

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 Christ the King November 20, 2016

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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November 20, 2016**

The readings for November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5

Reading II: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



During Advent we celebrate the coming of Christ not only more than 2,000 years ago, but also at the end of time. These readings emphasize that end of time. The Gospel reading is part of Matthew's great discourse on the establishment of the Reign of God at the end of time. Jesus tells his followers that they must live their lives in such a way that they are ready to enter into this reign at any time.

Question of the Week

If tomorrow were to be the last day of your life, what might you change?

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.)

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 **Mary Foster at 368-9405**.

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 are the weekend of **December 10 and 11**.
- 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 they must 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 next Jordan Night (Baptism class) is **Thursday, December 1**.

Contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206 for information and/or to schedule a Baptism.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **November 22** — Dorleen Schmiege †

Wednesday, **November 23** — Michael Conigliaro †

Thursday, **November 24** — Thanksgiving for all Our Blessings

Friday, **November 25** — John and Margaret Boll †

Saturday, **November 26** — Eugene and Lorene Diethelm †

Sunday, **November 27** — 8:45 a.m. Hilda Caspers †

10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

La Noche Azul

Our annual Advent Dinner, La Noche Azul, is Monday, December 5. Enjoy a delicious dinner followed by storytelling and music by parishioner Michael Boylan. The suggested cost is \$20. Make your reservations now for a superb evening that is a wonderful way to start the holiday season. Please RSVP by Thursday, December 1. Sign up in the Commons after Mass or call the parish office.

Help Wanted

Decorating for the Season

We will be setting up the environment for the Advent season on Wednesday, November 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Volunteers are needed to help carry trees and Christmas items up from the basement, set up and fluff trees in the space and prepare other items for the Advent season in both churches. Come for an hour or stay until the last tree is fluffed — any amount of assistance will be greatly appreciated. A light lunch will be provided in gratitude for your service. Please contact Elizabeth Nowak at the parish office at 443-2661 or enowak@stvictoria.org with questions or to volunteer your time. Thank you.

Last Call

There's still time to join the current RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidates. The RCIA process reaches out to everyone . . . inviting birth and rebirth in faith. Our welcome also includes cradle Catholics and anyone else who wants to learn more about the treasures of their Catholic faith. RCIA is a wonderful opportunity to renew your knowledge of Catholicism, and more importantly to recommit yourself to the faith you profess as an adult Catholic. RCIA sessions are weekly on Tuesday evenings and they conclude during Holy Week services. Call Deacon Ray for more information or to join him and the other leaders in this faith-filled opportunity.

Bethlehem Gifts

This weekend, November 19 and 20, we welcome a representative from Bethlehem Gifts. It is an opportunity to purchase hand-made gifts from the Holy Land. The Christians in the Holy Land are the descendants and inheritors of the early Christians and their presence around the Holy Sites ensure that these places remain living communities of faith rather than bare, stony ruins. Proceeds from the sale of Rosaries, Crucifixes, carved religious scenes, etc., help to support the people living there.

Bulletin Ads

Advertising on the back of our bulletin is a cost-effective way to reach prospective customers. At the same time, your ads offset the cost of the bulletin **and** provide revenue to our parish. Patronize our advertisers whenever possible.



Venezuela

Let me say I was blown away by the generosity shown last weekend to our brothers and sisters in Venezuela. To date, the contributions have totaled **\$11,222** and more continues to come into the office. (We also earmarked a \$1,500 tithe in October for Venezuela.) Fr. James Peterson was an excellent spokesperson for the Clergy in the Diocese of Ciudad Guayana. While he shared information with you, as I did in my column last week, I am going to elaborate a bit more by sharing information sent to me by Fr. Greg Schaffer who, along with Fr. Peterson, serves our Archdiocesan Mission Parish of Jesucristo Resucitado.

At the end of the last academic year (May 2016) the rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Ciudad Bolivar had the seminarians go to class seven days a week so they could complete their course hours and be sent home to their dioceses early because the seminary did not have enough food to feed them seven days a week.

Some priests in the Diocese of Ciudad Guayana do not receive enough income from Mass collections to buy food for themselves. Consequently, a few priests in the diocese are going hungry and others have resorted to working extra jobs to supplement their income so they can eat.

