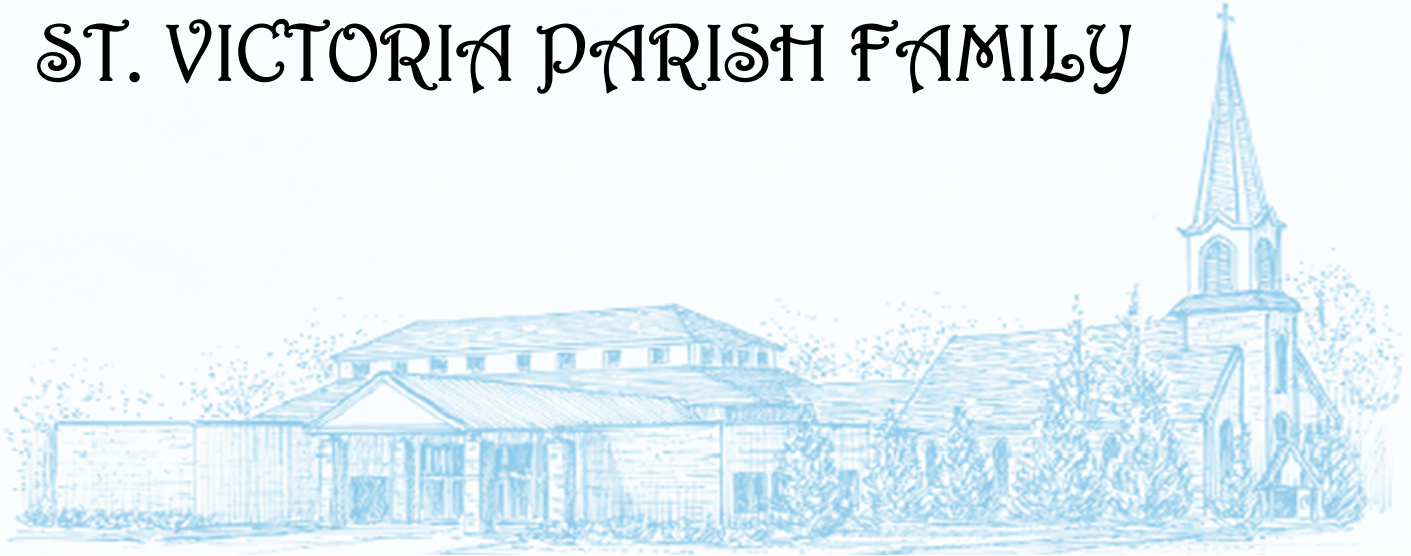


ST. VICTORIA PARISH FAMILY



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 2016

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-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time September 25, 2016

The readings for October 2

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Habbakuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10



The first reading calls for deep trust that God's plan is happening and will soon be completed. In the Gospel reading the disciples ask for an increase in faith. Jesus is saying they do not need to be heroes. An ordinary amount of trust in God's help will help them accomplish great things. Transplanting a sycamore tree into the sea is a highly exaggerated example. It serves, however, to make the point: "What is impossible for human beings is possible for God."

Question of the Week

How do you react when you are asked to do more than what you really want to do?

Banns of Marriage

**Jeni Pittman and Tim Amundsen
Julia McShane and Colin Faust**

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.)

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. Scholarships are available. Call the parish office for details.

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 **October 15 and 16.**
- 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, December 1.**

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



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **September 27** — Arthur and Isabel Jensen †

Wednesday, **September 28** — The Charles Johnson Family

Thursday, **September 29** — Bernard Schmiege †

Friday, **September 30** — Jerome Williams †

Saturday, **October 1** — Jerome Williams †

Sunday, **October 2** — 8:45 a.m. Hilda Caspers †
10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

RCIA

The formation of adults and the process for initiation into the Catholic Church is called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," or simply "RCIA." This program provides the groundwork for basic faith development. Together with others, you will gather for classes, prayer and discussion guided by the liturgical calendar of the Church — all of which are tailored to enliven your faith, enrich your relationship with Jesus and learn more about His Church. Who should attend RCIA? The unbaptized (people age seven and above), those Baptized in another Christian tradition, Baptized, but uncatechized Catholics and Catholics seeking to enrich their faith. This is the time to give this opportunity serious consideration. Sessions start on Tuesday, October 4, and will be completed during Holy Week. Call Ray Ortman in the parish office for information.

Fall Bible Study

You are invited to join a Bible Group to study the *Book of Exodus* on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning October 12. Everyone is invited but especially those with children in Faith Formation. For information or to register, contact Deacon Ray Ortman in the parish office.

Please Note . . .

Please arrange to remove flowers and plants from the cemetery by Wednesday, September 28. It is necessary to clean the cemetery early this year due to the change in our maintenance supervision. All plants and arrangements that are in good condition will be stored for two weeks by the recycling bins for owners to retrieve them.

