

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.”

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 9, 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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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 9, 2016

The readings for October 16

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Exodus 17:8-13

Reading II: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



Luke's Gospel is noted for his preaching on prayer. He also pays great attention to women, especially poor women. Widows were dependent on other men in the family. A widow had no state aid, nor could she work. If she had no one to help her, she had to beg. The widow in this story comes to the judge to help her get rights. Since she was too poor to offer a bribe, he at first ignores her. But she kept insisting on her rights. The judge was afraid of her. He eventually gave in. If such a worthless judge would answer such pleas, would the loving God do any less? On the contrary, says Jesus, God will respond to people. God will bring them swift justice. Will God find people with the same unconquerable trust as this widow?

Question of the Week

Has there been someone in your life who has "nagged" you into doing the right thing or into becoming the person you could be?

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.)

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 **October 15 and 16.**
- 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, **October 11**— Ray Jendro †

Wednesday, **October 12** — Marge Chapman †

Thursday, **October 13** — Gordon Diethelm †

Friday, **October 14** — Pedro Arenas

Saturday, **October 15** — Victor and Evelyn Schneider †

Sunday, **October 16** — 8:45 a.m. Judy Forcier and Family

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

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.**

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.

Holiday Opportunities

While it is just the beginning of October, Love INC is busy coordinating multiple projects for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and there are multiple ways to get involved.

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.

You will also be able to volunteer on November 19 for Thanksgiving Food Distribution and December 17 for Christmas Food Distribution. Details will be available soon.

In the meantime, you will find more information at <http://loveincecc.org/2016/holiday-blessings>. If you want to donate online for either of the holiday food distributions, go to <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/mixHg>.

Volleyball Youth Night

Families are invited to join the Holy Family Catholic High School Community for Youth Fire Fan Night at Fire Volleyball on Tuesday, October 18. Arrive by 6:30 p.m. for pre-game fun with Fire volleyball players. Enjoy special seating, a free meal from concessions, between game activities and some fun giveaways. Print your family's free admission ticket to the game at <http://www.hfchs.org/events/youth-fire-fan-night-volleyball>.

Stay Connected

Instagram is [st.victoriaparishfamily](#)

Twitter is [@Saint_Victoria](#)

Facebook is [St. Victoria Parish Family](#)



Harvest of Gifts

This year we will not have our Harvest of Gifts in the customary way. While you will not be able to stroll down "Ministry Lane" to learn about, and sign-up, for ministries that you might find interesting, you will be able to check them out in the brochure that is currently being updated and will be available online and in the kiosk in the next couple of weeks. And, you can always call the parish office to inquire about volunteer ministry opportunities.

RCIA

RCIA, or the Rite of Christian Initiation, is faith formation for adults and the process for initiation into the Catholic Church. At St. Victoria, we begin this process every October and complete the process during Holy Week. While RCIA has already started this year, Deacon Ray (who leads RCIA) tells me that there is still time to join this year.

Who might want to attend? Participants basically fall into four groups: People who have not been Baptized (age 7 and above); people Baptized in another Christian tradition but who would like to join the Catholic Church; Individuals who were Baptized but uncatechized, basically individuals who were Baptized Catholic but received no formal religious education or who were not Confirmed, and the fourth group is Catholics seeking to enrich their faith through systematic inquiry into the tenets and practices of our faith.

There are four progressive stages to RCIA:

Inquiry/Pre-Catechumenate. This we call the "come and see" stage. Participants join others who are also interested in learning about the Gospel and to discern if God may be inviting you to the Catholic Church or to deepen your faith..

Catechumenate. With your class companions and the faith community you will study, pray upon and learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church. The whole Church community prays with you and for you as you make this journey of faith.

Period of Enlightenment. The third stage of the RCIA process commences in Lent and culminates with the celebration of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Truly a time to experience the beauty and grace of our Catholic Faith.

