

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 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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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time September 18, 2016

The readings for September 25

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Reading II: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31



The Gospel parable tells the familiar story of an insensitive rich man and a poor beggar whom everyone ignores. Jesus addresses this parable to the Pharisees. They had just “sneered at him.” They didn’t like his words to them, “You cannot serve God and mammon” (the material possessions of the world). Luke points out that the rich man did not kick or injure Lazarus. He simply stepped around him and wouldn’t look at him. He treated him as a *non-person*. The message here is nothing new. As Abraham points out, Moses and the prophets consistently preached a message of concern for others. And the Gospel writer knows that even Jesus’ own resurrection from the dead is not enough to convince some people to change their ways. Will we listen to one who has risen from the dead?

Question of the Week

Have you ever felt like a “non-person?” How did this affect you? How does it affect the way you trust others?

Banns of Marriage

Kalin Riesgraf and Charles Mitchell

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.

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 **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, **September 20** — Bill Kaufhold †

Wednesday, **September 21** — Betty Krauth †

Thursday, **September 22** — Living and Deceased Members of Catholic United Financial

Friday, **September 23** — Yvonne Boegaman †

Saturday, **September 24** — Barbara Schmieg †

Sunday, **September 25** — 8:45 a.m. Ray Jendro †
10:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. Victoria

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 Ray Ortman in the parish office for information.

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 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 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.)

Employment Opportunity

St. Victoria has an immediate opening for a full-time Maintenance Supervisor. The employee is responsible for cleaning the church facilities campus, maintaining the grounds and exterior of the facilities, maintenance of and repairs to church facilities, boiler and HVAC systems operation (for which the applicable state boiler license must be had or obtained by the successful applicant) and associated vendor selection, supervision and collaboration. Applicants should have significant job experience suitable to the position, have or immediately obtain the requisite state boiler license, have exemplary employment references and have a heart to serve the people of St. Victoria with excellence. The successful applicant must pass a pre-employment background check and due to the significant physical demands, also pass a post-offer pre-employment physical examination. For more information, or to submit a resume and cover letter, contact Ray Ortman at rortman@stvictoria.org on or before Friday, September 23.

Fall Bible Studies

The first of our two fall Bible Studies at St. Victoria are underway. The 10 a.m. Thursday morning group studying the *Book of Genesis* met for the first time on September 15, but there’s still time to join the group. Another group will study the *Book of Exodus* on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning October 12. We would love to have you attend one or both. For information or to register, contact Deacon Ray Ortman in the parish office.



Bring the Kids to Mass

I want to share with you five reasons your child (or children) will enjoy Mass at St. Victoria.

Sign-in time. Sign in for Jesus at the Baptismal Font. Parents, bring your kids to the Baptismal Font and they won't let you pass it by next time.

Huddle time (Gospel time). Just before the readings, I call the kids up. If your children (or child), ages four to seven, have never done it, encourage them. If they're bashful, come up with them. It is a special time, just for them.

Food gift time. Have your child bring a non-perishable food to the food basket during the offertory. When the kids come up, it's a free for all but no one ever gets hurt. I've heard it referred to as the "The Great St. Victoria Food Toss." (Each year, the food donations total a couple thousand pounds, all donated to Bountiful Basket Emergency Foodshelf in Chaska.)

Communion time (blessing prayer). Bring your child up to Communion with you and they'll be prayed over with the sign of the cross.

Music time (after Communion). Often it's the Little Ringers, W.A.V.E. (We Are Victoria's Energy) kids from the Faith Formation program or the Children's Choir providing music.

Dog Time. (Oops, Betsy isn't around anymore, but boy did the kids love her!)

And, just a reminder. If the little ones get antsy, it is always okay to take a time out in the Franciscan Commons. After a few minutes feel free to come back into the Worship Space. We love to share our faith with the little ones — they are, after all, the next generation of faith-filled parishioners.

Travel Plans

I have determined that the trip to Argentina planned next year is just not going to happen. So, if you were considering joining me, I apologize.

I am, however, planning a trip to Ireland in April of 2018 to celebrate my birthday. Believe it or not, I will be celebrating a decade-turning birthday. I will share more details later, but in the meantime, feel free to talk to me about my plans.

HATS OFF . . . A special thanks to our Lemonade Sunday Coordinators, **Dee Hanson and Kelly Kohls** for making sure we had Lemonade Sunday Volunteers to offer a fresh taste of summer to our parish family. It's always nice to stand outside after Mass and get to know each other with a cool, refreshing lemonade. Thanks so much Dee and Kelly for coordinating and thanks to all the volunteers who prepared and served the lemonade!

And, now with the nip of fall in the air, we can look forward to enjoying a hot cup of coffee and a donut hole or two. The first Donut Hole Sunday of the season is October 2.

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. Seek the Lord and know the Lord is lovingly seeking you. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Gatherings This Week . . .

