

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.”

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 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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Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time September 10, 2017

The readings for September 17

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Reading II: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



**We
are the
Lord's**



Forgiveness is perhaps one of the greatest challenges individuals and communities face. In this Gospel passage Peter asks Jesus how often he should forgive someone who has wronged him. Jesus' answer "seventy times seven times" would have meant "no limits" to his listeners. Jesus tells a story about what will happen to those who do not show others the same forgiveness and compassion they have received from God.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time when God's generosity to you made it possible for you to forgive someone else?

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

Nicole Della Paolera and Ivan Matir

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 October 7 and 8.
- **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 is **Thursday, September 21**. For information or to schedule a Baptism, contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206.

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**.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **September 12** — Ray Jendro †

Wednesday, **September 13** — Joseph Smith †

Thursday, **September 14** — Jerome Williams †

Friday, **September 15** — Rose Krauth (Anniv.) †

Saturday, **September 16** — Living and Deceased Members of the Charles Johnson Family

Sunday, **September 17** — 8:45 a.m. Clara Diethelm †

10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities

Bishop Andrew Cozzens will celebrate Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation for persons with disabilities who have completed Confirmation classes on Sunday, September 17, at St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul. The event begins with a sing-along at 2:30 p.m. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please call the Office of Marriage, Family and Life at 651-291-4488.

Pilgrimage to LaCrosse

A one-day pilgrimage to La Crosse, WI is planned on Wednesday, September 20, to the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman to view relics of St. Padre Pio including his hair, a shirt with the blood of his stigmata, his habit and priestly vestments and a glove that covered his stigmata.

According to the St. Pio Foundation, the five marks of our Lord's passion appeared on Padre Pio's body on September 20, 1918, making him the only stigmatized priest in the history of the Catholic Church. Many people were attracted to his confessional and many more received his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance through correspondence. The Cathedral is one of the stops on the U.S. tour that marks the 130th anniversary of his birth and 15th anniversary of his canonization. For more information, go to saintpiofoundation.org.

The tour will leave St. Victoria at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person for transportation plus money for lunch, a free-will offering to St. Pio Foundation and for a stop in the gift shop. RSVP to Emily Klinker in the parish office.

Traveling On Your 2018 Agenda?

Father Bob invites you to join him on a trip to Ireland leaving April 2 and returning April 13. The tour includes highlights in both the south and north of this beautiful country. You will fly into Dublin and travel to Belfast seeing many sights along the way including what is reputed to be the grave of St. Patrick. In Belfast you will have an opportunity to visit the outstanding Titanic Belfast Museum. When the tour heads south there will be many sites including the Rock of Cashel and Trinity College and, of course, tours of the Bushmills Distillery and the Guinness Storehouse. There are brochures in the Franciscan Commons and information at www.stvictoria.net with all the details.

You also are invited to join Archbishop Hebda and Fr. Sean Sheridan, President of Franciscan University of Steubenville, on a nine-day pilgrimage to Italy, September 20 to 28. The "Heart of Italy" tour includes Assisi, Siena, La Verna and Rome. Go to www.franciscan.edu/pilgrimages or call 800-225-7662 for information.



Sunset Fest

Once again I want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who worked so diligently to make Sunset Fest an outstanding event. The committee chairs, the volunteers, the businesses that contributed to and supported our event and especially all of you who joined me for this annual salute to summer. It was great.

Generosity

First, I want to thank you for your generous contributions to the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers to aid in the work they do with those in need throughout the world. We contributed more than \$4,198. Thank you to Fr. Bill Voss for sharing information about the Maryknoll clergy and their work.

This weekend, September 9 and 10, we have a special collection for Hurricane Harvey Emergency Relief. Archbishop Hebda asked all parishes in the Archdiocese to join with Catholics throughout the nation to take up this special collection. The funds given to this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

And, we have an opportunity to partner with the Victoria branch of Klein Bank. This month, Klein Bank, along with the Minnesota Bankers Association, is taking part in a state-wide campaign called MN Community Impact Week. The Victoria branch is helping support "My Very Own Bed," an organization helping children without beds or bed linens get their very own bed. The organization provides new beds to kids in need, ages two to 17. Along with the bank, we are collecting new twin bed linens and pillows next weekend, September 16 and 17. (The bank's collection is September 18 to 22.) Next weekend, you will find a drop-off bin in the Commons if you wish to participate.

