

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.”

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 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 28

Ascension of the Lord

Reading I: Acts 1:1-11

Reading II Ephesians 1:17-33

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



The Ascension is a very consoling feast. It may not seem that way if you only think of Jesus leaving the apostles to carry on by themselves. Furthermore, Matthew says that when they first saw the risen Lord, “they worshipped, but some doubted,” which indicates some were struggling to believe (Matthew 28:17). But then Jesus speaks words that have encouraged believers from then until now, first sending them (and now us) out to make disciples of all nations by baptizing others into the life of the Trinity and teaching them what Jesus taught. His final words in the Gospel have encouraged the Church through the centuries and continues to motivate and strengthen all who take them to heart.

Question of the Week

How does this feast encourage you in your life today?

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.

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 June 10 and 11.
- **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 23** — Florian Diethelm †

Wednesday, **May 24** — Judy Forcier and Family

Thursday, **May 25** — Marie Stumpf †

Friday, **May 26** — Hilda Caspers †

Saturday, **May 27** — Evelyn “Sis” Schneider †

Sunday, **May 28** — 8:45 a.m. Tim Forcier †

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

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.**

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual **Sunset Fest** will be here before we know it. The date is Saturday, August 26. Plans are underway — it’s sure to be a great event as we celebrate another great summer — and St. Victoria’s 160th Anniversary. We also will be honored to welcome Archbishop Hebda as he makes his first visit to our parish. 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.

Annual Pentecost Mass

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office will sponsor the Annual Pentecost Mass on Saturday, June 3, at 7 p.m. with praise and worship beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Hebda, will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in St. Anthony. (Other priests are invited to concelebrate.) There will be fellowship following the Mass. Visit www.ccro-msp.org or call 763-571-5314 for details.

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

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



Let's Celebrate

Did you know 2017 marks 160 years of being a parish family here at St. Victoria? We will be marking this festive occasion over the course of the next four weekends.

- On May 20 and 21, my homily was recorded visually, not digitally, not with a camera, but the old fashioned way. I hope you enjoyed watching it unfold.
- Then, May 27 and 28, we are going to have a St. Victoria apparel floor show. You might be surprised who's in it.
- On June 3, we celebrate the founding of our parish with the first Baptism at St. Victoria on June 3, 1857. That Saturday we will commemorate the event in a way that would make the founders of our parish proud.
- Sunday, June 10 is about you. I hope you like pizza, because there will be plenty of it after the 10:45 Mass.

More on all this coming up folks. (And, of course, our annual Sunset Fest on August 26 will be a capstone to celebrate our long history.)

Stewardship

The Stewardship Campaign is well underway and we are pleased with the generosity of those who have already contributed and/or pledged. Next week, we will share up-to-date numbers. As I have said the last couple of weeks, it takes all of us to provide for our parishioners (from Sacraments and Faith Formation to fellowship and hospitality to Bible Studies) as well as offer opportunities to reach out in service to others. Oh, and by the way, we still have to pay the bills to keep the lights on, the buildings comfortable and in good repair along with caring for the grounds and cemetery. I hope you will prayerfully take this opportunity to show your appreciation for St. Victoria and all that it means to us as parishioners and to the community beyond. As a convenience, we offer several options for making your contributions. You will find them listed on page five. Thank you for your generosity.

HATS OFF AND THANK YOU . . . Catholic United Financial Rummage Sale Committee asked me to pass along their thank you note:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed their "treasures" and/or time or resources to make this year's rummage sale an overwhelming success. We surpassed last year's record by approximately \$3,000. Final numbers and additional details will be published in a future bulletin. The Salvation Army picked up the items that were not sold at the sale and filled 1-1/2 trucks. We would also like to extend a very special thank you to the Victoria Holiday Station Store and Chaska Kwik Trip for donating the "sweets" for our coffee corner.

I'm adding my thanks to all who worked so hard making sure the sale was so successful!

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. Wait patiently in the quiet to hear His words. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Dates and Information

- Beginning May 26, the parish office will close at 2 p.m. on Fridays. Regular Friday hours will start again after Labor Day.
- Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, will be celebrated at 9 a.m. in the Historic Church, followed by a service in the cemetery including a traditional color guard.
- The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.
- The annual "baby shower" for Southwest Options for Women is underway. Please return your gifts no later than Sunday, May 28. All the donated gifts will aid mothers and babies in need.
- The first Summer Friday Outdoor Mass is June 2. (Watch for details next week.)
- This is the weekend to sign-up to serve lemonade once this summer after a 8:45 or 10:45 a.m. Mass.
- Also, be sure to check out the dates in Fr. Bob's column.

Meals for Launch Ministry

Two young ladies from our parish, Laura Contreras and Maggie Katalinich, have undertaken a service project to provide meals for Launch Ministry in Chaska. They are looking for three families to sign up (one each in June, July and August) to provide one frozen meal to serve 25 to 30 Launch clients. If you would like to participate, sign up after Masses this weekend or contact Maggie at 18katalinich@isd112.org or Laura at 18contrerasm@isd112.org.

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 22 Jeff Falkingham, a member of St. Andrew, will discuss "Why (Not) Me, Lord?" Call 460-0030 to arrange for children to attend.
- **May Cursillo Ultreya**. Western Ultreya is **today, 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.
- **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.
- **A Grand Tour for Active Older Adults** sponsored by the City of Victoria to visit the Minnesota State Capitol and James J. Hill House, Monday, June 12, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Limited seats. Call 443-4255 for information.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **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
- **June 19** VBS Week
- **June 21** Splashfest (6th through 12th Grade)

Faith Formation

First Communion Contributions

Each year at the First Communion retreat the kids receive an envelope to place in the offering basket on their special day. The envelope includes lines for the kids to write their time, talent, and treasure they are sharing with the church and others. Here a few selections from this year.

