

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.”

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 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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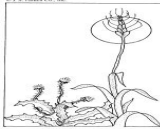
The readings for July 23

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Reading II: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



In this Gospel Jesus tells three parables that describe the Kingdom of God. In the first we hear about a field where weeds and wheat grow together. It was difficult to tell the weeds apart from the wheat. To cut or pull the weeds while the wheat was growing would hurt the wheat. When the crop was full grown, however, the weeds could be pulled without endangering the wheat. In the Christian community, we find the same situation — good and bad grow together, and none of us is wise enough to weed out the bad harming the good. God, the “Master of the Harvest,” will make this judgment at the end of time. In the meantime, we must be nonjudgmental and practice patience.

Question of the Week

Are there times when you find it difficult to be patient but doing so brings about positive results?

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.)

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 August 12 and 13.
- **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, September 21.** For information or to schedule a Baptism, contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206.

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.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **July 18** — Ray Jendro †

Wednesday, **July 19** — Gregory and Stellina Failla † **

Thursday, **July 20** — Florian Diethelm †

Friday, **July 21** — Milford Plathe †

Saturday, **July 22** — Living and Deceased Members of Catholic United Financial

Sunday, **July 23** — 8:45 a.m. Evelyn Noterman †

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

**** Please Note:** The daily Mass at 8 a.m. in the Historic Church on Wednesday, July 19, will be a special Memorial Mass in honor of Gregory and Stellina Failla.

In Memoriam

Marvin Gregory

September 11, 1930 — June 30, 2017

Sunset Fest

It seems that the “all-you-can-eat chicken dinner” catered by Hillcrest passed the taste test last weekend when Fr. Bob was served a sample plate at the end of Mass. It appeared that Arlo also approved, although he didn’t get his own plate to sample the delicious meal.

You all are invited to enjoy dinner at Sunset Fest on Saturday, August 26. Rob and Rachel O’Brien, this year’s Sunset Fest coordinators, are hoping you have the date marked on your calendar. It’s going to be a great time from the morning 9 a.m. 5K run coordinated by Kyle Economy (you can sign up anytime) until the Tuxedo Band plays their last song and the final bingo game is called. In between, worship at our annual outdoor Mass, enjoy dinner that will also include desserts donated by St. Victoria cooks, an all-you-can-eat chicken dinner, listen to hear if you’ve won a prize with your Lucky 160 Raffle ticket and just enjoy a great evening. (Be assured the change of location to the church parking lot and surrounding areas will include all the fun and games enjoyed each year!)

Rooted in Faith

Help Wanted

Wedding Bells offer a unique volunteer opportunity. All couples planning their weddings at St. Victoria are assigned a wedding coordinator. The coordinators meet with their couple one or two times to help them make plans for their special day, conduct their wedding rehearsal and are with the couple and the wedding party at the wedding. Each wedding requires about six hours of a coordinator’s time and the coordinators are free to sign-up for weddings that fit their schedules/calendars. Training is provided. If this sounds like a ministry you would enjoy, contact Elizabeth Nowak or Mary Harvey in the parish office. (Maybe you have a friend who also might enjoy this ministry and you could be a team!)

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.**



Opportunities

Do you sometimes wish you could learn more about our Catholic faith or how to share it more effectively? Or, maybe there is a young person in your family who is discerning entering the priesthood? The Archdiocese has a number of initiatives underway that you might find helpful.

The Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute offers a two-year course that 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. The program follows the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Classes are divided into four 11-week modules with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Visit www.CIstudent.com or call 651-962-5028 for information or to register. Applications are being accepted through July 31.

A College Seminary Application Info Meeting is planned for High School Seniors interested in entering seminary formation for the Archdiocese. The meeting on August 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m., is at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Parent(s) or guardian(s) also are encouraged to attend. There will be a Mass, a light meal and information on how to make a seminary application for Fall 2018 entry. If you have questions, contact the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890. Register at www.10000vocations.org. RSVP is required.

Catholic Grandparent Conference on Saturday, August 26, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park is an opportunity to learn about God's plan for grandparents to be equipped to pass on a heritage of faith. The conference includes special guest, Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Go to www.catholicgrandparenting.org for information, names of speakers and/or to register.

