

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.”

Third Sunday of Easter April 10, 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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The readings for April 17

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30



The focus of this Gospel is on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The short talk stresses the unbreakable relationship between Jesus and his sheep. Like all well-tended sheep, they respond only to their shepherd's voice. He knows and loves them, and they respond by following Him. He gives them a share in the very life of God, a promise that will never stop. God has given them to Jesus, and there is no switching them out of God's hand. The statements of ownership are strong proofs that the sheep cannot be taken away from Jesus or God.

Question of the Week

Has there been an experience in your life when your sense of belonging was so real that you knew you could count on others to be responsible for you?

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 May 7 and 8.
- 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, June 2.**

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, **April 12** — Florian Straus †

Wednesday, **April 13** — Tim Forcier †

Thursday, **April 14** — The Charles Johnson Family

Friday, **April 15** — George and Theresa Schmiege †

Saturday, **April 16** — Robert and Agnes Slater †

Sunday, **April 17** — 8:45 a.m. Tony Gregory †

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

In Memoriam

Raymond "Ray" Jendro

August 22, 1932 — March 30, 2016

Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale sponsored by Catholic United Financial is just around the corner. Now is the time to clean the closets and check the basement and garage for things to donate for the annual fundraiser and to think about volunteering to help. The sale is Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6.

Drop-off dates are Sunday, May 1, after the 10:45 a.m. Mass until 7 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday, May 2 and 3, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (**Note:** No large furniture items, computers or micro-wave ovens will be accepted.)

Set-up is Wednesday, May 4. No donations will be accepted. Set-up starts right after 8 a.m. Daily Mass. There's lunch and fellowship when the work is done!

Clean-up starts at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 6.

Volunteers are need during drop-off days, set-up, sale days and for clean-up.

Reminder

On April 15 you may begin placing plants and flowers on the gravesites of loved ones. Please remember that plants, flowers and other decorative items may not be left on the ground in the cemetery. Plants and flowers must be placed in a standing flower pot or hung from a shepherd's hook. Other decorative items, with the exception of American flags at specified times, may not be left at any time. All items left on the ground will be removed and discarded. (Please understand that this is necessary to facilitate caring for the grounds in the cemetery.) Thank you.

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.

Assisted Hearing

There are assisted hearing devices available in the Worship Space that will allow individuals to hear through their own personal hearing devices. If this is something you would find helpful, ask the volunteer at the sound board for assistance.



Friends at the House

I am inviting the men of our parish to join me for **Friends at the House (Victoria House) on Saturday, April 16**, 8 to 9:15 a.m. Enjoy some good coffee, treats and conversation. Our speaker is Duke Pieper, a young man who, as an aspiring hockey player at age 15, faced brain surgery with a five percent survival rate. He will share his story of courage, hope and a miracle as he recounts his battle to restore normalcy to his life. Invite your friends and family for an inspiring morning.

Works of Mercy

For this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called for a "revolution of tenderness," asking Catholics to "cultivate the tenderness of God toward each one of us" and to "commit to making our own the mercy of the Good Samaritan." Catholic tradition has identified a few particular ways of cultivating that tenderness and mercy of God: the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. This year the Church is urging all Catholics to rediscover and practice these works in a very intentional way. This week I am sharing some thoughts on the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Lord, show us how to **console the doubtful** — help us to accompany the people you put in our path and listen carefully to their stories, to avoid judging others and to rejoice in even small movements toward beauty, goodness and truth.

Lord, show us how to **instruct and advise** others — help us to be patient with those who misbehave or struggle to understand, to set a good example so others will describe us as loving and to seek wisdom before speaking.

Lord, show us how to **comfort the sorrowful** — help us pay attention to the many needs of those who are lonely, neglected or grieving, ask prayerfully for the faithfulness and kindness you pour out in mercy and to remember with tenderness your own passion and death.

Lord, show us how to **convert the sinner** — help us to speak the truth in love, without harsh judgment and to seek unity of heard, mind and spirit in the Body of Christ.

