

# 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.”

## Easter Sunday March 27, 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

**Marriage:** call nine months in advance, 443-2661

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**Easter Sunday**  
**March 27, 2016**

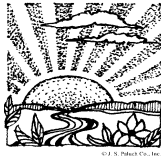
**The readings for April 3**

Sunday of Divine Mercy

*Reading I:* Acts 5:12-16

*Reading II:* Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

*Gospel:* John 20:19-31



As we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, all three readings invite us to examine the mercy of God. Pope Francis has emphasized that in Jesus we see the face of God's mercy. We see this mercy revealed in the first appearance of the risen Lord to the disciples. His greeting of "Peace" leads to his showing the disciples his wounds, assuring them it is truly Him. Again, wishing them peace, Jesus breathes on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit," empowering them to forgive sins (*John 20:22*). This gift of the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins is the great gift of God's mercy or loving kindness. We see this abundance of divine mercy continue in the healing action of Peter and the apostles recorded in Acts. All who were brought to them were cured. This same risen Lord assures us, as he assured John, the author of Revelation: "Do not be afraid . . . now I am alive forever and ever." (*1:17, 18*). He waits to enter our lives and touch our hearts with the Father's merciful love and to mediate that mercy through us to others.

**Question of the Week**

Have you seen a sign, a hint of the Resurrection in your life?

**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 April 9 and 10.
- 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](mailto:mharvey@stvictoria.org) or 443-2661 x206 for information and/or to schedule a Baptism.

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



...to be the face and hands of Jesus Christ

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, **March 29** — Robert Vogel †

Wednesday, **March 30** — Vern and Marie Robinson †

Thursday, **March 31** — Tony Gregory †

Friday, **April 1** — John Fred Debs †

Saturday, **April 2** — Kayla Rooney

Sunday, **April 3** — 8:45 a.m. Victor and Evelyn Schneider †  
10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

**In Memoriam**

**Thomas Quammen**

**January 5, 1955 — March 14, 2016**

**Easter Flower Donations**

As we enjoy the Easter flowers, there's still time to make a donation 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.

**Welcome to St. Victoria**

If you are celebrating Easter at St. Victoria, welcome! If you would like information on becoming a registered parishioner at St. Victoria, please feel free to contact Julie Schmieg 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 [jschmieg@stvictoria.org](mailto:jschmieg@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.)

**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.

**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](mailto:ksetterholm@q.com).



## Jesus Christ is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Easter.

Jesus Christ is Risen!

Love has triumphed over hatred, life has conquered death, light has dispelled the darkness!

Out of love for us, Jesus Christ stripped himself of his divine glory, emptied himself, took on the form of a slave and humbled himself even to death, death on a cross. For this reason God exalted him and made him Lord of the Universe. Jesus is Lord.

The world proposes that we put ourselves forward at all costs, that we complete, that we prevail . . . But Christians, by the grace of Christ, dead and risen, are the *seeds of another humanity*, in which we seek to live in service to one another, not to be arrogant, but rather respectful and ready to help.

This *is not weakness, but true strength*. Those who bear within them God's power, His love and His justice, do not need to employ violence; they speak and act with the power of truth, beauty and love.

May the marginalized, the imprisoned, the poor and the migrants who are so often rejected, maltreated and discarded, the sick and the suffering, children, especially those who are victims of violence, all who today are in mourning, and all men and women of goodwill, hear the consoling and healing voice of the Lord Jesus: "Peace to you!" (*LK24:36*). "Fear not, for I am risen and I shall always be with you." (*cf Roman Missal, Entrance Antiphon for Easter Day*).

*(I have chosen to share these words from Pope Francis' Easter 2015 message finding them especially fitting in this Year of Mercy. Fr. Bob)*

## Welcome

At our Easter Vigil Liturgy Saturday evening we welcomed six RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidates who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The candidates and their sponsors were:

- Chris Hartford (sponsor Zach Hartford)
- Jeffrey Larson (sponsor Debra Larson)
- Jennifer Pittman (sponsor Tim Amundsen)
- Jay Roane (sponsor Emily Roberts)
- Thomas Welch (sponsor Greg Erickson)
- Amy Zitur (sponsor Jon Zitur)

We also had an RCIA participant this year — Peggy Anderson — who already was fully initiated into the sacramental life of the church, but who is celebrating in her own way with us making a (credal) reaffirmation of faith.

