

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 the Birth of Our Lord and Solemnity of Mary December 25, 2016 and January 1, 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.

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Solemnity of the Birth of Our Lord
December 25, 2016
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Our Lord
January 1, 2017

The readings for January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27

Reading II: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21



As the new year begins, we hear first an ancient blessing that continues into our day, offering protection, grace and peace. Furthermore, we hear that the God of blessing has adopted us as children by sending the spirit into our hearts and allowing us to call God, *Abba*, Father. The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us how the Christ event impacts the family, enabling it to be *holy*. In celebrating Mary, the Mother of God and of the Church, Mary is presented as one who reflects, who ponders what others tell her. The shepherds brought her the angel's message about the child: He is the savior born for all people. It is the work of the Church and all its members to reflect on this mystery and witness to it in the world.

Question of the Week

What can Mary teach you about her son?

The readings for January 8

Feast of Epiphany

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany means "manifestation," a revelation of Jesus as truly God.

Matthew and Luke show this child to be divine through stories of "signs and wonders" when Jesus was an infant. Matthew's account of the visit of three magi also shows the church's mission to be Gentiles. Matthew's audience, largely Jewish Christians, was struggling to accept the presence of Gentile Christians in their community. Matthew shows in his Gospel passage that the salvation of Gentiles as well as Jews was indeed God's plan.



Question of the Week

What helps you stay focused on God's presence in your life?

Baptisms

- **Samuel John Bot**, son of Mark and Sarah
- **Brooklyn Ann Bykowski**, daughter of Matthew and Ashley
- **James Joseph DiSpigno**, son of William and Bridget
- **Charlotte Rose Geditz**, daughter of Jayson and Brittany
- **Maci Ann Halvorson**, daughter of Andrew and Nicole
- **Madeline Jean Schneider**, daughter of Nick and Jessica
- **Adalynn Grey Seibert**, daughter of Ryan and Anne
- **Frederic James Staunton V**, son of Frederic IV and Jenna
- **Dashel Zachary Zalewski**, son of Zachary and Sarah
- **Suttyn Anita Zalewski**, daughter of Zachary and Sarah



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **December 27** — Dorleen Schmieg †

Wednesday, **December 28** — Florian Diethelm †

Thursday, **December 29** — August Vogel †

Friday, **December 30** — Stephanie Sawvel

Saturday, **December 31** — Dennis Diethelm †

Sunday, **January 1** — 8:45 a.m. Blessings in the New Year
 10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

Tuesday, **January 3** — Whitey Wellens †

Wednesday, **January 4** — The Charles Johnson Family

Thursday, **January 5** — Evelyn "Sis" Schneider †

Friday, **January 6** — Tim Forcier †

Saturday, **January 7** — Kyle Anderson †

Sunday, **January 8** — 8:45 a.m. Clara and Gordon Diethelm †
 10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

In Memoriam

Shirley Ingraham

October 19, 1928 — December 5, 2016

Chester "Chet" Kraus

September 22, 1935 — December 10, 2016

Willard "Willy" Bongard

March 28, 1923 — December 15, 2016

Phyllis Sutcliffe

May 17, 1934 — December 17, 2016

Welcome to St. Victoria

If you are a visitor at St. Victoria this holiday season, welcome. If you would like information on becoming a registered parishioner at St. Victoria, please feel free to contact Julie Schmieg 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 jschmieg@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 weekends of **January 14 and 15** and **February 18 and 19**. **Please note:** Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent (March 1 to April 15.)
- **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. Scholarships are available. Call the parish office for details.



Spectacular...

Is the word that comes to mind when I think about our annual Christmas Concert and Children's Pageant. The music was outstanding — my thanks to our Director, **Elizabeth Nowak** and all the singers, musicians and accompanists. All the children, from the littlest lamb to those telling the story, performed beautifully. Thank you to **Sara Svenby** for expertly directing the children (and the volunteers who helped her). And a special thanks to the speakers and narrators. The entire production set just the tone for the blessed and special days ahead. Thank you!

A Gift for You

Parishioner Bob Hanson has made copies of a book available as a special Christmas gift to our parish family His wish is that it will energize your faith as it has his.

