

Bulletin No. 935550

St. Victoria

Victoria, MN

Note: This is an 8-page bulletin. We have a new contract that will allow us to print 8-page bulletins when we need to do so. I will always include info on the size.

Thank you.

Mary Harvey

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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.”

November 13, 2011
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prayer Line: Loretta Kocka, 443-2103;

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Food for thought . . .

The readings for November 20, 2011

Solemnity of Christ the King (34th Sunday
 In Ordinary Time)

Reading I: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

In this Gospel, the description of the last judgment goes further than any other. This final judgment determines what counts in the end. It is not success or how perfectly a person has developed. In the end, the judgment is about love for the poorest, the no-accounts, the ones easy to miss. It is not about doing good or charitable things for a cause or out of a sense of duty. What counts is doing real practical good out of genuine love. Jesus tells us that when we do this, we are serving Jesus himself. Which leads us to the question of the week:

Question of the Week

Has there been a time when helping others was your way of living this Gospel.



Mildred "Milly" Wartman
1912 — 2011

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.

Sister Circle

Sister Circle — for our moms of all ages — meets the **second and fourth Wednesday** of each month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Elstan Hall. Sister Circle fosters the spiritual and social growth of the mothers of St. Victoria's parish family through conversation, literature, and prayer. Childcare is provided. Contact Missy Murphy at 443-1672 or Melissa Krcil at 443-2466 for information including the name of the book the group is currently reading and discussing.

Preparing for the New Translation of the Mass
The Liturgy of the Word

On the First Sunday of Advent (November 27, 2011) Catholic parishes in the United States will begin praying the texts of the Mass using a new English translation of *The Roman Missal*. This week, we explore Communion and Concluding Rites.

Our great prayer of praise and thanksgiving leads through the Lord's Prayer, our petition for daily bread, into the action of Communion. We sing together even as we rise and move forward in procession to the altar. We must move to receive the communion because the Eucharist is transformative — it demands action of us, internal as well as external. We do not receive the sacrament in silence, but with a dialogue that is a profession of faith: "The Body of Christ." "Amen." "The Blood of Christ." "Amen: Our "Amen" is also a prayer that we may become what we receive, the Body of Christ, living and active in the world. So it makes sense that after Communion we are dismissed — not just let out, but sent forth with a mission "to announce the gospel of the Lord." This leave-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God's continuing protection as we go out on our way.

Welcome to St. Victoria

If you are a guest 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 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.)

Baptism Information

- The next **Jordan Night** (Baptism Class) at St. Victoria is this Thursday, November 17, 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 — there is still time to sign up for this class.**
- 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 December 10 and 11. 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 to schedule a Baptism, register for Jordan Night and/or for information.



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



Phone Protocol

I'm sure it's happened to many of us — you're at a movie, maybe a symphony or even church — and the cell phone you meant to turn off rings. It's an awkward moment as you search for the phone to turn it off. I hope you all remember to turn your phone off before Mass, but if you don't and it rings, don't panic, just turn it off. But, please don't answer it and have a conversation — that's sure to distract the people sitting around you. Thank you!

Changes!

We have some exciting changes to share with you. First off, you'll no doubt notice that this **bulletin** has more pages. Thanks to the advertisers who actually pay for the bulletin with the ads they purchase, we are now able to produce an eight-page bulletin (when needed) versus our current six-page edition without any additional cost to us. Our advertising has stayed consistent even in the economic downturn allowing us to make this change. I know you join me in thanking our advertisers and that you will patronize the businesses and services on the back page whenever possible. If you should like information about advertising in the bulletin please call Mark Ruths, our J.S. Paluch representative at 440-3944. (On page 6 of this bulletin you will find information about our bulletin deadlines.)

We recently announced that our **parish website** at www.stvictoria.net has a new look. I hope you have found an opportunity to check it out. Well, now we are really part of the social media scene with a Facebook page and Twitter account. Visit our website for links to "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. We'll be sharing a lot more information in the upcoming issue of our newsletter, the *St. Victoria Voice*.

