

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.”

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 2, 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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Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017

The readings for April 9

Palm Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The crowds demand that Jesus “be crucified.” In this, they side with the religious leaders. Two of Jesus’ chosen disciples also side with values opposed to those Jesus taught and lived. Judas betrays the Lord to the authorities. Peter who was the first among the apostles and first to confess Jesus as the Son of the Living God, now denies that same Jesus out of fear for his own life. Jesus, the obedient Son, deliberately chooses to be faithful to the Father even though it leads to his death. He dies, as He lived, carrying out God’s will.



Question of the Week

Has there been a time in your life when you were faithful to God’s call despite personal sacrifices?

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.)

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.**

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 Easter Sunday (April 16) for infants and children under seven during both 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses and after the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Children seven and older and adults who have completed RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be Baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15. Following Easter, Baptisms will be celebrated May 13 and 14.
- **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 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, May 4.** Contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206 for information and/or to schedule a Baptism.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **April 4** — Hilda Caspers †

Wednesday, **April 5** — Ray Jendro †

Thursday, **April 6** — Lois Boll †

Friday, **April 7** — Bruce Schneider †

Saturday, **April 8** — Kyle Anderson †

Sunday, **April 9** — 8:45 a.m. Jerome Williams †

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

“Surge of the Heart”

“Surge of the Heart,” our Lenten Mission is just one week away. On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 9, 10 and 11, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. we are hosting Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker, radio host and author. Each evening he will speak to topics found at the heart of our Catholic Faith. On Sunday evening he will talk about what we mean when we say “God” and why this matters in our lives today. Evening two he will outline the lives of some of the most fascinating and holy people to walk the planet, helping us to live by their example. The final evening, Jon will guide us toward living an authentic relationship with Jesus amidst the messiness of everyday life.

Sunday begins with an optional potluck supper at 5 p.m. Please bring a salad, entrée or dessert to share (in disposable containers, please). Refreshments and hospitality will be offered after Jon’s presentations on Monday and Tuesday. There also will be an opportunity for private Confession Tuesday starting at 7:30 p.m.

Note: Childcare will be available all three evenings, but advance reservations must be made with Emily Klinker in the parish office by noon, Friday, April 7.

Ladies Bunko

All adult women of St. Victoria are invited to a Spring Game Night on Friday, April 7, 7 to 9 pm. Sponsored by G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends in Faith Together) in the Franciscan Commons. G.I.F.T. will supply the wine, coffee, appetizers and desserts. Sign up after Mass this weekend or contact Stella McKinney at 470-6210 or stellamckinney@me.com by Monday, April 3. A recommended donation of \$5 is recommended to cover prizes (pay at the door). A minimum of 12 are needed to play. (Let Stella know if you are bringing goodies to share.)

TeamMaddison Fundraiser

A fundraiser has been established for Maddison Mertz, a Second Grader at Victoria Elementary, and who has been preparing for her First Communion at St. Victoria this year. Maddison is fighting Stage 4 Glioblastoma Cancer. (You may have heard about Maddison and the Mertz family on local TV and radio shows.)

A cookbook featuring healthy snacks for kids has been produced by “Team Maddison,” a group of caring and concerned moms to help the family cover the costs of her treatments. One-hundred percent of this fundraiser will go to the Mertz Family.

Visit www.TeamMaddison.com to order your cookbook by credit card and it will be shipped directly to you. The suggested donation for the book is \$25 plus \$5 for shipping. For additional information, go to deliciouslysimplerecipes.com.

You may also visit Maddison’s Caring Bridge page at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/maddisonmertz>.



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New Name

Perhaps you've noticed a new name for the Reconciliation Room. We've named it the **St. Ignatius Room**. It is a fitting name since the room has proven to be a quiet spot for various uses including Spiritual Direction, counselling and other private meetings — many include spiritual discernment. St. Ignatius was known for his quiet and thoughtful discernment and prayer and has been called the "Patron Saint of Discernment." By the way, the room will still be used for private Confession.

St. Ignatius of Loyola was a Spanish Priest and Theologian. He founded the Society of Jesus, known today as the Jesuits. He is remembered as a talented Spiritual Director and he recorded his methods in a celebrated treatise, *Spiritual Exercises*, a simple set of meditation prayers and other spiritual and mental exercises, first published in 1548. St. Ignatius was born October 23, 1491 and he died July 31, 1556. He was canonized March 12, 1622.

