

# 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.”

## February 19, 2012 Seventh 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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### Parish Team

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 19, 2012**

**Food for thought . . .**

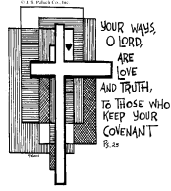
**The readings for February 26, 2012**

First Sunday of Lent

*Reading I:* Genesis 9:8-15

*Reading II:* 1 Peter 3:18-22

*Gospel:* Mark 1:12-15



On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear Mark's version of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Jesus begins with this confrontation with evil. The rest of his life and work will continue this great battle: casting out demons, healing, struggling for the truth against corrupt leaders and even the blindness of his own disciples. Through it all, he proclaims the good news that the time of God's reign is now. God's truth and love is stronger than distortion and injustice. Believe the good news and it can change your life.

**Question of the Week**

Has there been a time in your life when you were challenged to confront a weakness in your life?

**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.

**Baptism Information**

- The next **Jordan Night** (Baptism Class) at St. Victoria is **Thursday, March 22, 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 five years, please register for a class. (Please note: this requirement was recently changed by the Archdiocese from three years to five years.) **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 April 7 (for adults at the Easter Vigil) and for infants during the 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Masses on Easter Sunday, April 8. (Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent except in an emergency.) Normally, 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

**Mass Intentions**

- Tuesday, **February 21** — Bud Vogel †  
 Wednesday, **February 22** — 8 a.m. Margaret Gerstle  
 7 p.m. Peggy Kaufhold †  
 Thursday, **February 23** — Tony and Sally Kerber †  
 Special Intentions  
 Friday, **February 24** — Michael O'Brien  
 Saturday, **February 25** — Ken and Millie Gothmann †  
 Sunday, **February 26** — 8:45 a.m. Millie Wartman †  
 10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parish Family

**Archdiocesan Women's Lenten Retreat**

This is a retreat for women of all ages to explore "Finding Christ in the Desert" with two presentations by Fr. Michael Keating, Professor of Catholic Studies at University of St. Thomas. Saturday, February 25, 9 a.m. to noon, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in St. Paul. The cost is \$10. For information or to register, visit [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org).

**Women's Communities of Faith**

The School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters of St. Joseph, Franciscan Poor Clares and the Benedictines invite you on February 25 to visit their communities to meet, learn, share meals and pray with Catholic Sisters in the Twin Cities area. The day runs from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Car pooling will be arranged to all four locations. Contact Sister Joyce Kolbet before February 22 at 507-389-4296 or [jkolbet@ssndmankato.org](mailto:jkolbet@ssndmankato.org).

**Second Marriage Seminar**

Are you entering a second marriage or already in a second marriage and looking to further explore your relationship? Catholic Charities Counseling Program is offering a Pre-marriage Seminar for Second Marriages on February 25 and 26 in St. Paul. The cost is \$135 a couple. Contact Adaire Lassonde at [adaire.lassonde@cctwincities.org](mailto:adaire.lassonde@cctwincities.org) or 651-647-3126 for further information or to register.

**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**.

**Welcome to St. Victoria**

If you are visiting St. Victoria, welcome! If you would like information on becoming a registered parishioner at St. Victoria, please feel free to contact Julie Schmiegl 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 [jschmiegl@stvictoria.org](mailto:jschmiegl@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.)

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

## From the Pastor's Desk...



### Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal

Many are the Promises of God. (2 Corinthians 1:18-20)

Next weekend, a member of each St. Victoria household, along with others throughout the Archdiocese, will be asked to participate in the "in-pew process" for the 2012 Catholic Services Appeal. (St. Victoria has been selected to participate in this in-pew pilot project. The majority of parishes in the Archdiocese will conduct their campaigns as done in previous years.)

The funds collected each year during the Catholic Services Appeal provide ministry, education and services to thousands of people — helping Catholic Charities to offer food and shelter to those in need; helping people with disabilities; helping our Catholic schools remain viable; aiding in the education of our seminarians and offering care for our retired religious. These are only a few of the things your dollars can help provide in our Archdiocese.

If our parish achieves our goal of \$53,727, 25 percent of any additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish. If we do not meet our goal, but are close, we will receive a smaller fraction of the total contributed.

I hope you will take time to review the insert with this bulletin.

### What About Fasting and Abstinence During Lent?

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As a refresher, all Fridays during Lent are penitential days with requirements for abstinence. Abstinence asks that all those age 14 and older abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. Fasting asks that all those between the ages of 18 and 59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means that one full meal is allowed on these days. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs but should not equal another full meal. Drinking liquids can occur between meals but eating cannot. This obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected.

### Special Lenten Opportunity

As I do each Advent and Lent, I invite you to join me on Wednesday mornings to pray the Liturgy of the Hours right after our 8 a.m. Mass. We join people around the world in this ancient monastic prayer.

### Save the Date

Men of the Parish: You are all invited to join me at the Bishop's Men's Conference at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, March 31, 8 a.m. to noon. I'll share more information later!

*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 need of Eucharistic Worship. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy follows.**

## Happenings at St. Victoria...



There will be Ash Wednesday Services celebrated at 8 a.m. in the Historic Church and 7 p.m. in the Worship Space.



Join us in the Historic Church at 7 p.m. every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross. Make this a part of your Lenten observances.

**Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20, in honor of President's Day.

### Sharing and Caring Hands

Volunteers from St. Victoria will help serve a meal at Sharing and Caring Hands on **Monday, February 20**. 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.

