

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 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

Marriage: call nine months in advance, 443-2661

Baptisms: 443-2661

Prayer Line: Dianne Leahy, dleahy1969@gmail.com
Mary Moore, 443-2443

Catholic United Financial: Darlene Williams, 403-6959

RCIA Coordinator: Deacon Ray Ortman, 443-2661

Parish Pastoral Council: Michelle Kunze, 612-669-9717,
Paul David, 612-518-9119;

Kathy Hester, 442-1506; John Hintzen, 393-5014;

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 Ortman, 443-2661 x203, rortman@stvictoria.org

Director of Music and Liturgy

Elizabeth Nowak, 443-2661 x207, enowakstv@gmail.com

Director of Adult, Children and Youth Formation

Emily Klinker, 443-2661 x218, eklinker@stvictoria.org

Assistant Director for Children's Formation

Sara Svenby, 443-2661 x219, ssvenby@stvictoria.org

Assistant Director for Youth Formation

Ann Esping, 443-2661 x202, aesping@stvictoria.org

Director of Shared Ministries

John Abel, 443-2661 x204, jabel@stvictoria.org

Office Manager

Joni Jeurissen, 443-2661 x216, jjeurissen@stvictoria.org

Ministry Support Services

Julie Schmiege, 443-2661 x201, jschmiege@stvictoria.org

Maintenance Supervisor

Eric Wahlund, 443-2661 x208, ewahlund@stvictoria.org

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

8228 Victoria Drive, Victoria, MN 55386

Phone 952-443-2661 Fax 952-443-3866; www.stvictoria.net



**Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017**

The readings for October 29

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Exodus 22:20-26

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



Sometimes we hear people speak of the God of the Old Testament as a harsh judge, while the God of the New Testament is a loving and compassionate God. But there is only one God. Today's first reading from the Book of Exodus deals with the Ten Commandments and some specific ways they are to be lived and understood. These commandments are not burdensome and oppressive. In fact, they are essential if humankind is to live a free civilized life. They will ensure our happiness. In the Gospel, Jesus' enemies try once again to trip him up. They think he will speak against the Law of Moses. But Jesus agrees that the greatest commandment is to love God with one's whole being, with one's heart and mind and soul. The second commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," follows from and completes the first. This twofold command sums up the Law of Moses and the teachings of all the Hebrew prophets.

Question of the Week

From your personal experience, is there anything that keeps you from loving God, your neighbor or yourself? Of the three, which for you is the hardest to love?

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**.

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 November 11 and 12.
- **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, November 2**. 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, **October 24** — John Kock †

Wednesday, **October 25** — Kevin Kraus †

Thursday, **October 26** — Marvin Gregory †

Friday, **October 27** — Living and Deceased Members of the Charles Johnson Family

Saturday, **October 28** — Jose and Montserrat Arenas †

Sunday, **October 29**— 8:45 a.m. Rose Marie Pfaff †
10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

This Week in RCIA

The Ministry and Mission of Jesus Christ

This week we will dive into the ministry and mission of Jesus and what that means for us today. The word "mission" comes from the Latin word for "sending" (which is also the root of the Latin word for "Mass"). In the Bible we see many examples of people being "sent" by God to do certain tasks on His behalf, but Jesus especially is sent: As He said, "I came from God and am here. I did not come on my own, but He sent me." (*John 8:42b*). The word "ministry" comes from the Latin word for "service" (whereas the Greek word for service is the root of "Deacon"). We also find many who serve at the request of God in Scripture, but especially Jesus who said about himself, "The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve." (*Mark 10:45b*) Jesus shared His mission with His followers and us, when He said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (*John 20:21*)

Mass Kits for Young Children

It can be hard to keep children's attention during Mass, and we want to help out with that. You will notice we have a new cabinet outside the Worship Space at the far end of the Commons. Inside the cabinet are books that used to be in the book cart and some Mass kits for children. Inside each Mass kit bag are some coloring sheets and colored pencils as well as a couple other activities for children. Please feel free to grab a bag before Mass, but please return it neatly to the cabinet when Mass is over.

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.)

Keep Us In the Loop

If there are changes in your life, be sure to let us know so we can keep our records up-to-date. Be sure to share your phone number (cell and land line) and email changes and/or address changes. Thank you.

Stay Connected

Instagram is st.victoriaparishfamily

Twitter is @Saint_Victoria

Facebook is St. Victoria Parish Family

www.stvictoria.net



Unfinished

After reading Fr. Charles Lachowitz's article in the October 12 issue of *The Catholic Spirit*, I want to quote some of his thoughts in my column.

