

Harvest of Gifts

October 14 and 15, 2017

~Finding Happiness~

St. Victoria is a parish family reaching out as the face and hands of Jesus Christ in all we do. Volunteerism in our many ministries is an integral part of our mission and our three main tenets: A God of Sweet Love, Radical Hospitality and Bold Acts of Charity and Justice.

Join us after Mass at our annual Harvest of Gifts to learn more about our many Ministries that help us fulfill our mission. It is an opportunity to talk with the coordinators and volunteers to determine if there's an opportunity calling your name.

(You will note that we have not included Faith Formation or Music Ministries in this brochure. That's because in the spring we are going to "Plant the Seeds of Ministry" with a call-out for volunteers for Faith Formation and Music opportunities. This change was made because Faith Formation and the new music seasons are already underway.)

By proclaiming a God of Sweet love, we reach out and offer a true spiritual home for people to hear preached and witnessed a God who loves us more than we can love ourselves. Ministries include:

Liturgy

Sacristan

Individuals participate in this ministry assisting the presider in preparing the altar for weekend Liturgies including preparing the wine, hosts and vessels for use during Communion, lighting candles and preparing supplies when Baptisms are celebrated. After the Liturgy, they tend to the care of the various items used at the Liturgy. Training is provided.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — One hour per quarter

Volunteer — One Mass per month.

Contact: Roger Osweiler, 952-443-1921
raosweiler@yahoo.com

Lectors

The Lector Ministry offers the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God as an essential part of the Liturgy, sharing in a sacred process in the life of the Church. God speaks to His people through the Sacred Scriptures providing spiritual nourishment, drawing everyone into a closer union with Christ. Our mission is to enhance the spiritual experience through well-prepared Lector Ministers dedicated to presenting the Scriptures reverently and sincerely.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — One hour per quarter

Volunteers — Two Masses per quarter

Contact: John Helgerson, 952-737-8109
h.johnt@gmail.com

Servers

All boys and girls in Grades 5 and above are invited to join our Mass Servers. Tasks include assisting the presider in various rituals performed during a weekend Mass. Training is provided.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — One hour per quarter

Volunteers — Two Masses per month

Contact: Mike Amundsen, 952-334-5865
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Eucharistic Ministers

Our need for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOCH) continues to grow as St. Victoria grows. Eucharistic Ministers assist the presider in distributing the Eucharist during Mass. Training is provided.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Two hours per year for training

Volunteer — 10 Minutes at assigned Mass once or twice a month

Contact: Tim Amundsen, 952-443-2531
tjammo@aol.com

Greeter/Usher

Individuals and families are invited to participate as greeter/ushers. Tasks include greeting people as they enter church, handing out hymnals and bulletins, locating seats as needed, taking up the collection and helping to clean up after Mass. This is a great ministry for families and a wonderful way to meet people. Training is provided.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — One hour per quarter

Volunteers — One Mass per month

Contact: Linda Spevacek, 952-443-3062
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Team Isaiah

Individuals and families are invited to participate in this ministry that takes place on the first full weekend each month. Tasks include welcoming people as they come into church and giving them a name tag. It's a simple ministry, but an important one allowing us to call one another by name and helps us get to know one another so we can truly feel more like a parish family. Training is provided.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — One hour per quarter

Volunteers 20 minutes every three to four months

Contact: John Sweeney, 952-443-3213
jhnswny@aol.com

Sound Ministry

Individuals are invited to participate with tasks including operating the sound board at weekend Liturgies, assuring that the sound quality from microphones, CDs and videos is pleasing to all parishioners. Previous experience is not necessary, training will be provided.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — One hour per quarter

Volunteers — Two Masses per month

Contact: Tim Woodfield, 952-856-0716
timwoodfield@gmail.com

Spirituality *Eucharistic Adoration*

This is a special quiet time of prayer and reflection every Thursday in the Historic Church from 8:30 a.m. (after 8 a.m. Mass) to 8 p.m. It's a time to get away from the busy activities of our day and spend time with our Savior. Perhaps call a friend and begin a prayer partnership to share the presence of our Lord together. **Seeking new coordinator.**

