

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.”

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2017

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Daily: Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m.

Communion Service: Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 6 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary: Tuesday - Friday 7:40 a.m.

St. Anthony Novena: Tuesday after Mass

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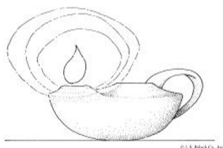
The readings for November 12

Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 6:12-16

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



This Gospel passage is part of Jesus' talk on the end time, when the world we know will end and God's Kingdom will come completely. Jesus tells a parable that urges people to be ready for this great event, the eternal wedding reception. The delayed arrival of the groom is the delayed Second Coming of Jesus. People must not be lulled into carelessness, into thinking that it will never happen. It will — and we do not know when. The theme of this parable is that the wise are prepared to complete their task. The oil in today's passage is the good works done for others. We must be prepared by living according to the Gospel, doing good for others.

Question of the Week

What has happened to help you remain faithful to your faith journey?

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.)

Baptisms

Owen Patrick Bakken, son of Thomas and Amber
Noah Gordon Diethelm, son of Jon and Angela

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 Jordan Night scheduled on **Thursday, November 2, was cancelled.** The next session is scheduled **on Thursday, December 7.**
- For information or to schedule a Baptism, contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **November 7** — George Krauth †
Wednesday, **November 8** — Art, Viola and Kathy Jeurissen †
Thursday, **November 9** — Dalles Notermann †
Friday, **November 10** — Edith Nowak †
Saturday, **November 11** — Florian Diethelm †
Sunday, **November 12** — 8:45 a.m. Catholic United
Financial Veterans
10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

In Memoriam

Mary Foster

December 25, 1951 — October 28, 2017

This Week in RCIA

Have you ever wondered why we kneel, why we stand, or why we make certain gestures during the Mass? Why the Mass is structured the way it is or what it all means? This week in RCIA Deacon Ray will lead us in a walk through the Mass and Sacristy, answering these and other questions.

Family Fest Fall Marriage Booster

How is your marriage today? Do you find yourself isolated and distant or moving closer to one another. Do you long for greater intimacy with the one you love? You are invited to invest a day celebrating and renewing your love at the upcoming Family Fest Marriage Booster Retreat on Saturday, November 18, 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at the Dan Patch Hall in the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center in Bloomington. This is one-day getaway for couples is energetic, romantic, faith-filled and fun.

There is no set retreat fee, give what you can reasonably afford. (The suggested donation is \$140 per couple.) Register at familyfestministries.org.

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 **John Abel in the parish office.**

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.

No Sledding, Please

Please note that sledding is no longer allowed on the hill at the back of the cemetery. As the cemetery expands, there are now gravesites at the back of the cemetery and this area will continue to grow. In honor of our departed loved ones, it is inappropriate to allow sledding there. Thank you for your cooperation.

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



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

From the Pastor's Desk...



The following is a crash course on the intrigue of the Protestant Reformation penned by Deacon Ray. Read it and you will see what I mean. **Fr. Bob**

Last week (October 31) marked the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The early 16th Century was a time of turmoil and upheaval in many areas of life: not only in matters of religious practice but also in politics, society, finance, science and the arts. The confluence of all these strands of life-in-transition formed a perfect storm for the protests of Martin Luther and others to spread like wildfire across Europe. At the risk of oversimplifying, one might say that the proximate cause of the Reformation was the construction of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. That's right: the glorious church at the center of the Vatican and at the heart of institutional Catholicism was the catalyst for the fracturing of the western Church. Why? Because of its sheer size and expense. Some have estimated its construction cost (in modern dollars) at \$7 billion! And the clever method devised for raising all of this money was to sell Indulgences throughout Christendom (whereby, the donor would secure for themselves or a deceased loved one early release from Purgatory). The church in Germany, however, felt more than put upon to finance a church in Rome that they would never see themselves and felt that they had already paid for their share of Roman adventures. Further, the collection agent for Rome was conflicted, having bought the office (a practice known as simony) and having secured papal permission to divert fully half of the proceeds from the sale of Indulgences to repay the debt to his financier.

Martin Luther, a German priest, gave voice to these concerns (and others) in his famous 95 Theses. Added to Luther's concern regarding abusive church financing practices, the Holy Roman Empire was riddled with fissures and fractures, and the princes of the nascent nation-states (particularly in northern Europe) were keen to realize their own sovereignty quite apart from papal domination. Moreover, even in the 16th Century, the Church was hotly embroiled in marriage controversy. King Henry VIII wanted an annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon (Spain) in the hope of remarrying a woman who might give birth to a male heir — and he may have gotten one, particularly as he was honored by the Pope for his vocal support against the protests of Luther and others — but at the time, Pope Leo X was under house arrest by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V (whose forces had recently sacked Rome), and Catherine was his aunt! So Henry failed to get his annulment, he broke with Rome, and by virtue of the Act of Supremacy became head of the Church of England.

