

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.”

Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter) April 8, 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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Divine Mercy Sunday/Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018

April 15
 Third Sunday of Easter
Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



In this Gospel Jesus appears among the disciples. Even though they have heard that he appeared to Simon and to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they think he is a ghost. At Jesus' invitation to touch his wounds, they are filled with joy, but they do not completely believe. Only his eating in their presence convinces them that he is indeed the Risen Lord. As he had done on the road, he opens their minds to the Scriptures. After he has done this, he sends them to share the Good News with others.

Question of the Week

Has there been an experience that brought peace to your life in the middle of difficulties?

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.)

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, April 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 or 443-2661 x206 for information or to schedule a Baptism.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **April 10** — Family of Frank and Anna Diethelm
 Wednesday, **April 11** — Charles Johnson Family
 Thursday, **April 12** — Stephanie Sawvel
 Friday, **April 13** — Rosaleen McAnaney †
 Saturday, **April 14** — Mary Foster †
 Sunday, **April 15** — 8:45 a.m. Ray Schmieg (Anniv.) †
 10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parishioners

In Memoriam

Julianne Wartman

August 11, 1933 — March 22, 2018

Funeral Hospital Ministry --

With grateful hearts, we thank you for giving generously of your time and gifts in preparing and serving a lovely lunch, following the celebration of life for our husband and Dad. It was truly a continuation of the prayer, at a time where memories and stories of Dick were shared. Thank you so much -- you are so appreciated

The Family of Dick Dee

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.

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.

Relevant Radio®

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Thank You

Today, as you are reading this bulletin, I am traveling in the beautiful country of Ireland in the company of parishioners and other friends. (Thank you to the visiting priests who are filling in for me while I am away!)

Reflecting on Holy Week (and Palm Sunday), I want to say thank you to everyone who helped with the preparations for Palm Sunday, our Triduum Liturgy (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) and for our Easter Sunday Masses. The details are too numerous to count, but know they are appreciated by me and by all whether you attended one or all the special Liturgies. The environment was beautiful (thank you to everyone who donated for our Easter flowers in honor of loved ones), the music was incredible (thank you Elizabeth Nowak) and each Liturgy regardless of the complexity went off without a hitch.

Our parishioner Mark McCarthy, photographer extraordinaire, took some beautiful Easter pictures. Revisit our Triduum and Easter with the pictures posted on our parish website, www.stvictoria.net, or visit Facebook (St. Victoria Parish Family), Instagram ([st.victoriaparishfamily](https://www.instagram.com/st.victoriaparishfamily)) or Twitter page (@st_victoria). Enjoy!

To Be Someone's Rock

This is another example of how the Bible influences our everyday language from the book *Amen to That!* by Ferdie Addis. This seems a fitting discussion during the Easter season.

"To be a reliable supporter or foundation for someone; a source of comfort and inner strength."

The rock as a metaphor for a firm spiritual foundation is an old one in the Bible. It appears as early as Deuteronomy, when the false gods of heathens are described as "their rock in whom they trusted." In the Gospels, Jesus extends the metaphor with his famous parable of the man who builds his house upon a rock.

But the most famous rock of all is the Apostle Simon. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus grandly rechristens him. "Thou art Peter," he says, "and upon this rock I will build my church."

In ancient Greek, this abrupt name change makes more sense. The name Peter is simply the Greek word *petros*, meaning rock.

St. Peter (or Sr. Rock as we might call him) became the first Pope of the Catholic Church and the "rock" metaphor became entrenched in the English language.

Check These Out

There are two events taking place in the Archdiocese that you might want to attend. **Pulse Twin Cities** at U.S. Bank Stadium on May 18 is expected to attract thousands of all denominations. The **National Catholic Singles Conference** is planned June 8 to 10 at the Hilton Airport. This is the first time this conference has been held in the Twin Cities. You will find more details on page 4 and we'll share details as they become available.

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 quiet time in prayer and meditation. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows.**

Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands **Monday, April 16**. St. Victoria serves this ministry the third Monday of every month and currently additional volunteers are needed for this ministry. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, contact Coordinator Dennis Brown, 443-4690.

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:** No large furniture items, computers or micro-wave ovens will be accepted.)
- **Set-up** is Wednesday, May 2, starting after the 8 a.m. Daily Mass. There's lunch and then 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.

Elsewhere ...

