

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.”

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 26, 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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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

The readings for April 2

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



These readings marvel at the creative, life-giving power of God. Ezekiel tells us that the God who can transform lifeless bones into vital human beings can restore a nation from the death of exile to a life of freedom. Paul tells the Romans that the power of the Spirit brings our mortal bodies to life through the creative, transforming presence of the Spirit of God dwelling in us. In the Gospel we see a marvelously dramatic example of the power of God to bring life out of death. The essential message for us is Jesus' pronouncement: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will have life, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (*John 11:25*)

Question of the Week

As your days pass by, what are the small "resurrections" that keep you conscious of God in your life?

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.

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.)



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **March 28** — Marie Stumpf †

Wednesday, **March 29** — Robert Vogel †

Thursday, **March 30** — Ray Jendro (Anniv.) †

Friday, **March 31** — Tim Forcier †

Saturday, **April 1** — Willard and Jean Bongard †

Sunday, **April 2** — 8:45 a.m. Stephan Arthur Vandecar †

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

"Surge of the Heart"

It's just a couple weeks until our Lenten Mission, "Surge of the Heart," on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 9, 10 and 11, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker, radio host and best selling author, is our speaker for this special opportunity to start Holy Week. 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.**

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, as she 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. 100 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.

Reminder

There are **reserved pews in the Worship Space.** The entire front and back rows of the first section on the parking lot side of the church are reserved for people with disabilities and/or limited mobility. There are also two wheelchairs and a walker near the coat rack for use at the church.

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

From the Pastor's Desk...



Get Me to the Church on Time

The numbers at Mass are growing. It's because of folks like you. Your being here makes us all the better. Thank you.

I think all would agree that there are advantages to arriving at Mass early. If nothing else it gives us time to take a deep breath before we're called on to belt out that first hymn. But, at the same time I realize that with life being what it is, it's not always possible to arrive on time for Mass. That's especially true for families with small kids. Getting your little ones dressed and packed into the car to hit Mass on time sometimes requires impeccable timing. If setting the alarm a little earlier helps, go for it.

In the meantime, thanks for the effort you make to get here on time. And, if that doesn't happen we understand. Life happens. We're just happy to have you here.

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.

Looking for a Few Good Cooks

You probably know I always enjoy a good meal and I also like to entertain at my home. The two come together beautifully for our Bavarian Dinners we host periodically for new parishioners along with some of our veterans and at least one staff member. The only thing missing right now are some cooks. We are looking for catering volunteers to assist with the Bavarian Dinners that are held at my house on Saturday evenings. The upcoming dates are April 1, April 29, August 19 and October 21. It is a fun, social way to give back. Call or email the coordinator for these events, **Kristin Taunton** at 612-916-8110 or taunton@liftbrands.com for information

LIONS Fish Fry

Speaking of food, Friday, March 31, the LIONS are hosting a fish fry here at St. Victoria. As many of you no doubt know, the Victoria LIONS hold their regular meetings here at St. Victoria. We are pleased to have them here! Check out the flyer with this bulletin for the details about their fish fry. It might be an excellent time to join in the Stations of the Cross in the Historic Church at 6 p.m. before sitting down to a delicious dinner. (And, you won't have to do the dishes. Bonus!)

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. A quiet place is available. Come and adore Him and wait patiently to hear His words. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Happenings at St. Victoria...

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

Ladies Bunko

All adult women of St. Victoria are invited to a Spring Game Night on Friday, April 7, 7 to 9 pm. G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends in Faith Together) is hosting Bunco in the Franciscan Commons. G.I.F.T. will supply the wine, coffee, appetizers and desserts and you bring the laughter and good cheer. Sign up after Masses April 1 and 2 or contact Stella McKinney at 470-6210 or stellamckinney@me.com. Please RSVP by April 3 so seating can be planned. A minimum of 12 is needed to play. The cost is \$5 to cover prizes. Pay at the door. (Let Stella know if you are bringing goodie to share.)

Launch Update

Our St. Victoria Launch Ministry continues to support Launch Ministry of Carver County located in Chaska. In the near future we will be announcing three initiatives to aid the organization, thanks to our St. Victoria coordinator Lynn Gerebi. Launch provides a safe place for young adults who are struggling in their everyday lives.

We provided 12 meals to Launch last year. A new strategy for providing meals will include offering frozen food for their Tuesday and Thursday meals for the young adults who turn to Launch for their supportive programs.

This summer we will hold another Fresh Start drive to provide household items for clients who are able, with the help of Launch, to move into their housing. And, Vacation Bible School will host a drive to provide hygiene items and individual meals for Launch clients.

Watch for details.

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.
- **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>.
- **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.
- **Spring Egg-Stravaganza** vendor/crafter and silent auction benefitting St. Boniface Catholic Church, Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the school gym.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **March 26** — No Children's Liturgy
- **March 29** — No Faith Formation or Confirmation
- **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

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.

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Youth Ministry

Summer Activity Registrations Opening Soon

St. Victoria's registrations for Senior High Summer Festival Camp, Middle School Getaway, SplashFest and Vacation Bible School will open on April 1. It's no joke. Please look to the youth ministry page on St. Victoria's website for the links to reserve your spot on April 1.

