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.”

### 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
- **Marriage:** call nine months in advance, 443-2661
- **Baptisms:** 443-2661
- **Prayer Line:** Dianne Leahy, dleahy1969@gmail.com
- **Catholic United Financial:** Darlene Williams, 403-6959
- **RCIA Coordinator:** Deacon Ray Ortmann, 443-2661
- **Parish Pastoral Council:** Paul David, 612-518-9119; Kathy Hester, 442-1506; John Hintzen, 393-5014; Michelle Kunze, 612-669-9717; Chris Fischer, 240-9012; Judy Iverson, 949-0229; Dan Maus, 443-2504; Jon Carlson, 210-8991; Cynthia Hegarty, 612-251-4413; Sue Schrempp, 443-2529
- **Parish Finance Council:** Bob Bruers, 807-1803; Margaret Hanson, 443-2648; Patrick McKinney, 470-6210; Tim Amundsen, 443-2531; Ralph Hatch, 472-3532
- **Trustees:** Margaret Hanson, 443-2648; Mike Werch, 484-0300

### Parish Team

- **Pastor:** Fr. Robert White, 443-2661 x205, bwhite@stvictoria.org
- **Deacon and Administrator:** Ray Ortmann, 443-2661 x203, rortman@stvictoria.org
- **Director of Music and Liturgy:** Elizabeth Nowak, 443-2661 x207, enowakstv@gmail.com
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- **Assistant Director for Youth Formation:** Ann Esping, 443-2661 x202, aesping@stvictoria.org
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- **Receptionist:** Mary Catino, 443-2661 x200, mcatino@stvictoria.org
- **Communications Supervisor/Bulletin Editor:** Mary Harvey, 443-2661 x206, mharvey@stvictoria.org

### Parish Office

- **Hours:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weekdays
- **Address:** 8228 Victoria Drive, Victoria, MN 55386
- **Phone:** 952-443-2661 Fax 952-443-3866; www.stvictoria.net
The readings for September 10
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Reading 2: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

In the first reading Ezekiel has been appointed by God as “watchman.” Such a person had to keep watch and warn the city of approaching danger. For Ezekiel, personal responsibility is important. The prophet must warn individuals as well as the group. The Gospel reading treats this same theme. Matthew is the only Gospel writer to speak of relationships and responsibilities within the Church. He also offers practical guidelines for fulfilling these responsibilities. Serious community decisions are to be made only after serious prayer. Wisdom must be sought from God and from the presence of Christ in their midst.

Question of the Week
When have you experienced the power of prayer in your personal life? Or, as part of our parish family?

Baptisms

• Madelyn Rose Sherlock, daughter of Ryan and Kristi
• Bridger Collin Smith, son of Collin and Molly

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 September 9 and 10.
• 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.

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.)

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

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

Mass Intentions
Tuesday, September 5 — Walter and Adeline Glatzel †
Wednesday, September 6 — Marilyn Timmermann †
Thursday, September 7 — Whitey Wellens †
Friday, September 8 — Deceased members of Tony and Catherine Aretz Family †
Saturday, September 9 — Frank and Jacque Mork
Sunday, September 10 — 8:45 a.m. Dorleen Schmieg †

10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

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.

2017 St. Victoria Lucky 160 Raffle Winners
First Prize, $5,000 — Kevin Rolf
Second Prize, $2,500 — Connor Schrempp
Third Prize, $1,000 — Susan Gillman
Fourth Prize, $500 — Rick Kaufman
Fifth Prize, $500 — Bob Wendt
Sixth Prize, $250 — Lorie Rhyner
Seventh Prize, $250 — Mary Moore
Eighth Prize, $250 — Mary Harvey
Ninth Prize, $250 — Michelle Heiland
Tenth Prize, $250 — Rita Daly
Eleventh Prize, $250 — Ron Kramer
Twelfth Prize, $100 — Colette Kreitag
Thirteenth Prize, $100 — Emily Klinker

Congratulations to All!
(Winners of the gift cards who were not present at the drawing will be contacted.)

Time Change
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.

Pilgrimage to LaCrosse WI
A one-day pilgrimage to La Crosse 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 hat 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.
Happenings at St. Victoria . . .

Gatherings This Week . . .
Parish Pastoral Council will meet Thursday, September 7, at 6 p.m. in parish office conference room.
All parishioners are welcome to attend parish gatherings.

Office Hours

- The parish office will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.
- The parish office has been closing at 2 p.m. on Fridays throughout the summer. Beginning Friday, September 8, the office will resume closing at 4 p.m.