Lord, show us how to **bear wrongs patiently** — help us to resist the temptation to get even or to seek preferential treatment, to trust that in you all things work together for good and to keep heaven in our hearts and that our most precious goal is to live forever with you.

Lord, show us how to **forgive all injuries** — help us to forgive others, even those who do not know or admit they are doing wrong, to pray for more love to chase away the bitterness of being hurt and to seek the help we need to keep our hearts open to others.

Lord, show us how to **pray for the living and the dead** — help us to trust that you always hear and honor our prayers, to start each day by offering to you all our thoughts, words and deeds of the day ahead and to understand that you transform our prayers into grace for others.

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. We need to create quiet moments in our lives to give God a chance to speak. **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy follows.**

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, April 18**. 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.

A Trip in Your Future?

I am leading a fabulous trip next year and I am hoping you might want to join me. We will travel to Brazil and Argentina visiting Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Iguazu Falls and Buenos Aires. A highlight of the trip will be a "Pope Francis" tour visiting important places in his life. Find more details on our website or in brochures in the kiosk or call me. .

Suggestions, Questions, Concerns

Please remember that we have a suggestion box in the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons. Please feel free to use the forms available — or any piece of paper — to share suggestions, ideas, ask questions or make comments. While it is not mandatory, we really do appreciate it if submissions are signed so we can provide a personal answer to you. And, whenever appropriate, we'll share the information with all parishioners, but trust we will not use names.

Elsewhere...

- **Guardian Angels Spring Fling — A Night at the Casino**, Saturday, April 23, 6 p.m. to midnight, Hazeltine Golf Club in Chaska. Food, cocktails and fun.
- **Benedictine Day of Prayer**, St. John's Abby, Friday, April 22, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Topic is "Praying the Kingdom of God: Politics." \$50 includes breakfast, lunch and materials. Please bring your Bible. Call 320-363-3929 or www.abbeyguesthouse.org for info or to register.
- **Southwest Grief Coalition's** Living and Growing Through Loss spring sessions are at Pax Christi on Mondays. Light supper at 5:30 p.m., speaker at 6:30 p.m. followed by adult small groups and children's groups for ages 8 through 12 (with pre-registration at 460-0030). Childcare available. Speaker on April 11, Rev. Chris Wheatley, Bereavement Counselor, will discuss "Grief Observed." Call 941-3150 for information.
- **Men's Discernment Group** St. Charles Borromeo in Minneapolis on Saturdays April 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.
- **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. Call 856-4703 for information or to register.
- **West Suburban Grief Coalition**, Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth, 4:30 to 6 p.m. On April 14 Heather Rykhus will share "Her Personal Parent Death Story." Call 763-559-2775 for information.
- **West Metro Theology on Tap** for adults 18 to 39 meets Tuesdays at Champps in Minnetonka. Speaker on April 12 is Fr. Joseph Johnson, West Metro Spiritual Advisor, for another round of "Grill the Priest." 6:30 p.m. dinner and social time, speaker at 7:30 p.m.
- **Youth Choir Camp** for students in 5th through 8th Grades, Aug. 15-19, 9 a.m. to noon, Benilde/St. Margaret's. Contact Adam Petroski at apetroski@bsmschool.org or 927-4176 x2256.

Faith Formation

Welcome to Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

Imagine . . .

- . . . a child discovering for the first time that Jesus is the light of the world.
- . . . kids worshipping in powerful ways.
- . . . children praying for each other in the challenges they face.
- . . . adults and teens modeling Jesus' love to children.
- . . . the kids in our church showing God's love to families in need across the United States.
- . . . children serving each other.

This summer at Cave Quest Vacation Bible School (VBS), kids will go on an over-the-top underground adventure where they'll discover Jesus can be their trusted guiding light through life! Be a part of VBS at St. Victoria the week of June 13 to June 17. It's an adventure that'll help everyone involved to begin or grow in their relationship with Jesus. We're praying this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with Jesus' love and power. Help kids in our community discover that . . .

