

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.”

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord March 20, 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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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord
March 20, 2016**

The readings for March 27

Easter Sunday

Reading I: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9



All the Gospels agree that women were the first to come to the tomb. Mary Magdalene is always mentioned among them. The scene symbolizes a new creation brought about by the Resurrection of the Light of the Word. The darkness suggests the darkness that covered the abyss before light first appeared. When Mary Magdalene sees the stone removed from the entrance, she runs to the disciples with the news that “the Lord has been taken from the tomb.” She saw him die a few days before, and that prevents her from drawing any other conclusion. The two disciples run side by side to the tomb. Peter sees the burial cloth and the cloth that covered Jesus’ head, but he doesn’t know how to interpret what he sees. The other disciple, the one Jesus loved and the source of this account is the first to understand the significance of the empty tomb: “The Lord has risen.” For John, all those who came to believe would be loved by Jesus and would love in return.

Question of the Week

Have you seen a sign, a hint of the Resurrection in your life? In your family? Your community? The world?

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. In April, Baptisms will be celebrated the weekend of April 9 and 10.
- Baptisms are celebrated on designated weekends during all three 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. 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, **March 22** — Tony Gregory †

Wednesday, **March 23** — Hilda Caspers †

Thursday, **March 24, 7 p.m.** — Thanksgiving for the Eucharist

Friday, **March 25** — On Good Friday there is no Mass

Saturday, **March 26, 8 p.m.** — For the newly Confirmed

Sunday, **March 27** — 8:45 a.m. For the Glory of God

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

Living Your Faith in a Secular World

St. Stephen Catholic Church in Anoka invites you to a free event on April 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a complimentary dinner and hear a presentation by Jason Adkins, “Living the Faith in a Secular Society.” Adkins, an author and frequent guest on radio and TV, is the Executive Director of Minnesota Catholic Conference and an instructor at the St. Paul Seminary. Adkins will discuss how, despite our culture’s hostility to faith, God calls us as disciples to work for the common good through thoughtful engagement in our community and in the wider culture. RSVP to Kevin Setterholm at 763-757-9786 or ksetterholm@q.com.

Easter Flower Donations

It’s time to think about beautifying our space for the Easter Season with Easter flowers. As we do each year, we are accepting donations for flowers in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. All donations/memorials are due by Easter Monday, March 28. Simply turn in your donation along with a note saying who it is from and the names of those to be remembered. Mark the envelope “Easter Flowers: Attention Elizabeth.” You can mail the envelope to the church, drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or stop by and drop it off at the parish office. Checks should be made out to St. Victoria. A list of all memorials will be provided in an insert in a bulletin during the Easter Season.

Lenten Reconciliation Dates

St. Victoria — Individual Confessions are Tuesday, March 22, at 6 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.

Discernment

Opportunities for young men and women who may have a calling to religious life include:

A Women’s Discernment Retreat on Saturday, April 2, 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 is underway at St. Charles Borromeo on Saturdays with sessions on 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.

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



Holy Week

I invite all to set aside time to participate in our Triduum Liturgies this coming week. The Liturgies from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday through the evening of the Easter Vigil are referred to as the "Triduum," meaning three-day period. This is the holiest week of the year — the high-point of the Church Year. The Liturgies are a wonderful way to prepare for the joy of Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday, March 24, is celebrated with an evening Mass at 7 p.m. that recalls the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood and includes a symbolic washing of the feet. Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist is taken in procession to a tabernacle prepared for it and the church is prepared for Good Friday.

Good Friday, March 25, is not celebrated with a Mass, but we observe the day with private prayer and reflection and a 7 p.m. Liturgy that includes both Veneration of the Cross and offering prayers and intercessions for the needs of the Church. It is the most somber time of the Church Year, restrained and straightforward with the altar bare. **Please note:** "A Light for My Path: Praying the Psalms on the Way of the Cross" is planned at 3 p.m. in the Historic Church. In addition, the Historic Church will be open throughout the day for quiet time and prayer. The church bells will toll at 3 p.m.

The Easter Vigil Mass, on Saturday, March 26, begins at 8 p.m. The Vigil is a purposeful or watchful time, all staying awake during the ordinary hours of sleep. We gather — we wait — we watch. During the Vigil we welcome our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidates into full communion with the Church through Confirmation and Eucharist.

The Triduum prepares us to celebrate the joy of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday at our 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses. It is always a special moment to walk into the church on Easter morning to see how beautiful it looks adorned with banners and fresh flowers and to hear the choir and/or cantors sing in exaltation that Our Savior has risen.

Visit the Historic Church

I invite you to come to Mass early and spend a few minutes in the Historic Church checking out the stain glass windows. The restoration is complete (thanks to our anonymous donors) and they are more beautiful than ever.

