

St. Victoria Harvest of Gifts 2011

Archbishop Harry Flynn Library

Our library is now established and continuing to grow. We need your help on the Library Committee to help us plan direction and growth for the future. The committee will meet twice a year and additional help is needed to label, categorize and update the online catalog.

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*Bavarian Dinners**

Bavarian Dinners offer a chance for new and “veteran” parishioners to join Fr. Bob for a fun dinner at his home (outdoors in nice weather or in his cozy living room). It’s a great chance to get to know each other a bit better. The volunteer opportunities include co-hosting a dinner or serving on a catering team once or twice a year.

Contact: Lisa Katalinich 952-443-3946
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Bien Venidos “Good Welcome”

New Parishioner Registration

Is making newcomers feel “welcome” here at St. Victoria important to you? If so, then the Bien Venidos Ministry is looking for you. “Welcome Sponsors” are current parishioners who greet new parishioners as they come into the parish office to register, getting to know them and walking them through the Welcome Packet that each receives that provides information about our parish. The time commitment is typically two hours every other month with registrations on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings. Anyone who has registered with our parish in the last several years has been on the receiving end of this ministry — now is your chance to continue the circle of welcome and pass this gift to others.

Contact: Susan Stubson-Falkosky 952-442-5256
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Bright Beginnings

This ministry provides loving support to local area pregnancy centers. We sponsor two fundraisers each year. In November, we collect coins in baby bottles to celebrate Respect Life and in May we celebrate Mother’s Day by hosting a baby shower to gather supplies for families with infants who are in need. We also volunteer time at the centers for short periods to help organize or distribute supplies to families.

Contact: Terry Smock 952-679-4043
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Catholic United Financial

The Catholic United Financial (formerly Catholic Aid Association) has been part of St. Victoria for 115 years. Members have sponsored rummage sales since 1986 with recent profits going to provide a Faith Formation classroom, youth lounge and teacher’s prep room. Catholic United Financial also sells life insurance, annuities and other financial products along with offering college scholarships for members. Catholic United Financial brochures are in the kiosk. Everyone is invited to be a member and it’s a great way to enjoy fellowship.

Contact: Joyce Heiland 952-443-2664
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Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Children’s Liturgy of the Word gathers the children ages 4 through 1st grade to the altar during Sunday Liturgies for a blessing and then they go to their own gathering place. Since a child’s spirituality differs from that of an adult, the Children’s Liturgy nurtures in ways that are more concrete, interactive and personal. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers of all ages (with or without little children) who enjoy working with children. Training and support, including lesson plans and activity instructions, are provided.

Contact: Stacy Reiff 952-443-2421
sreiff@embarqmail.com

*** Denotes that we are seeking a new coordinator or coordinators for a specific ministry. If you are interested, you may either talk with the current coordinator or Patty Schlader in the parish office.**

Choirs

Adult and Youth

Now is a great time to join the choir. All our groups (Little Ringers, Junior Youth Choir and Adult Choir) are growing fast! We have a choir for every age. Also, if you play an instrument, please contact Jamie Moore.

Adult Hand Bell Choir

You don't have to be able to read music, just love music. Rehearsals are two or three times each month and we play at weekend Liturgies when scheduled.

Praise and Worship Band

We are looking for anyone (youth or adults) interested in participating in a group that features drums, electric and acoustic guitars, bass, vocals, etc. The group rehearses weekly and adds a new "flavor" of music to our weekend Liturgies on a rotating basis.

Contact: Jamie Moore 952-443-2661 Ext. 17
jmoore @stvictoria.org

*Donut Hole Sunday**

Greet old friends and meet new parishioners while serving coffee, juice, donut holes and smiles after Sunday Liturgies beginning in October and running through May. This is a great one-time volunteer opportunity for busy families — choose the Mass that fits your schedule.

