

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.”

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 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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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 2, 2016

The readings for October 9

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Reading II: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



The readings for this Sunday deal with leprosy. In biblical times there was only one way to control the disease: isolate the person with leprosy from all aspects of society. Those with leprosy were cut off from everything: family, friends, employment and worship. No one would dare to approach them and they dared approach no one. Both readings use this dreaded disease to point to the power of God to work wonders through ordinary means. Only one of the men cured by Jesus had the decency to go back and thank him. Only one of them fully realized what had taken place. His is the complete healing, his is the deepest faith. This man, a Samaritan, was an outcast due to both his leprosy and his ethnic background. Luke uses this story to point out the ingratitude of Jesus' own people in contrast to the gratitude and faith of Gentiles.

Question of the Week

How do you show your gratitude to God? To others?

Baptisms

- **Maya Ellen Castagnetto**, daughter of Michael and Rebecca
- **Nora Celine Mealhouse**, daughter of Joseph and Christine
- **Parker Nile Mealhouse**, son of Joseph and Christine
- **Theodore Vincent Mealhouse**, son of Joseph and Christine
- **Cooper Patrick Thompson**, son of Jeffrey and Kaitlin
- **Daryn Genevieve Victoria Thrasher**, daughter of Matthew and Patricia
- **Hudson Robert Wolter**, son of Robert and Ann Marie

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 **October 15 and 16**.
- 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, December 1**.

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, **October 4** — Evelyn Schneider †

Wednesday, **October 5** — Marie Stumpf †

Thursday, **October 6** — Josephine Buckley †

Friday, **October 7** — Hilda Caspers †

Saturday, **October 8** — Vocations

Sunday, **October 9** — 8:45 a.m. Ken and Deb Diethelm †

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

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.)

Banns of Marriage

Rebecca Wurm and Blake Van Heel

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. Scholarships are available. Call the parish office for details.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for removing flowers and plants from the cemetery by our deadline of September 28. Plants and flowers that remained and were in good condition are by the recycling bins for owners to retrieve them.

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**.

Deanery Gathering

All women are invited to the Fall West Deanery Gathering on Wednesday, October 12, at St. Bernards in Cologne. The day begins with registration at 8:45 a.m. Mass is at 10 a.m. followed by speaker Barbara Heil from "From His Heart Ministry." Register with Loretta Grekoff at 288-3356 or Carol Shukle at 612-232-7800 by October 6.

Archdiocesan Candlelight Rosary Procession

Join Archbishop Hebda on Friday, October 7, in a candlelight procession from the State Capitol to the Cathedral in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. Walk and pray the Rosary to invoke the Blessed Mother's intercession for holiness and peace in our families and all the families of the world. Gather on Capitol grounds at 6:30 p.m.; procession starts at 7 p.m. with a brief service at the Cathedral. If you are unable to walk in the procession, feel free to go to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary.



Corporal Works of Mercy

During this Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis we have highlighted some ways in which volunteers in our many ministries are performing Corporal Works of Mercy.

The last of these, Shelter the Homeless, is served by our newest ministry — St. Victoria Launch. Launch Ministry, headquartered in Chaska and headed by Corey Magstadt, is a faith-based, non-profit organization established to expose young adults (18 to 29 years of age) to opportunities that promote healthy and productive transitions into adulthood. St. Victoria volunteers help in ways that help to meet the needs of the young people by providing meals, staffing the drop-in center, collecting and donating household and hygiene items and by sharing time and talents both informally and by sharing information as a guest speaker. To learn more about Launch Ministry and St. Victoria's involvement, contact Lynn Gerebi at lgerebi@gmail.com.

While we have spotlighted St. Victoria ministries and how they provide opportunities to practice Corporal Works of Mercy, there are many other ways we as individuals can observe this Jubilee Year of Mercy (and beyond).

Feed the Hungry — Eat meals as a family, share meals with others in your home or through donated meals, support local farmers' markets and food pantries.

Give Drink to the Thirsty — Conserve water wherever possible, dispose of medicines to avoid contaminating the water supply and support clean water projects and water-smart landscaping.

Shelter the Homeless — Be a trustworthy friend for people who are vulnerable, serve and include others who are often neglected and consider adoption or foster care of infants and children at risk.

