

# 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.”

## First Sunday of Advent December 3, 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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### Parish Team

#### Pastor

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**First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2017**

**The readings for December 10**

Second Sunday of Advent  
*Reading I:* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
*Reading II:* 2 Peter 3:8-14  
*Gospel:* Mark 1:1-8



Advent is a season of fresh beginnings. The writer of Second Isaiah gives people a message of hope and comfort. The exiles will return to Jerusalem on a straight and level road. Isaiah proclaims the good news that God is always faithful, a God of both power and tenderness. Mark begins the account of the Good News (the meaning of the word *gospel*). Jesus, God's son sent to heal us and lead us home, is himself the Good News. Mark begins by telling us about John the Baptist, the herald of the good news of Jesus' coming. Today, we are called to be heralds of this same Good News. We announce to a hurting world that Jesus Christ has experienced the worst we face and has come through it.

**Question of the Week**

Has there been a time when someone brought you news that changed your life?

**Baptisms**

- **Landon Jac Huber**, son of Zachary and Lisa
- **Beckham Pierce Radermacher**, son of Kurt and Lauren
- **Lucan Steven Rollwagen**, son of Kevin and Molly
- **Katherine Alexandra Schumacher**, daughter of Chris and Erica
- **Theodore Raymond Schumacher**, son of Chris and Erica
- **Kieran Jay Stanley**, son of Christopher and Colleen

**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 December 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 (Baptism Class) within the previous five years **before** a scheduled Baptism is celebrated. The next Jordan Night 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 of Solidarity: Share the Journey**

Join Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens as they join with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters from around the world at the Basilica of St. Mary on Saturday, December 9, at 5 p.m. The Mass is part of the two-year "Share the Journey" campaign launched by Pope Francis to support those who have left, or are displaced, from their home countries.



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

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, **December 5** — Caroline Hartman †  
 Wednesday, **December 6** — John Kock †  
 Thursday, **December 7** — Rose Marie Pfaff †  
 Friday, **December 8** — 8 a.m. Marilyn Timmermann †  
 7 p.m. Charles Johnson Family  
 Saturday, **December 9** — Bert and Leslie Schmieg †  
 Sunday, **December 10** — 8:45 a.m. Chuck Leonard †  
 10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

**In Memoriam**

**Diane Hogan**

**August 16, 1951 — November 22, 2017**

**This Week in RCIA**

"God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (*Jn. 3:16*) We have been taught that Jesus is the Word made flesh. He is truly God. He is truly human. He is one person (*ccc#464*), 100 percent human and 100 percent divine — How can this be? Join us on Tuesday December 5 to try to answer Jesus' question to His disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" (*Mt. 16:16*)

**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.)

**Advent Reconciliation at Area Churches**

- Guardian Angels, Chaska, Sunday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mark, Shakopee, (Saints Joachim and Anne Confessstival), Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- St. Mary's, Waverly, Monday, December 11, 7 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Lake, Mound, Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.
- St. Hubert, Chanhassen, Tuesday, December 12, 7 p.m.
- St. John's, Excelsior, Thursday, December 14, 6 p.m.
- St. Joseph, Waconia, Sunday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.
- Ascension, Norwood, Tuesday, December 19 at 5 to 6 p.m. and 6:15 to 8 p.m.
- St. Bernard, Cologne, Wednesday, December 20, 5 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.
- St. Nicholas, Carver, Friday, December 22, 5 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Mass 6 to 6:30 p.m.

**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.**



## O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Advent is already upon us, the season of expectant waiting and watching. Waiting to celebrate the first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. And watching for His Second Coming at the end of the Age, when Jesus returns in glory, bringing everlasting life to his holy people. But the season of Advent is more than these two historic bookends, past and future. It also is about experiencing God with us now.

As we sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" throughout Advent, we are invited to remember that God is with us always. That is what "Emmanuel" (or "Immanuel") means: "God with us." Matthew's Gospel (1:23) clearly associates this title with Jesus. Through the Mystery of the Incarnation, God forever united His Divinity with our humanity as the ultimate fulfillment of His promise to be with us forever. That promise was delivered most emphatically many centuries earlier in the words of the prophet Isaiah (7:14), cited by Matthew as fulfilled in Jesus Christ: "the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." But though the title Immanuel may have originated in Isaiah, the truth behind it was not new. God was with us intimately in the Garden when He made us and walked with us before we left Him. Even so, He began to call us back to Himself through his chosen people, consoling Jacob (the first Israel) with this promise: "know that I am with you [and] I will never leave you" (Gen. 28:15).

After the Chosen People had lost their way in the desert of sin following the Exodus, God again called them back to renewed intimacy with the same promise of His abiding presence with His people: "I Myself will go along [with you]" (Ex. 33:14), a Glorious Presence that manifested itself in those days over the Ark of the Covenant in the Tent of Dwelling (Tabernacle). But on the Last Day, when Jesus comes in glory, we ourselves will become the tent of God's indwelling within us: "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God Himself will always be with them" (Rev. 21:3).