"Eventually, the Archdiocese will emerge from bankruptcy, but we cannot just dust off our hands in that familiar gesture of finishing a project. When the civil justice has run its linear process, then the virtue of justice must continue to direct our path.

"The bankruptcy case, now in its third year, is only a step toward restitution and only one part of the work necessary for reconciliation and healing. To be a people of reconciliation and healing, we must see and listen to those who have been so traumatically harmed through no fault of their own. We must work on their behalf not only to complete civil restitution, but also to do all we can to restore trust, and whenever possible, restore faith. No dollar amount can erase what has happened, and there is no excuse. For all, the pain is real and the wounds are some of the most serious in the body of Christ in our time.

"I cannot say that victims and survivors should be patient until we have completed the bankruptcy proceedings. I write this because I do not want the survivor community to lose hope. We will continue to cooperate with the bankruptcy court with a humility that comes from humiliation. From there the Archdiocese will proceed to put our heart where our money has been. With great compassion, we will continue to be led by the survivor community to steps of reconciliation, restoration and healing. And, to the silent sufferers, we offer an open door to reconciliation and healing. Know we assure you of our sorrow and daily prayers."

To bring this closer to home, you and I can be part of the healing solution. We too are obligated to provide a safe environment for our youth and vulnerable adults in our own parish. When we ask our volunteers to complete a background check and attend VIRTUS training this is not a suggestion, but actually a mandate from the Archdiocese. It is not just red tape, but our commitment as a parish. If you are a volunteer, please understand that this is an important step in creating a safe environment for everyone here at St. Victoria. Thank you to everyone as you comply.

Harvest of Gifts

Thanks to everyone who made our Harvest of Gifts a success and especially to **John Abel** for his leadership. John tells me that 169 folks signed up to volunteer with the many ministries that make St. Victoria special! The winners (if that's the proper term) were Bavarian Dinners, Eucharistic Adoration, Food Shelf collections and Funeral Hospitality. Our heartfelt thanks to every person who signed up for a volunteer opportunity (or more than one). I hope you will find it a fulfilling experience.

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. Do you know the Lord loves it when you take time to express your gratitude to Him? **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

All Saints Day

Masses on All Saints Day on Wednesday, November 1, will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Our annual **Mass of Remembrance** also will be celebrated on November 1 at the 6:30 p.m. Mass. This is an opportunity to honor the memory of your departed loved ones.

Mark Your Calendar Now

- **November 19** — Volunteers serving at Simpson Housing
- **November 20** — Volunteers serving at Sharing and Caring Hands
- **December 4** — La Noche Azul Advent Dinner
- **December 17** — Annual Christmas Concert and Children's Pageant
- **January 13** — Men Building Bridges Prayer Breakfast

Fun Night Out

All adult women at St. Victoria are invited to a night out hosted by GIFT (Girlfriends in Faith Together) to play BUNCO. In addition to a rousing good game, there'll be wine, coffee, appetizers and desserts. The fun starts at 7 p.m. and will end around 9 p.m. Sign up after Masses this weekend (October 21 and 22) or contact Stella McKinney at 470-6210 or stellamckinney@me.com. Please sign up by October 23 so seating can be planned. Cost is \$5 per person (to cover prizes). If you would like to bring a goodie to share, let Stella know.

Elsewhere...

- **Breakfast** at St. Joseph in Waconia, Sunday, October 29. The Knights of Columbus is hosting a pancake and French toast breakfast, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit Faith Formation Education at St. Joseph, St. Victoria and St. Bernard in Cologne.
- **Knightsbridge Boutique Shopping Event** at Benilde-St. Margaret's, Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 60 merchants expected offering jewelry, home goods, spa products, clothing and gourmet food.
- **Graduate Studies Information Night** Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the St. Paul Seminary. Information on Master of Arts in Theology, Arts in Religious Education or Pastoral Ministry. School of Divinity offers programs that prepare women and men for service and leadership in the Church and the World. Meet in the Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library, 5 to 6 p.m. and participate in an optional class observation 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. RSVP to gradtheology@stthomas.edu or call 651-5069.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** meeting at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Speaker Oct. 26 is Renee Compo, "Wellness During Your Grief." Call 763-475-7126 for information.
- **Southwest Grief Council** held at Pax Christi in Eden Prairie, Thursdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Advance registration for childcare (call 405-7242), light supper at 5:30 p.m. Topic Oct. 26 is "O Death Where is Your Sting: Taking the Sting Out of Death" with Deacon Al and Mary Ellen Schroeder from the Pax Christi Community.
- **Six-Day Directed Retreat**, St. John's Abbey Guesthouse in Collegeville, Oct. 27 to Nov. 2. \$585 for single room, meals and daily spiritual direction. Limited space. Register at www.abbeyguesthouse.org or call 320-363-3929.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Adult Formation, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry

- 10/25 Faith Formation and Confirmation
- 10/25 Book of Job Bible Study for adults, 7:40 p.m.
- 10/29 Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 11/1 All Saints Day Mass at 6:30 p.m.
- 11/4 & 5 10th Grade Retreat
- 11/5 Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 11/8 Faith Formation and Confirmation
- 11/8 Reconciliation Parent Meeting (2 of 2)

Faith Formation, Confirmation and Children's Liturgy resume this week on Wednesday, October 25, and Sunday, October 29.