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.**

Archdiocesan Candlelight Rosary Procession

Join Archbishop Hebda and Catholics from around the Archdiocese on Friday, October 7, in a candlelight procession from the State Capitol to the Cathedral in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. While walking, pray the Rosary to invoke the Blessed Mother's intercession for holiness and peace in our families and all the families of the world. Gather on the Capitol grounds at 6:30 p.m. and the procession will start at 7 p.m. A brief service will follow at the Cathedral. If you are unable to walk in the procession, feel free to go to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary.



Corporal Works of Mercy

In this Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, we have explored our ministries and how they are opportunities to practice Corporal Works of Mercy including visiting the sick.

We have teams of parishioners who weekly bring Communion to individuals who are in care facilities or at home due to illness, surgery or other health issues. In addition to bringing Communion, the volunteers bring a bit of cheer and friendliness to those they visit. If you are interested in this ministry, you may contact Mary Foster at 368-9405 (see the article in the next column) for more details and/or to volunteer.

Once each month, I celebrate Mass for residents at Good Samaritan in Waconia. If I am not able to be there, Deacon Ray facilitates a Communion Service. We are always accompanied by volunteers who not only are part of the service, but they provide refreshments and good cheer to the folks there including those who are members of St. Victoria. If you would like to be part of this group, contact Marge Diethelm at 443-2172. Another group of St. Victoria volunteers go to Good Samaritan twice each month and gather the Catholic residents together and pray the Rosary with them. If you would like to join in this ministry, contact Elaine Williams at 443-2963.

Whenever prayers are needed for parishioners, their family or friends, our Prayer Line coordinators get the word out to our Prayer Warriors who pray in their own special way. The coordinators are Dianne Leahy (dleahy1969@gmail.com) and Mary Moore (443-2443.)

All the coordinators and the volunteers serving our loved ones who are experiencing an illness or injury are practicing an Act of Mercy each time they visit at a home or care center. We are grateful for your faithfulness and dedication.

Away for a Week

I will be in Texas from September 27 to October 4 attending a Men's Rite of Passage conference. In my absence, Fr. Marty Shallbetter will celebrate Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

Kick-Off Mass

I want to join the Faith Formation and Confirmation Team in thanking everyone who attended the Kick-Off Mass last Wednesday. It is so heartwarming to see all the kids and their parents as well as our faithful volunteers. My prayers go with you as you start another year on your faith journeys.

Help

Speaking of Faith Formation — Are you called to help but don't want to be a catechist? Here's some other ideas. We need bakers, data entry folks, decorators, photographers, special event coordinators, copiers, cutters/pasters, stuffers, pot-luckers, welcomers, retreat goers, prayer partners, project and ministry champions. You name your gift and we will find a way for you to share it with the team.

Fr. Bob

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 first requirement of prayer is silence. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Blessing of the Animals

Calling all dogs, cats, turtles, birds and all other pets... next Sunday, October 2, we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Please join Deacon Ray at the statue of St. Francis immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

Communion Home Ministry

St. Victoria's Pastoral Care Team visits individuals who are unable to attend Mass due to surgery, illness, accidents or other reasons to bring them Communion. Currently, additional volunteers are needed for this ministry. The time commitment is two to three mid-day hours one Wednesday per month. There is training provided, volunteers are partnered for the visits and teams rotate between visiting people at home or visiting people in skilled care facilities. Contact Mary Foster at 368-9405 for more information.

That Man is You!

That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. Over the course of three years, That Man is You! successively considers men in their relationship to God, to their spouse and their children. The program will be held at the Cathedral in the Ryan Room on Saturday mornings, 7 to 8:30 a.m. The program started September 24, but there's still time to join. Call Steve Porter at 651-808-4814.

Elsewhere...

