

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.”

Second Sunday of Lent March 12, 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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Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

The readings for March 19

Third Sunday in Lent

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7

Reading II: 2 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42



This Gospel is about the water that gives life, about getting beyond physical thirst to a deeper thirst for trust and love. Jesus draws the Samaritan woman through a solidly physical understanding of thirst and water to an honest look at her life and her need for conversion, and finally recognition of who he is as the Messiah, the one who will quench all the thirsts of the people. In turn, this woman seeks out the townspeople and invites them to meet Jesus. Conversion is a slow process, but the patient persistence of Jesus will quench our thirst — in spite of ourselves. And it always moves us beyond our own nourishment to an active involvement in the lives of others.

Question of the Week

What can you learn from the openness of the Samaritan woman that is necessary for your growth as a person and a Christian?

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**.

OOPS. The list of children and their parents in last week's bulletin should have included a headline announcing that they had been Baptized. Our apologies.

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 (**Please note:** Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent, March 1 to April 15.) 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 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, May 4**. Contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206 for information and/or to schedule a Baptism.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **March 14** — Jim Klehr †

Wednesday, **March 15** — Bea Beddor †

Thursday, **March 16** — Rosemarie Carroll †

Friday, **March 17** — Juliana Meyer †

Saturday, **March 18** — Kyle Anderson †

Sunday, **March 19** — 8:45 a.m. James Roger Franklin †

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

“Surge of the Heart”

We are looking forward to our Lenten Mission, “Surge of the Heart” that will start Holy Week with sessions on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 9, 10 and 11. Jon Leonetti, Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, will explore topics including Who is God and Why Love Him, God’s Dream for Your Life and Living God’s Dream. He will challenge us in personal holiness to better fall in love and stay in love with God.

Each evening will begin at 6:15 p.m. There will be an optional potluck supper at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Bring a dish to share (salad, entrée or dessert). Stay after Jon’s talks on Monday and Tuesday evenings for hospitality. Childcare will be available all three evenings for those who sign up with Emily Klinker in the parish office by Friday, April 7.

Are You Ready for the Best Lent Ever?

There’s still time! This year, you have the opportunity to experience a truly life-changing Lent. On Ash Wednesday, thousands signed up for a free daily email program that will take you on an incredible journey through Lent. Based on the book, *Resisting Happiness*, the author Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic team members share insights that will inspire and encourage you and you’ll get a simple action and prayer each day to apply to your everyday life. Go to bestlentever.com today and sign up. It’s not too late.

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.

Happy Marriage — Happy Life!

Happy Marriage — Happy Life! is a Family Fest Marriage Booster Retreat on Saturday, March 18, 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at the Wayzata Country Club. The Marriage Booster is a playful, faith-filled and energizing day designed for couples at all stages to grow deeper in their relationship. Go to www.familyfestministries.org for information.

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



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



St. Patrick's Day

This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday during Lent. Archbishop Hebda has pointed out that St. Patrick's Day has traditionally been an occasion for joy-filled celebrations in our Archdiocese. After consulting with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council and taking into consideration both past practices and present circumstances and having judged that it would serve the common spiritual good, he has granted to the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, as well as any visitors who may be physically present within the territory of this Archdiocese, a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17. However, you are asked instead to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety or an act of comparable penance on some occasion during this second week of Lent.

Now, here's a bit of Irish Trivia. Many of the Irish (and those who want to be Irish) will be enjoying corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. However, the traditional dish did not come from Ireland. Beef was never plentiful in Ireland and if families had cows they were intended to provide dairy products. Instead, they had Irish bacon, a pork product, and cabbage. (Irish bacon is more like Canadian bacon or pancetta. Bacon common in the U.S. is called a "rasher" in Ireland.) Back to the corned beef. When the immigrants arrived from Ireland, many stayed in the New York City area and lived in areas where there was a strong Jewish influence, including corned beef. Because it was inexpensive, and in some cases offered free at pubs if enough beer was consumed, it became a traditional dish of Irish families.

Behold Retreat for Young Women

The *Behold* Retreat for Young Women will be held at St. Olaf's in Minneapolis on Saturday, April 29, the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena. The hope is that two or three young, single women, ages 21 to 29, from each parish will attend the event scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Archdiocese's Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is hosting the one-day retreat to answer Pope Francis' call to help young adult women understand the gift of their femininity as well as the special talents and charisms they have to offer the world, especially within their own parish. If you would like more information or to represent St. Victoria, please contact Emily Klinker, our Director of Faith Formation, in the parish office.