Adult Formation

Bible Study

Please join us for our adult Book of Job Bible Study Wednesday evenings, at 7:40 p.m., in the Fireside Room beginning Wednesday, October 25. This study runs for four weeks. All are welcome. \$10 suggested donation for supplies. Call Mary Catino in the parish office to sign-up.

RCIA

You are invited to attend any RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) session that sounds interesting. You will find the topic for each upcoming week on page two of the bulletin, on our website and Facebook page. Feel free to join us any Tuesday (or every Tuesday).

Faith Formation

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting Reminder

The second First Reconciliation Parent Meeting is Wednesday, November 8. If you missed the meeting on Wednesday, October 11, please contact Sara to meet with her to get materials and discuss what was missed at that meeting.

Please Note: This is the **second of two required meetings for parents**. Please plan on attending this meeting even if you missed the first one.

Mass Kits for Young Children

It can be hard to keep children's attention during Mass, and we want to help out with that. You will notice we have a new cabinet outside the worship space at the far end of the Commons. Inside the cabinet are the books that used to be in the book cart and some Mass kits for children. Inside each Mass kit bag are some coloring sheets and colored pencils as well as a couple other activities for children. Please feel free to grab a bag before Mass, but please return it neatly to the cabinet when Mass is over.

Youth Ministry

Face and Hands Family Events

Thank you to all who made our first Face and Hands Family Event a success and especially to Pete Larson from Family Fest Ministries who spoke "about getting out of the boat." Another big thank you to Bonnie Mohr, Tim Amundsen, Sue Roper, Praise HYMN and all the teens who went above and beyond to make the night a success. And, thank you to all who joined us. We look forward to seeing you at our next event on December 10 when our inspirational keynote speaker will be Luke Spehar. More information later.

10th Grade Confirmation Prayer Angels

This will be our second year that we have invited parishioners to pray for our youth who will be Confirmed in the spring. When you volunteer to do this you will be given a teen's name along with monthly prayer reminders and an invitation to our Confirmation Sending Mass in April. Please prayerfully consider being a Prayer Angel this year. Sign-up and names will be given out after all the Masses next weekend (October 28 and 29). Stop by and see Ann or Emily. They can answer questions and/or get you signed up.

Important information for our families with children in the Sacramental Prep Programs this year.

First Reconciliation and First Communion:

- Wednesday, November 8, 5 p.m. or 6:15 p.m., First Reconciliation Parent Meeting (2 of 2)
- Saturday, January 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Reconciliation Retreat
- Wednesday, January 24, 5 p.m. or 6:15 p.m., First Communion Parent Meeting (1 of 2)
- Wednesday, February 21, 5 p.m. or 6:15 p.m., First Communion Parent Meeting (2 of 2)
- Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Communion Retreat
- Wednesday, May 2, First Eucharist Rehearsal
- Weekend of May 5 and 6, First Communion during Masses (Dates yet to be determined for making quilt squares and drawing self portraits.)

Confirmation:

- Saturday, November 4 through Sunday, November 5, Tenth Grade Retreat
- Sunday December 10, 6 p.m., Face and Hands Family Event
- Saturday, February 10, 3 to 8 p.m., Ninth Grade Retreat
- Sunday February 25, 6 p.m., Face and Hands Family Event
- Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., Confirmation Parent, Student, Sponsor Retreat (10th grade)
- Sunday April 15, 6 p.m., Face and Hands Family Event and Confirmation Sending Mass (10th Grade)
- Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m., Confirmation at the Basilica in Minneapolis

If you have questions before the meetings, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Blessings Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby and Ann Esping

(Our contact information is on Page One.)

Nourishing Hope Through Spiritual Direction

There is a Spiritual Direction Workshop planned on Saturday, October 28, 1 to 5 p.m., at St. Catherine University to mark the program's 20th anniversary. To celebrate they are offering a free event open to the public focused on spiritual practices to support people in troubled times. The keynote speaker is well-known Catholic Sister, Elizabeth Liebert, SNJM. Go to www.stkate.edu/news-and-events/events to register or for more information. Contact Christine Luna Munger at cmlunamunger@stkate.edu with questions.

