

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 Easter April 17, 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 Easter
April 17, 2016**

The readings for April 24

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 14:21-27

Reading II: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-33, 34-35

**Behold, I make
all things new.**



There are many examples in the Bible of farewell speeches. They always include leaving a farewell gift. Jesus addresses his disciples as “my children” like a father would on his deathbed. Jesus’ gift is the commandment to “love one another.” This is the key to eternal happiness. “Love your neighbor as yourself” has been around for a long time. There was something new in Jesus’ command. They were to love each other as Jesus loves. It is to be a totally selfless love. His death on the cross is the highest expression of his love. It is this *love* which identifies the disciples with Jesus. What we believe, how we behave and worship must be motivated by his command to “love one another” as he loves us. This is the necessary mark of a truly Christian community.

Question of the Week

In what way is this a truly Christian community? In what way is it not? Where do you fit in?

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.)

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.

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 19** — Jerry and Gerda Schmiege

Wednesday, **April 20** — Hilda Caspers †

Thursday, **April 21** — Marge Chapman †

Friday, **April 22** — Marie Stumpf †

Saturday, **April 23** — Rose Krauth †

Sunday, **April 24** — 8:45 a.m. Judy Forcier and Family

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

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank Fr. Bob, Patty Schlader, Elizabeth Nowak, Morrie Leuthner, the luncheon ladies, those who brought food and all those who came to celebrate Ray's life at his funeral. It is gratifying to know people truly care.

Joan Jendro

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, May 5, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday, May 6, (bag day), 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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 needed during drop-off days, set-up, sale days and for clean-up. It is not necessary to sign up, just join in when you can spare a few hours.

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.

Office/Warehouse Space Needed

Love INC is seeking a warehouse and/or office space in the heart of Easter Carver County. Ideally, the space would be available May 1, but there is some flexibility. Needs are:

- 4,000 to 10,000 square feet
- Restroom facilities
- Climate control within the space
- Parking and reasonable access to move furniture in and out of the building on a regular basis.

If you, or someone you know might be able to help, please call 448-2508. Thank you.

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



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 ways of cultivating that tenderness and mercy of God: the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Last week I talked about the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Now I would like to begin talking about the Corporal Works of Mercy and how we as members of St. Victoria can, and are, practicing those mercies through our ministries. The first —

Feed the Hungry

Each month volunteers travel to Minneapolis to serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands and at the same time have an opportunity to share a smile or a kind word with individuals and families in need. (Check with Peter Taunton at 567-5990.) Often, when there is food remaining after parish events, a someone makes an emergency run to Sharing and Caring Hands. And, about every six weeks another group of volunteers prepares and serves dinner to homeless men and women at Simpson House in Minneapolis. (Check with Jan Wohlers at Wohlershome@yahoo.com.)

Probably the most visible example of Feeding the Hungry occurs every Sunday when our littlest members bring food to the altar. After Mass, our servers bag up the food and place it our food shelf bin (right inside the main entrance) where volunteer drivers pick them up and deliver them to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska. By the way, you are always welcome to leave food in the food shelf bin.

This week, we all have an opportunity to feed the hungry with our annual participation in Minnesota FoodShare. I am always awestruck when I see the collection of bags brimming with food sitting in the Commons. Bountiful Basket also receives regular tithes from St. Victoria that can be used to purchase foods. Last year we donated over 6,000 pounds of food and nearly \$3,000. A special thank you to FoodShare Coordinator **Gena Braaten** and her daughter **Emma** for joining the staff to staple information on the grocery bags handed out last weekend. Gena also will be coordinating the delivery to Bountiful Basket. We'll share the totals when they are finalized.

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Pope Francis announced this week that French Archbishop Christophe Pierre will succeed Italian Archbishop Carlo Vigano as the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States with headquarters in Washington DC. Archbishop Vigano recently turned 75, the traditional retirement age for Catholic Bishops.

Until his new appointment, Archbishop Pierre had been serving as the Vatican's representative in Mexico. In that role since 2007, he has previously served as Apostolic Nuncio in both Uganda and Haiti. He is expected to take up his new role almost immediately, representing the Vatican in the U.S. and also advising Pope Francis on selection and appointment of Bishops throughout the U.S. **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. A quiet place is available. Come and adore Him and wait patiently to hear His words. **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy follows.**

Sharing and Caring Hands

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

Simpson Housing

St. Victoria's next date to serve dinner at Simpson House (a shelter for homeless men and women) is May 22. In the meantime, they are asking for some items that they need:

- Women's underwear sizes 5, 6 and 7 and men's underwear (preferable boxers or boxer briefs) sizes M, L, XL
- Men's t-shirts sizes S, M., L, XL, XXL
- Shampoo
- Disposable razors

You may leave contributions at the parish office. Thank you.

