

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.”

Feast of Epiphany January 7, 2018

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 January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3-10b, 19

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John the Baptist's role is to identify Jesus as the Lamb of God who will forgive the sins of the world. This statement recognizes Jesus' importance and leads John's disciples to leave him to follow Jesus, the Son of God. In this short section of the Gospel, much is said about openness, for example, the ability to accept the word about Jesus and letting one's heart be moved.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time in your life when you met someone who helped you change your priorities, values or outlook?

Baptisms

- **Joseph William Brungardt**, son of Brian and Emily
- **Zachary Jude Hisey**, son of Drew and Tanya
- **Paisley James Kranz**, son of Todd and Melissa
- **Oliver Patrick Krieg**, son of Brendon and Sara
- **Jack John Wolter**, son of Bob and Ann

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 February 10 and 11. This is the last time Baptisms will be celebrated until Easter Sunday, April 1. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent except in an emergency. (Adults will be Baptized at the Easter Vigil, March 31.)**
- **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, January 11.**
- For information or to schedule a Baptism, contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206.

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.**



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **January 9** — Charles Johnson Family

Wednesday, **January 10** — Mary Foster †

Thursday, **January 11** — Ray and Frannie Schmieg †

Friday, **January 12** — Todd Kelsey †

Saturday, **January 13** — Betty Krauth (Anniv.) †

Sunday, **January 14** — 8:45 a.m. Jose Luis Rascon Peraza †
10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

In Memoriam

Yvonne Brown

October 18, 1936 — December 27, 2017

This Week in RCIA

Jesus told the disciples that when he physically left the earth he would not leave us alone, that his followers would be filled with the Holy Spirit. The third Person the Trinity is present in our lives and guides us toward all things good and holy. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit guides the Church overall and leads her to pure truth and understanding. Who is this presence of God in us? What does it mean to live a Holy Spirit-filled life? What do we believe about the relationship of the Holy Spirit of God the Father and God the Son? We will be discussing these questions and more in RCIA this week (Tuesday, January 9). Read Acts Chapter 2 in preparation for our discussion.

Men Building Bridges

I hope you are planning to join me on Saturday, January 13, at our annual Men Building Bridges Father/Son/Brother Prayer Breakfast. We'll gather at 8 a.m. for a delicious breakfast followed by our featured speaker, Matt Birk, a Minnesota native and former member of the Minnesota Vikings and Baltimore Ravens. Today, Matt and his wife Adrianna live in Mendota Heights with their eight children. Matt will share stories of his life, including HIKE (Hope, Inspiration, Knowledge, Education), a foundation Matt and his wife established to provide educational opportunities for at-risk youth. Tickets are \$10 and they are on sale after Masses this weekend and in the parish office. This is a great way to start the new year.

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.)

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.



New Year Reflection

My Christmas homily about the bunny stirred up a lot of good conversation among families I am told.

For those who were at the 4 and 6 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve, I had offered a shorter version. I offer the ending to the longer version here that includes my thoughts on the bunny story.

“Now about the story, I struggled with it because the bunny died and for a Christmas story that doesn’t make for a very happy ending. But he did it for the sake of another. So did the one born in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. He too died for the sake of the other. A love that is willing to die for the sake of others, that’s the power of love.

Then, there is that moment of recognition for the bunny. ‘All the animals in the forest are my family.’ It’s the same for us. No matter how different we are, we’re all part of the human family. How different things would be if we could come to realize that. It’s Christmas that invites us to open ourselves to that possibility.”

As we head into a new year, I share this reflection from **Howard Thurman:**

*When the song
of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoners,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.*

Fr. Bob

There is Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday in the Historic Church beginning at 8:30 a.m. (after Daily Mass) and ending at 8 p.m. Come and adore Him and wait patiently to hear His words. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Upcoming Events

- The next Bible Study reflecting on the Book of Genesis starts Wednesday, January 17. Gather in the Fireside Room from 7:45 to 9 p.m.
- A Parish Lenten Mission is planned on Sunday, February 25. More details coming soon.

Welcome

I am pleased to announce that we have a new member of the St. Victoria parish staff. Theo Chalgren is joining the Faith Formation team as a Youth Formation Leader. He will job share, joining Ann Esping, Assistant Director of Youth Formation. Together they share the important responsibility in preparing our young adults for Confirmation and beyond on their faith journeys.

Theo shared that when his wife Margaret pointed out the job posting for the position in our bulletin, “I felt a tap on my shoulder and decided to explore this opportunity.” Theo has taught Confirmation at St. Victoria for 17 years and said that he has loved the time spent with the students on Wednesday nights, on their retreats and on service opportunities. “Young people are searching for something authentic and I am blessed to be able to help them find the truth they are seeking.”