Mystagogy (Uncovering of Mystery). You enter a life-long process of discipleship — a continuing journey. I invite anyone who has an interest in knowing more about RCIA to call Deacon Ray and/or attend a Tuesday evening gathering (starting at 6 p.m.) to discern if this is a journey awaiting you.

Refresher Course for Married Couples

You are invited to a special retreat: Living God's Love to hear some of the best past retreat speakers to review some of the most important aspects of marriage. The date is Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the O'Shaughnessy Education Center at the University of St. Thomas. The cost is \$60 per couple and includes lunch. There are more details at www.archspm.org/Events or 651-291-4488.

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. Do you know the Lord loves it when you take time to express your gratitude to Him? **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, October 17**. 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.

Simpson House

In the Twin Cities alone, there are at least 1,000 people sleeping outside each night. For over 20 years, Simpson Housing Services in Minneapolis has provided shelter and affordable housing to men, women and children experiencing homelessness. Since January 2004, approximately every six weeks, a group of St. Victoria parishioners, including families and friends, have volunteered at Simpson House to prepare and serve a meal. **The next opportunity to participate in this ministry is Sunday, October 23.** Donated items also are collected and currently the shelter desperately needs new/gently used bath towels and face cloths, new/gently used flat and fitted twin size sheets, pillow cases, new men's and women's underwear, socks and t-shirts, disposable razors and travel-size toothpaste and shampoo. Contact Jan Wohlers at wohlersathome@yahoo.com for information or to volunteer. Donated items may be dropped off in the parish office.

Fall Bible Study

You are invited to join a Bible Group to study the *Book of Exodus* on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning October 12. Everyone is invited but especially those with children in Faith Formation. For information or to register, contact Deacon Ray Ortman in the parish office.

Save the Date

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

Elsewhere ...

- **October Western Cursillo Ultreya**, Sunday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m., St. Hubert Catholic Community, Chanhassen. Witness speaker is John Rosensteele. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.
- **West Deanery Gathering**, Wednesday, Oct. 12, at St. Bernard's in Cologne. Register at 8:45 a.m., Mass at 10 a.m. Speaker is Barbara Heil from "From His Heart Ministry." All women are invited. Contact Loretta Grekoff at 288-3356 or Carol Shukle at 612-232-7800.
- **Benedictine Day of Prayer**, Friday, Oct. 21, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Praying the Kingdom of God: Spirit of God in the World? In me? \$50 includes meals and materials. Rooms available the preceding night. Register at www.abbeyguesthouse.org or 320-363-3929.
- **Healing Mass** on Tuesday, Oct. 25, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Medina. Fr. James Livingston celebrating. 6:30 p.m. Rosary; 7 p.m. Mass.
- **Seminar: Should Elective Abortion Be Further Restricted?** at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis Campus, Monday, Oct. 10, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Register online at <https://www.stthomas.edu/murphyinstitute/> for a complimentary lunch.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **October 12** — First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- **October 12** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **October 16** — Middle Sunday (Middle School Youth), 5 p.m.
- **October 19** — No Faith Formation or Confirmation
- **October 26** — Confirmation to Chris Stefanick
- **October 26** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **November 6** — First Sunday (Senior High Group), 7 p.m.

Following is a calendar listing the important upcoming dates for families with children in Sacramental preparation programs this year.

First Reconciliation and First Communion:

- Wednesday, **October 12**, 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- Saturday, **December 3**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Reconciliation Retreat
- Wednesday, **February 1**, 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., First Communion Parent Meeting
- Saturday, **April 22**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Communion Retreat
- Wednesday, **May 3**, First Eucharist Rehearsal
- Weekend of **May 6 and 7**, First Communion during Masses (Dates yet to be determined for making quilt squares and drawing self portraits.)