"Surge of the Heart"

I am looking forward to our Lenten Mission next week (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 9, 10 and 11) and I hope you are too. I am confident that our speaker, Jon Leonetti, will prove to be exciting, energetic and compelling. We will introduce him to you at all the Masses next weekend when he will present a brief introduction to the messages he will deliver during the Mission. See the details on page 2, including that we are offering childcare each evening. Please join us. I Hope to see you!

Message from the Archdiocese

Archbishop Bernard Hebda sent a letter last week that touched on several subjects. First, he reminded readers that just one year ago Pope Francis bestowed on him the honor and responsibility of leading our Archdiocese. He noted that it was a time of considerable uncertainty and unrest, a time for justice and for healing, reform and action.

The Archbishop assures us "that through consultation, purposeful corrective actions and with unwavering commitment to improve, we are together building a healthier and more responsive and accountable local Church."

He said that just over a year ago, the Archdiocese entered into a settlement agreement with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office relating to the protection of children. In periodically reporting on progress, the Archdiocese has been found to have complied with the spirit and letter of the agreement and been commended for its cooperation. "We are doing everything to ensure that those who were harmed receive fair compensation." To that end, he said, assets have been collected, possessions liquidated, buildings sold, headquarters moved and negotiating with insurance carriers, all resulting in amassing more than \$155 million to compensate the hundreds of claimants and bring an end to the bankruptcy.

The Archbishop asks for continued prayers. "We have much work ahead, but this local Church is positioned to accomplish many positive things." (The new address for the Archdiocese central offices is 777 Forest Street, St. Paul 55106.)

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. Spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist and establish a truly personal relationship with Him. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Stations of the Cross Friday, April 7, 6 p.m. in the Historic Church.

Holy Week

Sunday, April 9 — Sunday, April 16

- †Lenten Mission, April 9, 10 and 11, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. (See details on Page 2)
- †Palm Sunday — Solemn procession into the Worship Space at all weekend Masses.
- †Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper with Rite of Foot Washing, 7 p.m.
- †Good Friday — Stations of the Cross, "A Light for My Path," 3 p.m.
- †Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross, 7 p.m.
- †Easter Vigil, Saturday, 8 p.m.
- †Easter Sunday Masses — 8:45 and 10:45 p.m.

Easter Flowers

It's time to think about beautifying our space for the Easter Season with Easter Flowers. As we do each year, we are accepting donations for flowers in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. All donations/memorials are due by Sunday, April 16. Simply turn in your donation along with a note saying who it is from and the name(s) of those to be remembered. Mark the envelope "Easter Flowers: Attention Elizabeth." You can mail the envelope to the church, drop it in the collection basket at Mass or stop by and drop it off at the parish office. Checks should be made out to St. Victoria. A List of all memorials will be in a bulletin insert during the Easter Season.

Cemetery Flowers and Plants

Weather permitting, you may begin placing fresh and artificial flowers in the cemetery next weekend (April 8 and 9). Please remember— everything must be placed either in a standing pot or on a shepherd's hook. Nothing may be placed On or planted in the ground. Thank you for your cooperation.

Elsewhere...

- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** meets on Thursdays at Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church in Golden Valley. 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 Jody Grande at 763-545-0239 for info.
- **KC Fish Fry** at St. Joseph in Waconia, Fridays (except Good Friday), 4 to 7:30 p.m. Coupons for \$1 off adult tickets are available in the kiosk in the Commons.
- **Join Spring Track Club** at Holy Family Catholic High School for a 5-week skill-building and competition clinic, April 17 to May 20. Students in Grades 5 through 8 are invited to training with Holy Family FIRE Track and Field Coaches two or three days per week, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Information and registration at <http://www.hfchs.org/firecamps>.
- **Western Cursillo Ultreya** Sunday, April 9, St. Hubert Catholic Community, Chanhassen. Speakers are Gary and Holly Martini. 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.
- **Southwest Metro Job/Education Fair**, Thursday, April 6, 3 to 3:45 p.m., students only, 3:5 to 6:30 p.m., all job seekers, Chaska High School. Sponsored by Carver County and Eastern Carver County Schools.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **April 2** — No children's Liturgy
- **April 5** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **April 7** — Daughters of the King
- **April 9** — Children's Liturgy
- **April 9** — Middle Sunday and First Sunday
- **April 12** — Living Stations
- **April 12** — Last Confirmation Session
- **April 19** — 10th Grade Parent, Student and Sponsor meeting

Adult Ministry

Lenten Mission

Don't forget our Lenten Mission, "*Surge of the Heart*," with noted speaker and author Jon Leonetti is Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 9, 10 and 11. Invite your friends and family. We hope that you all can attend and we are arranging for childcare to make it convenient for families to attend. Call Emily to sign-up for childcare by noon on Friday, April 7.