God is already with us, but not yet. He has come, but He will come again. In the meantime, particularly in the lengthening shadows and darkness that define this time of year, let us be consoled and encouraged by these words from our Advent hymn:

*"O come, O Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel."*

## 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. Come before Him. Ask for His spirit, the breath of His Joy and presence of His love. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** on Friday, December 8, Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Advent Reconciliation Service** at St. Victoria is Tuesday, December 5, at 6 p.m.

## Important Dates

- **December 4** — La Noche Azul Advent Dinner, 6 p.m.
- **December 17** — Annual Christmas Concert and Children's Pageant, 5 p.m.
- **December 22** — Individual Confessions, 6 p.m.
- **December 23** — Individual Confessions, after 5 p.m. Mass
- **December 24** — Christmas Eve Masses at 4, 6 and 10 p.m.
- **December 25** — Christmas Morning Mass at 9 a.m.
- **January 13** — Men Building Bridges Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.

## Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **Monday, December 18**. 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

Thank you to parishioners **Nan Emmer, Stella McKinney, Judy Kearney and Tish Smiegel** for providing desserts to the almost 130 homeless men and women St. Victoria served on Sunday, November 19, at Simpson Housing in Minneapolis. Thanks also to **Jan Wohlers and Tish and Derrick Smiegel** for preparing and serving food and helping with clean-up.

If you are interested in helping with this outreach ministry that meets only five times a year, please contact Kerry Stukenborg at [kerrystukenborg@gmail.com](mailto:kerrystukenborg@gmail.com). The next scheduled date is January 7.

## Elsewhere...

- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** meeting at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church in Minnetonka, Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Speaker Dec. 7 is Pastor Jim Almquist, "Living With Grief During the Holidays." Call 546-5433 for information.
- **December Cursillo Western Ultreya** is Sunday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., at St. Hubert Catholic Community (Room 116) in Chanhassen. Speaker is Deacon Francis Tangney. Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in the family room.
- **Discernment and Self-Honesty: Wisdom from the Benedictines.** St. John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day, Dec. 14. 6:30 to 9 p.m., at St. Frances Cabrini in Minneapolis. Details and registration at [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).
- **Man, Woman and the Order of Creation**, December 11, OEC Auditorium, U. of St. Thomas, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Explore the Catholic vision of the human person in its scientific, theological and social context. Free, open to the public. More info available at [stthomas.edu/spssod/about/events](http://stthomas.edu/spssod/about/events).

# Faith Formation

## Important Upcoming Dates

### Adult Formation, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry

12/3	Children's Liturgy and WAVE for Grades 3 through 5
12/6	Faith Formation; No EDGE or Confirmation
12/10	Children's Liturgy
12/10	Face and Hands
12/13	Faith Formation and Confirmation
12/13	Final day for Giving Tree
12/17	Children's Liturgy
12/17	Children's Christmas Pageant and Christmas Concert
12/20	Faith Formation and Confirmation

**No Faith Formation or Confirmation on December 27 or January 3. No Children's Liturgy on Sunday, December 24 or 31.**

### 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

#### 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!

#### Christmas Pageant

It's time to start preparing for the annual Christmas pageant. The theme for this year's concert/pageant combo is "Christmas Favorites." This year we are looking for a few kids that would be willing to take on some minor speaking roles. For those interested in speaking roles, we can get started on learning lines right away. All kids age 4 and up are invited to participate in the pageant. Please contact Sara if your child is interested in being in the pageant. There are no small parts – only small actors!

#### 6th Grade Family Advent Series

Last year we started something new and it went so well we are now making it an annual event for our 6th Grade families. During the month of December, we will be focusing our attention on Advent with the 6th Graders **and** their parents! So instead of dropping off your son or daughter, you are invited and encouraged to come and stay for the evening. We will have time to grow deeper in our faith together with the students and have a separate time just for the parents to continue the discussion. Last year, I had the opportunity to be with the adults each week and loved each night. I can't wait to meet with all of you this year! ~Emily

## Youth Ministry

### High School Mission Trip

We are excited to announce that St. Victoria will again be partnering with YouthWorks for a mission trip for 9th through 12th Graders to their Blue Ridge Mountains site in North Carolina next summer from July 20 to July 29. There may be limited spots still available, **so please act quickly**. Please fill out the form on the website if you are interested in the trip. If you are ready to commit, deposits are now being taken for those spots. Please contact Ann for more details.

### Black Friday Specials

If you made a spectacular purchase and have a Blue Ray Player or a flat screen TV 40 inches or larger that you no longer plan to use, the Confirmation team would be happy to take any items off your hands. Just give Ann a call.

