

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.”

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time February 11, 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.

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The readings for February 18

First Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 9:8-15

Reading II: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15



On the first Sunday of Lent, we hear Mark's version of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Jesus begins with this confrontation with evil. The rest of his life and work will continue this great battle: chasing out demons, healing, struggling for the truth against corrupt leaders and even the blindness of his own disciples. Through it all, he proclaims the good news that the time of God's reign is now. God's truth and love is stronger than distortion and injustice. Believe the good news and it can change your life.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time in your life when you were "tested?" How do you deal with disappointments or failures in your life?

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.)

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 Easter Sunday, April 1.** Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent except in an emergency. (Adults will be Baptized at the Easter Vigil on 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, April 12.**
- 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 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.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **February 13** — Judy Forcier and Family

Wednesday, **February 14** — 8 a.m. Poor in Spirit

6:30 p.m. Poor and Hungry

Thursday, **February 15** — John Kock †

Friday, **February 16** — Rose Marie Pfaff †

Saturday, **February 17** — Charles Johnson Family

Sunday, **February 18** — 8:45 a.m. Editha Gumtang Villaver †

10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

RCIA

This week we will explore Baptism and Confirmation. bookends that begin and affirm one's journey to Christ in the Catholic Church. By virtue of receiving Baptism you become Christian. By virtue of receiving Confirmation you express a mature commitment to Christ. Have you ever wondered about Catholic rites of initiation and their importance to our faith? Come join us, Tuesday evening February 13, 6 p.m. to examine Baptism and Confirmation and let's answer any questions you may have.

WCCO Good Neighbor Award

The WCCO Good Neighbor Award honored a "very large group" of people numbering in the thousands: partnering organizations, volunteer workers and every individual who contributed items all spearheaded by the Langenfeld Foundation and its founder Paul Langenfeld.

Last summer, the Langenfeld Foundation joined hands with a dozen partners, including our St. Victoria Parish Family, to collect supplies to aid people in need following the hurricane and flooding in the Houston area. St. Victoria filled a 20-foot pod set up outside the church with supplies that were combined with donations from other collection sites. The total amount of recovery items filled a 53-foot semi that was sent directly to an official disaster response center in Montgomery County, Texas, for distribution into the disaster zone.

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.**

#MeTOO

"A Community Conversation and a Christian Response" is planned on Sunday, February 25, 1 to 3 p.m., at the Basilica in Minneapolis. Join a community conversation about the current cultural movement identifying the prevalent sexual harassment and misconduct in our government, media, places of work, churches and institutions. Panelists from Project Pathfinder, an organization dedicated to preventing sexual abuse and restoring lives, will share their experience and possible solutions to this overarching problem in our society. For more information, visit archspm.org/events. Questions? Contact Paula Kaempffer at 612-317-3473 or pkaempffer@mary.org.



Time Flies

There's no doubt that time flies. It is hard to believe that **Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent** is next Wednesday, February 14. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend one of our Liturgies. Typically, the evening Ash Wednesday Liturgy is one of our most "popular" Masses. I am confident it will be once again.

Throughout the 40 days of Lent there are many ways to observe this sacred time. You'll note that we have a **Bible study** under way that is focusing on Genesis and on March 1 another begins that will explore the Book of Acts. The high school students have their final Bible Study next Sunday on February 18. Also planned is a **Coffee and Conversation** on Saturday, February 17, that should be fascinating. It is the first of a two-part virtual walk through the Holy Land based on the Old Testament bringing to life ancient biblical lands. And, of course, we have **Stations of the Cross** every Friday (except Good Friday) at 6 p.m. You will also find opportunities at other locations that you might find interesting. (And there is always a fish fry somewhere!)

