

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.”

First Sunday of Lent March 5, 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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First Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2017

The readings for March 12

Second Sunday in Lent

Reading I: Genesis 12:1-4a

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



God calls Abram to leave his own country on the strength of a promise of future greatness. Abram trusts God and goes on trusting through the difficult journeys ahead. In the Gospel Jesus and three of his disciples journey to the top of a mountain, the traditional place where God speaks and shows himself. Jesus again hears his own call, a reminder of who he is and the great trial that lies ahead. Peter, James and John, the same three disciples who will be with him during the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, are blessed with a vision of Jesus as the Risen Lord in all His glory. They hear God's voice and clear call. "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased: listen to him." This vision and call move them down the mountain and toward the promise of glory on the other side of suffering.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time when the joy of the moment gave you a sense that the rest of life was worthwhile?

- **Sawyer Bohmann Stein**, son of Debbie Bohmann and Troy Stein
- **Hadley Brynn Brady**, daughter of Emerson and Lacey
- **Josephine Margaret Hokeness**, daughter of Kyle and Rachel
- **Gretchen Jeanette Pollock**, daughter of Chad and Megan
- **Jaxon Robert Schow**, son of Aaron and Kelly

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 7** — Barbara Mae Schmieg †
- Wednesday, **March 8** — William and Margaret Bauer †
- Thursday, **March 9** — Chet Kraus †
- Friday, **March 10** — Montserrat Sawvel
- Saturday, **March 11** — Tom Quammen (Anniv.) †
- Sunday, **March 12** — 8:45 a.m. Kenny Diethelm (Anniv.) †
10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent

It's not too late to sign up for "Best Lent Ever." Dynamic Catholic invites you to not give up chocolate for Lent, but instead join them in the "Best Lent Ever," a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. The program is based on Matthew Kelly's book, *Resisting Happiness*, (the book you received as a Christmas gift). This year's program will help you identify what stands between you and happiness, and what to do about it.

The program started Ash Wednesday, March 1, but you can still sign up. Participants receive daily emails with practical tips, short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members. Go to Bestlentever.com and open your heart to God and do more than just "give up chocolates."

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 Schmieg 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 jschmieg@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 as long as you like. To arrange for Communion at home, please call **Mary Foster at 368-9405.**

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. There is no set fee for the retreat so that every couple, regardless of financial condition, can attend the retreat. At the conclusion, couples are invited to make a donation that fits their budget (suggested amount is \$140 per couple.) 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



New Look

You are going to be seeing our new logo in the future in the bulletin and on other printed materials. We will continue to use the line drawing of our church as well. The logo was designed by John Abel, our new Director of Shared Ministries for a project he was working on and we liked it so much we have adopted it! If you look closely, the S is a person kneeling in prayer, the V is a person sitting in prayer and the t is a cross. When it is used with color, it will be the same teal blue used in our church environment. Thank you, John.



"Surge of the Heart"

I hope your plans for Holy Week include our Lenten Mission, "Surge of the Heart" on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 9, 10 and 11. Jon Leonetti, Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, will lead the mission giving both practical and effective ways to live, know and grow in our Catholic faith. He will explore topics including Who is God and Why Love Him, God's Dream for Your Life and Living God's Dream. He will share stories of some of the greatest people to walk the planet, our saints, and 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.. Plans are underway for a 5 p.m. optional potluck supper on Sunday and there will be hospitality following Jon's talks on Monday and Tuesday. And, there will be RSVP childcare available each evening.

A Special Prayer

If you attended an Ash Wednesday Liturgy you received a small wooden heart. We hope you will carry that heart with you throughout Lent to remind you of the pain and suffering our Lord was about to suffer. We also hope it will remind you that you are invited and encouraged to attend our Lenten Mission, "Surge of the Heart." Following is the prayer said over the hearts in case you might want to repeat it from time to time.

Lord Jesus, bless these wooden hearts that we bless in your name. Let them remind us this Lent of your Sacred Heart which was pierced for us upon the wood of the Cross, and of your undying love. In your name we pray.

Amen

2017 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

I encourage you to think about attending the annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference on Saturday, March 18, 8 a.m. to 8 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. It is in the quiet stillness when we hear the whisper of God's voice. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Daylight Savings Time begins 2 a.m. next Sunday, March 12. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.

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

Communal Penance at St. Victoria is Wednesday, March 8 at 5, 6:30 and 7:40 p.m.

Simpson House

Today, Sunday, March 5, St. Victoria volunteers will prepare and serve a meal at Simpson House in Minneapolis for guests (men and women) who are homeless. Volunteers participate in the ministry approximately once every six weeks. To volunteer for a future date or for information, contact Jan Wohlers at wohlershome@yahoo.com.

