

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.”

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 11, 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.

St. Anthony Novena: Tuesday after Mass

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



These readings marvel at the creative, life-giving power of God. Ezekiel tells us that the God, who can transform lifeless bones into vital human beings, can restore a nation from the death of exile to a life of freedom. Paul tells the Romans that the power of the Spirit brings our mortal bodies to life through the creative, transforming presence of the Spirit of God dwelling in us. In the Gospel, we see a marvelously dramatic example of the power of God to bring life out of death. The essential message for us is Jesus' pronouncement: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25)

Question of the Week

As your days pass by, are there small "resurrections" that keep you conscious of God in your life?

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.)

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.

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.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 13 — Ray and Frannie Schmieg †

Wednesday, March 14 — Mary Foster †

Thursday, March 15 — Judy Forcier Family

Friday, March 16 — Joseph Pezzuto for Healing

Saturday, March 17 — George Notermann †

Sunday, March 18 — 8:45 a.m. Charles Johnson Family

10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

In Memoriam

Marvin Storms

March 30, 1938 — March 5, 2018

RCIA

Universal Call to Holiness

All the faithful are called to live the fullness of the Christian life as they strive to attain the perfection of charity, which is love (*Lumen Gentium*). This call to holiness of life is rooted in the mission of the Church to take sinners and raise them into saints by the transforming glory and perfection of Jesus. Holiness, sanctity, saintliness — these are not things that we can attain by our own efforts alone. But our Free Will can dispose us to follow the example of Christ — one step at a time — so that by Grace we may say with St. Paul that "it is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me" (*Gal. 2:20*).

But the call to holiness is not an easy road to follow. We stumble, we fall. We often blind ourselves to Truths we don't want to see, and we deceive ourselves that we (not God) are the final arbiters of what is Good and what is Evil. Our First Parents made the same mistake long ago, and it seems we still haven't learned our lesson.

This Tuesday in RCIA, we will discuss several "hot topics" in Christian morality now facing the Church and our world. Our goal is not to judge the sinner (we ALL are sinners), but to discern the Way and the Truth which leads to Life, rejoicing that God is not waiting to pounce when we sin but rather is waiting to shower us with mercy when we turn to Him. The Psalmist expresses well the sublime mystery of God's grace when he declares: "Love and truth will meet; justice and mercy shall kiss" (*Ps. 85:10*). Join us at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13.

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. Simply 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.

Lenten Reconciliation

Individual confessions at St. Victoria are on March 27 and 28 beginning at 6 p.m.

Times and dates at other area parishes are:

- **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, Confesstival, Friday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **St. Joseph**, Waconia, Sunday, March 25, 4:30 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk ...



Welcome

This weekend we welcome Fr. Thomas Hunstiger to St. Victoria. Fr. Hunstiger is speaking on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Central and South America. Fr. Hunstiger is a native of St. Paul, MN and was ordained in 1963 in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Retiring after 40 years of parish work in the Archdiocese, Fr. Hunstiger now has the opportunity to be a voice for the poor by encouraging links between U.S. parishes and those serving in the developing world.

A Heavy Heart

It is with a heavy heart that I thank you for the outpouring of prayers and messages of sympathy to me and my family following the death of my brother Jim. As I mentioned at Masses last week, Jim succumbed to a battle with cancer on Wednesday, February 28. His funeral was this past Wednesday, March 7, at the St. Thomas University Chapel.

Being only one year younger than me, Jim and I always shared a special camaraderie. Jim was a typical White — always busy — a 40-year career, community involvement with everything from visiting and befriending incarcerated individuals to membership in the MN Streetcar Museum. He also found time for a daily swim at the YMCA and over the years, attended 45 Jesuit Retreats. Most importantly, he was devoted to his wife Sarah and their children, Elizabeth, Andrew, Peter, Michael and Charlie and he was a great brother. He will be missed. Again, thank you for your outpouring of love and support.

I also had the honor to concelebrate at the funeral for Fr. Frederick Schneider, OFM on Wednesday, February 28. Fr. Fred was born in Victoria on June 20, 1923 and was baptized at St. Victoria on June 24, 1923. He joined Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province in 1942 and was ordained on June 24, 1949. He said his first Mass at St. Victoria on June 26, 1949. In addition to serving at numerous parishes throughout the U.S., Fr. Fred spent 30 years as a missionary in Brazil along the Amazon River. Fr. Fred retired in 2003.

Fr. Fred's brother Fr. Conran Schneider, OFM also is buried at St. Victoria. He was ordained in 1947 and celebrated his first Mass at St. Victoria on July 1, 1951.

