

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.”

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 6, 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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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016**

The readings for March 13

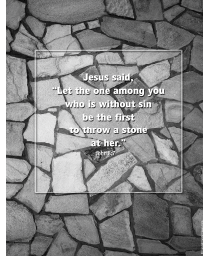
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8: 1-11

The Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery shows Jesus' concern for women put down and exploited. Those who accused the woman were using her to trap Jesus. If he says to let the woman go, he has no regard for the law that says she should be stoned to death. If he agrees that she should be stoned, he goes against his own gospel of compassion. Jesus says nothing; he stoops and scribbles in the sand. He says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." The crowd, understandably, drifts away. Jesus is left alone with the woman. He treats her as a real person, with respect. He refuses to condemn her. He tells her to go, but from now on to avoid this sin.



Question of the Week

Has there been a time when your first impression of someone was wrong? Did Jesus guide you toward forgiveness and compassion?

Baptisms

- **Nolan Irvin Anderson**, son of Troy and Amanda
- **Reagann Grace Fiala**, daughter of Andrew and Melissa
- **Levi Joseph Heimermann**, son of Steven and Kathleen
- **Charles Andrew Mellen**, son of Philippe and Meghan
- **Lydia Marie Running**, daughter of Jeffrey and Julie

Baptism Information

- The next scheduled Baptisms are Easter Sunday, March 27. Baptisms will be celebrated during the 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses and after the 10:45 a.m. Mass. There may be adult Baptisms celebrated at the Easter Vigil Liturgy. (Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent except in an emergency.) In April, Baptisms will be celebrated the weekend of April 9 and 10.
- Baptisms are celebrated during all three weekend Masses and after the 5 p.m. Saturday and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Masses.
- You may have two sponsors (Godparents), one man and one woman or just one sponsor. 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, March 10.**

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, **March 8** — Hilda Caspers †
- Wednesday, **March 9** — Florian Straus †
- Thursday, **March 10** — Tony Gregory †
- Friday, **March 11** — Kenny Diethelm (Anniv.) †
- Saturday, **March 12** — Jean Bongard †
- Sunday, **March 13** — 8:45 a.m. Gene Henderson (Anniv.) †
10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

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.)

Lenten Reconciliation Dates

- St. Victoria** — **Individual Confessions** are Tuesday, March 22, at 6 p.m.
- St. Mary's**, Waverly, Monday, March 7, 7 p.m.
- Immaculate Conception**, Watertown, Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.
- Guardian Angels**, Chaska, Sunday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.
- St. George**, Long Lake, Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m.
- St. Joseph**, Waconia, Sunday, March 20, 4:30 p.m.
- Sts. Joachim and Anne** (St. Mark's and St. Mary's in Shakopee and St. Mary of the Purification of Marystown) St. Mark's — Wednesday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a Twelve-Step Fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is recovery from codependence and the development and maintenance of healthy relationships. The CoDA meeting in this area is on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Crown of Glory Church in Chaska. For further information, visit their website at CoDA.org or check for a brochure in the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons.

Discernment

There are opportunities for young men and women who may feel they have a calling to religious life to discern that possible call.

A women's discussion series is underway with two sessions remaining on Saturdays March 12 and 19, 8 to 10:30 a.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Minneapolis. On Saturday, April 2, there is a Women's Discernment Retreat from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Nativity of Mary Catholic Church in Bloomington. Contact Patty McQuillan at 651-962-6890 for information or registration.

A men's discernment group also is underway at St. Charles Borromeo on Saturdays with sessions March 12 and 19 and April 9, 16 and 23 from 8 to 11 a.m. No registration is required. For information, contact Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations at 651-962-6890.



Kudos for a Great Weekend

Confirmation Retreat

Last Saturday, thanks to **Emily Klinker and Ann Esping** and their helpers, we had a wonderful retreat for our 9th Grade Confirmation Students and their parents. The busyness of our lives doesn't always give us opportunities to connect with each other in meaningful ways. This was an opportunity to spend time together, to pray together and to reach out to one another. I was blessed to be part of this day.