- . . . Jesus gives us hope.
- . . . Jesus gives us courage.
- . . . Jesus gives us direction.
- . . . Jesus gives us love.
- . . . Jesus gives us his power.

As we plan and prepare for Cave Quest, our team would cherish your prayers. Pray that God will give us wisdom in planning. Pray for amazing volunteers to join our team. And pray that God will begin working in the hearts of the children who will come to Cave Quest!

Cave Quest is for kids entering into K through 5th Grades (participants), 6 through 8th Grades (junior helpers), high school and adults (leaders). \$60 for participants and \$30 for junior helpers.

Dates: June 13 — June 17.

Time: 9 a.m. — noon

Registration Deadline: June 10

Contact Information: 443-2661

Registration is now open — find the registration link on our website under the Events Tab.

Faith Formation Registration for 2016/2017

All families currently registered in our Faith Formation program should expect to receive registration information for the 2016/2017 Faith Formation and Sacrament season the last week of April. Please contact me if you do not receive your family's registration information via email or you are new to the parish and need additional information about our ministry. Information will also be available on our website at that time.

Emily Klinker, Director of Faith Formation
eklinker@stvictoria.org, 443-2661 x218
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Be sure to check us out on Facebook to see pictures of all the Faith Formation activities at St. Victoria!

Minnesota FoodShare

We might be a couple weeks late, but we are still planning an always successful food share drive. Be sure to pick up your bags this weekend and return them next weekend. (The bags have suggestions for food items that can help provide nutritious meals for those in need.) Cash donations also are welcome with every dollar collected used to purchase food. All St. Victoria donations go to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska.

Some Hunger Facts to keep in mind:

- Minnesota FoodShare is the only statewide effort where every dollar donated goes directly to the food shelves to purchase food.
- For 34 years, Minnesota FoodShare has partnered with faith communities, schools, businesses and community groups to restock food shelves during the annual campaign. Last year's results — \$8 million and 4.7 million pounds of food — ensured that thousands of Minnesotans were fed.
- One in ten Minnesotans experiences food "insecurity" on a regular basis.
- In 2014, 11 percent of Minnesotans and almost 15 percent of children in Minnesota lived below the poverty line.
- 8.3 percent of seniors have reported being threatened by hunger and senior hunger is expected to rise as more Baby Boomers reach age 60.

Last year, St. Victoria donated over 6,000 pounds of food to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf.

Explore the CSJ Way

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates invite you to explore the CSJ Way with a free, half-day retreat with presentations, conversation and silence exploring *Mutuality: A Spiritual Grounding for Justice*. The retreat is Saturday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Carondelet Center in St. Paul. Find information and registration at csjstpaul.org/csjway or 651-690-7062.

Discover the Difference

It's not too late to discover the difference and enroll a student (or students) at Holy Family Catholic High School for the 2016/2017 school year. Tours are available all year-round and "Shadow Day" visits are available. (Tuition assistance is available.) Schedule a visit today by calling 443-1955.

Important upcoming Faith Formation Dates

(Watch this column for details on all upcoming events)

- Saturday, April 9 — First Communion Retreat
- Sunday, April 10 — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Wednesday, April 13 — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- Wednesday, April 13 — Guest speaker, Nic Davidson coming for Confirmation. All are invited.
- Sunday, April 17 — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Wednesday, April 20 — **Last** Faith Formation of the season (grades K through 9)
- Saturday, April 23 — 2nd Annual Faith Fest
- Sunday, April 24 — 2nd Annual Faith Fest
- Sunday, April 24 — **Last** Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Wednesday, April 27 — First Communion Rehearsal
- Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 — First Communion

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **April 2 and 3, Week 40**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 11,635
Electronic Offering: 14,103
Total Membership Offering: 25,738

Please use your envelopes for your offerings.

