

# Harvest of Gifts

*St. Victoria is a parish family reaching out as the face and hands of Jesus Christ in all we do.*

*Volunteerism in our many ministries is an integral part of our mission and our three main tenets: A God of Sweet Love, Radical Hospitality and Bold Acts of Charity and Justice.*



*By proclaiming a God of Sweet love, we reach out and offer a true spiritual home for people to hear preached and witnessed a God who loves us more than we can love ourselves. Ministries include:*

## *Greeter/Usher*

Individuals and families are invited to participate as greeter/ushers. Tasks include greeting people as they enter church, handing out hymnals and bulletins, locating seats as needed, taking up the collection and helping to clean up after Mass. This is a great ministry for families and a wonderful way to meet people. Scheduling is flexible and training is provided. Volunteers are typically scheduled about once a month.

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## *Lectors*

The Lector Ministry offers the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God as an essential part of the Liturgy, sharing in a sacred process in the life of the Church. God speaks to His people through the Sacred Scriptures providing spiritual nourishment, drawing everyone into a closer union with Christ. Our mission is to enhance the spiritual experience through well-prepared Lector Ministers dedicated to presenting the Scriptures reverently and sincerely.

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## *Sacristan*

Individuals participate in this ministry assisting the presider in preparing the altar for weekend Liturgies including preparing the wine, hosts and vessels for use during Communion, lighting candles and preparing supplies when Baptisms are celebrated. After the Liturgy, they tend to the care of the various items used at the Liturgy. Scheduling is flexible and training is provided. Volunteers are typically scheduled about once a month.

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## *Eucharistic Ministers*

Our need for Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Communion continues to grow as St. Victoria grows. Eucharistic Ministers assist the presider in distributing the Eucharist during Mass. Scheduling is flexible and training is provided. Volunteers are typically scheduled about once a month.

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## *Servers*

All boys and girls in Grades 5 and above are invited to join our Mass Servers. Tasks include assisting the presider in various rituals performed during a weekend Mass. Scheduling is flexible and training is provided. Volunteers are typically scheduled one to two times a month.

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## *Team Isaiah*

Individuals and families are invited to participate in this ministry that takes place on the first full weekend each month. Tasks include welcoming people as they come into church and giving them a name tag. It's a simple ministry, but an important one allowing us to call one another by name and helps us get to know one another so we can truly feel more like a parish family. Scheduling is flexible and training is provided. Ideally, volunteers are scheduled every three or four months.

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## *Sound Ministry*

Individuals are invited to participate with tasks including operating the sound board at weekend Liturgies, assuring that the sound quality from microphones, CDs and videos is pleasing to all parishioners. Previous experience is not necessary, training will be provided and scheduling is flexible.

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# Liturgy

## *Music*

### *Agape Singers (Grades 9-Adult)*

Rehearse Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., sing three of four rotating Masses each month.

### *Praise HYMN (Grades 9-Adult)*

Rehearse some Thursdays, 8 to 9:15 p.m., sing at rotating Masses about once each month.

### *Grace Notes (Grades 1-6)*

Rehearse seasonally Wednesdays, 6 to 6:30 p.m., sing at one Mass during Christmas and Easter seasons and participate in the Christmas Concert/Pageant in December.

### *King Ringers (Grades 9-Adult)*

Rehearse Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., ring at rotating Masses about once a month.

### *Little Ringers (ages 4 to Grade 4)*

Ring a prelude at one 10:45 a.m. Mass each month during the school year.

### *Joyful Noise (Grades 9-College)*

Rehearse two to four times during the summer, sing one to two times at Masses during the summer.

### *Beginner Bell Workshop (Grades 9-Adult)*

Meet Tuesday evenings in the spring, may play at one or two Masses toward the end of the Easter season.

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## *Eucharistic Adoration*

This is a special quiet time of prayer and reflection every Thursday in the Historic Church from 8:30 a.m. (after 8 a.m. Mass) to 8 p.m. It's a time to get away from the busy activities of our day and spend time with our Savior. Perhaps call a friend and begin a prayer partnership to share the presence of our Lord together.

