

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.”

Solemnity of St. John the Baptist June 24, 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 through Friday 6:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 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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July 1

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43



The Gospel reading shows Jesus' victory over the forces of evil and death. It also shows two desperate people. A father begs Jesus to help his sick daughter. An afflicted woman reaches out to Jesus for a cure. Both people put aside fears in their frantic search for help. By seeking Jesus, Jairus risks the ridicule of fellow synagogue officials. The unclean woman risks the crowd's and possibly Jesus' anger, for her touch. Jesus responds to both tenderly. He calms their fears, confirms their faith and restores the woman to health and Jairus' daughter to a new life. Jesus overpowers sickness and death. He answers people's spoken and unspoken needs. "God formed [humans] to be imperishable," says the author of Wisdom. Each of us must trust God's plan.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time when the storms of life seemed much more real than God's presence?

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 "Bienvenidos" registration dates for new parishioners. (Bienvenidos means 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.)

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 Baptisms will be celebrated on July 7 and 8.**
- 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 **Thursday, July 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.
- Contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206 for information or to schedule a Baptism.

There are **assisted hearing devices** available in the Worship Space that allow individuals to hear through their own personal hearing devices. If this is something you would find helpful, ask the volunteer at the sound board for assistance.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **June 26** — Tony Catino (Anniv.) †
 Wednesday, **June 27** — Alfred and Mary Ann Nordaune †
 Thursday, **June 28** — Tate Meinert †
 Friday, **June 29** — Frances Schmiege †
 Saturday, **June 30** — Art, Viola and Kathy Jeurissen †
 Sunday, **July 1**— 8:45 a.m. Ken and Deb Diethelm †
 10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

Whole Hearted Living

If you are seeking a new spiritual practice that will open you to a deeper connection to God, yourself and one another, Whole Hearted Living may be exactly what you are looking for. Deb LeMay leads women through prayer, relevant topics and helps weave these insights and understandings into each woman's own personal faith and spiritual journey. There is no planning required — just show up and enjoy sharing and growing in faith together. If you would like to join a group or get more information, please contact Deb at 297-4255 or dlemay57@hotmail.com.

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.**

Fresh Start

If you selected a slip with a household item listed for Fresh Start, this is the weekend to bring the item you purchased for this Launch Ministry. St. Victoria's Launch Ministry supports Launch Ministry in downtown Chaska. It is a faith-based, non-profit dedicated to helping young adults, 18 to 29, transition into productive adulthood. Helping clients, many of whom are homeless, find opportunities and resources to move into permanent housing is one of the services provided. St. Victoria's Fresh Start campaign helps by providing some of the needed necessities to set up housekeeping. (If you did not pick up a slip last weekend, but would like to participate, the list of items can be found on the parish website.

Helping young adults find housing is just one opportunity Launch Ministry offers. Others include a drop-in center, group meetings (often including a meal), one-on-one meetings, mentoring and a host of other resources. In the first quarter of 2018, over 100 young people visited the Launch Ministry Center (in the lower level of the Moravian Church in Chaska) seeking support. Read more about Launch Ministry at Launchministry.org.

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), email changes and/or address changes. Thank you.

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



St. John the Baptist

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. For that reason, I thought you might like to know about him and his life. I'll start this week and finish up in next week's bulletin. For those of you who are familiar with his story, I hope even you will find this interesting.

Nativity

The Gospel of Luke provides the only account of the infancy of John the Baptist. It states that John was the son of Zechariah and Elisabeth (the cousin of Jesus' mother Mary) making John a relative of Jesus. Both were thought to be quite elderly and it was thought that Elisabeth had been barren. The Gospel also states that John's name and office were foretold by the Angel Gabriel to Zechariah while he was performing his functions as a priest in the Temple of Jerusalem. Since Zechariah was a priest of the Abijah division and his mother Elisabeth was also of a priestly family (Luke 1:), it is said that John automatically held the priesthood of Aaron giving him authority in Jewish eyes to perform baptisms, although this rite was generally reserved for new converts to Judaism.

According to Luke, John was born about six months before Jesus, and that Zechariah's disbelief over the birth of his son rendered him mute, but speech was restored on occasion of John's circumcision (Luke 1:64).

