

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 Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 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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The readings for January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34



In Christ, God shows the saving plan for the human race. We understand that plan when we appreciate who Christ Jesus is. The first reading speaks of a servant of God who will not only restore the survivors of Israel after the Babylonian exile but will also be a light for all people and nations. The early Church saw Jesus as this servant who gives his life for all and brings about a new world. John speaks of him as the Lamb of God who take away the sins of the world.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time when God has been working in your life but you did not know it until later?

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 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 jshmieg@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 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.

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.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **January 10** — Mae Schmid †

Wednesday, **January 11** — Jim Moeller †

Thursday, **January 12** — James Bischel †

Friday, **January 13** — Betty Krauth (Anniv.) †

Saturday, **January 14** — Dominic Truhler

Sunday, **January 15** — 8:45 a.m. Marjorie A. Weston †

10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

In Memoriam

Donna Schneider

February 20, 1933 — December 27, 2016

Marie "Snip" Steinberger

June 30, 1924 — December 28, 2016

The family of Chester "Chet" Kraus wishes to thank Fr. Bob, Deacon Ray, Elizabeth Nowak, Sharon Schindler, members of the Funeral Hospitality Committee and the parishioners who donated food for their help and kindness to us and to those who attended Chet's funeral.

Lorna Kraus and Family

Prayer Vigil for Hope, Healing and Mercy

A Prayer Vigil for Hope, Healing and Mercy will be held Saturday, January 21, 7 to 11 p.m., at St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary. For over 40 years, legalized abortion has left many men and women empty, confused and longing to be whole again. This vigil is open to all and is a special invitation to those who have been hurt by abortion to pray for hope and healing. Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. You will find more details including the evening's schedule, at archspm.org/events. For more information, contact Sonya Flomo at 651-291-4515.

Intentional Prayer — Lectio Divino Workshop

Lectio Divino is Latin for "divine reading" meaning to pray with Scripture. By stilling your soul and opening it up to the Holy Spirit you will find that reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation, the four steps of Lectio Divina, will open your heart to receive the truths that Jesus wants to show you. Fr. Jonathan Kelly will lead the workshop at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Golden Valley on Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 to 8 p.m. A light supper will be served. The suggested donation is \$10. Register at archspm.org/intentional-prayer.

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.**

Stay Connected

Instagram is [st.victoriaparishfamily](#)

Twitter is [@Saint_Victoria](#)

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



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

I want to take time again to thank **Bob Hanson** for his generous Christmas gift to us — copies of Matthew Kelly's book, *Resisting Happiness*. All 650 copies have found homes and additional copies have been ordered for the folks who put their name on a list that was compiled after all the copies had been claimed.

While Christmas memories might be fading, I do want to take a minute to share a heartfelt thank you to all who made our celebration of the Birth of Christ so very special. Thank you to **David Bruns, Jane Wenning and Tony Reichert** for the words shared at the beginning of our Christmas Eve Masses — David at 4 p.m., Jane at 6 p.m. and Tony at 10 p.m. Thank you to "Door Angels" who greeted people arriving for our "very popular and crowded" 4 p.m. Mass: **Alex Stolz, Anna Edsill, Wesley Wankel, Patrick Fontaine, Andrew Heiland and Jake Christopherson and his Confirmation Sponsor, Brittany Johnson**. Thank you to the fellows who kept the cheery, welcoming fire burning on Christmas Eve, **Tad and Anthony Reznick at 4 p.m., Ryan and Zach Wenning at 6 p.m. and Mike Jeurissen at 10 p.m.**

And, there was a troop of decorators who (with our artistic Director of Music and Liturgy, Elizabeth Nowak) made certain our worship space heralded the coming of the Christ Child: **Linda and Monica Paul, Nancy Huber, Tom Stumpf, Tom Welch, Rich Fink, Jerry Burke and Nancy Dittbrenner and staff members Joni Jeurissen and Julie Schmieg**.

Thank you to all the Liturgical Ministers who were a crucial part of every Mass and, finally, thank you to our wonderful singers, instrumentalists and accompanists and our Director of Music and Liturgy, **Elizabeth Nowak**. We can always be certain we will leave whatever Mass we attend knowing that we have just heard incredible music!

Start the New Year Right

Now, I want to invite the men of our parish to our 11th Annual Men Building Bridges Father/Son (brother, grandfather, uncle, nephew, friends and neighbors) Prayer Breakfast next Saturday, January 14, at 8 a.m. We'll meet in the Commons for a tasty breakfast along with good coffee and conversation. And then we will gather in the Worship Space to hear an uplifting talk by Todd Fultz, author, producer, entrepreneur and dad.