And, finally, if you have visited the **parish office** recently you've no doubt noticed our "new look." Recently, a beautiful piece of office furniture was donated and that got the staff busy thinking. Thanks to some reuse, rearranging, and refinishing, along with some additional donations and a very little budget, the parish office is looking great! Stop in when you have a chance to check it out for yourself.

Reminders

- All parishioners are invited to our **Parish Penance** Service on Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m., in the Worship Space. Please note: This is not a service just for the Faith Formation program.
- Everyone is invited to participate in **Operation Christmas Child**. Check out the information on page 4.
- This weekend, there is a **second collection** for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and World Mission Sunday. Contributions will be divided equally between them. (There are envelopes in the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons if you prefer to send your contribution separately.)

Fr. Bob

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 church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy follows.**

Thanksgiving Plans

- Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, at 9 a.m. in the Historic Church.
- The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25.
- There is no Eucharistic Adoration on Thanksgiving Day.

Annual Ecumenical Service

Victoria's Annual Ecumenical Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m., at Lake Auburn Moravian Church in Victoria. This is a wonderful opportunity for the people of our community to come together in prayer and thanksgiving! The churches participating are Lake Auburn Moravian, Waterbrooke Fellowship and St. Victoria. A free-will offering will be taken up for the CAP Agency Food Shelf and a reception will follow the service.

Mass of Remembrance

We will celebrate our 8th Annual Mass of Remembrance on **Tuesday, November 15**, at 7 p.m., in the Historic Church. This special Liturgy is intended for anyone who has lost a loved one, whether 99 years or older or not yet born. We will remember, in a very prayerful way, those who have died, celebrating their lives and hopefully bringing healing into our lives through God's loving presence in celebration of the Eucharist. All parishioners and friends are invited to this special celebration of life. (If you are planning to attend, if you would like, we encourage you to bring a small, unframed picture of your loved one who has passed that can be pinned on a board at the front of church as a way to remember them in yet another very special way.)



Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, November 21**. Call Jane Wenning at 763-218-2083 for information. St. Victoria volunteers serve on the third Monday of every month.

Simpson Housing Dinner

St. Victoria volunteers will prepare and serve a meal for guests (men who are homeless and seeking overnight shelter) at Simpson Housing on **Saturday, November 19**. Volunteers help cook and serve the meal and/or contribute desserts. Donated items also are collected for the men including disposable razors, deodorant, combs, underwear and t-shirts of all adult sizes and towels. T-shirts (without offensive or controversial logos) and towels can be new or gently used. For more information, please call Kathy Hamilton at 270-1454.

Warm Your Whistle

You are invited to "Warm Your Whistle" on Friday mornings. Come celebrate Mass at 8 a.m. and then join your fellow parishioners in the Fireside Room for fellowship, coffee, juice and donut holes. A warm and welcoming way to start your weekend. We'll be looking for you!

Faith Formation Grades K-8



Year of the Family

Faith Formation classes for Grades K-8 will not meet this week, Wednesday, November 16, so that all families can attend the **First Reconciliation/Parish Penance Service** at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Space. This is a wonderful opportunity to kick off this season of being thankful. **Please join us.**

- On Wednesday, November 23, there's no Faith Formation. **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- On Wednesday, November 30, it's classes as usual. This is the **last night to bring Operation Christmas Child donations.**

First Reconciliation Family Night is this Sunday evening, November 13, starting at 6:30 p.m., in the Worship Space. We will be gathering all First Reconciliation families with Brian Richards for an evening of fun. Brian is a magician who will share his gift of magic with us around faith and forgiveness. All those families who have a child preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation are invited to join us tonight in the church. The night's presentation will be followed with an ice cream social. It promises to be a wonderful night!

Pray for all those who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation here at St. Victoria this Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m. at our Parish Penance Service. This year we have 74 children and youth, along with their families, preparing to receive this wonderful Sacrament of Grace. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers this week.