Coffee and Conversation

Our next Coffee and Conversation is Saturday, May 13, 9:30 to 11 a.m. We'll discuss the popular movie and book *The Shack*.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook for ideas and suggestions all during Lent.

Faith Formation

Daughters of the King

Next weekend is our fun event for second and third grade girls. April 7 will be here before we know it, and we don't want you to miss out on this wonderful event. Information and registrations are available on the parish website.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Now that you've got your calendars marked for Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23, for VBS, please think about how you can help out with this fun event. We can always use extra hands to make all the magic happen! The week of VBS we need adults to help out as station leaders as well as small group leaders. And the week before VBS, June 12 to 16, there is a lot of work that needs to be done to prepare the stations and decorate the spaces. If you can give a little time throughout the week, even just an hour or two, we could use your helping hands. Please let Sara know if you can help out or if you have any questions.

Sacramental Reminders

The **First Communion Retreat** is April 22. Rehearsal is May 3. First Communion Masses are May 6 and 7.

The 10th Grade Parents, Students and Sponsors **Confirmation Evening** is April 19. Rite of Sending is April 23. Confirmation is April 24.

Youth Ministry

Summer Activity Registrations Open

St. Victoria's registrations for Senior High Summer Festival Camp, Middle School Getaway and SplashFest are now open. Please look to the youth ministry page on St. Victoria's website for the links to reserve your spot.

Readings for Sunday, April 2

1st. Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Responsorial: Psalm 103:1-8
2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

Here is an excerpt from *Ascend* by Life Teen about today's readings:

"I am the resurrection and the life."

Behind the Scenes: Jesus' response to the news of His critically sick friend is a little puzzling on the surface. If the condition of Lazarus was so dire, why did Jesus wait two full days before making His way to Bethany?

Jesus allows (or chooses) the delay to His travels to help Lazarus not out of chance but with intentionality. Here we see Jesus' plan to grow everyone in faith, including His own apostles. Restoring a sick man — while impressive — cannot compare to raising a dead man. Christ has every intention of using this perceived "end" of death as a "means" of teaching about life eternal and God's power and sovereignty over both.

The language too, about Lazarus being "asleep" was seemingly confusing to the disciples. The term "asleep" was a popular euphemism at the time and in Scripture to described actual death, but Jesus' followers, knowing Him to be capable of anything and filled with the wisdom of God, thought that perhaps Lazarus was not completely dead. Jesus clarified that Lazarus was, indeed, dead to leave no doubt to them or us that what He was about to do was something no mere doctor or magician ever could.

Random Fact: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35) is the shortest verse in all of Scripture.

+Discussion Questions: Do you trust that Jesus is your savior who died for you? If not, why?

+Challenge for the Week:

Carve half an hour out of a day this week to read Luke 22-24. Read it carefully, visualizing the passage. Understand what Jesus did for you: facing public humiliation, physical injury and death. Know that this was done in pure love for you.

Blessings . . .

Emily Klinker

Sara Svenby

Ann Esping

Tanya Hisey

(Please see our contact information on the cover.)

Archdiocesan Events

- Intentional Prayer – Lectio Divina Workshop Sunday, April 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m., St. John the Baptist in New Brighton, with Fr. Peter Williams. Light supper. Free will offering. Register at archspm.org/intentionalprayer.
- **Poverty and Privilege Action Workshop** sponsored by St. Thomas More's Justice and Service Commission, Saturday, April 8, in the school Auditorium. Sarah Peterka of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and other speakers. Info at justice@morecommunity.org.
- **Therese: The Story of a Soul**, a one-woman live drama performed by Audrey Ahern of Saint Luke Productions is Saturday, April 22, at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Rogers.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **March 25 and 26, Week 39**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$ 10,315
Electronic Offering:	3,714
Total Membership Offering:	14,029

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Rummage Sale

The annual St. Victoria Rummage Sale, sponsored by Catholic United Financial, is Thursday, May 4 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Friday, May 5, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Now is the time to clean the closets and check the basement and garage for things to donate for the annual fundraiser that benefits St. Victoria education.