Launching Launch

Last weekend at all three Masses, **Corey Magstadt** shared information about Launch Ministry and what this ministry has undertaken with young adults (and often their families) helping them to find their way in today's society. Corey said he could not have been more pleased with the response of our parish family. "Often our presentations are met with blank stares, but not here at St. Victoria," Corey said.

He said people signed up for more information, but also to mentor, provide meals and to coordinate drives for personal care products, snacks and other items. He also had people offer help based on their own life experiences and to suggest other initiatives. Some, he said, had not yet been considered, including a Twelve-Step program, a way to provide advice for people with disabilities and a program to introduce homeless individuals to opportunities for free community college enrollments.

He also shared information about the program developed for parents who often are struggling to help their adult children find their way. Launch Ministry partnered with St. Francis Hospital to develop a curriculum and had a pilot program at Westwood Church. If you would like more information about this program — or about all the Launch Ministry initiatives, contact Corey at corey@launchministry.org.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our parishioner **Lynn Gerebi** who first brought this ministry to our attention and now serves as our coordinator here at St. Victoria. And, Lynn sends along her thanks for the volunteers who have already stepped up to make this yet another successful ministry here at St. Victoria.

Resilience

If you, or a man you know, encounters stress and would like to enter into the flow of life without getting frazzled, there is a half-day seminar for you on Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Resilience is open to all men and is sponsored by MN MALES, a group of men who have been through initiation rites created by Fr. Richard Rohr and are committed to serve and spread the possibility of God. The seminar is at Christ Our Light Catholic Parish in Zimmerman, MN. The cost is \$30. Register online through Eventbrite at "Men's Half-Day Seminar: Resilience, March 19, 2016" or contact Fr. Kevin Anderson at fr.kevinanderson@gmail.com for information.

HATS OFF AND CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. Bob Hazel as he celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination today.

Fr. Bob

Our Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday in the Historic Church beginning at 8:30 a.m. (after Daily Mass) and ends at 8 p.m. Seek the Lord and know He is lovingly seeking you. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are at 6:30 p.m. in the Historic Church each Friday during Lent with the exception of Good Friday.

Sharing and Caring Hands

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

Simpson House

St. Victoria volunteers will prepare and serve a meal at Simpson House in Minneapolis **Sunday, March 13**. Simpson Housing Services provides shelter and affordable housing to men, women and children experiencing homelessness. Donated items also are collected for guests, including disposable razors, deodorant, combs, underwear and new or gently-used towels and t-shirts in adult sizes (without offensive or controversial logos). Contact Jan Wohlers at wohlershome@yahoo to volunteer or for information.

You Are Invited...

to a fish fry right here at St. Victoria. The Victoria Lions Club will have a fish fry on Friday, March 11, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your family and meet your friends in Elstan Hall for all the fish you can eat along with beans, potato salad, rolls and there will be refreshments from the bar to enjoy with your dinner. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids and kids under 5 are free.

Elsewhere...

- **Homeless in My Hometown**, a OneCommunity Conversation at the Chaska Community Center on Saturday, March 12, 2 to 4:30 p.m. OneCommunity, a coalition of community partnerships, along with other local non-profit and government agencies will discuss the topic of homelessness in our communities. Free; open to the public.
- **Lenten Fish Fry Dinners**, 4 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's in Waconia every Friday during Lent except Good Friday.
- **March Cursillo Western Ultreya**, Sunday, March 13, St. Hubert Catholic Community, Room 116, Chanhassen, 6 p.m. potluck with witness speaker following.
- **Living Stations of the Cross** at Church of St. Paul in Ham Lake, Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11, 7 p.m.
- **Healing Mass** at Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata on Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.
- **Fish Fry** at Guardian Angels in Chaska sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Friday, March 18, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Grief Support Group**, "Joy in the Journey: Using Music to Heal After Loss" with Jennifer Hicks, Thursdays through April 21, noon to 1 p.m., Lighthouse of Waconia. Cost is \$60 and includes materials and refreshments. Call 856-4703 for information or to register.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition**, Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth, 4:40 to 6 p.m. Speaker on March 10 is Bob Bartlett, Therapist, "What's Left." Call 763-559-2775.
- **Film Premiere for "The Young Messiah"** at the White Bear Township Theatre, White Bear, Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets only. Call 651-291-4545 or 651-224-7102.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation and Parish Reconciliation

On Wednesday our 2nd through 10th Grade Students had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their classes. All classes came together with their catechists, parents, parishioners and visiting priests for the Reconciliation Service. It is a beautiful sight to see our young people praying together with their classmates and parish family and receiving the grace of Reconciliation together.