Contact: Dave and Ellen Roan 952-368-4760
ellenroan50@yahoo.com
Tom and Becky Tinucci 952-368-7399

Eucharistic Adoration

This is a special quiet time of prayer and reflection every Thursday in the Historic church from 8:30 a.m. (after 8 a.m. Mass) to 8 p.m. It's a time to get away from the busy activities of our day and spend time with our Savior. Perhaps call a friend and begin a prayer partnership and share the presence of our Lord together.

Contact: Susan Koller 952-466-2034
skoller@wirelessronin.com

Eucharistic Ministers

As St. Victoria continues to grow, so does our need for Eucharistic Ministers. If you worship regularly at St. Victoria, consider participating in this special, meaningful ministry. After a training session, you will be scheduled once every few weeks at the Liturgy you regularly attend. Enrich your Liturgical experience by sharing the Eucharist with others.

Contact: Gina Holman 952-443-2306

Faith Formation

Youth Ministry

Faith Formation Volunteers for Grades K-8:

Our Faith Formation program introduces children to the foundations of Catholic faith, doctrine, tradition, sacraments, scripture, saints and people of faith. In addition there is a focus on service including Operation Christmas Child, Feed My Starving Children and 363. We also offer children's fun and family events such as Buck Hill Tubing, Turkey Bingo, Grand Slam and a 3rd and 4th grade sleepover. It takes many dedicated volunteers to offer this faith-filled and service-centered religious education program. Team teachers, child care volunteers, hall monitors and permanent subs are needed to make this program run smoothly. If you are interested in registering your children or getting involved in our Faith Formation program, we would love to have you be part of this program.

Children's Christmas Pageant: Help plan and recruit for the 2011 Children's Christmas Pageant that helps us celebrate the birth of Jesus with the children and families of the parish. All children ages 4 through Grade 6 are welcome to sign-up to participate.

Vacation Bible School and Mini-Summer Stretch 2012: The Sky's the Limit — God Loves Us!

Watch for details about this amazing summer program for children ages 4 through Grade 6 and for great volunteer opportunities about this wonderful summer program. The week-long Bible experience is packed with music, Bible stories, crafts, yummy snacks, fun games and more! With more than 100 children involved, many volunteers are needed. We love our older youth to be involved as helpers and small groups leaders.

Faith Formation Teachers For Grades 7-10 —

Are you good at speaking with young people or sharing your faith? Youth in the 7th and 8th Grade program are in need of teachers (catechists) who are willing to share their time, talent and energy with our youth on Wednesday nights.

Faith Formation Support Ministry is looking for adults for both the 7th and 8th Grade program and the Confirmation program who can assist the programs by helping set up and clean up for each session, put together supplies, be hall monitors, check in students and sub for teachers who are gone.

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Living Stations of the Cross Assistants are needed for this wonderful prayer experience led by the middle school students at St. Victoria. We need many adults who are available to help set up, coordinate costumes, or even help direct the students in their rehearsals.

High School Retreat Chaperones are needed to guide the young people on their retreat set for November 18 and 19 and February 25. We need help with everything from planning and setting up to meal prep.

Youth Ministry Event Chaperones are needed for the youth ministry program that has many events throughout the year. Most of them are dependent on adults who are willing to help drive, attend or prepare events. Events include bowling trips, service trips, or overnight lock-ins.

Youth Ministry Steering Committee is a group of committed individuals who work with the Youth Minister on a committee to give direction to the Youth Ministry program at St. Victoria. We need adults from all backgrounds to help make our program dynamic.

Youth Core Teams (High School and Middle School) are two groups of young people in high school and middle school who meet on a monthly basis to pray, play games and build community.

Summer Mission Trip 2012 will be fantastic opportunity to go and serve the least of God's children. Watch for details.

Director of Faith Formation Grades K-8

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Assistant Director of Faith Formation

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Youth Minister/Confirmation

Nick Tofteland 954-443-2661 Ext. 32

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Focus Groups

Focus Groups are small, informal groups of eight to 12 people who meet regularly in fellowship with other Christians to share faith experiences through conversation, Scripture and prayer. Everyone is welcome to join a Focus Group at a convenient time and place.