Confirmation:

- Wednesday, **October 26**, Chris Stefanick Trip
- Saturday, **November 12** through Sunday, **November 13**, Tenth Grade Retreat
- Saturday, **January 7**, Lifeline Mass
- Saturday, **February 25**, 1 to 8 p.m. Ninth Grade Retreat
- Saturday, **April 1**, Lifeline Mass
- Wednesday, **April 12**, 7:30 p.m., Confirmation Parent, Student, Sponsor Retreat (10th grade)
- Sunday, **April 23**, at the 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Sending Mass (10th Grade)
- Monday, **April 24**, 7 p.m., Confirmation at the Basilica in Minneapolis

All information will be discussed at the Parent Meetings, but if you have questions before the meetings, please don't hesitate to contact us.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting Reminder

On Wednesday, October 12, at 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. we will have our first meeting for the parents of children enrolled in our First Sacraments program. During this meeting you will receive your family packet as well as important information regarding your child's preparation and reception of the sacrament. Whether this is your first child receiving First Reconciliation or your tenth, it is very important that all children have at least one parent present. If you are a catechist, we will need you with your class, therefore, please plan on sending someone else to the meeting or plan on attending the meeting that is held opposite your teaching time. If you cannot attend a meeting, please contact Emily to set up an individual meeting.

Youth Ministry/Confirmation Needs

Got a bus you'd like to donate? How about pool cues, volleyballs, kickballs, or a rubber chicken? Any chance you are getting rid of a 40 inch-plus flat screen TV or projector that is gently used? We need three for Confirmation. How about

superhero costumes, fun wigs, or adult dress-up items? We need new or gently used items for Confirmation and Youth Ministry events. If you have something you think we could use, shoot Ann or Tanya an email and we'll check to ensure we have a spot. We weren't kidding about that bus!

Confirmation Field Trip -- Chris Stefanick

God didn't create us to just get by, He created us to live life to the fullest! Discover the life you were made for with internationally renowned speaker and author, Chris Stefanick, and Catholic recording artist, Jon Niven. Reboot is a fun, inspiring and practical experience for all to apply the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more. He will speak at St. Ambrose in Woodbury on October 26 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The bus will leave from St. Victoria at 5:45 p.m. and return by 10:15 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person and available at St. Victoria's website. Tickets are limited. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Youth Ministry

One Body, Many Parts. – 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

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, October 16 – 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.

CORE Team October 16 – 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Come join us if you would like to invest in the future of our church, your youth. We are asking teens and adults to be part of our CORE Team. If you feel called to serve youth in our parish, come and hang with us.

Youth Mission Trip 2017

June 24 – July 1, 2017

St. Victoria Youth Ministry will be partnering with Youth Works for a mission trip to the Crow Reservation in south central Montana, June 24 to July 1 for students in Grades 8 through 12 (2016-17 school year). This is an amazing opportunity to enrich the lives of our youth and the lives of tribal members. We will plan and lead kids programming for children in the community, including Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading and plan and facilitate sports-based programming for the community youth. There will also be service projects such as painting, cleaning, yard work and other simple work projects. Most students will serve at each site during part of the week. Those who serve with the sports program will remain all week. To reserve a spot or for more information, go to the St. Victoria website. Please make a \$100 deposit to reserve your spot. Contact Tanya or Ann for more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children ages 4 through Grade One are invited to join us at the 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Masses to hear the Gospel in their words. You are also invited to volunteer to help with this program. Materials and lesson plans are provided. Call Sara if you would like more information.

Blessings —

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

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **October 1 and 2, Week 14** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,528
Electronic Offering: 13,940
Total Membership Offering: 22,468

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Second Collection Reminder: Next weekend (October 15 and 16) there is a second collection earmarked for mortgage debt reduction. This special collection occurs the third weekend of each 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.)