The results from our **G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together)** awareness weekend (February 3 and 4) were very good. Over 120 women indicated an interest in participating in four separate ministries with 80 of them interested in Deb LeMay's "**Whole Hearted Living**" spirituality groups. There will be more information available soon. G.I.F.T. also announced a very special event on Tuesday evening, February 27, at 7 p.m. National author and speaker, **Laura Sobiech** will be at St. Victoria to share her message of faith and hope. In her book, *Fly a Little Higher, How God Answered a Mom's Small Prayer in a Big Way*. It's the story about her son Zach, his battle with bone cancer and how his song "Clouds" changed people. Tickets are \$10 and available after Mass and in the parish office.

The cornerstone of our Lenten activities is our **Parish Lenten Mission, Harmony and Healing**, on Sunday, February 25. There will be a concert by the MN Adult and Teen Challenge Choir at 4 p.m., followed by Sunday Mass at 5 p.m. and a "Sunday Dinner" featuring roast loin of pork catered by Hillcrest Café and Catering at 6 p.m. The choir's contemporary Gospel and Praise songs will be accompanied by inspiring stories of addiction recovery. Members of the choir are individuals who, in addition to sharing their music, will share the stories of their lives while addicted and how God helped them persevere and overcome. Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge offers both a long-term, faith-based recovery program and a short-term licensed treatment program, along with outpatient services and aftercare programs.

All parishioners are invited. (FYI — Attend the 5 p.m. Mass and you can sleep in on Sunday morning.) The cost for dinner is \$10 and advance purchase of dinner tickets next weekend is necessary.

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. It is in the quiet stillness that we hear the whisper of God's voice. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

- **Ash Wednesday (February 14)** Masses and distribution of Ashes at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- **Stations of the Cross** on Friday at 6 p.m.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, February 19**. 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 ...

- **Beef and Sausage Dinner** at Guardian Angels in Chaska, **today, Feb. 11**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take-out available.
- **ACCW Legislative Day 2018** Thursday, Feb. 22, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. Paul Cathedral. Open to all men and women. Be a Catholic Voice in the public arena. \$20. For details or to register, go to archspm.org/events.
- **Agape Dinner** (communal meal), a token of Christian fellowship for widows and widowers on Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Peter's Church in Forest Lake. Join Archbishop Hebda for Mass and a presentation on "The Communion of Saints and How That Relates to our Ongoing Relationship with Our Spouses." \$10 includes dinner. Register by Feb. 16 with Deacon Terry Moravec at 651-295-4444.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** meetings at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church in Minnetonka, Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Speaker February 15 is Caro Oldowski, "Physical Side of Grief." Call 546-5433 for information.
- **Southwest Grief Coalition** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, starting at 5:30 p.m. Speaker Monday, February 12, is Larry Homan, Master Mneme Therapist, "Uplifting Art." Call 937-8123 for information.
- **Learning from Great Christian Spiritual Traditions** Monday, February 12, 6:30 p.m., St. Catherine University, Coeur de Catherine, Room 362. Explore spirituality of the Ignatian Tradition. Different religious orders introduced each month. To register or for information, contact Gloria Blaha in the Theology Department at 651-690-6017.
- **Holy Hours for Vocations** Tuesday, February 13, 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hastings. All people in the Archdiocese are invited to participate in this program held monthly at different parishes. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, consecrated life or diaconate. Information at www.10000vocations.org.
- **Lenten Day of Prayer** focusing on spiritual master Dorothy Day (1897-1080), founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, presented by Br. Bob Roddy, OFM Conv., Thursday, Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center, Prior Lake. Information and registration at 447-2182 or secretary@FranciscanRetreats.net.
- **Winterblast, Fish Fry and Bingo** at Church of St. Joseph in Waconia, Friday, Feb. 16, 4 to 10 p.m. Cash raffle, beer and concessions. Information at www.stjosephwaconia.org. Bring this announcement for \$1 off each adult fish fry ticket purchased.
- **Fish Fry** at Guardian Angels in Chaska, Friday, Feb. 16, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday, February 11	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, February 11	WAVE for grades K-2
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 14	Bible Study
Saturday, February 17	Coffee and Conversation
Sunday, February 18	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, February 18	High School Bible Study
Wednesday, February 21	Faith Formation K-6
Wednesday, February 21	NO EDGE and NO Confirmation
Wednesday, February 21	First Communion Parent Meeting (2 of 2)
Wednesday, February 21	Mission Trip Meeting
Wednesday, February 21	Bible Study
Sunday, February 25	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, February 25	Parish Mission / Face and Hands
Wednesday, February 28	Faith Formation and Confirmation

ASH Wednesday

All Faith Formation and Confirmation students are expected to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Come as a family and sit together.