Contact: (Men) Gary Geurts 952-443-5010

ggeurts@earthlink.net

(Women, mixed groups) Janney Stucki 952-443-3607

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Food Shelf

Thanks to the generosity of our children, donations of non-perishable foods are collected at all weekend Liturgies. The bagged food items are delivered to the Bountiful Basket Emergency Foodshelf located in Chaska. At least 12 volunteers are needed, one person each month, to pick up and deliver the food on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

Contact: Sandie Dols 952-443-0141

Funeral Hospitality

This ministry offers the caring presence of our community by providing a meal for family and friends following the Funeral Liturgy of a loved one. If you would like to be on a calling list to help serve luncheons or donate food, please call the coordinator. Salads, bars and cookies are always appreciated and can be dropped off the morning of a funeral.

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G.I.F.T.

G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends in Faith Together) is a women's ministry serving to connect all women of St. Victoria together in faith and friendship. G.I.F.T. hosts women's speaker events in the spring and fall as well as quarterly social events such as Bunko Night and Saturday Coffee Talks. All St. Victoria women are part of G.I.F.T. whether single, married, a mother or grandmother, whether new or a life-long parishioner. You're also invited to help plan and sponsor events.

Contact: Missy Murphy 952-443-1672

murphy6@embarqmail.com

Melissa Krcil 952-443-2466

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*Giving Tree**

First-year Confirmation students and parents assist in organizing this holiday event with the CAP Agency. Tags are made and distributed after Mass and when gifts are returned, they are bagged and delivered to the CAP Agency.

Contact: Nick Tofteland 952-443-2661 Ext. 32

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Greeter/Usher

This ministry includes handing out hymnals and greeting people with a warm welcome as they enter church. In addition, Greeter/Ushers assist with locating seats and taking up the collection. This is a great ministry for families while meeting people and sharing a smile.

Contact: Chris Sones 612-987-3202

Guest Dinners

Volunteer your culinary talents to create meals for parish events such as priest luncheons or dinners for our Communal Penance Services. It can be an on-going activity or just a one-time event. Call to be added to the list.

Contact: Diane Forsythe 952-466-2198

Healing Hearts Focus Group

Healing Hearts Focus Group meets once a week for six weeks in the Fall or Spring (or when there is interest) for those who have lost a loved one. Our focus is to have a safe place to grieve and an opportunity to learn new ways of addressing day-to-day issues and ways to reawaken the zest for life. We are looking for individuals to lead an opening prayer and be of support. The focus group is facilitated by a clinical social worker. All are welcome.

Contact: Donna Brengman 952-448-3070
dbrengman@hotmail.com

Home Improvement Club

The Home Improvement Club (HICs) meets twice a year — spring and fall — to care for our parish home by sprucing up the grounds, doing some extra cleaning around the church and keeping everything looking great. We would also like to have a roster of trades people — electricians, plumbers, carpenters and others — who are willing to occasionally lend a hand with small projects.

Contact: John Wall 952-443-2661 Ext. 22
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Lectors

The Ministry of Proclamation proclaims the Word of God at the Liturgies. Our ministry goal is to have well-prepared Lectors who uphold the dignity and sanctity of God's Word.

Contact: Cynthia McKee 612-805-6633

*Lemonade Sundays**

Lemonade Sundays are enjoyed after Liturgies from Memorial Day through Labor Day, providing an opportunity to meet with friends and neighbors and enjoy a cool drink. You choose a convenient Sunday to serve lemonade.

Contact: 8:45 a.m. Jenifer Blanks 952-470-4264
jlblanks@msn.com

*10:45 a.m. Mary Pat Green 952-443-3903
pahusker@msn.com

Mentor Couples

This ministry involves a married couple from our parish preparing an engaged couple by sharing their own experiences and providing practical guidance and discernment tools for the couple to use in their upcoming marriage.

Contact: Dianne Leahy, 952-446-8217
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Parish Community Outreach Ministry

P-COMs (Parish Community Outreach Ministries) offer many ways that we can reach out as the face and hands of Jesus. In so doing, we see more clearly the dignity of each person as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and grow in deeper appreciation of the gifts we all have.