Living Catholic Social Teaching, September 21 to December 14, will explore what is Catholic social teaching and how it should influence our daily lives. Learn how we can evaluate whether our political, economic and social choices conform to the Gospels and to better understand the fundamentals of Social Doctrine of the Church and how to apply them in today's challenging world. Sessions will be held at the Church of Blessed Sacrament in East St. Paul. Deadline to register is September 11. Space is limited. Go to jmhoffman@blessedsacramentsp.org for information.

Women's Scripture Study: Jesus Approaches is an eight week Bible study led by local author and speaker Elizabeth Kelly based on her new book, *Jesus Approaches: What Today's Woman Can Learn about Healing, Freedom and Joy from the Women of the New Testament*. The studies are Tuesdays beginning September 19, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Bartholomew in Wayzata (Limited childcare available) and evenings at the Church of St. Peter in Mendota (no childcare). The cost is \$60 per person. Details and registration at archspm.org/events. Contact Susanna Bolle at 651-291-4411 with questions.

HATS OFF and thank you to **Jody and Nicholas Breitling** for their recent help with weeding, grass trimming and glass cleaning and to **Ken Blake** for his continued help mowing and for the donation of a new air hockey table in the Youth Room.

Fr. Bob

Summer Friday Outdoor Mass

Our Summer Friday Outdoor Mass on July 21 will be held at the home of Kathy Plathe, 3476 Lake Shore Drive, Chaska. Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8 a.m. and social time follows. Everyone is welcome! (Please bring a lawn chair.)

Directions from St. Victoria: Turn left onto County Road 11. Turn right onto Hwy 5/Arboretum Boulevard. Drive 3-1/2 miles and turn right onto Hazeltine Boulevard/Hwy. 41. Drive two miles and turn left onto Hazeltine Boulevard. Turn left onto Lake Shore Drive. The Plathe residence is on the right. (612-396-4391).

Summer Friday Hours: The parish office will close at 2 p.m. on Fridays until Labor Day.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, July 17**. 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.

Don't forget the Bible Study starting on Wednesday, July 19. *The four-week study will focus on the trials and tribulations of Job. Call the parish office for more information.*

Launch Ministry

Thanks to the generosity of St. Victoria parishioners, our parish Launch Ministry formed to aid Launch Ministry in Chaska (a Christian-based organization dedicated to helping at risk young adults [18 to 29] in their efforts to become independent), we have ample donated goods, from paper towels to vacuum cleaners and everything in between to provide "Fresh Start" packages to four young adults ready to move into their own homes. Add to that the \$476 donated by the kids attending Vacation Bible School and to the folks supplying meals for Launch to serve at their weekly meetings.

Elsewhere...

- **Annual Country Festival** at St. Mary of Czestochowa in Delano, **is today, Sunday, July 16**. Mass at 10 a.m.; pork chop and roast beef dinner served 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Cemetery Prayer Service at 1 p.m. For information, email stbonifacepastor@gmail.com.
- **Family Fun Night** on Friday, July 21, 7 to 9 p.m., at Victoria Lions Park. Games, music, treats, Victoria Library StoryWalk and the Lego Batman movie. No registration required.
- **Chaska River City Days Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by Love INC, Sunday, July 30.
- **St. Nicholas Multicultural Prayer Garden Festival** in Carver this weekend (July 15 and 16). Food, music and fun.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday in the Historic Church beginning at 8:30 a.m. (after Daily Mass) and ending at 8 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Date

- **July 29** Middle School Get-A-Way

Adult Formation

Coffee and Conversation

We plan to continue our successful Coffee and Conversation Series on August 19 by reading and discussing C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*. Watch for more information. In the meantime, do you have a suggestion for a book or topic for a later discussion? Send an email to Emily (or call her).

Job Bible Study

Our next Bible Study — a four-week series focusing on the Book of Job — begins Wednesday, July 19, at 10 a.m. Job is a righteous man who suffers great calamity and anguish. With nowhere else to turn for comfort, Job turns to God in a desperate plea for justice and deliverance. This study is sure to be enlightening! Call the parish office to register and for materials.

Pilgrimage

Stay tuned for details about a pilgrimage (not too far away) planned for this fall.

Faith Formation

Registration

Don't let the summer 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 be found on the parish website. Don't have kids in Faith Formation? You can still volunteer.