Lenten Mission

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our Parish Lenten Mission beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 25. See the details in Father's column.

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.

G.I.F.T.

An evening with Laura Sobiach, sponsored by G.I.F.T., (Growing in Faith Together) is Tuesday, February 27, at 7 p.m. See details in Father's column.

Bible Study

Save the Date — Study of Acts begins Thursday, March 1, at 10 a.m. Details next week in the bulletin.

Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation on Saturday, February 17, at 9:30 a.m., is part one of a guided, virtual tour of the Holy Land. This is a virtual pilgrimage through ancient biblical lands that will bring the Old Testament of new life.

Faith Formation

First Sacrament Parent Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 21, during both Faith Formation sessions (5 and 6:30 p.m.) All parents with children enrolled in the First Sacrament Program are asked to attend this meeting. The meeting includes 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 this meeting. If you missed the first meeting on January 24, please contact Sara for information.

Vacation Bible School Dates

Though it's only February and summer seems so far away, plans are underway for summer programming. Before we know it, summer camp signups will be out and will fill up quickly, vacation plans will be made, and cabin weekends planned. Please don't forget to include Vacation Bible School (VBS) in your summer plans! This year VBS will be held the week of June 18 to 22. We meet from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Registration will begin in April.

Souper Bowl of Caring

No doubt many of our students were thinking about our Vikings when they made their Super Bowl predictions. They donated 78 cans of soup for the Patriots and 38 for Eagles. All the soup was donated to Bountiful Basket in Chaska — making them the real winner!

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 remaining date is Sunday, February 18. Interested? Show up! Want more details, contact Ann and she'll add you to the GroupMe so you know the details.

Feed My Starving Children

106 of our Confirmation Students along with 21 adults went to Feed My Starving Children and packed 114 boxes that equals 24,624 meals and it will feed 67 children for a year. Watch for pictures coming soon on Facebook.

Thank You

To Holy Family Campus Ministry for leading our Edge Students. Also, thanks to Krew Barber and Lily Esping for talking to our Encounter Students about the Server Ministry.

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

Abstinence and Fasting

With the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, Lenten abstinence and fasting begins. Abstinence means that all those age 14 and older should abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are "penitential days," a time of both abstinence and fasting. Fasting means that all those between the ages of 18 and 59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, eating just one full meal and two others sufficient to maintain strength, according to one's needs, but not to equal another full meal. Drinking liquids can occur between meals.

Confidential Consultation

Metropolitan Tribunal staff members will be available for confidential consultation and to answer questions regarding the investigation into the possibility of nullity of the marriage bond (annulment process) at the St. Paul Cathedral on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tribunal staff members will be located in the baptistery and the Pieta Chapel in the Cathedral's vestibule. Masses are at 7 a.m., noon and 5:15 p.m.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **February 3 and 4, Week 32** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 9,786
Electronic Offering: 18,532
Total Membership Offering: 28,318