- **Drop-off dates are Sunday, April 30 (noon to 7 p.m.) Monday and Tuesday, May 1 and 2, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** (No large furniture items, computers or micro-wave ovens will be accepted.)
- **Set-up** is Wednesday, May 3. **No donations will be accepted.** Please think about helping with set-up starting right after 8 a.m. Daily Mass. Stay for lunch and fellowship when the work is done!
- **Clean-up** starts at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

Volunteers are needed everyday!

Please Note: All unclaimed and unmarked dishes and pans left after funerals and unclaimed items in the Lost and

New Parishioners

- Tom and Amber **Bakken**
 - Nate and Kelly **Brockpahler**, Allison, Brianna and Courtney
 - David and Beth **Grussing**, Adeline, Charlotte and Maren
 - Luke and Kristine **Miska**, Paysen and Rowan
 - Andy and Beth **Neisen**, Abby, Adam, Ellen and Matthew
 - Daniel and Janelle **Pherson**, Evelyn and Vivian
 - John and Sara **Prescher** and Lauren
 - Mary **Velazquez**, Andrew, Anne and Olivia
- St Victoria now has 1,377 registered households.

Scholarship Requests

Requests for scholarships are now being accepted from active St. Victoria parishioners who have been registered members of St. Victoria for at least six months and who do not otherwise qualify for a tuition discount or subsidy by reason of also being a member of the host school's parish. Parents who qualify may submit a scholarship request (found on the parish website) annually to request tuition assistance for children who are enrolled in Grades 1 through 8 in a neighboring Catholic School for the coming year. All completed request forms must be received by Deacon Ray in the parish office before June 1, 2017, to be considered for scholarship aid for the 2017/2018 school year. **Due to budgeting requirements, no late scholarship requests will be considered.** All scholarships will be disbursed, in equal amounts (as funds allow) directly to the school on a quarterly basis, provided students remain enrolled.

Ministry Schedule

April 8 and 9 Sacristans

5 p.m.	Joyce Burau, Jacque Krause
8:45 a.m.	Chris and Judy Sones
10:45 a.m.	Tim Breslin, Julie Catalino

Lector

5 p.m.	Dana Bretz
8:45 a.m.	Tom Welch
10:45 a.m.	Gloria Wolf

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Tim Amundsen, David and Jessica Bruns, Bob Elfering, Anne Fowler, Joyce Heiland, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Debra McMillan, Barb Meinert, Katharine Paulsen, Doris Schmiege
8:45 a.m.	Adrienne Carrica, Rita Daly, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Mike Kokesh, Ruth Kroening, Sharon Lauwagie, Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Dave and Ellen Roan
10:45 a.m.	George Barker, Mary Catino, Ann Esping, Joe Hamilton, Gina Holman, Kerry Leopold, Lindsey Norton, Kathryn Paradise, Ken Pavett, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Anna Shay

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m.	Cal Haasken, John Heiland, Randy Krause, Kerry McMillan, Robert Schmiege, Matt White
8:45 a.m.	Jon and Nancy Carlson, Robert Diethelm, Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Scott Monson
10:45 a.m.	Donavan and Sam Esping, Chastity and Billie Perkins, Jim and Carol Slater,

Servers

5 p.m.	Daniella Krause, Grace and Madeline White
8:45 a.m.	Arin Hausmann, Lydia Jackels, Nick Payne
10:45 a.m.	Sadie, Mitchell and Joey Holman

Sound

5 p.m.	Tim Woodfield
8:45 a.m.	Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m.	Joseph Klinker

Music

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m.	Maggie Rolf, Chloe Roper
10:45 a.m.	Dawn and Carley Dammann.

2017 Area Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

- Sunday, April 9, 4:30 pm., St. Joseph, Waconia
- Tuesday, April 11, 6 to 9 p.m., St. Nicholas, Carver
- Wednesday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. "Confessival," St. Mark, Shakopee

Bed Frames Needed

Love INC's FurniShare Ministry is in desperate need of metal bed frames in all sizes. Frames can be dropped off at Furnishare, 7890 Market Boulevard in Chanhassen Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Cash donations to purchase frames also are welcome. To donate, text BEDFRAME to 41444 or visit www.loveincecc.org. Frames typically cost \$40 to \$60.

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