

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.”

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 14, 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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The readings for May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts:8:5-8, 14-17

Reading II 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21



In this Gospel Jesus assures his disciples that he will not leave them abandoned, defenseless orphans. He will continue to be with them but in a new way, namely, through the presence of the Holy Spirit. The faithful, those with eyes enlightened by faith, will be deeply aware that he is there with them. He will not only be “with” them, but “within” them, a source of inner strength and confidence. Christians are caught up into the very life of God. For us, this means the Spirit will enable us to find Christ in ourselves and each other.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time when you knew that God was present? What signs helped you to recognize God’s presence?

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**.

Banns of Marriage

Cari Klein and Joe Calderone

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.

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. **Please Note Date Change:** The next Jordan Night (Baptism class) is **Thursday, July 6**. (Previously scheduled on August 3.) For information or to schedule a Baptism, contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **May 16** — Sharon Jacobs †

Wednesday, **May 17** — Joan Leonard †

Thursday, **May 18** — Greg Failla †

Friday, **May 19** — Margaret Bradley †

Saturday, **May 20** — Lila Klehr †

Sunday, **May 21** — 8:45 a.m. Juliana Meyer †

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

We would like to express our thanks to Fr. Bob and Elizabeth Nowak for the beautiful service. Also, thank you to all who donated food and the ladies from the church who served the luncheon. Your kindness is appreciated.

The Family of Evelyn Notermann

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.)

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for two people who would like to care for our plants at St. Victoria, both inside and outdoors. The plan is to have the volunteers alternate weeks. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Nowak in the parish office at 443-2661 x207 or enowakstv@gmail.com.

Catholic Watchmen Rally

All men are invited to the Catholic Watchmen Rally at Holy Name of Jesus in Medina on Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Fr. John Echert will speak on *Fathers Leading Families in the Faith: The Biblical Perspective Applied to Today*. The evening is an opportunity for men to draw closer to Jesus and to invest in fellowship with other men. There will be time for Adoration and Reconciliation. Dinner will be provided. Registration is not required; a free-will offering will be collected. Contact Enzo Randazzo at randazzov@archspm.org or 651-291-4483.

Archbishop Harry Flynn Catechetical Institute

This fall, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute will offer a two-year course in two 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. Apply by July 1 for classes beginning in September. For information and applications, visit www.CIstudent.com or call 651-962-5028 .



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



Mother's Day

This day, May 14, is the day set aside to honor our mothers, a special time to be grateful for the love and support we received from these special women. But it is also a day to be thankful for every woman who has ever nurtured a child, supported a troubled teen, been a dutiful mother-in-law, a favorite aunt, a beloved teacher or just a good friend. I hope every person has reasons to be thankful for the women who have been instrumental in their lives. I know I am. I offer this poem — written in tribute to the author's mother, but which speaks of all the wonderful mothers we know.

God's Masterpiece is Mother

by Herbert Farnham

*God took pieces of everything wonderful to make moms.
 God took the fragrance of a flower...
 The majesty of a tree...
 The gentleness of morning dew...
 The calm of a quiet sea...
 The beauty of the twilight hour...
 The soul of a starry night...
 The laughter of a rippling brook...
 The grace of a bird in flight...
 Then God fashioned from these things
 A creation like no other,
 And when his masterpiece was through
 He called it simply — Mother*

Stewardship

Last week we kicked off our annual Stewardship Campaign and I think we are off to a good start. However, we need the support and commitment of all parishioners if we are to provide all that is needed from the Sacraments and Faith Formation to fellowship, hospitality and Bible Studies.

As I have said before, I am convinced that we are especially called to look for opportunities to reach out in service to others through Outreach Ministries like Sharing and Caring Hands, Simpson Housing, Love INC and our newest outreach opportunity, Launch. These ministries depend upon our dedicated staff and your faithful stewardship to be the face and hands of Jesus Christ.

In addition, just like all of us, we have bills to pay to keep the lights on, the buildings comfortable and in good repair and the grounds, including the cemetery.

I ask that you prayerfully take this opportunity to show your appreciation for St. Victoria and all that it means to us as parishioners, to our community and the world beyond. Thank you for your generosity.

HATS OFF TO . . . All the volunteers who came to help with our annual spring clean-up on Saturday, May 6. Your help was greatly appreciated and it shows! The grounds look great. Thank you for sharing your time. *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. A quiet place is waiting. Come and adore Him and wait patiently to hear His words. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Gatherings This Week . . .

