

# 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 Easter April 22, 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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**April 22, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Reading I:* Acts 9:26-31

*Reading II:* 1 John 3:18-24

*Gospel:* John 15:1-8



John speaks of Jesus doing the work of the Father. He knows the love and concern of the Father. The image of the vine and the branches reveals the union between Jesus and us. Together the vine, Jesus and the branches, his disciples, bear much fruit. The One who causes it to grow, prunes and trims it is the Father. The works of Jesus become part of the disciples. We are to live as Jesus lived, to love as he loved. Jesus not only revealed God's love for us, he gave evidence of this love "by laying down his life for us." To be followers of Jesus we must give witness to Him by our words and deeds.

### Question of the Week

Has there been a time in your life when you were able to do more than your limitations allowed because of your communion with Christ?

### 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](mailto: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.)

### 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 Baptisms will be celebrated on May 12 and 13.**
- 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, July 12.**
- 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.
- Contact Mary Harvey at [mharvey@stvictoria.org](mailto:mharvey@stvictoria.org) or 443-2661 x206 for information or to schedule a Baptism.

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **April 24** — Don Olmscheid †  
 Wednesday, **April 25** — Marvin Storms †  
 Thursday, **April 26** — Gerald and Madeline Guettler †  
 Friday, **April 27** — Julianne Wartman †  
 Saturday, **April 28** — Jim White †  
 Sunday, **April 29** — 8:45 a.m. Judy Forcier and Family  
 10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

### Whole Hearted Living

If you are seeking a new spiritual practice that will open you to a deeper connection to God, yourself and one another, Whole Hearted Living may be exactly what you are looking for. Deb LeMay leads women through prayer, relevant topics and helps weave these insights and understandings into each woman's own personal faith and spiritual journey. There is no planning required — just show up and enjoy sharing and growing in faith together.

If you would like to join a group or get more information, please contact Deb at 297-4255 or [dlemay@hotmail.com](mailto:dlemay@hotmail.com).

### Scholarship Requests

Requests for scholarships are now being accepted from active St. Victoria parishioners who have been registered members of St. Victoria for at least six months and who do not otherwise qualify for a tuition discount or subsidy by reason of also being a member of the host school's parish. Parents who qualify may submit a scholarship request (found on the parish website) annually to request tuition assistance for children who are enrolled in Grades 1 through 8 in a neighboring Catholic School for the coming year. **All completed request forms must be received by Deacon Ray in the parish office before June 1, 2018, to be considered for scholarship aid for the 2018/2019 school year. To facilitate budgeting requirements, no late scholarships requests will be considered.** All scholarships will be disbursed, in equal amounts (as funds allow) directly to the school on a quarterly basis, provided students remain enrolled.

### Sweet Treat

The Chanhassen Knights of Columbus will visit St. Victoria next weekend, April 28 and 29, to sell Tootsie Rolls (their annual fundraiser) after all the Masses.

### Treasures of the Church

An exposition of Sacred Relics presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be held at St. John the Baptist in Excelsior on Wednesday, May 30, at 6 p.m. The Treasures of the Church lets people experience the living God through an encounter with the relics of the saints. The exposition begins with a multi-media presentations on the Church's use of relics. After, those in attendance will have an opportunity to venerate the relics. There will be more than 150 relics shown, some believed to be as old as 2,000 years. The ministry travels through North America by invitation. To date, it has been hosted in 48 U.S. states as well as in various countries worldwide. To find out more about the relics to be presented, visit <http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com>.



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



## The Easter Candle

You have no doubt noticed the tall candle in the church that is replaced each year at the Easter Vigil. Before the Easter Season ends I thought it might be interesting to share some information about the candle and its symbolism. Early Christians used candles in their liturgies. Initially this was done for practical purposes (especially when praying in the catacombs), but the light coming from the candles has always been symbolic for both Christians and Jews..