Fun Event planned for our 5th and 6th Graders is Friday, November 18. It's our 4th annual night at Grand Slam in Burnsville. All our 5th and 6th Graders and their friends are invited to join us for a night of fun! **Here are the details:**

When: Friday, November 18 — Leaving St. Victoria at 6 p.m. and returning at 10:15 p.m.

Cost: \$25 includes pizza, pop, bus, unlimited laser tag, play zone, mini-golf and more.

Chaperones are needed: You go and play for free!

Questions: Contact me or Joni Wohl.

Registration Deadline: November 16. Space is always limited and this event will fill up fast!

Registration forms and information: Available on our website at www.stvictoria.net.

Parenting Opportunities

Book Study based on the "Connected Families Parenting


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Book" by Jim and Lynn Jackson will meet next on November 16 and 30 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Micki Donovan and Sue Roper will facilitate. Questions? Contact me.

Speakers Jim and Lynn Jackson will be back on Saturday, November 19, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the Worship Space talking about "Challenging Children." All parents, grandparents and others who are interested are invited! This one is not to be missed!

Consider it JOY will meet next on Wednesday, December 14, during both the 5 and 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation sessions. Meet in the Reconciliation Room. Lisa Payne is the facilitator. If you have questions, contact her at lisakpayne@comcast.net.

Operation Christmas Child 2011

 We need more supplies donated! The K through 8 Faith Formation children are excited about filling as many boxes as possible again this year. **Every box** we fill blesses a child and lets that child know that God loves them and that they are never alone. **Help us fill these boxes.** We need the entire parish to help us bless children this Christmas!

Here's how:

- Donate small toys or candy so the kids can fill additional boxes. Drop off supplies in the parish office. The Dollar Aisle at Target or the Dollar Store are great places to shop — pens, pencils, paper, crayons, small cars, balls, stuffed animals, toothbrush/paste, hard candy, t-shirts and more.
- Donate cash so we can buy supplies to fill boxes.
- Fill your own box or two at home and drop it off in the parish office.

Join us and be a part of bringing *joy* to the life of a child! Questions? Let me or Joni know.

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Amy

Busy Times

With Fall here, we are busier than ever around St. Victoria. Keep up to date — check out the Upcoming Events page on our newly redesigned website, www.stvictoria.net.

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

Youth Corner

Trick-or-Treat for Food — We collected over 300 pounds of canned and dry goods on Halloween night for the Bountiful Basket emergency food shelf in Chaska! Thank you trick-or-treaters — because of you, individuals and families in our community will have food on their tables!

Waffle Breakfast — A huge thank you to the local Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters (Johns Court 1321) for all your help and support for this Youth Ministry fundraiser. Thank you as well to all of our parishioners for participating in this event and enjoying a great breakfast. We raised enough money to receive the full \$1,500 matching grant!

Giving Tree — Please stop by the Giving Tree in the Commons after Mass to pick up a gift tag! Gifts should be returned no later than December 4. Thank you for your support.

9th Grade Confirmation Retreat — Our 9th Grade students are going to the Koinonia Retreat Center in Annandale, MN, on November 18 and 19. We will be departing from St. Victoria at 4 p.m. on Friday and returning at 5 p.m. on Saturday. All 9th grade Confirmation candidates are required to attend. Contact me with questions.

Reminder — There will be no regular Confirmation classes on November 16 or 23. 9th and 10th Grade students are required to attend the Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. in place of regular classes. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Break!

Youth Minister
Nick Tofteland

Nick

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Discernment Day for Single Women

A Discernment Day for Single Women is planned for Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 561 Hamline Avenue South, St. Paul, MN 55116. Wonder where your life is going? Want some help along the way? Through prayer, input, reflection and discussion, we will explore attitudes and tools needed for making life choices — with Advent light and wisdom as guides. The day, including lunch, is our gift to you. Registration is required by November 28. Visit www.ssnd.org to register online or contact Sister Joyce Kolbet at 507-389-4296 or vocations@ssndcp.org.