Fr. Fred and Fr. Conran were among a number of young men and women from St. Victoria who left home to enter religious orders. In the parish history, it is noted that "11 sons and 7 daughters chose the priesthood or religious life". It was said at one time that, per capita, St. Victoria had more men and women joining religious orders than any parish in the United States. The names of many of them are familiar yet today — Schneider, Robling, Schmieg, Diethelm and Wartman for example. With the passing of Fr. Fred, it is the end of a line of Franciscans from St. Victoria. **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. Spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist and establish a truly personal relationship with Him. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Happenings at St. Victoria ...

Daylight Saving Time started at 2 a.m. today. Hopefully you set your clocks ahead.

Gatherings This Week

Parish Pastoral Council will meet Thursday, March 15, at 6 p.m., in the parish office conference room. *All are welcome to attend.*

Stations of the Cross commemorate 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](mailto:Kerry.Stukenborg@gmail.com) for information or to volunteer.

Elsewhere ...

- **Fish Fry at 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.
- **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**, St. George in Long Lake, Saturday, March 17. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Mass at 4 p.m., a catered dinner at 5 p.m. and live music by Welcome Drive. Call the parish office at 473-1247 for advance tickets and information. Tickets also available at the door.
- **March Cursillo Western Ultreya is today, Sunday, March 11**, at St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen. 6 p.m. Potluck dinner in Room 16 to welcome new members followed by witness stories from team members from weekends 365 and 366.
- **Love, Art and the Deepest Desire** presented by the University of St. Thomas Murphy Institute Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m. for an evening of song and celebration in the newly renovated Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Following the concert there will be a reception catered by Surdyk's. Free and open to the public. Information and registration at stthomas.edu/murphyinstitute.
- **Marriage and Divorce: Insights into the Tradition** presented by St. John's School of Theology and Seminary, Thursday, March 15, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Mary. Join for a grace-filled conversation exploring the dimensions of the marriage sacrament and the purpose of the annulment process. This is an opportunity to name the real-life struggles that can exist within a marriage and why it is important to think and speak about this sacrament and to discern how we as a church community can and should walk alongside those experiencing marital stress and the impending reality of divorce. Registration required. Go to www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday, March 11	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday, March 14	Faith Formation and Confirmation
Sunday, March 18	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday, March 21	Faith Formation and Confirmation and Living Stations of the Cross at 5:30 and 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, March 25	No Children's Liturgy
Wednesday, March 28	No Faith Formation or Confirmation
Sunday, April 1	No Children's Liturgy

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.

Coffee and Conversation

The date for Part II of our virtual pilgrimage through the Holy Land, based on the New Testament, is **April 14**. Mark your calendars now.

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

Summer Festival Registration

Registration is open — we're going to camp July 15-18. We want your child to join us!

We'd love for your Middle Schooler to join Ann, Emily, Theo, our High School Leadership group, and teens from all over the Midwest at Summer Festival Camp July 15 to 18. St. Victoria has been taking teens to this camp for 15-plus years and teens always love it. Summer Festival is a multi-denominational camp that intertwines outrageous games, inspiring speakers, music and faith in a powerful format that ensures there is something wonderful for everyone. Check out the camp promo video at <https://summerfestivalcamp.com>. Teens are welcome to bring any and all friends too!! The Cost of Camp is \$285 with early bird registration until May 1, after that it is \$325. To hold your spot, please make your non-refundable \$85 deposit on the parish website. If you are interested in hearing more or have questions, shoot us an email.

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

Stay Connected

Website is www.stvictoria.net

Instagram is [st.victoriaparishfamily](#)

Twitter is [@Saint_Victoria](#)

Facebook is St. Victoria Parish Family

Minnesota FoodShare

Next weekend, March 17 and 18, is our opportunity to help people in need in our community. While this is a statewide campaign, everything contributed stays in local communities, i.e. our food goes directly to Bountiful Basket in Chaska. The March FoodShare Campaign was started in 1982 and has resulted in millions of pounds of food provided to emergency food shelves statewide. You are invited to leave your bag of non-perishable food items on the tables in the Franciscan Commons. Thank you.

Archdiocese Events

- **Bethany House** is currently accepting applications from women discerning consecrated life. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations and located in northeast Minneapolis, women ages 20 to 27 are invited to reside in the home from September 2018 to May 2019. This is an opportunity to intentionally discern vocation to religious life. If interested, complete the interest form at 10000vocations.org/Bethany-house.
- **Deepening Spirituality** Monday, March 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Catherine University will explore the "Vincentian Tradition." For information and/or to register, contact Gloria Blaha in the school's Theology Department.
- **Annunciation Bi-annual Awakening Retreat**, March 16 to 18, at Dunrovin Retreat Center at Marine on St. Croix. Learn about God the Father's tremendous love for you and have the opportunity to establish a personal relationship with Christ. Retreat includes Mass, confession opportunities, Eucharistic Adoration, communal prayer, music, talks by Fr. Park, small groups/fellowship and time for silence and rest. Information and sign-up at www.annunciationmsp.org/church.
- **Men's Lenten Retreat**, "Big Men, Big Dreams and Big Possibilities: How to Deepen My Spiritual Relationship With God" on Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Gerard in Brooklyn Park. Fr. Tom Santa is the presenter. Go to st-gerard.org or call 763-424-8770 for information and registrations.