The pastor in the parish in El Pao lives in a rectory that was built in the 1950s when U.S. Steel started mining for gold in the town. Since the mine shut down over 25 years ago, the town has struggled. The roof and walls in the rectory have asbestos, the roof is caving in and the walls are deteriorating. The pastor receives food from the parishioners and makes enough from Mass collections to survive, but not enough to repair the rectory or the parish's truck. This is typical throughout the diocese with the priests barely having enough to eat, cover their personal expenses and maintain a parish vehicle. The high cost of construction supplies, lack of cement and expensive labor costs make it very difficult to maintain rectories in good condition.

There is no retirement home for priests and the insurance plan for priests pays very little toward the high cost of medicines, all that are imported. A deacon who worked many years with priests from St. Paul and Minneapolis has diabetes and sees a specialist for his medical conditions. What he makes in retirement pay in two weeks covers one visit to his doctor with nothing left to buy food or other needs. Another week's pay buys his medicines. Currently, he lives with a son because there is no parish that relies on Mass collections that can afford to take in a retired priest or deacon and cover his food and medical costs.

The current project in our sister parish of Jesucristo Resucitado is to build a hospice center to care for elderly and disabled individuals who have been abandoned by their families and to provide for retired priests. Currently, they are trying to buy land for this center.

If you should want to add Venezuela to your holiday giving list, we will continue to make certain the funds get to Fr. Greg Schaffer. Again, thank you to everyone for your wonderful generosity!

Fr. Bob

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24.

Typically, 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. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

Gatherings This Week...

Finance Council meets Tuesday, November 22, at 4:30 p.m. in Clare's Well.

All parishioners are welcome to attend parish gatherings.

Thanksgiving

- Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, is at 9 a.m. in the Historic Church.
- There is no Eucharistic Adoration on Thanksgiving Day.
- The parish office will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, and will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25.

Happy Thanksgiving from the St. Victoria Staff.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, November 21**. 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.

Thanksgiving Service

You are invited to a simple service of words and music — a Gathering of Blessings and Thanks — at the Lake Auburn Moravian Church on Tuesday, November 22, at 7 p.m. Please bring a non-perishable food item for Bountiful Basket Emergency Foodshelf in Chaska.

Thanksgiving Dinner

St. John's Lutheran Church in Chaska is hosting its annual Thanksgiving meal for the community from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 24. Volunteers are needed for preparation on Wednesday, the 23rd, and for preparation and serving on Thanksgiving. Call the church at 448-2433 for information or to volunteer.

Elsewhere...

- **Living and Growing Through Loss**, sponsored by Southwest Grief Coalition, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. 5:30 gathering with light supper, 6 p.m. speaker, 6:30 adult small groups, 6 p.m. children's group. No cost; church affiliation not required. Topic Nov. 21 is "The Holiday Blues" with Edward Holland, Retired Coordinator of Spiritual Care and Grief Support.
- **Knights of Columbus Council 2506** pancake and sausage breakfast at St. Joseph Parish Center in Waconia, **today, Sunday, Nov. 20**, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Council supports parishes of St. Bernard's in Cologne, St. Joseph and St. Victoria.
- **Thanksgiving Tip-Off Tourney**, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26, University of St. Thomas, girls basketball tournament featuring teams from 12 Catholic high schools. Details at archspm.org/TurkeyTourney.
- **Christkindlmarkt**, a market in the traditional manner of Germany's open air Christmas markets. in Excelsior on Thanksgiving weekend, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. There will be holiday gifts, fun for the kids, delicious treats, a chance to visit with Santa and a lighted lantern parade at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Information at www.excelsiorchristmas.com.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **November 20** — Doors of Mercy Pilgrimage (Senior and Junior High students)
- **November 23** — No Faith Formation or Confirmation
- **November 27** — No Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **November 30** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **December 3** — First Reconciliation Retreat
- **December 4** — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **December 4** — WAVE Weekend K through 2nd Grade
- **December 4** — First Sunday
- **December 7** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **December 10 and 11** — Every Envelope Counts Sponsorship and Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Adult Faith Formation

Exodus Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. for our adult Exodus Bible Study. Meet in the Fireside Room.

