

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.”

Third Sunday of Lent March 4, 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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Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



The themes of light and seeing come up again and again in these readings. In the first reading, Samuel is reminded to see others through God's eyes: "Not as a human being sees does God see, because a human beings sees the appearance, while the Lord looks into the heart." And the whole drama of this Gospel revolves around those who see and those who fail to see. Sight in this story becomes a symbol of belief. Blindness is about more than just being able to see. This Gospel revolves around those who we see with our eyes; it's about the refusal to believe.

Question of the Week

Have you experienced a time when you were blind to God's love? Have you experienced healing or insight in an unexpected way?

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.

Baptisms

- **William Leland Chalgren**, son of Zach and Grace
- **Elizabeth Ann Harrington**, daughter of Brennan and Emily
- **Rory Patrick Harrington**, son of Brennan and Emily
- **Harper Cathleen Paradise**, daughter of Philip and Brinna
- **Rhett Brian Theis**, son of Brian and Gabrielle

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 6** — Elizabeth Sawvel

Wednesday, **March 7** — Santoyo Family

Thursday, **March 8** — John Kock †

Friday, **March 9** — Rose Marie Pfaff †

Saturday, **March 10** — Hilarion Timmers †

Sunday, **March 11** — 8:45 a.m. Kenny Diethelm (Anniv.) †
10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

RCIA

Jesus taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We were made to love and serve God, but to also share our love and happiness with those around us. How are we to do that? And how are we to receive love from others? Please join us at our weekly RCIA class on Tuesday, March 6, at 6 p.m. We will be discussing answers to these questions and other topics on "Catholic Morality and Conscience."

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.**

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.)

Lenten Reconciliation

Lenten Reconciliation at **St. Victoria** is Wednesday, March 7 at 5, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. 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. 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, Confesstival, Friday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **St. Joseph**, Waconia, Sunday, March 25, 4:30 p.m.

Relevant Radio®

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



Baptismal Waters

You probably have noticed that the main Baptismal Font has been empty and dry since the beginning of Lent. Some of you have asked why we do that. You will recall the Gospel for the First Sunday in Lent told the story of Jesus preparing himself to begin his ministry by walking through the desert for 40 days — a sign of the 40 days of Lent. This desert dryness is not an end in itself, but is in anticipation of the waters of Baptism that will flow once again at Easter. We've all heard the statement that "absence makes the heart grow fonder." In that same vein, thirst (in this case spiritual thirst) increases our desire and appreciation for water. As we grow more aware of our thirst for God, His spirit rushes out to refresh and renew us through Baptism, particularly for those who will experience it at the Easter Vigil. However, we do not deprive the Baptized Faithful of their access to Holy Water during the Season of Lent. We simply relocate the font to the back of the Historic Church, inviting those who wish to renew their Baptismal Commitment to make a short pilgrimage to that font — passing by the images of salvation found in the Stations of the Cross and our beautiful stained glass windows. As we celebrate the Gospel this weekend of the woman at the well, let us be forever grateful to Jesus who gives us Living Water through eternal life.

Welcome

Next weekend (March 10 and 11) we will welcome Fr. Thomas Hunstiger to St. Victoria. Fr. Hunstiger will speak at all our weekend Masses 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 has had the opportunity to be a voice for poor by providing links between U.S. parishes and those serving in the developing world.

Successes

In the last week we hosted two extremely successful events at St. Victoria. Our **Parish Lenten Mission and Face and Hands event** was a success on many fronts. We had a great turnout for the concert presented by MnA&TC (Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge). Not only did they treat us to outstanding music, but they shared heartfelt stories of their addiction and recovery. Mary Brown, Vice President of Marketing, led a Question and Answer session and also shared that MnA&TC has been around for 30 years with 11 locations serving over 700 people ranging in age from 13 to 73. The concert was followed by Mass and then more than 130 people enjoyed a delicious catered dinner.

Tuesday evening more than 200 people heard an enlightening talk by Laura Sobiech, national speaker and author and mother of Zach Sobiech, the young man who died of cancer and is remembered for the song "Clouds" that he wrote before his death.

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. Do you know the Lord loves it when you take time to express your gratitude to Him? **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.

Help for FurniShare

Love INC's Furnishare currently is in need of twin mattresses, box springs and metal bed frames. In addition, dressers, nightstands, coffee and end tables and countertop Microwaves are needed. Donated items should be in good, clean condition and Microwaves must be in working condition. To donate, call FurniShare at 974-7829 or send an email to FurniShare@Loveincecc.org. Pick-up is available for a small fee.

