

# 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.”

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 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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## Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time August 14, 2016

### The readings for August 21

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Reading I:* Isaiah 66:18-21

*Reading II:* Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

*Gospel:* Luke 13:22-30



Luke, the Gentile, is very interested in God's all-embracing love, a love not limited to certain ethnic or religious groups. In the Gospel Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. Those with him want to know if those who will be saved are few in number. Jesus was not about to set limits on God's saving power. He was concerned that they use God's power. They are to know that God's generosity must be matched by generosity on their part. Going through "a narrow door" is difficult; one has to work at it. It isn't like slipping through a wide, open passageway in the midst of a large crowd. There is to be a personal, practical response to God's invitation.

### Question of the Week

Jesus is saying that people are not saved by being members of a certain group (ethnic, religious, etc.) but by acting on a commitment. As a Catholic, how do you feel about this?

### 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](mailto: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 scheduled Baptisms are the weekend of **September 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, September 8.**

Contact Mary Harvey at [mharvey@stvictoria.org](mailto:mharvey@stvictoria.org) or 443-2661 x206 for information and/or to schedule a Baptism.

### 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, **August 16** — Ray Jendro †

Wednesday, **August 17** — Lois Boll †

Thursday, **August 18** — Barbara Mae Schmiege (Anniv.) †

Friday, **August 19** — Hilda Caspers †

Saturday, **August 20** — Bruce Schneider †

Sunday, **August 21** — 8:45 a.m. Don Worm (Anniv.) †

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

### Sunset Fest Update

Sunset Fest — the best day of the summer — is just around the corner. Our annual event is Saturday, August 27. This special occasion will again be held in Lion's Park starting with an outdoor Mass at 5 p.m.

Following Mass, a picnic supper will be served until 7 p.m. The menu will include burgers, chicken and grilled pork chops, beans, potato salad, chips, pop or water, and a wide array of delicious desserts provided by our St. Victoria bakers. There will be music provided by The Tuxedo Band, there'll be bingo and plenty of games and fun for kids of all ages. There also will be beverages for sale throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$8 and \$10 if purchased early after Masses this weekend (August 13 and 14) and next weekend, August 20 and 21 or in the parish office. Tickets will also be sold at the event for \$10 and \$12. Children under five are free.

### Raffle

Once again there will be a raffle; however, this year it will be different. There will be one "lucky winner" who will take home \$1,250 and a second prize of \$250 and a third prize of \$100. Tickets will be \$10 each or three for \$25. Tickets will be on sale in the parish office and at the event. Proceeds will be earmarked for debt reduction.

### New This Year

A 5k Fun Run will start out the day. The course will run through Victoria (starting at the Lion's Park pavilion). A short "Children's Run" also will take place. Much like swimmers in our past All Saints Swims at Lake Bavaria, participants will have the opportunity to run in memory of a loved one. Sign-ups will start at 8 a.m. with the run starting at 9 a.m. The Children's Run will start at 10 a.m., also starting at the pavilion. The Fun Run has three categories: 30 years and up, 18 to 29 years of age and children up to age 17. There will be medals awarded to the top three finishers in each category. Sign up on line (the July 17 bulletin had details) or sign-up on our website. Online sign ups close at noon on Friday, August 26. You also can register the day of the race at the park.

### Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for all the activities — help with the run, help with set-up and take-down, arrangements for the Mass, dinner preparation and serving and all the activities planned. Call the parish office if you have not already signed up to help with this great parish event.

It's also your

chance to meet

Captain Victoria!





## Mission Sunday

This weekend, August 13 and 14, please welcome our guest, Hugh Smeltekop, who will share information about the Carmen Pampa Fund that helps to transform lives through education for Bolivians. Please Note: There will be a second collection to aid this mission. (St. Victoria, along with most other parishes in the Archdiocese, observe a Mission Sunday each year.)

## Music Update

Two weeks ago we bid our accompanist Sean Barker farewell as he starts his new position as Music Director at St. Joseph in Waconia. Last weekend we were treated to the musical talents of our new accompanist, Ameer Gallagher. Please join me in welcoming her to our music ministry. (See the article on page 5 and get to know a bit about Ameer and her family.)

## Families Moving Forward

St. Victoria has been requested to provide volunteer support for Families Moving Forward the Friday before Labor Day weekend (September 2). The need is critical in that if no volunteers come forward, families will need to find another place for the night. The need is for eight volunteers. The effort is simple with a one-hour training provided. The return is immeasurable.

