

# 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.”

## December 25, 2011 Christmas Day

### 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 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

**Marriage:** call nine months in advance, 443-2661

**Baptisms:** 443-2661

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**Christmas Day  
December 25, 2011**

**Food for thought . . .**

**The readings for January 1, 2012**

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

*Reading I:* Numbers 6:22-27

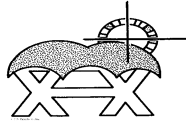
*Reading II:* Galatians 4:4-7

*Gospel:* Luke 2:16-21

Throughout these days of the Octave of Christmas, we have been contemplating the good news of the birth of Jesus and the beginning of our salvation. This Gospel presents the journey of the shepherds to Bethlehem, where they find Jesus lying in the manger between Mary and Joseph, and make known to them the message they learned about Jesus from the angels. Luke tells us that Mary “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” and that after their task was finished, the shepherds returned to their own home praising God.

**Question of the Week**

How can we imitate Mary’s joy and share it with the world?



**The readings for January 8, 2012**

Feast of the Epiphany

*Reading I:* Isaiah 60:1-6

*Reading II:* Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

*Gospel:* Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany means “manifestation,” revelation of Jesus as truly God. Matthew and Luke show this child to be divine through stories of “signs and wonders” when Jesus was an infant. Matthew’s account of the visit of three magi also shows the Church’s mission to the Gentiles. Matthew’s audience, largely Jewish Christians, was struggling to accept the presence of Gentile Christians in their community. Matthew shows in this Gospel passage that the salvation of Gentiles as well as Jews was indeed God’s plan.

**Question of the Week**

Who and what on your journey has helped you to know and understand Jesus and his message?



**Please Note: This bulletin is intended for both Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1. Check the website, [www.stvictoria.net](http://www.stvictoria.net), for updates or new information.**

**Welcome to St. Victoria**

If you are visiting St. Victoria this holiday season, 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 x11. **(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 Franciscan Commons. Thank you.)



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

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, **December 27** — Dennis Diethelm †

Wednesday, **December 28** — Tony and Sally Kerber †

Thursday, **December 29** — August Vogel †

Friday, **December 30** — Tony Catino †

Saturday, **December 31** Frank Kaley †

Sunday, **January 1** — 8:45 a.m. Rob Carroll (Anniv.) †

10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parish Family

Tuesday, **January 3** — Irene Stocker †

Wednesday, **January 4** — Jacinto Santoyo †

Thursday, **January 5** — John and Marge Boll †

Friday, **January 6** — Clara Diethelm †

Saturday, **January 7** — Vic Schneider †

Sunday, **January 8** — 8:45 a.m. Jim Remes †

10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parish Family

**Ministry of Spiritual Direction**

In the midst of a busy life, Spiritual Direction can encourage you to explore a closer relationship with God experiencing His love at a deeper level. For more information and/or an appointment, call Deb LeMay at 448-7135 or Craig Hamilton at 612-237-3463. There are scholarships available. Call the parish office for more information.

**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 **Mary Balster at 443-3119** or **Wendy Rex Mielke at 679-4155**.

**Baptism Information**

- The next **Jordan Night** (Baptism Class) at St. Victoria is Thursday, January 12, at 6 p.m., in Clare’s Well. If you are expecting a child (birth or adoption) in the next few months, and have not attended a class within the last three years, please register for a class. **We do ask parents to fulfill this requirement prior to a Baptism.**
- We need to see a copy of your child’s birth certificate prior to the Baptism.
- When planning your child’s Baptism, please be aware that you may have only one man and one woman as sponsors and one must be a Confirmed Catholic. (Or, you may have just one sponsor.)
- **The next Baptisms are scheduled** on January 7 and 8 and February 11 and 12, the last Baptisms scheduled prior to Lent (Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent except in an emergency.) Baptisms are celebrated during all Masses and after the 5 p.m. Saturday and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Liturgies.
- **Contact** Mary Harvey in the parish office at 443-2661 x16 or [mharvey@stvictoria.org](mailto:mharvey@stvictoria.org) to schedule a Baptism, register for Jordan Night and/or for information.

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



**Blessings**

On this glorious day, I offer the prayer we said together at our Advent Dinner. I think it speaks eloquently to us now and as we go forward in these times.

**Advent Prayer  
2011**

Come, long expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace; peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long expected Jesus. Excite in me the childlike joy of anticipation of this Season.