Bible Studies

I encourage you to consider participating in the Bible Studies that are being offered here at St. Victoria. Currently, *Profiles in Faith* is being studied on Thursday mornings. Beginning in October, we will again study the *Book of Job* and in January we will again offer the *Book of Genesis*. Beginning in March we will study *The Acts of the Apostles*. In addition, we are offering "Guided Virtual Tour Through the Holy Land" in the spring and you are invited to join the upcoming RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions that begin October 3. There is more information about RCIA on page five. Watch the bulletin for information about the upcoming Bible Studies.

In addition, there are studies underway at other parishes including: *The Gospel of John: The Beloved Apostles*, Wednesdays, starting September 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit in St. Paul and *A Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible with Jeff Cavins*, Thursdays starting October 5, 7 to 9 p.m. at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. Visit www.archspm.org for information.

Fr. Bob

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. A quiet place awaits you. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **Monday, September 18**. St. Victoria serves this ministry the third Monday of every month. Sharing and Caring Hands serves 4,600 meals per week and 240,000 meals per year to people who otherwise would go hungry. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, contact Coordinator Peter Taunton at 567-5990.

Rosary at Good Samaritan

Rosary at Good Samaritan in Waconia is now the first and third Thursday of every month. Volunteers leave the St. Victoria parking lot at 9 a.m. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, call Mary Moore at 443-2443 or Elaine Williams at 443-2963.

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 to learn more about spiritual direction, an ancient process of accompanying people in their spiritual journey toward freedom and peace. Scholarships are available. Call the parish office for details.

Elsewhere...

- **Amazing Council of Catholic Women** of the North East Deanery invite all Catholic Women to their Fall meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16, 8:15 to 11:30 a.m., at the St. Genevieve Parish Community Center in Centerville. The cost is \$5. For information or to RSVP, contact Kathy Zweber at kaiz@aol.com or 651-238-1110.
- **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** at St. Joseph on Nickle Dickle Day in Waconia hosted by Catholic United Financial, Saturday, Sept. 16, 7 to 10:30 a.m., in the school commons. Bring this ad for \$1 off an adult meal.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** meeting at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Speaker Sept. 7 is Pastor Valerie Strand, "Spiritual Practices for Those Who Mourn." Call 763-475-7126 for information..
- **Fall Festival** at Immaculate Conception Church in Watertown, Sunday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., turkey dinner, live music, games, beer tent, silent auction. More info at www.iccwatertown.org.
- **Country Fest at St. Boniface Parish** in St. Bonifacious, **today, Sunday, Sept. 10**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roast pork and pork chop dinner, raffle, games, auction, bingo, music, beer and wine, ice cream sundaes. Call 446-1054 for info.
- **Draw Your Child Back to the Church** is an opportunity to bring children and grandchildren back to the Church. All grandparents are invited to a five-week video/book series for Catholic grandparents led by Brandon Vogt at the Church of St. Joseph in Rosemount beginning Oct. 4. Contact Kim Doyle at sdoyle32@charter.net or go to www.stjosephcommunity.org/grandparentministry for info or to register. Registration deadline is September 25.
- **Walk for Life** to reduce the stigma and raise awareness of mental health and suicide prevention, Sunday, Sept. 17, 1 to 4 p.m., McLeod County Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. Contact diehn61@gmail.com or mtlynaugh@mediacombb.net information.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Adult Formation, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry

- 9/10 Confirmation Parent/Student Retreat, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 9/13 K – 8 Catechist Meeting with K-5 Breakout and 6th Grade/Edge Breakout, 6 to 8 p.m.
- 9/17 K – 8 Catechist Meeting with K-5 Breakout and 6th Grade/Edge Breakout, 1 to 3 p.m.
- 9/19 Virtus Training, 6 p.m.
- 9/20 Padre Pio Pilgrimage to LaCrosse
- 9/24 6th to 10th Grade Leader/Catechist Retreat, 6:30 to 8:30pm
- 9/27 Faith Formation Kick-Off Mass, K- 6, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- 9/27 Confirmation Leader Meeting with Material Distribution, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 10/4 First Faith Formation Class and Confirmation Leader/Student 1:1 and Ministry Fair
- 10/7 Family VBS
- 10/11 Faith Formation and Confirmation
- 10/11 First Reconciliation Parent Meeting No. 1
- 10/15 Grade 7 to 10 “Family Event” 6 to 9 p.m.