Sharing and Caring Hands — Serve a meal to guests at Sharing and Caring Hands once a month. Transportation provided. **Contact:** Jane Wenning, 763-218-2083, jwenning@mchsi.com.

Simpson Housing Project — Prepare and serve a meal or donate a dessert for homeless men at a shelter in South Minneapolis approximately once every six weeks. **Contact:** Kathy Hamilton 952-270-1454.

Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ) — Volunteers from churches in Eastern Carver County are linked through church ministries to serve people in need with a wide array of services. Volunteers are called on an "as needed" basis. St. Victoria also sponsors "Clean Sweep," a Gap Ministry, providing cleaning supplies for people in need. **Contact:** Linda Spevacek at 952-443-3062, speeic@aol.com.

Parish Office "Front Desk" Volunteer

At times, members of the St. Victoria Parish Family have opportunities to help in the parish office. Typically a volunteer is asked to answer the phones and/or greet visitors. The usual commitment is one to three hours.

Contact: Mary Catino 952-443-2661 Ext. 10
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Parish Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council serves as a consultative body to Fr. Bob and Parish Administration, advising on the parish's overall vision and direction, weighing in on strategic issues affecting the parish, offering opinions and viewpoints. New members typically serve three-year terms on a rotating basis.

Contact: Fr. Bob White
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Pastoral Care

Our mission is to bring the caring presence of Christ to those in our Parish Family and community by offering time for listening and companionship.

Contact: Karen Dee 952-445-7794
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Bereavement Ministry — Our Bereavement Ministry brings a caring presence to members of our parish who are grieving the loss of a significant person in their lives. The goal is that no one in our parish shall grieve alone. Training is provided. Your caring, quiet listening and support are all that is required. **Contact:** Jill Fossen 952-361-9761, jillfossen@gmail.com

Communion Home Visits — Teams bring communion to individuals who are in a nursing home or at home due to illness, surgery or other health issues. Volunteers have the pleasure of visiting everyone along the way. **Contact:** Mary Balster 952-443-3119 or Wendy Rex Mielke 952-679-4155

Good Samaritan Liturgy — Fr. Bob celebrates Mass for residents at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Waconia at 2 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month. A group of volunteers goes along to share in the Liturgy and then serve a treat while visiting with the residents. **Contact:** Marge Diethelm 952-443-2172

Prayer Line

Whenever special prayers are needed for particular intentions — often within hours — members of our Prayer Line are offering prayers with each person praying his/her own way. Additional members who are available to answer their phones or email quickly to keep our Prayer Line going are always welcome.

Contact: Loretta Kocka 952-443-2103
Mary Moore 952-443-2443

Project Esperanza

Project Esperanza members have a mission to develop a meaningful partnership with the Jesucristo Resuscitado Parish Community in Venezuela by maintaining awareness and support from the St. Victoria Parish Family, offering opportunities to become involved, coordinating mission trips and hosting activities for visiting Venezuela. With this mutual partnership we hope to gain more awareness of the needs of the larger world and greater appreciation of our gifts and those of others.

Contact: Rachele David 952-442-2910
rachele@pauldavidproductions.com

Prison Outreach

At 8 a.m. on the third and fifth Sundays of each month, Deacon Ray and others attend and lead an interactive Liturgy of the Word Service for men incarcerated at the Carver County Jail in Chaska. This ministry of love and evangelism seeks to serve and encounter Christ in all our brothers as Jesus entreats us to do in *Matthew 25:34-40*, “especially the least among us.”

Contact: Deacon Ray 952-443-2661 Ext. 13
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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the means through which adults complete their initiation and are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Individuals come together with members of the faith community to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures, grow in understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices, share and listen to faith stories and discern the call to a faith community. Along the journey, the faith community celebrates special liturgical and ritual moments with you. The process reaches out to everyone inviting birth and rebirth in faith. (Practicing Catholics are also invited.)