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## *Focus Groups*

Focus groups are small and informal gatherings of eight to 12 people who meet regularly in fellowship with other Christians to share faith experiences through conversation, Scripture and prayer. Everyone is welcome to join a group at a convenient time and place.

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## *Summer Friday Masses*

We gather every Friday during the summer months for an outdoor Mass, extending a spirit of welcome and hospitality to all who come. Volunteer opportunities include coordinating Masses (Memorial Day to Labor Day), hosting a Mass while providing light refreshments for fellowship after Mass, providing transportation and serving as Sacristans.

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## *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the means through which adults complete their initiation and are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Individuals come together with members of the faith community to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures, grow in understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices, share and listen to faith stories and discern the call to a faith community. Along the journey, the faith community celebrates special liturgical and ritual moments with you. The process reaches out to everyone, inviting birth and rebirth in faith. (Practicing Catholics also are invited.)

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## *Faith Formation*

### **Faith Formation Volunteers for Grades K-10:**

It takes many dedicated volunteers to offer a faith-filled and service-centered religious education program for our children. Team teachers, child care volunteers, hall monitors, hospitality, small group leaders, bakers, decorators, office help and permanent subs are needed to run this program smoothly for the children and families who participate. If you are interested in getting involved in our Faith Formation and Sacramental programs, we would love to hear from you.

### **Vacation Bible School:**

This is an amazing summer program for children ages 4 through Grade 5. The week-long Bible experience is packed with music, Bible stories, crafts, yummy snacks, fun games and more. With more than 100 children involved, many volunteers are involved as helpers and small group leaders. The 2017 date is the week of June 19.

# *Spiritual Formation*

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

This program offers our children in Pre-K through Grade 2 the opportunity to hear and discuss the Word of God in a format more relevant to their age during the 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Liturgies during the school year. We share the Word and discuss its meaning and how to apply it to our daily lives. We also pray together and do an activity to help us remember the message from the week. We do not teach, but merely facilitate childrens' conversations. Volunteers are provided with all materials including discussion topics.

### **Youth Ministry**

**Youth Ministry Event Chaperones** are needed for the Youth Ministry program for kids in Grades 6 through 12. There are many events throughout the year with most of them dependent on adults who are willing to drive, attend or help prepare. Events include recreational activities, service trips or overnight lock-ins.

**Retreat Chaperones** are needed to guide the young people on their scheduled retreats. Help is needed with everything from planning for activities to setting up meals.

**Summer Stretch** is a Gospel-centered program for students entering Grades 6 through 8 that meets for six Wednesdays during the summer. This program helps and encourages students to put their faith into action. In the morning, participants reflect on the Word of God and perform service projects. In the afternoon, they go to an area recreational facility. The program concludes with an all-day celebration at Valley Fair with our students joining youth from nearly 50 area churches.

**We are kicking off the 2016-2017 year with three new groups:**

**First Sundays (High School Youth Group)** occur on the First Sunday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Middle Sundays (Middle School Youth Group)** occur on the Middle Sunday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Core Team** members serve at Youth Ministry events through participation in planning and leading events, music ministry, drama

ministry, leading prayer, giving talks, facilitating small groups, helping with set-up and clean-up, fundraising activities, leading games and ice breakers and serving in whatever capacity you are gifted to serve.

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***By offering Radical Hospitality, like Jesus, we reach out to all regardless of the road traveled making them feel welcomed and valued. Ministries include:***

#### ***Bavarian Dinners***

Bavarian dinners offer a chance for new and veteran parishioners to join Fr. Bob for a fun dinner at his home (outdoors in nice weather or in his cozy living room). It is a fun, social event that is a great chance to get to know each other a bit better. We would love to have you come join us as our guest at one of the upcoming dinners. The volunteer opportunities include co-hosting a dinner or serving on a catering team once or twice a year.

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#### ***Bien Venidos "Good Welcome"***

If making newcomers feel "welcome" at St. Victoria is important to you, then the Bien Venidos Ministry, our new parishioner registration, is looking for you. "Welcome Sponsors" are current parishioners who greet new parishioners as they come into the parish office to register, getting to know them and walking them through a Welcome Packet with information about our parish. The time commitment is typically two hours every other month with registrations on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings.