Archdiocesan Events

- **St. John Paul II champions for Life Awards Luncheon**, Thursday, October 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Church of St. Peter in Mendota. Bishop Cozens is keynote speaker. \$35 per person, \$280 for table of eight. Register at www.archspm.org/C41.
- **Team Vianney**, Thursday, October 13, 5 to 8 p.m., St. John Vianney College Seminary on the University of St. Thomas Campus, for young men in Grades 9 through 12 living in the Archdiocese. Dinner with college Seminarians, short, dynamic talk and an energetic Mass. More information at 651-962-6825 or svjv@stthomas.edu or www.stthomas.edu/vianney/events/visittheseminary.
- **Parent and Grandparent Workshop: Resources for Passing on the Faith to Children**, Thursday, Oct. 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Hayden Center. Register on "Events" page at Rediscover-faith.org. Contact Susanna Bolle at 651-291-4411 with questions.
- **Miryam Dinner**, hosted by Archbishop Hebda, Tuesday, October 18, 6 to 8 p.m., Archbishop's Residence, St. Paul. Event for women ages 16 to 35 who are discerning consecrated life. (Typically accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious or youth minister.)
- **Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers** along with spouses and families, Tuesday, October 18, (Feast of St. Luke, Patron Saint of Healthcare Workers), 7 p.m. at the Cathedral. Reception following in Hayden Hall. Sponsored by the St. Paul and Minneapolis Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life.
- **Welcome to Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga from Rwanda.** Fr. Rugirangoga travels the world with his healing ministry. He will be celebrating Holy Mass and Healing Prayers:
 - ⇒ **Monday**, October 17, 7 pm., St. Bernard, St. Paul
 - ⇒ **Tuesday**, October 18, 7 p.m., St. Patrick, Oak Grove
 - ⇒ **Wednesday**, October 19, 7 p.m., St. Joseph of the lake, Lino Lakes
 - ⇒ **Thursday**, October 20, 7 p.m., Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville
 - ⇒ **Friday**, October 21, 7 p.m., St. Paul's, Ham Lake
 - ⇒ **Saturday**, October 22, 4:30 p.m., St. Michael, St. Cloud

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

Ministry Schedule

October 15 and 16

Sacristans

5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen
8:45 a.m. Sue Halverson, Tim Woodfield
10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lector

5 p.m. Dennis Vorgert
8:45 a.m. George Hidding
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Anne Fowler, Todd Hesse, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Katherine Paulsen, Nancy Schmieg, Karl and Patty Tauscher, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
8:45 a.m. Jim Alessio, Mary Bishop, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Mike Doshan, Mary Ann LaValle, Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Chris and Judy Sones
10:45 a.m. Mary Catino, Ann Esping, Sam Fellinger, Diane Forsythe, Joe Hamilton, Marcus Hoffmann, Gina Holman, Joan Klinger, Deb LeMay, Lindsey Norton, Anette Smyser, Jill Sonnek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Jeff and Connor Fowler, Roger Osweiler, Steven and Nancy Schmieg, Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Doug and Susan Hines, Chris and Cheryl Mach, Lyle Oddan, Daryl Schmieg
10:45 a.m. Donovan and Sam Esping, Bryan and William Saathoff, Steve and Jill Sonnek

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Grace Fowler, Nick Payne
8:45 a.m. Stephanie Frier, Stan Kohls, Nate Nicklaus
10:45 a.m. Joey Holman, Joe and Nathan Tinucci

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
8:45 a.m. Mike Hansen
10:45 a.m. Joseph Klinker

Music

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children
at the 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses on October 9.

Fatima Centennial Tour

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is on a historic two-year tour of the U.S. to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima. The following parishes will share the story of Fatima and venerate the statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to those who might not ever be able to make the pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal.

- **October 9**, St. George, Long Lake (Archbishop Hebda at 9:15 a.m. Mass and Bishop Cozzens at 7 p.m.)
- **October 10**, St. John the Baptist, New Brighton
- **October 11**, St. Michael's, Stillwater
- **October 12**, Nativity of Mary, Bloomington
- **October 13**, Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis (Archbishop Hebda participating)

Information at www.fatimaonline.org or 612-419-7677.