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Archdiocese Events

- **Women's Discernment Retreat** — Retreat for single Catholic women 16 to 35 contemplating Consecrated Life Saturday, February 17, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Maternity of Mary Church in St. Paul. Fee is \$20. Scholarships available. Register by February 9 at www.10000vocations.org.
- **Archdiocesan Men's Conference** Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights. Keynote speaker is Monsignor Thomas Richter. The conference includes Mass, speakers, break-out sessions and an opportunity for Reconciliation. Bring your own lunch or purchase from on-site food trucks. \$25. Details and registration at TheCatholicWatchmen.com.
- **Six Week Lenten Bible Study** Wednesdays, February 21 to March 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Helena in Minneapolis. The study, led by Fr. John Echert, will examine the final days of Christ from the perspective of the four Gospels. Register at rediscover-faith.org and click on events. \$20 per person. Study materials provided; bring your own Bible. Contact Susanna Bolle at 651-291-4411 or bolles@archspm.org with questions.
- **The Cup of our Life: A Guide to Spiritual Growth**, a six-week Lenten program using Joyce Rupp's book, led by Susanna Bertelsen of Loyola Spirituality Center. Explore how an ordinary object like a tea or coffee cup might serve as a metaphor or symbol for life's daily journey. Held at Loyola Spirituality Center in St. Paul, Tuesdays February 20 through March 27, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$75 for the book and six sessions. Register at <http://loyolaspiritualitycenter.org/lenten-retreat>.
- **Deepening Our Capacity for Love and Compassion** led by Mary Noble Garcia and Carolyn Kolovitz of Loyola Spirituality Center at St. Olaf in Minneapolis, February 24, 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$25. Contact <http://loyolaspiritualitycenter.org/Lenten-program>.
- **All in God's Plan** is a program led by local speakers that explores God's gift of human sexuality for adolescents. The program is intended to encourage communication between parents and children. Topics include modesty, importance of family, respect, Christian values and changes occurring in their bodies. The Mother and Daughter program for girls ages 10 to 12 is Saturday, February 24, 2 to 4:30 p.m. at St. Raphael in in Crystal. Call Mary Glover at 763-533-0423 for information and registration.

No Sledding, Please

Sledding is no longer allowed on the hill at the back of the cemetery as there are now gravesites in this area. In honor of our departed loved ones, it is inappropriate to allow sledding on the hill. Thank you.

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

Ministry Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.

Sacristan

Julie Catalino, Tim Woodfield

Lector

Gina Holman

Eucharistic Ministers

Todd Hesse, Marcus Hoffman, Tom and Lisa Katalinich, Lisa Kraayenbrink, Michelle Kunze, Kerry Leopold, Roger Osweiler, Kathryn Paradise, Sue Schrempp, Jill Sonnek, Erv Spevacek

Greeter/Ushers

Eric Hanson, Joseph Happ, Mike Jeurissen, Davis Kirsch, Scott Micek, Lyle Oddan

Servers

Krew Barber, Mitchell and Joey Holman

Sound

Roger Osweiler

Music

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak— Acc. Ameer Gallagher

February 17 and 18

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tom and Lisa Katalinich
8:45 a.m. Laura Synstegaard, Leslie Treka
10:45 a.m. Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m. Todd Hesse
8:45 a.m. Adam Maguire
10:45 a.m. Jill Sonnek

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, David and Jessica Bruns, Greg Butler, Jeanette Hay, Debra McMillan, Mary Moore, Dennis Oas, Katharine Paulsen, Charles Schmidt, Karl and Patty Tauscher
8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Adrienne Carrica, Mary Catino, Rita Daly, Darla Diethelm, Roger Jackels, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Pat Moore, Kari Struthers, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. George Barker, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Ann Esping, Joe Hamilton, Deb LeMay, Linda Lindeman, Lindsey Norton, Rose Rooney, Anna Shay, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Cal Haasken, Tom, Lisa and Maggie Katalinich, Kerry McMillan, Robert Muller
8:45 a.m. Robert Diethelm, Paul and Stan Kohls, Troy Stukenborg, Dave and Rose Williams
10:45 a.m. Ted Chalgren, Louise Lehner, Don and Sue Roper, Steve and Jill Sonnek

Servers

5 p.m. Arin Hausmann, Laura Contreras, Ethan Weinandt
8:45 a.m. Lydia Jackels, Conor Maguire, Lilly Treka
10:45 a.m. Lily Esping, Rose Senior, Audrey Sonnek

Sound

5 p.m. Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Cecilia Bergren
10:45 a.m. Max Lommel

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Megan Payne —
Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher
10:45 a.m. Treble Cantori — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses.