

# 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.”

February 14, 2016  
First Sunday of Lent

### 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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**First Sunday of Lent  
February 14, 2016**

**The readings for February 21**

Second Sunday of Lent

*Reading I:* Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

*Reading II:* Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Gospel:* Luke 9:28-36

Master, it is good that we are here



One of the key themes in Luke's Gospel is glory. As Jesus is transfigured, Moses and Elijah appear "in glory." When the apostles awake they see only Jesus' "glory." Moses and Elijah reveal that Christ's passage would be through suffering to glory. The voice of God identifies Jesus as God's chosen Son, and commands the apostles to listen, to listen to what Jesus has just announced — his approaching death and resurrection. In this passage, the glory of God will be revealed.

**Question of the Week**

Have you experienced a hardship in your life that made you a better person? Have you had a "mountaintop" experience in your life?

**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.)

**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, **February 16** — John Mastey †

Wednesday, **February 17** — Delbert Kelzer †

Thursday, **February 18** — Rick Plocher †

Friday, **February 19** — Robert and Agnes Slater †

Saturday, **February 20** — Marjorie Chapman †

Sunday, **February 21** — 8:45 a.m. Donald and Ann Worm †  
10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

*To Our St. Victoria Parish Family:*

*We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to all for visits, beautiful service, food for the funeral and other special kindnesses shown to our mother Hilda Caspers.*

*God Bless You,  
Hilda's Family*

**Lenten Reconciliation Dates**

**St. Victoria** — The Reconciliation date at our parish is Wednesday, March 2. There will be a service during each Faith Formation session — 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Parishioners are invited to attend whichever session is most convenient.

**St. Hubert's**, Chanhassen, Tuesday, February 23, 7 p.m.

**St. Mary Czestochowa**, Delano, Friday, March 4, 9 a.m.

**St. Boniface**, St. Bonifacius, Friday, March 4, 4 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.

**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.

**New Location for Dishes**

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated salads and desserts for our recent funerals. Our families are always so blessed by the outpouring from the parish. For those of you who dropped off bowls and pans, know that we have a new location where you can pick them up. The cabinet with funeral dishes has been moved to the hallway by the kitchen door to make it more convenient for you so at the same time you are dropping off a dish for a new funeral lunch, you can easily pick up your old dish from the last one.

**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.**



## Best Lent Ever

I bet you never thought I would tell you to get your phones out during Mass. Well, you were wrong because there is a great app available that I want you to know about.

Best Lent Ever is a program offered by Dynamic Catholic based on the book "Rediscover Jesus" by noted author Matthew Kelly. When you sign up for this free app, each day during Lent you will receive via email a short video and inspirational words to help guide you on your faith journey.

Lent is meant to be an opportunity to examine your life, a time to give your struggles over to God and invite Him to help you become the best version of yourself. This app is a 40-day spiritual journey in a deeply personal way to begin — or nourish — a habit of daily prayer and to discover a clearer understanding of God's plan for your life. This app can help increase focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving with spiritual exercises to help prepare for the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

To find more information, go to [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com).

## "The Name of God is Mercy"

There's also a book by Pope Francis, "The Name of God is Mercy," that I want to mention. Deacon Ray shared information about this book that was released this month in his homily two weeks ago. The book is a collection of reflections by Pope Francis on the mercy of God, which he calls the "first attribute of God." Pope Francis says we must consider how God sees us. That makes all the difference because God looks on us with a perfect love that we can never live up to and showers us with mercy and forgiveness. In Christ, our sins are washed away, our demerits are replaced with his merits. No matter the mess we make of our lives, God's "mercy will always be greater than our sin." In fact, "where sin increases, grace overflows all the more." In the end, "we will be judged on love alone." Not only our own love, but — thank God — God's love.

## Practice of Forgiveness

This brings me to another point. Jesus tells us to forgive our enemies. He doesn't put a time table on it because forgiveness takes time. The spiritual practice of forgiveness helps us take back the power that our enemy has taken from us. When we forgive our enemy, we are no longer held hostage by our own anger. Here I share with you a 21-day practice of forgiveness. Lent just might be the perfect time to try this.