"Are you happy? It may be the wrong question. Most of us think we are relatively happy, while at the same time knowing we could be happier, maybe even a lot happier. Ordinary people and the finest philosophers have been exploring the questions of happiness for thousands of years and the theories abound." That is how **Matthew Kelly**, author of *Resisting Happiness*, introduces his book.

The little yellow book, *Resisting Happiness*, is a true story about why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams and lack the courage to be ourselves and how to start choosing happiness again. The book is a deeply personal, disarmingly transparent look at why we sabotage our own happiness and what to do about it.

Thank you, Bob, for your generous and thoughtful gift.

Gifts for Others

As we prepare for our holidays, it's also a time to think of others who need a helping hand. With our tithing dollars we provided Love INC with funds for ten Christmas Dinner Baskets for local families in need and we gave Fr. Thomas Joseph, Pastor at St. Nicholas in Carver, money to help him in his many charitable deeds. And, through World Vision, we purchased "Nativity Animals." Three families will benefit — one will have the wool from a sheep, another milk and milk products from a goat and the third, help from a donkey.

Blessings

On this most glorious day and then as we welcome in a new year, I hope we all will find the mercy to open the doors of our hearts and minds ever more widely to receive people in desperate need. I invite you to pray with me for those who are left out in the cold, who are homeless, alone, hungry, suffering with pain or illness or frightened. Let us be for them the face of God's mercy and compassion.

To each of you and your loved ones, I offer my prayers for your blessed Christmas and a happy and fulfilling New Year!

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. Come and adore Him and wait patiently to hear His words. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

December 31 and January 1 Masses

Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve Mass, 5 p.m.
(Regular weekend Mass)

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day, Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God, Masses at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (Regular weekend Masses)

Office Closed

The parish office closed on Friday, December 23, and will remain closed until Wednesday, December 28. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 2.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, January 16**. St. Victoria serves this ministry the third Monday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, contact Coordinator Peter Taunton at 567-5990.

"Men Building Bridges"

Start the New Year out right — plan on attending St. Victoria's 11th Annual Men Building Bridges Father/Son (and your brother, grandfather, uncles, nephews, friends) Prayer Breakfast at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 14. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear an uplifting talk by Todd Fultz, author, producer, entrepreneur and dad. Todd will share his story — overcoming obstacles following an accident that changed his life. Tickets are \$10 per person (reserve a table for eight for \$80) and will be on sale after Masses the weekend of January 7 and 8, in the parish office and at the door on January 14.

Elsewhere...

- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** at Kings House in Buffalo is Feb. 10 to 12. For information go to twincitieswwme.org.
- **First Annual Women's Retreat** at St. Therese of Deephaven, "God is Love: Prayer, Forgiving and Healing" with Fr. Jim Livingston. Friday Jan. 13 at 5:45 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 14, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$50. For information and registration go to www.sttherese.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.
- **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 retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities Retreat is Friday, Feb. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 26. For information contact Nancy at 763-250-9313 or rachels@rvineyardmn.org or go to www.rvineyardmn.org.
- **Family Fest Winter Weekend**, Friday, Jan. 13 to Monday, Jan. 16, at Grand View Lodge on Gull Lake near Nisswa. Enjoy winter activities, inspirational speakers and great worship music. Go to familyfestministries.org or call 881-0939.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **December 28** — No Faith Formation or Confirmation
- **January 1** — No Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **January 4** — Faith Formation and Confirmation resumes
- **January 8** — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **January 8** — First Sunday Field Trip
- **January 11** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **January 11** — Confirmation Speaker
- **January 18** — Faith Formation Volunteer Retreat
- **January 22** — Middle Sunday

Adult Ministry

New Bible Studies beginning in the New Year

Gospel of John on Wednesday evenings and the Gospel of Matthew on Thursday mornings. More details coming in the New Year.

Coffee and Conversation

last fall had such a great turnout that we will be offering another one in February. So, be watching for details.