Todd was a multi-sport athlete at Forest Lake High School and St. John's University in Collegeville. Following college he stayed involved with sports and built a business, but in 2008 a terrible car accident dramatically changed his life. Following his accident, Todd spent a month at Regions Hospital in St. Paul where he underwent multiple surgeries to repair extensive injuries. Today he has recovered almost entirely. When asked how or why he survived, he shrugs: "Not my time. More to do." Todd will share his recovery story — the lessons learned, his perspective, approach and **five reasons** he is grateful for being in that accident.

Join me next Saturday to hear about the positive spirit that fueled his recovery and the people who inspired him. I guarantee you won't be disappointed. Buy tickets after Mass this weekend or call the parish office and reserve a spot and pay at the door. See you Saturday!

Fr. Bob

Happenings at St. Victoria...

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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.

Bible Studies

You are invited to two upcoming Bible Studies. All are welcome to explore the Gospel of St. John using the Collegeville Bible Commentary as a guide on Wednesday evenings, January 25 through April 12. Participants will meet in the Fireside Room from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Beginning on February 16 (through April 13) you are invited to explore the Gospel of Matthew, also using the Collegeville Bible Commentary. The study group will meet Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in the St. Anthony Room.

The suggested donation is \$10 for either study. RSVP for either study (or both) with Mary Catino in the parish office at 443-2661.

Annual Pancake Breakfast

The annual pancake breakfast to support pro-life initiatives sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #2508 (headquartered at St. Joseph Catholic Community in Waconia) and Trinity Lutheran, also in Waconia, is Sunday, January 22, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran.

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.
- **January Cursillo Ultreya**, Western Ultreya, is **today, Sunday, January 8, 7 p.m.**, in the North Fellowship Hall at St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen. Rosary in the family room at 6:30 p.m.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** is currently meeting at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Wayzata on Thursdays. Registration and refreshments at 4 p.m., Devotions and speaker at 4:30 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. grief break-out sessions. Call Christine Ducharme at 473-6601 for information.

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. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **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 18** — No Faith Formation or Confirmation
- **January 22** — Middle Sunday
- **February 1** — First Communion Parent Meeting
- **February 18** — 9th Grade Parent and Student Confirmation Retreat

Adult Ministry

New Bible Studies beginning in the New Year

Gospel of John on Wednesday evenings and the Gospel of Matthew on Thursday mornings. See page three for details.

Coffee and Conversation

Last fall we had such a great turnout for our first Coffee and Conversation that we will be offering another one on February 18. So, be watching for details.

Faith Formation Volunteer Retreat

"Seeing Jesus In You; Seeing Jesus in Others" is Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. All our volunteers — catechists, small group leaders, hall monitors, childcare and Children's Liturgy volunteers — are invited. Our Faith Formation volunteers give so much to the children that this night is an opportunity for the Faith Formation Team to give back to you spiritually. Note: All Faith Formation and Confirmation classes are cancelled so no one has to miss this great opportunity.

Sacramental Prep Updates

All parents with children enrolled in the First Sacrament Program should mark their calendars and plan to attend an important parent meeting that will include information about participation in preparing children for First Communion as well as First Communion dates and plans.

Ninth Grade Confirmation parents be sure to mark your calendars for our spirit-led parent and student retreat on Saturday, February 18. This is one of the requirements for 9th Grade Confirmation preparation.

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 coming soon.

Youth Ministry

Mission Trip 2017 Fundraiser

Souper Bowl — a soup celebration and fundraising event aimed at naming St. Vic's best soups. You are invited to spend the afternoon in Elstan Hall tasting soups prepared by parishioners and then voting for your favorite soup in various categories including the prestigious title of "Best Soup in Victoria." The 2017 Souper Bowl will benefit the St. Victoria Mission Trip to the Crow Reservation in Montana this summer. Look for more details about this inaugural event in future communications. **Come one, come all Soup Chefs.** Contact Tanya or Ann if you would like to participate with your best soup or chili!

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First Sunday

Today is the day. Join us this evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for InterMISSION, an evening of relevant Catholic teaching, Eucharistic Adoration and Praise and Worship at Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata. 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 evening speaker will be Nic Davidson with praise and worship led by Nate Reinhardt of Sonar. Plan on meeting in the St. Victoria parking lot at 4:45 p.m. and we'll caravan to Holy Name.

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. **All parishioners are invited to the 7:30 p.m. session in the Worship Space.**

Faith Formation

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.