## 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. I hope you can join me.

*Fr. Bob*

**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.** Come and adore Him and wait patiently to hear His words. **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.

## Spring Game Night

Join the ladies of St. Victoria at a spring game night sponsored by G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends in Faith Together) on Friday, April 8, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Franciscan Commons. Play Bunco and enjoy good conversation, delicious refreshments and maybe win a prize. The cost is \$5 to cover prizes. (Let us know if you want to bring a goodie to share.) Tickets on sale after Masses on April 2 and 3 or by contacting Stella McKinney at 470-6210 or stellamckinney@me.com. (Please sign up by April 4 so we can plan seating, but you may pay at the door.)

## 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. 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.

## Catholicism and Citizenship Conference

The St. Thomas Institute for Catholicism and Citizenship Conference entitled "The Common Good Isn't Common: Catholic Citizenship in an Individualistic Age" is Friday, April 8, 3 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. to noon. Cost for the event featuring a host of nationally known speakers is \$30. The Friday evening talk by Bishop Robert McElroy of the Diocese of San Diego is free and open to the public. The events will take place in the Anderson Conference Center on the St. Paul campus of the University of St. Thomas. For more information go to [www.stthomas.edu/icc](http://www.stthomas.edu/icc).

## Elsewhere...

- **Men's Discernment Group** 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.
- **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 31 Dr. Mary Harlow will discuss "Is it Grief or Something More?" Call 763-559-2775 for information.
- **Rich in Mercy**, a concert including choral, handbells and 18-piece orchestra to celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy at the Church of St. Timothy in Blaine on Sunday, April 3, at 4 p.m. Original work by Therese Jorgenson, director.

# Faith Formation

## Happy Easter

The Faith Formation staff and volunteers would like to wish you all a very Blessed Easter!

## Stations of the Cross

Thank you to the 8th grade Faith Formation Class for the prayerful experience they led us through last week. The Living Stations of the Cross is a sacred enactment of a centuries-old meditation on the Passion of Christ. The 8th grade had the honor of bringing to life for our parish the sacred plaques on the walls of the Historic Church. **Lisa and Meghan Payne** were instrumental in making this evening happen. Thank you to both of them for all of their hard work. Please go to St. Victoria's Facebook page to see pictures from the evening.

## Faith Formation and Confirmation Schedule

As a reminder, we do not have Faith Formation or Confirmation on Wednesday, March 30. All classes will resume on Wednesday, April 6.

## Cave Quest Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2016

Imagine...

- ...a child discovering for the first time that Jesus is the light of the world.
- ...kids worshiping 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 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 vacation Bible school at St. Victoria during June 13-17. 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 would give us wisdom in planning. Pray for the right staff members to join our team.

And pray that God would begin working in the hearts of the children who will come to Cave Quest!

Watch for more information about this exciting ministry event!

## Important upcoming Faith Formation Dates

(Watch this column for details on all upcoming events)

**Sunday, March 27** — NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Wednesday, March 30** — NO Faith Formation or Confirmation

**Sunday, April 3** — NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Wednesday, April 6** — Faith Formation and Confirmation

**Wednesday, April 6** — Post Confirmation Youth Group

**Emily Klinker, Director of Faith Formation**

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**www.stvictoria.net**

## Diaconate Inquiry Series

Men, married or single between 30 and 59 years of age (and wives, if applicable), are invited to a four-part Permanent Diaconate Inquiry Series, "The Living Icon of Christ the Servant in the Ministry of the Word, of Sacrament, of Charity" at the St. Paul Seminary April 5, 12 and 19, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and April 30, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn about the Vocation including what is the diaconate, who can become a deacon, what does a deacon do and what roles do a wife and family have in Holy Orders. You will also receive information about the application and formation process. Registration is required. Contact Shellee Leif at [sjleif@stthomas.edu](mailto:sjleif@stthomas.edu) or 651-962-6891. Contact Deacon Russ Kocemba at [kocemba@msn.com](mailto:kocemba@msn.com) or 933-3660 with questions.

