

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 Easter May 7, 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 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts: 1-7

Reading II 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12



This Gospel is taken from Jesus' long speech at the Last Supper. When he announces his departure, the disciples are understandably sad, but the central verse of this Gospel, when Jesus identifies himself as "the way, the truth, and the life," reveals Jesus not only as the "way" to the Father, but as the revelation of the Father. In His *humanity*, he reveals what God is like. Jesus' kindness, his compassion, his concern for the poor, his forgiveness of sinners help us to know the Father.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time in your life when you had to trust without knowing what would happen?

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 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.

Banns of Marriage

Jamie McMahon and Tony Olson

Baptisms

- **Johnathon David Brooks**, son of Joseph and Greta
- **Aria Ann Guyott**, daughter of Jeffrey and Ann
- **Madelyn Jade McShane**, daughter of Joseph and Chrissi
- **Natalie Joe Trettel**, daughter of David and Nicole

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, August 3.** Contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206 for information and/or to schedule a Baptism.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **May 9** — Barbara Mae Schmieg †

Wednesday, **May 10** — Ray Jendro †

Thursday, **May 11** — Dorleen Schmieg †

Friday, **May 12** — Victor and Evelyn Schneider †

Saturday, **May 13** — Lee Radermacher †

Sunday, **May 14** — 8:45 a.m. All Mothers
10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

In Memoriam

Dalles Notermann

January 24, 1938 — May 2, 2017

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 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.

Family Rosary Procession

70th Annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession celebrating the centennial of Our Lady of Fatima is **today, Sunday, May 7.** Join Archbishop Hebda as he leads the procession from the State Capitol to the Cathedral. Assemble at the State Capitol at 1:30 p.m. and the procession to the Cathedral begins at 2 p.m. Those who cannot walk in the procession may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary. Visit www.archspm.org/Events for information.

Our Lady of Fatima

A retreat and celebration commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's Fatima Apparition will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 8:30 to 5 p.m., at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island, MN. Fr. Altier and Fr. Kasel will be the speakers. All are invited. There will be a free-will offering.

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



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



Deacon Matt

Following Mass next weekend (May 13 and 14) we bid farewell to Deacon Matt Shireman who has been our seminarian the last four years. Matt has decided to postpone his ordination to priesthood this year in lieu of being able to dedicate more of his time to pastoral formation as he prepares for his ordination next year. In the meantime, he will serve as a Deacon at the parish of St. Stephen in Anoka. I know you join me in wishing Matt the very best as he pursues his journey toward priesthood and in thanking him for his service to St. Victoria.

Stewardship

Last week we kicked off our annual Stewardship Campaign. We often talk about sharing our time, talent and treasure. It is probably easier to talk about time and talent, but sharing our treasure is also an important part of parish life. Without your generous participation in this aspect of our parish, it would not be possible to provide for our parishioners everything they expect from the Sacraments and Faith Formation to fellowship and hospitality to Bible Studies. As I mentioned last week, I believe we are especially called to look for opportunities to reach out in service to others and to provide the resources to do so. This takes a dedicated staff and we look to your stewardship to be the face and hands of Jesus Christ. In addition, just like maintaining a home, we have bills to pay to keep the lights on, the building warm or cool and in good repair. 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. Thank you for your generosity.

HATS OFF TO . . . Judy Janish who is rotating off as one of our **Funeral Hospitality** Facilitators. Judy brought a great sense of organization and energy as she coordinated eight of our 17 funerals last year. Thank you Judy for your caring presence to those in our parish family who lost loved ones and for always answering the call. We now welcome two new Facilitators to the team, **Susan Hines** and **Bonnie Mohr**, who join **Joyce Heiland**, **Mary Balster** and **Sandy Beaudette** in continuing this tradition of hospitality. St. Victoria's Funeral Hospitality ministry is blessed to have more than 160 volunteers who, on a moment's notice, donate salads and desserts for a funeral luncheon and/or work at a luncheon. This truly is reaching out as the compassionate face and hands of Jesus to our families who are grieving.

HATS OFF TO . . . Laura Contreras and **Maggie Katalinich**, who at a young age are learning how fulfilling volunteerism can be. These young parishioners are juniors in high school and chose the Launch Ministry as their "Capstone" Service project. They shopped, prepared, delivered and served dinner for 20-plus guests at Launch Ministry in Chaska. (St. Victoria's Launch Ministry provides a variety of services, thanks to coordination provided by parishioner Lynn Gerebi, to aid Launch in its services for young adults, many of whom are homeless.) **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. Adoration can be your special personal time of prayer and meditation. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **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.

Sunshine and Fresh Air

Volunteers are needed throughout the summer to help with cemetery and outdoor yard maintenance (mowing, trimming, mower maintenance, etc.) Call our Maintenance Supervisor Eric Wahlund for information and/or to volunteer.

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. Speaker May 8 is Pastor Peter Johnson, "Grief and Your Relationships." Call 460-0030 to arrange for children to attend.
- **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** for those grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion. Twin Cities retreat is May 12 to 14. Contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, 763-250-9313 or visit www.rvineyardmn.org for formation.
- **Regional Grandparents Meeting**, Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 to 9 p.m., St. Pius X, White Bear Lake. See www.rediscover-faith.org for details and to register. Walk-ins welcome.
- **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.
- **Plant and Bake Sale** at East Union Lutheran Church in Carver, Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m. to noon. More information at 448-3450.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **May 6/7** First Communion
- **May 10** High School First Sunday (on Wednesday)
- **May 11** Catechist Appreciation
- **May 14** Mother's Day Rose Sale Fundraiser
- **May 17** Middle Sunday (on Wednesday)
- **May 21** High School Graduation Celebration

Adult Ministry

Coffee and Conversation

Join us Saturday, May 13, for Coffee and Conversation on the book and movie, *The Shack* from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Elstan Hall. Please RSVP to Emily Klinker if you plan to attend.