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Three hours per month
Volunteers — 30 minutes every Thursday
Contact: Steve McNamara, 952-443-2356
mcnam004@umn.edu

Focus Groups

Focus groups are small and informal gatherings of eight to 12 people who meet regularly in fellowship with other Christians to share faith experiences through conversation, Scripture and prayer. Everyone is welcome to join a group at a convenient time and place.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers: 60 to 90 minutes per week
Contact: (Men) Mike Stephan, 952-679-4121
mstephan@montmush.com
(Women, mixed groups) Janney Stucki, 952-443-3607
orajstucki@yahoo.com

Summer Friday Masses

We gather every Friday during the summer months for an outdoor Mass, extending a spirit of welcome and hospitality to all who come. Volunteer opportunities include coordinating Masses (Memorial Day to Labor Day), hosting a Mass while providing light refreshments for fellowship after Mass, providing transportation and serving as Sacristans.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — three hours per month during the summer
Host — Two hours once during the summer
Contact: Bryan Olson, 952-443-0167
bryan.olson@mac.com

*Then he said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers into his harvest." **Matthew 9:37-38***

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the means through which adults complete their initiation and are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Individuals come together with members of the faith community to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures, grow in understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices, share and listen to faith stories and discern the call to a faith community. Along the journey, the faith community celebrates special liturgical and ritual moments with you. The process reaches out to everyone, inviting birth and rebirth in faith. (Practicing Catholics also are invited.)

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — 50 to 60 hours per year
Sponsors — 10 to 30 hours per year
Contact: Ray Ortman 952-443-2661 Ext. 203
rortman@stvictoria.org

*By offering Radical
Hospitality, like Jesus, we
reach out to all regardless of
the road traveled making
them feel welcomed and
valued. Ministries include:*

Hospitality

Bavarian Dinners

Bavarian dinners offer a chance for new and veteran parishioners to join Fr. Bob for a fun dinner at his home (outdoors in nice weather or in his cozy living room). It is a fun, social event that is a great chance to get to know each other a bit better. We would love to have you come join us as our guest at one of the upcoming dinners. The volunteer opportunities include co-hosting a dinner or serving on a catering team.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — 18 hours per year
Volunteers — six hours per year
Contact: Kristin Taunton, 612-916-8110
ktaunton@liftbrands.com

*"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." **Genesis 8:22***

Funeral Hospitality

This ministry offers the caring presence of our community by providing a meal for family and friends following the Funeral Liturgy of a loved one. If you would like to be on a calling list to help serve luncheons or donate food (salad, bars and cookies), please call the coordinator. Food can be dropped off the morning of a funeral.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — five hours per funeral

Volunteers — four hours per funeral

Contact: Mary Balster, 630-248-971

mlbalster@comcast.net

Wedding Coordinators

Volunteers work with engaged couples helping them prepare for their wedding ceremony. The commitment is approximately six hours for each wedding and, if you prefer, you can be paired with another coordinator. Training is provided.

Time Commitment:

20 hours per year based on the number of weddings

Contact: Elizabeth Nowak,

952-443-2661, Ext. 207

enowak@stvictoria.org

Mentor Couples

This ministry pairs a married couple from our parish with an engaged couple helping them prepare for marriage by sharing their own experiences and providing guidance and discernment tools. Training is provided.

Time Commitment:

10 to 12 hours per year

Contact: Mary Harvey, 952-443-2661

mharvey@stvictoria.org

Bien Venidos “Good Welcome”

If making newcomers feel “welcome” at St. Victoria is important to you, then the Bien Venidos Ministry, our new parishioner registration, is looking for you. Welcome Sponsors are current parishioners who greet new parishioners as they come into the parish office to register, getting to know them and walking them through a Welcome Packet with information about our parish. Registrations are typically held on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Two hours per year

Volunteers — 8 to 10 hours per year

Contact: Bob Hanson, 402-889-8541

bob.c.hanson@medtronic.com

Warm Your Whistle

Everyone attending Mass on Friday mornings Labor Day through Memorial Day is invited to stay for conversation, coffee and donut holes.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — One hour per month

Volunteers — 15 minutes per week on rotation.