Readings for Sunday, March 26

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

Responsorial: Psalm 23:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

"I fear no evil; for you are at my side."

For what purpose were you created? What vocation did God place within you to fulfill?

Many walk through life in darkness, unable to answer either of the precious questions. Once we come to know God as Father through our baptism and begin to seek and discern His will for our lives, the darkness fades away and we walk in the light. St. Paul illuminates (no pun intended) this point beautifully for the Ephesians in this week's second reading. For just as the man born blind only finally "sees" thanks to Christ in the gospel passage, we only come to understand life's purpose and our role within God's plan of salvation by way of Christ and His sacraments. Just as the miraculous healing of Christ points us to our Baptism, David's anointing in the first reading also has an almost sacramental feel to it. While Confirmation did not exist in its current understanding in the time of David, the anointing with oil and "the spirit of the Lord" rushing upon the young man certainly has sacramental undertones and foreshadowing.

While you may not yet fully comprehend what your future holds or what you are to do or who you are to become, the great news as echoed in the psalm is that you have nothing to fear. If you know, love, and serve God, He will be with you, at your side, to go before you and cast His light into all darkness. You need not fear; you need only say "yes." God's plan for you is perfect and far better than anything you could ever come up with on your own.

+Discussion Questions: Do you feel like you're walking around in the dark? How can you let Christ's light shine?

+Challenge for the Week:

Read a passage from Scripture that encourages you not to fear every day this week. Reflect on what you're afraid of, and find comfort in God's aid.

Blessings . . .

Emily Klinker

Sara Svenby

Ann Esping

Tanya Hisey

(Please see our contact information on the cover.)

Stay Connected

Instagram is st.victoriaparishfamily

Twitter is @Saint_Victoria

Facebook is St. Victoria Parish Family

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **March 11 and 12, Week 37**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 7,190
 Electronic Offering: 4,302
 Total Membership Offering: 11,492

Stewardship Report for **March 18 and 19, Week 38**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 10,579
 Electronic Offering: 9,168
 Total Membership Offering: 19,747

Tithing to Bountiful Basket: \$1,974

Second Collection for Debt Reduction: \$3,245

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Rummage Sale

Get organized now. The annual St. Victoria Rummage Sale sponsored by Catholic United Financial is only weeks away. 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 Parish Family education. 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.

Thank You

The St. Victoria Parish Family received a thank you note from Southwest Options for Women for “a very generous gift of “Life.” May Jesus bless you for this kind and generous gift. “The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.” *Psalm 126.3.*

Cyndie Gloe
 Executive Director

Archdiocesan Events

- **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., St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. 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.
- **Poverty and Privilege Action Workshop** sponsored by St. Thomas More’s Justice and Service Commission, Saturday, April 8, in the school Auditorium. Workshop leader is Sarah Peterka of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and will feature speakers from St. Thomas More. Additional information at justice@morecommunity.org for additional information.
- **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 Peach Church in Rogers. Parishioners across the Archdiocese are invited to this moving production sharing the life of one of the most popular saints of modern times, St. Therese of Lisieux.

Ministry Schedule

April 1 and 2

Sacristans

5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen
 8:45 a.m. Linnea Lynum, Leslie Trcka
 10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lector

5 p.m. Ken Pavett
 8:45 a.m. George Hidding
 10:45 a.m. Deb LeMay

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Greg Butler, Todd Hesse, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Dennis Oas, Jerry Schmieg, Nancy Schmieg, Sue Schrempp, Karl and Patty Tauscher
 8:45 a.m. Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Cindy Eide, Jim and Betti Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Michael Lanners, Barb Schultz, Kari Struthers, Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis
 10:45 a.m. George Barker, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Marty Dentinger, Diane Forsythe, Marcus Hoffmann, Davis Kirsch, Michelle Kunze, Jill Sonnek, Erv Spevacek, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Pat Henning, Debra Millis, Jerry and Gerda Schmieg, Steven and Nancy Schmieg
 8:45 a.m. Eric Hanson, Joseph Happ, Gary and Sharon Lauwagie, Dave and Rosie Williams
 10:45 a.m. Ted and Carole Chalgren, Mark and Mary Kelly, Davis Kirsch, Sandy Perkins

Servers

5 p.m. Isabella Detienne, Nicholas Salwei, Colton Schrempp
 8:45 a.m. Arin Haussmann, Grant Hayes, Lilly Trcka
 10:45 a.m. Krew Barber, Evie Heiland, Ava Kunze

Sound

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

Team Isaiah

5 p.m. Jim Becker, Tom and Marty Cashman, Elizabeth Contreras, Monica Grengs, Roger and Paula Osweiler, Cindy Worm
 8:45 a.m. Carly Dammann, Megan and Connie Jeurissen, Melissa Krcil, Steve and Becky Letsche, Brigid Lund, Pat Moore, Debbie Nolan, Ralph and Nancy Rezac, John Sweeney
 10:45 a.m. Sam Fellingner, Pat and Kellie McClellan, TJ and Kamra Michel, Eric and Christine Nelson, Brian and Michele Pulvermacher, Rick and Mary Richter, Sydney Weinandt

Music

5 p.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
 8:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
 10:45 a.m. Cantor Maria Glynn — Acc. Sharon Schindler

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

2017 Area Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

- 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