Youth Ministry

10th Grade Retreat

This past weekend our 10th Grade Confirmation group and their adult leaders went to Camp Courage on beautiful Cedar Lake in Maple Lake for their Confirmation Retreat. The retreat challenged students to move beyond "going through the motions" to more fully becoming active in their faith. We explored the ideas of embracing faith, standing up for our faith, and making good relationships that support our faith walk as Catholics. The retreat would not have been possible without many devoted volunteers including **Joe Hamilton** who organized the games, **Paula Jackels** who orchestrated all our logistics and snacks, **Fr. Bob** who celebrated Mass with us and **Chris Hartford** who drove Fr. Bob to camp.

Additionally, a big thank you to **David Bruns, Dan Esping, Lisa Payne, Sara Picka, Tony Reichert, Anna Shay and Mary Beth Wulf** for playing games, leading our small groups and beautifully witnessing their Catholic Faith. It goes without saying that we could not have run the retreat, or our Confirmation program, without the huge commitment from our small group leaders. We ask all our parish to take the opportunity to stop and personally thank each and everyone one of these people for the inspiration and commitment to the future generation of our Church.

Middle Sunday, November 20

Junior and Senior High Youth Group — Join us on our pilgrimage to the Basilica of St. Mary to go through the Holy Doors of Mercy. The Year of Mercy, called for by Pope Francis, is only the third "extraordinary" jubilee since the tradition began 700 years ago. Jubilee years feature special celebrations and pilgrimages, calls for conversion and repentance, and the offer of special opportunities to experience God's grace. We will meet and leave St. Victoria at 4 p.m. and caravan downtown. We will have dinner together, tour the Basilica and celebrate Mass with Archbishop Hebda as he ends this beautiful Jubilee Year of Mercy. Please signup online at www.stvictoria.net.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Thanksgiving schedule

As a reminder there are no Wednesday Faith Formation or Confirmation Sessions this week (November 23) or Children's Liturgy of the Word next weekend (November 27) for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please enjoy the time with family and friends.

Will you be traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday? Call 1-800-MASS TIME to find a Catholic Church and the times Mass is celebrated.

Christmas Pageant

It's almost time for the annual Christmas Pageant. This year we will be combining the Christmas Pageant with the annual Christmas Concert. All the amazing St. Victoria music groups and soloists will share their talents with us as the children act out the key pieces of the Nativity of the Lord. Watch for more information on how to get involved. Be sure to join us on Sunday, December 18, at 5 p.m. for this festive Christmas production.

Blessings —

**Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby,
Ann Esping, Tanya Hisey**
(See our contact information on the front page.)

Simpson Housing

On Sunday, December 4, St. Victoria volunteers will prepare and serve dinner at Simpson Housing in Minneapolis. Simpson Housing provides meals and overnight shelter for homeless men and women. In addition to providing the meal, St. Victoria parishioners have an opportunity to donate a variety of items for the guests served here. Currently they are in need of new or gently used blankets, pillows and extra-long twin sheets, new socks for men and women, new men's underwear/boxers and new t-shirts in sizes medium to X-large, women's new underwear in sizes 6 to 9 and new bras in sizes A to DD, shampoo, stick deodorant, foot powder and coffee. If you would like to donate an item or two, you will find a box under the coat rack in the Commons.

Contact Jan Wohlers at wohlershome@yahoo.com for information or to volunteer to help with the next dinner.

Cemetery Reminder

You may now place holiday arrangements, artificial and natural, on the graves of loved ones. Remember that everything must be placed either in a standing holder or on a shepherd's hook. Nothing may be placed on the ground. Depending on the weather (especially snow falls), please remove decorations by mid-January. Thank you.

Celebrate The Feast of Christ the King Today

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office is sponsoring a **Fall Charismatic Mass of Thanksgiving today, Sunday, November 20**, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude of the Lake in Mahtomedi. Fr. Cory Rohlfling will celebrate the Mass. Please arrive by 2 p.m. for Praise and Worship led by Mary Donahue. This is an opportunity to witness the many great gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit that God wants us to fully utilize to build up the Church. For more information go to www.ccro-msp.org.