Save the Dates

- Plan to spend a few minutes before or after Mass next weekend, April 23 and 24, to stroll through “Faith Fest” in the Commons. It is an opportunity to see what our Faith Formation students and volunteers have done this past year.
- Victoria's annual spring clean-up is Saturday, May 7. Hope you can join us in sprucing up the grounds. The more, the merrier (and the sooner we'll be done!)

Elsewhere...

- **Guardian Angels Spring Fling** is Saturday, April 23, 6 to 11 p.m. at the Chaska Event Center. Live and silent auctions, dinner, socializing and a special show by magician Matt Dunn all to raise money for the school. To purchase a ticket or donate go to <http://bidpal.net/2016springfling>. **Note: This is a change from previous announcement.**
- **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 18, Ted Bowman, Grief and Family Educator, will discuss “Looking Both Ways: Loss and Honest Hope.” Call 941-3150 for info.
- **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 21 Dr. Jim Bauldus, Psychologist, will share “Journey Following Wife's Death.” Call 763-559-2775 for information.
- **Helmuth Rilling Conducts a German Requiem** at Orchestra Hall on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 24, at 2 p.m. Includes Minnesota Chorale and soloists. Use code REQUIEM for 50 percent off regularly priced \$25 to \$63 tickets.

Faith Formation

Faith Fest Invite

Have you ever wondered what the 500-plus kids and nearly 100 volunteers do each week on Wednesday evening? We would love to show you a glimpse of the amazing things that happen right here at St Victoria during Faith Formation. Please plan on visiting our first annual Faith Fest next weekend after all of the Masses. We will have displays from the classrooms as well as catechists and learners available to explain their displays. Please plan on stopping by.

Faith Formation Registration for 2016/2017

All families registered in our parish with children ages 5 to 15 should have received registration information for the 2016/2017 Faith Formation and Sacrament season last week. Please contact me if you did not receive your family's registration information via email. Information is also available on our website at this time as well.

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

In just a few short months, our church will be getting a subterranean makeover as we begin a gem of an adventure at Cave Quest Vacation Bible School (VBS). Kids will worship Jesus through songs and prayer, experiment with Sciency-Fun Gizmos, and discover life-changing Bible truths in fun and memorable ways.

To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give some time, energy and love to the kids who will attend. So let me share a few ideas about ways you might be able to make this program a success. Please check out the following list, and then pray about where God might use you.

Station Leaders Use easy-to-follow station leader manuals and prepare one 20-minute session each day that you will repeat with four different groups of approximately 20 kids. We need leaders for:

- Cave Quest Closing (daily opening and closing, includes leading songs)
- Imagination Station (fun, hands-on science experiments)
- Spelunker Sports and Games (fun games that reinforce Bible truths)
- Kidd™ Cinema (video featuring the real-life adventures of real kids and discussion)
- Cavern Café (helping kids make snacks)
- Deep Bible Quests (incredible, surprising explorations of Bible stories)

Crew Leaders Shepherd a mixed-age group of five elementary children through each day's activities . . . and there's no preparation!

Crew Leaders for preschoolers Be a friend and helper to a group of five preschool children . . . again, no preparation required!

Still don't see something that interests you? We'd also love to have a . . .

- Registration team
- Decorating team
- Photographer
- Publicity coordinator
- Supply coordinator

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There are also a few spots for anyone who's dramatically inclined! Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we've got a place for you!

We believe that God will use this incredible program to reach many children with the ultimate message of His love, so please prayerfully consider your role in Cave Quest VBS. Feel free to contact me by email, phone, or in person if you have any questions. To volunteer, go to our website and click on Vacation Bible School under the Events Tab.

It's Time to Sign Up for Vacation Bible School

Each day, kids participate in small groups and discover practical ways to hold on to God's mighty power. Not only will they experience exciting Bible adventures but they'll also watch for God in everyday life through something called God Sightings™. You and your kids will discover that God is active in our lives and that His fingerprints are everywhere. This VBS promises to be mountains of fun. Plus, kids walk away with a rock-solid faith that they can rely on God when life gets tough. Register to be a part of Cave Quest VBS. Cave Quest is for kids in K through 5th grades (participants) 6th through 8th grades (junior helpers) high school and adults (leaders). \$60 for participants and \$30 for junior helpers.