## Cathedral Young Adults Debate Night

All young adults ages 18 to 39 are invited to the first Cathedral Young Adults Debate Night. The event is Wednesday, April 6, at O'Gara's in Saint Paul. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. and the debate begins at 7:30 p.m. Speakers will debate the question, "Should we keep the Death Penalty?" David Deavel, Associate Editor of Logos, will take the affirmative side and Mark Osler, Professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, will take the negative side. The debate will be argued from a Catholic perspective, while incorporating elements of legal and philosophical nature. After opening statements and rebuttals, the audience will have the opportunity to pose questions to the speakers.

## Wake Up Sleeping Beauty! You've Already Been Kissed!

Ladies, join *WINE: Women in the New Evangelization*, in partnership with the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, to hear a speaker who is **on fire** with the Holy Spirit — internationally renowned Catholic speaker, teacher and retreat leader, Dr. Carol Razza. The event is Thursday, April 14, 7 to 10 p.m. at the Royal Cliff Banquet and Conference Center in Eagan. The cost is \$30. Register at [www.CatholicVineyard.com](http://www.CatholicVineyard.com).

## 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](http://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](http://www.TheCatholicSpirit.com/New/Abp) and sign up to choose how you want to hear the news.

## Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **March 12 and 13, Week 37**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$	6,259
Electronic Offering:		7,628
Total Membership Offering:		13,887

Stewardship for **March 19 and 20, Week 38**, will be included in next week's bulletin.

**Final Baby Bottle Donations to Southwest Options For Women** (to aid moms and babies in need): \$3,833.94

*Please use your envelopes for your offerings.*

**Please Note:** St. Victoria is going to participate in the annual Minnesota FoodShare again this year, but just a bit late. We tithed 10 percent of our March 19 and 20 collection and we will have our annual food drive in April.

### Wanted

We are planning a change for this year's Sunset Fest (August 27). We are going 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 at 443-2661 x204.

### 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!

### Reminder

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 for your cooperation.



## Ministry Schedule

### April 2 and 3

#### Sacristans

5 p.m.	Joyce Burau, Ardys Forster
8:45 a.m.	Chris and Judy Sones
10:45 a.m.	Tim Breslin, Julie Catalino

#### Lector

5 p.m.	Joe Heiland
8:45 a.m.	Paul Kohls
10:45 a.m.	Chad McGraw

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Anne Fowler, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Katharine Paulsen, Ken Pavett, Diane Robinson, Rose Rooney, Doris Schmieg, Jerry Schmieg, Nancy Schmieg, Elaine Scholl, Sue Schrempp
8:45 a.m.	Cindy Eide, Patty Frier, Jason Hester, Jim and Betti Igel, Mike Kokesh, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Sharon Lauwagie, Mary Ann Lavelle, Dave and Ellen Roan
10:45 a.m.	Rachel Anderson, Mary Catino, Allison Duenow, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Greg and Hannah Erickson, Ann Esping, Diane Forsythe, Joe Hamilton, Marcus Hoffman, Cherie McGraw

#### Greeter/Usher

5 p.m.	Jeff Fowler, Tom and Lisa Katalinich, Kerry Leopold
8:45 a.m.	Kerry McMillan, Robert Muller
10:45 a.m.	Shawn Sutherland, Dave and Rose Williams, John and Nancy Carlson, Monica Grengs

#### Servers

5 p.m.	Grace Fowler, Grace and Madeline White
8:45 a.m.	Shandon and Shanna Sutherland, Stephanie Frier
10:45 a.m.	Regan Anderson, Cody Kack, Amelia McGraw

#### Sound

5 p.m.	Steve McNamara
8:45 a.m.	Tim Woodfield
10:45 a.m.	Mitchell Holman

#### Team Isaiah

5 p.m.	Roger and Paula Osweiler, Cindy Worm
8:45 a.m.	Jane DeRusha, Connie and Megan Jeurissen, Melissa Krcil, Steve and Becky Letsche, Mark and Brigid Lund, Chris and Cheryl Mach, Scott Monson, Pat Moore, Debbie Nolan
10:45 a.m.	Don, Sue, Tyler, Sydney and Chloe Roper, Tom, Julie, Elizabeth, Mitchell, Madelyn, Anna, Natalie, Courtney and Grace Rydeen

#### Music

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

There is no **Liturgy of the Word for Children** this weekend. .

### 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.