Stewardship Report

Ministry Schedule

Stewardship Report for **November 5 and 6, Week 18** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 23,824
Electronic Offering: 18,221
Total Membership Offering: 42,045

Stewardship Report for **November 12 and 13, Week 19** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 10,012
Electronic Offering: 8009
Total Membership Offering: 18,021

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Second Collections

The **Second Collections this weekend** are earmarked for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and World Mission Sunday. The CCHD supports programs to heal the wounds of crime and violence, advocate for more just policies, protect God's creation and develop strong communities throughout the U.S. World Mission Sunday provides support to 1,150 mission dioceses in 120 countries (including the only U.S. Mission Diocese, the Church in Fairbanks, Alaska) with support for pastoral, catechetical, charitable (food for the poor, healing for the sick and dignity to the brokenhearted) and evangelizing. If you prefer to send your donations, there are envelopes for both campaigns in the kiosk. **The funds collected for these two campaigns will be divided equally. Thank you for your generosity.**

Second Collection next weekend, November 26 and 27, is earmarked for mortgage debt reduction. This special collection normally occurs the third weekend of each month, but due to the Archdiocesan collections described above it has been changed to the fourth weekend this month. (You may use the special envelope [pink] in your envelope packet, arrange for electronic deposit or contribute cash or a check when the collection basket is passed after Communion.)

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. Scholarships are available. Call the parish office for details.

Archdiocesan Events

- **Closing Mass for the Year of Mercy is today, Sunday, November 20**, 6:30 p.m., at the Basilica of St. Mary. Join Archbishop Hebda as he closes the Holy Door and celebrates Mass.
- **2016 World Day of Cloistered Life**, a day set aside by Pope Francis, to pray for and support Cloistered and Monastic Religious, on Monday, November 21, the Feast of Mary in the Temple. The day is also known as Pro Orantibus Day (For Those Who Pray). For resources, go to archspm.org, keyword Cloistered.
- **Advent Morning of Reflection** Saturday, December 3, at St. Peter's Church in Mendota. Speakers include Bishop Cozzens, Fr. Michael Becker, Rector of St. John Vianney College and Dr. Ann Marie Klein, University of St. Thomas. Mass at noon. \$15 before November 23, \$20 thereafter. Register at 651-291-4545 or accwarchspm.org.
- **Spiritual Lessons for Advent from the Book of Revelation**, Saturday, December 3, 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. John's in Little Canada. Speaker is Dr. Michael Barber. Free. Register at stjohnsocflc.org.

**Thanksgiving,
November 24, 9 a.m.**

Sacristan

Tim Woodfield

Lector

Jill Sonnek

Eucharistic Ministers

John and Karen Campbell

Cherie McGraw

Usher/Greeters

Cal Haasken, Shawn Sutherland

Servers

Amelia McGraw, Chastity Perkins

Music

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

November 26 and 27

Sacristans

5 p.m.

John and Melody Hintzen

8:45 a.m.

Sue Halverson, Leslie Trcka

10:45 a.m.

Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m.

Meghan Payne

8:45 a.m.

Kurt Bongard

10:45 a.m.

Joe Hamilton

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.

Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Anne Fowler, Lois

Hansel, Cinda Jensen, Barb Meinert, Mary

Moore, Nancy Schmieg, Elaine Scholl, Sue

Schrempp, Karl and Patty Tauscher

Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Adrienne

Carrica, David and Marguerite Dummer, Patty

Frier, Sharon Lauwagie, Mary Ann Lavalley,

Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Diane Theis

Mary Catino, Greg Erickson, Joe Hamilton,

Marcus Hoffmann, Louise Lehner, Amelia

McGraw, Lindsey Norton, Rob and Brianne

Raiolo, Rose Rooney, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m.

Elizabeth Contreras, Steven and Nancy

Schmieg, Dan Smock, LeRoy and

Margaret Worm

8:45 a.m.

Eric Hanson, Mark Lund, Chris and Cheryl

Mach, Dave and Rose Williams

10:45 a.m.

Robert Diethelm, Donavan and Sam Esping,

Al Lehner, Kerry McMillan, Billie Perkins

Servers

5 p.m.

Laura Contreras, Nick Payne,

Colton Schrempp

8:45 a.m.

Stephanie Frier, Grant Hayes,

Megan Jeurissen

10:45 a.m.

Frank Heenie, Sarah Johnson, Mason Kalvoda

Sound

5 p.m.

Phillip Smith

8:45 a.m.

Mike Hansen

10:45 a.m.

William Olson

Music

5 p.m.

Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Sharon Schindler

8:45 a.m.

Cantor Mary Pat Nydal —

Acc. Ameer Gallagher

10:45 a.m.

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —

Acc. Ameer Gallagher

There is no Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday.