is Kelly Tabara, "Journey Following Father's Death." Call 763-475-7126 for information.
- **Southwest Grief Council** held at Pax Christi in Eden Prairie, Thursdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Advance registration for childcare (call 405-7242), light supper at 5:30 p.m. Session on Sept. 28 is "Holding onto Hope" with Jean Thoresen, Pax Christi Director of Care and Support.
- **Cor Jesu**, an extended Holy Hour with music, brief homily and an opportunity for confessions for college-aged young adults. First Fridays at the St. Paul Seminary.
- **Adult Bible Study**, "Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles." Dr. Mary Healy combines Bible study with Church teachings and practical wisdom to show how Catholics can effectively impact people for Jesus Christ. Starts Sept. 26 at St. John the Baptist in Excelsior. Mornings 9 to 11 a.m. and evenings 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fee is \$25. Register at www.stjohns-excelsior.org.
- **Centering Prayer Retreat Day** at St. Joseph the Worker in Maple Grove, Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$15, includes lunch. Register online at www.sjtw.net.
- **Abundance Minneapolis** women's event will be held September 29 and 30 at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. The event includes best-selling authors, teachers and worship leaders. Register at <http://lifeway.com/abundance>.
- **Justice For All (JFA)**, a pro-life ministry that trains thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time, is coming to St. Hubert Catholic Church on Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 to 11 a.m. with Mass at 8 a.m. JFA will present an interactive workshop entitled *Taking Abortion From Debate to Dialogue* that provides skills to change peoples' hearts and minds on abortion and gives hands-on practice as you learn the new skills. Contact Ashley Burns at ashleyburns618@gmail.com or 303-746-2574 or Cathy Johnson at 334-0780 or jcathy724@gmail.com for information.
- **The God Who Answers by Fire: Elijah and the Battle of Mt. Carmel**. Join Fr. John Paul Erickson for a morning of reflection on Saturday, Sept. 30, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Therese Catholic Church in Deephaven. Sponsored by Our Lady of the Most Sacred Heart Carmelite Secular Community, the free event includes Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, prayer, a talk and lunch. RSVP for lunch to olmsh.carmel@gmail.com or 651-503-4972.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Adult Formation, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry

- 9/24 6th to 10th Grade Leader/Catechist Retreat, 6:30 to 8:30pm
- 9/27 Faith Formation Kick-Off Mass, K- 6, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- 9/27 Confirmation Leader Meeting with Material Distribution, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 10/4 First Faith Formation Class and Confirmation Leader/Student 1:1 and Ministry Fair
- 10/7 Family VBS
- 10/11 Faith Formation and Confirmation
- 10/11 First Reconciliation Parent Meeting No. 1
- 10/15 Grade 7 to 10 "Family Event" 6 to 9 p.m.

Catechist Training

Thank you to those who were able to attend one of our Catechist Training sessions. If you did not attend, please contact Ann or Sara for materials, calendar and general information to have a successful start of the year.

Faith Formation

Opening Faith Formation Mass

All kindergarten through sixth grade families, please join us for our opening Faith Formation Mass. We will gather for Mass at 6:00 p.m. After Mass, you will get a chance to go see your classroom and meet your catechists. We might even have a treat for you to enjoy. ;) Join us to celebrate our faith and kick-off the faith formation year!

Family VBS

We always have such fun during Vacation Bible School (VBS) that we don't want the parents to miss out on all the fun. We have added in a fun one-day mini VBS for families to enjoy together. This is a great way for you to grow in relationship together as a family and with God. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to dig into your faith together! We will meet on Saturday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. We will sing and dance, play games and do crafts, have a snack, and dig into scripture. This event is open to all families. You can register on the parish website. There is a \$20 fee per family.

Supplies needed

We are in need of a few specific supplies for our Faith Formation program. We have a couple classrooms that need a CD Player. Glue sticks, glue bottles and kids' scissors are always in high demand. We also go through markers quickly, so if you have some extras laying around, we will put them to good use. If you can help provide any of these items (please, only these items), it would be greatly appreciated as we can use our Faith Formation funds for other fun projects!

Youth Ministry

Face and Hands Family Events

This year, we have launched our Face and Hands Family Events on Sunday nights to enable families to play a greater role in our Faith Formation program. With inspired and powerful speakers, energetic contemporary music, hospitality and the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Mass together, these events are designed to provide parents, teens

and the broader parish an opportunity to engage more deeply with God and one another, experience Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament, and explore their faith. The dates are October 15, December 10, February 25 and April 15. Come join us.

Retreat for 6th through 10th Grade Catechists

First, thank you for agreeing (or considering) to be a catechist/leader this year to share your faith with our 6th through 10th Grade Students. You are invited to a retreat specifically for 6th through 10th Grade Catechists on Sunday, September 24, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This retreat is in addition to our regular catechist training on September 13 (6th to 8th Grade) and September 17 (Confirmation), the time to go over calendars, curriculum and logistics. The goal of our 6th through 10th Grade Catechist Retreat is to develop a deeper sense of belonging to the community of Faith Formation Leaders by drawing from the gifts of one another and by building untapped strength among leaders. We believe we can best do this by listening to one another. The retreat is also an opportunity to ground ourselves as we prepare for the upcoming Faith Formation year. We believe your presence at the retreat will be a gift to the other Faith Formation Leaders, your students and to yourself. It will be a special time to be with one another and create connections that will be invaluable during our Faith Formation year and it is an opportunity to build on our faith that is so essential for our success as leaders of this important step in the faith journey of our youth. We hope you can join us at this retreat. If you have a conflict, let Ann or Tanya know and perhaps we can help.