Theo said that over the years he has run a number of businesses and the variety of those experiences will equip him for his new position at St. Victoria. “As a business owner, I have given my blood, sweat and tears to those endeavors. Now, I’m looking forward to putting my energy into the Faith Formation program here at St. Victoria.”

Theo and his wife Margaret have been members of St. Victoria for 22 years. They are parents of three grown children, Zack, Jackson and Madeline and have just welcomed their first grandchild, Will, who was born December 27th. Theo’s parents, Carole and Ted also are members of St. Victoria. Please join me in welcoming Theo as he begins this new journey. **Fr. Bob**

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, January 11 for a Staff Retreat and Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **Monday, January 15.** St. Victoria serves this ministry the third Monday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, contact Coordinator Dennis Brown, 443-4690.

Elsewhere ...

- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** meeting at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church in Minnetonka, Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Speaker Jan. 11 is Mary Christopherson, “Hope After Loss.” Call 546-5433 for information.
- **Southwest Grief Coalition** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. Gather at 5:30 p.m. for light supper, 6 p.m. speaker followed by adult small groups, 6 p.m. Children’s Group (pre-registration required). Speaker Monday, Jan. 8, is Angela Fairbanks Jacobson, Pastor, “Oasis & Deserts: Walking with God on the Road You Never wanted to Travel.” Call 937-8123 for information.
- **January Cursillo Ultreya** Western Ultreya is Sunday, Jan. 14, at St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen. Tom and Mary VandeHeil will speak beginning at 7 p.m. in Room 116. Rosary in the family room at 6:30 p.m.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Adult Formation, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry

1/7	Children's Liturgy
1/7	High School Bible Study
1/10	Faith Formation and Confirmation
1/14	Children's Liturgy
1/17	Genesis Bible Study
1/17	Faith Formation, no Confirmation
1/21	Children Liturgy
1/21	Mission Trip Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
1/21	High School Bible Study
1/24	Faith Formation and Confirmation
1/24	First Communion Parent Meeting (One of two meetings.)
1/26	Chillfest
1/28	Children's Liturgy
1/31	Faith Formation and Confirmation

Adult Formation

Welcome

Please refer to Fr. Bob's article on Page 2 welcoming **Theo Chalgren**, the new member of our Faith Formation Team.

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.

Volunteer Retreat

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Volunteer Retreat. A special thank you to **Kelly Kohls and her volunteers** for coordinating our meal.

Bible Study

Join as for an evening Bible Study exploring the Book of Genesis using the New Collegeville Bible Commentary as our guide. We will meet Wednesday evenings in the Fireside Room, January 17 through March 21, from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. The suggested donation is \$10 (the cost of the Commentary.) To register, call Mary Catino in the parish office.

Faith Formation

It's time once again for this very popular Middle School Lock-in. Chillfest 2018 will take place the night of Friday, January 26. We will begin at St. Victoria with Mass, then head over to the Chaska Community Center for lots of fun. In the wee hours of the morning we will return to St. Victoria to watch a movie before heading home to rest. Registration and information is available on the parish website. Contact Sara in the parish office if you have any questions.

First Sacrament Parent Meeting

All parents with children enrolled in the First Sacrament Program should mark their calendars for Wednesday, January 24, and plan to attend the first of two important parent meetings to be held at 5 and 6:30 p.m.. The meetings

will include information about participation in preparing children for First Communion as well as First Communion dates and plans. Whether this is your first child to receive this sacrament or your fifth, it is very important that at least one parent attend.

Youth Ministry

High School Bible Study

Interested in getting together for fun, snacks and talking about the Gospel of Mark? Join our High School, teen-lead Bible study that meets on Sunday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Try out any week or come for all. The upcoming dates are tonight, 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.

Blessings Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby and Ann Esping

Archdiocese Events

Marriage in Christ Seminars — Friendship with God, Friendship with Our Spouse, in the Holy Spirit. Throughout 2018, several parishes will be hosting Marriage in Christ seminars. The five-week seminar is for all married couples. Good habits and the power of the Holy Spirit transform all marriages. For more details and the list of host parishes go to www.archspm.org/marriageinchrist.

Holy Hour for Vocations — Join others from throughout the diocese to pray for vocations on Tuesday, January 9, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids. Go to www.10000vocations.org for more information.