BIZAA Mission Trip

Travel with Okey Anyanwu, BIZAA (Basic Institute for Zonal African Advancement) founder, Fr. Paul Baker, Pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Brooklyn Center and others to Nigeria to help make a difference in the lives of families and children impacted by child trafficking. This hand-on experience will be unforgettable. The trip leaves May 3. Learn more at a meeting at St. Vincent's parish office meeting room, Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$3,995 and includes airfare, meals, lodging, local transportation and security. Go to okey@bizaa.org or call 763-762-7417 for more information.

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

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Reports for **February 24 and 25, Week 35** of our fiscal year, **March 3 and 4, Week 36** of our fiscal year will be included in the March 18 bulletin.

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Next weekend, March 18 and 19, is our second collection earmarked for mortgage debt reduction. This special collection occurs the third weekend of each month. (You may use the special envelope [pink] in your envelope packet, arrange for electronic deposit or contribute cash or a check when the collection basket is passed after Communion.)

Keep Us In the Loop

If there are changes in your life, be sure to let us know so we can keep our records up-to-date. Be sure to share your phone number (cell and land line), email changes and/or address changes. Thank you.

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.**

Spring is on the Way!

Yes, nice weather is on its way. And that means the **Annual Rummage Sale** will be here before you know it. Members of St. Victoria's Catholic United Financial Council are once again making plans and you might want to start gathering up things you might like to donate — what you no longer want might be a treasure for a shopper. **The dates are May 3 and 4.**

This is also a good time to remind the generous cooks and bakers who have contributed food for recent funerals that there's quite a collection of bowls, plates and other containers to be retrieved. Everything remaining when the rummage sale starts will be donated.

Sisters D.E.A.R. (Sisters Drop Everything and Read)

The School Sisters of Notre Dame invite women 18 and older to join them Sunday, March 18, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., for an afternoon of reading from their collection of religious, spiritual and historical books. Choose a book and gather later to discuss. (Or bring your own spiritual reading.) More information at ssnd.org/events/sisters-dear-031818. RSVP by Thursday, March 15 to Sister Stephanie Spandl at sspndl@ssnd.org or 651-278-4498. There's no cost.

Catholic Services Appeal

There's still time to contribute or pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) to provide help for our brothers and sisters throughout our larger community and the world. There are 18 valuable ministries that are helped (and sustained) by the funds raised during this annual appeal. 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.

Ministry Schedule

March 17 and 18

Sacristans

Tom and Lisa Katalinich
Diane Theis, Leslie Trcka
Julie Catalino, Tim Woodfield

Lector

Tim Amundsen
Joe Carrica
Joe Heiland

Eucharistic Ministers

Mike and Hailey Amundsen, Greg Butler, Jim Emmer, Todd Hesse, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Sue Schrempf, Bobby and Mary Beth Wulf
Renee Boraas, Adrienne Carrica, Mary Catino, Darla Diethelm, Dan and Marguerite Dummer, Cindy Eide, Roger Jackels, Dave and Ellen Roan, Diane Theis

Diane Forsythe, Gina Holman, Tim Kearney, Louise Lehner, Kerry Leopold, Cherie McGraw, Lindsey Norton, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Rose Rooney, Anna Shay, Jill Sonnek

Greeter/Usher

Tom, Lisa and Maggie Katalinich, Roger Osweiler, LeRoy and Margaret Worm
Robert Diethelm, Doug and Susan Hines, Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Scott Monson
Mark and Mary Kelly, Steve and Jill Sonnek, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Servers

Ann Hausmann, Conor Maguire,
Ethan Weinandt

Lydia Jackels, Nate Nicklaus, Rose Senior
Krew Barber, Evie Heiland, Audrey Sonnek

Sound

Phillip Smith
Elena Bergren
Mitchell Holman

Music

Treble Cantori — Acc. Sharon Schindler
Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl —

Acc. Elizabeth Nowak

Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Elizabeth Nowak

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

There are **assisted hearing devices** available in the Worship Space that allow individuals to hear through their own personal hearing devices. If this is something you would find helpful, ask the volunteer at the sound board for assistance.

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. St. Victoria has committed to serving the participants during their stay at Shepherd of the Hill Church in Chaska on eight different opportunities during 2018. Each evening of service requires a team of about 10 to 12 volunteers who can sign up for as little as two to three hours of service. To volunteer, go to "Sign Up Genius" at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4cacab23ab9-families1 or contact Russ St. John at russstjohn@yahoo.com or sign-up on our parish website, www.stvictoria.net.