

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 25, 2018

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.

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Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

March 4
Third Sunday of Lent
Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7
Reading II: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42



This Gospel is about the water that gives life, about getting beyond physical thirst to a deeper thirst for trust and love. Jesus draws the Samaritan woman through a solidly physical understanding of thirst and water to an honest look at her life and her need for conversion, and finally a recognition of who he is as the Messiah, the one who will quench all the thirsts of the people. In turn, this woman seeks out the townspeople and invites them to meet Jesus. Conversion is a slow process, but the patient persistence of Jesus will quench our thirst — in spite of our selves. And, it always moves us beyond our own nourishment to an active involvement in the lives of others.

Question of the Week

What are your “thirsts?” Where or to whom do you go to be refreshed?

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 **John Abel in the parish office.**

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 will be celebrated Easter Sunday, April 1.** Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent except in an emergency. (Adults will be Baptized at the Easter Vigil on March 31.)
- 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 be at least 16 years old.
- Parents are required to have attended a Jordan Night (Baptism Class) within the previous five years **before** a scheduled Baptism is celebrated. The next Jordan Night is **Thursday, April 12.** Contact Mary Harvey at mharvey@stvictoria.org or 443-2661 x206 for information or to schedule a Baptism.

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.)



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **February 27** — Ray Jendro †
Wednesday, **February 28** — Florence Storms †
Thursday, **March 1** — Ray and Frannie Schmiege †
Friday, **March 2** — Clara Diethelm †
Saturday, **March 3** — Frances Schmiege †
Sunday, **March 4** — 8:45 a.m. Dalles Notermann †
10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

In Memoriam

Fr. Fred Mathias Schneider
June 24, 1923 — February 17, 2018

RCIA

It is unlikely that any person has ever gone through life without experiencing some form of pain and suffering. At various times we all have a need to be healed. As Jesus lived the qualities of reconciliation and healing throughout his ministry, the Church promotes them in its acts of service and of sacrament. The healing sacraments, Reconciliation and Sacrament of Healing, are important for our reconciliation with God, that is, healing rifts between ourselves and God. The focus is also on healing of rifts between members of the community (reconciliation) and of body and mind (anointing of the sick). Catholics seek to live in such a way as to provide an example of reconciliation and healing within their communities. Join us on Tuesday night as we dive deeper into these two important sacraments.

Families Moving Forward

Families Moving Forward is a local initiative helping families in transition to find housing and stability through a supportive base in Carver County. Our parish has been called to serve these families through this ecumenical opportunity right in our backyard. St. Victoria Parish Family has committed to serving the participants of Families Moving Forward during their stay at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Chaska on eight different opportunities during the 2018 calendar year.

Each evening of service will require a team of about 10-12 volunteers who can sign up for as little as two to three hours of service. To offer your time in support for this mission, go to “Sign Up Genius” at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4cacab23ab9-families1 or contact Russ St. John at russstjohn@yahoo.com. Watch for more details about how you can help next weekend.

Lenten Reconciliation

Lenten Reconciliation at St. Victoria is Wednesday, March 7 at 5, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Times and dates at other area parishes are:

- St. John the Baptist, Excelsior, Reconciliation and Adoration around the clock, Friday, March 9, 6 p.m. to Saturday, March 10, 4:45 p.m.
- St. Mary’s, Waverly, Monday, March 12, 7 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Lake, Mound, Thursday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mark, Shakopee, Confessival, Friday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- St. Joseph, Waconia, Sunday, March 25, 4:30 p.m.



A Look Back

I am taking a moment to look back on the last week, the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday and the Gospel on Sunday detailing the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert.

First I want to share the reflection "Dust and Ashes."

*Remember you are dust,
And to dust you shall return.*

Ashes are born of sorrow:

the lament of our sin,
the sadness of life spoiled and wasted,
the grief of things burned up.

Fall, little tear, for the loss you endure.

Ashes are born of mortality:

the reminder that we have this little time
in which to shine our light
before our light is out,
our time is gone.

Dear spark, the time to repent is now.