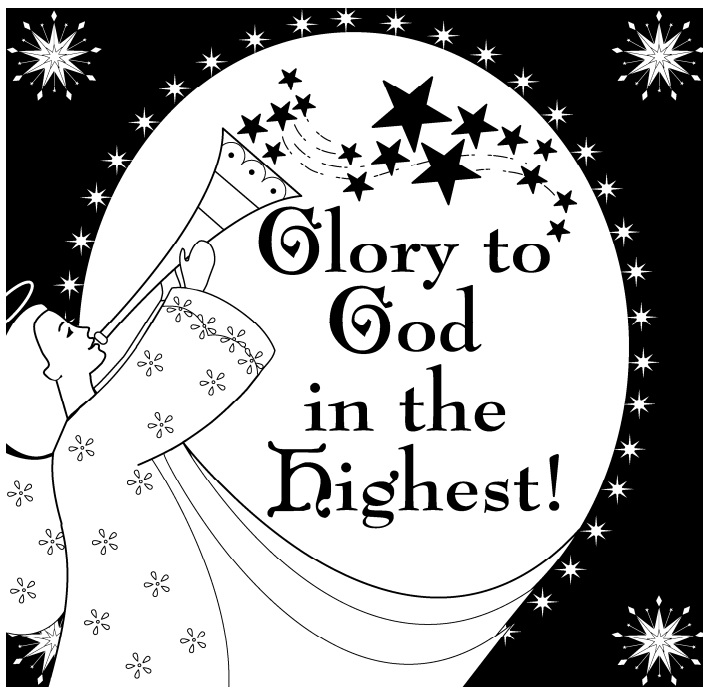
May we be ready to receive the love you have to offer and the courage to share that love with others.

Come long expected Jesus. Reach deep within my soul and continue to remind me of the beauty and strength of our parish family.

With a grateful heart and awesome wonder of your incarnation, we wait to be transformed by your Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus whose kingdom we seek. Amen.

On behalf of the St. Victoria parish staff, I wish each and everyone a special holiday season — a blessed Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. I hope you find time to enjoy your special family traditions (one of mine is watching "It's a Wonderful Life").

*Fr. Bob*



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**Our 12-Hour Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Historic Church, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (after 8 a.m. Mass) every Thursday and ends at 8 p.m.** The Eucharist brings peace to people's hearts and people with peaceful hearts make a peaceful world. **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy follows.**

**Holiday Office Hours**

Again this year, the parish office will be closed several days over the holidays. The office will close at the end of the day on Thursday, December 22, and be closed December 23 through December 27. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, and Thursday, December 29, and then will be closed December 30 through January 2. With the exception of December 27 and 30, the days the office is closed are regularly scheduled staff holidays (Christmas Eve, Christmas and the day following Christmas and New Year's Day). **If there is an emergency on a day the office is closed, please call Fr. Bob at 443-2685.**

**Sharing and Caring Hands**

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, January 16.** Call Jane Wenning at 763-218-2083 for information and/or to volunteer for future dates. St. Victoria volunteers serve on the third Monday of every month.

**Men Building Bridges**

Mark your calendars so you don't miss this annual event for the men of our parish. Fathers and sons (plus grandfathers, uncles, friends) are invited for breakfast and an inspiring presentation by former Viking Football Player Neal Guggemos on Saturday, January 14. Guggemos, who grew up in Winsted, MN, and who now lives in Eden Prairie will share his faith at this fun, inspiring event. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the parish office or after Masses on December 31 and January 1 or January 7 and 8.

**G.I.F.T. Event**

G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends in Faith Together) will host another fun Bunko Night in the St. Francis Fireside Room on January 20 at 6:30 p.m.



**Elsewhere...**

- **"Amahl and the Night Visitors"** presented by Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior, Jan. 6, 7 and 8. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$6 for children 12 and under. Call 474-8893 x116 for information and tickets.
- **The Catholic Single Adults Club** (21 and older) annual Christmas Dinner/Dance, Saturday, Jan. 7, Fred Babcock VFW, Richfield. Dinner and dancing, \$20, dance only \$10. Reserve for dinner by Dec. 27. No reservations for the dance. Call 651-603-1412.
- **Rachel's Vineyard** for those struggling with an abortion experience, weekend retreat in the Twin Cities area, Friday through Sunday, Jan. 6-8. Contact Nancy at rvr-nancy@usfamily.net or 763-250-9313 and/or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).
- **Natural Family Planning** classes scheduled Monday, Jan. 9, at the Oxboro Clinic in Bloomington and Saturday, Jan. 14, at the U of M Medical Center—Fairview in Minneapolis. Call 651-232-3088 or visit [www.tcnfp.org](http://www.tcnfp.org).

# Faith Formation Grades K-8



## Year of the Family

### Faith Formation – Grades K-8 – Upcoming Schedule:

\*No Classes on December 28

\*No Classes January 4<sup>th</sup> – 2012

\*Classes resume on **Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>**!

