

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.”

Third Sunday of Lent March 19, 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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Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

The readings for March 26

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13a

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



The themes of light and seeing come up again and again in these readings. In the first reading, Samuel is reminded to see others through God's eyes: "Not as [a human being] sees does God see, because [a human being] sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." And the whole drama of this Gospel revolves around those who see and those who fail to see. Sight in this story becomes a symbol of belief. Blindness is about more than just not being able to see with the eyes, it's about the refusal to believe..

Question of the Week

How have you reached out to share your faith and love with others around you?

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.)

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.

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **March 21** — Florian Diethelm †

Wednesday, **March 22** — Whitey Wellens †

Thursday, **March 23** — Evelyn Schneider †

Friday, **March 24** — Judy Forcier and Family

Saturday, **March 25** — Willy and Jean Bongard †

Sunday, **March 26** — 8:45 a.m. Nora Mercier †

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

"Surge of the Heart"

Mark your calendars for our "Surge of the Heart" Lenten Mission Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 9, 10 and 11, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Our mission presenter is Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker, radio host and best selling author. Jon travels extensively helping Catholics understand the greatest story ever told — the story of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church. And you're part of it.

An optional potluck supper at 5 p.m. on Sunday is planned (bring a salad, entrée or dessert to share) and plan to stay for refreshments and hospitality after Jon's presentations on Monday and Tuesday. Childcare will be available all three evenings, but reservations must be made with Emily Klinker in the parish office by noon, Friday, April 7.

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.**

Movie Review

"The Shack"

The Shack is a motion picture adaptation of the 2007 best-selling novel of the same name by author William Paul Young. Released in theaters at the beginning of Lent, *The Shack* is a refreshingly positive portrayal of the faith by Hollywood. Actor Sam Worthington portrays a grieving man (Mack Phillips) who was afflicted by an abusive father in his childhood and is now overwhelmed by depression and anger in the wake of a recent family tragedy. Facing a crisis of faith, and wrestling with how a good and all-powerful God could allow evil to exist, Mack accepts a mysterious invitation to return to the site of the tragedy. There he encounters Papa in a way that he did not expect and finds an answer for his anguish. In place of pain, he receives peace; in place of anger he receives understanding; in place of isolation he finds relationship; and in place of judgment he finds forgiveness born of a father's deep and abiding love. *The Shack* is a gentle and joyful experience with God's love, but (like the novel), I also found it literally to be a tear-jerker throughout. Not entirely without theological quirks, *The Shack's* presentation of God is both thoughtful and uplifting, and it deals seriously and imaginatively with what author C.S. Lewis once termed The Problem of Pain. Co-starring Octavia Spencer (*The Help*, *Hidden Figures*) and country music singer Tim McGraw, *The Shack* is well worth seeing. However, because of the emotional intensity of some themes, *The Shack* is appropriately rated PG-13.

Deacon Ray Ortman



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



Thanksgiving

No, it is not time to buy a turkey and cook up the cranberry sauce. But, truly Lent is also a time of thanksgiving, a time to be thankful for the gifts of love and forgiveness provided to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's also a time for thinking of others who are in need.

However, thinking back over the last months, it is obvious that you — the St. Victoria Parish Family — don't wait for any certain time of the year to share your gifts of time, talent and treasure. In short, year-round alms giving.

Last year and again this year, volunteers coordinated by **Peter Taunton** served meals at Sharing and Caring Hands every month. In 2016, volunteers prepared and served dinner for homeless guests at Simpson House and they've been there twice already in 2017. They also bring along a supply of personal hygiene items, clothing, towels and bedding you have donated. **Jan Wohlers** coordinates this outreach. Thanks to **Keny Stukenborg**, we provided nearly \$5,000 that you collected during our last two baby bottle collections. And, last May, a car load of clothing and necessities for babies were donated for moms and babies in need. In October, we delivered armloads of winter coats, scarves and mittens for a community clothing drive.

Every Sunday, we watch our youngest members bring up their gifts of food. Those donations, plus our Minnesota FoodShare collection resulted in 3,000 pounds of food for Bountiful Basket in 2016 and we have already donated nearly 500 pounds this year and just this weekend we are holding our annual Minnesota FoodShare collection. Thanks to **Gena Braaten** for coordinating these initiatives. And our Faith Formation kids provided a lot of soup thanks to their Souper Bowl of Caring, the payment for voting for the Super Bowl winner.

John Helgerson who spearheads our Love INC (In the Name of Christ) Gap Ministry, Clean Sweep, and his volunteers supplied household cleaning supplies donated by parishioners to 215 clients in 2016 and have delivered supplies to more than 40 households this year. **Sara Svenby** spearheaded our Christmas Giving Tree that resulted in hundreds of toys for the Cap Agency and two vans filled with laundry baskets packed to the brim with food, clothing, household items and much more.

Our newest mission is Launch Ministry, spearheaded by **Lynn Gerebi** to provide help to Launch, a ministry formed in Chaska, working with young adults in the community who are struggling and often homeless. In 2016, St. Victoria provided meals on eight occasions. You also donated hundreds of household items to make up Fresh Start Packs for young people who are moving into their own apartments thanks to help from Launch. We plan a similar initiative later this year. Our kids attending Vacation Bible School donated packaged meals and necessities like tooth brushes. A number of you spent time at Launch greeting drop-ins and several parishioners have spoken at meetings and mentored young people.