If you did not register your child (or children) for Faith Formation by our September 1 deadline, please contact Emily Klinker.

VIRTUS

All volunteers, 18 years or older, working with children and/or youth and vulnerable adults at St. Victoria are required to attend a VIRTUS Training Session. If you are a catechist or other Faith Formation volunteer, a Confirmation leader, Vacation Bible School volunteer, volunteer at special events and/or retreats, choir member or similar events where children and/or youth are present and have not attended VIRTUS in the past, please plan to attend the session we are offering on Tuesday, September 19, at 6 p.m. in Elstan Hall. If you have not been trained, you must attend this session or one at another parish in the Archdiocese before the start of Faith Formation or you will not be able to volunteer. To register for a session, go to Virtus.org and click on the registration link and select Saint Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese from the drop-down menu.

Note: If you previously completed VIRTUS Training, you must be recertified. This is a 30-minute, online update. You also may go to Virtus.org for this recertification. Please let Emily know when you have completed the recertification.

Please remember that this training is required for all volunteers working with children/youth and vulnerable adults both by St. Victoria and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. At the same time, all volunteers must have completed a background check. This also can be completed on the Virtus website. We are audited twice a year to ensure compliance. You will not be able to volunteer without completing the training (or recertification).

Catechetical/Faith Formation Volunteer Next Weekend

Calling all Children’s Liturgy Leaders, Catechists, Confirmation and Middle School Leaders, Hall Monitors, Workroom Leaders, Faith Formation Child Care and office volunteers to our Catechetical Weekend September 16 and 17. This is our chance to recognize you and pray for you before we have our Kick-off on September 27. At each of the three Masses, Father will call you up after Communion to introduce you to the parish (as a group) and bless you. We will be joining parishes across the nation in recognizing your ministry this weekend! The USCCB website has some excellent information about Catechetical Sunday (Weekend) that you are encouraged to check out. Thank you for serving our parish’s Faith Formation Ministry.

Faith Formation

Family VBS coming soon!

Did your kids love their week at Vacation Bible School? Or did they miss out because of scheduling conflicts? Here’s your chance to come together and experience the fun! We will be holding a one-day Family Vacation Bible School event on Saturday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. Mark your calendars and watch for more information to come.

Retreat for 6th through 10th Grade Catechists

First, thank you for agreeing (or considering) to be a catechist/leader this year to share your faith with our 6th through 10th Grade Students. You are invited to a retreat specifically for 6th through 10th Grade Catechists on Sunday, September 24, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This retreat is in addition to our regular catechist training scheduled for September 13 (6th to 8th Grade) or September 17 (Confirmation), a time when we go over calendars, curriculum and logistics. The goal of our 6th through 10th Grade Catechist Retreat is to develop a deeper sense of belonging to the community of Faith Formation Leaders by drawing from the gifts of one another and by building untapped strength among leaders. We believe we can best do this by listening to one another. The retreat is also an opportunity to ground ourselves as we prepare for the upcoming Faith Formation year. We believe your presence at the retreat will be a gift to the other Faith Formation Leaders, your students and to yourself. It will be a special time to be with one another and create connections that will be invaluable during our Faith Formation year and it is an opportunity to build on our faith that is so essential for our success as leaders of this important step in the faith journey of our youth. We hope you can join us at this retreat. If you have a conflict, let Ann or Tanya know and perhaps we can help.

Encounter, EDGE/Confirmation Needs You

Even if you can’t volunteer to be a small group leader, our teens need you to make this year super awesome. We need people for special events who can greet guests, set-up food and treats, take pictures, run our computer and sound system, and even make bars. If hospitality isn’t your gift, maybe you have a few hours during the year to help with copying, laminating, cutting, and putting stuff in catechist bins, mailings and various light office tasks. If you believe you are being called to ministry with teens, we also need a few small group leaders for EDGE (7th and 8th Grade), Confirmation and ministry events. Nothing speaks louder to our youth than your willingness to share your time, talent, and gifts with them! If you have an idea, or want to learn more, shoot Ann or Tanya an email.

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

(Our contact information is on Page One.)