Clothe the Naked — Affirm the God-given dignity of all people, even those who make us uncomfortable, clean closets to share with other families or organizations and participate in clothing drives and donate school supplies or toiletries to those in need.

Visit the Sick — Spend time with people who are at home or in care centers due to illness, surgery or accidents. Visit those who are no longer able to live independently.

Visit the Imprisoned — Visit or write letters to prisoners through a prison ministry program.

Bury the Dead — Listen to and pass on old family stories. Visit a cemetery with relatives and remember the anniversaries of the departed. Support friends in grief by keeping in touch, sending cards or sharing meals.

Invitation

You are invited to St. Joseph Church in Waconia to hear Fr. Victor Warkulwizi speak about Perpetual Adoration at Masses on Saturday, October 8 (5:15 p.m.) and Sunday, October 9 (8:30 and 10:30 a.m.). He will speak on this powerful devotion. Then, join St. Joseph as the church establishes Perpetual Adoration in November. For information, contact Kristi Tollefsrud at 212-25901 or visit www.stjosephwaconia.org.

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. Make a decision today and spend time with God. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, October 17**. 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.

That Man is You!

That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. Over the course of three years, That Man is You! successively considers men in their relationship to God, to their spouse and their children. The program will be held at the Cathedral in the Ryan Room on Saturday mornings, 7 to 8:30 a.m. The program started September 24, but there's still time to join. Call Steve Porter at 651-808-4814.

Elsewhere...

- **Alpha Evangelization series** at Guardian Angels Church, Chaska, begins Tuesday, October 4, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. Program can bring deeper joy and change your life. Come once and check it out. The program is free (voluntary donation to cover the cost of the catered meal). Call the parish office at 227-4000 to register.
- **Annual Bazaar today, Sunday, Oct. 2**, at Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake. Polka Mass, 10 a.m., pork chop dinner, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., fun for all under the tent all day.
- **"Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism"** Adult Bible Study at St. John the Baptist in Excelsior. Explore the life of Peter and his relevance to our lives. Ten sessions using video presentations and personal studies. Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Register at www.stjohns-excelsior.org. Begins Oct. 4.
- **A Culture of Ethics: Engineering for Human Dignity and the Common Good.** Implications of Christian Faith for engineering. University of St. Thomas, Oct. 6 to 8. Information and registration at www.stthomas.edu/ethics conference or 651-962-5300.
- **Archdiocesan Fair Trade Gathering** at Our Lady of Grace, Edina, Saturday, Oct. 8, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn from parishes engaged in Fair Trade.
- **Blessing of Animals** at Guardian Angels in Chaska, Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m. All pets are welcome. Enjoy home-made chili, sign up for door prizes, receive St. Anthony medal/prayer card and much more.
- **Country Fare Fundraiser**, East Union Lutheran in Carver, Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafts, collectibles, baked goods, garden produce. Luncheon with homemade desserts.
- **Open House, St. Catherine University.** Explore Master of Arts in Theology and graduate certificates in ministry. Thursday, Oct. 6, Birchwood Café, Minneapolis, 4 to 7 p.m. Class sampler, St. Paul campus, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 5 to 8:30 p.m., light supper and sit in on a graduate class.
- **October Western Cursillo Ultreya**, Sunday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m., St. Hubert Catholic Community, Chanhassen. Witness speaker is John Rosensteel. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **October 2** — Children's Liturgy of the Word begins
- **October 2** — First Sunday (High School Youth), 7 p.m.
- **October 5** — Faith Formation
- **October 5** — Confirmation Parent/Student Retreat, 7:30 p.m.
- **October 12** — First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- **October 12** — Faith Formation and Confirmation
- **October 16** — Middle Sunday (Middle School Youth), 5 p.m.
- **October 19** — No Faith Formation or Confirmation
- **October 26** — Confirmation to Chris Stefanick
- **October 26** — Faith Formation and Confirmation

Don't forget — Faith Formation and Confirmation starts this week. See you at 5, 6:30 or 7:30 p.m.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting Reminder

On Wednesday, October 12, at 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. we will have our first meeting for the parents of children enrolled in our First Sacraments program. During this meeting you will receive your family packet as well as important information regarding your child's preparation and reception of the sacrament. Whether this is your first child receiving First Reconciliation or your tenth, it is very important that all children have at least one parent present. If you are a catechist, we will need you with your class, therefore, please plan on sending someone else to the meeting or plan on attending the meeting that is held opposite your teaching time. If you cannot attend a meeting, please contact Emily to set up an individual meeting.