HATS OFF . . . G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends in Faith Together) gathered with 45 women of the parish to enjoy a delicious brunch and hear guest speaker Stacia Christenson who shared her interpretation and her own story based on the book "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman. We are most grateful to **Stella McKinney** our G.I.F.T. Coordinator and those assisting her, **Judy Iverson, Mary Matthews and Jessica Bruns**. What a great break in our busy lives to enjoy a morning together with women who are seeking replenishment and a time to rejuvenate their spirits.

Fr. Bob

On Holy Thursday, March 24, there is no Eucharistic Adoration during the day. Following the Mass, which begins at 7 p.m., there will be Eucharistic Adoration in the Historic Church for about one hour. Typically, 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. Divine Mercy follows.

Happenings at St. Victoria . . .

Private confessions will be heard on Tuesday, March 22, beginning at 6 p.m.

Sharing and Caring Hands

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

Just Ask . . .

Have you ever wondered how people are chosen to bring the gifts to the altar during Mass? If you and/or your family would like this honor, simply mention it to the greeter/usher when you come into church.

Launch Ministry

Learn more about this ministry at a meeting planned at noon (right after 10:45 a.m. Mass) on April 10 in Elstan Hall. Corey Magstadt will be at the meeting to share additional information and insight into Launch Ministry services and to answer questions parishioners might have about the population served by this ministry (adults 18 to 29). The meeting is expected to last about one hour. During the second half of the meeting information about St. Victoria's efforts to support Launch will be shared and volunteers will be invited to make requests for involvement. And, there will be donuts and coffee!

Wanted

We are planning a change for this year's Sunset Fest (August 27). We are planning to start the day with a 5K run/walk rather than an All Saints Swim. We are just in the planning stages and are looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) with experience in planning and coordinating a run to help us make sure we have a successful event. If you can help out, please call Patty Schlader in the parish office.

Elsewhere . . .

- **Taize Prayer and Veneration of the Cross** on Good Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Richard's in Richfield.
- **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, 4:30 to 6 p.m. On March 24 a video "How Do I Go On?" will be shown. Call 763-559-2775.
- **Rich in Mercy**, a concert including choral, handbells and 18-piece orchestra to celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy at Church of St. Timothy in Blaine on Sunday, April 3, at 4 p.m. Original work by Therese Jorgenson, director.
- **Registration is open** for Holy Family Catholic High School camps and classes. Programs available for students interested in academics, the arts and athletics. For all ages, as early as first grade. Sign up at myschool.hfchs.org/campregistration.php.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Stations of the Cross

Once again this year we will be inviting the St. Victoria Parishioners to join Faith Formation for our annual Living Stations of the Cross on March 23 at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Our 8th grade Middle School students will be leading us through the final steps of Jesus' day on earth with us. This will be an opportunity for our Faith Formation and Parish community to pray together during Holy Week.

First Sacrament Families

You should have received an email from me with your sign-up for your child's First Communion. If you did not receive this email, please contact me as soon as possible. For those who have received it, please be sure to complete the Google form with your request for your child's First Communion Mass.

Sacramental Season

As we enter into Holy Week, we become very aware that the sacramental season is in full swing at St. Victoria! Our second year Confirmation students will be confirmed on May 22, our RCIA candidates will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and our first sacrament students will receive First Communion on April 30 and May 1. I invite you to use this Holy Week to not only pray and prepare yourselves for the Easter season, but include these individuals and their families as they grow deeper in their faith and come closer to the reception of their sacraments in your prayer!

Important upcoming Faith Formation Dates

(Watch this column for details on all upcoming events)

- Sunday, March 20 — Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Wednesday, March 23 — Faith Formation and Confirmation — Living Stations of the Cross
- Wednesday, March 23 — Post Confirmation Youth Group
- Thursday, March 24 — Lenten Bible Study
- Sunday, March 27 — No Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Wednesday, March 30 — No Faith Formation or Confirmation
- Wednesday, March 30 — No Post Confirmation Youth Group
- Sunday, April 3 — No Children's Liturgy of the Word

Emily Klinker, Director of Faith Formation
eklinker@stvictoria.org, 443-2661 x218
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Jubilee Tour to France

Fr. Mark Juettner, Pastor of the Church of St. George in Long Lake, is planning a 10-day pilgrimage through France during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The trip begins September 16 and includes Paris, Beaches of Normandy, Place of the Popes in Avignon and Marseille along with visits to local shrines, museums, cathedrals and a winery. For more information, go to www.stgeorgelonglake.org and click on 2016 trip to France or contact Fr. Juettner at juet79@hotmail.com or 473-1247 x104. There also is a meeting for prospective travelers in the St. George Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31.

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.

Think Spring

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. The sale is set for Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6. Drop off begins after noon on Sunday, May 1 and continues Monday and Tuesday.

Holiday Decorations have been removed from the cemetery. You may begin placing spring and summer flowers and plants on gravesites on April 15 (weather permitting). Reminder — all plants, flowers and decorations must be in a standing pot or on a shepherd's hook. Nothing may be planted or placed on the ground including flowers and plants, flags (except prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day), statues or other mementoes.

