

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 18, 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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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018

March 25
Palm Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47



Mark's Gospel, more than the other Gospels, shows the human struggle and suffering of Jesus. Jesus seems to feel abandoned at the worst point. Mark's community, undergoing persecution, needed to make sense of the suffering in their lives. They needed to discover who Jesus was as Messiah. Throughout the Gospel, we get hints and glimpses of who Jesus is. Then we come to the story of the Passion itself. Mark finally answers the question of who Jesus is only at the end, when the Centurion proclaims: "Clearly this man was the Son of God." Jesus' identity as Messiah is only fully revealed when he dies on the cross.

Question of the Week

Has there been a time in your life when someone helped you through a burdensome time? Have you, at some time, helped someone who was carrying a heavy burden?

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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **March 20** — Ray Jendro †
Wednesday, **March 21** — Joseph Pezzuto for healing and recuperation
Thursday, **March 22** — Dick Dee †
Friday, **March 23** — Wendy Sawvel
Saturday, **March 24** — Victor and Evelyn Schneider †
Sunday, **March 25** — 8:45 a.m. Donald Cotnoir †
10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

RCIA

Eschatology - big word and a scary topic. We are going to cover Catholic teaching of the End Times, Death, Judgement, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind. We will also spend some time looking specifically at the uniquely Catholic Communion of Saints. With the most popular of Saints days coming and a sense that we are in difficult theological times stop by our RCIA meeting on Tuesday March 20, at 6 p.m. for a discussion sure to be lively and interesting.

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.

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

Next weekend (March 24 and 25) we commemorate Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. We will gather in the Commons before Mass to receive palms and then process into the church. Once inside, and when everyone has been seated, the palms will be blessed and there will be special prayers before the start of Mass which includes the Gospel, *The Passion of our Lord*, according to Mark.

- **Holy Thursday**, March 29 — Mass with Washing of Feet at 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday**, March 30, there is no Mass, but the 7 p.m. Liturgy will include Veneration of the Cross and prayers and intercessions for the Church. At 3 p.m., the church bells will toll and there will be a special *Way of the Cross* in the Historic Church..
- **Easter Vigil**, March 31, Mass begins at 8 p.m. The individuals who have completed RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be welcomed into the church.
- **Easter Sunday**, April 1, there are masses at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m.

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



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



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Fr. James Peterson to St. Victoria this weekend. Fr. James is here for a short time visiting from Jesucristo Resucitado in Venezuela. He will concelebrate Masses with me and share information about his assignment in Venezuela.

Preparing for Easter

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week in preparation for Easter Sunday, it might be time to offer up a special gift by remembering that if you have a brother or sister who has "something against you," it can be left at the altar. Jesus tells us to forgive our enemies, but he doesn't put a time table on it. Forgiveness takes time and the deeper the wound, the more time it takes. The spiritual practice of forgiveness helps us take back the power that our enemy has taken from us. When we forgive our enemy we are no longer a hostage of our own anger. This can be accomplished by visualizing what is hardest to forgive and easiest to resent, and then seek the grace of forgiveness. Ask forgiveness if you have hurt the person in any way and pray God's blessing on the person you resent. Pray that the person may be joyful, peaceful, free of pain and suffering and that he or she lives in loving kindness. Let go of the heavy burden of carrying a grudge.

The same can be said for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It can be a time to forgive our selves. It is an opportunity to look critically at our own lives and action while at the same time knowing that our Loving God will, in His divine mercy, forgive us so that we can continue to find the faith and spiritual well-being we seek. (Individual confessions will be heard on March 27 and 28 starting at 6 p.m.)

In the Lenten Season, we also have an opportunity to share Jesus' pain and suffering with Stations of the Cross. We offer you several opportunities. Our 8th Grade Faith Formation students will once again present their Living Stations of the Cross this coming Wednesday, March 21, at 5:30 and 6:45 p.m. Stations also will be prayed at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 23, in the Historic Church and on Good Friday there will be a prayer service at 3 p.m., also in the Historic Church. The Stations remind us that Jesus, as he was dying, said "Father forgive them."

Finally, we are familiar with the call to fast during Lent. But, it is important to remember that during Lent we also are called to pray, do almsgiving and works of charity. Perhaps attending Mass daily or several times a week, or as I said earlier, making the way of the Cross, or helping out at a soup kitchen, visiting the sick and shut-ins and other personal acts of charity during Lent can be even more meaningful than simply abstaining from meat on Friday. Just a thought.

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. You bring joy to the Sacred Heart of Jesus when you come to spend time with Him. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

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

The final **Stations of the Cross** this Lenten Season commemorating Jesus Christ's last day on earth are Friday, March 23 at 6 p.m. in the Historic Church.

Simpson Housing

Today, 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. St. Victoria volunteers serve approximately every six weeks. Contact Kerry Stukenborg@gmail.com for information or to volunteer.