Parish Pastoral Council will meet Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m. in the parish office conference room. . .
All parishioners are welcome to attend parish gatherings.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands tomorrow, **Monday, May 15.** 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.

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual **Sunset Fest** is just around the corner, well actually several corners! The date is Saturday, August 26. Plans are underway — it's sure to be a great event. (And, did you know that Archbishop Hebda is going to be our special guest?) If you are interested in getting involved, there are many volunteer opportunities as we prepare for this special event, (and the day of the event). Contact John Abel, Director of Shared Ministries, in the parish office for more information.

Bright Beginnings

Our annual "baby shower" for Southwest Options for Women begins this weekend. Pick up a gift tag from the display in the Commons and return gifts no later than Sunday, May 28. All the donated gifts will aid mothers and babies in need. See the insert with this bulletin for more 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.
- **Southwest Grief Coalition**, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie. 5:30 p.m. gathering with light supper, 6 p.m. speaker, 6:30 p.m. adult small groups, 6 to 7:30 p.m. children's groups. On May 15 Pastor Matthew Fleming, will discuss "Grace and Grief." Call 460-0030 to arrange for children to attend.
- **May Cursillo Ultreya**. Western Ultreya is Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m., at St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall; Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in the family room. Speaker is Gary Foehringer.
- **West Deanery Spring Meeting** Thursday, May 18, at the Church of St. Boniface in St. Bonifacius. Registration at 8:30 a.m., meeting at 9 a.m., prayer service at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:45 a.m., business meeting at 12:45 p.m. and adjourn at 2 p.m. \$15. Register with Carol Schulke, 612-232-7800 or Loretta Grekoff at 288-3356, by Monday, May 15 to register.
- **Grandparents:** Study group training workshop, Wednesday, May 24, 5:30 to 7 p.m., St. Joseph Hall at the Archdiocesan Chancery. A new call to ministry. Light supper served. Suggested \$10 free-will offering. Details and registration at www.CatholicGrandparenting.org.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **May 14** Mother's Day Rose Sale Fundraiser
- **May 14** Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **May 17** Middle Sunday (on Wednesday)
- **May 21** High School Graduation Celebration
- **May 21** Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **June 10/11** Stock Sale
- **June 12** VBS Preparation and Decorating all week
- **June 19** VBS Week

Adult Ministry

Coffee and Conversation

Great success discussing *The Shack*. Thanks to all who attended. Many have asked if we can revisit the book since busy schedules made it impossible for some to attend. We are currently looking over schedules and considering that as an option. In the meantime, consider discussing the book with a friend.

Faith Formation

4th and 5th Grade Overnight

What a great night we had growing in friendship and faith. We had 18 children join us for the event, plus five teens who helped to plan and execute the night. Thanks to Erin, Grace, Mitchell, Dylan and Jack for all your help! And a big thanks to Sharon who helped to chaperone.

Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for this year's Vacation Bible School. It can be found on the parish website. All children entering kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to join us. And anyone entering sixth grade or above are encouraged to sign up as volunteers. We can always use a lot of extra help.

First Communion

We had a lovely weekend celebrating the First Communion of 56 young children. A big thank you to all of the catechists and parents who helped prepare them for this special day.

Registration

Don't let spring pass you by without registering your family for the 2017-18 Faith Formation season. All current Faith Formation families should have received an email from Emily last week. If you are not currently enrolled in Faith Formation, information can now be found on our parish website. Don't have kids in Faith Formation? You can still volunteer.

Catechist Appreciation

Thank you to all who attended. It was a fun evening with many of our volunteers taking time to celebrate another successful Faith Formation season. We enjoyed a beautiful evening! Thank you to Joe and Dean for providing music during happy hour.

Youth Ministry

Graduation Reception

On May 21, all High School Graduates and their families are invited to join us for the St. Victoria Blessing of the Graduates. The blessing will occur during the 10:45 a.m. Mass and there also will be a reception following Mass in Elstan Hall. Please join us. RSVP via St. Victoria website to let us know your plans, even if you cannot make it!

Come Join Us!

Thanks to the many teens and adults who have been involved in our Youth Ministry activities this year. 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 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 29-30 – Middle School Get-A-Way

Senior High Summer Festival Deposit Due

Do you want to have the chance to get away from real life, hang out with people from all across the Midwest, hear awesome speakers and music, deepen friendships, and talk about God? Join us at Sr. High Summer Festival from July 9 to 12 at Gustavus Adolphus College. The days are packed with fun surprises of all kinds. Unlike previous years, a \$50 deposit is due by May 17 to secure a spot, so please get this in ASAP. See the website for registration and more information.