*A perfect gift sent to an imperfect world to open the door to a perfectly heavenly place. **Happy Birthday Jesus!** Happy and Blessed Christmas and New Year to all the amazing families of St. Victoria!! ~ Amy and Joni*

### Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Pageant Family Event on December 21.

We had more than 75 kids participating in the evening in either the pageant, ringing bells, dancing, as a narrator or sometimes — all three! What a true celebration of the love that we all share because of the birth of Jesus. Thanks to everyone who took time to be part of the night. Thanks also to the **Cookie Cart — Cookies With a Cause** for the wonderful cookies we enjoyed. The **Cookie Cart** is an awesome youth organization. Youth are hired from the inner city and are trained as leaders as they bake cookies. Centered in a community nonprofit bakery, Cookie Cart builds better lives for youth by providing lasting and meaningful work, life and leadership skills. What a night!

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**If inclement weather** should make it necessary to cancel an event at St. Victoria, the information will be on the marquee in front of the church, appear on the homepage of our website, [www.stvictoria.net](http://www.stvictoria.net), be on our facebook page, sent via Twitter and it will be announced on WCCO Radio and TV. If this occurs after regular business hours or during a weekend, office telephones most likely will not be answered. If you are scheduled to help with an event, donate food, etc., and there is bad weather (or for any other reason), please make sure you contact the coordinator of the event to make sure he or she is aware of any change in your plans. Thank you.

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# Youth Corner

**Adult Drivers:** If you would like to be a driver to transport youth for St. Victoria-sponsored events, you need to have an up-to-date Driver Information Form on file with the parish. You can obtain one of these forms from the parish office.

**Chaperone Sign-ups:** We will continue to offer a space on permission forms where parents can indicate if they are interested in chaperoning a particular event, but you also may now sign up to chaperone on our website. On our Event Registration page, visit any of the events with CHAPERONE in the title if you wish to register to chaperone.

**Service Events Sign-ups:** Can, and should, now be done through the St. Victoria website! Go to [www.stvictoria.net](http://www.stvictoria.net) and then: Sacraments & Faith Formation > Sacraments > Confirmation > Service Event Registration. Service events will be posted roughly a month in advance so take a look and get signed up!

**Oral History Project:** Our Confirmation youth are invited to participate in an oral history project with residents of Emerald Crest's memory care facility. Students will be asked to meet with and interview residents with dementia. These interviews will be recorded and turned into slideshows for resident's families. If you are interested in participating in this wonderful service, please sign up on the website.

**Men Building Bridges Prayer Breakfast** — is Saturday, January 14, at 8 a.m. and features guest speaker Neal Guggemos. Neal was an All-Conference football and basketball player as well as track runner at Holy Trinity in Winsted. Neal graduated from the University of St. Thomas and was inducted into their athletic Hall of Fame. He then went on to play professional football for the New York Giants and Minnesota Vikings as a defensive back and kick returner. Group reserved tables are \$80 and individual seats are \$10 each. We need 16 youth to help out with breakfast and clean-up so please sign up on the website. We strongly encourage our young men to attend this event which means we'll need our young ladies to help us serve.

**Chillfest is coming!** — This annual event with St. Hubert's, Guardian Angels, St. Therese and St. Victoria is Friday, January 27. Parent will drop off their students at St. Hubert's at 8:30 p.m. and pick them up from Chanhassen Cinema at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Cost for this event is \$35 per student. We do not have a maximum number for this event, but all participants must be registered by Friday, January 20. This event has been added to the event page on the website and once registered you will receive a permission slip. A chaperone sign-up has also been added to the event page as well. You don't want to miss this great all-night event! We will be spending the majority of our night using all the facilities at the Chaska Community Center and finishing with a choice of movies at the Chanhassen Cinema. Friends are welcome!

### Confirmation Schedule:

December 28 — **No Confirmation**

January 4 — **No Confirmation**

### Youth Minister

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## Stewardship Report

The Stewardship Report for **December 17 and 18, December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1, Weeks 24, 25 and 26** of our Fiscal Year and our **Christmas Collection** will be included in our January 8 bulletin.

### Year-End Cut-Off

All contributions to be included with your 2011 giving statement must be dropped off in the parish office prior to December 31 (see holiday hours on page 2) or if mailed, postmarked by December 31. IRS regulations do not allow a grace period and we cannot accept post-dated checks.