**One** — Visualize who it is that is hardest to forgive and easiest to resent.

**Two** — Seek the grace of forgiveness

\* Lord, if (name) has in any way hurt me I forgive him/her.

\*(Forgiveness does not depend on feelings, but is an act of will.)

**Three** — Pray God's blessing on the person you resent.

\*Lord, may (name) be joyful, peaceful, free of pain and suffering and may (name) live in loving kindness.

\*May I be joyful, may I be peaceful, may I be free of pain and suffering and may I live in loving kindness.

Repeat this daily for 21 days.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY...** Praise the God of heaven, for his mercy endures forever. *Psalm 136:26*

*Fr. Bob*

**Note:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of President's Day.

## 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 tomorrow, Monday, February 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.

## The Five Languages of Love

What "love language" do you speak? Come to a retreat and breakfast at St. Victoria on Saturday, February 20, (8:30 to 11:30 a.m.) and hear local speaker Stacia Christenson share inspiring information from the best-selling book, *The Five Languages of Love* by Dr. Gary Chapman. Women of all ages are invited to hear a fun, interesting and engaging speaker who will leave you inspired, encouraged and filled up! The cost is \$10. Sign up after Masses or pay at the door. Contact Patty Schlader for information at 443-2661 x204.

## Elsewhere...

- **Living and Growing Through Loss** sponsored by Southwest Grief Coalition, sessions at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. Gather at 5:30 p.m., speaker and small groups follow. Speaker on Feb. 18 is Cheryl Harjes. Topic is "Lessons of Grief." Childcare and children's groups available. Call 937-2776 for information.
- **Fish Fry** at Guardian Angels in Chaska, Friday, Feb. 19, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Lenten Fish Fry Dinners**, 4 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's in Waconia every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Call 442-2384 for info.
- **Beef and Sausage Dinner** sponsored Men's Club at Guardian Angels in Chaska, **today**, Sunday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Homemade sausage for sale. Take-out available.
- **Dementia with Care Scenarios** presented by Laura Oldenburg, Care Transition Coordinator, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 3 to 4 p.m., Olive Branch Estates, Chanhassen. RSVP to Angela at 448-4800.
- **Adult Faith Formation**, "Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy and Making Peace with My Sister's Killer," at Our Lady of Lourdes in Minneapolis, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m. A conversation about mercy with Jeanne Bishop, author of *Change of Heart*, who will share her story about her sister's murder and her journey in meeting the killer. Info at 612-379-2259.
- **The Third Cord**, a day of reflection for married couples, Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., St. Olaf Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis. Brief talks, small group sharing, lunch and Mass. Fr. John Forliti hosting. Register at [asusag@saintolaf.org](mailto:asusag@saintolaf.org).

**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.** It is in the quiet stillness when we hear the whisper of God's voice. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

# Faith Formation

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you to all who made donations to our annual Souper Bowl of Caring! Our voting looked much like the outcome of the actual game, our Faith Formation kids voted in favor of the Denver Broncos. Bountiful Basket food shelf in Chaska was very thankful for our donations.

## Slope Fest

On Friday, five teens and I headed north for our annual trip to Slope Festival with other teens from our area. Please keep all of the Slope Fest youth, counselors and staff in your prayers this weekend while they are at Giants Ridge making new friends, growing deeper in their faith and having a great time on the slopes.

## Thanks

We are extremely blessed with amazing volunteers in Faith Formation. Each and every week both Sara and I have volunteers who come in and spend hours supporting our ministries. On any given week you can find Ann Esping, Paula Jackels, Linda Spevacek, Jodi Brietling, Michelle McNallan, Maddie and Kathy Hester in our offices or in the classrooms helping in many different ways. Please join me in saying an extra prayer for all of our volunteers this Lent as we build toward the busiest time in the Faith Formation season.

A special thanks to Fr. Thomas Joseph from St. Nicholas in Carver for coming and speaking to our Edge Group about saints and his time with Blessed Mother Teresa. A shout out to Lisa Payne for leading our 6th Graders in their annual Seder Meal last week as well.