Readings for Sunday, May 14, 2017

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial: Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

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

"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do."

+Behind the Scenes: St. Augustine once wrote, "If you believe what you like in the Gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself." He could just as easily have written that sentence in the 21st Century as he did in the Fifth Century. We live in the culture where people often pick and choose and justify what they believe to be truth. The problem, as we see clearly in this week's Gospel, is that Christ clearly proclaims that He — and He alone — "is the way, the truth and the life." Put simply, the Bread of Life is not one option in the Catholic cafeteria for those truly seeking truth; He is the only option.

Jesus put it plainly; if we truly believe in Him, we'll "do the works that (He did)." The second reading reminds us what happens to those who live and preach like Christ: rejection. It goes on to remind us, though, of how heroic and beautiful a call we have in Christ, that we are chosen and royal and set apart for this great mission. The Church needs faithful witnesses to safeguard and proclaim Christ's truth to the greater world. This call gave way to the first deacons that we hear about in the first reading. Souls are hungry for the truth of Christ. The question, still today, is whether those who know Jesus are willing to do anything about it.

+Journal: 1) What Church teachings do you struggle with? Why? 2) What questions do you have about those teachings that, if answered, would bring you clarity? 3) In what ways can you open your heart to God's teachings?

Challenge for the Week: This week, pick one teaching you struggle with and do research on it. Look up answers to your questions. Learn about what the teaching truly is, what it says, and why the Church teaches it. As you are doing this, ask God for clarity and an open mind.

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

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **May 6 and 7, Week 44** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 7,824
Electronic Offering: 19,737
Total Membership Offering: 27,561

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Second Collection Reminder: Next weekend (May 20 and 21) 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.)

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 scholarship 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.

Love INC Happenings

Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Eastern Carver County has several events underway.

- They are partnering with District 112/Eastern Carver County schools to **provide a lunch program** for children in need during the summer months. Children (ages 1 to 18) will receive lunch followed by participation in educational programming, Monday through Friday, from June 20 to September 1 (excluding July 3 and 4), 12:15 to 2 p.m., at Community Center Building at Riverview Terrace in Chaska. Go to www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b44aeaf22aa46-help1 for information or to sign up to volunteer or participate.
- 2017 Love INC **Annual Tournament** is Monday, June 5, at Dahlgreen Golf Club. Information and sign up at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/litnoecc/>
- For the **Love of Women Luncheon and Women's Expo** is a unique experience filled with storytelling, wisdom, faith and shopping. Hear motivational speaker and author Tenaya (TJ) Tison, enjoy lunch and shopping on Monday, June 5, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Dahlgreen Golf Club. Cost is \$30. Information and registration at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/litnoecc/>. (Also looking for vendors and home-based businesses or crafts for the event. Use the link above for information or sign-up.)

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

Ministry Schedule

May 20 and 21

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen
8:45 a.m. Mary Ann LaValle, Linnea Lynum
10:45 a.m. Julie Catalino, Rose Rooney

Lector

5 p.m. Katharine Paulsen
8:45 a.m. George Hidding
10:45 a.m. Joe Blake

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Greg Butler, Joyce Heiland, Todd Hesse, Kristen Kowalski, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Debra McMillan, Mary Moore, Roger Osweiler, Nancy Schmieg
8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Adrienne Carrica, Marge Diethelm, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Mike Kokesh, Sharon Lauwagie, Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. George Barker, Mary Catino, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Sam Fellingner, Joe Hamilton, Marcus Hoffmann, Mitchell and Gina Holman, Deb LeMay, Jeff Lenzmeier, Linda Lindeman

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Gary and Anne Delaney, John Heiland, Kerry McMillan, Jerry and Gerda Schmieg
8:45 a.m. Doug and Susan Hines, Scott Micek, Daryl Schmieg, Chris and Judy Sones
10:45 a.m. Steve and Jill Sonnek, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m. Isabella Detienne, Ann Hausmann, Ethan Weinandt
8:45 a.m. Megan Jeurissen, Nick Payne
10:45 a.m. Joey and Sadie Holman, Jakob Lenzmeier

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
8:45 a.m. Tim Woodfield
10:45 a.m. Maureen McConnell

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher
10:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher

There is Children's Liturgy of the Word on May 21.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration

Archbishop Hebda invites all married couples to celebrate their marriages together on Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Paul for Mass, renewal of vows and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver, golden and platinum anniversaries will be honored in a special way and are invited to attend. Families and friends of all couples are welcome. (Couples married one or more years may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda. To request a certificate, call 651-291-4488 or go to mfl@archspm.org.)

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