## Ministry Schedule

### December 31 and January 1

#### Sacristans

5 p.m. Tom and Lisa Katalinich  
8:45 a.m. Mark and Renee Lynum  
10:45 a.m. Lisa McColman, Diane Forsythe

#### Lector

5 p.m. Katherine Fischenich  
8:45 a.m. Joyce Diethelm  
10:45 a.m. Don Abel

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Jennifer Salwei, Doris Schmiege, Jerry and Gerda Schmiege, Nancy Schmiege, Sue Schrempp, Karl and Patty Tauscher, Tim and Wendy Amundsen, Greg Butler, Jim Curran  
8:45 a.m. Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Dave Roan, Dick and Patty Schlader, Barbara Schultz, Chris and Judy Sones, Pat Stephan, Laura Synstegaard  
10:45 a.m. Elaine Scholl, Erv and Linda Spevacek, Jim Suddendorf, Carol Trantow, Eddie Wells, Joni Wohl, Gerald Zeder, Kay Arnold, George Barker, Margaret Chalgren, Marty Dentinger

#### Greeter/Ushers

5 p.m. Randy, Jacque and Daniella Krause, Kerry Leopold, Kerry McMillan, Robert Muller, Roger Osweiler  
8:45 a.m. Jon and Nancy Carlson, Dawn and Molley Ewanika, Joseph and Rae Ann Happ  
10:45 a.m. Tom Vogt, George Hidding, Jim and Janaan Hubbard, Al and Louise Lehner

#### Servers

5 p.m. Caroline Crowley, Carly Dammann, Patrick Fischenich  
8:45 a.m. Maria Boraas, Megan Carver, Drew Cone  
10:45 a.m. Samantha Pavett, Alyssa and Brianne Raiolo

#### Sound

5 p.m. Austin Aase, Zachary Osweiler  
8:45 a.m. Mike Hansen  
10:45 a.m. Austin Simenson

#### Music

5 p.m. Cantor, Caroline Swanson — Acc. Sue Orsen  
8:45 a.m. Cantor Denise Simoneau — Acc. Sharon Schindler  
10:45 a.m. Cantor, Mary Pat Nydal — Acc. Sharon Schindler

(There is no Liturgy of the Word for Children)

## Ministry Schedule

### January 7 and 8

#### Sacristans

5 p.m. Jacque Krause, Charles Sardina  
8:45 a.m. Chris and Judy Sones  
10:45 a.m. Gloria Wolf, Julie Catalino

#### Lector

5 p.m. Joe Heiland  
8:45 a.m. Paul Kohls  
10:45 a.m. John Helgerson

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Jan Dunlap, Donna Forrer, Lois Hansel, Joyce Heiland, Todd Hesse, John Hintzen, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Dennis and Judy Oas, Katharine Paulsen, Jennifer Salwei  
8:45 a.m. Diane Theis, Mary Bishop, Susan Bogaard, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Adrienne and Anna Carrica, Andrew Cone, Rita Daly, Marge Diethelm Jim Emmer, Dawn Ewanika  
10:45 a.m. Pam Chapman, Greg Erickson, Ann Esping, Pete and Amy Foley, Diane Forsythe, Joe and Kathy Hamilton, George Hidding, Marcus Hoffman, Gina Holman

#### Greeter/Ushers

5 p.m. Steve and Nancy Schmiege, Robert Schmiege, Phillip and Marjorie Smith, Dan Smock  
8:45 a.m. Jesse Hawke, Doug and Susan Hines, Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Mike Jeurissen  
10:45 a.m. Mark, Mary, Bridget and Megan Kelly, Sean and Heather Neubauer

#### Servers

5 p.m. Mary Grace and Matthew Linsley, Garrett Stubson  
8:45 a.m. Maddie Hester, Megan Jeurissen, Breanna Kaufhold  
10:45 a.m. Grace White, Hayley Williams, Erin Wohlers

#### Sound

5 p.m. Benjamin and Jim Crowley  
8:45 a.m. Scott Johnson  
10:45 a.m. Al McColman

#### Team Isaiah

5 p.m. Marce Johnson, Mark and Brigid Lund, Patrick and Stella McKinney, Roger and Paula Osweiler, Patty Stangret, Susan Stubson  
8:45 a.m. Chris, Wendy and Sarah Mielke, Pat Moore, Debbie Nolan, Janet Bergeron, Sam Deweese, Bruce and Brenda Carver, Dawn, Carly and Connor Dammann  
10:45 a.m. David, LuAnn and Anthony Burandt, Tom, Marty, Megan and Tom Cashman, John and Jennifer Gans, John and Joan Klinger, Kayla and Linda Lindeman

#### Music

5 p.m. Cantor, Caroline Swanson — Acc. Sharon Schindler  
8:45 a.m. Cantor, Jamie Moore — Acc. Sue Orsen  
10:45 a.m. Adult Choir — Acc. Sue Orsen

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:45 a.m. Cindy Worm, Dawn and Carly Dammann  
10:45 a.m. GlenNiece and Leah Kutsch, Alyssa Raiolo, Collette St. John, Erin DeNucci

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