## Lent in Faith Formation

In each of our classes the catechists and learners are growing together on their Lenten Journey. Some are trying new Lenten practices, others learning something new about Lent, and still others are teaching each other through their stories of Lent. When you see one of our kids at Mass, please be sure to stop them and ask them what they are learning in this season rich with teachable moments.

## 40 Days of Lent...

40 is the mystical number signifying penance.

- Flood — 40 days and 40 nights
- Moses fasted on Mount Sinai — 40 days
- Israelites condemned to roam the desert — 40 years
- Elias — fasted for 40 days and 40 nights
- Jesus — fasted for 40 days in the desert
- Saint Francis of Assisi — fasted for 40 days after which he received the stigmata

## First Eucharist

We had our parent meeting for First Eucharist two weeks ago. If you were unable to attend, please contact me to set up an appointment to go over the materials.

## Snow Tubing

Join us for a night of family fun on the slopes on Sunday, February 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person (includes bus transportation, snow tubing for 2 hours and light snacks in the chalet). We will gather at St. Victoria at 3 p.m. and travel by bus to Buck Hill to enjoy two hours of

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tubing, a bonfire, hot chocolate, light snacks and a great time with our St. Victoria family. We'll return by 7 p.m. We have reserved the **Hutch** so that all tubers will have a private place with a bonfire to warm up.

**Registration deadline is Monday, February 22 or until space is full.** Registration forms and payment should be turned into me, the parish office, or brought to Faith Formation on Wednesday evening. Registration forms and information can be found online.

**All children in Grades K through 4 must be registered with a parent for this event (children must be 50 inches tall or 5 years old to tube).** Children in Grades 5 through 12 may register and participate on their own. **Note:** We need additional chaperones. **Questions?** Call 443-2661.

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## Important upcoming Faith Formation Dates

(Watch this column for details on all upcoming events)

- **Friday to Monday, February 12 to 15** — Slopefest
- **Sunday, February 14** — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **Wednesday, February 17** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **Wednesday, February 17** — Post Confirmation Youth Group
- **Thursday, February 18** — Lenten Bible Study
- **Sunday, February 21** — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **Wednesday, February 24** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **Wednesday, February 24** — Post Confirmation Youth Group
- **Thursday, February 25** — Lenten Bible Study
- **Saturday, February 27** — 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat

## Archdiocesan Events

- **Miryam Dinner**, Tuesday, February 16, 6 p.m., for women ages 16 to 35 discerning a religious life. Call 651-962-6890.
- **Vianney Visit** for young men (high school sophomores through college, ages 16 to 22) to see what life is like at a College Seminary, Thursday, February 18 through 20 at the St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul. Visits are free, but space is limited. A referral from the Archdiocesan Vocation Director, Fr. David Blume, is requested for registration. Email [stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org](mailto:stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org) or call 651-962-6890.
- **Widow and Widowers Agape Dinner** Saturday, February 20, at the Church of St. Peter in Forest Lake. Hear Father Al's journey from husband, father, grandfather to the priesthood. All widows and widowers welcome. Register at 9:30 a.m., Mass and presentation by Fr. Backmann at 10 a.m. with dinner to follow. The cost is \$5. RSVP by February 12. Call Deacon Terry Moravec at 651-295-4444.

## Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **February 6 and 7, Week 32**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 8,438  
Electronic Offering: 19,833  
Membership Offering: 28,271

*Please your envelopes for your offerings.*

### Second Collection Next Weekend

This is a reminder that next weekend (February 20 and 21) 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.)

### Ministry of the Separated and Divorced

St. Victoria is a participating member of this ministry along with eight other Catholic churches in the community. Together, they are sponsoring a Spring 2016 Speaker Series. There are three sessions and all three will be presented at both Guardian Angels in Chaska and St. Edward's in Bloomington. from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A pastoral minister will be available at both of these sessions. The dates, topics and the presenters:

Monday, February 22, at Guardian Angels and Thursday, February 25, at St. Edwards, "The Emotional side of Divorce presented by Vicki Franzen MA LMFT.

Monday, February 29, at Guardian Angels and Tuesday, March 1, at St. Edwards, "Grief and Resilience" presented by Brenda DeMotte MSW LICSW.

Monday, March 14, at Guardian Angels and Tuesday, March 18, at St. Edwards, "Annulments" presented by Amy Tadlock, Archdiocese Canon Lawyer.

### Discerning a Religious Life

There are several opportunities in the next few weeks for young women discerning a consecrated Life.

- **Discussion Series on Discernment** Saturday mornings, 8 to 10:30 a.m., February 27, March 5, 12 and 19, at St. Charles Borromeo in Minneapolis. The series is open to all women ages 18 to 30 and includes Mass, refreshments, a talk and discussion. Register at 651-962-6890 or [patty.mcuillan@stthomas.edu](mailto:patty.mcuillan@stthomas.edu).
- **Women's Discernment Retreat**, Saturday, April 2, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Nativity of Mary Catholic Church in Bloomington. Lunch provided. No cost, but free-will donations accepted. Registration is required by March 25 at Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 or [patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu](mailto:patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu).
- **Visit Women's Religious Communities** in the Twin Cities area on Saturday, February 20, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Women will have an opportunity to visit four different religious communities to meet, learn, share meals and pray with Catholic sisters. Visits include local communities of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Visitation Sisters, Franciscan Poor Clare's and Sisters of St. Joseph. The event is free. Contact Sister Mary Swanson at [mwsanson@ssnd.org](mailto:mwsanson@ssnd.org) or 414-305-9011 by February 16.

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

## Ministry Schedule

### February 20 and 21

#### Sacristans

5 p.m. Tim and Wendy Amundsen  
8:45 a.m. Barb Forbrook, Laura Synstegaard  
10:45 a.m. Julie Catalano, Diane Forsythe

#### Lector

5 p.m. Cynthia McKee  
8:45 a.m. Joe Carrica  
10:45 a.m. Lisa McColman

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mary Ann Lavalle, Debra McMillan, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Katharine Paulsen, Ken Pavett, Diane Robinson Rose Rooney, Doris Schmieg, Jerry Schmieg, Nancy Schmieg, Elaine Scholl

8:45 a.m. Jim and Betti Igel, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Sharon Lauwagie, Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Dave and Ellen Roan, Barb Schultz

10:45 a.m. George Barker, John and Karen Campbell, Mary Catino, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Carol Trantow, Marty Dentinger, Allison Duenow, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Ann Esping

#### Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Matt White, Elizabeth Contreras, Gary and Anne Delaney, Monica Grengs, Cal Haasken  
8:45 a.m. Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Mark Lund, Chris and Cheryl Mach, Scott Monson  
10:45 a.m. Kerry Leopold, Linda Lindeman, Kerry McMillan, Sandy Perkins, Don and Sue Roper

#### Servers

5 p.m. Lydia Jackels, Grace and Madeline White  
8:45 a.m. Megan Jeurissen, Ben Ramler, Colton Schrempp  
10:45 a.m. Sydney Perkins, Chastity Perkins-Bohn, Nathan Tinucci

#### Sound

5 p.m. Roger Osweiler  
8:45 a.m. Tim Woodfield  
10:45 a.m. Joseph Klinker

#### Music

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

#### Liturgy of the Word for Children

8:45 a.m. Dawn and Carly Dammann  
10:45 a.m. Nicole Della Paolera, Chastity Perkins

### Archdiocesan Men's Conference

Register now for the Archdiocesan Men's Conference at the Anderson Fieldhouse at the University of St. Thomas on Saturday, February 27, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., (doors open at 7 a.m. for Adoration and Confessions). Men of all ages and walks of life are invited to a morning of faith and fellowship. Bishop Cozzens will lead men to a new mission: The Catholic Watchmen — calling men to be protectors, providers and leaders of their families. Details and registration at [www.archspm.org/Events](http://www.archspm.org/Events). Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (up to high school seniors.) Contact Susanna Bolle at 651-291-4411 or [bolles@archspm.org](mailto:bolles@archspm.org) with questions.