Thanksgiving Help

On Thanksgiving Day (November 24), Love INC and area churches will serve a free Thanksgiving Dinner to those in need. St. John's Lutheran Church in Chaska will again host the dinner. Individuals and families can help with preparation on Wednesday, November 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. or with hosting and serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving. **Volunteers are also needed on Saturday, November 19**, to pack and deliver food to families in need. To sign up, visit www.loveincecc.org and click on Upcoming Events.

Books for the Library

The Library Committee continues to collect books (or accept donations) for our Archbishop Harry Flynn Library located off the Fireside Room. Topics for books are Grief and Loss, Prayer and Spirituality, Life Transitions, Biographies, Theology and Catholic Studies, Christian Fiction and similarly themed books for children and teens. You may leave books in the library or drop them off in the parish office. Make donations payable to St. Victoria. If you have questions, contact Mary Bishop at 443-2776. Thank you!

Eyes on Venezuela

Do you have old eyeglasses cluttering up your dresser drawers? The Esperanza Project will be happy to take them off your hands. Members are collecting used eyeglasses to send to the medical clinic at our sister parish of Jesucristo Resuscitado in Venezuela. People there often are not able to afford to buy glasses, but staff members at the clinic may be able to find a pair of donated glasses that will work just fine. If you have glasses to donate, you will find a decorated, labeled box on the coat rack in the Franciscan Commons.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction encourages you to explore a closer relationship with God. In the midst of a busy life, often with worry and concern, many people find it difficult to notice God's action in their daily activities. Yet, at the deepest level, all of us long for a more conscious experience of God's presence and love. Call Craig Hamilton at 612-237-3463 or Deb LeMay at 448-7135 for more information and/or an appointment. Scholarships are available. Call the parish office for information.

Advent Retreat

St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN, is hosting an Advent Retreat December 9 to 11. The topic is "The Church: An Incarnational and Sacramental Community." The retreat leader, Fr. Kevin Seasoltz, OSB, will talk on the sacrament of the everyday, Christ as the primary sacrament of God and the Church as the sacrament of Christ expressing itself culturally in various sacramental rituals. The cost is \$180 for a single room and \$150 per person sharing a double room. To register for the retreat call Fr. Bob Pierson at 320-363-3929 or email spiritalife@osb.org.

Helpful Aids

If you should need them, we have a wheel chair and a walker available for use at the church. Ask an usher if one of them would be helpful for you or someone else. Also, there are pews reserved for people who have challenges that require more convenient seating.

The Pain of Abortion

Are you hurting after an abortion? Women and men both experience painful emotions after an abortion. Hope and healing is a phone call away. Contact Project Rachel for confidential individual referrals. Call 651-291-4515 or email respectlife!@archspm.org.

Elsewhere ...

- **Pancake Breakfast** hosted by KC Council 2505 (supports St. Joseph, St. Bernard and St. Victoria) **today, Sunday, Nov. 13**, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at St. Joe's in Waconia.
- **Christmas Bazaar and lunch**, St. Bernard's in Cologne, Saturday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Pancake and French Toast Breakfast** at St. Boniface in St. Bonifacius, **today, Sunday, Nov. 13**, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bake Sale, cake walk, quilt raffle.
- **Holiday Boutique**, St. George's in Long Lake, Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., includes a gingerbread house decorating contest with winners announced at the KC benefit **pancake breakfast** at the church for Ricky Whitmore on Sunday (8:30 to 11:30 a.m.). Call 473-1247.
- **Jordan KC Breakfast**, Sunday, Nov 20, 8:30 a.m. to noon, St. John's Louis Hall, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hand-carved baked ham and beverages. Free-will offering.
- **Hot Topics: Cool Talk** forum to address the politics of Embryo Rights and Stem Cell research at St. Thomas School of Law, Wednesday, November 16, Rm. 235, St. Thomas downtown Minneapolis Campus. See www.stthomas.edu/murphy institute for info.
- **10th Annual Apologetics Conference** sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Saturday, Jan. 7, 1 p.m., at All Saints Church in Lakeville, featuring Dr. Peter Kreeft, Ph.d., professor of philosophy at Boston University and King's College, New York. The cost is \$15; 18 and under, \$10. Register apologetics@nomensanctum.org.
- **Homemade Soup, Bread and Pie Supper**, Shakopee KC Hall, **today, Nov. 13**, 4 to 7 p.m.
- **2012 Mexico Pilgrimage** sponsored by Queen of the Americas Guild, Feb. 23 to 28, \$1,395 per person based on double occupancy. Call 630-584-1822 for information and/or to register.