Contact: Marge Leuthner, 952-443-2207

Donut Hole Sunday

Serve coffee, juice, donut holes and smiles after Sunday Liturgies November through May. A great one-time volunteer opportunity. Choose the Mass that fits your schedule.

Time Commitment:

Coordinators — One hour per week

Volunteers — 35 minutes per Mass

Contact: 8:45 a.m. **New coordinator needed.**

10:45 a.m. Rose Rooney, 952-368-3896

rrooney@co.carver.mn.us

Lemonade Sundays

Lemonade Sundays are enjoyed after Sunday Liturgies from Memorial Day through Labor Day, providing a cool drink and an opportunity to meet with friends and neighbors. You choose a convenient Sunday to serve lemonade.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Two hours per month

Volunteers — 35 minutes per Mass

Contact: 8:45 a.m. Dee Hanson

rich_dee_hanson@yahoo.com

10:45 a.m. Kerry Stukenborg, 763-360-8031

kerrystukenborg@gmail.com

Home Improvement Club

The Home Improvement Club (HICs) meets in the spring and fall to care for our parish home sprucing up the grounds, doing extra cleaning around the church and keeping everything looking great. The Home Improvement Club would like to create a roster of trades people — electricians, plumbers, carpenters and others — who would like to lend a hand with small projects.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — Six hours per year

Contact: Eric Wahlund, 952-443-2661

ewahlund@stvictoria.org

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord and He will repay him for his good deed.” Proverbs 19:17

Green Thumb Club

Making its St. Victoria debut, the Green Thumb Club hopes to cultivate volunteers with an avidity toward flowers, gardening and all things green and beautiful. There will be duties ranging from watering indoor plants, outdoor containers, weeding, mowing, tree trimming and helping to maintain our new garden space on the border along the south end of the parking lot.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — Five hours-plus per year

Contacts:

Arrangements and canopy containers

Elizabeth Nowak, 92-443-2661
enowakstv@gmail.com

Grounds Cleanup

Eric Wahlund, 952-443-2661
ewahlund@stvictoria.org

Outdoor Garden

John Abel, 952-443-2661
jabel@stvictoria.org

Girlfriends In Faith Together

G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends In Faith Together) is a women's ministry connecting all Victoria women in faith and friendship. All St. Victoria women whether new or long-time members, married or single are welcome.

Time Commitment:

Coordinators — Two hours monthly

Members — 90 minutes per event

Contact: Stella McKinney, 612-708-8806
stellamckinney@me.com

Sunset Fest

Sunset Fest is a late summer celebration for the parish and entire community focusing on worship, music, fun and food. Volunteer activities include event coordination, set-up and clean-up, food planning, preparation and serving, games and publicity. This is perhaps the most labor-intensive activity at St. Victoria. It is also the time when the most members of our parish family gather together for worship, fellowship and fun.

Time Commitment:

Event Coordinators — 14 hours per year

Event Volunteers — One-plus hours depending on activity

Contact: Rob and Rachel O'Brien,
612-987-9734
mplsrobo@gmail.com

Sharing Our Kitchen Supplies (SOKS)

The SOKS ministry consolidates purchases and stores and maintains inventories of supplies used by all parish ministries. You are asked to purchase and replenish items and organize the storage area.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Two hours per month

Volunteer — Two hours per month or as needed per coordinator

Contact: Karen L. Campbell, 952-361-0142
Jjcampbell_2000@comcast.net

St. Victoria Crossing

Share your creativity by making mosaic-tile crosses as gifts for new members and newlywed couples. This ministry meets once or twice a year as needed.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Two hours per month

Volunteers — One hour as needed once or twice a year

Contact: Jill Fossen, 952-361-9761
jillfossen@gmail.com

By engaging in Bold Acts of Charity and Justice, we are moved by our faith to reach out to all wherever the Spirit takes us at home and beyond. Ministries include:

Outreach

Families Moving Forward

A new ministry for St. Victoria, Families Moving Forward, offers hospitality to families experiencing homelessness. While we are not a host church, our volunteer teams support area churches (St. Hubert, St. John Lutheran and Shepherd on the Hill) providing meals and fellowship to families working toward finding a home and greater stability.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Six hours per quarter

Volunteers — Two hours per session

Contact: Russ St. John, 952-686-8943
russstjohn@yahoo.com

"The Lord will surely grant abundance and our land will yield it's increase. " Psalm 85:13

Parish Community Outreach

PCOMs (Parish Community Outreach Ministries) offer ways that we can reach out as the face and hands of Jesus. In so doing, we see more clearly the dignity of each person as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and grow in deeper appreciation of the gifts we all have.

Sharing and Caring Hands:

Support the efforts of Mary Jo Copeland and her volunteer network by serving food to the homeless at her shelter in Minneapolis on the third Monday of the month.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — Two hours per month plus driving time. Transportation can be provided.

Contact: Peter Taunton, 952-474-1825
ptaunton@liftbrands.com

Simpson Housing Project:

Help prepare and serve a meal or donate a dessert for homeless men and women at the shelter in Minneapolis every eight to 12 weeks.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Five hours every three months plus volunteer time

Volunteers — Three hours every three months plus drive time

Contact: Kerry Stuckenborg, 763-360-8031
kerrystukenborg@gmail.com

Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ):

Love INC is a partnership of local faith communities with Eastern Carver County. Working together, volunteers serve people in need with a wide array of services on an as-needed basis. Additionally, St. Victoria continues its “Clean Sweep” Ministry providing household cleaning supplies to families in need. Product and cash donations are always welcome.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Three hours per week

Volunteers — One hour weekly to bag and two hours weekly to deliver

Contact: John Helgerson, 952-737-8109
h.johnt@gmail.com

*“And the seed whose fruit
is righteousness
is sown in peace by those
who make peace.” James 3:18*

Launch Ministry:

Launch is a faith-based, non-profit organization in Chaska supporting young people, ages 18 to 29, who are searching for their place in today’s world with tools and opportunities to help them transition into productive adulthood. St. Victoria volunteers provide meal options to Launch Ministry every six weeks. One option is a hot meal with our volunteers serving the food and staying with the youth in fellowship through dinner. The other option is to drop off frozen meals every six weeks.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Five hours per month

Volunteers — Three to five hours per year

Contact: Lynn Gerebi, lgerebi@gmail.com

Food Shelf

Thanks to the generosity of our children and others, donations of non-perishable foods are collected at all weekend Liturgies. The bagged food items are delivered to the Bountiful Basket Emergency Food shelf located in Chaska. In addition, there are special food drives throughout the year, including participation in the annual Minnesota FoodShare Campaign held to restock the shelves at emergency food shelves throughout the state. (All St. Victoria donations go to Bountiful Basket.). At least 12 volunteers are needed, one person each month, to pick up and deliver the food on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — Two hour annual setup and 15 minutes per month

Volunteer — One hour per week for three weeks.

Contact: Gena Braaten, 952-807-5025
gena@braatenlawyers.com

Giving Tree

Faith Formation, along with the Parish Family, participate in this annual holiday event donating gifts, money and other items to aid the CAP Agency in Shakopee and Trinity Mission in St. Paul providing for individuals and families in need. Tags are made and distributed after Masses and when gifts are returned, they are bagged and delivered to the agencies.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — One hour per year

Contact: Sara Svenby, 952-443-2661
ssvenby@stvictoria.org

*“Let us not become weary in
doing good, for at the
Proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do*

Pastoral Care

Our mission is to bring the caring presence of Christ to those in our Parish Family and community.

Bereavement Ministry

This ministry brings a caring presence to members of our parish who are grieving the loss of a significant person in their lives with the goal that no one shall grieve alone. Caring, quiet listening and support are all that is needed. Training is provided.