Ashes are born of humility:

of hummus, our humanness,
the dust of earth;
our common bond with living things
who need our love;

our source in death, decay and mystery.

Holy dust, dark soil, now birth us forth.

Ashes are born of tenderness,

for God knows how we are made
and remembers that we are dust —
how noble are even our poorest efforts —
and God grants us grace.

Fragile creature, your maker tends you with mercy.

As in the beginning, Lord
take up this dust from your good earth,
and breath your life into us now,
that we may be not ashes of a former gift,
but living flame, alight and animate
and born anew each moment by your grace.

40 Days

We often hear of Jesus' 40 days in the desert where not only did he fast, but his faith was tested. But, the number 40 is a mystical number signifying penance in other times.

- Flood — 40 days and 40 nights
- Moses fasted on Mount Sinai — 40 days
- Israelites condemned to roam the desert — 40 years
- Elias — fasted for 40 days and 40 nights
- Saint Francis of Assisi — fasted for 40 days after which he received the stigmata

And, a Quick Look Forward

I hope you are planning to join me at our Lenten Mission today, starting at 4 p.m. and that you will also join me at the G.I.F.T event on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. to hear Laura Sobiech.

Fr. Bob

There is Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday in the Historic Church beginning at 8:30 a.m. (after Daily Mass) and ending at 8 p.m. It is in the quiet stillness when we hear the whisper of God's voice. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Stations of the Cross is a 14-step devotional that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on earth. Stations of the Cross are held in the Historic Church at 6 p.m. Friday evenings during Lent (except Good Friday).

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, March 19**. St. Victoria serves this ministry the third Monday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, contact Coordinator Dennis Brown, 443-4690.

Simpson Housing

Sunday, March 18, St. Victoria volunteers will prepare and serve dinner at Simpson Housing in Minneapolis. Simpson Housing, located in south Minneapolis provides meals and overnight shelter for homeless men and women. Contact Kerry Stukenborg@gmail.com for information or to volunteer.

Reminders

- **Harmony and Healing**, our Lenten Mission, is today, Sunday, February 25, starting at 4 p.m. with a concert presented by members of MN Teen and Adult Challenge Choir, Mass at 5 p.m. and a catered dinner (**for those with tickets**) at 6 p.m.
- **An Evening with Laura Sobiech**, national speaker and author, is Tuesday, February 27, at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together). Tickets are \$10.

Elsewhere ...

- **Rachel's Vineyard** Twin City Retreat for you or someone you love who is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, March 2 to 4. For information contact Nancy at rachel@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or visit www.rvineyardmn.org.
- **How About a Friday Fish Fry?** **St. Joseph** in Waconia, 4 to 7:30 p.m., every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday). Take out available. Bring this notice for \$1 off adult tickets.
- **Healing Mass** at Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata, Thursday, March 1. Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m. Fr. Michael Becker, Companions of Christ, Celebrant.
- **St. John/St. Benedict** Concert Choir at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Watertown, Thursday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. Free-will donations.
- **Solanus**, a drama about the life and times of Blessed Solanus Casey in celebration of his Beatification November 18, 2017, Saturday, March 3, 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Stillwater. Tickets in advance \$12 adults, \$8 children under 16, \$15 and \$10 at the door. Visit rbagley@partners4hopetanzania.org or call 612-594-1906. Proceeds benefit Bwambo Mission, Tanzania, East Africa.
- **Waffles Vs. Pancakes**. The St. Boniface Council of Catholic Women and Fr. Wohlfahrt Council Knights of Columbus want you to help them decide. Enjoy breakfast at St. Boniface in St. Bonifacious, Sunday, March 4, 8 a.m. to noon. Free will offering.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday, February 25	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, February 25	Face and Hands
Wednesday, February 28	Faith Formation and Confirmation
Sunday, March 4	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday, March 7	Faith Formation and Confirmation

Lenten Mission

We hope you are planning on attending our Parish Lenten Mission today, Sunday, February 25. Beginning at 4 p.m. there is a concert with members of MN Adult and Teen Challenge Choir, followed by Mass at 5 p.m. and a catered dinner (if you purchased a ticket) at 6 p.m.