Time: pray to Jesus every night, visiting great-grandma, one hour of Adoration, help at home, Team Isaiah

Talent: help my sister read, make a card for someone who is sick, make others laugh, stand-up comedy

Treasure: donate food to the poor, share allowance, have a bake sale

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. If you are not currently enrolled in Faith Formation, the registration information can now be found on our parish website. Don't have kids in Faith Formation? You can still volunteer.

Vacation Bible School Registration Open

Registration is now open for this year's "Maker Fun Factory" Vacation Bible School (VBS). VBS will run Monday through Friday, June 19 to 23. We meet from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Throughout our time together, the kids will sing and dance, participate in three stations, plus enjoy a snack. VBS is open to all children entering kindergarten and older. We love to have middle school and high school teens help us get ready for the week with decorating as well as helping to lead stations and small groups the week of VBS. Registration will be open until Tuesday, June 13. Don't miss out on this fun and faithful week!

Youth Ministry

Graduation Reception

Today, Sunday, 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 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. 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 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 21: Splashfest Waterpark trip (Grades 6 to 12), Noon to 5 p.m.
- June 24 to July 1: Mission Trip to Crow Reservation, MT
- 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. Haven't sent your deposit? Call Tanya.

Readings for Sunday, May 21, 2017

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial: Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

"Always be ready to give an explanation...for your hope."

Behind the Scenes: The scene in this week's first reading is one of the more intriguing episodes in Acts. We see Sts. Peter and John in Samaria — a place with long-standing tension toward the Jews — amazingly demonstrating their belief in Christ and accepting the word of God.

The line "that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them" is puzzling to many modern Christians. How could those who've been baptized in the name of Jesus not have "received" the Holy Spirit yet or not had that reception fully animated?

The Church uses this episode as one example of the distinctions between the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. While Baptism confers the Holy Spirit in a more "invisible" way, Confirmation unleashes the Spirit in more "visible" ways. Just as deacons, then and now, can baptize us, we see Sts. Peter and John — who are bishops — laying on hands and conferring the Holy Spirit upon the people, just as modern bishops still do at our own Sacrament of Confirmation. This distinction is one example of how these two Sacraments of Initiation are complementary but separate, as witnessed with the souls in Samaria who'd been initiated into the family but not yet fully realized the power and role of the Holy Spirit within them.

Journal: Who do you know that truly lets the Holy Spirit work through them? What are some of your favorite things about that person?

Challenge of the Week: The easiest way to rid our lives of hope is to be negative. It's really easy to be negative — phrases like, "Man, this weather is awful," slip out of our mouths almost unconsciously. This week, commit to being positive. This means a) no complaining and b) whenever something happens that makes you want to complain, offer it back to the Lord and trust that He has a purpose for the situation. You can do it!

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

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **May 13 and 14, Week 45** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 10,026
Electronic Offering: 8,160
Total Membership Offering: 18,186

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Electronic Giving

When you fill out your pledge card for this year's stewardship campaign, you might want to think about electronic giving if you are not already doing so. It's convenient for you and it makes budgeting at St. Victoria a bit easier with a better idea of the dollars available.

You can make contributions online using St. Victoria's secure donation page setup that allows you to use your credit card or checking. If you prefer to have the parish office set up your online giving, submit an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) authorization form to Joni Jeurissen in the parish office. The forms are available in the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons or call the parish office to request a form.

Another option is Bill Pay with you setting up and controlling payments through your own bank.

Another option to fulfill a pledge is by donating stock to St. Victoria. Call Deacon Ray in the parish office for information.

Of course, we are always happy to receive checks dropped in the collection basket or sent in the mail.

However you choose to fulfill your pledge, we are grateful!

June 1 Deadline for 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 Lunch Program

Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Eastern Carver County is 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.

Ministry Schedule

May 27 and 28

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tom and Lisa Katalinich
8:45 a.m. Chris and Judy Sones
10:45 a.m. Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen
8:45 a.m. Janet Bergeron
10:45 a.m. Ken Pavett

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Todd Hesse, Kristen Kowalski, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Dennis Oas, Katharine Paulsen, Sue Schrempf, Carol Spalding, Karl and Patty Tauscher, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
8:45 a.m. Renee Boraas, Marge Diethelm, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Sharon Lauwagie, Mary Ann LaValle, Pat Moore, Dave and Ellen Roan, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. Rachel Anderson, Mitchell Holman, Tim Kearney, Joan Klinger, Deb LeMay, Linda Lindeman, Cherie McGraw, Kathryn Paradise, Anna Shay, Jill Sonnek, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Pat Henning, Randy, Jacque and Daniella Krause, Phillip Smith, Rick Stucki
8:45 a.m. Sam Deweese, Gary Lauwagie, Chris and Cheryl Mach, Lyle Oddan, Shawn Sutherland
10:45 a.m. Jaden Anderson, Ted and Carole Chalgren, Kerry Leopold, Greg Pavett, Bryan Saathoff

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Grant Hayes, Nicholas Salwei
8:45 a.m. Stephanie Frier, Nate Nicklaus, Lilly Treka
10:45 a.m. Regan Anderson, Evie Heiland, Ethan Weinandt

Sound

5 p.m. Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Cecilia Bergren
10:45 a.m. Joseph Klinker

Music

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

There is no Children's Liturgy of the Word on May 28.

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. 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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