Blessings

**Emily Klinker
Sara Svenby
Ann Esping
Tanya Hisey**

(Please see our contact information on Page One)

Open House

You are invited to an open house at Guardian Angels Catholic School in Chaska on Thursday, January 12. It is an opportunity to learn about the school and its programs based on integrity, confidence, faith and respect. Learn more about the positive school environment for children Pre-K through 8th Grade where students thrive thanks to a teaching staff with high expectations for each child's personalized education. There will be two sessions, one from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and a second one from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Catholic Service Appeal

The 2017 Catholic Service Appeal is about to kick-off. Through the examples of St. Theresa of Calcutta, better known as Mother Theresa, we have seen how captivating heroic charity can be. The 17 collective Ministries of the Archdiocese, serving the poor, the marginalized and the needy participate in and are supported by members of our Archdiocese through the Service Appeal. Please begin to prayerfully consider your gift to the Appeal. Go to www.csafspm.org to learn more.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **December 24 and 25, Week 26**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$	24,121
Electronic Offering:		14,672
Total Membership Offering:		38,793

Christmas Collection: \$29,757

Stewardship Report for **December 31 and January 1, Week 27**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$	10,434
Electronic Offering:		11,827
Total Membership Offering:		22,261

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Thank You

We received this thank you note from Sister Midge Breriter, SSND. She is the Archdiocesan Coordinator for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Dear St. Victoria Parish Family, I recently received a generous check from St. Victoria for \$1,545.50. God bless you abundantly for your loving support of our nation's elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Thank you!

(Each year, proceeds from the Retirement fund for Religious underwrite financial assistance to hundreds of religious communities while supporting education and resources that strengthen retirement planning and improve eldercare. Some 33,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests benefit. These religious have offered their lives in service to our Church and world, ministering in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes and social service agencies. Many continue to serve, others are committed to a ministry of prayer and presence.)

Electronic Giving

Just as you rely on receiving income on a regular basis, St. Victoria Parish Family relies on your regular contributions to meet our obligations. If you plan to be away for an extended period this winter, you might think about the convenience of electronic giving. For more information, contact Joni Jeurissen in the parish office, visit our parish website, www.stvictoria.net, or check the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) forms.

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, 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 contact the coordinator of the event to make sure he or she is aware of any change in your plans. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule

January 14 and 15

Sacristans

5 p.m.	Joyce Burau, Tim Woodfield
8:45 a.m.	Linnea Lynum, Leslie Trcka
10:45 a.m.	Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m.	Michon Conklin
8:45 a.m.	Mike Kokesh
10:45 a.m.	Mitchell Holman

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Tim Amundsen, Anne Fowler, Todd Hesse, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Karl and Patty Tauscher, Luci Tellers, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
8:45 a.m.	Mary Bishop, Joanna Bongard, Adrienne Carrica, Jim and Betti Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Mary Ann LaValle, Dave and Ellen Roan, Barbara Schultz, Kari Struthers
10:45 a.m.	Mary Catino, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Ann Esping, Joe Hamilton, Gina Holman, Michelle Kunze, Deb LeMay, Lindsey Norton, Rose Rooney, Annette Smyser, Jill Sonnek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m.	Gary and Anne Delaney, Connor and Jeff Fowler, Robert Muller, Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m.	Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Chris and Cheryl Mach, Scott Micek, Shawn Sutherland
10:45 a.m.	Janet Bergeron, Chastity Perkins, Steve and Jill Sonnek, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m.	Laura Contreras, Grace and Madeline White
8:45 a.m.	Grant Hayes, Megan Jeurissen, Lilly Trcka
10:45 a.m.	Sadie and Joey Holman, Ava Kunze

Sound

5 p.m.	Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m.	Mike Hansen
10:45 a.m.	Joseph Klinker

Music

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m.	Kelly and Caroline Kohls
10:45 a.m.	Bear Goodrich, Addie Fischer

Fun and Games

All adult women of St. Victoria are invited to a GIFT (Girlfriends in Faith Together) winter game night. GIFT is hosting Bunco on Friday, January 20, 7 to 9 p.m., and will be providing wine, coffee, appetizers and desserts. (Let us know if you want to bring a goodie to share.) The cost is \$5 per person to cover prizes. Sign up after Masses next weekend (January 14 and 15) or contact Stella McKinney at 470-6210 or stellamckinney@me.com. Sign up by January 16 so plans can be made for seating, but you may pay at the door. (We need a minimum of 12 to play.)

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