- **Spring Breakfast** and fundraiser for Launch Ministry at Hazeltine on Saturday, April 14, 9 to 11 a.m. Speaker is Ellen Stumbro and music by Northcountry Girls. No charge for the breakfast or program. "Wine Wall" fundraiser.
- **Western Cursillo Ultreya** at St. Hubert Catholic Community in Chanhassen, **today, Sunday, April 8**, at 7 p.m. Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Speaker is Tony Kielkucki.
- **Stories of Hope and Healing**, suicide and mental health awareness public event, **today, Sunday, April 8**, 6:30 p.m., Hutchinson Event Center, Hutchinson. Featuring international speakers Kevin Hines and Dick Beardsley.
- **St. Joseph School Gala (Rosemount)** honoring the past and celebrating the future, Saturday, April 14, 6 to 10:30 p.m. Catered dinner, music, raffle, silent auction and more. Information and tickets at Eventbrite.com.
- **Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library Lecture Series**, Monday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., "The Joyful Mystery, Recovering Nature and its implications" with Dr. Christopher Thompson, University of St. Thomas. Register at www.saintpaulseminary.org.
- **Graduate Studies Info Night**. Learn more about Master of Arts in Theology, Religious Education or Pastoral Ministry at St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity, Thursday, April 19, Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library, 5 to 6 p.m. information session and refreshments; 6:15 to 9:15 optional class observation. RSVP to gradtheology@stthomas.edu or 651-962-5069.
- **Living and Growing Through Loss** sponsored by Southwest Grief Coalition spring sessions at Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Chanhassen. Gather at 5:30 p.m. for supper, 6 p.m. speaker, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. small groups. Speaker Monday, April 9, is Pastor Jeanne Aamot, Family of Christ. Register for childcare at 934-5659.
- **Easter Retreat** "The Joy of the Resurrection" at St. John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegeville, Wednesday, May 9 to Friday, May 11. \$185 single room; \$320 double. All meals included. Learn more or register at www.abbeyguesthouse.org or 320-363-3929.

Faith Formation

Important Upcoming Dates

April 8	Children's Liturgy of the Word
April 11	Faith Formation K-8
April 14	Coffee and Conversation and Faith Fest
April 15	Children's Liturgy, Faith Fest and Face and Hands
April 17	Confirmation at the Basilica
April 18	Final Faith Formation
April 21	First Communion Retreat
April 22	Children's Liturgy
April 29	Children's Liturgy
May 2	First Communion Rehearsal
May 5 and 6	First Communion

Adult Faith Formation

Coffee and Conversation

Join us for Coffee and Conversation on Saturday, April 14, at 9 a.m. in Elstan Hall. This is the second of two opportunities to explore the Holy Land according to the Bible and as it is today. 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

Please take time next week to stop by the tables in the Commons for our annual Faith Fest. Each class will have a display highlighting their Faith Formation year. You will see projects, pictures, prayers, memories and so much more. Be sure to talk to the children who are standing by their display, they would like to share with you all the great experiences they had this 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.

Youth Ministry

Face and Hands Event

Our Face and Hands Event is on Sunday, April 15, 6 to 8 p.m. Arrive a few minutes early to check out the Faith Fest boards in the Commons, join us to celebrate Mass together and hear from inspiring speaker, Fr. John Forliti, a renowned speaker and author, who will talk about how we can "live" as Catholics.

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.

Sacramental Reminders

We are quickly approaching sacraments for our children and youth. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete their formation to receive the sacraments.

The First Communion Retreat is April 21, Rehearsal is May 2 and First Communion Masses are May 5 and 6.

The 10th Grade Parents, Students and Sponsors Confirmation Rite of Sending is April 15 and Confirmation is April 17.

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

Archdiocesan Opportunities

- **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 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.
- **Acts of the Apostles: The Church from Jerusalem to Rome** explored Wednesdays, April 11 to May 2, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Holy Trinity in South St. Paul. Fr. John Paul Echert will lead the study. Cost is \$20 and includes materials, lecture and large group Q&A. Register at EVENTS at rediscover-faith.org. Contact Susanna Parent with questions at parents@archspm.org or parents@archspm.org.
- **Pulse Twin Cities**, an evangelistic, ecumenical event on May 18 at the 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/261959216>.
- **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. Information and registration at CatholicGrandparenting.org or contact Susanna Parent at parents@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.
- **Charismata** from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, at St. John's in New Brighton. Encounter Jesus through Adoration, Praise and Worship and prayer ministry. Fr. Becker will lead the evening and will give a short talk. Information at www.stjohnnb.com.
- **Deepening Spirituality Series** will explore the Marianist Tradition on Monday, April 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Catherine University, Coeur de Catherine, Room 362. Information and registration at 651-690-6017.
- **Holy Hour for Vocations** Tuesday, April 10, 7 to 8 p.m., at Church of St. Michael in St. Michael. Call Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 or visit www.10000vocations.org.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **March 24 and 25, Week 39** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 20,802
Electronic Offering: 4,112
Total Membership Offering: 24,914