Families moving forward is a program that offers families experiencing homelessness hospitality, emergency shelter and a path to home with support for stability. Volunteers support a congregation's shelter space at their church. In addition to a safe place to sleep and a warm meal, parish volunteers share kindness and compassion with families experiencing this critical need. Volunteers will support families staying at Shepherd of the Hill Church in Chaska.

What is the need? We are looking for two hosts to serve from 4:30 to 8 p.m. to ensure things run smoothly, answer questions and engage the families. We also are looking for volunteers to prepare a meal for the families (maximum 20 people) and clean up after. This is from 5:30 p.m. until the dinner is completed. Two activity hosts are needed from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to play games with the children. (Teenagers are great in this role.) The last role is for two volunteers to be overnight hosts. This is from 8 p.m. until 7 a.m. and is intended to ensure things run smoothly during the night. Cots are provided.

Please consider this excellent opportunity to be the face and hands of Jesus before starting the long holiday weekend. To volunteer, contact parishioner Russ St. John at 686-8943.

## RCIA

If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about joining the Catholic Church, or learning more about your faith if you are a member of the Church, I hope you will check out the information in the adjacent column and join us on August 23.

*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. Make a decision today and spend time with God. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

## Summer Friday Outdoor Mass

The Summer Friday Outdoor Mass on **August 19** is at 8 a.m. at the home of Eric and Carrie Colson, 8525 Kelzer Pond Drive in Victoria. Their phone is 443-3203.

**Directions from St. Victoria:** Turn right onto County Road 11 and take the first right onto Church Lake Boulevard. Drive 1/2 mile and take the first right onto Watermark Parkway. Drive 1/2 mile. Enter the roundabout and take the first exit onto Kelzer Pond Drive.

*Directions and maps can be found on our website.*

**Parish Office Info** — During the summer, the parish office closes at 2 p.m. on Fridays.

## Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **tomorrow, Monday, August 15**. 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.

## Learn More About RCIA

You are invited to an RCIA social and informational meeting before the new RCIA year in October begins. (RCIA is the informal name for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.) An informal gathering is planned at Fr. Bob's house (at the south end of the parking lot) on Tuesday, August 23, 6 to 8 p.m. (A light supper will be served.) Learn more about RCIA from the experts (Fr. Bob, Deacon Ray and other instructors) and hear from previous RCIA candidates who are coming to renew friendships and to share their stories and perspectives. You are invited if you are thinking of joining the Catholic Church or if you are already a member but would like to know more about your faith. Please RSVP to Deacon Ray at [rortman@stvictoria.org](mailto:rortman@stvictoria.org) by August 22.

## Elsewhere...

- **Old-Fashioned Barbecue** sponsored by Franciscan Brothers of Peace, Saturday, Aug. 20, 3:30 to 7 p.m., Queen of Peace Friary, 1289 Lafond Ave., St. Paul. Great food, games, live music. Free-will offering to assist with outreach to international survivors of torture, the poor, homeless, refugees and others in need. Rain or shine. Call 651-646-8586 for information.
- **Volksfest** in Victoria, Aug. 19, 20 and 21. Live music daily, kids' games and rock wall, Friday and Saturday, 5k Fun Run, craft fair and business expo on Saturday, Belgian Waffle breakfast on Sunday, fireworks Saturday at dusk.
- **Garage/Rummage Sale**, Crown of Glory Lutheran Church in Chaska, Thursday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m. to noon.
- **Open House Celebration of Life**, at SouthWest Options for Women in Hopkins, Sunday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your favorite Bible verse or blessing to be written on the walls of exam rooms before they are painted. The "secret" blessings under the paint will surround moms and babies with God's love and promises.
- **Fun Fest 2016** at Church of St. Henry in Monticello, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27 and 28. Polka Mass and dance, Mexican Fiesta Dinner, music, games and fun.