Public Ministry

Luke implies that John was a Nazarite from his birth (Luke 1:15), refraining from wine and other strong drink and the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark and John) agree that he spent his early days in the mountainous tract of Judea, in the wilderness between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea (Matt. 3:1-12). The Gospels add that he led a simple life, clothed only with camel's hair and a leather girdle around his loins, and eating little more than just locusts and wild honey (Matt. 3:4). The early church fathers John Chrysostom (347-407 CE) and St. Jerome (c. 347-120 CE) believed that John had been brought up from his infancy in this manner, as Matthew 11:18 describes.

According to the Gospel of John, when John the Baptist was 30 years of age, in the 15th year of Tiberius (28 CE), John began his ministry by proclaiming the coming of the Messiah, preaching repentance and turning away from selfish pursuits. The Synoptic Gospels make no such claim, but agree with the Gospel of John that John the Baptist gathered a large following and induced many persons to confess their sins and whom he then baptized in the River Jordan.

It is also said that John the Baptist denounced the Sadducees and Pharisees as a "generation of vipers," and warned them not to assume that their heritage gave them special privilege (Luke 3:8). He warned tax collectors and soldiers against extortion and plunder. His doctrine and manner of life stirred interest, bringing people from all parts to see him on the banks of the Jordan. There he baptized thousands whom repented.

Fr. Bob

(Next week we will explore the interaction between Jesus and John the Baptist and John the Baptist's final days.)

There is Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays in the Historic Church from 8:30 a.m. (after Daily Mass) to 8 p.m. Spend time in quiet prayer to hear God's word. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Summer Friday Outdoor Mass

Our Summer Friday Outdoor Mass on Friday, June 29, is at the home of Jerry and Monica Hall, 1543 Spencer Street (County Road 79), Shakopee. Their phone number is 334-2117. Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8 a.m., social time follows. Everyone is welcome! (Please bring a lawn chair.)

Note: The parish office closes at 2 p.m. on Fridays until after Labor Day, Friday, September 7.

Stewardship Commitment

At the completion of the Week 8 of our Stewardship Commitment and as we approach the official end (June 30), the numbers are positive, but are not quite as robust as 2017. To date, we have received 309 commitments for \$665,479. At this point last year we had 317 commitments for \$680,645. To those who have made a commitment, thank you. If you have not joined your fellow parishioners, there's still time and remember that every little bit helps.

Our Debt Reduction Commitment is ahead of last year's results with 129 commitments totaling \$95,136. At the same time last year we had 127 commitments for \$85,814.

Thank you to those who have already made a commitment or donation. During this time of year we invite everyone in our parish family to commit their financial support for the ministries and mission of St. Victoria for the coming fiscal year starting July 1. If you have not yet made a commitment (or made a donation), please take a moment to prayerfully consider what you can do to ensure that we can continue to be the face and hands of Jesus Christ to each other and to the community. Thank you.

Fr. Bob

Elsewhere ...

- **West Suburban Grief Coalition**, Church of St. Therese of Deephaven, Thursdays, 4:30 to 6 p.m. June 28 is a picnic at Parker's Lake North Picnic Shelter. Information at 473-4422.
- **Elevate Life Golf Tournament** (formerly TLC Options for Women), Crystal Lake Golf Club in Lakeville, Monday, August 6. Proceeds support 33-plus Pregnancy Life Centers in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. Information and registration at <http://elevatelifeusa.org/golf>.
- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** at Faithful Shepherd School in Eagan, July 27 to 29. For information visit twincitieswwme.org or call 612-756-8720.
- **Victoria Concerts in the Park** Wednesday, June 27, Bad Girlfriends, 6 to 8 p.m. and noon to 1 p.m., Heart of a Tinman at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand. Also Classic Car Night on June 27.
- **Family Fest Summer Splash** for the whole family, Aug. 8 to 12 at Mount Carmel on Lake Carlos near Alexandria. Enjoy a premier week in the sun and an opportunity to grow closer in love to Jesus. Something for everyone — the baby to great-grandma. For information or to register email Pete Larson or Amy Decrans at mail@familyfestministries.org or call 881-0939.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

June 24	Children's Liturgy
June 24	VBS kids singing
June 30	Faith Formation tuition increases
July 1	Children's Liturgy
July 8	Children's Liturgy
July 15	Children's Liturgy
July 15	Blessing Summerfest and Mission
July 15	Summerfest kids leave for camp
July 20	Mission trip kids and volunteers leave for North Carolina

Adult Formation

Summer Bible Study

The Summer Bible Study is going to be an exploration of the Books Ezekiel and Daniel using *The New Collegeville Bible Commentary* as our guide. All are welcome to join the study on Thursday mornings, 10 to 11:30 a.m., July 19 through August 30. The cost is a suggested donation of \$10 (to cover the cost of the Commentary). Register with Mary Catino at 443-2661 or mcatino@stvictoria.org.