Time Commitment:

**Coordinator — Two hours monthly
Volunteers — One hour monthly or as needed**

Contact: Bennie Frost, 952-443-2585
benniefrost@aol.com

Communion Home Visits

Weekly, teams bring Communion and friendship to individuals in care centers or at home due to illness, surgery or other issues.

Time Commitment:

Coordinators — Two new coordinators are needed, one for administration (Five hours quarterly) and one for training and communication (90 minutes weekly).

Volunteers — Two hours per week on rotation.)

Contact: Mary Foster, 952-368-9405
jmfoster1209@comcast.net

Good Samaritan Liturgy:

Fr. Bob and volunteers joining him celebrate Mass for residents at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Waconia on the second Wednesday each month. Mass is followed by time for fellowship (with treats).

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — 45 minutes for Mass plus social time and drive time.)

Contact: A new coordinator is needed.

Chaska Heights Liturgy:

Deacon Ray and volunteers who join him offer a Community Service for residents of Chaska Heights Senior Living Center in Chaska on the third Wednesday of each month.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — 30 minutes per visit Contact
Deacon Ray Ortman, 92-443-2661
rortman@stvictoria.org

Bright Beginnings

This ministry provides loving support to an area pregnancy center by sponsoring two fundraisers each year, collecting coins in baby bottles to celebrate Respect Life and hosting a baby shower to gather supplies for families in need to celebrate Mother's Day. We also offer time at the center for short periods to help organize or distribute supplies to families.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — 10 hours per year

Volunteers — Four hours

Contact: Lauren Abel, 612-437-2049
laurenmabel20@gmail.com

Rosary Ministry

A group of parishioners meet at the church at 9 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday each month and go to Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Waconia and gather the Catholic residents together to pray the Rosary, followed by a social time. More volunteers are welcome.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — 30 minutes twice a month

Contact: Elaine Williams, 952-443-2963

Prayer Line

Whenever special prayers are needed for particular intentions, often within hours, members of our Prayer Line offers Prayers with each person praying in his/her own way. Additional members who are available to answer their phones or email quickly to keep our Prayer Line going are always welcome.

Time commitment is as needed

Contact: Dianne Leahy,
dleahy1969@gmail.com
Mary Moore, 952-443-2443

Prison Outreach

On the third and fifth Sundays of each month, Deacon Ray and others attend and lead an interactive Liturgy of the Word Service for men incarcerated at the Carver County Jail in Chaska. This ministry of love and evangelism seeks to serve and encounter Christ in all our brothers.

Time commitment:

Volunteers — 15 hours per year

Contact: Deacon Ray, 952-443-2661
rortman@stvictoria.org

And, there are ministries that offer support and/or special services to the St. Victoria Parish Family and to the parish office staff . . .

Parish Office Volunteers

At times, volunteers are needed to perform general office tasks and/or answer phones and greet visitors. Training is provided.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — Four hours per month

Contact: Mary Catino, 952-443-2661
mcatino@stvictoria.org

Archbishop Harry Flynn Library

Join the Library Committee to help plan direction and growth for the future. Additional help is needed to label, categorize and update the online catalog. Donations of books and other materials are always welcome.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — One hour per week

Volunteers — As needed

Contact: New Coordinator Needed

Hot Off the Press

Bulletin staffers meet on Friday mornings in the parish office conference room to assemble inserts for the bulletin and enjoy a chance to connect with others while fulfilling this chore.

Time Commitment:

Coordinator — One hour per month

Volunteers — 30 minutes most

Friday mornings.

Contact: Mary Catino, 952-443-2661
mcatino@stvictoria.org

Catholic United Financial

Catholic United Financial has been part of St. Victoria for 121 years. Members have held rummage sales since 1986 raising \$122,864 to sponsor classrooms. The organization also sells life insurance, annuities and other financial products along with offering college scholarships for members. Everyone is invited to be a member.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers — Six hours per year

Contact: Joyce Heiland, 952-443-2664

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