

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.”

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 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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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time October 30, 2016

The readings for November 6

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38



In this passage we find Jesus teaching in the temple. The Sadducees, who believed in the absolute authority of the law, approached Jesus with a question about the law. These Sadducees belonged to a group who did not accept the Jewish tradition that believed in the resurrection of the dead. They objected to those who believed that any afterlife was merely a continuation of earthly life. None of us know exactly what to expect after death, but we do have the promise of eternal life and we believe in the fullness of that life.

Question of the Week

Are there three things that you believe about life after death? What is the strongest feeling you have about these?

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**.

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.

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 **November 12 and 13**.
- 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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **November 1** — Barbara Mae Schmiege †

Wednesday, **November 2** — Paul Radde †

Thursday, **November 3** — Evelyn Schneider †

Friday, **November 4** — Clarence Kelzer

Saturday, **November 5** — George Krauth †

Sunday, **November 6** — 8:45 a.m. Attracta McAnaney †

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

Holiday Opportunities

Love INC is coordinating projects for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and **volunteers** from member churches are invited to participate.

You can **donate** toward meals for both holidays online by texting the message "Table" to the phone number 41444 or mail a check with "Table" in the memo to Love In the Name of Christ, 1600 Bavaria Road, Chaska, 55318. If you want to donate online for either of the holiday food distributions, go to <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/mixHg>. The cost for each meal is approximately \$30.

The **Thanksgiving food pack and distribution**, coordinated by West Union Lutheran Church and hosted at the Chaska Community Center is Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. to noon.

To start the day November 19, you are invited to a free workout at the Chaska Community Center from 9 to 9:45 a.m. with the donation of a frozen turkey for the food packs. You can also check out the weekly schedule for the rest of the food needed for the Thanksgiving dinners at <http://loveincecc.org/2016/holiday-blessings>.

Information about the **Christmas food pack** on December 19 will be shared later.

(If you know of any **family in need** this holiday season, please call Alicia at 448-2508.)

School Activities

Holy Family Open House

Holy Family Catholic High School Fall Open House is Thursday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. Includes an activities fair followed by information on financial aid and grants, curriculum and the college preparation process at the school. Learn more at <http://www.hfchs.org/visit-holy-family>.

C-STEM Palooza at St. Joseph

Girls and their moms are invited to St. Joseph Catholic School in Waconia on Sunday, November 6, 3 to 5 p.m., to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) talks on careers, enjoy caramel apples and explore solutions to real-world situations in St. Joe's SmartLab, a state-of-the-art technological playground. It's a free event. Visit <http://cstempalooza.eventbrite.com> to reserve a spot.

Kindergarten Info Night

Parents of children 3 to 6 years of age are invited to learn about the benefits of a parish school from the principal, the curriculum from teachers and what it means to be a "Saint" from students at St. Joseph Catholic School (in Waconia) on Thursday, November 10, 5:30 to 7 p.m. To RSVP and sign up for free childcare, call Emily at 442-4500.

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



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



Catholic Voting

I would never tell you how to vote, nor does the Church endorse an official list of candidates or tell us which party to join. That being said, voting is one of our most important responsibilities as citizens.

The Church does offer four guiding principles to help us form decisions as we enter the voting booth:

- Promoting and defending the dignity of the human person.
- Supporting the family and solidarity in local, state and national institutions.
- Working for the common good where human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met.
- Acting in solidarity with concern for all of our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and most vulnerable.

There is no doubt that this election season has been long, arduous and at times downright mean-spirited. The best thing we can do as individuals is to pray for wisdom, justice and for inner peace as we approach the election on November 8 and the months that will follow.

In the nine days remaining before the election, consider praying a Novena of Petition and Thanksgiving for our country. You might even pattern it after Psalm 28, one verse each day.

If you are among the Minnesotans who are so conflicted about the choices at the top of the ballot, remember there are 209 good reasons to vote — 8 U.S. Representatives from Minnesota; 67 Minnesota State Senators and 134 Minnesota State Representatives.