The good news is that the Protestant Reformation eventually led to a reformation of the Catholic Church at the Council of Trent (1545-1563), which among other things ended simony and the unseemly sale of Indulgences. These 16th Century reforms were more fully realized at the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) with its emphasis on liturgical reform, ecumenism and the embrace of its vocation in the modern world.

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. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

Happenings at St. Victoria ...

Daylight Savings Time ended at 2 a.m. today, Sunday, November 5. Hope you remembered to change your clocks!

Gatherings This Week

Parish Pastoral Council will meet Thursday, November 9, at 6 p.m. in the parish office conference room.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **Monday, November 20**. St. Victoria serves this ministry the third Monday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, contact Coordinator Peter Taunton at 567-5990.

Simpson Housing

St. Victoria volunteers will prepare and serve dinner at Simpson Housing in Minneapolis **Sunday, November 19**. Simpson Housing has provided help to those in need for 35 years. The shelter is open 365 days a year, providing meals and overnight shelter for homeless men and women. St. Victoria volunteers provide a meal approximately every six to eight weeks. To volunteer or for information, contact Kerry Stuckenberg at kerrystukenborg@gmail.com or 763-360-8031.

- **December 4** — La Noche Azul Advent Dinner
- **December 17** — Annual Christmas Concert and Children's Pageant
- **January 13** — Men Building Bridges Prayer Breakfast

Elsewhere ...

- **November Cursillo Ultreya** Sunday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., St. Hubert Catholic Community, Room 116 (use Door 8.) Speaker is Carol Boatman. Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in the family room.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** meeting at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Speaker Nov. 9 is Barbara Moore, "Coping With Grief During the Holidays." **Memorial Service and Dinner** on Thursday, November 16, 6 p.m. Details at 763-475-7126.
- **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 Nov. 9 is "Holiday Grief" with Rev. Chris Wheatley, Presbyterian Homes/Optage.
- **St. John's Theology Day**. Discernment and Self-honesty: Wisdom from the Benedictines is Thursday, Nov. 9, 6:30 to 9 p.m., (check-in at 6 p.m.) at Pax Christi in Eden Prairie. Discover how the practice of discernment of spirits can increase the self-honesty we need for decision making in life. Free event; registration required. For information and/or registration, go to www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.
- **Craft, Bake and Gently Used Toy Sale**, Saturday, Nov. 18, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Church of the Holy Family, Silver Lake.
- **Annual Holiday Boutique** at St. George Church in Long Lake, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Craft vendors, homemade pies and cookies, jams and jellies, raffle, Make and Take table for kids. Followed by **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All proceeds to support charities.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Adult Formation, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry

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)
11/12	Children's Liturgy
11/15	Faith Formation and Confirmation
11/15	Giving Tree Kick-off
11/19	Children's Liturgy
11/22	No Faith Formation or Confirmation
11/26	No Children's Liturgy
11/29	Faith Formation and Confirmation.

Adult Formation

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.

Christmas Pageant Clean-up

Do you have a little bit of free time and could do a little laundry for the Faith Formation team? Don't worry, you don't have to wash our socks! It has been a few years since the Christmas pageant costumes had a good cleaning and they are a little musty. If you would be willing to help out with this project, please contact Sara in the parish office. We have multiple bins to launder – take one or take them all!

Speaking of the Christmas Pageant....

I know we just celebrated Halloween and Thanksgiving is yet to come, but in the church world it's time to start thinking ahead to Advent and Christmas. This year's Christmas pageant will again be combined with the annual Christmas Concert and will be held on Sunday, December 17, at 5 p.m. Rehearsal will be the day before (Saturday, December 16)

from 9 a.m. to noon. Start talking to your children about being a part of this special event and watch the bulletin for more information

All Saints Pictures

Thank you to all who brought in pictures of their loved ones for our All Saints board. Though our loved ones have been called home to be saints in heaven, they will never be forgotten in our lives. We will leave the board up for a couple weeks as we pray for and honor the departed.

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

Reminders . . .

Be Vigilant. Once again, and especially because it gets dark so early, we remind parents when coming for Faith Formation to observe the traffic pattern as marked by the cones and to escort their children into the church before class and to meet them inside the church after classes.

Lock Your Doors. Remember to lock your vehicle doors when parking at the church during Mass or other times. And, do not leave purses, back packs or other valuables in plain sight if you leave them in your vehicle.