The candle-lit ceremonies reminded Christians of Jesus' words in the Gospel of John, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (*John 8:12*). For this reason candles became a central part of Christian worship and were associated with the light of Christ. Besides using multiple candles for illumination, there began a tradition where a single candle was used as a direct symbol of Jesus. It is thought that the most likely origin of the Easter Candle was that it derived from the *Lucernarium*, the evening office with which early Christians began the vigil for every Sunday and especially that of Easter. Over time, the Easter candle was given greater prominence and was decorated to further expound on the Paschal Mystery. Following is a brief guide to the Easter Candle and its symbolism.

**Wax Candle** — According to the "Catholic Encyclopedia," the pure wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother, the wick signifies the soul of Christ and the flame represents His divinity.

**Light** — The "Roman Missal" summarizes this symbolism as "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." This connects the Easter candle to Jesus, "light of the world," as He describes Himself in the Gospel of John. From the Easter candle all other candles in the church are lit, showing how Jesus is the source of all light.

**Flame** — The flame is reminiscent of the "pillar of fire" that led the people of Israel and protected them as they escaped the slavery of the Egyptians. The *Exsultet* refers to this symbolism when it states, "This is the light that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin."

**Cross** — The cross is the supreme symbol of Jesus and the instrument through which He saved the world from sin and death.

**Alpha and Omega** — It is common in Christian art to find the two Greek letters and they have an ancient History in Christianity and are rooted in the book of Revelation, where Jesus says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Note that this corresponds to the Hebrew letters Aleph and Tav. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be His God and he shall be my son." (*Revelation 21:6-7*).

**Year** — As the priest traces the year on the Easter Candle, he prays, "All time belongs to Him, and all the ages." This reminds us that God is here with us today and is constantly guiding all creation to himself.

**Grains of Incense** — Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle on top of the cross, symbolizing the five "holy and glorious wounds" of Jesus Christ.

*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. Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.

## See You Saturday?

Join the men of the parish (and their friends and family members) for "Friends at the House" Saturday, April 28. Gather at 8 a.m. at the Victoria House for coffee, sweet treats, good conversation and an enlightening speaker.

## Rummage Sale

- **The Spring Rummage Sale** sponsored by Catholic United Financial is Thursday, May 3, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, May 4, (bag day), 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Drop-off** dates are Sunday, April 29, after the 10:45 a.m. Mass until 7 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday, April 30 and May 1, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. . (**Note:** Large furniture, mattresses and box springs, computers and monitors or towers, TVs, microwave ovens, children's car seats and baby cribs that do not meet current safety standards **will not be accepted. No exceptions.**)
- **Set-up** is Wednesday, May 2, starting after the 8 a.m. Daily Mass. There's lunch and fellowship when the work is done! **No donations will be accepted on set-up day.**
- **Clean-up** starts at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 4.
- **Volunteers** are needed everyday.

## Time to Claim Your Dishes

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated salads and desserts for our many recent funerals. Your bowls and pans can be picked up after Mass in the cabinet in Elstan Hall. Unmarked items will be donated to the upcoming rummage sale. It is also a good time to check the Lost and Found box on the Commons coat rack for any missing items. The contents of this box also will be donated to the rummage sale.

## Elsewhere ...

- **Kindergarten Roundup** at Guardian Angels in Chaska, Wednesday, April 25, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Kindergarten classroom with Mrs. Scott. RSVP to [Istaudohar@gachaska.org](mailto:Istaudohar@gachaska.org) or [pscott@GACHaska.org](mailto:pscott@GACHaska.org) or call Lisa at 227-4011.
- **Living and Growing Through Loss** sponsored by Southwest Grief Coalition at Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Chanhassen. Gather at 5:30 p.m. for supper, 6 p.m. speaker, 6:30 p.m. small groups. Speaker Monday, April 23, is Greg Fullerton, Director of Spiritual Care, "Pain and Healing in Grief." Register for childcare at 934-5659.
- **Easter Retreat** "The Joy of the Resurrection" at St. John's Abbey Guesthouse, Colledgeville, Wednesday, May 9 to Friday, May 11. \$185 single room; \$320 double. All meals included. Learn more or register at 320-363-3929 or [www.abbeyguesthouse.org](http://www.abbeyguesthouse.org).
- **Celebration of Christian Hope in Word and Music today, Sunday, April 22**, 4 p.m. in Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary. Free and open to the public.
- **Jeans and Gems**, annual fundraiser for Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women, Friday, April 27, Mystic Lake Center. \$75 per person; advance tickets only at [www.svabw.org](http://www.svabw.org).
- **Golf Event** at Deer Run Friday, May 4, to support Southwest Options for Women. Information and registration at [swowgolf2018.eventbrite.com](http://swowgolf2018.eventbrite.com).

