

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.”

Second Sunday of Lent February 21, 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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**Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016**

The readings for February 28

Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



The fig tree in the parable in this Gospel represents Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the center of God's chosen people. He loved and cared, cultivated and fertilized. It is time for Jerusalem to bear fruit, but Jerusalem failed. The coming of Jesus as the "sign" of God's love for people can be seen as an extra time of grace given to Jerusalem. But by the time the Gospel was written, Luke's audience would know that Jerusalem has been destroyed. The parable also carries a caution for us: Unless we reform, we too will perish, just as Jerusalem did.

Question of the Week

Have you been faced with a challenging situation that required your patience and nurturing? Did your faith see you through?

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 23** — John Keith (Anniv.) †
 Wednesday, **February 24** — Louis Anderson †
 Thursday, **February 25** — Craig Brandt †
 Friday, **February 26** — Hilda Caspers †
 Saturday, **February 27** — Jerome Williams †
 Sunday, **February 28** — 8:45 a.m. Marge Chapman †
 10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

24 Hours for the Lord

Whether it has been weeks, months, years or decades, Pope Francis wants all to come back to confession. In announcing his "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, he said, "Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands." In response to his call, every diocese in the world will hold around-the-clock confessions from Friday, March 4, to Saturday, March 5. Here in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the Basilica of St. Mary and the Cathedral of St. Paul will start the 24 hours with prayer and confession services for priests from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Friday and then confessions for the faithful at both locations beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Friday and ending at noon on Saturday. For more information and additional sites that are hosting reconciliation services or additional times for confessions, please visit archspm.org/24hours.

Area 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. **Individual Confessions** are Tuesday, March 22, at 6 p.m.
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.

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.



Ash Wednesday

Once again, we had an outstanding crowd for our Ash Wednesday Masses. There were over 700 at 6:30 p.m. (including many of our Faith Formation families) and 200 at our morning Mass at 8 a.m.

Hear the Good Word

As each person heard "Repent and Believe the Good Word" when they received their ashes, it reminded me to share the good news that we now have assisted hearing devices in the Worship Space that allow individuals to hear through their own personal hearing devices. If this is something you would find helpful, ask the individual at the sound board for assistance.

Best Lent Ever

If you haven't already done so, remember to sign on for the free app offered by Dynamic Catholic, "Best Lent Ever." Based on the book "Rediscover Jesus" by noted author Matthew Kelly, each day during Lent you will receive via email a short video and inspirational words to help guide you on your faith journey. You will find more information at DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver.

Archdiocesan Men's Conference

There's still time to register 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. Bishop Cozzens will lead men to a new mission: The Catholic Watchmen — calling men to be protectors, providers and leaders of their families. Register at www.archspm.org/Events.

HATS OFF . . . A great morning was experienced by the men of the parish with our annual Men's Building Bridges Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 9. We were honored to have St. John's University head football coach Gary Fasching as our keynote speaker. It was extra special to have some St. John's Alumni come and enjoy the morning together exchanging war stories from their football years.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Jim Curran** who once again coordinated the event with an incredible spirit and wonderful organization. He has been coordinating this event for a number of years and has now passed the baton (or is it a football) to **Mike Ramler** who has graciously accepted the coordinator role for next year's event. Also, we again enjoyed a breakfast feast from the great hands of **Karl Tauscher** and his team, **Ralph Hatch, Mike Goin, Pam Schmillen, Julie Rydeen, Mike Stephen, Pete Foley, Mike Ramler (our great MC for the event) and his boys, Benjamin, Matthew and Nathan, Confirmation Youth and John Wall** who assisted with serving and clean up. We also wish to thank **Mary Catino** who supervised ticket sales in the office, the **great team of men and women** who helped set up tables, **Holy Family Catholic High School** for their support, **Island View Golf Club** for linens and **Matt Heger and Oak Grove Dairy**. What a great morning, we had breakfast, we listened, we learned. **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. A quiet time of prayer awaits you. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Gatherings This Week . . .

Finance Council will meet Tuesday, February 23, at 4:30 p.m., in Clare's Well.

All parishioners are welcome to attend parish gatherings.

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.

Bright Beginnings

Thank you to all who participated in our annual baby bottle drive to raise much needed funds for Southwest Options for Women. To date, we have collected nearly \$3,600, up from the \$3,380 we collected last year.

Thank you to **Kerry Stuckenberg** for coordinating this awesome campaign. A special thank you to the following people who helped pass out bottles, empty bottles and count money: **Tracy Edsill and her daughters Anna and Nora, Sara Hesse and her daughter Aevaleen, Kristyn Gansen, Natalie Meyers and her daughter Makenzie and Troy Stukenborg and his son Sam.**

(There are still a lot of bottles that have not yet been returned. Please bring them in — empty or filled so that we do not need to purchase more bottles next year.)

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. 25 is Ruth Bachman. The topic is "What do I do now?" Childcare and children's groups available. Call 937-2776 for information.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Divorce Support Group**. The St. Hubert Catholic Community is sponsoring a 12-week divorce support group starting March 3 on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The *Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* format includes a 30-minute video on a specific topic relating to divorce followed by a time of sharing. Whether you were divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight, comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. The cost is \$15 and includes handouts and refreshments. Contact Diane at 374-5049 or diane.otts@sthubert.org. Pre-registration is required. The deadline is March 1.

Faith Formation

Slope Festival a Success

Thanks for your prayers while we were at Slopefest, we certainly felt your support. We packed the bus and headed north for our annual trip to Slopefest. We had a small but mighty group this year. Slopefest is a smaller venue than Summer Festival which gives us a unique opportunity to create deeper relationships with those gathered with us. As a special treat, we had our own Sammi Pavett singing in the band. And, Fr. Bob came and spent the day with us on Saturday and concluded his visit by celebrating Mass with us. A big thank you to Erv Spevacek for driving Fr. Bob up to Giants Ridge for the day.

We are already looking forward to going again next year. It is not too late to start thinking about Summer Festival — Senior High is July 11 to 16 and Junior High is July 25 to 29.

Vacation Bible School

The weather outside says differently but, believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year it will be the week of June 13. Our theme is “**Cave Quest: Following Jesus, Light of the World.**” We are looking for some excited parishioners who would like to help plan this fun event at St. Victoria. Remember you do not need to have children in VBS to be involved.

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 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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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.

Don't Be Fooled

It's tax time and the scam artists are hard at work trying to scare unsuspecting folks by claiming they owe back taxes. The scammers are looking for personal information and by threatening dire consequences, including jail, have hopes of people sending money.

If you receive an IRS call, assume it is a scam. The IRS does not call people about back taxes — they will send you a letter. If you think you might have unpaid taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040.

Hang up the phone. Do not engage the caller in any way because information you provide may mark you for more bogus calls.

Report the incident if you are contacted by phone to the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484. If you are contacted by email, forward the message to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.

A good place to find the latest tricks of con artists is aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

Suggestions, Questions, Concerns

This is a reminder 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 — that way we can provide a personal answer to you. And, whenever appropriate, we'll share the information with all parishioners. (Be assured we won't use names in the bulletin.)

Important upcoming Faith Formation Dates

(Watch this column for details on all upcoming events)

- **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
- **Sunday, February 28** — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **Sunday, February 28** — Buck Hill Family Snow tubing
- **Wednesday, March 2** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **Wednesday, March 2** — Post Confirmation Youth Group
- **Thursday, March 3** — Lenten Bible Study
- **Saturday, March 5** — Confirmation students going to Lifeline Mass

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

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **February 13 and 14, Week 33**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$ 9,244
Electronic Offering:	7,818
Membership Offering:	17,062

Ash Wednesday — \$3,234

Please your envelopes for your offerings.

Just a Reminder . . . Just as you rely on receiving income on a regular basis, St. Victoria Parish Family relies on your regular contributions to meet our obligations. If you plan to be away for an extended period this winter, you might think about the convenience of electronic giving. For more information, contact Joni Jeurissen in the parish office, visit our parish website, www.stvictoria.net, or check the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) forms.

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. Three sessions were scheduled, with two remaining. They 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 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 8, 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.mcquillan@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.

Beginner Bells

Have you thought about joining the Bell Choir? Here's a chance to learn — no experience necessary. Elizabeth Nowak, our Music and Liturgy Director, is conducting a four-week workshop for new ringers beginning Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The workshop is aimed at introducing the art of handbell ringing. There are several openings in the Adult Bell Choir for those who would like to continue. Individuals in Grade 9 through adult are invited. If interested, contact Elizabeth in the parish office at 443-2661.

Ministry Schedule

February 27 and 28

Sacristans

5 p.m.	Jacque Krause, Tim Woodfield
8:45 a.m.	Mary Ann Lavalle, Rose Rooney
10:45 a.m.	Lisa McColman, Rose Rooney

Lector

5 p.m.	Ken Pavett
8:45 a.m.	Janet Bergeron
10:45 a.m.	Cynthia McKee

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Sue Schrempp, Jeanette Hay, Carol Spalding, Karl and Patty Tauscher, Eddie Wells, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf, Tim and Wendy Amundson, David and Jessica Bruns
8:45 a.m.	Chris and Judy Sones, Kari Struthers, Diane Theis, Jim Alessio, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Adrienne Carrica, Andrew Cone, Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm, Cindy Eide
10:45 a.m.	Greg and Hannah Erickson, Diane Forsythe, Joe Hamilton, Margaret Hanson, Marcus Hoffmann, Gina Holman, Tim and Judy Kearney, Joan Klinger, Michelle Kunze, Deb LeMay

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m.	John Heiland, Pat Henning, Tom and Lisa Katalinich, Kerry McMillan, Robert Muller
8:45 a.m.	Lyle Oddan, Sandy Perkins, Daryl Schmieg, Troy and Sam Stukenborg, Shawn Sutherland
10:45 a.m.	Bryan and William Saathoff, Steve and Jill Sonnek and family, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m.	Daniella Krause, Nicholas Salwei, Laura Contreras
8:45 a.m.	Matthew Ramler, Shandon and Shanna Sutherland
10:45 a.m.	Sydney Weinandt, Lily and Sam Esping

Sound

5 p.m.	Randy Krause
8:45 a.m.	Mike Hansen
10:45 a.m.	Lexi Erickson

Music

5 p.m.	Adult Praise Band — Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m.	Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Phil Grant
10:45 a.m.	Adult Choir — Acc. Sean Barker
8:45 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children
10:45 a.m.	Jen Stratton and Emma Braaten Lauren Pulvermacher, Maggie Rolf

Seminar on 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. It 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 (on Hwy 169, north of Elk River). The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Presenters are Mark Sizer and Becky Bales from Stearns County Corrections. Register online through Eventbrite at "Men's Half-Day Seminar: Resilience, March 19, 2016" For more information, contact Fr. Kevin Anderson fr.kevinanderson@gmail.com.