Youth Ministry

Mission Trip

Two weeks ago, 34 of us — 28 kids and six adults, loaded six vans and set out for Montana. We stopped at a Lewis and Clark Memorial in Chamberlain, SD, to stretch our legs and take one of many group shots along the way. Our next stop was the Bad Lands. We had a two-hour break and played some games and did some exploring. It was a great opportunity to get out and again stretch our legs while getting to know people in our group. Our final stop was Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City, SD. They welcomed us with open arms with a great place to stay and a beautiful Mass with the parishioners on Sunday morning.

On Sunday afternoon we made it to our destination, Lodge Grass, Montana. We settled in to the "deluxe accommodations," an old high school gym and classroom. Our teens and adults wasted no time in getting to know other people from Nebraska and Wisconsin and in the evening we did your typical getting-to-know-you activities and orientation.

Our first full day in Lodge Grass was fantastic! We had the opportunity to serve the community in a number of ways, from painting and staining and playing basketball with kids to cleaning out a family's shed and making crafts with younger kids. We went on this mission thinking we would be the ones giving, but we also received. Our Monday evening event was a trip to Little Bighorn Battlefield ("Custer's Last Stand"). Words and cell phone pictures can't possibly describe it!

On Tuesday, we continued our service projects from Monday and half of us met an amazingly faithful man named Adrian. He put himself through college, earned three degrees and is a civil engineer who came back to the reservation to be with his people and make a difference back home! He is the maintenance supervisor at the

school where we stayed. More games were played with the kids and homes were painted! Our evening activity brought us to Willow Creek Dam where we made our way up a steep hill to gather and watch the sunset together. Beautiful doesn't begin to describe it. And, here's a fun fact. . . Fr. Bob took his first picture and selfie with his phone that night. It was such a beautiful spot we even stayed past sunset to have our small group time.

On Wednesday most groups switched from work crews to kids club and visa versa. The sports camp stayed the same. Wednesday looked a lot like Monday with new tasks and getting started serving the community. On Wednesday evening we were treated to Indian Fry bread! For our evening event, we met one of the well-respected Elders in the community. We had the opportunity to watch (and help) him construct a tipi (lodge). With each step he explained how it was significant to the Crow Indian traditions. For our church group time, we went to the local Catholic Church and worshipped together.

Thursday began like each day with devotional time as we continued to explore what is the Good Life which God desires for us. The rest of the day continued with our final day of service. Our dinner was very special as we had the opportunity to cook a meal for the community and then share it with them. Lots of goodbyes were said since we wouldn't see the wonderful people we met again. Our church group time was also special for all. We started by reading John 13:1-20 (the foot washing). The Youth Works staff washed all of the adult leaders feet and then we washed the feet of our teens and prayed over them! Tears were definitely shed, it was a spirit-led evening for sure.

On Friday, we said goodbye to the Youth Works staff, to Adrian and to our new friends from the other churches and headed east back to Rapid City and then the long drive home. Along the way, we stopped at Devil's Tower — an amazing site. Our local geologist (Tanya Hisey) gave a brief science class and our master selfie-taker, Gina Holman, managed to get all 34 of us and Devil's Tower in one shot. **(Be sure to see this and many other pictures on Facebook.)** In Rapid City, after a little free time, we left for dinner and Mount Rushmore to see the illumination and presentation. Another amazing site! Two National Monuments in one day.

Saturday found us tired and focused on getting home safe and sound. Thanks to a wonderful group of youth and chaperones — and your prayers and support — it was truly a wonderful experience and one we will remember for a long time to come!

**Blessings Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby
Ann Esping and Tanya Hisey**
(Our contact information is on Page One.)

Collecting Sewing Machines

Shepherd of the Hill Church in Chaska is collecting sewing machines for a Ugandan mission trip sponsored by Pathways to Hope Africa. The mission for women is intended to empower them to break the cycle of poverty, increase their self-reliance and transform them spiritually and socio-economically. The sewing machines will be used in a sewing cooperative with each donated machine allowing one family to become free and financially independent. Sewing machines of any vintage, type and condition will be accepted. Donations may be dropped off at Shepherd of the Hill, 145 Engler Boulevard, Chaska, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 448-3882 prior to dropping off a sewing machine.