# Faith Formation

## Important Upcoming Dates

April 22	Children's Liturgy
April 29	Children's Liturgy
May 2	First Communion Rehearsal
May 5 and 6	First Communion

## Registration

Registration for the 2018-19 Faith Formation season is now open. All current Faith Formation families should have received an email from Emily. If you are not currently enrolled in Faith Formation, information can now be found on the parish website.

## Thank You

Thank you to all our Faith Formation volunteers. Our 2017-18 Faith Formation season is nearing its end and the Faith Formation staff would like to thank all of the amazing volunteers for their time, commitment, passion and faith that they shared with our young people. Please join us in praying for a restful and rejuvenating summer for our volunteers.

## Catechist Appreciation

All Faith Formation Volunteers (VBS, Children's Liturgy, Faith Formation, Confirmation, Childcare) are invited to join us at Fr. Bob's house for one last time together before the summer. We will celebrate a great year and look toward the future of our fantastic Faith Formation season. Watch your inbox for your invitation!

## Adult Formation

### Coffee and Conversation

Our April 14 Coffee and Conversation exploring the Holy Land according to the Bible and as it is today was cancelled (thank you to the weatherman) and has been rescheduled for May 5. On this pilgrimage, we'll study Jesus and the New Testament gaining a basic understanding of place names, locations and distances. Deacon Ray "will be our guide."

## Faith Formation

### Faith Fest

Again, thank you to the weatherman, our Faith Fest scheduled last weekend was cancelled. We hope you will take time this weekend to check out the highlights of our Faith Formation year.

## Vacation Bible School Dates

There's still snow on the ground and summer seems so far away, but 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 starts soon.

### 4th and 5th Grade Fiesta!

All 4th and 5th Grade children are invited to attend a fun fiesta overnight. We will begin Friday evening with a taco fiesta, then spend the rest of the night having some fun and growing in friendships through games and faith building. We will enjoy a movie as we tuck into our sleeping bags for some rest. In the morning we will wrap up with breakfast. This event will take place on Friday, May 4, starting at 6 p.m. and we will finish up at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 5. Registration is available on the parish website until May 2.

If you are a high school teen who would like to help out with our Fiesta, we can use you. We also do need both male and female adult chaperones to help out with this event. To help out or if you have any questions, contact Sara in the parish office.

## Daughters of the King

It is time for our 3rd Annual Daughters of the King overnight. This event on April 27 and 28 is open to all girls in second and third grade. Being a girl in today's world can be hard, but with some friends and faith, we can make it a little easier. Join us for a night of friendship and faith and learning how special we are as daughters of the one true king — God! If you have any questions, contact Sara in the parish office.

## Youth Ministry

### Face and Hands Event

We did not let the weather scare us off — our Face and Hands Event and Sending Mass for our Confirmations students on Sunday evening, April 22 was great. We had a super turn-out!

## Bake Sale

The bake sale, a fundraiser for our summer mission trip, was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

## 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 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**

## Relevant Radio®

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

# Stewardship Report

# Ministry Schedule

Stewardship Report for **April 14 and 15, Week 42** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$ 6,223
Electronic Offering:	8,263
Total Membership Offering:	14,486

*(Thank you for using your envelopes.)*

## 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.

## Weather Woes

It may not be possible to remove items from the gravesites on April 24 even if the snow has melted because the ground may be too wet. Therefore, please make arrangements to retrieve anything you wish to keep by April 30. Anything left after that date will be removed and, if in good condition, kept by the recycling bins for two more weeks. Anything remaining then will be discarded.