**Blessings Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby
Ann Esping and Tanya Hisey**

(Our contact information is on Page One.)

Draw Your Child Back to the Church

This is an opportunity to bring children and grandchildren back to the Church. All grandparents are invited to a five-week video/book series for Catholic grandparents led by Brandon Vogt at the Church of St. Joseph in Rosemount beginning October 4. Contact Kim Doyle at sdoyle32@charter.net or go to www.stjosephcommunity.org/grandparentministry for info or to register. Registration deadline is September 25.

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.

Stay Connected

Instagram is [st.victoriaparishfamily](https://www.instagram.com/st.victoriaparishfamily)
Twitter is [@Saint_Victoria](https://twitter.com/Saint_Victoria)
Facebook is [St. Victoria Parish Family](https://www.facebook.com/St.VictoriaParishFamily)
www.stvictoria.net

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **September 16 and 17, Week 12** of our fiscal year :

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,875
Electronic Offering: 7,922
Total Membership Offering: 16,797

Second Collection for Debt Reduction: \$3,055

Tithing: \$420 World Vision Orphan and \$1,259 for Sharing and Caring Hands

Thank you for using your envelopes.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults who are not Catholic can be initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church. The RCIA process reaches out to everyone . . . inviting birth and rebirth in faith. **Our welcome also includes cradle Catholics and anyone else who wants to learn more about the treasures of their Catholic faith.** RCIA is a wonderful opportunity to renew your knowledge of Catholicism, and more importantly to recommit yourself to the faith you profess as an adult Catholic. This is the time to give this opportunity serious consideration. Sessions start October 3 and will be completed during Holy Week. Call Deacon Ray Ortman in the parish office for information.

Archdiocesan Events

Behold, an eight-week series for women ages 21 to 29. Young women are invited to come and hear the mission of *Behold* — that each woman will recognize the gift she is, realize the gifts she's been given and give to the world the gifts that only she can give. Series held on Thursdays, September 28 through November 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Grace in Edina. Fellowship and hospitality at 6:45 p.m. Register at www.archspm.org/BEHOLD.

The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible with Jeff Cavins offered by the Catechetical Institute. The eight-week study will help uncover the story woven throughout scripture giving you the "big picture" of the Bible. Part of the "Fall Life Skills Course." Thursdays, October 5 to November 30, 7 to 9 p.m., St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. Register at cibiblestudy.eventbrite.com.

Misdiagnosed, a presentation by Jean Abbot sharing about her journey from wheels to heels. Hear her story of how her 30 year struggle with a debilitating disorder, which she never had, changed her life on Tuesday, September 26, 7 to 8 p.m., Maternity of Mary Church in St. Paul. Call 651-489-8824 for information.

St. Paul Street Evangelization: Providing an Avenue to Share your Faith, Wednesday, October 4, noon to 1:30 p.m., St. Joseph Hall at the Chancery. Learn 10 practical ways to live out your part of God's amazing plan for your life and His people. See EVENTS page at rediscover-faith.org for details and/or to register.

Read Between the WINEs Fall Book Club October 1 through December 17. Women around the country will come together to read, discuss and pray with chapters from *When Women Pray: Eleven Catholic Women on the Power of Prayer*. Go to www.CatholicVineyard.com for information or to register.

Called and Gifted Workshop, Friday, October 6, 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Church of St. Joseph in West St. Paul. Learn the signs and characteristics of the most common charisms of the Holy Spirit. For details and/or to register go to WWW.archspm.org/CG2017.

Ministry Schedule

September 30 and October 1

Sacristans

5 p.m. Jacque Krause
8:45 a.m. Tim Woodfield
10:45 a.m. Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m. Cynthia McKee
8:45 a.m. Joe Carrica
10:45 a.m. Gina Holman

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Todd Hesse, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Roger Osweiler, Charles Schmidt, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Renee Boraas, Adrienne Carrica, Darla Diethelm, Roger Jackels, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Barb Schultz, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. Rachel Anderson, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Marcus Hoffman, Louise Lehner, Kerry Leopold, Kathryn Paradise, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Rose Rooney, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Elizabeth Contreras, Gary and Anne Delaney, Cal Haasken, Randy Krause, Robert Muller
8:45 a.m. Robert Diethelm, Chris and Cheryl Mach, Scott Monson, Troy and Sam Stukenborg
10:45 a.m. Regan and Jaden Anderson, Al Lehner, Greg Pavett, Steve and Jill Sonnek

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Megan Jeurissen, Daniella Krause
8:45 a.m. Arin Hausmann, Lydia Jackels, Ethan Weinandt
10:45 a.m. Mitchell, Sadie and Joey Holman

Sound

5 p.m. Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m. TBD

Music

5 p.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
8:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl —
Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:4 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:45 a.m. Dawn and Carly Dammann
10:45 a.m. Bear Goodrich and Addie Fischer

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