Finance Council meets Tuesday, September 20, at 4:30 p.m., in Clare's Well.

Parish Council meets Thursday, September 22, at 6 p.m., in the parish office conference room.

All parishioners are welcome to attend parish gatherings.

Simpson Housing

Today, Sunday, September 18, St. Victoria volunteers will prepare and serve dinner at Simpson House in Minneapolis for homeless men and women. Currently, Simpson Housing is desperately in need of new/gently used bath towels and face cloths, new/gently used flat and fitted twin-size sheets, pillow cases, new men's and women's underwear, socks and t-shirts, disposable razors, travel-size toothpaste and shampoo. Donations may be left in the parish office. Contact Jan Wohlers at wohlershome@yahoo to volunteer or for information.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **Monday, September 19.** 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.

Communion Home Ministry

St. Victoria's Pastoral Care Team visits individuals who are unable to attend Mass due to surgery, illness, accidents or other reasons to bring them Communion. Currently, additional volunteers are needed for this ministry. The time commitment is two to three mid-day hours one Wednesday per month. There is training provided, volunteers are partnered for the visits and teams rotate between visiting people at home or visiting people in skilled care facilities. Contact Mary Foster at 368-9405 for more information.

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. Alpha is a program that can bring deeper joy, change your life and that of anyone you may wish to invite. Feel free to just come once and check it out. Explore your faith at an introductory level and prepare to go deeper. The program is free (a voluntary donation to cover the cost of the catered meal is appreciated). Call the parish office at 227-4000 to register.
- **Fall Festivals today, Sunday, Sept. 18, Immaculate Conception** in Watertown, turkey dinner 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and **St. Pius X** in Glencoe, chicken and sausage dinner. Both promise fun and games, music, raffles, bingo and much more.
- **Celebrate 150 years** with Trinity Lutheran Church in Carver on Sunday, Sept. 25. Worship service at 10 a.m. followed by chicken dinner (catered by Hillcrest) and an anniversary celebration service at 1 p.m. and reception at 2:15 p.m. R.S.V.P. for dinner (free-will offering) at 448-3628.
- **Family Matters: The Impact of Change, Loss and Grief on the Family** with Edward Holland, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 3 to 4 p.m. at Olive Branch Estates in Chanhassen. Walk-ins welcome. Information at 448-4800.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

- **September 18** — Confirmation Chris Stefanick permission slip deadline
- **September 21** — Faith Formation Kick-Off Mass, 6 p.m.
- **September 21** — Confirmation Leader Meeting , 7:30 p.m.
- **October 2** — First Sunday (High School Youth), 7 p.m.
- **October 5** — Faith Formation
- **October 5** — Confirmation Parent/Student Retreat, 7:15 p.m.
- **October 12** — First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- **October 16** — Middle Sunday (Middle School Youth), 5 p.m.
- **October 26** — Confirmation to Chris Stefanick

We Still Need Catechists and Small Group Leaders

Faith Formation is a ministry where all St. Victoria parishioners, and especially parents, can have an impact on our youth. You do not need to have a teaching background to be involved. All you need is a love of our faith and a desire to share it with others! We will help you with everything else you need. Besides catechists, we need a welcoming committee, decorators, brownie bakers and middle school leaders. Let us help you answer the call to serve others in our parish. Please contact us with any questions or to volunteer.

Faith Formation Registration for 2016/2017

Classes are filling up. Children registered after Friday, September 30, will not be placed in a classroom until the week of October 10.

Faith Formation registration materials can be found on the parish website under the Faith Formation tab. Please contact Emily if you have any questions. As of September 1, registration fees increased to \$95 per child. Sacramental Fees for Confirmation and First Sacraments remain the same. Note: The current calendar is now available on our website.

Catechetical/Faith Formation Volunteer Weekend

This weekend (September 17 and 18), Father called all our Faith Formation Volunteers forward to offer prayers and a blessing. We ask now that you remember them in your prayers as they begin another Faith Formation Season.

A Catechist's Prayer

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.

Amen.

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!

Chris Stefanick Live

All Confirmation students will be seeing Chris Stefanick Live on October 26 at St. Ambrose Church in Woodbury. Parents, you are invited to join us. Registration now available on the parish website. **Deadline to register is today, September 18.** For more information about Chris, go to www.reallifecatholic.com

Youth Ministry

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

We are kicking off Youth Ministry efforts for the 2016 school year with three new groups: **First Sundays**, youth gathering for Senior High youth on the first Sunday (October 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.) each month. Second, for Middle School we will have **Middle Sunday** gatherings (October 16, 5 to 7 p.m.) with lots of fun, fellowship and faith each "middle" Sunday evening. Finally, we are interested in building a group of passionate Senior High youth and adults that want to serve the youth of our parish. The **"core team"** will meet monthly. Core team members will serve at youth events and will lead through participation in planning and leading events, music and drama ministries, lead prayer, give talks, lead small groups, help with set-up and clean-up, leading games and ice breakers and serving in whatever capacity you are gifted to serve including fundraising activities. Adults and teens are invited to be part of the Core Team.

