

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.”

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 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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Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018

April 1

Easter Sunday

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9



Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!

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 world. 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 ago, 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 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

Has there been an experience in your life that has cemented your faith? In what ways do you need to become more alive in your faith.

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

- Baptisms are celebrated on designated weekends during all three Masses and after the 5 p.m. Saturday and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Masses. **Baptisms will be celebrated on 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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **March 27** — Jim Klehr †

Wednesday, **March 28** — Robert Vogel †

Thursday, **March 29** — Thanksgiving for the Eucharist

Friday, **March 30** — No Mass Intentions on Good Friday

Saturday, **March 31** — Newly Baptized and Confirmed

Sunday, **April 1** — 8:45 a.m. The Glory of God

10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

RCIA

RCIA concludes this week with final instructions as candidates prepare to be welcomed into our Church during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Saturday, March 31.

Easter Flowers

You are invited to beautify our worship space and honor your loved ones with donations for Easter flowers. Donations are due by Friday, March 30. Turn in your donation along with a note saying who it is from and the name(s) of those to be remembered. Mark the envelope “Easter Flowers, Attention Elizabeth” and mail it to the church, drop it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the parish office. Checks should be made out to St. Victoria.

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.**

Holy Week

The Liturgy beginning with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday through the evening of the Easter Vigil is referred to as the “Triduum,” meaning three-day period. This is the Liturgy of the holiest week of the year — the high-point of the Sacred Church Year. The Triduum is a wonderful way to prepare for the joy of Easter Sunday. We hope you will join us..

Holy Thursday, March 29, is celebrated with Mass at 7 p.m., recalling the institution of the Eucharist and includes a symbolic washing of the feet. Following the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to a special tabernacle prepared for it and the church is prepared for Good Friday.

Good Friday, March 30, is not celebrated with a Mass, but we observe the day with private prayer and reflection and a **7 p.m. Service 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. **At 3 p.m. there will be a special Stations of the Cross based on the Psalms. The church bells will toll at 3 p.m.** The Historic Church will be open throughout the day.

Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31, 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 Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

The Triduum prepares us to celebrate the joy of the Risen Christ at **Easter Sunday Masses at 8:45 and 10:45.**



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



On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

We have all heard these words in John's Gospel read on Easter Sunday. And, we probably have a picture in our head of what that tomb may have looked like. I found the following information from an article in the National Geographic interesting and thought you might too.

"Over the centuries, Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher has suffered violent attacks, fires and earthquakes. It was totally destroyed in 1009 and subsequently rebuilt, leading modern scholars to question whether it could possibly be the site identified as the burial place of Christ by a delegation sent from Rome some 17 centuries ago.

Now the results of scientific tests provided to National Geographic appear to confirm that the remains of a limestone cave enshrined within the church are remnants of the tomb located by those Ancient Romans. Mortar sampled from between the original surface of the tomb and a marble slab that covers it has been dated to around A.D. 345. According to historical accounts, the tomb was discovered by Romans and enshrined around 326.

Until now, the earliest architectural evidence found in and around the tomb complex dated to the Crusade period, making it no older than 1,000 years. While it is archaeologically impossible to say that the tomb is the burial site of Jesus, who according to New Testament accounts was crucified at 30 or 33, new dating results put the original construction securely in the time of Constantine, Rome's first Christian Emperor and who sent delegates to explore the site.

The tomb was opened for the first time in centuries in October 2016, when the shrine that encloses the tomb, known as the Edicule, underwent significant restoration. Several samples of mortar from different locations within the Edicule were taken for dating.

When Constantine's representatives arrived in Jerusalem around 325 to locate the tomb, they were allegedly pointed to a Roman Temple built some 200 years earlier. The temple was razed and excavations beneath it revealed a tomb hewn from a limestone cave. The top of the cave was sheared off to explore the interior of the tomb and the Edicule was built around it. A feature of the tomb is a long shelf, or 'burial bed,' which according to tradition was where Jesus was laid following his crucifixion. Such shelves were a common feature of wealthy first-century Jerusalem Jews. The marble cladding that covered the "burial bed" was believed to have been installed in 1555 at the latest, but was more likely around mid-1300s according to pilgrim accounts.

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There is no Eucharistic Adoration during the day on Holy Thursday. Rather, Adoration begins with the conclusion of the mass of the Lord's Supper and ends at 10 p.m.

Lenten Reconciliation

Individual confessions at St. Victoria will be heard on March 27 and 28 beginning at 6 p.m.

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday. The parish staff wishes for all a blessed and happy Easter.

FPD Continued

When the tomb was opened in 2016, scientists were surprised to find beneath the marble cladding an older, broken marble slab incised with a cross, resting directly atop the original surface of the 'burial bed.' Some researchers speculated that the older slab may have been laid down in the Crusader period, while others suggest that it may have already been in place when the church was destroyed in 1009. Newer test results reveal that the lower slab was most likely mortared in place in the mid-fourth century, during the time Constantine sent his delegation to search for the site where Jesus was buried. Mortar samples taken from one of the walls were dated to 335 and 1570, providing evidence of construction work in the Roman period as well as the 16th century restoration. The mortars not only provide evidence for the earliest shrine on the site, but also the historical construction of the Edicule."