A Day with Endow — Endow envisions a world where every woman has the opportunities, the knowledge, the courage and the support to be the best version of themselves — made in the image and likeness of God. Explore the topic of Feminine Genius with Mallory Smyth. The event takes place Saturday, January 13, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Olaf Church in Minneapolis. Go to www.archspm.org/daywithendow.

Closings

If inclement weather should make it 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. If this occurs after regular business hours or during a weekend, office telephones most likely will not be answered. If you are scheduled to help with an event, donate food, etc., and there is bad weather (or for any other reason), please make sure you contact the coordinator of the event to make sure he or she is aware of any change in your plans. Thank you.

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.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **December 23 and 24, Week 26** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 15,963
Electronic Offering: 7,123
Total Membership Offering: 23,086
Second Collection for Debt Reduction: \$4,851

Stewardship Report for **December 30 and 31, Week 27** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 44,396
Electronic Offering: 7,643
Total Membership Offering: 52,039
Christmas: \$41,772

Jan. 1 — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: \$593

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Reminder . . . The St. Victoria Parish Family relies on your regular contributions to meet our obligations. If you plan to be away for an extended period, you might think about the convenience of electronic giving. For more information, contact Joni Jeurissen in the parish office, visit our parish website, www.stvictoria.net, or check the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) forms.

New Parishioners

- Jon and Jennifer **Blood**, Grace and Nick
- Ray and Rita **Quist**
- Ryan and Brita **Schwartz** and Rosemarie
- Don and Judy **Robinson**

Come Travel With Me

There's still time to join me on my travels to Ireland this year. I am leading a tour to visit many of the highlights in both the south and north of this beautiful country. Leaving April 2 (returning April 13), we will fly into Dublin and then travel north to see Giant's Causeway, St. Patrick Centre in Downpatrick, which includes what is reputed to be the grave of St. Patrick and visit Belfast including the outstanding Titanic Belfast Museum.

Next we will head south to visit the Knock Shrine, Kylemore Abbey, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, Rock of Cashel and Trinity College where there will be time to view the Book of Kells. And, there will be tours of the Bushmills Distillery and the Guinness Storehouse.

Give me a call — but don't hesitate too long! **Fr. Bob**

Path to Healing

A support group for people who have experienced clergy sexual abuse will meet Wednesdays during January from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at 9001 East Bloomington Freeway in Bloomington. The dates are January 10, 17, 24 and 31. Family and friends also are invited. Space is limited. Call Deb Riba at 881-9883 for information or to register.

Ministry Schedule

January 13 and 14

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Jacque Krause
8:45 a.m. Rose Rooney, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m. Janie Jasin
8:45 a.m. Lisa Payne
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. David and Jessica Bruns, Greg Butler, Jeanette Hay, Todd Hesse, Tom and Lisa Katalinich, Lisa Kraayenbrink, Debra McMillan, Dennis Oas, Charles Schmidt, Sue Schrempp
8:45 a.m. Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm, Cindy Eide, Jim and Betty Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Mike Kokesh, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Sharon Lauwagie, Kari Struthers
10:45 a.m. Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Ann Esping, Joe Hamilton, Marcus Hoffman, Joan Klinger, Louise Lehner, Deb LeMay, Linda Lindeman, Kathryn Paradise, Anna Shay, Annette Smyser

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Mike Harlander, Randy, Jacque and Daniella Krause, Robert Muller, Dan Smock
8:45 a.m. Jon and Nancy Carlson, Joe and Mike Konietzko, Gary and Sharon Lauwagie
10:45 Luke, Porter, Roger and WendyJo Knowles, Billie Perkins, Jim Slater

Servers

5 p.m. Grant Hayes, Daniella Krause, Rose Senior
8:45 a.m. Conor Maguire, Ethan Weinandt
10:45 a.m. Lily Esping, Sydney and Chastity Perkins

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
8:45 a.m. Cecilia Bergren
10:45 a.m. Joseph Klinker

Music

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

Take Note . . .

There are **reserved seats** in the entire front and back rows of the first section on the parking lot side of the church for people with disabilities and/or limited mobility. There is a **wheelchair and a walker** by the coat rack for use by parishioners needing assistance while at St. Victoria. There are **assisted hearing devices** available in the Worship Space that allow individuals to hear through their own personal hearing devices. Ask the volunteer at the sound board for assistance. Also, in an emergency, after calling 911, there is a **defibrillator** in the Historic Church Sacristy. Directions for its use are included in the case.

Time to Claim Your Dishes

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated salads and desserts for our many recent funerals. Your bowls and pans can be picked up after Mass in the cabinet in Elstan Hall.