### Senior High Lifeline Event

How about kicking off the new year with a fun evening alongside 500-plus Catholic youth in our area? Join us for the January 6 Lifeline event in which we'll celebrate our faith with vibrant music, a dynamic speaker, Mass and Adoration. All are invited to join us as we caravan from St. Victoria at 4 p.m., stop for fast food, and attend the Archdiocesan Lifeline at the Net Center in St. Paul. We expect we will return by 10:30 p.m. The speaker that evening is Fr. Emmanuel Mansford, a Franciscan Friar who is a native from England and now lives among and serves the poor in Harlem. He'll be speaking about prayer in a session titled, "Obey your Thirst." Many wonder if we need to pray or how to pray. The truth is that our hearts deeply thirst for God, and prayer is a means to satisfy our longing. Fr. Mansford will help us learn how to pray in a way that connects us with God. Sign up on the St. Victoria website.

### High School Bible Study

Interested in getting together for fun, snacks and talking about the Gospel of Mark? A High School, teen-lead Bible study is beginning on Sunday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Try out any week or come for all. The dates are December 3 and 17, January 7 and 21 and February 4 and 18. Interested? Show up! Want more details, contact Ann and she'll add you to the GroupMe so you know the details.

### Face and Hands Event

All are welcome to join us for our next Face and Hands Event next Sunday, December 10 at 6 p.m. This event will feature singer, songwriter and inspirational speaker Luke Spehar. According to Matthew Kelly, founder of DynamicCatholic.com, "We all need to be inspired from time to time, especially in our spiritual journeys. Luke Spehar is using music in a powerful way to inspire the people of our times." The event will not only include an inspirational message from Luke, but also time for fun, hospitality and Mass.

**Blessings . . . . . Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby  
and Ann Esping**

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

# Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **November 18 and 19, Week 21** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,594  
Electronic Offering: 8,334  
Total Membership Offering: 16,928  
**Second Collection for Debt Reduction: \$3,088**

**Thanksgiving Day Collection: \$1,182**

Stewardship Report for **November 25 and 26, Week 22** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 11,926  
Electronic Offering: 5,028  
Total Membership Offering: 16,954

*Thank you for using your envelopes.*

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend, December 9 and 10, there will be a second collection for retired religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes, often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. (In addition to the second collection next weekend, there are envelopes in the kiosk.)

## New Parishioners

- Anthony and Molly **Asaro** and Rowyn
- Nic and Laura **Dittbrenner**, Aiden and Carter
- Brennan and Emily **Harrington**, Elizabeth and Rory
- John and Maren **Rinaldi**, Ambra, Francesca and Marcello
- David and Trish **Senior**, Christian, Evan, Jack and Rose
- Bob and Ann **Wolter**, Hudson, Jack and Tobin

## Employment Opportunity

Immaculate Conception Church in Watertown has an immediate opening for a Religious Education Coordinator/Director for Pre-School through Confirmation (including the sacramental programs and Vacation Bible School). This is a part-time, 12-month position. Responsibilities include planning, directing and overseeing faith formation for approximately 200 children. The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic and well versed in teaching Catholic faith to children. Please visit the parish website at [www.iccwatertown.org](http://www.iccwatertown.org) for a detailed job description and application instructions or contact Trish in the parish office at 955-1458 or [iccw@frontiernet.net](mailto:iccw@frontiernet.net).

## 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.

# Ministry Schedule

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Friday, December 8, 7 p.m.**

**Sacristan**

Tim Breslin

**Lector**

Janet Bergeron

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Tim Kearney, Kari Struthers, Luci Tellers

**Greeter/Ushers**

Rick Stucki, Ryan Wenning

**Servers**

Mitchell and Sadie Holman

**Sound**

Tim Breslin

**Music**

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

## December 9 and 10

**Sacristans**

Tom and Lisa Katalinich

Laura Synstegaard, Tim Woodfield

Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

**Lector**

Dennis Vorgert

Cynthia McKee

Gloria Wolf

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Debra McMillan, Katharine Paulsen, Charles Schmidt, Nancy Schmieg, Sue Schrempp, Carol Spalding, Karl and Patty Tauscher

Jim Alessio, Mary Bishop, Renee Boraas,

Adrienne Carrica, Darla Diethelm, Roger

Jackels, Mike Kokesh, Pat Moore, Jim and

Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Diane Theis

Mary Catino, Michelle Kunze, Louise Lehner,

Deb LeMay, Jeff Lenzmeier, Kerry Leopold,

Cherie McGraw, Lindsey Norton, Kathryn

Paradise, Jill Sonnek, Erv and Linda Spevacek

**Greeter/Usher**

Gary and Anne Delaney, Kerry McMillan,

Robert Muller, Jerry Schmieg, Gary Sohns

Robert Diethelm, Mike Jeurissen, Troy and

Sam Stukenborg, Dave and Rose Williams

Jeff Fowler, Sandy Perkins, Don and Sue

Roper, Jim and Carol Slater

**Servers**

Laura Contreras, Megan Jeurissen,

Grant Hayes

Arin Hausmann, Lydia Jackels

Jakob Lenzmeier, Sydney and Ethan Weinandt

**Sound**

Roger Osweiler

Elena Bergren

Maureen McConnell

**Music**

Cantor Caroline Swanson —

Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Treble Cantori — Acc. Sharon Schindler

Men's Group — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Kelly and Caroline Kohls

Bear Goodrich and Addie Fischer

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