Contact: Cindy Eide 952-443-2434
eidex007@umn.edu
Fr. Bob White 952-443-2661 Ext. 15
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Rosary Ministry

We meet at the parish center at 9:15 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month and go to Waconia's Good Samaritan Nursing Home. There, we gather all the Catholic residents to pray the Rosary and then visit with them. We always welcome more volunteers.

Contact: Elaine Williams 952-443-2963

Sacred Art and Environment

Work with the Director of Liturgy to prepare the Worship Space for different Liturgical seasons.

Contact: Kim Heenie 952-443-2078

Sacristans

Sacristans assist Fr. Bob in preparing the altar before the weekend Liturgies and with special arrangements for Baptisms. After the Liturgy, they tend to the care of the various items used at the Liturgy.

Contact: Laura Synstegaard 952-443-3305

St. Victoria Crossing

Share your creativity by making mosaic-tile crosses as gifts to present to our new members and newlywed couples. This ministry meets once or twice a year.

Contact: Mary Catino 952-443-2661 Ext. 10
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Servers

All boys and girls in grades five and above are invited to join our Mass Servers. Training is provided. It's fun to take part in the Liturgy.

Contact: Jamie Moore 952-443-2661 Ext. 17
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Sharing Our Kitchen Supplies (SOKS)

The SOKS ministry consolidates purchases and stores and maintains inventories of supplies used by all parish ministries. You may be asked to help purchase or organize our storage area.

Contact: Karen Prew 952-443-0074
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Sister Circle

Sister Circle strives to foster the spiritual and social growth of St. Victoria mothers through conversation, literature and prayer. We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Elstan Hall. Childcare is provided.

Contact: Missy Murphy 952-443-1672
murphy6@embarqmail.com
Melissa Krcil 952-443-2466
melissakrcil@msn.com

Sound Ministry

Assist at Liturgies, making sure the sound system is working properly and running the sound board assuring the best sound possible. This is not difficult and training is provided.

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Summer Friday Masses

We gather every Friday during the summer months for an outdoor Mass, extending a spirit of welcome and hospitality to all who come. Volunteer opportunities include coordinating Masses (Memorial Day to Labor Day), hosting a Mass while providing light refreshments for fellowship after Mass, providing transportation or serving as Sacristans.

Contact: Mary Pat Green 952-443-3903
pahusker@msn.com

*Sunset Fest**

Sunset Fest is a late summer celebration for the parish and community focusing on worship, music, fun and food. Volunteer activities include event coordination, set-up and clean-up, food planning, preparation and serving, games and publicity. This is a splendid way to connect with one another.

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Special Events

Throughout the year there are special events when a coordinator and/or volunteers are needed. Most often they are short-term projects, but the success of each requires caring individuals to lead them. Included are:

- All-Saints Swim
- LaNoche Azul
- Bakers for special occasions
- Bridging Furniture Drive
- Winter Coat Drive
- Jane's Journey Memorial Day Walk-a-Thon
- Retreats and other events
- Prime Timers
- Mn FoodShare
- Harvest of Gifts

Contact: Patty Schlader 952-443-2661 Ext.14
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Team Isaiah

Team Isaiah is comprised of individuals or families who, on the first Sunday of each month, welcome people as they come into church and give them a name tag. It's a simple ministry, but an important one. It allows us to call one another by name and helps us get to know one another so we can truly feel more like a parish family. Sign up for this ministry and you'll be scheduled once every three or four months.

Contact: Jamie Moore 952-443-2661 x 17
jmoore@stvictoria.org

*Warm Your Whistle**

Everyone attending Mass on Friday mornings (except Memorial Day through Labor Day) is invited to stay for coffee and donut holes and a bit of a socializing. Volunteers are needed to help each Friday.

Contact: Cynn timer Harris 952-443-1347
sixboys@aol.com

Wedding Coordinators

We are looking for volunteers to work with engaged couples helping them prepare for their wedding ceremony. The commitment is approximately six hours for each wedding and you can be paired with another coordinator. This is a fun way to meet new and long-time members of St. Victoria.

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