Sharing and Caring Hands

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

Launch Update

Special thanks to **Ben Gerebi** and **Gena Braaten** for bringing meals to Launch Ministry and their recovering group sessions in Chaska this month. If you would like to sign-up to provide a meal (or part of a meal) for May 1, St. Victoria's next upcoming dates, 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 ...

- **Last Fish Fry at St. Joseph** in Waconia this Lenten Season, 4 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 23. Take out available. Bring this notice for \$1 off adult tickets.
- **Lenten Day of Mercy**, Wednesday, March 21, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Our Lady of Grace in Edina. Confessions 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., soup supper from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact Liz Friedenfeld at efriedenfeld@olgparish.org for information.
- **Open House** and Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-school and Kindergarten at Guardian Angels in Chaska, Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Pro-Life Action Ministries** speaker Brian Gibson will speak at an informal event at St. Joseph Church in Rosemount on Thursday, March 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m. All denominations welcome.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

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 6:45 p.m.
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.

Please continue to pray for adults and children of our parish who are preparing to receive their sacraments in the coming weeks. RCIA candidates will be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil on March 31. Our 10th Grade students will be Confirmed on April 17 and First Communion will be celebrated on May 5 and 6.

Adult Formation

RCIA

You are invited to attend our last RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) session this season. You will find the topic for this session on page two of the bulletin and 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

Living Stations of the Cross

The 8th Grade Faith Formation students are presenting their annual Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 21 at 5:30 and 6:45 p.m. This is not just for Faith Formation and Confirmation students, but for all parishioners. Everybody in the parish is welcome.

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.

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 weeks of Lent.

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

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.

Living Stations at St. Ambrose of Woodbury. The Woodbury Drama Ministry invites all to their rendition of the Lord's Passion and Crucifixion depicting very powerful and personal monologues. The services are Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Friday March 23, 1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 25, 7 p.m. and Friday, March 30, 7 p.m. There is no charge.

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. Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, shows 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.

Holy Family News

Summer Camp registration is now open to the community to provide a safe place to explore new interests and improve skills. From cooking to acting or fencing to volleyball, there's something for everyone at camps this summer. 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. to explore events, learn new skills and meet new friends. The club will complete in two or three weekend meets. 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.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Reports for **February 24 and 25, Week 35** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$ 9,064
Electronic Offering:	4,441
Total Membership Offering:	13,505

Stewardship Reports for **March 3 and 4, Week 36** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$ 8,617
Electronic Offering:	18,609
Total Membership Offering:	27,226

Stewardship Reports for **March 10 and 11, Week 37** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$ 12,842
Electronic Offering:	3,219
Total Membership Offering:	16,061

Thank you for using your envelopes.

Minnesota FoodShare

There's still time to bring a donation for Minnesota FoodShare. We will continue to collect non-perishable food (or cash and checks) until after Mass on Sunday, March 25. While this is a statewide campaign, everything contributed stays in local communities, i.e. our food goes directly to Bountiful Basket in Chaska.

Think Spring

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 — and thank — 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 for the sale.

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 Essential 3 requirements (VIRTUS training, code of conduct and background check). For more information or an application, contact Theresa at Theresa.hefel@sthubert.org.

Ministry Schedule

March 24 and 25

Sacristans

5 p.m.	John and Melody Hintzen
8:45 a.m.	Diane Theis, Leslie Trcka
10:45 a.m.	Rose Rooney, Linda Spevacek

Lector

5 p.m.	Cynthia McKee
8:45 a.m.	Monica Hall
10:45 a.m.	Tony Brausen

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Tim Amundsen, Mike and Hailey Amundsen, David and Jessica Bruns, Jeanette Hay, Kristen Kowalski, Debra McMillan, Katharine Paulsen, Doris Schmiege, Sue Schrempp, Carol Spalding
8:45 a.m.	Jim Alessio, Mary Catino, Cindy Eide, Cindy Funk, Jim and Betti Igel, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Pat Moore, Nancy Rezac, Kari Struthers, Diane Theis
10:45 a.m.	George Barker, Theo and Margaret Chalgren, Ann Esping, Marcus Hoffman, Gina Holman, Joan Klinger, Louise Lehner, Kathryn Paradise, Anna Shay, Annette Smyser, Erv Spevacek

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m.	Elizabeth Contreras, Gary and Anne Delaney, Kerry McMillan, Debra Millis, Robert Muller
8:45 a.m.	Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese, Mike Jeurissen, Mark Lund, Scott Micek, Ryan Wenning
10:45 a.m.	Kerry Leopold, Greg Pavett, Jim and Carol Slater, Linda Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m.	Laura Contreras, Conor Maguire, Ethan Weinandt
8:45 a.m.	Rose Senior, Lilly and Henry Trcka
10:45 a.m.	Lily Esping, Joey and Sadie Holman

Sound

5 p.m.	Steve McNamara
8:45 a.m.	Elena Bergren
10:45 a.m.	Mitchell Holman

Music

5 p.m.	Praise HYMN — Acc. Elizabeth Nowak
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.

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.

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