Important information for our families with children in the sacramental prep programs this year.

First Reconciliation and First Communion:

- Wednesday, October 12, 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Reconciliation Retreat
- Wednesday, February 1, 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., First Communion Parent Meeting
- Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Communion Retreat
- Wednesday, May 3, First Eucharist Rehearsal
- Weekend of May 6 and 7, First Communion during Masses (Dates yet to be determined for making quilt squares and drawing self portraits.)

Confirmation:

- Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., Parent, Student and Sponsor (if known) Retreat
- Wednesday, October 26, Chris Stefanick Trip
- Saturday, November 12 through Sunday, November 13, Tenth Grade Retreat
- Saturday, January 7, Lifeline Mass
- Saturday, February 25, 1 to 8 p.m. Ninth Grade Retreat
- Saturday, April 1, Lifeline Mass
- Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Confirmation Parent, Student, Sponsor Retreat (10th grade)
- Sunday, April 23, at the 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Sending Mass (10th Grade)
- Monday, April, 24, 7 p.m., Confirmation at the Basilica in Minneapolis

All information will be discussed at the Parent Meetings, but if you have questions before the meetings, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Fall Bible Study

You are invited to join a Bible Group to study the *Book of Exodus* on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning October 12. Everyone is invited but especially those with children in Faith Formation. For information or to register, contact Deacon Ray Ortman in the parish office.

Youth Ministry/Confirmation Needs

Got a bus you'd like to donate? How about pool cues, volleyballs, kickballs, or a rubber chicken? Any chance you are getting rid of a 40 inch-plus flat screen TV or projector that is gently used? We need three for Confirmation. How about superhero costumes, fun wigs, or adult dress-up items? We need new or gently used items for Confirmation and Youth Ministry events. If you have something you think we could use, shoot Ann or Tanya an email and we'll check to ensure we have a spot. We weren't kidding about that bus!

Confirmation Field Trip -- Chris Stefanick

God didn't create us to just get by, He created us to live life to the fullest! Discover the life you were made for with internationally renowned speaker and author, Christ Stefanick, and Catholic recording artist, Jon Niven. Reboot is a fun, inspiring and practical experience for all to apply the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more. He will speak at St. Ambrose in Woodbury on October 26 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The bus will leave from St. Victoria at 5:45 p.m. and return by 10:15 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person and available at St. Victoria's website. Tickets are limited. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Youth Ministry

One Body, Many Parts. – 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

First Sunday, October 2 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Senior High Youth Group – A gathering with fellowship, a message, music and transformational prayer that will inspire our teens to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Middle Sunday, October 16 – 5 to 7 p.m.

Junior High Youth Group - A gathering with lots of fun, fellowship, faith and food that will inspire our teens to grow their faith in a deeper way. Please register on www.stvictoria.org so we know how much food to make.

CORE Team October 16 – 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Come join us if you would like to invest in the future of our church, your youth. We are asking teens and adults to be part of our CORE Team. If you feel called to serve youth in our parish, come and hang with us. ☺

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy program is starting again today, October 2. As a reminder, all children age 4 through Grade One are welcome to join us each week for this special time to look at the Gospel and do a craft. There is no need to sign up, just join us when you can.

We are always looking for more volunteers for our program as well. Leaders are provided with a complete lesson plan and all the materials needed, including a partner. All ages can volunteer in this ministry. Contact Sara if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering with this special program

Blessings —

Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby, Ann Esping, Tanya Hisey
(See our contact information on the front page.)