Dates: June 13 through June 17

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Registration Deadline: June 10

Contact Information: 952-443-2661

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

Emily Klinker, Director of Faith Formation
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www.stvictoria.org

Minnesota FoodShare

We are hoping you returned your grocery bags filled with nutritious foods for people in need. All our donations (including cash that will be used to purchase foods) will be donated to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska.

Minnesota FoodShare (which actually occurred in March, but our schedule required a delay) is a 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. Last year, St. Victoria donated over 6,000 pounds of food to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf.

Important upcoming Faith Formation Dates

(Watch this column for details on all upcoming events)

- 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
- Wednesday, May 4 — 10th Grade Confirmation Parent—Student—Sponsor Meeting

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **April 9 and 10, Week 41**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,888
Electronic Offering: 7,446
Total Membership Offering: 16,334

Please use your envelopes for your offerings.

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 scholarship 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.

Reminder

You may begin placing plants and flowers on the gravesites of loved ones. Please remember that plants and flowers must be placed in a standing flower pot or hung from a shepherd's hook. Decorative items, with the exception of American flags at specified times, may not be displayed at any time. Nothing may be planted or left on the ground. All decorative items and anything 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.

Catholic Women Have the Hope

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites you to the 84th ACCW Convention on April 29 and 30 at St. Vincent De Paul in Brooklyn Park. During the two days, nourish yourself with Mass, delicious food, inspiring speakers, shopping, praying, singing, voting, and, of course, lots of socializing with women from all corners of the Archdiocese. \$35 for one day or \$60 for both days. Come and share in being "The Sowers of Hope." Visit www.accwarhspm.org or call 651-291-4545 for information. Credit card registration available <https://events.archspm.org/accw2016conv>.

Catholic Watchmen Rally

Men are invited to the Catholic Watchmen Rally with Bishop Andrew Cozzens on Friday, April 22, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. Bishop Cozzens will present on "Overcoming Sin in Our Lives." This Catholic Watchmen Rally is an opportunity for men to draw closer to Jesus Christ and invest in fellowship with other men. There will be time for Adoration and Confession. Dinner will be provided. (Free will offering.) Contact Susanna Bolle at bolles@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.

Ministry Schedule

April 23 and 24

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tom and Lisa Katalinich
8:45 a.m. Barb Forbrook, Laura Synstegaard
10:45 a.m. Gloria Wolf, Tim Woodfield

Lector

5 p.m. Todd Hesse
8:45 a.m. Kurt Bongard
10:45 a.m. Joe Hamilton

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Ann Fowler, Roger Jackels, Debra McMillan, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Roger Osweiler, Katharine Paulsen, Ken Pavett, Diane Robinson, Rose Rooney, Doris Schmieg, Jerry Schmieg
8:45 a.m. Jim and Betti Igel, Mike Kokesh, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Sharon Lauwagie, Mary Ann Lavalley, Pat Moore. Jim and Debbie Moss, Dave and Ellen Roan
10:45 a.m. Mary Catino, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Carol Trantow, Marty Dentinger, Allison Duenow, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Greg and Hannah Erickson, Ann Esping, Diane Forsythe

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Elizabeth Contreras, Jeff Fowler, Monica Grengs, Cal Haasken, John Heiland, Pat Henning
8:45 a.m. Chris and Cheryl Mach, Scott Monson, Chris and Judy Sones, Shawn Sutherland
10:45 a.m. Steve and Jill Sonnek and Family, Erv and Linda Spevacek, Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese

Servers

5 p.m. Scott Emery, Grace Fowler, Lydia Jackels
8:45 a.m. Ben Ramler, Shandon and Shanna Sutherland
10:45 a.m. Sarah Johnson, Mason Kalvoda, Ava Kunze

Sound

5 p.m. Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m. Mike Hansen
10:45 a.m. Lexi Ekstrom

Music

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m. Ann Eilertson, Caroline Kohls, Kiahley Bosch
10:45 a.m. Lauren Pulvermacher, Maggie Rolf

Ministry Opportunities

We recently sent an email to parishioners sharing information about ministry opportunities during our Masses. Thanks to the people who signed up, especially for Lector and Sacristan positions. We still need additional Servers, Sound Board Ministers and Team Isaiah members. If interested, contact Elizabeth Nowak in the parish office at 443-2661 x207.

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.