Summer Friday Outdoor Masses
Once again, summer is drawing to a close and we shared our last Summer Friday Outdoor Mass on September 1 when we gathered at the Steiger Lake Condos. Thank you to all our hosts this summer for your hospitality and for helping to keep this tradition ongoing. Hosts were: Vern and Gail Buller, Gary and Bonnie Mohr, Kim Heenie, Michael and Melissa Kreil, Mike and Karen Maney, Joe and Adrienne Carrica, Jim and Nan Emmer, Kathy Plathe, Andy and Stacy Reiff, Jerry and Ginny Peichel, Bryan and Jody Olson, Jerry and Monica Hall, Joel and Sara Svenby and Jim and Eiko Hoffman. A special thank you to Bryan Olson for coordinating our Summer Masses.

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.

Elsewhere . . .

- Sidewalk counseling training. Learn how to reach out in love to individuals entering abortion centers. Training is Tuesday, Sept. 5, at University of St. Thomas. Register at Pro-Life Action Ministries, 651-797-6364 or debra.braun@plam.org. Information at plam.org/events/
- 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.icwatertown.org.
- Country Fest at St. Boniface Parish in St. Bonifacius, 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.
- Fall Festival/Block Party at Our Lady of the Prairie Church in Belle Plaine, Saturday, Sept. 9, 2 to 11 p.m. Mass at 4:15 p.m., chicken dinner, games, bingo, live music, raffle and silent auction.
- 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.
Important Upcoming Dates

Adult Formation, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry

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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 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 the faith journey of our leaders. We hope you can join us at this retreat. 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.)

St. Victoria Fall Bible Study
Fall Bible Study, Profiles in Faith, begins Thursday, September 10 (and runs through November 16), 10 to 11:30 a.m. Study the inspiring stories of four individuals who modeled faith, courage and dedication. Study Tobit, a devout martyrdom. Suggested donation of $10 to cover cost of the guide. RSVP to Mary Catino in the parish office.
Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for August 19 and 20, Week 8 of our fiscal year:
Envelope Offering: $11,949
Electronic Offering: 5,365
Total Membership Offering: 17,314

Collection on Feast of the Assumption: $347
Collection for Maryknoll Mission: $3,607 (and counting)

Stewardship Report for August 26 and 27, Week 9 of our fiscal year:
Envelope Offering: $7,014
Electronic Offering: 5,026
Total Membership Offering: 12,040

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Ministry Schedule

September 9 and 10
Sacerdotes
5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen
8:45 a.m. Leslie Trcka, Tim Woodfield
10:45 a.m. Linda and Ery Spevacek

Lector
5 p.m. John Helgerson
8:45 a.m. Janet Bergeron
10:45 a.m. Gina Holman

Eucharistic Ministers
5 p.m. Greg Butler, Bob Ellering, Joyce Heiland, Todd Hesse, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Barb Meirnet, Mary Moore, Dennis Oas, Katharine Paulson, Nancy Schmieg, Sue Schrempf
8:45 a.m. Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm, Darla Diethelm, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Jim and Betti Igel, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Barbara Schultz, Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. Mary Catino, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Ann Esping, Joe Hamilton, Joan Klinger, Michelle Kunze, Louise Lehner, Deb LeMay, Linda Lindeman, Rose Rooney, Annette Smysr

Greeter/Usher
5 p.m. John Heiland, Tom, Lisa and Maggie Katalinich, Jerry Schmieg, Rick Stucki
8:45 a.m. Robert Diethelm, Doug and Susan Hines, Scott Micek, Daryl Schmieg, Ryan Wenning
10:45 a.m. Davis Kirsch, Kerry Leopold, Jim and Carol Slater, Steve and Jill Sonnek

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

Sound
5 p.m. Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m. Max Lommel

Music
5 p.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl — Acc. Elizabeth Nowak
8:45 a.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Amee Gallagher
10:45 a.m. Cantor Caroline Swanson — Acc. Sharon Schindler

There is Children’s Liturgy of the Word on September 10.

Project Community Connect

Wednesday, September 13, there is an opportunity aimed at ending homelessness and helping neighbors in need with much needed information and resources. Project Community Connect for residents of Scott and Carver Counties brings together resources 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 will be held 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.

New Parishioners

- Mark and Karla Bogucki, Baron and Miles
- Susan and Sara Gillman
- Zac and Lisa Huber
- Joe and Jessica Johnson, Alexandra, Louis, Margaret and Thomas
- Hildeberto and Kelly Saavedra, Evan and Leandro
- Brad and Nina Strigle and Carter
- Steve and Kelly Vakulskas, Anne, Emily, Peter and Sara

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.

Divorce Support
St. Hubert will host 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 a time of sharing. Whether you were divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. Cost is $15 and that 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 by Wednesday, September 6. Pre-registration is required. The group will close to new participants after the first session.

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. Scholarships are available. Call the parish office for details.