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **September 24 and 25, Week 13** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 15,719
Electronic Offering: 4,224
Total Membership Offering: 19,943

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

New Parishioners

- Ben and Carrie **Bushman**, Keetin and Scout Emery
- Nicki **Folkens**, Kate, Meg and Joseph
- Daniel and Toni **Ford**, Jadan and McKenna
- Mitch **Hockett**
- Lydia **Howe**
- Will and Julianne **Lawrence Sr.**, and Bennett, Nathan and William Jr.
- Dean and Nancy **Mitzel**
- Matt and Tricia **Thrasher**, Bennett, Conrad and Daryn

St. Victoria now has 1,364 registered households.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults who are not Catholic can be initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church. The RCIA process reaches out to everyone . . . inviting birth and rebirth in faith. Our welcome also includes cradle Catholics and anyone else who wants to learn more about the treasures of their Catholic faith. RCIA is a wonderful opportunity to renew your knowledge of Catholicism, and more importantly to recommit yourself to the faith you profess as an adult Catholic. This is the time to give this opportunity serious consideration. Sessions start on Tuesday, October 4, and will be completed during Holy Week. Call Deacon Ray Ortman in the parish office for information.

Archdiocesan Events

- **Woman and Man: Complementary as Mission**, Wednesday, October 5, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas. Details at www.archspm.org/complementarity.
- **Spiritual Celebration Through Song and Prayer** with Steve Angrisano at St. Rita's Catholic Church Sunday, October 2 through Tuesday, October 4, 7 to 9 p.m. each evening. Information at stritas@saintritas.org.
- **Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour** on Friday, October 7 at 10 a.m. Bishop Cozzens will lead the 14th Annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour. Broadcast live on EWTN and streamed on EWTN.com.
- **Cor Jesu for College Age and Young Adults**, Friday, October 7, 8 to 10 p.m., St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary. Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, praise and worship music and fellowship. RSVPs not required.
- **Red Mass** for all lawyers, judges, law students and their families and friends, Saturday, October 8, 6 p.m., Church of the Assumption in St. Paul. Register (required) at thomasmoremn@gmail.com.

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

Ministry Schedule

October 8 and 9

Sacristans

5 p.m. Joyce Burau, Mary Foster
8:45 a.m. Mark and Linnea Lynum
10:45 a.m. Julie Catalino, Tim Woodfield

Lector

5 p.m. Dena Bretz
8:45 a.m. Nan Emmer
10:45 a.m. Gloria Wolf

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Roger Jackels, Cinda Jensen, Kristen Kowalski, Debra McMillan, Mary Moore, Pam Murphy, Ken Pavett, Doris Schmiege, Elaine Scholl, Sue Schrempp
8:45 a.m. Mary Bishop, Adrienne Carrica, Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm, Cindy Eide, Mike Kokesh, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Dave and Ellen Roan, Rose Rooney, Laura Synstegaard
10:45 a.m. Rachel Anderson, George Barker, Marty Dentinger, Gina Holman, Davis Kirsch, Joan Klinger, Deb LeMay, Kathryn Paradise, Anna Shay, Erv and Linda Spevacek, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Randy, Jacque and Daniella Krause, Kerry McMillan, Robert Schmiege, Gary Sohns
8:45 a.m. Janet Bergeron, Jon and Nancy Carlson, Sam Deweese, Robert Diethelm, Tom Vogt
10:45 a.m. Regan Anderson, Davis Kirsch, Greg Pavett, Billie Perkins, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m. Lydia Jackels, Grace and Madeline White
8:45 a.m. Grant Hayes, Quinn Jenkins, Nick Payne
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman, Chastity and Sydney Perkins

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m. Joseph Klinker

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Maria Glynn — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
8:45 a.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:45 a.m. Grace Notes and Little Ringers — Acc. TBD

**Liturgy of the Word for Children
at the 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses on October 9.**

Fatima Centennial Tour

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is on a historic two-year tour of the U.S. to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima. Hundreds of favors and graces, including cures and countless conversions are associated with the image. The following parishes will share the story of Fatima and venerate the statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to those who might not ever be able to make the pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal.

- **October 8**, Holy Cross Church, Northeast Minneapolis
- **October 9**, St. George, Long Lake (Archbishop Hebda at 9:15 a.m. Mass and Bishop Cozzens at 7 p.m.)
- **October 10**, St. John the Baptist, New Brighton
- **October 11**, St. Michael's, Stillwater
- **October 12**, Nativity of Mary, Bloomington
- **October 13**, Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis (Archbishop Hebda participating)

Information at www.fatimaonline.org or 612-419-7677.