Bulletin Deadlines

We welcome your contributions to our **Sunday bulletin** and thought you might like to know about our deadlines and other pertinent information. The deadline to submit information is noon on Monday prior to the weekend in which you want your information to appear. Information in the bulletin must relate to St. Victoria, the archdiocese or surrounding churches. Occasionally we do run community-based information but this is determined on a case-by-case basis. We do not run information for personal fund raisers or advertising for a business or service. (Advertisers on the back page pay for this service.) **Flyers and two-minute commercials** must be approved by someone on the parish staff, arranged for ahead of time and have a direct link to St. Victoria. The only exception are annual Catholic school-related announcements. We try (not always successfully) to keep the number of flyers in the bulletin to two per week and to schedule one two-minute commercial at any Mass. The deadline for flyers is Thursday morning.

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Save the Date ...

- Start the holiday season at our annual **La Noche Azul** Dinner on Tuesday, December 6. This festive occasion is always a wonderful start to the holiday season.
- And, the perfect end to the holidays for the men of our parish is the annual **Men Building Bridges** Father and Son (plus grandfathers, uncles, friends) Breakfast on Saturday, January 14.

Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.

Parish Penance Service

Everyone, including Faith Formation students, is invited to attend the Parish Penance Service on Wednesday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. This is a special time to join 74 children and youth and their families as they celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. There will be a dozen priests (including Fr. Bob) available at this special service. All attendees are asked to bring a small offering for our Operation Christmas Child project (small toys, games, pencils and colors, t-shirts, etc.)

New This Year

Calling all youth in Grades 8 and up and interested adults! This year, for the first time, we are going to the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center in Mendota Heights to help prepare boxes to be shipped to children around the world. More than 550,000 shoe boxes will be collected just from Dakota County this year. St. Victoria will join more than 6,000 volunteers helping insure the joy of children around the world who receive these shoe boxes filled with gifts.

The date is Thursday, December 1, leaving St. Victoria at 4:15 p.m. and returning at 8:45 p.m. Bring a "bag dinner" to eat on the bus. There's no cost; get your permission slip (available on the website at www.stvictoria.net) by Monday, November 28, to Amy Kusber, Joni Wohl or Nick Tofteland (and/or call one of them at 443-2661 for more information.)

There are 30 spots to fill — this will be a great opportunity to give the *joy and love of a simple gift!*

Marriage Booster Retreat

The best gift we can give our children and each other is a strong marriage. The Marriage Booster Retreat is an interactive and unique experience designed to give couples a chance to focus on each other and the issues that touch their marriage — a day where the two of you can laugh, reconnect and talk deeply about your marriage relationship. This day is fast-paced, romantic, relevant and fun. Register online at www.familyfestministries.org or call Family Fest Ministries at 881-0939. The suggested donation for this retreat is \$130 per couple. At the end of the retreat you will be asked to donate what you can reasonably afford. (Family Fest is a multi-denominational Christian ministry devoted to strengthening families in their Christian faith.)

Stewardship Report

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Stewardship Report for **November 5 and 6, Week 19**, of our Fiscal Year:

Envelope Offering:	\$	14,794
Electronic Offering:		12,432
Total Member Offering:		27,226
All Saints Day (November 1) Collection: \$593.		