Adult Formation

RCIA

You are invited to attend any RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) session that sounds interesting. You will find the topic for each upcoming week on page two of the bulletin, on our website and Facebook page.

G.I.F.T.

An evening with Laura Sobiech, a nationally known author and speaker, sponsored by G.I.F.T., (Growing in Faith Together) is this Tuesday, February 27, at 7 p.m. Laura is the mother of Zach Sobiech, who died of cancer but left a legacy with the song he wrote before his death, "Clouds."

Bible Study

Save the Date — Study of Acts begins Thursday, March 1, at 10 a.m. Call the parish office for information and/or to register.

Coffee and Conversation

Thanks to everyone who attended our Coffee and Conversation exploring the Holy Land as based on the Old Testament. And, we have an oops to share. The date for Part II of our virtual tour of the Holy Land, based on the New Testament is **April 14, not March 14.**

Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School Dates

Though it's only February and summer seems so far away, plans are underway for summer programming. Before we know it, summer camp signups will be out and will fill up quickly, vacation plans will be made, and cabin weekends planned. Please don't forget to include Vacation Bible School (VBS) in your summer plans! This year VBS will be held the week of June 18 to 22. We meet from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Registration will begin in April.

Youth Ministry

The Seder to Last Supper Lesson

Last Wednesday evening our 6th Grade Encounter Students were able to experience the Seder to Last Supper lesson. The Seder to Last Supper is a reenactment of a simplified Passover Seder. Our students had the opportunity to sample items typically displayed on a Seder plate and to speak passages from the Old and New Testaments that provide insight to their meaning for Jewish and Christian believers.

The lesson helped our Encounter Students understand the deeper meaning of Jesus' last supper, why He chose this Jewish tradition to be His last, and what this choice means to our celebration of the Eucharist. A very special thank you to **Lisa Payne** for leading this wonderful lesson and to **Kelly Kohls** for assisting with its preparation.

Reminder

If inclement weather should make it necessary to cancel Faith Formation and Confirmation, the information will be sent via an all-parish email, be on the marquee in front of the church and appear as a "newsflash" on our website, www.stvictoria.net.

**Blessings . . . Emily Klinker, Sara Svenby,
Ann Esping and Theo Chalgren**

Archdiocese Events

- **Archdiocesan Men's Conference** Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights. Keynote speaker is Monsignor Thomas Richter. The conference includes Mass, speakers, break-out sessions and an opportunity for Reconciliation. Bring your own lunch or purchase from on-site food trucks. Details and registration at CatholicWatchmen.com.
- **Twin Cities Peace Circle** meets the fourth Monday of each month, 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the North Regional Branch of the Hennepin County Library on Lowry Avenue North in Minneapolis. The Peace Circle is open to all who have experienced the trauma of clergy sexual abuse. Victims, survivors and thrivers gather in a safe, supportive environment to share their experiences, listen to others and explore healing. All are welcome and privacy is respected. Contact Jim with questions, concerns or comments at 773-412-0909 or richter316@aol.com.
- **Operation Andrew Dinner** hosted by Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Cozzens and Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations, for men ages 16 to 50, who are discerning the priesthood, Tuesday, March 6, at the Archdiocesan Chancery. Evening includes dinner and conversation with vocation testimonials. It is typical for a pastor, religious or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. Register before March 2 at stpaulvocations@1000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.

#MeTOO

"A Community Conversation and a Christian Response" is today, Sunday, February 25, 1 to 3 p.m., at the Basilica in Minneapolis. Join a community conversation about the current cultural movement identifying the prevalent sexual harassment and misconduct in our government, media, places of work, churches and institutions. Panelists from Project Pathfinder, an organization dedicated to preventing sexual abuse and restoring lives, will share their experience and possible solutions to this overarching problem in our society. For more information, visit archspm.org/events.