Please Note: Telephone numbers listed in the bulletin that are in the 952 area code do not include the area code to save space. All phone numbers that have a different area code include the appropriate area code. Thank you.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **July 1 and 2, Week 1**, of our fiscal year :

Envelope Offering: \$ 13,034
Electronic Offering: 13,592
Total Membership Offering: 26,626

Stewardship Report for **July 8 and 9, Week 2**, of our fiscal year :

Envelope Offering: \$ 12,260
Electronic Offering: 8,422
Total Membership Offering: 20,682

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Simpson Housing

St. Victoria volunteers will be preparing and serving dinner at Simpson Housing on August 20. In the meantime, donations of new or gently used bath towels and face cloths, new or gently used twin-sized fitted and flat sheets, new or gently-used blankets, men's t-shirts and boxers (all sizes), disposable razors and travel-size shampoo are needed. There is a labeled box on the coat rack in the Franciscan Commons for contributions. Thank you! (Simpson Housing provides meals and overnight shelter for homeless men and women.)

Storage Containers Needed

The Funeral Hospitality Committee needs some containers to pack leftover food in following funeral lunches. "Cool Whip" sized containers with lids are the perfect size! If you have containers to donate, please leave them in the kitchen. Thank you! And, as a reminder, if you have donated food in bowls or on plates that you want to retrieve, they are in the cabinet adjacent to the kitchen.

Leading With Faith Awards Luncheon

Honor and celebrate the 2017 Leading With Faith winners on Thursday, August 10, at the University of St. Thomas. The awards will be presented by Archbishop Hebda. Check-in and complimentary beverage service at 11:30 a.m., luncheon at noon. Space is limited so register now at www.arch.org/LeadingFaithLunch and/or to see the list of 2017 winners. The cost is \$35 per person or \$280 for a table of eight. Contact Mary Wiebusch at 651-251-7709 with questions or for reservations.

Champion for Life Awards

Do you know someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant, or is committed to praying for Respect for Life issues? He or she may be the next St. John Paul II Champion for Life. The Archdiocese is seeking to honor those who respect life with an annual St. John Paul II Respect for Life Award. To submit a nomination or for more information, go to archspm.org/C4L. Questions? Contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489.

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

Ministry Schedule

July 22 and 23

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Jacque Krause
8:45 a.m. Mary Ann Lavalle, Laura Synstegaard,
10:45 a.m. Tim Breslin, Erv Spevacek

Lector

5 p.m. Sue Schrempp
8:45 a.m. Nan Emmer
10:45 a.m. Mary Catino

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Dennis Oas, Roger Osweiler, Katharine Paulsen, Carol Spalding Karl and Patty Tauscher, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
8:45 a.m. Adrienne Carrica, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Patty Frier, Jim and Betti Igel, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Pat Moore, Nancy Rezac, Dave and Ellen Roan
10:45 a.m. Marty Dentinger, Diane Forsythe, Gina Holman, Tim Kearney, Joan Klinger, Louise Lehner, Deb LeMay, Kerry Leopold, Cherie McGraw, Rose Rooney, Anna Shay, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Elizabeth Contreras, Tom, Lisa and Maggie Katalinich, Randy Krause, Robert Muller
8:45 a.m. Eric Hanson, Gary and Sharon Lauwagie, Scott Monson, Chris and Judy Sones
10:45 a.m. Ted and Carole Chalgren, Al Lehner, Greg Pavett, Bryan Saathoff, Linda Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Daniella Krause, Nicholas Salwei
8:45 a.m. Stephanie Frier, Grant Hayes, Nate Nicklaus
10:45 a.m. Mitchell, Joey and Sadie Holman

Sound

5 p.m. Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Elena Bergren
10:45 a.m. Maureen McConnell

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Caroline Swanson — Acc. Phil Grant
8:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
10:45 a.m. Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

There is Children's Liturgy of the Word on July 23.

Reminder: There are **assisted hearing devices** available in the Worship Space that allow individuals to hear through their own personal hearing devices. If this is something you would find helpful, ask the volunteer at the sound board for assistance.

Love INC Lunch Program Still Needs Volunteers

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, until September 1, from 12:15 to 2 p.m., at Community Center Building at Riverview Terrace in Chaska. For info or to volunteer, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b44aeaf22aa46-help1.