Second Collection Next Weekend

This is a reminder that next weekend (April 16 and 17) there will be 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 automatic electronic funds transfer or contribute cash or a check when the collection basket is passed after Communion.)

Scholarship Requests

Requests for scholarships are now being accepted from active St. Victoria parishioners who have been registered members of St. Victoria for at least six months — and who do not otherwise qualify for a tuition discount or subsidy by reason of also being a member of the host school's parish. Parents who qualify are invited to submit the scholarship request (found on the parish website) annually to request tuition assistance for children who are enrolled in Grades 1 through 8 in a neighboring Catholic School for the coming year. All completed request forms must be received by Deacon Ray in the parish office before June 1, 2016, to be considered for scholarship aid for the 2016/2017 school year. **Due to budgeting requirements, no late scholarships requests will be considered.** All scholarships will be disbursed, in equal amounts (as funds allow) directly to the school on a quarterly basis, provided students remain enrolled.

Abundant Life, Vibrant Mind

Staying Sharp. A morning with Henry Emmons who will discuss his book *"The Chemistry of Joy and Chemistry of Calm,"* and share nine keys for a youthful brain through modern science and ageless wisdom. Sponsored by St. Catherine University and Loyola Spirituality Center on Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Catherine University. Cost is \$50. Register at 651-641-0008 or loyolaspiritualitycenter.org.

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a Twelve-Step Fellowship of men and women with the common purpose of recovery from codependence and the development and maintenance of healthy relationships. There are CoDA meetings on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Crown of Glory Church in Chaska. See brochures in the kiosk in the Commons.

Survivors Support Group

A Survivors Support Group sponsored by the Archdiocese for victims/survivors of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy meets regularly with independent professionals experienced in working with survivors of sexual abuse facilitating. Those who would benefit from sharing their survival story may call Canvas Health at 651-291-4497 for more information.

Ministry Schedule

April 16 and 17

Sacristans

5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen
8:45 a.m. Mark and Linnea Lynum
10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lector

5 p.m. Janie Jasin
8:45 a.m. Judy Sones
10:45 a.m. Gina Holman

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Lois Hansel, Joyce Heiland, Todd Hesse, Cinda Jensen, Kristen Kowalski, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Mary Ann Lavalle, Tom and Dianne Leahy
8:45 a.m. Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis, Jim Alessio, Kay Arnold, Mary Bishop, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Adrienne Carrica, Andrew Cone, Marge Diethelm, Cindy Eide, Jason Hester

10:45 a.m. Brian Pulvermacher, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Elaine Scholl, Anna Shay, Annette Smyser, Jill Sonnek, Erv and Linda Spevacek, George Barker, John and Karen Campbell

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Dan Smock, Gary Sohns, Rick Stucki, Matt White, Gary and Anne Delaney
8:45 a.m. Joseph Happ, Mike Jeurissen, Gary and Sharon Lauwagie, Mark Lund, Scott Micek
10:45 a.m. Linda Lindeman, Kerry McMillan, Billie Perkins, Sandy Perkins, Bryan and William Saathoff

Servers

5 p.m. Grace and Madeline White, Laura Contreras
8:45 a.m. Nate Nicklaus, Matthew Ramler, Colton Schrempp
10:45 a.m. Evie Heiland, Joey and Mitchell Holman

Sound

5 p.m. Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m. Tim Woodfield

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Sean Barker
8:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak and Kryssy Thimsen — Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:45 a.m. Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Sharon Schindler

Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m. Jen Stratton and Emma Braaten
10:45 a.m. Nicole Della Paolera and Chastity Perkins

Please . . .

If you are on the Ministry Schedule and find that you are not going to be available for a particular Mass, please remember to find a substitute. Also, if you are no longer going to be available — are moving, going away to school or have other obligations — please contact the parish office.

Photo Directories

It's been a long (and involved) process, but the photo directories are scheduled to ship on April 11 and we will make plans for distribution as soon as they arrive. Watch for the distribution plan.

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