

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.”

Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter) April 23, 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.

St. Anthony Novena: Tuesday after Mass

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(Second Sunday of Easter)
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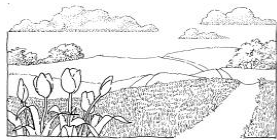
The readings for April 30

Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Reading II 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



This Gospel teaches that God's Messiah *had to suffer* before entering into the glory of his risen life. The failure to grasp both aspects, suffering and glory, led many to reject Jesus. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus represent those whose hopes were dashed. If they had understood all the prophecies, not merely those promising a glorious Messiah, they would have realized that Jesus' sufferings were necessary to God's plan. The disciples invite their companion to have supper with them, and in the breaking of the bread, a familiar gesture of Jesus, they finally recognize their Lord. He will likewise be present to future generations in the broken bread. Because there is no need to see him physically, "he vanished from their sight."

Question of the Week

When have your eyes been opened so that you recognized the Lord walking with 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.)

Banns of Marriage

Michael and Kathleen Reishus

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 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 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 25** — Grace Stacken †
- Wednesday, **April 26** — William and Margaret Bauer †
- Thursday, **April 27** — Margaret and Gerry Guettler (Anniv.) †
- Friday, **April 28** — Frances Gunnarson †
- Saturday, **April 29** — John Kock †
- Sunday, **April 30** — 8:45 a.m. Marie "Snip" Steinberger †
 10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

In Memoriam

Joan Leonard

September 6, 1936 — April 7, 2017

Gregory Faila

April 23, 1924 — April 8, 2017

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.**

Enjoy Creating Art? Need Service Hours?

Volunteers are needed to assist in cutting and assembling doves and flames for an upcoming environment piece for the Worship Space. Material and instructions will be provided. Volunteers may work in the parish office or take a stack of paper home to accompany your evening television routine. Contact Elizabeth Nowak at enowakstv@gmail.com or 443-2661 x207 if interested.

Archbishop Harry Flynn Catechetical Institute

This fall, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute will offer a two-year course in two different locations. Classes will be held at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville on Monday evenings and at the Church of St. Andrew in Elk River on Tuesday evenings. Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, the program follows the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and will help you make sense of all things Catholic. Classes are divided into four 11-week modules with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted through July 1 for the class beginning in September. Visit www.CIstudent.com or call 651-962-5028 for information and/or an application.

Ministry of Spiritual Direction

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 grace, freedom and peace. Scholarships are available. Call the parish office for details.

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



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



A Wonderful Week

Holy Week was something to behold, from the processions into the Worship Space on Palm Sunday to the final Baptisms after the 10:45 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Our Lenten Mission was all, and more, that we had hoped it would be. Jon Leonetti had a great way of sharing insight into what being a Catholic means to him and how that gift of faith can be an exciting part of our own lives. One could sense there was a wave of enthusiasm for how each of us can take our faith and make it real every day. People were inspired. A gifted motivational speaker does that — inspires others. People commented to me about how much they appreciated the way Jon communicated in such a straight forward and exciting way.

The second night, when Jon talked about the canonized saints and then shared that everyone in heaven is a saint and that we all are saints in our daily lives, was a hopeful and enlightening message to many. He also provided some practical guidelines on his final night — these are three things we can do (prayer, reconciliation and intercession through our Blessed Mother) that can make a tremendous difference in our daily lives and in living our faith.

I think a note I received from parishioners John and Judy Iverson summed up how many felt. “How wonderful to provide our parish with the opportunity to experience our faith on three very memorable nights.”

We went on to celebrate the Triduum and finally, with overflow crowds, the joy of Easter Sunday. The sheer joy demonstrated by the kids reminds us that we all seek joy in our lives in spite of our adult responsibilities and concerns.

Thanks to all who shared their time and talents to make Holy Week so wonderfully special.

Venezuela

On a more somber note, we received an email from Fr. Greg Schaffer who presides over Jesucristo Resucitado, the Archdiocese's sister Diocese in Venezuela. Fr. Greg asks for our support and prayers for him and for Fr. James Peterson (we met him last summer) as they strive to make certain the people they serve can celebrate their faith, especially during Lent and Holy Week. He said that the Catholic faith and the churches are under siege due to the political turmoil and unrest that has led to severe shortages of food and other essentials. He said churches have been defaced and in some cases looted, and at one Holy Week Mass Cardinal Urosa was disrupted by a group of government supporters. Priests and faithful at the Mass surrounded him to prevent the infiltrators from harming him. Fr. Greg said one positive from the troubles is the fact that more people are coming to Mass and participating in the Sacraments.

Fr. Bob

Eucharistic Adoration

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. Come before Him today. Ask for His spirit, the breath of His joy and presence of His love. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy Follows.**

Gatherings This Week...