Important Confirmation Training

As a reminder: All Confirmation leaders need to be at our training on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:15 p.m. in the Historic Church. If you are unavailable to be at this meeting, you must schedule a meeting with Ann before Confirmation begins on October 5.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy program will be starting up again in October. 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

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Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **September 10 and 11, Week 11** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 9,169
Electronic Offering: 3,802
Total Membership Offering: 12,971

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

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.)

Archdiocesan Information

- **The Power of Faith — Curatio Weekend Retreat** highlighting the faith of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta with Fr. David Forsman, Friday, September 23 to Sunday, September 25, Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. Information and registration at www.curatioapostolate.com.
- **Annual Mass for Persons With Disabilities** in St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary this Sunday, September 18, at 3 p.m. with Archbishop Hebda celebrating Mass and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation for people with disabilities who have completed Confirmation classes.
- **Diaconate Inquiry Series** for married or single men between 30 and 59 years of age who may be called to a vocation as a Permanent Deacon. The four part series will meet September 20 and 27 and October 4, 6:30 to 9 p.m. and October 8, 8 a.m. to noon. Wives are encouraged to attend. Registration required. Contact Russ Kocermba at Kocemba@msn.com or 933-3660 or Shellee Leif at sjleif@stthomas.edu or 651-962-6891.
- **Finding God in All Things** with Margaret Silf. Monday, September 19, 7 to 9 p.m., Spirituality and Tuesday, September 20, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., The Other Side of Chaos. Register at www.loyolaspirtualitycenter.org/margaret-silf.
- **Grandparents Workshops** to aid passing on their faith to their grandchildren at the Hayden Center in St. Paul on Thursday, September 22, 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Intentional Prayer – Lectio Divina with Fr. Jonathan Kelly) and Thursday, October 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m. (Julia Doffing sharing Resources for Grandparents to Pass on the Faith). Light supper served. (Free-will offering; \$10 donation suggested.) Call Susanna Bolle at 651-291-4411 to register or with questions.
- **Voting in the Absence of a Perfect Candidate: Catholic Perspectives on Faithful Citizenship** with Dr. Bernie Evans, Tuesday, September 27, 7 to 9 p.m., Church of St. Pascal Baylon in St. Paul. Explore what is the relationship between faith and politics and how are Catholics called to engage. Contact Kim Roering at 651-774-1585 x128 or Suzanne Bernet at 651-789-3181.

Stay Connected

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Ministry Schedule

September 24 and 25

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tim and Wendy Amundsen
8:45 a.m. Sue Halverson, Leslie Trcka
10:45 a.m. Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Greg Butler, Bob Elfering, Anne Fowler, Cinda Jensen, Mary Moore, Patti Murphy, Katharine Paulsen, Ken Pavett, Doris Schmieg, Elaine Scholl, Sue Schrempp, Carol Spalding
8:45 a.m. Mary Bishop, Adrienne Carrica, Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm, Cindy Eide, Mike Kokesh, Michael Lanners, Mary Ann LaValle, Dave and Ellen Roan, Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. George Barker, Mary Catino, Greg Erickson, Joan Klinger, Jeff Lenzmeier, Amelia and Cherie McGraw, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Rose Rooney, Anna Shay, Jill Sonnek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Jeff and Corrine Fowler, Robert Schmieg, Dan Smock, LeRoy and Margaret Worm
8:45 a.m. Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese, Eric Hanson, Mark Lund, Dave and Rose Williams
10:45 a.m. Robert Diethelm, Mark and Mary Kelly, Chastity Perkins, Steve and Jill Sonnek

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Grace Fowler, Colton Schrempp
8:45 a.m. Stephanie Frier, Grant Hayes, Megan Jeurissen,
10:45 a.m. Evie Heiland, Jakob Lenzmeier, Nick Payne

Sound

5 p.m. Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Maria Glynn —
Acc. Elizabeth Nowak
8:45 a.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher
10:45 a.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Liturgy of the Word for children begins in October.

Youth Fire Fan Night

Families are invited to join the Holy Family Catholic High School community for Youth Fire Fan Night at Fire Football on Friday, September 23. Join us for a complimentary picnic of burgers, brats and hot dogs between 6 and 7 p.m. with kids' games and activities, giveaways, entertainment by the pep band and dance club followed by a football game. Print your family's free admission ticket to the game at <http://www.hfchs.org/events/youth-fire-fan-night-football/>

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a Twelve-Step Fellowship of men and women with the common purpose of recovery from codependence and the development and maintenance of healthy relationships. There are CoDA meetings on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Crown of Glory Church in Chaska. See brochures in the kiosk in the Commons.