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# *Hospitality*

### *Lemonade Sundays*

Lemonade Sundays are enjoyed after Liturgies from Memorial Day through Labor Day, providing an opportunity to meet with friends and neighbors and enjoy a cool drink. You choose a convenient Sunday to serve lemonade.

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10:45 a.m. Kelly Kohls, 952-212-4215  
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### *Funeral Hospitality*

This ministry offers the caring presence of our community by providing a meal for family and friends following the Funeral Liturgy of a loved one. If you would like to be on a calling list to help serve luncheons or donate food (salad, bars and cookies), please call the coordinator. Food can be dropped off the morning of a funeral.

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### *Sharing Our Kitchen Supplies (SOKS)*

The SOKS ministry consolidates purchases and stores and maintains inventories of supplies used by all parish ministries. You are asked to purchase and replenish items and organize the storage area.

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### *Girlfriends In Faith Together*

G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends In Faith Together) is a women's ministry connecting all Victoria women in faith and friendship. All St. Victoria women are part of G.I.F.T. whether single, married, a mother or grandmother or a new or life-long parishioner.

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### *Warm Your Whistle*

Everyone attending Mass on Friday mornings Labor Day through Memorial Day is invited to stay to visit and enjoy coffee and donut holes. Volunteers are needed to help each Friday.

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Marge Leuthner, 952-443-2207

### *Donut Hole Sunday*

Serve coffee, juice, donut holes and smiles after Sunday Liturgies November through May. This is a great one-time volunteer opportunity. Choose the Mass that fits your schedule.

**Contact:** 8:45 a.m. Ellen Roan, 612-581-7235  
10:45 a.m. Rose Rooney, 952-368-3896

### *Home Improvement Club*

The Home Improvement Club (HICs) typically meets twice a year — spring and fall — to care for our parish home by sprucing up the grounds, doing some extra cleaning around the church and keeping everything looking great. We would also like to have a roster of trades people — electricians, plumbers, carpenters and others — who are willing to occasionally lend a hand with small projects.

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### *Mentor Couples*

This ministry pairs a married couple from our parish with an engaged couple helping them prepare for marriage by sharing their own experiences and providing practical guidance and discernment tools. Training is provided.

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### *Wedding Coordinators*

Volunteers work with engaged couples helping them prepare for their wedding ceremony. The commitment is approximately six hours for each wedding and, if you prefer, you can be paired with another coordinator. Training is provided.

**Contact:** Elizabeth Nowak,  
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### *St. Victoria Crossing*

Share your creativity by making mosaic-tile crosses as gifts for new members and newlywed couples. This ministry meets once or twice a year as needed.

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### *Sunset Fest*

Sunset Fest is a late summer celebration for the parish and entire community focusing on worship, music, fun and food. Volunteer activities include event coordination, set-up and clean-up, food planning, preparation and serving, games and publicity. This is perhaps the most labor-intensive activity at St. Victoria. It is also the time when the most members of our parish family gather together for worship, fellowship and fun.

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*By engaging in Bold Acts of Charity and Justice, we are moved by our faith to reach out to all wherever the Spirit takes us at home and beyond. Ministries include:*

### ***Bright Beginnings***

This ministry provides loving support to an area pregnancy center by sponsoring two fundraisers each year. We collect coins in baby bottles to celebrate Respect Life and in May we celebrate Mother's Day by hosting a baby shower to gather supplies for families with infants who are in need. We also offer time at the centers for short periods to help organize or distribute supplies to families.

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### ***Food Shelf***

Thanks to the generosity of our children and others, donations of non-perishable foods are collected at all weekend Liturgies. The bagged food items are delivered to the Bountiful Basket Emergency Foodshelf located in Chaska. In addition, there are special food drives throughout the year, including participation in the annual Minnesota FoodShare Campaign held to restock the shelves at emergency food shelves throughout the state. (All St. Victoria donations go to Bountiful Basket.). At least 12 volunteers are needed, one person each month, to pick up and deliver the food on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

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### ***Giving Tree***

Faith Formation, along with the Parish Family, participate in this annual holiday event donating gifts, money and other items to aid the CAP Agency in Shakopee and Trinity Mission in St. Paul to provide for individuals and families in need. Tags are made and distributed after Masses and when gifts are returned, they are bagged and delivered to the agencies.