Catholic Services Appeal

There is still time to pledge or contribute to the 2017 Catholic Service Appeal (CSA). The goal this year is to raise \$9,300,000 to support 17 ministries with over 200 programs including aid to Catholic Charities, American Indian and Latino Ministries, education and campus ministries, family life and to give aid to parishes to name just some. The appeal is vitally important because no church or organization can provide all that is needed throughout the Archdiocese. There are envelopes in the kiosk in the Commons. You may send your pledge or contribution to the Foundation or place an envelope in the collection basket at Mass/ (Be sure to indicate you are a member of St. Victoria.) Thank you for your generosity.

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.
- **Pancake and Waffle Breakfast** at St. Boniface in St. Bonifacius, **today, Sunday, March 5,** 8 a.m. to noon. (Free-will offering.)
- **March Western Cursillo Ultreya** is Sunday, March 12, at St. Hubert Catholic Community, Chanhassen, Room 116. Potluck to welcome new 4th Day Members 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 in Shakopee, Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m. Tie quilts for church festivals or give-away to Appalachia. Dinner at Applebee's follows.
- **St. Hubert Lenten Faith and Fellowship** Wednesday, March 8, Parish Discipleship Night, dinner at 6 p.m., Liz Kelly presenting at 7 pm. Friday, March 10, fish fry 4:30 to 6:45 p.m. and Living Stations at 7 p.m.. Sunday, March 12, presentation by Rich Gannon at 7 p.m. Monday, March 13, presentation by Gina Baue, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19, presentation by Chika Anyanwu, 7 p.m.
- **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.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **March 4** — Confirmation to Lifeline Mass
- **March 5** — First Sunday
- **March 8** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **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

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.

Faith Formation Sessions on March 8

Classes will meet as normal at 5, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Grades 2 through 10 will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation together. Grades K and 1 will be in their classrooms. Parents are invited to sit with their children and celebrate the Sacrament with them.

Daughters of the King

Last year, we had a very fun and successful overnight event for second and third grade girls called Daughters of the King. We are looking forward to having it again this year on Friday, April 7. This will be an evening filled with learning about what it means to be a daughter of the highest king, building friendships and a chance to walk the red carpet! We will wrap up the event on Saturday morning with breakfast. See the website for more information and to register. If you have any questions, contact Sara in the parish office.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

It may seem too soon to be thinking about Summer plans, but we know how quickly those schedules can fill up, so be sure to mark your calendars for VBS. This year our VBS will be taking place Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23. This year's theme is "Maker Fun Factory." It will be a fun week of learning that we are created by God and built for a purpose. Registration will be coming at a later date, but mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on the fun!

Youth Ministry

Confirmation to Lifeline

The Confirmation students will be going to a Lifeline Event at the Net Center on March 4 from 4 to 10:30 p.m. to enjoy awesome music, Mass, Adoration and hear Kalley Yanta speak on the "Sanctity of Life" and how God transformed her heart from Pro-Choice to Pro-Life.

Readings for Sunday, March 5

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial: Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

"Him alone shall you serve."

Can you trust God? It's the question that has been plaguing man literally since the beginning, which we read about in today's first reading from Genesis. Notice how the serpent does not deny the existence of God, for he knew that Adam and Eve personally encountered Him and that would be of no avail. No, the serpent's strategy was far more cunning: Plant the seed of doubt, and encourage them to look "past" God and back to themselves. Self-focus and pride are the root of all sin. We see the devil employ the same strategy with Christ (the new Adam that we hear about in the second reading) in this Gospel passage from St. Matthew. (Side note: the Hebrew word used for serpent is *nahash* which did not denote a small snake but, rather, a large, menacing, dragon-like sea creature.)

Lent is a purposeful journey into the desert through which our mother, the Church, seeks to help us get back to (or remain in) right order with God. Lent is a time to tackle our sins, confront our temptations, and subdue our human desires in light of our heavenly pursuit. Lent is where we don't just say we trust God but where we put our fasting where our mouth is.

Discussion questions:

- + We hear the phrase "trust in God" a lot, but do we actually do it? Do you truly trust in God, His wisdom, and His plan for you? How is He calling you to trust in Him?
- + Our fasting during Lent is a way to help us resist the temptation of sin throughout the rest of the year by conditioning our will. Is there a sin that you struggle with that this time of Lent can help you conquer?