9th Grade Confirmation Retreat Success

Last weekend, 45 of our 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates and their parents came together for their retreat. The theme of the retreat was prayer and it was a definitely a prayerful day for all involved. It was a beautiful site seeing the parents and students growing in faith together through conversations, prayer, games, liturgy, a meal, Stations of the Cross, reflection and much more. The day would not have been a success without the help of a number of people; **Ann Esping** for working to create and implement the retreat itself with me and helping set up, clean up and simply being a huge support to the retreat from its conception to its end, **Paula Jackels** who worked on all of the prep of supplies, set up, clean up and spending the entire time in the kitchen assisting with the meal, **Joyce Heiland** who coordinated the meal from receiving the donations to prepping the meal to clean up, **Jane Wenning** for leading Stations of the Cross, **Fr. Bob** for spending the entire retreat with us and leading the student session, **Roger Jackels** for helping with anything we needed, **Sara Picka** for set-up and **Tanya Hisey, Pete Foley, Anna Shay, Mary Beth Wulf and Tony Riecher** for helping in all the miscellaneous needs of running a retreat. Pictures are available on Facebook, but to get a better idea of the success of the retreat ask a 9th Grader or a parent about the day. I have no doubt they will love to share with you about their amazing day. For me, it was one of those “this is why I do what I do” moments.

Fun at Buck Hill

Last weekend we hit the tubing hill at Buck Hill for our annual family snow tubing event. The weather could not have been more perfect. It was warm and the sun even made an appearance. There were parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles all who accompanied the kids and they didn't just sit in the chalet and watch the kids have fun — they went tubing too! One parent even commented how much fun they were having and said it makes you feel like a kid again. I would completely agree — it is was so much fun for me to go tubing with my own kids and our St. Victoria family. We are already looking forward to going back next year. You can find pictures on our Facebook page.

Summer Programming at St. Victoria:

Vacation Bible School

Who: 2016-2017 Kindergartners through 5th Grade (Participants)

Who: 2016-2017 6th through 8th Grade (Junior Leaders)

Who: 2016-2017 9th Grade through adults (Leaders)

When: Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17

Where: St. Victoria

Available spaces: 200

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Cost: Participants \$60

Cost: Junior Leaders \$30

Cost: Leaders \$0

Registration: available in April

Middle School Summer Stretch

Information coming soon

Senior High Summer Festival

Who: 2015-2016 9th through 12th Graders

When: Monday, July 11 through Saturday, July 16

Where: Gustavus Adolphus College

Available spaces: unlimited

Cost: \$460; fundraising opportunities available

Registration: Available in April

Middle School Summer Festival

Who: 2015-2016 6th to 8th Graders

When: Monday, July, 25 through Friday, July 29

Where: University of Wisconsin - Stout

Available spaces: unlimited

Cost: \$420; fundraising opportunities available

Registration: Available in April

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Important upcoming Faith Formation Dates

(Watch this column for details on all upcoming events)

- **Sunday, March 6** — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **Wednesday, March 9** — Faith Formation
- **Wednesday, March 9** — **No Confirmation**
- **Wednesday, March 9** — Post Confirmation Youth Group
- **Thursday, March 10** — Lenten Bible Study
- **Sunday, March 13** — Children's Liturgy of the Word

Be Among the First to Know

They don't know who or when — but *The Catholic Spirit* will provide the best coverage when a new Archbishop is named. Go to www.TheCatholicSpirit.com/New/Abp and sign up to choose how you want to hear the news.

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 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.

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

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **February 20 and 21, Week 34**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 12,935
Electronic Offering: 4,243
Membership Offering: 17,178

2nd Collection for Debt Reduction: \$2,676

Stewardship Report for **February 27 and 28, Week 35**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 12,605
Electronic Offering: 2,835
Membership Offering: 15,440

Financial Information through January 31:

YTD Total Revenue: \$ 892,847
YTD Revenue Variance from Budget: 13,154
YTD Total Operating Income: 128,303
YTD Net Income Variance: 49,693

New Church Mortgage as of January 31: \$2,412,711

Please use your envelopes for your offerings.