2017 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

I encourage you to attend the annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference next Saturday, March 18, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (doors open at 7 a.m. for Confession and Adoration). Archbishop Hebda is speaking, along with other dynamic speakers. Join men of all ages and walks of life for a morning filled with faith and fellowship. The event will be held in the Anderson Fieldhouse at the University of St. Thomas (UST) and includes a Eucharistic procession around the UST campus. You will find information at archspm.org/Events or email randazzov@archspm.org. **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. You bring joy to the Sacred Heart of Jesus when you come to spend time with Him. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

If you were on time to Mass this Sunday (March 12), you must have remembered to set your clock ahead one hour. Daylight savings time started at 2 a.m. today.

Stations of the Cross are Fridays during Lent at 6 p.m. in the Historic Church.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **Monday, March 20**. 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.

Elsewhere...

- **Girls Only C-STEM Palooza** at St. Joseph School, Waconia, **today, Sunday, March 12, 3 to 5 p.m.** Mothers and daughters of all ages are invited.
- **In the Heart of Mercy** Lenten Retreat Sunday, March 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Notre Dame Center, St. Paul. A retreat day for single women, ages 18 to 40, with Sister Janet Mallak, SSND. RSVP by March 13 to sspandl@ssnd.org or 651-278-4498. More information at http://bit.ly/Heart_of_Mercy_St_Paul.
- **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.
- **March Western Cursillo Ultreya** is **today, Sunday, March 12**, at St. Hubert Catholic Community, Chanhassen, Room 116. Potluck at 6 p.m. Variety of speakers planned.
- **Quilting Social** for Council of Catholic Women members hosted by St. Joachim and Anne at the St. Mark Social Center, Shakopee, Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m. Quilts donated for festivals or to Appalachia. Dinner follows at Applebee's.
- **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.
- **Lenten Direction from St. Paul.** Abbey Lenten Retreat, Collegeville, Friday, March 24, 5:30 p.m. (with supper) to Sunday, March 26, after lunch at 1 p.m. Led by Prior Bradley Jenniges, OSB. \$195 for single room, \$340 for double. Information and registration at 320-363-3929 or www.abbeyguesthouse.org.
- **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 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>.
- **Women's Leadership Luncheon**, Thursday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Sister Katherine (Kate) DuVal, SSND, University of St. Thomas, James B. Woulfe Hall. Event is free; registration required. Register at www.ssndcp.org/wl.
- **10/10 Gifting Sale** at Seedlings in Chanhassen, March 13 to 18. 10 percent off First Communion and Confirmation purchases and 10 percent of purchases donated to church or Christian Church of your choosing.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **March 12** — Children's Liturgy
- **March 15** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **March 19** — Children's Liturgy
- **March 19** — Middle Sunday
- **March 22** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **March 26** — No Children's Liturgy
- **March 29** — No Faith Formation or Confirmation
- **April 7** — Daughters of the King
- **April 9** — Middle Sunday and First Sunday
- **April 12** — Living Stations

Adult Ministry

Lenten Mission

We hope you have marked your calendars and plan to participate in our Parish Mission, *Surge of the Heart*, during Holy Week this year, April, 9, 10 and 11. International Catholic speaker, radio host and author Jon Leonetti will lead us on this faith journey.

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

Faith Formation

Reminder — Mark your calendars for Spring Break, the week of March 26. Classes resume on April 5.

Daughters of the King

We are only a couple weeks away from 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.

Youth Ministry

Middle Sunday

Our next Middle Sunday is March 19. Mark your calendars and join us for a fun and inspiring evening with food, games, and activities to grow your faith in a deeper way. Please encourage your 6th to 8th Graders to join the fun and bring their friends. See you soon!

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Stay Connected

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

Readings for Sunday, March 12th

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial: Psalm 33:4-5,18-19, 20, 22

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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

"I will bless you."

There is a challenge that exists in the Christian life: How are you present to the day while keeping your eyes and hearts set on the future? In other words, how do we hope in heaven and put our trust in what is to come when we are enduring hardships and struggles in the present day? Saint Paul outlines this challenge in the second reading and, in his letter, inspires St. Timothy to lean into the grace of God and put up with hardships, trusting that it is worth it in the end.

This famous gospel scene of the Transfiguration, again, is God giving his closest three disciples a glimpse into their future glory. It was so glorious they didn't want to leave. And all that awaited them at the base of that mountain was more hardship, uncertainty, and eventual suffering. It's with this challenge in mind – present struggle for future reward – that we embrace this season of Lent, a season which urges us to keep our perspective because pain is temporary but victory is eternal.

Discussion questions:

- Why do you think God asks us to endure suffering? Do you think He leaves you to face it alone?
- Peter suggests setting up camp on the mountaintop, but Jesus still had work for them to do down in the valley. How is God using you down in the valley?

Challenge for the Week:

Fast from a hot shower, sweets, or a luxury you value and offer that fasting for others who are suffering. Pick someone specific, like a friend, hungry children, people affected by a specific disaster, the hospitalized. Doing so will encourage you to continue to fast even when you are tempted to indulge.