Challenge for the Week:

During Lent, it is good to fast from something to unite yourself more closely with God. However, on top of fasting, you can also add something into your life that you do not normally do. This can be praying a Rosary every day, making your bed every morning, and so on. This week, add a daily activity that takes discipline to accomplish.

First Sunday

We invite our Senior High students to come to **First Sunday** to experience lots of energy, fun, laughter, and God showing up in a mighty way. Please continue to pray for our teens as they deepen their faith and encounter Christ in a beautiful way. First Sunday is today, March 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Blessings . . .

Emily Klinker
Sara Svenby
Ann Esping
Tanya Hisey

(Please see our contact information on the cover.)

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **February 25 and 26, Week 35**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 10,480
Electronic Offering: 3,494
Total Membership Offering: 13,974

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Baby Bottles

We are pleased to announce that thanks to your generosity, we are able to present Southwest Options for Women with \$2,732.94 to aid them in caring for mother and infants in need. Southwest Options for Women is a Christian organization dedicated to helping those in need. (If you still have a baby bottle, please be sure to return it.) Again, thank you again for your generosity. **And, thank you to** Kerry Stuckenberg for coordinating this

New Parishioners

- Mike and Tricia **Drazan**, Blake, Colton, Mason and Taylor
- Tom and Debbie **Gillis**
- Diane **Haen**
- Daryl and Cheryl **Jarosch**
- Chris and Amanda **Keenan**, Emma, Kate and Madeline
- Michael and Anne **Schladweiler**, Emily and Henry
St. Victoria now has 1,368 registered households.

Rummage Sale

It's hard to believe, but it is 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 Tuesday, May 2.

Archdiocesan Events

- **Six-Week Lenten Bible Study**, March 8 through April 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Cathedral of St. Paul. Study led by Fr. John Echert. Register at www.archspm.org/Events. \$20. Materials provided, but bring your Bible. Information at bolles@archspm.org.
- **Catholic Sisters Week** is March 8 to 14. St. Catherine University is participating in The Environment and Sustainability on Thursday, March 9, hosting a Trolley Tour to Meet Catholic Sisters in Minnesota on Sunday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Celebrating With Us (at St. Benedict's Monastery) on Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact the Archdiocese for more info.
- **Josh Ochs Presents Safe, Smart and Social**. Teach your children how to shine online. We know social media has dramatically changed the way children communicate with each other. Josh will equip you to speak with your children about social media safety and leverage social media to impress colleges and future employees. Presentations Tuesday, March 7, St. John the Baptist School, Savage, Wednesday, March 8, Annunciation School, Minneapolis, and Thursday, March 9, St. Croix Catholic School, Stillwater. All 7 to 8:30 p.m. RSVP at CSCOE-MN.org.

Ministry Schedule

March 11 and 12

Sacristans

5 p.m. Jacque Krause, Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Sue Halverson, Leslie Treka
10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lector

5 p.m. Kathryn Paulsen
8:45 a.m. Joe Carrica
10:45 a.m. Joe Heiland

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Joyce Heiland, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Debra McMillan, Mary Moore, Ken Pavett, Doris Schmieg, Nancy Schmieg, Karl and Patty Tauscher
8:45 a.m. Jim and Adrienne Carrica, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Connor Glynn, Roger Jackels, Ruth Kroening, Barb Meinert, Nancy Rezac, Dave and Ellen Roan, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. Ann Esping, Sam Fellingner, Diane Forsythe, Louise Lehner, Deb LeMay, Kerry Leopold, Lindsey Norton, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Annette Smyser

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Cal Haasken, John Heiland, Randy Krause, Kerry McMillan, Robert Schmieg, Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Joseph Happ, Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Mark Lund, Scott Micek, Daryl Schmieg
10:45 a.m. Donovan and Sam Esping, Al Lehner, Kerry Leopold, Jim and Carol Slater

Servers

5 p.m. Isabella Detienne, Daniella Krause, Nicholas Salwei
8:45 a.m. Arin Hausmann, Lydia Jackels, Lilly Treka
10:45 a.m. Evie Heiland, Joe and Nathan Tinucci

Sound

5 p.m. Tim Woodfield
8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Music

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m. Tracy Edsill
10:45 a.m. Nicole Della Paolera, Chastity and Sydney Perkins
Regan Anderson

2017 Area Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

- ♦ Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m., St. George, Long Lake (Parish Mission)
- ♦ Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m., St. Hubert, Chanhassen
- ♦ 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 p.m., St. Joseph, Waconia
- ♦ Tuesday, April 11, 6 to 9 p.m., St. Nicholas, Carver
- ♦ Wednesday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Confessional, St. Mark, Shakopee