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

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **February 17 and 18, Week 34** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 7,974

Electronic Offering: 9,113

Total Membership Offering: 17,087

Second Collection for Debt Reduction: \$3,344

Ash Wednesday Collection: \$3,042

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who shared their “loose change” with mothers and children in need. The total collected during the three-week campaign was \$3,508.67. The money will be donated to Southwest Options for Women, a Christian Pro-Life organization providing help to mothers in need.

Catholic Services Appeal

There is still time to participate in the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) to provide help for our brothers and sisters throughout our larger community and the world. There are many valuable ministries that are larger than any one single parish (or organization) can sustain. The 18 ministries benefit all of us. Included are hospital chaplains, prison ministry, American Indian Ministry, Evangelization and Catechesis, tuition assistance for Catholic school students, support for seminarians in formation and assistance for those most in need among us. (Parishes meeting their goals also receive a percentage of their donations.) To make a contribution, there are envelopes in the kiosk that can be dropped in the collection basket or sent directly to the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation. Thank you for your participation.

A Positive Fast

Did you give up chocolate for Lent and find that you’ve already slipped up? On a positive note, Pope Francis has offered some suggestions:

Fast from hurting words and only say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Visit Women's Religious Communities

Women are invited to visit four different religious communities in the Twin Cities on Saturday, March 3, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Meet, learn, share meals and pray with Catholic Sisters while visiting School Sisters of Notre Dame, Visitation Monastery, Sisters of St. Joseph and Benedictine Sisters at St. Paul's Monastery. For more information, visit <http://ssnd.org/events/visiting-womens-religious-communities>. To register, please contact Sister Stephanie Spandl at sspandl@ssnd.org or 651-278-4498 by March 1. The event is free.

Ministry Schedule

March 3 and 4

Sacristans

5 p.m. John and Melody Hintzen
8:45 a.m. Rose Rooney
10:45 a.m. Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

Lector

5 p.m. Leslie Becker
8:45 a.m. Dawn Dammann
10:45 a.m. John Helgerson

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, David and Jessica Bruns, Jim Emmer, Jeanette Hay, Tom and Lisa Katalinich, Kristen Kowalski, Lisa Kraayenbrink, Debra McMillan, Sue Schrempp, Carol Spalding
8:45 a.m. Mary Catino, Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm, Cindy Eide, Cindy Funk, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Mike Kokesh, Barb Meinert, Jim and Debbie Moss, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m. George Barker, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Joe Hamilton, Gina Holman, Kerry Leopold, Linda Lindeman, Lindsey Norton, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Elizabeth Contreras, Gary and Anne Delaney, Kerry McMillan, Phillip Smith, Gary Sohns
8:45 a.m. Jon and Nancy Carlson, Joseph Happ, Paul and Stan Kohls, Lyle Oddan
10:45 a.m. Louise Lehner, Greg Pavett, Sandy Perkins, Jim and Carol Slater, Erv Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Arin Hausmann, Conor Maguire
8:45 a.m. Lydia Jackels, Rose Senior, Ethan Weinandt
10:45 a.m. Mitchell, Joey and Sadie Holman

Sound

5 p.m. Tim Woodfield
8:45 a.m. Cecilia Bergren
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Team Isaiah

5 p.m. Jim Becker, David and Kristen Kowalski, Roger and Paula Osweiler, Cindy Worm
8:45 a.m. Jim, Wendi and Jakob Alessio, Carly Dammann, Connie Jeurissen, Pat Moore
10:45 David, Gina, Sadie and Joey Holman, Kellie and Pat McClellan

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —
Acc. Ameer Gallagher
8:45 a.m. Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:45 a.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:45 and 10:45 a. m. Masses.

Take Note . . .

There are **reserved seats** in the entire front and back rows of the first section on the parking lot side of the church for people with disabilities and/or limited mobility. There are **wheelchairs and a walker** by the coat rack for use by parishioners needing assistance while at St. Victoria. There are **assisted hearing devices** available in the Worship Space that allow individuals to hear through their own personal hearing devices. Ask the volunteer at the sound board for assistance. Also, in an emergency, after calling 911, there is a **defibrillator** in the Historic Church Sacristy. Directions for its use are included in the case.