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### ***Parish Community Outreach Ministries***

PCOMs (Parish Community Outreach Ministries) offer many ways that we can reach out as the face and hands of Jesus. In so doing, we see more clearly the dignity of each person as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and grow in deeper appreciation of the gifts we all have.

#### **Sharing and Caring Hands:**

Serve a meal to guests at Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis once a month. Transportation can be provided.

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#### **Simpson Housing Project:**

Help prepare and serve a meal or donate a dessert for homeless men and women at a shelter in South Minneapolis approximately once every six weeks.

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#### **Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ):**

Volunteers from churches in Eastern Carver County are linked through church ministries to serve people in need with a wide array of services. Volunteers are called on an "as needed" basis. **St. Victoria also sponsors "Clean Sweep," a Gap Ministry**, assisting some 400 low-income families each year. Volunteers prepare and distribute cleaning products everyone needs to keep their homes clean.

**Contact:** John Helgerson, 952-737-8109  
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#### **Launch Ministry:**

Launch at St. Victoria was formed to provide aid to the Launch Ministry in Chaska. Launch, a faith-based, non-profit organization provides young people, ages 18 to 29, who are searching for their place in today's world with tools and opportunities to help them transition into productive adulthood. St. Victoria volunteers provide a meal about every six weeks, serve as hosts at the drop-in center, are guest speakers sharing information on topics that may benefit or interest the clients, hold "needs drives" to provide personal hygiene items, snacks and other items and periodically hold a drive to provide household items for clients who are about to move into permanent housing.

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# ***Outreach***

### *Pastoral Care*

Our mission is to bring the caring presence of Christ to those in our Parish Family and community.

#### **Bereavement Ministry**

This ministry brings a caring presence to members of our parish who are grieving the loss of a significant person in their lives with the goal that no one shall grieve alone. Training is provided. Caring, quiet listening and support are all that is needed.

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#### **Communion Home Visits**

Weekly, teams bring Communion and friendship to individuals in care centers or at home due to illness, surgery or other issues.

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#### **Good Samaritan Liturgy:**

Fr. Bob and volunteers joining him celebrate Mass for residents at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Waconia on the second Wednesday each month. Mass is followed by time for fellowship (with treats).

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### *Prayer Line*

Whenever special prayers are needed for particular intentions, often within hours, members of our Prayer Line offer prayers with each person praying in his/her own way. Additional members who are available to answer their phones or email quickly to keep our Prayer Line going are always welcome.

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Mary Moore, 952-443-2443

### *Prison Outreach*

On the third and fifth Sundays of each month, Deacon Ray and others attend and lead an interactive Liturgy of the Word Service for men incarcerated at the Carver County Jail in Chaska. This ministry of love and evangelism seeks to serve and encounter Christ in all our brothers.

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### *Rosary Ministry*

A group of parishioners meet at the church at 9 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday each month and go to Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Waconia and gather the Catholic residents together to pray the Rosary, followed by a social time. More volunteers are welcome.

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*And, there are ministries that offer support and/or special services to the St. Victoria parish family and to the parish office staff...*

### *Parish Pastoral Council*

The Council serves as a consultative body to Fr. Bob and Parish Administration, advising on the parish's overall vision and direction, weighing in on strategic issues, offering opinions and viewpoints. Members typically serve three-year terms on a rotating basis.

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### *Archbishop Harry Flynn Library*

Join the Library Committee to help plan direction and growth for the future. Additional help is needed to label, categorize and update the online catalog. Donations of books and other materials are always welcome.

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### *Catholic United Financial*

Catholic United Financial has been part of St. Victoria for 120 years. Members have held rummage sales since 1986 raising \$112,864 to sponsor classrooms. The organization also sells life insurance, annuities and other financial products along with offering college scholarships for members. Everyone is invited to be a member.

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### *Hot Off the Press*

Bulletin staffers meet on Friday mornings in the parish office conference room to assemble inserts for the bulletin and enjoy a chance to connect with others while fulfilling this chore.

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### *Parish Office Volunteers*

At times, volunteers are needed to perform general office tasks and/or answer phones and greet visitors. Typically, the commitment is one to three hours. Training is provided.

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