Stewardship Report for **March 31 and April 1, Week 40** of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 21,930
Electronic Offering: 16,541
Total Membership Offering: 38,471

Holy Thursday: \$893

Good Friday: \$1,055

Final Recent Tithing Results:

Minnesota FoodShare: \$1,980 (Bountiful Basket is the recipient)

Special Collection: \$3,392 for Jesucristo Resucitado following the visit by Fr. James Peterson, one of the priests serving the people of this Venezuelan parish.

(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.

New Parishioners

- Gary and Paula **Alleven**, Anna and Thomas
- Jeff and Katie **Averill**, Brady, Glenn, Jimmy and Matt
- Adam and Kendra **Bartsch**, Ava, Elijah, Emme and Jacob
- James and Anna **Bell**
- Joe and Amanda **Cahill**, Hannah and Scarlett
- Alan and Heidi **Chmielewski**
- Claudio and Juanita **Groppetti**
- Randy **Laib**
- James and Sarah **McCarthy**, Connor and Hannah
- Paul and June **Miller**
- Matt and Renee **Schuster**, Emily and Keira
- Jason and Jennifer **Smith**, Arden, Evan and Norah
- Marty and Heather **Stang** and Morgan

St. Victoria now has 1,402 registered households

West Deanery Event

The West Deanery Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring an event to help homeless individuals. You are invited to crochet (or prepare materials) to make plastic mats. You are invited to the event on Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. George Community Center in Long Lake. You do not need to be a Council member and you do not need to stay the entire time. School-age children are welcome with moms and grandmothers. Contact Carole at 445-3061 with questions. Leave a message and she will return your call.

Ministry Schedule

April 14 and 15

Sacristans

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen, Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Laura Synstegaard
10:45 a.m. Linda Spevacek, Tim Woodfield

Lectors

5 p.m. Dennis Vorgert
8:45 a.m. Kurt Bongard
10:45 a.m. Carol Trantow

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Mike and Hailey Amundsen, David and Jessica Bruns, Bob Elfering, Jim Emmer, Joyce Heiland, Lisa Kraayenbrink, Nancy Schmieg, Doris Schmieg, Karl and Patty Tauscher
8:45 a.m. Joanna Bongard, Adrienne Carrica, Patty Frier, Jim and Betti Igel, Rogers Jackels, Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Sharon Lauwagie, Pat Moore, Dave and Ellen Roan
10:45 a.m. Marty Dentinger, Marcus Hoffman, Joan Klinger, Michelle Kunze, Deb LeMay, Jeff Lenzmeier, Lindsey Norton, Kathryn Paradise, Anna Shay, Annette Smyser, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Usher

5 p.m. Elizabeth Contreras, Cal Haasken, John Heiland, Steven and Nancy Schmieg, Robert Schmieg
8:45 a.m. Eric Hanson, Gary and Sharon Lauwagie, Sam and Troy Stukenborg, Shawn Sutherland
10:45 a.m. Ted and Carole Chalgren, Al Lehner, Jim Slater, Erv Spevacek

Servers

5 p.m. Laura Contreras, Arin Hausmann, Grant Hayes
8:45 a.m. Lydia Jackels, Ethan Weinandt
10:45 a.m. Lily Esping, Jakob Lenzmeier, Rose Senior

Sound

5 p.m. Roger Osweiler
8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m. Mitchell Holman

Music

5 p.m. Cantor Caroline Swanson — Acc. Ameer Gallagher
8:45 a.m. Cantor Lisa Payne — Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:45 a.m. Agape Singers — Acc. Ameer Gallagher

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

TV Mass for Homebound Catholics

Heart of the Nation telecasts Sunday Mass for the faithful at home or in healthcare settings. The TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and blessings to individuals who cannot get to church. To participate, go to WUCW, channel 23 (CW) at 9:30 a.m. You can also watch online at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (Please note: For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

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