I know I've only touched on some of the things that happen here at St. Victoria, but know that whatever you do, the recipients think of you with thanksgiving. **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 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 **tomorrow, 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.

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.

Elsewhere...

- **Fish Fry** at Guardian Angels in Chaska, Friday, March 31, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Three fish choices and all the trimmings.
- **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.
- **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 Jennies, 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) Duvall, SSND, University of St. Thomas, James B. Wolfe Hall. Event is free; registration required. Register at www.ssndcp.org/wll.
- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 7, King Retreat Center, Buffalo. Information at twincitieswwme.org.
- **Christianity and Politics in the U.S. Today:** A conversation with Ross Outhit and Cornel West, Friday, April 7, reception, 5:45 p.m., program, 6:45 p.m., Wolfe Alumni Hall, University of St. Thomas. Information and registration at stthomas.edu/murphyinstitute.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **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 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

Adult Ministry

Lenten Mission

Surge of the Heart, our Lenten Mission with noted speaker and author Jon Leonetti is Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 9, 10 and 11. A perfect start to Holy Week. We hope that you all can attend and we are arranging for childcare to make it convenient for families to attend.

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.

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

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!

Readings for Sunday, March 19

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

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

Gospel: John 4:5-42

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

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Are you following God with all of your heart? Have you surrendered your entire life to Him? If so, what was it that finally caused you to abandon your will for His? If not, why not? What are you waiting for? What more would God need to do for you to finally follow Him with everything you have and are?

These are not new questions. These are the same questions people have needed to answer and face for thousands of years. The Israelites wandering in the desert with Moses were freed from centuries of slavery and captivity by miraculous works of God, only to later doubt His providence and His love as they thirsted in the desert. When the Samaritan woman of the Gospel interacts with Jesus, He points out how she has satiated her thirst for love in fleeting relationship. Jesus' thirst was not for water that day but for her salvation and her ultimate happiness. Just as Jesus drew near to the woman at the well and just as God drew near to His people through Moses, Christ is still drawing near to us and desiring to save us. He didn't wait for us to get it together. No, we are reminded in the second reading that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus didn't wait. He pursued the Samaritan woman's heart the same way He still pursues ours. So the question is what (if anything) are you waiting for and why?

Challenge for the Week:

Every day this week, say the words, "Jesus, I trust in you" five times in a row. These five words are so powerful. Say them with meaning and sincerity. Really think about what you are saying and truly mean it.

Blessings . . .

Emily Klinker

Sara Svenby

Ann Esping

Tanya Hisey

(Please see our contact information on the cover.)

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.

Volunteer Opportunity

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women is in need of volunteers. Currently they have opportunities for crisis line advocates, child care volunteers and safe home providers. All volunteers are important in helping the organization serve the community. Free volunteer training begins on April 8. For more information, contact Alex at 873-4214 or alex.g@svabw.org.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **March 11 and 12, Week 37**, of our fiscal year will be included in next week's bulletin.

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

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 Opportunity 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.

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.
- **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 www.churchofsaintpaul.com.
- **Stop Defiance, Disrespect and Yelling** with Coach Kirk Martin and son Casey. Practical, relevant and laugh-out-loud funny. St. Thomas More Catholic School, St. Paul, Wednesday, March 29, 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m.
- **Intentional Prayer – Lectio Divina Workshop** Sunday, April 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Good Shepherd, Golden Valley. Speaker is Fr. Peter Williams. Lectio Divina is Latin for "divine reading" meaning "to pray with Scripture." the four steps of Lectio Divina will open your heart to receive the truths that Jesus wants to show you. Light supper. Free will offering. Register at archspm.org/intentionalprayer.

2017 Area Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

- ◆ 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 25 and 26

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Tim Woodfield
8:45 a.m. Sue Halverson, Linnea Lynum
10:45 a.m. Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m. Dennis Vorgert
8:45 a.m. Janie Jasin
10:45 a.m. Mary Catino

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. David and Jessica Bruns, Anne Fowler, Joyce Heiland, Debra McMillan, Mary Moore, Doris Schmieg, Carol Spalding, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf

8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Renee Boraas, Rita Daly, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Cindy Eide, Patty Frier, Mike Kokesh, Ruth Kroening, Mary Ann LaValle, Dave and Ellen Roan
10:45 a.m. Ann Esping, Gina and Mitchell Holman, Louise Lehner, Deb LeMay, Cherie McGraw, Lindsey Norton, Kathryn Paradise, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Annette Smyser, Luci Tellers

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Jeff and Connor Fowler, Pat Henning, Roger Osweiler, Gary Sohns, Rick Stucki
8:45 a.m. Doug and Susan Hines, Mike Jeurissen, Sam and Troy Stukenborg, Shawn Sutherland
10:45 a.m. Al Lehner, Greg Pavett, Chastity and Billie Perkins, William and Bryan Saathoff

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Grace Fowler, Grant Hayes
8:45 a.m. Stephanie Frier, Megan Jeurissen, Nick Payne
10:45 a.m. Sadie Holman, Amelia McGraw, Sydney Perkins

Sound

5 p.m. Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Mike Hansen
10:45 a.m. Joseph McColman

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Maria Glynn — Acc. Phil Grant
8:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl —
Acc. Elizabeth Nowak
10:45 a.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Elizabeth Nowak

There is no Liturgy of the Word for Children this weekend.

What Did You Give Up for Lent?

Did you give up sweets for Lent and already succumb to temptation? It's not too late to start anew with these truly meaningful suggestions from Pope Francis.

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.