May 15 is still our target date for placing spring and summer flowers and plants on loved ones gravesites. Again, everything must be in a standing pot or on a shepherd's hook. Plants, flowers or other decorations left on the ground will be removed. There will be no exceptions allowed.

Our May 5 Spring Clean-up Date still is a question. If the weather cooperates and the ground is dry enough we will have our annual clean-up around the grounds and the cemetery. Hopefully, we will have a definite date in next weekend's bulletin.

One final note — remember there is no sledding allowed on the hill at the back of the cemetery.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation!

## Archdiocesan Opportunities

- **Encountering God Through Sacred Art today, Sunday, April 22, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**, at Our Lady of Lourdes in Minneapolis. Sacred Artist and Iconographer Nicholas Markell will present his "Culture of Encounter" talk sharing this art tradition and the scriptural and liturgical significance of his work. The talk is in the church between Masses.
- **Today, Sunday, April 22 is the 55th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** Go to [www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org) to keep up to date on Vocations news and activities in our Archdiocese and for prayer ideas.
- **Restorative Justice and Healing** with Justice Janine Geske Sunday, April 29, 1 to 3 p.m., at St. Joseph the Worker in Maple Grove and 4 to 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes in Minneapolis. Justice Geske will lead two forums on the topic. She will be joined by Dr. Mark Umbreit, Director of Restorative Justice and Peacemaking at the University of Minnesota.

## April 28 and 29

### Sacristans

5 p.m.	John and Melody Hintzen
8:45 a.m.	Laura Synstegaard
10:45 a.m.	Erv Spevacek, Tim Woodfield

### Lectors

5 p.m.	Katherine Paulsen
8:45 a.m.	Paul Kohls
10:45 a.m.	Gloria Wolf

### Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Mike and Hailey Amundsen, David and Jessica Bruns, Bob Elfering, Tom and Lisa Katalinich, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Roger Osweiler, Nancy Schmieg, Sue Schrempp
8:45 a.m.	Adrienne Carrica, Mary Catino, Darla Diethelm, Jim and Betty Igel, Paul and Kelly Kohls, Mike Kokesh, Pat Moore, Barbara Schultz, Kari Struthers, Laura Synstegaard
10:45 a.m.	Rachel Anderson, Marty Dentinger, Diane Forsythe, Gina Holman, Michelle Kunze, Lindsey Norton, Rob and Brianne Raiolo, Rose Rooney, Jill Sonnek, Linda Spevacek, Carol Trantow

### Greeter/Usher

5 p.m.	Elizabeth Contreas, Cal Haasken, Debra Mills, Roger Osweiler, Phillip Smith Gary Sohns
8:45 a.m.	Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese, Mike Jeurissen, Stan Kohls, Dave and Rosie Williams
10:45 a.m.	Jaden and Regan Anderson, Don and Sue Roper, Steve and Jill Sonnek

### Servers

5 p.m.	Laura Contreras, Grant Hayes, Conor Maguire
8:45 a.m.	Lydia Jackels, Ethan Weinandt, Rose Senior
10:45 a.m.	Ava and Ella Kunze, Audrey Sonnek

### Sound

5 p.m.	Phillip Smith
8:45 a.m.	Cecilia Bergren
10:45 a.m.	Mitchell Holman

### Music

5 p.m.	Cantor Mary Pat Nydahl — Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m.	Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
10:45 a.m.	Praise HYMN — Acc. Elizabeth Nowak

**There is Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses this week.**

## Not To Be Missed

- **Pulse Twin Cities**, an evangelistic, ecumenical event on May 18 at U.S. Bank Stadium is expected to draw tens of thousands of people from all denominations with the goal of impacting many who may not know Jesus with a message of His love. For more information go to <http://vimeo.com/2619599216>.
- **Join Hundreds of Single Catholics of all ages** at the National Catholic Singles Conference June 8 to 10 at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America. Weekend includes dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship and more. Space is limited so register now. For information or to register go to [www.NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://www.NationalCatholicSingles.com) or call 512-766-5798. Use promo code NCSCMSP to receive a special discount. Note: This is the first time the conference has been held in the Twin Cities.