# Faith Formation

## Important Upcoming Dates

- **September 7** — 6th through 10th Grade Leader/Catechist Retreat
- **September 11** — K through 8th Grade Catechist meeting with breakout for K through 5, 6th Grade and Edge Leader Meeting
- **September 14** — K through 8th Grade Catechist meeting with breakouts for K through 5, 6th Grade and Edge Leader Meeting
- **September 21** — Faith Formation Kick-Off Mass
- **September 21** — Confirmation Leader Meeting
- **October 5** — Faith Formation

## Sunset Fest Needs Help From Our Teens

Crazy hair, treasure hunt, ga-ga pit, nine square — are any of these activities calling your name? If so great! We need our teens to help us run the kids activities at Sunset Fest that's happening in just two short weeks. Please text a few friends and then call/email/text Tanya or Sara to let us know you will be able to help out. Thank you.

## Faith Formation Registration for 2016/2017

All families currently registered in our Faith Formation program should have received registration information for the 2016/2017 Faith Formation and Sacrament season in April. Please contact Emily if you did not receive the registration information via email or you are new to the parish and need additional information about our ministry. Information also is available on our website.

## We need YOU!

Did you know you do **not** need to have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews in Faith Formation to be a volunteer? Faith Formation is a ministry on which all St. Victoria parishioners can have an impact! And, you do not need to have a teaching background to be involved. All you need is a love of our faith and a desire to share it with others! We will help you with everything else you need. Here are just a few reasons to think about:

- You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- You'll be sharing a 2,000-year-old tradition that changes lives.
- Children, teens and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
- Children, teens and adults in today's world, more than ever, also need to encounter good role models of faith.
- It's our job. Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

## VIRTUS

All volunteers, 18 years or older, working with children and/or youth at St. Victoria are required to attend a VIRTUS Training Session. If you are a catechist or other Faith Formation volunteer, a Confirmation leader, Vacation Bible Study volunteer, volunteer at special events and/or retreats or similar events where children and/or youth are present and have not attended VIRTUS in the past, and did not attend the August 9 training at St. Victoria, please plan to attend a session before the beginning of Faith Formation. We will offer another session in September or you can take the training at any parish in the Archdiocese. To sign up, go to Virtus.org and click on the registration link and select Saint Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese from the drop-down menu.

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**Note:** If you previously completed VIRTUS Training, you must be recertified. This is a 30-minute, online update. You also may go to Virtus.org for this recertification. Please let Emily know when you have completed the recertification.

**Please remember** that this training is **required** for all volunteers working with children and youth both by St. Victoria and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We are audited twice a year to ensure compliance. You will not be able to volunteer without completing the training (or recertification).

## Retreat for 6th Through 10th Grade Catechists

First, thank you for agreeing (or considering) to be a catechist/leader this year to share your faith with our 6th through 10th Grade Students. **You are invited** to a retreat specifically for 6th through 10th Grade Catechists on Wednesday, September 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This retreat is in addition to our regular catechist training scheduled for September 11 (6th to 8th Grade) or September 21 (Confirmation), a time when we go over calendars, curriculum and logistics. The goal of our 6th through 10th Grade Catechist Retreat is to develop a deeper sense of belonging to the community of Faith Formation Leaders by drawing from the gifts of one another and by building untapped strength among leaders. We believe we can best do this by listening to one another. The retreat is also an opportunity to ground ourselves as we prepare for the upcoming Faith Formation year. We believe your presence at the retreat will be a gift to the other Faith Formation Leaders, your students and to yourself. It will be a special time to be with one another and create connections that will be invaluable during our Faith Formation year and it is an opportunity to build on our faith that is so essential for our success as leaders of this important step in the faith journey of our youth. We hope you can join us at this retreat. If you have a conflict, let Emily know and perhaps we can help.

## Crow Reservation Mission Trip — 2017

We strongly believe that a mission trip is a beautiful way to live our church motto by being an instrument for Christ to use to minister to others. It is a way to solidify all that we learn during Faith Formation, as well as help our youth develop and grow important life skills in a meaningful way. We will be partnering with YouthWorks this year to travel to Crow Reservation in Montana. (Note: This is a change from our original announcement.) Contact Tanya today.

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

# Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **August 6 and 7, Week 6** of our fiscal year:

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| Envelope Offering:         | \$ 8,471 |
| Electronic Offering:       | 20,122   |
| Total Membership Offering: | 28,593   |

*Please use your envelopes for your contributions.*

**Second Collection Reminder:** Next weekend (August 20 and 21) 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.)

## 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**.

## Fall Bible Studies

Two fall Bible Studies are coming to St. Victoria. Study the Book of Genesis on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. beginning September 15. Study the Book of Exodus on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 beginning October 12. We would love to have you attend one or both. For information or to register, contact Deacon Ray Ortman in the parish office.