- **Alpha Evangelization series** at Guardian Angels Church, Chaska, begins Tuesday, October 4, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. Alpha is a program that can bring deeper joy, change your life and that of anyone you may wish to invite. Feel free to just come once and check it out. Explore your faith at an introductory level and prepare to go deeper. The program is free (a voluntary donation to cover the cost of the catered meal is appreciated). Call the parish office at 227-4000 to register.
- **Voting in the Absence of a Perfect Candidate: Catholic Perspectives on Faithful Citizenship** with Dr. Bernie Evans, Tuesday, September 27, 7 to 9 p.m., Church of St. Pascal Baylon in St. Paul. Explore what is the relationship between faith and politics and how are Catholics called to engage. Contact Kim Roaring at 651-774-1585 x128 or Suzanne Beret at 651-789-3181
- **Annual Bazaar** Sunday, Oct. 2, at Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake. Polka Mass, 10 a.m., pork chop dinner, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., fun for all under the tent all day.
- **"Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism"** Adult Bible Study at St. John the Baptist in Excelsior. Explore the life of Peter and his relevance to our lives in 10 sessions using video presentations and personal studies. Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Register at www.stjohns-excelsior.org. Begins Oct. 4.
- **A Culture of Ethics: Engineering for Human Dignity and the Common Good.** National conference on the implications of Christian Faith for engineering at the University of St. Thomas, Oct. 6 to 8. National speakers. Go to www.stthomas.edu/ethics conference or call 651-962-5300 for information and/or to register.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **October 2** — Children's Liturgy of the Word begins
- **October 2** — First Sunday (High School Youth), 7 p.m.
- **October 5** — Faith Formation
- **October 5** — Confirmation Parent/Student Retreat, 7:15 p.m.
- **October 12** — First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- **October 12** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **October 16** — Middle Sunday (Middle School Youth), 5 p.m.
- **October 19** — No Faith Formation or Confirmation
- **October 26** — Confirmation to Chris Stefanick
- **October 26** — Faith Formation and Confirmation

Kick-Off Mass

It was wonderful to see our parents and children together with our volunteers at our Faith Formation Kick-Off Mass. Fr. Bob In his homily spoke about community and belonging and we hope that you find that sense of belonging here at St. Victoria as we welcome 500 children and youth and more than 100 volunteers to our 2016/2017 Faith Formation and Confirmation programs.

As Father said, in this age of technology it's easy to keep up with all that is happening here at St. Victoria.

Instagram is [st.victoriaparishfamily](#)

Twitter is [@Saint_Victoria](#)

Facebook is [St. Victoria Parish Family](#)

Faith Formation Registration for 2016/2017

Classes are filling up. Children registered after Friday, September 30, will not be placed in a classroom until the week of October 10.

Faith Formation registration materials can be found on the parish website under the Faith Formation tab. Please contact Emily if you have any questions. As of September 1, registration fees increased to \$95 per child. Sacramental Fees for Confirmation and First Sacraments remained the same. Note: The current calendar is now available on our website.

Reminder to All Faith Formation Volunteers

If you did not come to one of the scheduled trainings, you need to make arrangements to meet with Sara, Tanya or Ann as soon as possible. This includes subs, hall monitors and childcare volunteers.

VIRTUS

All volunteers who work with children and youth at St. Victoria are required to attend a VIRTUS training session. If you are a catechist or any other Faith Formation or Confirmation volunteer and have not attended a VIRTUS session, please find a location (another parish) where you can attend a scheduled training session. To find a location, go to [www.virtus.org](#) and click on the registration link and select Saint Paul and Minneapolis (Archdiocese) from the drop-down menu. If you have attended a training session in the past, you must recertify and this also can be done online. For the recertification, also go to [www.virtus.org](#) and after completing the recertification, inform Emily. *Please remember that this training is required for all volunteers working with children and youth both by St. Victoria and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.* Without completing the training or recertification, volunteers will not be able to participate in activities with children and youth. Call Emily with questions/concerns.

Youth Ministry/Confirmation Needs

Got a bus you'd like to donate? How about pool cues, volleyballs, kickballs, or a rubber chicken? Any chance you are getting rid of a 40 inch-plus flat screen TV or projector that is gently used? We need three for Confirmation. How about superhero costumes, fun wigs, or adult dress-up items? We need new or gently used items for Confirmation and Youth Ministry events. If you have something you think we could use, shoot Ann or Tanya an email and we'll check to ensure we have a spot. We weren't kidding about that bus!

Confirmation Field Trip -- Chris Stefanick

Part of the Confirmation program includes a field trip to listen to speaker Chris Stefanick who is part of our Chosen curriculum. He will be speaking at St. Ambrose in Woodbury on October 26, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The bus will leave from St. Victoria at 5:45 p.m. and return by 10:15 p.m. Registration fee is \$20 per person. Parents are encouraged to purchase a ticket and join us. Tickets are very limited, so please register by the revised deadline of October 5 on our St. Victoria website, [www.stvictoria.net](#). Regular class will be scheduled for those who won't be joining us..

Youth Ministry

One Body, Many Parts. - 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

We are kicking off Youth Ministry efforts for the 2016 school year with three new groups: **First Sundays**, youth gathering for Senior High youth on the first Sunday (October 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.) each month. Second, for Middle School we will have **Middle Sunday** gatherings (October 16, 5 to 7 p.m.) with lots of fun, fellowship and faith each "middle" Sunday evening. Finally, we are interested in building a group of passionate Senior High youth and adults that want to serve the youth of our parish. The **"core team"** will meet monthly. Core team members will serve at youth events and will lead through participation in planning and leading events, music and drama ministries, leading prayer, giving talks, leading small groups, helping with set-up and clean-up, leading games and ice breakers and serving in whatever capacity you like including fundraising activities. Adults and teens are invited to be part of the Core Team.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy program will be starting up again on October 2. As a reminder, all children age 4 through Grade One are welcome to join us each week for this special time to look at the Gospel and do a craft. There is no need to sign up, just join us when you can.