Faith Formation

Registration

Registration for the 2017-18 Faith Formation season is now open. 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.

Thank you to all Faith Formation Volunteers

Our 2016-17 Faith Formation season is nearing its end and the Faith Formation staff would like to thank all of the amazing volunteers for their time, commitment, passion and faith that they shared with our young people. Please join us in praying for a restful and rejuvenating summer for our volunteers.

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 for the Thursday, May 11 event.

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

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

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.

Mission Trip

Our next Mission Trip and Senior High Youth Group gathering is May 10, 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome to join us, whether you are going on the trip this year or not. We ask for prayers for our 35 mission trip participants as we prepare for our trip to serve on the Crow Reservation in Montana from June 24 to July 1.

Readings for Sunday, May 7, 2017

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Responsorial: Psalm 23:1-6

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

"*Fear no evil.*"

+Behind the Scenes: In Christ's revelation from John 10 regarding the shepherd and the sheep, we hear Jesus reveal Himself as "the gate" or the door, depending on the translation (John 10:9). In the verse immediately following this week's Gospel (10:11), we hear Christ refer to Himself as "the Good Shepherd." The close proximity might almost sound like our Lord is mixing metaphors. So, which is it? Is Jesus the gate or the shepherd? Actually, in this case, Christ is both shepherds. Often he would create small enclosures using mud or branches to corral sheep at night. In an effort to ensure their safety from wild animals or thieves, the "good" shepherd (who cared about his sheep) would lie down in the opening of the enclosure acting as a sort of human gate. No one and nothing got in or out without going through the shepherd. Since we are the sheep and Christ is the Good Shepherd, there's no better place to be than in His fold.

+Journal: 1) When Jesus said He came so that we could "have life and have it more abundantly," what do you think He meant? 2) Like a sheep safe in the shepherd's arms, do you allow yourself to be held by the Lord? Or do you push Him away?

+Challenge for the Week: Go into a chapel and spend 15 minutes in silence, with a clear head. If you start thinking about something, start the 15 minutes over. Relax by repeating a simple truth like "Jesus, I trust in you," "Come, Holy Spirit," or "You are the King of Kings." When your heart is silent, it's easier to hear the Lord.

Blessings Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby

Ann Esping and Tanya Hisey

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **April 29 and 30, Week 43** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,008
Electronic Offering: 2,673
Total Membership Offering: 10,681

Thank you for using your envelopes.

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.

New Parishioners

- Jim and Amy **Bailey**, Jacob and Kaitlyn
- Steve and Nicole **Lessor**, Aristotle and Jayden Swan-Lessor
- Shawn and Amy **Mapel**, Katelyn, Lauren and Macy

St. Victoria now has 1,377 registered households.

Clean Sweep

Clean Sweep is St. Victoria's "Gap Ministry." Many of the churches that are partners in Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Eastern Carver County have established Gap Ministries to provide supplies and services for Love INC clients who are in need of aid. Clean Sweep provides a supply of household cleaning products. John Helgerson, a St. Victoria parishioner who coordinates Clean Sweep, explained that Love INC provides the names of those in need for John and his volunteers and they assemble a bag of household cleaning products. Each bag contains the following products (all in normal household-sized packaging):

- All purpose household cleaner (like 409 or Mr. Clean)
- Glass cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Paper towels
- Tall kitchen bags
- Kitchen sponges

Donations may be left in the parish office or the Franciscan Commons. Thank you.

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Facebook is [St. Victoria Parish Family](#)

Ministry Schedule

May 13 and 14

Sacristans

5 p.m. Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Mary Ann LaValle, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. Erv and Linda Spevacek

Lector

5 p.m. Todd Hesse
8:45 a.m. Judy Sones
10:45 a.m. Joe Hamilton

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Kristen Kowalski, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Mary Moore, Dennis Oas, Doris Schmieg, Jerry Schmieg, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
8:45 a.m. Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Cindy Eide, Roger Jackels, Sharon Lauwagie, Pat Moore, Dave and Ellen Roan, Laura Synstegaard
10:45 a.m. Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Ann Esping, Gina Holman, Joan Klinger, Deb LeMay, Kerry Leopold, Linda Lindeman, Rose Rooney, Anna Shay, Annette Smyser, Luci Tellers

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Elizabeth Contreras, Cal Haasken, Robert Muller, Robert Schmieg, Phillip Smith, Gary Sohns
8:45 a.m. Eric Hanson, Gary Lauwagie, Mark Lund, Chris and Cheryl Mach, Scott Monson
10:45 a.m. Donovan and Sam Esping, Louise Lehner, Billie Perkins, Jim and Carol Slater

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Isabella Detienne, Ethan Weinandt
8:45 a.m. Arin Hausmann, Lydia Jackels, Megan Jeurissen
10:45 a.m. Mitchell, Joey and Sadie Holman

Sound

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

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Caroline Swanson —
Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydal —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher
10:45 a.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

There is Children's Liturgy of the Word on May 14.

Summer Songs

There are two fun opportunities to join choirs this summer without a long-term commitment.

Perhaps you are home for the summer and would like to join with others to sing (or play an instrument) a few times without a lot of organized practices. **Joyful Noise** might be for you. If you would like to be part of a group, we'd love to hear from you.

We would also like to create a men's and/or women's schola (small choir) to sing about once a month, rehearsing an hour prior to Mass. The invitation is open to everyone from Grades 9 to adults.

These groups are intended to be informal and fun. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Nowak, Director of Music and Liturgy by Friday, May 12.