Domestic Abuse

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and this is equally troubling. Domestic Abuse affects approximately 10 million people in the United States. It is prevalent in every community and affects people regardless of age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger systematic pattern of dominance and control. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

Again, I ask for prayers for any person suffering from domestic abuse or who is concerned about an abused relative or friend and remind you that confidential help is always available here at St. Victoria. Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women in Belle Plaine provides services for residents of Scott and Carver County. Another source of help might be Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA), a Twelve-Step Fellowship of men and women with the common purpose of recovery from co-dependence and the development and maintenance of healthy relationships. CoDA, meets regularly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Crown of Glory Church in Chaska.

Fr. Bob

Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday in the Historic Church beginning at 8:30 a.m. (after Daily Mass) and ending at 8 p.m. Sit quietly and listen for God's words. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

All Saints Day, Tuesday, November 1, is a Holy Day with Masses celebrated at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Barn Art

Have you noticed the colorful quilt designs painted on barns around Carver County? On November 19, you're invited to a Saturday morning gathering at 10 a.m. in Elstan Hall (with coffee and rolls, of course) to learn more about "Barn Quilts of Carver County." This new, creative way of quilting started in Adams County, Ohio, and is making its way west. Currently there are at least 24 larger than life quilts brightening rural areas and showcasing barns in Carver County. Enjoy a talk about this new art form.

Ladies Bunco is Back

Come join in the fun! G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends in Faith Together) is hosting a fun evening of Bunco on Friday, November 18, 7 to 9 p.m., in the Franciscan Commons. No experience is necessary for this easy but entertaining dice game. The \$5 entry fee is used for prizes. Sign up after Masses on November 12 and 13 or by contacting Stella McKinney by November 14 at 470-6210 or stellamckinney@me.com so plans can be made for seating, snacks, wine and coffee.

Save the Date

Our annual **La Noche Azul** gathering, heralding the start of Advent, will be held on Monday, December 5.

Elsewhere...

- **Pancake Breakfast today, Sunday, Oct. 30**, at St. Joe's in Waconia, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 2506. All proceeds shared by St. Bernard in Cologne, St. Joseph and **St. Victoria**.
- **Western Cursillo Ultreya** is Sunday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m., in the North Fellowship Hall at St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen. Witness speaker is Peg John. . . Rosary in the family room at 6:30 p.m.
- **A Time to Remember: A Retreat for Women Whose Mothers Have Died**, Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5. The retreat offers women an opportunity to explore the significance of losing a mother. Call Joanne at 651-641-0008 x12 for information.
- **Living and Growing Through Loss**, sponsored by Southwest Grief Coalition, fall sessions held 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. There's no cost; church affiliation not required. Topic on Nov. 7 is "Grief: It's All about Love" with Immanuel Pastor Susan Weaver. Register for free childcare at 230-0359 by Nov. 6. Telephone interviews required for participation in children's group. Call Karen at 460-0030.
- **Knightsbridge Boutique** at Benilde-St. Margaret's on Saturday, Nov. 5, 10a.m. to 3 p.m. Nearly 70 boutique-style merchants offer unique clothing, home décor, jewelry, spa products, gourmet food. Delicious treats in the Royal Tea Room. \$10 wristbands provide access to "royal offerings."

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **October 30** — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **November 5** — Adult Coffee and Conversation, 9 a.m.
- **November 6** — First Sunday (Senior High Group), 7 p.m.
- **November 12 and 13** — 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Camp Courage
- **November 20** — Doors of Mercy Pilgrimage (Senior and Junior High students)

Thank You . . .

To **Joe and Dena Bretz** for donating a flat screen TV and to **Louise and Al Lehner** for donating a karaoke machine to our Faith Formation program.

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. All are welcome.

Coffee and Conversation

You are invited to something new! Each week you bring children to Faith Formation to "fill their cup with our faith." Now we are going to give you — parents, grandparents, friends — the same opportunity. Join us for coffee and enriching conversation on Saturday, November 5, at 9 a.m. Sister Therese of Sisters of Notre Dame will speak about the importance of prayer as adults.

Youth Ministry

First Sunday, November 6, 7 to 9 p.m. Senior High Youth Group — A gathering with fellowship, a message, music and transformational prayer that will inspire our teens to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Middle Sunday, November 20, 5 to 7 p.m.

Junior High Youth Group — A gathering with lots of fun, fellowship, faith and food that will inspire our teens to grow their faith in a deeper way. Please register at www.stvictoria.org so we know how much food to make.