While it is impossible to say with absolute certainty that this is the site of Jesus' burial, it is consistent with the ancient tradition of the Church that indeed it is.

Fr. Bob

Launch Update

Special thanks to parishioners who have provided meals to Launch Ministry and their recovering group sessions in Chaska. If you would like to sign-up to provide a meal (or part of a meal) for May 1, St. Victoria's next date, contact Lynn Gerebi at 270-1792 or lgerebi@gmail.com.

Lynn Gerebi, who initiated St. Victoria's Launch Ministry and coordinates the activities, is now seeking a new "lead" for this valuable ministry. If you are interested, please contact Lynn or John Abel, St. Victoria's Director of Shared Ministries. The leadership role requires a commitment of two to five hours per month. Lynn intends to remain involved, but would like to give another person the leadership opportunity.

Elsewhere...

- **Deanery Meeting** at Church of St. Mark in Shakopee, Saturday, April 7. Registration at 8:45 followed by a Latin Mass at 9 a.m. Lunch and presentations and elections follow. Call Carol Hedlund at 445-3061 with questions.
- **Grandparents Spring Series: Divine Mercy in "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told,"** Thursdays, April 12 to June 14, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Learn how amazing historical events of the past 500 years connect to reveal the deeply spiritual reality of God's merciful love, culminating now in our lifetime. Register at CatholicGrandparenting.org. Contact Susanna Parent at parents@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday, March 25	No Children's Liturgy
Wednesday, March 28	No Faith Formation or Confirmation
Sunday, April 1	No Children's Liturgy
Wednesday, April 4	Faith Formation and 10th Grade Parents/Students Retreat
April 8	Children's Liturgy of the Word

Reminder: No Faith Formation, Confirmation or Children's Liturgy the week of March 25 because of Spring Break. Classes resume on April 4.

What to do with the Palms?

Palm Sunday brings out the crafter in every Catholic. It seems that everyone has something different to do with them. So here are some ideas. (For pictures and directions on how to make the examples given below go to <http://www.catholicicing.com/10-things-to-do-with-palms-from-palm-sunday/>)

But first the basics:

- When you get them at church, they are green and bendable. This is when they're prime pickin' for crafts. Once they are dry, that's it, you can't shape them anymore.
- The palms are blessed, so when you're done with them, you can't put them in the trash. To properly dispose of the palms, they need to be burned, then the ashes returned to the ground.
- What looks like one palm is generally two. They split right apart.
- For some folds, you leave them together at the bottom, for others you split them apart and you basically can make two different things out of the same palm.

Lets start with the simplest option. If you bring them home without folding them, you put them in a vase just like flowers. They will stay green and fresh in the vase for as long as cut flowers will. You can enjoy them in their true palm form and still make something out of them later in the week.

In their straight form, you can use them to decorate, especially if you have crosses in your home. You can cut up your palms and make a banner that says "Hosanna!" for Palm Sunday.

You can fold your palm into a cross. This is a classic. This can be done very quickly. You can do this with your palms as soon as you receive them. You can do this to your palms as soon as you arrive at Mass so that the kids don't wave giant palms around, hitting people in the head during Mass. And, the crosses are a lot more manageable. You can get them to dry out flat by placing them under a book for a few days (think pressed flowers).

You can also make them into palm roses. They're quick to make, small, cute, and it's a little different.

You can make an awesome palm spiral that is beautiful and different. You also can fold them like a paper spring.

If you take one of the palms that isn't separated yet (so it still has two sides) you can make a heart. Split each side down the middle using your fingernail (four pieces total still connected at the bottom) and make fold one of the "paper springs" on each side. Tie the palms together at the top to make a heart shape. Allow it to dry out laying flat in a heart shape.

You can also split the palm into three 3 strips (but not quite all the way), braid them together and tie a knot at the end.

After you have folded your palms into this or that, place them around your home. And remember, when they are dry and have been in your house for a year, don't throw them in the trash! They need to be burned.

More Suggestions

Follow us on Instagram at [st.victoriaparishfamily](https://www.instagram.com/st.victoriaparishfamily), Twitter at [@Saint_Victoria](https://twitter.com/Saint_Victoria) and Facebook at St. Victoria Parish Family for suggestions for the last week of Lent.

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

Rummage Sale

It's time to start thinking about the annual rummage sale sponsored by Catholic United Financial. 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 3 and 4.

Women's Scripture Study

The Women's Scripture Study: Jesus Approaches is back by popular demand! Join local author and speaker Elizabeth M. Kelly in an 8-week bible study based on her new book: *Jesus Approaches, What Today's Woman Can Learn About Healing, Freedom and Joy from the Women of the New Testament*. The study will be offered at three locations: St. Ambrose in Woodbury, April 2 to May 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m., St. Hedwig in NE Minneapolis, April 3 to May 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and St. Hubert in Chanhassen, Thursdays, April 5 to May 24, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Childcare provided.