Elsewhere ...

- **The Passion of Jesus** in music, word and light at St. Mark's Church in Shakopee at 8 p.m. March 8 and 10 in English and March 9 in Spanish. Prelude music at 7:40 p.m. Admission is free; all faiths are invited. Information at www.shakopeepassionplay.org.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 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.

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

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday, March 4	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday, March 7	Faith Formation and Confirmation
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

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.

Bible Study

Save the Date — Study of Acts started on Thursday, March 1, but feel free to join us. We meet at 10 a.m. Call the parish office for information and/or to register.

Coffee and Conversation

The date for Part II of our virtual tour of the Holy Land, based on the New Testament, is **April 14**. Mark your calendars now. (We have had requests to repeat Part I of the virtual tour based on the Old Testament. We are checking the calendar and will announce the date if this can be accomplished.)

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 on 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. Interested in hearing more or have questions, shoot us an email.

**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.
- **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.
- **Sidewalk Counseling Training**, Monday, March 12, 7 to 9 p.m., Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis. Free seminar to learn how to reach out to people about to enter abortion clinics. Open to all denominations. Information at plam.org/events; registration at debra.braun@plam.org or 651-797-6364.
- **Holy Hours for Vocations** is an opportunity for all people in the Archdiocese to participate in praying for devotions. The Holy Hours are the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at a different parish. On March 13 gather at St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony. For more information, visit www.10000vocations.org or call 651-962-6890.
- **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.
- **Marriage in Christ Seminars** at parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Five-week seminar is for all married couples. Details and list of host parishes at www.archspm.org/marriageinchrist.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Reports for **February 24 and 25, Week 35** of our fiscal year and **March 3 and 4, Week 36** of our fiscal year will be included in the March 11 bulletin.

Thank you for using your envelopes.

New Parishioners

- John and Mary **Desautels**, Claire and Nicholas
- Meghan **Grathen**
- Andy **List**
- Erik and Lindsey **Severinson**, Molly, Blake and Thomas

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 Shepherd of the Hill Church in Chaska on eight different opportunities during the 2018 calendar year.

Each evening of service will require a team of about 10 to 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.

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. Participants will choose a book to read and then gather as a group to share what they read and to close with prayer. Refreshments provided. Feel free to bring your own spiritual reading. For more information, go to ssnd.org/events/sisters-dear-031818. Space is limited, so please RSVP by Thursday, March 15 to Sister Stephanie Spandl at sspandl@ssnd.org or 651-278-4498. The event is free.

Catholic Services Appeal

Please think about participating in 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 larger than any one single parish (or organization) can sustain. The ministries include 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.

Ministry Schedule

March 10 and 11

Sacristans

5 p.m. Joyce Burau, Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Diane Theis, Leslie Trcka
10:45 a.m. Tom and Becky Tinucci

Lector

5 p.m. John Abel
8:45 a.m. Leslie Trcka
10:45 a.m. Deb LeMay

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. David and Jessica Bruns, Greg Butler, Joyce Heiland, Randy and Sandra Krautbauer, Dennis Oas, Charles Schmidt, Nancy Schmiege, Doris Schmiege, Karl and Patty Tauscher
8:45 a.m. Patty Frier, Jim and Betti Igel, Roger Jackels, Ruth Kroening, Sharon Lauwagie, Barb Meinert, Nancy Rezac, Dave and Ellen Roan, Kari Struthers
10:45 a.m. Marcus Hoffman, Tim Kearney, Joan Klinger, Michelle Kunze, Jeff Lenzmeier, Kathryn Paradise, Rose Rooney, Anna Shay, Annette Smyser, Jill Sonnek, Erv and Linda Spevacek

Greeter/Usher

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 a.m. David, Gina, Sadie, and Joey Holman, Kellie and Pat McClellan

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Grant Hayes, Conor Maguire
8:45 a.m. Lydia Jackels, Lilly and Henry Trcka
10:45 a.m. Jakob Lenzmeier, Joe and Nathan Tinucci

Sound

5 p.m. Steve McNamara
8:45 a.m. Elena Bergren
10:45 a.m. Joseph Klinker

Music

5 p.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Phil Grant
8:45 a.m. Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl —
Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:45 a.m. Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Elizabeth Nowak

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

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. Learn more and register at <http://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 different events, learn new skills and meet new friends. The club will complete in two or three weekend meets. More information and registration at www.hfch.org/firecamps. Contact coaches Alex Krause, alexkrause13@gmail.com or Ron Hoffman at Ronald.hoffman@yahoo.com for information.