## Chaska Parish Administrator Position

Guardian Angels in Chaska is seeking a parish business administrator to assist the Pastor in implementing the mission of the Church with responsibility to oversee the areas of finance, facilities, legal, human resources and strategic planning. Experience in accounting and budgeting is required. Experience with a parish school, church management software, a parish cemetery, and Hispanic ministry is highly desirable. Applications in writing only by Monday, August 22, at 4 p.m. Send an email to [skeough@gachaska.org](mailto:skeough@gachaska.org) or apply online at [careers.archspm.org](http://careers.archspm.org).

## Confirmation Classes

Mandatory classes for individuals with special needs who are to be Confirmed and their guardians will be held Saturdays, August 20 and 27, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Richard's in Richfield. Pre-registration required. Register with Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at 651-291-4543.

## Vocation Day

Young Catholic men and women, ages 12 to 17, are invited to one-day events at the St. Paul Seminary on Saturday, August 20, to deepen their faith and better discern God's calling in their life. \$15 per person; \$30 family maximum. Lunch provided. Parents invited to informational session following the 9 a.m. Mass. For more info, contact Patty McQuillan at 651-962-6890 or Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489.

# Ministry Schedule

## August 20 and 21

### Sacristans

|            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 5 p.m.     | Tom and Lisa Katalinich |
| 8:45 a.m.  | Rose Rooney             |
| 10:45 a.m. | Erv and Linda Spevacek  |

### Lector

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|------------|---------------|
| 5 p.m.     | Leslie Becker |
| 8:45 a.m.  | Kurt Bongard  |
| 10:45 a.m. | Joe Hamilton  |

### Eucharistic Ministers

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| 5 p.m.     | Mary Moore, Luci Tellers, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf, Tim and Wendy Amundsen, David and Jessica Bruns, Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Margaret Hanson, Jeanette Hay               |
| 8:45 a.m.  | Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Dave and Ellen Roan, Barbara Schultz, Chris and Judy Sones, Diane Theis, Jim Alessio, Mary Bishop, Joanna Bongard                         |
| 10:45 a.m. | Joan Klinger, Kristen Kowalski, Louise Lehner, Deb LeMay, Kerry Leopold, Linda Lindeman, Cherie McGraw, Kathryn Paradise, Billie Perkins, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Anna Shay |

### Greeter/Usher

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| 5 p.m.     | Rick Stucki, LeRoy and Margaret Worm, Gary and Anne Delaney, Pat Henning |
| 8:45 a.m.  | Jon and Nancy Carlson, Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Mike Jeurissen, Mark Lund |
| 10:45 a.m. | Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese, Donavan and Sam Esping, Mark and Mary Kelly |

### Servers

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| 5 p.m.     | Laura Contreras, Nick and Megan Payne                |
| 8:45 a.m.  | Grant Hayes, Ben Ramler, Colton Schrempf             |
| 10:45 a.m. | Amelia McGraw, Sydney Perkins, Chastity Perkins-Bohn |

### Sound

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| 5 p.m.     | Steve McNamara  |
| 8:45 a.m.  | Mike Hansen     |
| 10:45 a.m. | Mitchell Holman |

### Music

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| 5 p.m.     | Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Ameer Gallagher       |
| 8:45 a.m.  | Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Ameer Gallagher  |
| 10:45 a.m. | Cantor Caroline Swanson — Acc. Elizabeth Nowak |

## Meet Ameer

Welcome to the newest member of our music ministry, accompanist Ameer Gallagher. She is a 2003 graduate of the University of Minnesota-Morris with a BA in Instrumental/Classroom Music and Piano Performance. She has a Masters degree in Piano Pedagogy/Performance from St. Cloud State and a Collaborative Piano post-graduate study (with a vocal emphasis) at American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria.

Ameer lives in Chanhassen with her husband Troy and their three children, Finn who is five, Margaret who is three and nine-month-old Leo. Ameer also has a piano studio out of her home.

## Catholic Grandparents Conference

Learn about God's plan for Grandparents and be equipped to pass on a Heritage of Faith. Great speakers and more. Saturday, August 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. For information, contact Susanna Bolles at [bolles@archspm.org](mailto:bolles@archspm.org) or 651-291-4411.