Inclement Weather. If it is necessary to cancel an event at St. Victoria, including Faith Formation and Confirmation, the information will be sent via an all-parish email, be on the marquee in front of the church, appear as a "newsflash" on our website, www.stvictoria.net, and it will be announced on WCCO Radio and TV.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **October 28 and 29, Week 18** of our fiscal year :

Envelope Offering: \$ 9,328
Electronic Offering: 3,567
Total Membership Offering: 12,895

Tithing: \$1,290 will be divided equally between two Archdiocesan Collections, **World Mission Sunday and Catholic Campaign for Human Development.** World Mission supports over 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide that are small and marginalized. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports people living in poverty across the United States. Please note that 25 percent of the money raised will stay in this diocese. If you wish to make a personal donation, there are envelopes in the kiosk.

Thank you for using your envelopes.

New Parishioners

- Ramon and Gale **Reina**
- Jeffrey and Kelly **Sheehan** and Hunter

Archdiocese Events

- **Called and Gifted Workshop**, Friday, November 17, 7 to 9:30 p.m. through Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Church of St. Michael in Stillwater. Explore the ancient teaching of the Church on how the gifts (or charisms) of the Holy Spirit work in our life and in the life of a parish. \$80 per person and includes materials, refreshments and follow-up personal discernment guidance. Go to www.archspm.org/CG2017 or contact Patrick Conley at 651-357-1340 with questions.
- **Holy Hour for Vocations**, a new program sponsored by the Archdiocese, that will take place at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, starting November 14. The November host is Church of St. Timothy in Maple Lake. Contact the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 or visit www.10000vocations.org
- **Deepening Spirituality Series 2017-2018** will introduce charisms, core values and spirituality of different religious orders each month. The Monday, November 13, session will explore the Carmelite Tradition. Contact Gloria Blaha at St. Catherine University at 651-690-6017 for more information.
- **Operation Andrew Dinner** hosted by Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Cozzens and Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations, includes dinner and conversation, is Thursday, November 9, 6 to 8 p.m., for men ages 16 to 50 who are seriously discerning priesthood and religious life. Register at stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org.
- **Vianney Visit** for High School Sophomores through college-age men (16 to 24) is an opportunity to experience college seminary life November 16 through 18. The stay includes attending Mass, prayer and spiritual conferences with priests and seminarians. Contact Fr. David Blume or go to stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org.

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Facebook is [St. Victoria Parish Family](https://www.facebook.com/St.VictoriaParishFamily)
www.stvictoria.net

Ministry Schedule

November 11 and 12

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Jacque Krause
8:45 a.m. Diane Theis, Tim Woodfield
10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lector

5 p.m. Walt Roberts
8:45 a.m. Tom Welch
10:45 a.m. Erv Spevacek

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Joyce Heiland, Todd Hesse, Kristen Kowalski, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Dennis Oas, Charles Schmidt, Jerry Schmiege, Doris Schmiege, Sue Schrempf
8:45 a.m. Mary Bishop, Joanna Bongard, Adrienne Carrica, Darla Diethelm, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Jim and Betti Igel, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Dave and Ellen Roan
10:45 a.m. Rachel Anderson, Marty Dentinger, Diane Forsythe, Marcus Hoffmann, Gina Holman, Tim Kearney, Joan Klinger, Cherie McGraw, Rose Rooney, Jill Sonnek, Linda Spevacek, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Tom, Lisa and Maggie Katalinich, Randy Krause, Steven and Nancy Schmiege
8:45 a.m. Jon and Nancy Carlson, Robert Diethelm, Troy and Sam Stukenborg, Ryan Wenning
10:45 a.m. Regan and Jaden Anderson, Louise Lehner, Kerry Leopold, Jim and Carol Slater

Servers

5 p.m. Grant Hayes, Megan Jeurissen, Daniella Krause
8:45 a.m. Lydia Jackels, Nate Nicklaus, Ethan Weinandt
10:45 a.m. Sadie Holman, Joe and Nathan Tinucci

Sound

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

Music

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:45 a.m. Cindy and Eddie Worm
10:45 a.m. Regan Anderson

Love INC Volunteer Opportunities

Thanksgiving Basket Packing and Delivery on November 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or when deliveries are completed). Help assemble food baskets using food donations received from the community.

Christmas Basket Packing and Delivery on December 16, at various times, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Carver, Mt. Olivet Lutheran West in Victoria and Westwood Community Church in Chanhassen. Help assemble food baskets with food donated and purchased by Love INC.

Each volunteer group/family will be assigned two or three families to whom they will deliver food baskets, spend a little time with each family and share a prayer with them.

Contact Love INC at 448-2508 to volunteer.