Youth Mission Trip 2017

Crow Reservation Montana: June 24 to July 1

We are so ecstatic to report that we have 22 students who will be going on the mission trip this year! We are trying to work with YouthWorks to obtain more spaces for students to join us. If you are still interested, please contact Tanya or Ann and we will add you to the waiting list. Keep your eye out for upcoming fundraising events to support our students. Also, please join us in covering each student and the mission trip in prayer. Thank you all for your support.

Faith Formation

Confirmation Field Trip – Chris Stefanick

We had an amazing event last Wednesday night with over 140 students and adults from St. Victoria attending REBOOT Live. Chris Stefanick, an internationally renowned Catholic speaker and author, shared that God didn't create us to just get by, He created us to live life to the fullest. Thank you to St. Ambrose for hosting such a successful event and thank you to all who attended.

10th Grade Retreat

St. Victoria will host an offsite retreat for the 10th Grade Confirmation group at Camp Courage in Maple Lake on November 12 and 13. This is a highlight for many being confirmed. Permission slips are available on the St. Victoria website. If you are a parent, please consider chaperoning. We ask the parish to pray that students have an awesome time exploring their faith, building community and encountering Christ.

All Souls' Day

The kindergarten through Fifth Grade Faith Formation students will be honoring their lost loved ones on All Souls' Day. They will bring pictures on Wednesday, November 2, and add them to a board. We will pray for our loved ones that have gone before us. The board will be on display in the Commons for the next couple of weeks. Please take a moment to take a look and grab a prayer card from the board that you can use at home to pray for your loved ones.

CD and DVD Players Needed

Do you have an extra CD or DVD player sitting around your house that doesn't get used anymore? We could use it in the Faith Formation classrooms. Our curriculum came with some great CDs, but without players they don't get used. Please contact Sara if you have one to donate.

Safety Reminder

As a reminder (or as a first time notice for new families), when you are dropping your children off at Faith Formation, please use the south entrance at the far end of the parking lot. If your child is old enough (we would like to suggest 5th Grade and above) to walk in without an adult, use the first aisle as a pull-through/drop-off lane. If you are parking to walk your child in, please use any of the other lanes to park your car and walk in. Be sure you don't use the handicap spaces. The cones are to keep the area in front of the entrance completely clear for pedestrians. Please don't move them or drive through them.

Following these guidelines for the parking lot during our busy drop-off/pick-up times will help us to be sure that we can keep everyone safe.

If anyone is around a little early or stays a few minutes late and would be willing to help supervise the parking lot area during drop-off and pick-up times, please let Sara know.

Blessings —

**Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby,
Ann Esping, Tanya Hisey**

(See our contact information on the front page.)

Iconography Workshop

Nicholas Morkell will teach Eastern Iconography from a Western Catholic perspective using the ancient method of egg-tempera painting and 24 Kt. gold leafing. The workshop, at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton, is November 7 to 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will explore the techniques as well as spiritual symbolism of the icon writing process. The workshop is a reflective atmosphere of studio time, prayer and instruction. Each participant will complete the icon of the Guardian Angel during the workshop. The cost is \$395 and includes all supplies, beverages and snacks. (Bring your own lunch.) Call 651-351-0650 for information and/or to register.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **October 22 and 23, Week 16** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 10,351
 Electronic Offering: 5,402
 Total Membership Offering: 15,753

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

RCIA

There's still time to join this year's RCIA participants. The formation of adults and the process for initiation into the Catholic Church is called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," or simply "RCIA." This program provides the groundwork for basic faith development with prayer and discussion. Invited to attend are unbaptized (people age seven and above), those Baptized in another Christian tradition, Baptized, but uncatechized Catholics, and Catholics seeking to enrich their faith. Participants are formally welcomed into the Catholic Church during Holy Week. Call Deacon Ray Ortman for information.