Parish Finance Council will meet Tuesday, April 25, 4:30 p.m., in Clare's Well.

All parishioners are welcome to attend parish gatherings.

Simpson House

Today, Sunday, April 23, 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.

Is Ireland Beckoning?

Think about joining Fr. Bob as he celebrates his 70th birthday in Ireland in 2018.

A spectacular trip, April 2 to 13, 2018, is planned that includes experiencing life on the Titanic, a horse-drawn jaunting car ride to Killarney National Park, kissing the Blarney Stone and sharing a pint of famed Guinness with your fellow travelers. Destinations include Dublin, Belfast and the Titanic Museum, Giant's Causeway, Donegal, Galway, Connemara, Killarney, Cliffs of Moher and the Dingle Peninsula. Celebrate Mass with Fr. Bob in Ireland's historic churches while taking in the tranquil beauty of the Irish countryside.

An information meeting is planned on May 1, at 7 p.m., in Clare's Well. You will have the opportunity to learn more about this special trip from Mark Hoffman of Magi Travel. You also can go to www.magitravelinc.com for information or pick up a brochure from the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons. Feel free to bring your family members and friends that may want to learn more and join the tour. Bring any questions you may have as well.

Take Note...

- Next weekend, April 29 and 30, is the start of our Annual Stewardship Campaign.
- Saturday, April 29, is Friends at the House. All the men (and their guests) in the parish are invited to the Victoria House at 8 a.m.
- Saturday, May 6, is our Spring Fling (clean-up day) around the church.

(See the inserts with this bulletin for information.)

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 763-545-0239 for info.
- **Jeans and Gems** fundraiser Friday, April 28, at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel ballroom to aid Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women. Register online at www.svabw.org.
- **Divine Mercy Celebration today, Sunday, April 23,** at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Jordan, 2 to 3:30 p.m. To find Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations in Minnesota and/or to find information, go to www.3oclockhour.org (Divine Mercy of the Midwest) or www.faithfitnessclub.org (Faith Fitness Club).

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **April 22/23** Faith Fest
- **April 23** Confirmation Sending Mass
- **April 23** Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **April 24** Confirmation
- **April 26** Last night of Faith Formation K-8
- **May 3** First Communion Rehearsal
- **May 5** 4th and 5th Grade Overnight
- **May 6/7** First Communion
- **May 11** Catechist Appreciation
- **May 14** Mother's Day Rose Sale
- **May 21** High School Graduation Celebration

Adult Ministry

Lenten Mission

Thank you to all who attended our parish mission with Jon Leonetti. We hope that whether you were able to come to one night or all three, it was a meaningful way to begin Holy Week. If you ordered a book from him, someone from our parish office will be calling you when they arrive. See Father's column for highlights.

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*.

Faith Formation

Daughters of the King

What a fun event we had with our Second and Third Grade girls! We spent the evening learning about different qualities a Daughter of the King (or, princess) has. Then we made sandwiches for the homeless, enjoyed some ice cream and had a big slumber party. In the morning, we had a special guest – Queen Elsa – join us for breakfast! Thanks to an amazing group of teenagers, this night was a huge success (Erin, Grace, Emma, Kathy, Meghan, and Stephanie). And a big thank you to moms Megan and Dawn for chaperoning the event.

4th and 5th Grade Overnight

We will be having our annual 4th and 5th Grade overnight on Friday, May . We have a lot of fun and games planned for the night, including some time for ice cream sundaes and a movie. The event runs from 6 p.m. on Friday until 9 a.m. on Saturday and is open to all 4th and 5th Grade children in the parish. Registration is available on the parish website.

Children's Liturgy Schedule Extended

We have good news for all you parents of young children. Our Children's Liturgy schedule is being extended through the summer. This is a great program for children age 4 through 1st Grade to step out of Mass and hear the Liturgy of the Word at an age-appropriate level and do a craft. No need to sign up, just join us when you can!

Catechist Appreciation

All Faith Formation Volunteers (VBS, Children's Liturgy, Faith Formation, Confirmation, Childcare) are invited to join us at Fr. Bob's house for one last time together before the summer. We will celebrate a great year and look toward the future of our fantastic Faith Formation season. Watch your inbox for your invitation!

Living Stations

Thanks to all the 8th Graders for an inspiring Living Stations of the Cross event. Your preparation, commitment, and faith

was revealed throughout the evening. What an awesome experience for our K-7th Grade Faith Formation students and parishioners. Thank you also to those Confirmation teens who helped with the programs and reception. Finally, many thanks to Lisa Payne for her annual commitment to prepare, direct and support the 8th Grade teens in this experience.

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

Come Join Us!