Coffee and Conversation

Save the date: Our next Coffee and Conversation is Saturday, September 29, at 9 a.m. We will discuss the very popular song and now movie "I Can Only Imagine." Watch for more details coming later this summer.

Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS was a huge success and we can't wait to tell you about it in the bulletin next week. (The bulletin goes to press before VBS comes to an end.) Be sure to check out social media pages for a sneak peek of our amazing week! But for now, Sara would like to thank the following people who helped last week to get everything set up: **Avaleen and Sara Hesse, Julie Quick, Allie Janson, Jake, Caroline Kohls, Lily Esping, Wendy Jo, Parker, Luke and Roger Knowles, Jaden Anderson, Stephanie Frier, Doug, Lynnea, Kailey and Aiden Bosch, Abbie, Libby and Brock Hegarty, Lydia Jackels and the Faith Formation team led by our VBS Director Sara Svenby.** The week would not be possible without all their hours of help!

Global Health Ministry (GHM)

GHM provides a fun way for kids to learn about poverty around the world. It's like a "Live Action" board game called "A Global Poverty Experience" and it's a perfect activity for a youth group. For one hour, kids are immersed into an "African Village" with few resources. Together they are challenged to get water from a river, harvest or buy enough food, get help for a sick family member, purchase charcoal for cooking, earn money and go to school. As in real life, there are tough choices to make and challenging consequences when resources aren't enough. Together, kids and adults learn valuable insights on poverty, working together and how they relate to our faith. Watch for more details about our experience in next week's bulletin. In the meantime, check out our social media pages for pictures and video of the experience.

Youth Ministry

Take Stock in Our Youth

In the coming weeks, many students from our parish will be headed off to a summertime faith-building opportunity. Summer Festival is for both Junior and Senior high students. St. Victoria has sent teens to this faith camp for 20 years and those who

attend this three-day camp say it's an experience of a lifetime. The kids descend on a college campus to expand their faith and they have a ton of fun doing it.

But there is a cost associated with these trips. And, in some instances, cost is a factor to whether some students are able to go on these marvelous faith-building trips. So, for the fourth year, we are selling shares of stock — stock in our youths' faith. After all, these kids are not only the future of our parish, but they are the **now** of our parish too.

After Mass **this weekend**, there will be a "stock exchange" set up in the commons. We ask for your investment in the faith of our kids. For \$25 you can buy a share of stock.

And the return on investment? While at camp, each night before lights out, the kids will be writing investor reports. Handwritten reports sent to our investors will fill you in on the activities they've participated in and detail what they've learned about their faith. These reports will show you that you invested well. I had the opportunity to speak to a mom of a young lady who wrote these reports last year and it was as impactful for her as it was for the person receiving the report.

Thank you for the continued support of our youth!

Registration

Don't let June pass you by without registering your family for the 2018-19 Faith Formation season. Prices increase in July. Registration can be found on our parish website. In addition, there are still plenty of spots for you to sign up to volunteer. And, remember you don't have to have a child in the program to be a volunteer.

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

Archdiocese Events

Rural Life Sunday Celebration is today, June 24. It is hosted by Greg and Faye Bakeberg and Pat and Joanna Bakeberg at Goldview Farms, 9156 Grover Avenue SW, Waverly. Includes Mass at 1:30 p.m. with Fr. Charles Lachowitz presiding, lunch, music, dance and family-fun activities. Call 651-290-1647 for information including directions.

Women, WINE and Wisdom Tuesday, June 26, 6 to 9 p.m., Hyland Hills Chalet in Bloomington. WINE (Women in the New Evangelization) invites women of all ages to hear Catholic author and speaker LeAnn Thieman and hear folk/pop musician Marie Miller. For information, visit CatholicVineyard.com/events.