Faith Formation Volunteer Retreat

"Seeing Jesus In You; Seeing Jesus in Others" is Wednesday, January 18. All our volunteers — catechists, small group leaders, hall monitors, childcare and Children's Liturgy volunteers — are invited. Note: All Faith Formation and Confirmation classes are cancelled so no one has to miss this great opportunity.

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 in the New Year.

Youth Ministry

Mission Trip 2017

Fundraisers

In order to help our St. Victoria youth raise money to cover travel expenses for our Mission Trip to the Crow Reservation next summer, we had our inaugural fundraisers the last two weekends. We are so excited to report that your overwhelming generosity helped us raise \$1,650 for our trip expenses.

Thank you so much for your amazing support for these fundraisers!

Save the date — January 29 — **Souper Bowl Fundraiser**. More information to follow soon.

First Sunday

InterMISSION is an evening of relevant Catholic teaching, Eucharistic Adoration and Praise and Worship. We invite you to join us, take a break from your hectic schedules and reconnect with Our Lord. InterMISSION is an opportunity to 'un-busy' ourselves for a few hours — to focus on something that's bigger than us: the church gathered and Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. InterMISSION is open to youth in eighth through twelfth grade. The date is Sunday, January 8, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata. The evening speaker will be Nic Davidson with praise and worship lead by Nate Reinhardt of Sonar. We invite you to join us!

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Confirmation to Lifeline

The Confirmation students are going to a Lifeline Event at the Net Center on January 7 from 4 to 10:30 p.m. to enjoy awesome music, Mass, Adoration and hear Fr. Mansford speak on "Living Radically." Fr. Mansford, a native of England who lives in Harlem serving the poor and preaches the Gospel across the US, will speak about the freedom that the Holy Spirit desires to give us so that we can live radically for God. Please register for this great event on the parish website.

Mark your Calendar

We are excited to welcome back Nic Davidson, an amazing youth speaker, for our January 11 sessions of EDGE and Confirmation. Nic will break open the Gospel of Life with our teens. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Faith Formation

Giving Tree Thank You

The generosity of this parish is always amazing! This year we delivered nearly 300 toys and gifts to the CAP Agency. 62 baskets filled with food, blankets, and personal care items were delivered to Trinity Mission. We also brought a lot of extra food, blankets, and towels for them to distribute. There were also many cash and gift card contributions that totaled over \$500 for Trinity Mission to use to further their mission of serving the families in their community. There are many "Thanks!" to be given out to all who had a hand in this project. Thank you to the people that helped sort and pack up the donations last Sunday — you made the work so easy. And a big thank you to the focus group that helped load all the baskets into the vans for delivery. But most of all, thank you to all who contributed to make someone else's Christmas a little brighter!

Christmas Pageant Thank You

What a beautiful night for a pageant, even if it was a bit chilly. All of the kids did a fabulous job, from our narrators, to angels and shepherds, Mary and Joseph and all the way down to our spunky little animals. Thanks to all who participated and to the parents for getting your kids here to practice and perform. An extra thank you to **Michelle McNallan and Cynthia Hegarty** for helping to costume and direct kids, and to **Dena Bretz** for help with figuring out some of the details.

Chillfest 2017

It's time once again for the very popular middle school lock-in! Chillfest 2017 will take place the night of Friday, January 27. We will begin at St. Victoria with Mass, then head over to the Chaska Community Center for lots of fun. In the wee hours of the morning we will return to St. Victoria to watch a movie before heading home to rest. Registration and information is available on the parish website. Contact Sara in the parish office if you have any questions.



A blessed and Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year!
Emily Klinker
Sara Svenby
Ann Esping
Tanya Hisey

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **December 17 and 18, Week 25**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 23,086
 Electronic Offering: 10,569
 Total Membership Offering: 33,655

Second Collection for Debt Reduction: \$3,199

The Stewardship Reports for Christmas and New Year's weekends will be included in the January 8 bulletin.

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Year-End Reminder

All donations to St. Victoria that you want included in your 2016 contributions for tax purposes must be postmarked no later than Saturday, December 31, or received in the parish office by the end of the business day, Friday, December 30. The IRS does not allow exceptions.

Ministry Schedule

December 31 and January 1

Sacristans

5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen
 8:45 a.m. Sue Halvorson, Mary Ann LaValle
 10:45 a.m. Erv and Linda Spevacek

Lector

5 p.m. John Abel
 8:45 a.m. Kurt Bongard
 10:45 a.m. Joe Blake

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Davis Kirsch, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Debra McMillan, Barb Meinert, Doris Schmieg, Karl and Patty Tauscher, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
 8:45 a.m. Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Adrienne Carrica, Rita Daly, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Jim and Betti Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Dave and Ellen Roan
 10:45 a.m. Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Ann Esping, Diane Forsythe, Mitchell and Gina Holman, Tim Kearney, Michelle Kunze, Amelia and Cherie McGraw, Lindsey Norton, Lauren Pulvermacher

Greeter/Ushers

5 p.m. Kerry McMillan, Robert Schmieg, Jerry and Gerda Schmieg, Steven and Nancy Schmieg
 8:45 a.m. Robert Diethelm, Connor Glynn, Eric Hanson, Joseph Happ, Kevin and Mary Hoffman
 10:45 a.m. Ted and Carol Chalgren, Donovan Esping, Linda Lindeman, Bryan and William Saathoff

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Arin Hausmann, Nicholas Salwei
 8:45 a.m. Grant Hayes, Megan Jeurissen, Lilly Trcka
 10:45 a.m. Lily and Sam Esping, Nick Payne

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
 8:45 a.m. Mike Hansen
 10:45 a.m. TBD

Music

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

There is no Liturgy of the Word for Children on January 1.

Ministry Schedule

January 7 and 8

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tom and Lisa Katalinich
 8:45 a.m. Chris and Judy Sones
 10:45 a.m. Tim Breslin, Julie Catalino

Lector

5 p.m. Sue Schrempp
 8:45 a.m. John Helgerson
 10:45 a.m. Janet Bergeron

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, David and Jessica Bruns, Greg Butler, Kristen Kowalski, Joyce Heiland, Kerry Leopold, Mary Moore, Dennis Oas, Katharine Paulsen, Carol Spalding
 8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Mary Bishop, Cindy Eide, Mike Kokesh, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Kari Struthers, Laura Synstegaard
 10:45 a.m. George Barker, Mary Catino, Sam Fellingner, Joe Hamilton, Marcus Hoffmann, Louise Lehner, Deb LeMay, Kathryn Paradise, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Anna Shay, Cassie Smith

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Connor and Jeff Fowler, Randy, Jacque and Daniella Krause, Matt White
 8:45 a.m. Jon and Nancy Carlson, Doug and Susan Hines
 Gary and Sharon Lauwagie
 10:45 a.m. Sam Deweese, Mark and Mary Kelly, Al Lehner, Jim and Carol Slater

Servers

5 p.m. Colton Schrempp, Grace and Madeline White
 8:45 a.m. Arin Hausmann, Nick Nicklaus, Nick Payne
 10:45 a.m. Krew Barber, Evie Heiland, Sydney Weinandt

Sound

5 p.m. Roger Osweiler
 8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson
 10:45 a.m. Tim Woodfield

Team Isaiah

5 p.m. Jim Becker, Tom and Marty Cashman, Elizabeth Contreras, Monica Grengs, David and Kristen Kowalski, Paula Osweiler, Cindy Worm
 8:45 a.m. Jim, Wendi and Jakob Alessio, Carly Dammann, Connor Glynn, Connie Jeurissen, Melissa Krcil, Steve and Becky Letsche, Brigid Lund, Scott Monson, Debbie Nolan
 10:45 a.m. Lucia Barker, David, LuAnn and Anthony Burandt, David, Gina, Joey, Mitchell and Sadie Holman, Bob and Becca Kack, Carisa Kuntz

Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m. Ann Ellertson, Kaitley Bosch, Ellie Snuggerud
 10:45 a.m. Erin Wohlers, Grace Heimdahl

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Sharon Schindler
 8:45 a.m. Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
 10:45 a.m. Praise HYMN and Little Ringers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

New Parishioners

- Adam and Maureen **Alderman**
- Mark and Lorena **Flannery**
- Jeffry and Gloria **Peterson**
- Brian and Jean **Steckling**

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