Please use your envelopes for your contributions

Electronic Giving

“Electronic Giving” saves you time and helps St. Victoria more accurately budget for expenses. You may sign up for automatic withdrawal from savings, checking or credit card accounts. (Please continue to put your envelope in the collection basket — just checkmark “EFT” on it.)

Winter Travelers . . . EFT can be especially helpful to you. If you plan to be away for an extended period this winter, you might think about the convenience of electronic giving.

If you would like information or an automatic withdrawal form, please call Joni at the parish office, check the kiosk in the Franciscan Commons or visit our website at www.stvictoria.net. You can also make your contributions on-line by going to the website www.stvictoria.net and clicking on Stewardship.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund

Please remember we have money available in our St. Vincent de Paul Fund to help people in need with food, medical expenses, gas and other immediate needs. Please know that if you need help, it is as close as a confidential phone call to the parish office!

Volunteer Opportunity

There are always opportunities to sign up to help at the front desk in the parish office. The easiest way to do so is to go to our website, www.st.victoria.net, click on Stewardship and Ministries and then on Time and Talent-Volunteers. Scroll down to “Sign Up to Volunteer at the Front Desk. Just click on it and the dates and times are posted for the dates a volunteer is needed. If you have any questions, please call Mary Catino in the church office, at 443-2661 or email her at mcatino@stvictoria.org. Thank you.

Life Insurance for Seniors

Catholic United Financial has a Whole Life Plan, “Senior Select” that is designed for seniors to help you make the most of your dollars. For more information, contact St. Victoria’s representative Carol Lindner who will discuss your options, provide a quote and tell you about financial products that can offer you more dollar-wise values. Her number is 657-2210.

Ministry Schedule

November 19 and 20

Sacristans

5 p.m.	Mary Foster, John Hintzen
8:45 a.m.	Mark and Renee Lynum
10:45 a.m.	Julie Catalino, Diane Forsythe

Lector

5 p.m.	Sue Schrempp
8:45 a.m.	Dawn Dammann
10:45 a.m.	Janie Jasin

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Gary Geurts, Betty Krauth, Tom and Dianne Leahy, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Dennis and Judy Oas, Roger Osweiler, Katharine Paulsen, Jennifer Salwei, Doris Schmiege
8:45 a.m.	Barb Schultz, Pat Stephan, Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis, Mary Bishop, Susan Bogaard, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas, Adrienne Carrica, Andrew Cone, Karen Dee, Marge Diethelm
10:45 a.m.	Stacy Reiff, Rose Rooney, Elaine Scholl, Erv and Linda Spevacek, Jim Suddendorf, Carol Trantow, Eddie Wells, Joni Wohl, Gerald Zeder, George Barger, George Hidding

Greeter/Ushers

5 p.m.	Cal Haasken, Pete and Anne Hackert, John Heiland, Tom and Lisa Katalinich
8:45 a.m.	Matthew and Molly Ewanika, Joseph and Rae Ann Happ, Jesse Hawke, Ruth Kroening
10:45 a.m.	Greg Pavett, Bill Schneider, John and Mary Wallace, Tom Walsh, Ivan Contreras

Servers

5 p.m.	Mart Grace Linsley, Meghan Payne
8:45 a.m.	Nicholas Salwei
10:45 a.m.	Colton and Connor Schrempp, Justin Stewart
	William Ortman, Alyssa and Brianne Raiolo

Sound

5 p.m.	Jamie Moore
8:45 a.m.	Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m.	Jamie Moore

Music

5 p.m.	Adult Choir — Acc. Sue Orsen
8:45 a.m.	Cantor, Sam Siegert — Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:45 a.m.	Jr. Youth Choir — Acc. Sharon Schindler

Children’s Liturgy

8:45 a.m.	Jenna and Molly Ewanika, Lou Ann Kingsbury, Stephanie Olson
10:45 a.m.	David and Sydney Weinandt, Greg Pavett, Jackie Zeder

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