We are always looking for more volunteers for our program as well. Leaders are provided with a complete lesson plan and all the materials needed, including a partner. All ages can volunteer in this ministry. Contact Sara if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering with this special program

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Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **September 17 and 18, Week 12** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,906
Electronic Offering: 10,494
Total Membership Offering: 19,400
Second Collection for Debt Reduction: **\$3,492**

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Archdiocesan Events

- **Men's Pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine** in LaCrosse, WI, with Bishop Cozzens on Saturday, October 1. Buses depart St. John Neumann in Eagan at 8 a.m. and return about 8 p.m. Cost is \$35 and includes Octoberfest buffet lunch. Dinner stop at your expense. Information and registration at Eventbrite.com, keyword Bishop Cozzens. Contact Susanna Bolle at 651-291-4411 for information.
- **St. Therese: The Little Way of Confidence in Merciful Love** with Fr. James Livingston on Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. John the Baptist in Excelsior. Sponsored by Carmelite Secular Community. R.S.V.P. olmsh.carmel@gmail.com or 612-590-0251.
- **Woman and Man: Complementary as Mission** with presentations by Dr. Deborah Savage and Dr. Greg Bottaro, Wednesday, October 5, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas. More details at www.archspm.org/complementarity.
- **Spiritual Celebration Through Song and Prayer** with Steve Angrisano at St. Rita's Catholic Church Sunday, October 2 through Tuesday, October 4, 7 to 9 p.m. each evening. This is a Family Faith experience. Go to stritas@saintritas.org for more information.
- **Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour** on Friday, October 7 at 10 a.m. Pray with Bishop Cozzens as he leads the 14th Annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour. Broadcast live on EWTN and streamed on EWTN.com.

New Look, Additional Services

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women (SVABW), located in Belle Plaine, MN, has announced a "new road" on its journey to end domestic violence in the communities throughout Scott and Carver Counties. One barrier has been that many victims don't know this valuable resource exists. In addition, people who might make a difference in the lives of victims as potential donors or volunteers also are unaware of the organization. To address this, the organization has developed a new look and a more focused integrated marketing plan. The organization also has opened a new Children's Visitation Center, **iMoK**, to provide a safe, child-friendly setting where children can visit non-custodial parents or where supervised exchanges are requested. The center is available to any family where there has been domestic violence and/or where there has been conflict around visitation. There are brochures in the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons explaining SVABW and its mission and for the new visitation center.

Coffee Anyone?

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.

Ministry Schedule

October 1 and 2

Sacristans

5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen
8:45 a.m. Mark and Linnea Lynum
10:45 a.m. Tim Breslin, Julie Catalino

Lector

5 p.m. Walt Roberts
8:45 a.m. Dawn Dammann
10:45 a.m. Ken Koski

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. David and Jessica Bruns, Joyce Heiland, Kristen Kowalski, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Debra McMillan, Karl and Patty Tauscher, Luci Tellers, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Patty Frier, Jim and Betti Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Sharon Lauwagie, Nancy Rezac
10:45 a.m. Mary Catino, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Greg Erickson, Sam Fellingner, Joe Hamilton, Marcus Hoffman, Michelle Kunze, Louise Lehner, Kathryn Paradise, Rob and Brianne Raiolo

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Elizabeth Contreras, Gary and Anne Delaney, John Heiland, Kerry McMillan, Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Mike Jeurissen, Gary and Sharon Lauwagie, Mark Lund, Shawn Sutherland, Ryan Wenning
10:45 a.m. Ava Kunze, Al and Louise Lehner, Sandy Perkins, Bryan and William Saathoff

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Nick Payne, Nicholas Salwei
8:45 a.m. Stephanie Frier, Stan Kohls, Nate Nicklaus
10:45 a.m. Frank Heenie, Sarah Johnson, Mason Kalvoda

Team Isaiah

5 p.m. Jim Becker, Tom and Marty Cashman, Monica Grengs, Taylor and Ann Guyott, Grant and Lisa Hayes, David and Kristen Kowalski, Paula Osweiler, Cindy Worm
8:45 a.m. Jim, Wendi and Jakob Alessio, Carly Dammann, Jane DeRusha, Connie and Megan Jeurissen, Steve and Becky Letsche, Brigid Lund, Ralph and Nancy Rezac
10:45 a.m. David, LuAnn and Anthony Burandt, Sam Fellingner, David, Gina, Sadie and Joey Holman, Bob and Becca Kack, John Klinger, Carisa Kurtz

Sound

5 p.m. Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Mike Hansen
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Music

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children starts October 2 at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses

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