Faith and Freedom: Grandparents and Grandchildren Pray at the St. Paul Cathedral, Thursday, June 28, 1 to 3 p.m. Bring your grandchildren on a pilgrimage to experience an up close view of the Cathedral, learn about the Mass with a brief tutorial by Fr. John Erickson, participate in Adoration and Benediction. For more details and registration, call 651-291-4411 or go to www.CatholicGrandparenting.org.

Quo Vadis Youth Vocation Camps for young men July 8 to 11 and for young women July 15 to 18 at the St. John Vianney College Seminary on the University of St. Thomas campus. Each session is a camp experience for youth ages 14 to 17 to learn that nothing is more important than discovering God's will for your life — and living it. Visit 10000vocations.org for information and registration.

Stewardship Report

Ministry Schedule

Stewardship Report for **June 16 and 17, Week 51** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,282
Electronic Offering: 7,841
Total Membership Offering: 16,123
2nd Collection for Debt Reduction: \$4,170

(Thank you for using your envelopes.)

Second Collection

This weekend there is a second collection for two Archdiocesan appeals. The money collected will be divided equally between them.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps to make the Church in the United States stronger. Without help, in many areas of the U.S., basic pastoral programs would not be accessible to the faithful.

Peter's Pence is a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis benefitting those on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and natural disasters.

Emergency Procedures

With the number of storms that have occurred recently, it seems appropriate to remind everyone of the emergency procedures. If a weather emergency occurs during a Mass or other event, you are directed to go to the lower level classrooms using the stairways at the southwest end of the Worship Space and/or the stairway near the elevator. Go to a classroom without windows (not Clare's Well or St. Michael Archangel on west side of the building). If the classrooms are overcrowded, the hallways away from the west end of the building are also safe. Please allow elderly and/or people with disabilities to use the elevator. If using the elevator, go down the ramp and to a classroom. If the elevator is not operating, and it is not possible to use the stairs, the men's and women's restrooms on the main level are a safe alternative.

If you are in the Historic Church, exit through the sacristy into the Worship Space and proceed as described above. Do not use the door between the Historic Church and the Worship Space because the fire door may come down automatically. Please note: There are flashlights in all classrooms and an AM/FM Weather Radio in the Pope Pius Room. In all cases, please follow instructions provided by greeter/ushers.

Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute

This fall, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute will begin another two-year course at The St. Paul Seminary. Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, the program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church making sense of all things Catholic and deepening your faith.

The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules that meet on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications are being accepted through July 1 for the class beginning in September. For more information and an application to become part of the class, call 651-962-5028 or visit www.CIstudent.com.

June 30 and July 1

Sacristans

5 p.m. Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Diane Theis, Tim Woodfield
10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lectors

5 p.m. Dena Bratz
8:45 a.m. Monica Hall
10:45 a.m. Erv Spevacek

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Jeanette Hay, Kristen Kowalski, Lisa Kraayenbrink, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Dennis Oas, Katharine Paulsen, Doris Schmieg, Carol Spalding
8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Joanna Bongard, Adrienne Carrica, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Cindy Funk, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Laura Synstegaard
10:45 a.m. Rachel Anderson, Marcus Hoffman, Tim Kearney, Madeline Klinker, Lindsey Norton, Kathryn Paradise, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Rose Rooney, Annette Smyser, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Gary and Anne Delaney, Pat Henning, Debra Millis, Robert Muller, Robert Schmieg
8:45 a.m. Janet Bergeron, Jon and Nancy Carlson, Sam Deweese, Eric Hanson, Ryan Henning
10:45 a.m. Jaden and Regan Anderson, Mark and Mary Kelly, Jim and Carol Slater

Servers

5 p.m. Casey Bretz, Brennan Schmieg, Eleanor Stejskal
8:45 a.m. Aida Hisey, Alex Kearney, Sydney Lang
10:45 a.m. Krew Barber, Joe and Nathan Tinucci

Sound

5 p.m. Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Elena Bergren
10:45 a.m. Joseph Klinker

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Lisa Payne —
Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher
10:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher

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

Champions for Life

Nominations for St. Paul II Champions for Life Award are now being accepted. If you know someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant or is committed to praying for Respect Life Issues, he or she might be the next Champion for Life. Submit nominations to archspm.org/C4L. Contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at MFL@archspm.org or 651-291-4489 if you have questions.