Childcare Provided

St. Hubert is offering childcare so mothers with young children can attend the sessions there. To do so, St. Hubert is hiring childcare professionals to care for children ages one through five, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Applicants must meet the Essential 3 requirements (VIRTUS training, code of conduct and background check). For more information or an application, contact Theresa at Theresa.hefel@sthubert.org.

Holy Family News

Summer Camp registration is open to the community to provide a safe place to explore new interests and improve skills. Camps range from cooking to acting and fencing to volleyball. Information and registration at www.hfchs.org/firecamps.

Students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to join the **Middle School Spring Track Club** for a five-week skill-building and competition clinic April 16 to May 19. Train with HFCHS Fire track and field coaches two or three days per week from 5:30 to 7 p.m. More information and registration at www.hfchs.org/firecamps. Contact coaches Alex Krause, alexkrause13@gmail.com or Ron Hoffman at Ronald.hoffman@yahoo.com for information.

Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday

March 29, 7 p.m.

Sacristans

Erv and Linda

Lector

Tom Welch

Eucharistic Ministers

Greg Butler, Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm, Cindy Eide, Joe Hamilton, Joyce Heiland, Tom and Lisa Katalinich, Michelle Kunze, Linda Lindeman, Nancy Schmieg

Greeter/Ushers

Paul Kohls, Billie Perkins, Daryl Schmieg, Sam and Troy Stukenborg, Shawn Sutherland

Servers

Ava and Ella Kunze, Sydney and Chastity Perkins

Sound

Tim Woodfield

Music

Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Good Friday

March 30, 7 p.m.

Lector

Nan Emmer

Eucharistic Ministers

Jim Emmer, Ruth Kroening, Jeff Lenzmeier, Lindsey Norton

Greeter/Ushers

Cal Haasken, Eric Hanson, Joseph Happ, Mike Harlander, Lyle Oddan, Erv Spevacek

Servers

Jacob Lenzmeier, Conor Maguire

Sound

Phillip Smith

Music

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Easter Vigil

March 31, 8 p.m.

Sacristans

Tim Amundsens, Rose Rooney

Lector

Janie Jasin

Eucharistic Ministers

George Barker, Ann Esping, Cindy Funk, Joyce Heiland, Joan Klinger, Debra McMillan, Mary Moore, Katharine Paulsen, Charles Schmidt, Doris Schmieg, Sue Schrempp, Jill Sonnek

Greeter/Ushers

Elizabeth Contreras, John Heiland, Gary and Sharon Lauwagie, Robert Schmieg

Servers

Laura Contreras, Lily Esping, Audrey Sonnek

Sound

Steve McNamara

Music

Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

Catholic Services Appeal

There's still time to contribute or pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) to provide help through 18 ministries funded by the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation to brothers and sisters throughout our larger community and the world. 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.

Ministry Schedule

April 1

Easter Sunday

Sacristans

8:45 a.m.

Laura Synstegaard

10:45 a.m.

Julie Catalino, Erv Spevacek

Lector

8:45 a.m.

Joyce Diethelm

10:45 a.m.

Joe Hamilton

Eucharistic Ministers

8:45 a.m.

Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm, Cindy Eide,

Cindy Funk, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Michael

Lanners, Dave and Ellen Roan, Barbara

Schultz, Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis

10:45 a.m.

Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Diane Forsythe,

Todd Hesse, Gina Holman, Tim Kearney,

Louise Lehner, Linda Lindeman, Cherie

McGraw, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Anna Shay

Greeter/Usher

8:45 a.m.

Doug and Susan Hines, Kevin and Mary

Hoffman, Stan Kohls, Scott Monson

10:45 a.m.

Wendy Jo, Luke, Porter and Roger Knowles,

Kerry Leopold, Erv Spevacek

Servers

8:45 a.m.

Rose Senior, Ethan Weinandt

10:45 a.m.

Mitchell, Joey and Sadie Holman

Sound

8:45 a.m.

Elena Bergren

10:45 a.m.

TBD

Music

8:45 a.m.

Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

10:45 a.m.

Cantor Elizabeth Nowak —

Acc. Ameer Gallagher

There is no Children's Liturgy of the Word this week.

Stewardship Report

The Stewardship Report for March 17 and 18, Week 38, will be reported in the bulletin next week.

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Collection for the Holy Land

Pope Francis has asked all parishes around the world to take up a collection for Christians in the Holy Land on Good Friday. The financial gifts enable the Franciscan community to provide education, formation, build homes for the poor and orphans, support senior care facilities and preserve Christians shrines — all in the Holy Land. And, most importantly during this time of war and unrest, this collection will provide humanitarian aid to refugees.

Easter Giving

During the Easter season, it is always encouraging to see both new and familiar faces here at St. Victoria. We extend a warm welcome not only to our parishioners, but to their families and friends. Throughout the year, many of you already support our parish with your time, talent and treasure, but greater participation at this time of year is always welcome.

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