Blessings . . .

Emily Klinker

Sara Svenby

Ann Esping

Tanya Hisey

(Please see our contact information on the cover.)

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.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **March 4 and 5, Week 36**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,610
Electronic Offering: 18,651
Total Membership Offering: 27,261

Ash Wednesday Offering: \$2,791

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Second Collection Reminder: Next weekend (March 18 and 19) there is a second collection earmarked for mortgage debt reduction. This special collection occurs the third weekend of each month. (You may use the special envelope [pink] in your envelope packet, arrange for electronic deposit or contribute cash or a check when the collection basket is passed after Communion.)

Rummage Sale

It's time to start thinking about the annual rummage sale sponsored by Catholic United Financial. Now is the time to clean the closets and check the basement and garage for things to donate for the annual fundraiser. The sale is set for Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5; drop-off dates are noon Sunday, April 30, through 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2.

St. Victoria Volunteer Opportunities

Carpenter Skills

Eric Wahlund, our Maintenance Supervisor is looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to help fix kneelers in the Worship Space. The replacement pieces and tools are all available. Call Eric in the parish office for details.

Do You Like to Cook?

We are looking for catering volunteers to assist with Bavarian Dinners at Fr. Bob's house on Saturday evenings April 1, April 29, August 19 and October 21. It is a fun, social way to give back. Call or email Kristin Taunton at 612-916-8110 or taunton@liftbrands.com for information.

MN FoodShare

St. Victoria is once again participating in the March Minnesota FoodShare campaign to stock emergency food shelves throughout the state. Please remember to bring your donations of non-perishable food items and household items. All St. Victoria donations go to Bountiful Basket in Chaska.

Free Car Seat Inspection

Statistics show that three out of four car seats are not used or installed correctly. Carver County Public Health, the Victoria Fire Department and Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota are partnering to offer a free car seat clinic on Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m. to noon, to provide free booster or car seat inspections at the Victoria Fire Department station. Registration is required. Call Esther DeLaCruz at 651-207-2008 for an appointment.

2017 Area Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

- ◆ Wednesday, March 15, 8 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Watertown
- ◆ Sunday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., Guardian Angels, Chaska
- ◆ Monday, March 27, 7 p.m., St. Mary, Waverly
- ◆ 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. "Confesstival," St. Mark, Shakopee

Ministry Schedule

March 18 and 19

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tom and Lisa Katalinich
8:45 a.m. Laura Synstegaard, Leslie Treka
10:45 a.m. Julie Catalino, Rose Rooney

Lector

5 p.m. Leslie Becker
8:45 a.m. Dawn Dammann
10:45 a.m. Jill Sonnek

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Greg Butler, Todd Hesse, Debra McMillan, Barb Meinert, Jerry Schmieg, Doris Schmieg, Sue Schrempp, Carol Spalding, Karl and Patty Tauscher
8:45 a.m. Joanna Bongard, Cindy Eide, Connor Glynn, Jim and Betti Igel, Roger Jackels, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Jim and Debbie Moss, Barb Schultz, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Ann Esping, Gina Holman, Michelle Kunze, Kerry Leopold, Linda Lindeman, Cherie and Amelia McGraw, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Elizabeth Contreras, Pat Henning, Jerry and Gerda Schmieg, Phillip Smith, Matt Wise
8:45 a.m. Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese, Chris and Cheryl Mach, Lyle Oddan, Ryan Wenning
10:45 a.m. Ted Chalgren, Sandy Perkins, Steve Sonnek, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Grace and Madeline White
8:45 a.m. Lydia Jackels, Megan Jeurissen, Nick Payne
10:45 a.m. Lily and Sam Esping, Ava Kunze

Sound

5 p.m. Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Mike Hansen
10:45 a.m. Tim Woodfield

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Caroline Swanson —
Acc. Elizabeth Nowak
8:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:45 a.m. Cantor Molly Peterson —
Acc. Sharon Schindler

Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m. Tracy Edsill
10:45 a.m. Nicole Della Paolera

Archdiocesan Events

- **24 Hours for the Lord**, Friday, noon March 24, to noon Saturday, March 25, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Join with the universal Church in a 24-hour celebration of the Lord's Mercy. Reconciliation offered around the clock and Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Information at www.archspm.org/24hours.
- **Sisters Appreciation Day**, Sunday, March 26, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Columbia Heights. Social time, games and supper. RSVP to Linus Ulfig at 651-636-2382.
- **Parish Lenten Mission**, St. Odilia, Shoreview. Monday, March 13, to Wednesday, March 15. The Life and Thoughts of Pope Francis. Fr. Michael Joncas presenting. Open to the public. No fee; no registration; freewill offering.
- **Living Stations of the Cross**, Church of St. Paul, Ham Lake, presented by the youth, Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24, 7 p.m. Information at ww.curchofsaintpaul.com.