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

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Reports for **October 7 and 8, Week 15, and October 14 and 15, Week 16** of our fiscal year will be included in the October 29 bulletin.

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Coat Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated winter gear for the annual Coat Drive sponsored by Love INC and churches in the area. The coat distribution this year will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chaska on Saturday, November 4, 9 to 11 a.m., for current Love INC clients or those families residing within District 112 boundaries. (Registration is required). At 11 a.m. the coat drive will open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Call Love INC at 448-2508 for more information. **Note:** Volunteers are needed to help with distribution at St. John's on November 4. To sign-up to help, call the number above.

Archdiocese Events

St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards Luncheon, Friday, October 27, 11:30 a.m. To 1:30 p.m. \$35 per person, \$280 for table of 8. Information and reservations at www.archspm.org/C4L.

Open House at Bethany House, Sunday, November 5, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Bethany House is a place of discernment for women seriously considering consecrated life. It is located at the Holy Cross Convent at 1615 University Avenue NE in Minneapolis.

Solidarity Concert at St. Stephen's in Anoka, Saturday, November 4, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Music provided by Music Missionary Danielle Rose, dancing by Mexican Folkloric Dancers, authentic Mexican food served as hors d'oeuvres and unique handcrafted articles for purchase. Free will offering. All proceeds go to help support the needs of St. Stephen's Latino Community and the Archdiocese's Venezuelan Mission. Information at sollidaarityconcert@gmail.com

Operation Andrew Dinner Thursday, November 9, 6 to 8 p.m., for men discerning priesthood ages 16 to 50. Join Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Cozzens and Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations. To register or with questions, go to stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org or call 651-962-6890.

Take My Hand, Not My Life

Come and spend a morning with Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St. Gianna) and local guests including Mother Maria Francis, LSP, Michael Degnan, Susan Windley-Daoust and Dr. Tod Worner as they share their perspectives on living moments of grace at life's end. Now, more than ever, Minnesotans need to be aware of the gospel approach to loving and caring for someone with a serious or terminal illness and understand what our faith demands versus what the culture tells us. The symposium is Saturday, October 28, beginning with an 8 a.m. Mass with Bishop Cozzens at St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary. Following is a continental breakfast and the symposium (8:45 to 11:30 a.m.) at Woulfe Alumni Hall, Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas. Tickets are \$25 per person. If you have questions, go to anne@giannahomes.org or call 443-6100. To register, go to www.giannahomes.org/2017symposium.

Ministry Schedule

October 28 and 29

Sacristans

5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen
8:45 a.m. Leslie Trcka, Tim Woodfield
10:45 a.m. Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen
8:45 a.m. Joe Carrica
10:45 a.m. Mary Catino

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Bob Elfering, Todd Hesse, Kristen Kowalski, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Debra McMillan, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Katharine Paulsen, Charles Schmidt, Jerry Schmieg, Doris Schmieg
8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Mary Bishop, Joanna Bongard, Adrienne Carrica, Marge Diethelm, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Dave and Ellen Roan, Barb Schultz, Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. Marty Dentinger, Marcus Hoffman, Tim Kearney, Michelle Kunze, Deb LeMay, Jeff Lenzmeier, Kathryn Paradise, Rose Rooney, Jill Sonnek, Erv and Linda Spevacek, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Tom, Lisa and Maggie Katalinich, Randy, Jacque and Daniella Krause
8:45 a.m. Joseph Happ, Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Gary and Sharon Lauwagie, Daryl Schmieg
10:45 a.m. Mark and Mary Kelly, Al and Louise Lehner, Kerry Leopold, Sandy Perkins

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Grant Hayes, Ethan Weinandt
8:45 a.m. Megan Jeurissen, Nate Nicklaus, Lilly Trcka
10:45 a.m. Krew Barber, Ava Kunze, Jakob Lenzmeier

Sound

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

Music

5 p.m. Agape Singers with Bret Amundsen —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher
8:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher
10:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:45 a.m. Gena and Emma Braaten
10:45 a.m. Nicole Della Paolera, Chastity and Sydney Perkins

Survey

The Carver County Adult Mental Health Initiative (AMHI) and Carver County Mental Health Advisory Council or Local Advisory Council (LAC) are working to create a mental health needs assessment. If you are a resident of Carver County, age 18 or older, and have or have not accessed mental health services in the county, you are asked to complete a confidential survey that can be found at www.es.surveymonkey.com/r/MHNeedsAssessmentSurvey. Through the survey AMHI and LAC hope to gather pertinent information to improve availability and access to mental health services in the county. The survey will be available until October 31.