Archdiocesan Events

- **All Saints Day Relevant Radio® (1330 A.M.)** broadcast live with Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Tuesday, November 1, noon to 1 p.m., sharing "Go Ask Your Father" featuring students of St. John Paul II Catholic Prep School. Hear it live or catch it with online streaming at www.relevantradio.com or visit the Relevant Radio mobile app. Also available on Archdiocese Archives.
- **Blue Mass with Archbishop Hebda** at the Cathedral on Wednesday, November 2, at 5:15 p.m., for law enforcement and first responders to honor their courageous service and to ask for God's protection and blessing. Families and the public are invited.
- **Cor Jesu** Friday, November 4, at 9 p.m., St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary. Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, praise and worship music followed by fellowship for young adults, college age and older.
- **Operation Andrew Dinner** for men discerning the priesthood, ages 18 to 50, Tuesday, November 8, at the Archbishop's residence. The dinner is hosted by Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Cozzens and Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations. Typically a Pastor, Religious or Youth Minister accompanies each guest. Register online before November 4 at www.10000vocations.org. Call 651-962-6890 for info.
- **Catholic Watchmen Rally**, Thursday, November 10, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Church of the Transfiguration in Oakdale. Archbishop Hebda will present on "Humility as a Door to the Virtues." Time for Adoration and Confession. Dinner provided (free-will offering). Registration is not necessary. Contact Enzo Randazzo at 651-291-4483 or randazzov@archspm.org for information.
- **You Are Called Gifted Workshop** Friday, November 11 (7 to 9:45 p.m.) and Saturday, November 12 (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at Our Lady of Grace in Edina. Explore the ancient teaching of the Church on how gifts (or charisms) of the Holy Spirit work in your life and the life of your parish. Cost is \$85 per person and includes workshop, materials, one-on-one gift interviews, continental breakfast and lunch. Register at olgparish.org or contact Sean Lavell at seanlavell@olgparish.org for information.

Ministry Schedule

November 5 and 6

Sacristans

5 p.m. Joyce Bureau, Roger Osweiler
 8:45 a.m. Mary Ann LaValle, Laura Synstegaard
 10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lector

5 p.m. Janie Jasin
 8:45 a.m. Tom Welch
 10:45 a.m. Tony Brausen

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Lois Hansel, Todd Hesse, Cinda Jensen, Kristen Kowalski, Mary Moore, Ken Pavett, Elaine Scholl, Carol Spalding
 8:45 a.m. Mary Bishop, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Ruth Kroening, Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Dave and Ellen Roan, Mary Ann LaValle
 10:45 a.m. Kay Arnold, George Barker, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Ann Esping, Diane Forsythe, Mitchell and Gina Holman, Davis Kirsch, Joan Klinger, Cherie and Amelia McGraw

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Tom, Lisa and Maggie Katalinich, Robert Muller, Dan Smock, Matt White
 8:45 a.m. Eric Hanson, Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Ryan Wenning, Dave and Rosie Williams
 10:45 a.m. Robert Diethelm, Donovan and Sam Esping, Davis Kirsch, Steve and Jill Sonnek

Servers

5 p.m. Lydia Jackels, Grace and Madeline White
 8:45 a.m. Quinn Jenkins, Megan Jeurissen, Nate Nicklaus
 10:45 a.m. Krew Barber, Joey Holman, Nick Payne

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
 8:45 a.m. Tim Woodfield
 10:45 a.m. William Olson

Team Isaiah

5 p.m. Jim Becker, Tom and Marty Cashman, Taylor and Ann Guyott, Grant and Lisa Hayes, Roger and Paula Jackels, David and Kristen Kowalski, Roger Osweiler
 8:45 a.m. Jim, Wendi and Jakob Alessio, Carly Dammann, Jane DeRusha, Melissa Krcil, Brigid Lund, Pat Moore, Debbie Nolan, Ralph and Nancy Rezac, John Sweeney
 10:45 a.m. Lucia Barker, John Klinger, Mike and Karen Maney, Pat and Kellie McClellan, TJ and Kamra Michel, Eric and Christina Nelson, Brian and Michele Pulvermacher

Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:45 a.m. Ann Eilertson, Kaihley Bosch, Ellie Snuggerud
 10:45 a.m. Erin Wohlers, Grace Heimdahl

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl —
 Acc. Sharon Schindler
 8:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
 Acc. Ameer Gallagher
 10:45 a.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Wear your name tag given to you by a Team Isaiah member this weekend and stop by the Victoria Subway after Mass for a complimentary cup of coffee or freshly baked cookie.