Volunteer Opportunities

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women is seeking volunteers to answer the 24-hour crisis line from the comfort of your home. They also are seeking volunteers to facilitate support groups and provide childcare. Free volunteer training begins on April 2. Call Anna at 873-4214 for information.

2016 LiveFamily! Expo

A Mission of Mercy to the Family is planned at the Church of St. Raphael in Crystal on Friday, April 8, 6:30 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, April 9, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn and develop skills to transform your marriage, family and ministry. This vibrant, deeply inspirational and informative weekend includes engaging workshops to help you live out Divine Mercy first with your spouse and family. There are opportunities to network with others, visit relevant exhibits, enjoy amazing food and music, and participate in recitation of the Rosary, Chaplet and Mass. For more information and to register, visit www.archspm.org/Events, or contact Sonya at 651-291-4488. This event is presented by the Cana Family Institute, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the Diocese of Saint Cloud.

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.

Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday

March 24, 7 p.m.

Sacristan

Mark and Linnea Lynum

Lector

Susan Hines

Eucharistic Ministers

Joanna Bongard, Rita Daly, Patty Frier, Paul and Kelly Kohls,
Barb Meinert, Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac,

Dave and Ellen Roan

Greeter/Ushers

Gary and Sharon Lauwagie, Mark Lund, Chris and
Cheryl Mach, Scott Monson

Servers

Stephanie Frier, Megan Jeurissen, Stan Kohls, Nick Payne

Sound

Scott Johnson

Music

Adult Choir — Acc. Sean Barker

Good Friday

March 25, 7 p.m.

Sacristan

Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

Gloria Wolf

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathryn Paradise, Ken Pavett, Billie Perkins, Brian
Pulvermacher, Rob and Brianne Raiolo

Greeter/Ushers

Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese, Mark and Mary Kelly,
Kerry Leopold, Linda Lindeman

Servers

Krew Barber, Lily and Sam Esping

Sound

Mitchell Holman

Music

Cantor Elizabeth — Acc. Sharon Schindler

Easter Vigil

March 26, 8 p.m.

Sacristan

Tim and Wendy Amundsen

Lector

Michon Conklin

Eucharistic Ministers

Greg Butler, Lois Hansel, Joyce Heiland, Todd Hesse, Cinda
Jensen, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Mary Ann Lavalley,

Tom and Dianne Leahy, Debra McMillan, Luci Tellers

Greeter/Ushers

Cal Haasken, John Heiland, Pat Henning, Randy, Jacque
and Daniella Krause

Servers

Laura Contreras, Scout Emery, Nick Payne

Sound

Phillip Smith

Music

Adult Choir — Acc. Sean Barker

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.

Ministry Schedule

Easter Sunday

March 27

Sacristans

8:45 a.m.

Sue Halverson, Mary Ann Lavalley

10:45 a.m.

Gloria Wolf, Tim Woodfield

Lector

8:45 a.m.

Janie Jasin

10:45 a.m.

Greg Erickson

Eucharistic Ministers

8:45 a.m.

Barbara Schultz, Jeanette Hay, Chris and Judy
Sones, Kari Struthers, Laura Synstegaard, Jim
Alessio, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas,
Andrew Cone, Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm
Jeff Lenzmeier, Brian Pulvermacher, Elaine
Scholl, Anna Shay, Jill Sonnek, Erv and Linda
Spevacek, George Barker, John and Karen
Campbell, Theo and Margaret Chalgren

10:45 a.m.

Greeter/Usher

8:45 a.m.

Lyle Oddan Sandy Perkins, Daryl Schmiege,
Troy and Sam Stukenborg, Ryan Wenning
Donavan and Sam Esping, Kerry McMillan,
Billie Perkins, Don and Sue Roper

10:45 a.m.

Servers

8:45 a.m.

Nate Nicklaus, Ben Ramler,
Colton Schrempp

10:45 a.m.

Mason Kalvoda, Ava Kunze,
Jakob Lenzmeier

Sound

8:45 a.m.

Mike Hansen

10:45 a.m.

Joseph Klinker

Music

8:45 a.m.

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Sharon Schindler

10:45 a.m.

Cantors Elizabeth Nowak and Thomas
Klinker — Acc. Sharon Schindler

There is no **Liturgy of the Word for Children** on Easter Sunday.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **March 12 and 13, Week 37**, of our fiscal year will be included in next week's bulletin.

Please use your envelopes for your offerings.

Easter Offerings

During the Easter Season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our Worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support St. Victoria with your time, talent and treasure, but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. Check the kiosk, visit our website at www.stvictoria.net and click on the "donate to St. Victoria" button or call the parish office for information.

Please Note: There is a special Good Friday pontifical Collection. Pope Francis asks that parishes around the world support Christians in the Holy Land so the church can maintain ministries, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing, operate refugee centers and maintain shrines in this troubled and challenging area of the world. Please give generously. Thank you.