Behold

Behold is an eight-week series for women ages 21 to 29. Young women are invited to come and hear the mission of *Behold* — that each woman will recognize the gift she is, realize the gifts she’s been given and give to the world the gifts that only she can give. The *Behold* series will be held Thursdays, September 28 through November 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Grace in Edina. Fellowship and hospitality begins at 6:45 p.m. Sessions will include Eucharistic Adoration, presentations and time for Q&A and small group discussions. Register at www.archspm.org/BEHOLD.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **September 2 and 3, Week 10** of our fiscal year :

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,604
Electronic Offering: 13,463
Total Membership Offering: 22,067

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Next weekend, September 17 and 18, is our 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 during Mass.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults who are not Catholic can be initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church. The RCIA process reaches out to everyone . . . inviting birth and rebirth in faith. **Our welcome also includes cradle Catholics and anyone else who wants to learn more about the treasures of their Catholic faith.** RCIA is a wonderful opportunity to renew your knowledge of Catholicism, and more importantly to recommit yourself to the faith you profess as an adult Catholic. This is the time to give this opportunity serious consideration. Sessions start October 3 and will be completed during Holy Week. Call Deacon Ray Ortman in the parish office for information.

Project Community Connect

Project Community Connect for residents of Scott and Carver Counties brings together resources aimed at ending homelessness and helping neighbors in need including health care service and information, IDs, employment resources, benefits, legal aid assistance, birth certificates, haircuts, licenses, veteran services, education/school resources, food support, youth services and much more. The event is Wednesday, September 13, at Canterbury Park in Shakopee from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There's free transportation, lunch provided, childcare and a job fair. Call 442-3070 for more information including records, etc., required for some of the available services.

Divorce Support

St. Hubert is hosting a 12-week series called *Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family* **starting Monday evening, September 11.** The group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in room 222. The format includes a 30-minute video on a specific topic relating to divorce followed by time to share. Whether you were divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. Cost is \$15 and includes a personal workbook, handouts and refreshments. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Diane at 374-5049 or diane.potts@sthubert.org. Pre-registration is required. The group will close to new participants after the first session.

Volunteers Needed

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women is offering volunteer training for crisis line advocates, weekly support group facilitators and child care volunteers. Training begins in late September. Gain valuable knowledge and build your professional skills while assisting others. For information, call Martha at 873-4214.

Ministry Schedule

September 16 and 17

Sacristans

5 p.m. Joyce Burau, Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Laura Synstegaard
10:45 a.m. Julie Catalino, Rose Rooney

Lector

5 p.m. Dana Bretz
8:45 a.m. Kurt Bongard
10:45 a.m. Joe Heiland

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Tim Amundsen, Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Todd Hesse, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Debra McMillan, Mary Moore, Patti Murphy, Doris Schmieg
8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Adrienne Carrica, Rita Daly, Roger Jackels, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Pat Moore, Nancy Rezac, Barb Schultz, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Marty Dentinger, Sam Fellingner, Diane Forsythe, Joe Hamilton, Marcus Hoffmann, Gina Holman, Linda Lindeman, Kathryn Paradise, Luci Tellers, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Elizabeth Contreras, Cal Haasken, Pat Henning, Kerry McMillan, Robert Muller, Robert Schmieg
8:45 a.m. Jon and Nancy Carlson, Eric Hanson, Scott Monson, Lyle Oddan, Shawn Sutherland
10:45 a.m. Carole Chalgren, Al and Louise Lehner, Kerry Leopold, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Arin Hausmann, Grant Hayes
8:45 a.m. Lydia Jackels, Megan Jeurissen, Ethan Weinandt
10:45 a.m. Evie Heiland, Sadie and Joey Holman

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
8:45 a.m. Cecilia Bergren
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
10:4 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl — Acc. Elizabeth Nowak

There is Children's Liturgy of the Word on September 17.

Positions Available

MN Reading Corps is looking for Elementary Literacy Tutors for K through 3rd Grade Students at District 112/Eastern Carver County Elementary Schools. Tutors work one-on-one with students needing help practicing their reading skills. Training and coaching is available for all tutors regardless of experience or background. Full and part-time positions available. A living allowance is paid bi-weekly and health care and child care assistance benefits are available if eligible. To apply, visit <http://minnesotareadingcorps.org/get-involved/become-a-member/apply>.

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