Thanks to the many teens and adults who have been involved in our Youth Ministry activities this year. We've had a blast. Your energy, spirit, and willingness to serve one another is inspiring. We're looking forward to an awesome summer. All are welcome and invited to join us. Here's a few highlights, but check out the website for the full calendar and to register.

- May 10: First Group - Sr. High Youth Group, 7 to 9 p.m.
- May 17: Middle Group - Middle School Youth Group, 6 to 8 p.m.
- June 19 to 23: VBS Youth Leadership, 9 a.m. to noon
- June 24 to July 1: Mission Trip to Crow Reservation, MT
- June 21: Splashfest Waterpark trip (Grades 6 to 12), Noon to 5 p.m.
- July 9 to 12: Summer Festival Senior High Camp
- July 30/31 – Middle School Get-A-Way

Confirmation

Confirmation of our 10th Graders is this week and we ask for prayers for each of our 52 students as they embrace being a disciple for Christ in our Catholic Church. We are pleased to present our Confirmation Candidates to the parish at the Sending Mass today, April 23, at the 10:45 a.m. Confirmation is at the Basilica of St. Mary on tomorrow, Monday, April 24. We can't wait.

Readings for Sunday, April 23, 2017

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial: Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

"His mercy endures forever."

Beyond Words: One of the great benefits, but also detractions, from really appreciating the resurrection narratives and stories of the early Church in Acts is that we have 2,000 years of knowing "what is going to happen next." The drama for our ancestors in the faith, however, is that they had no clue what was to come.

Why were the doors still locked on that Sunday, a week after the Resurrection? They were still in danger and didn't know what to do! Why was Thomas not there a week earlier? He had no idea Jesus was going to rise. Why did the first Christians gather together "on the first day of the week to break bread" as we

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **April 8 and 9, Week 41** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$	13,198
Electronic Offering:		8,933
Total Membership Offering:		22,131

Stewardship Report for **April 15 and 16, Week 42** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$	32,617
Electronic Offering:		7,892
Total Membership Offering:		40,509

Second Collection for Debt Reduction: \$4,030

Tithing: \$1,000 each to Launch Ministry and Love INC

Holy Thursday: \$932

Good Friday: \$953

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Sweet Tooth?

Next weekend (April 29 and 30), the Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls after all Masses.

Rummage Sale Date is Getting Close

The annual St. Victoria Rummage Sale, sponsored by Catholic United Financial, is May 4 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Friday, May 5, (bag day), 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to visit the Boutique Corner and plan to take a break from shopping to enjoy a cup of coffee and a sweet treat. The annual fundraiser benefits St. Victoria education.

- **Drop-off** begins Sunday, April 30, (noon to 7 p.m.) and continues on 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 Found Box will be donated to the rummage sale.

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 scholarships 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 29 and 30

Sacristans

5 p.m.	Joyce Burau, Tim Woodfield
8:45 a.m.	Diane Theis, Leslie Trcka
10:45 a.m.	Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m.	Tim Amundsen
8:45 a.m.	Judy Sones
10:45 a.m.	Joe Hamilton

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Todd Hesse, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Barb Meinert, Katharine Paulsen, Sue Schrempp, Karl and Patty Tauscher
8:45 a.m.	Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Cindy Eide, Patty Frier, Jim and Betti Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Jim and Debbie Moss, Barb Schultz, Kari Struthers
10:45 a.m.	George Barker, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Marty Dentinger, Marcus Hoffman, Michelle Kunze, Deb LeMay, Lindsey Norton, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Cassie Smith, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m.	Pat Henning, Tom, Lisa and Maggie Katalinich, Robert Muller, Dan Smock
8:45 a.m. and	Mike Jeurissen, Chris and Judy Sones, Sam

10:45 a.m.	Troy Stukenborg, Shawn Sutherland Ted and Carole Chalgren, Billie and Sandy Perkins, Steve and Jill Sonnek
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Servers

5 p.m.	Isabella Detienne, Nicholas Salwei, Colton Schrempp
8:45 a.m.	Stephanie Frier, Megan Jeurissen, Lilly Trcka
10:45 a.m.	Ava Kunze, Chastity and Sydney Perkins

Sound

5:00 p.m.	Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m.	Mike Hansen
10:45 a.m.	Mitchell Holman

Music

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

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hear about in the first reading? Because they were learning how to live and worship as Christians and not merely as Jews. Why is St. Peter praising the followers who “have not seen Him (Jesus) but love Him”? Because as the Church grew, more and more Christians had never actually met the Lord.

They didn't know how it was all going to end for them: perhaps martyrdom, old age, or more Roman upheaval. They had no clue except to trust in God and in His mercy.

+Discussion Questions: Have you ever contemplated that Jesus had the Bible written just so that you could know Him? Do you take advantage of this incredible gift?

Blessings . . .

**Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby,
Ann Esping and Tanya Hisey**

(Please see our contact information on the cover.)

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