New Parishioners

- Daniel and Linda **Esenther**, Jacob and Joseph
- Rick and Connie **Foyt**, Nicole and Joe
- Steve and Abby **Klass** and Mason
- Cari **Klein**
- Ray and Lisa **Notermann**
- Chris and Colleen **Stanley**, Jayden and Gage Peterson
- Jeff and Kaitlin **Thompson**

St. Victoria now has 1,342 registered households.

Lenten Speaker Series

St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen has a series of Lenten Speakers with the theme "The Prodigal Son" Sunday through Wednesday, March 13 to 16 at 7 p.m. All are invited to one or all four nights. The speakers and their topics are:

- **Sunday, March 13**, Fr. Lenny Andrie, "The Prodigal Son"
- **Monday, March 14**, Fr. Lenny Andrie, "Loving as the Father Loves"
- **Tuesday, March 15**, Lisa Brenninkmeyer, "Living a Life of Mercy"
- **Wednesday, March 16**, Alyssa Bormes, "Entering the Feast"

Please Note

The parish office continues to experience technical problems with the internet and particularly with email. If you have been expecting an email from a staff member that you have not received, please feel free to call the office and/or the staff member to get information that you need. In the meantime, please make sure we have your correct email address and also check to make sure that St. Victoria is not on your "do not send" or spam lists.

Check the parish website, www.stvictoria.net, for up-to-the-minute information about events and activities.

Ministry Schedule

March 12 and 13

Sacristans

5 p.m. Mary Foster, Mary Ann Lavalle
8:45 a.m. Barb Forbrook, Tim Woodfield
10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lector

5 p.m. Dennis Vorgert
8:45 a.m. Joyce Diethelm
10:45 a.m. Jill Sonnek

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Debra McMillan, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Roger Osweiler, Ken Pavett, Diane Robinson, Rose Rooney, Doris Schmieg, Jerry Schmieg, Nancy Schmieg, Elaine Scholl, Sue Schrempf
8:45 a.m. Nancy Rezac, Dave and Ellen Roan, Barbara Schultz, Chris and Judy Sones, Luci Tellers, Jim Alessio, Kay Arnold, Joanna Bongard, Adrienne Carrica
10:45 a.m. George Barker, John and Karen Campbell, Mary Catino, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Allison Duenow, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Greg and Hanna Erickson, Ann Esping

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Randy, Jackie and Daniella Krause, Phillip Smith, Gary Sohns, Matt White
8:45 a.m. Jon and Nancy Carlson, Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese, Robert Diethelm, Monica Grengs
10:45 a.m. Kerry Leopold, Linda Lindeman, Kerry McMillan, Billie Perkins, Don and Sue Roper

Servers

5 p.m. Grace and Madeline White, Laura Contreras
8:45 a.m. Megan Jeurissen, Ben Ramler, Colton Schrempf
10:45 a.m. Frank and Nicholas Heenie, Evie Heiland

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
8:45 a.m. William Olson
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m. Adult Choir — Acc. Sean Barker
10:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl — Acc. Sean Barker

Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m. Cindy and Eddie Worm, Connie Jeurissen
10:45 a.m. Jennifer Rafferty, Bear Goodrich, Addie Fischer

Ministry of the Separated and Divorced

St. Victoria is a member of this ministry along with eight other local Catholic Churches. Together, we sponsored a spring speaker series. The final session, "Annulments: Fact vs Fiction" will be held at St. Edwards in Richfield on March 8 and Monday, March 14, at Guardian Angels in Chaska. Amy Tadlock, a Canon Lawyer and a Judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese will discuss the subject to dispel the misconceptions about annulments by explaining some of the more common misunderstandings and answering many of the frequently asked questions including if an annulment is just a Catholic divorce, with an annulment are children then considered illegitimate, or that the cost of an annulment is thousands of dollars and can take ten years. The sessions at both churches are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.