### Save the Date

G.I.F.T. (Girlfriends In Faith Together) is sponsoring a Lenten experience at St. Victoria on Saturday, March 3, from 8:45 to 11 a.m. Fr. Gregory Mastey will speak on "Women Ignite Your Prayer Life." (Childcare available.) Sign up after Liturgies this weekend.



### First Communion Open House

Seedlings Gifts and Books (located in the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre building) will hold a First Communion Open House on Saturday morning, February 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Peruse their sacramental gifts and share their hospitality. Call 974-8084 with any questions.

## Elsewhere...

- **A 2012 Ford 150** could be yours. St. John's in Jordan is selling 500 \$100 tickets. The drawing is March 3 at the church's annual Cadillac Dinner (need not be present to win). Call 492-2030 for info or tickets.
- **Winter Carnival** and turkey dinner, St. Bernard's School in Cologne, **today, Sunday, Feb. 19**, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (dinner served until 2 p.m.)
- **Lenten Retreat** at St. John's Abbey in Colledgeville, led by Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, Friday, Feb. 24, to Sunday, Feb. 26. \$180 for single room, \$300 for double (\$150 each). To register or for more information, call 320-363-3929 or go to [www.abbeyguesthouse.org](http://www.abbeyguesthouse.org).
- **Victoria Lion's Pancake and French Toast Breakfast**, Sunday, March 4, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Victoria City Hall.
- **Taizé Prayer** on Thursdays, March 8 and 29 at St. Hubert in Chanhassen. People of all faiths are welcome to join the candlelit service that includes scripture, songs, prayer and reflection.
- **Fish Dinner**, Friday, Feb. 24, Shakopee KC Hall, 5 to 8 p.m.
- **All You Can Eat Fish Fry every Friday during Lent**, (except Good Friday), 4 to 8 p.m., St. Joseph's, Waconia. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus.



## Year of the Family

**No K through 8 Faith Formation classes** on Wednesday, February 22, so that families can attend the Ash Wednesday Service together. Our Lenten Journey begins!

Faith Formation Classes for Grades K through 8 resume on Wednesday, February 29, as scheduled.

If you missed the First Communion parent/child meeting on Wednesday, February 15, and you have a child you wish to prepare for this wonderful Sacrament, please contact me. All children who prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion must be registered in a Faith Formation or Catholic School program. We currently have 76 children preparing to receive First Communion the first weekend in May. Please remember each of these precious children in your prayers.

## Get Your Buck Hill Forms in now!

**Family Night at Buck Hill is Friday, February 24.** It's time to beat the winter blues and hit the slopes at **Buck Hill** for some fun **Snow Tubing!** We will gather at St. Victoria at 5:30 p.m. and travel by bus to Buck Hill to enjoy a couple hours of tubing, a bonfire, hot apple cider, snacks and a great time with our St. Victoria family. We'll return by 10 p.m. We have reserved the **Hutch** so that all tubers will have a private place with a bonfire to warm up. The cost is \$20 and includes everything — bus, tubing, snacks, bonfire, private chalet space and a fantastic time! **(Please eat dinner before you come.)** **Registration deadline was Friday, February 17, but we will take reservations until the space is full.** Registration forms and payment should be turned into me or dropped off in Elstan Hall during Faith Formation classes. **All children in Grades K through 3 must be registered with a parent for this event (children must be 50 inches tall or 5 years old to tube).** Children in Grades 4 through 8 may register and participate on their own. Contact me or Joni Wohl with questions. **If parents want to attend with their child/children, but do not want to tube, the cost is \$10.**

Coming March 24 — **Family Ham Bingo Night.** This will be a fun night for the entire family. Come and enjoy a warm ham sandwich, play some BINGO and maybe win yourself an Easter Ham. This will be a wonderful night of fun, family and fellowship. Mark your calendars and more information will be coming soon!

## Director of Faith Formation

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**Joni Wohl**

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**Have any old prescription or vitamin bottles?** Have you ever wondered if there is any good use for old prescription or vitamin bottles? There is! American Veterans (AMVETS) is seeking donations of old **empty** prescription and vitamin bottles to be used for distribution of pills, creams and liquid medications in impoverished countries. Throughout Lent the Confirmation candidates, in cooperation with AMVETS, will be collecting these bottles to be shipped to Haiti in May. Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will have receptacles located in the Commons during the weekend Liturgies. We can only accept **empty** bottles that have the labels removed and have an intact lid. Thanks for your support!

**Food collection reminder** — Confirmation students are encouraged to bring food donations with them on Wednesday nights. Our local food shelves are in dire need of supplies, so please consider this weekly donation.

**Reminder** — We will not have Confirmation classes on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

**New Friends Meal** — Our Confirmation students will be going to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior to serve a meal to those in need on Thursday, February 23. Service event sign up on the website is now open . . . space is limited!

**10th Grade Retreat** — is coming soon! Our 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, February 25, here at St. Victoria. The retreat will run from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. This also is an opportunity for candidates and sponsors to attend Mass together at 5 p.m. to satisfy the sponsor/candidate activity requirement. Information went home on February 1.

**We're going Wild!** Our Junior and Senior High students will have the chance to see the Minnesota Wild face off against the Los Angeles Kings at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul at the fantastic price of \$25 on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 p.m. We will be leaving St. Victoria at 5 p.m. sharp! Check with me to see if there's still time to register. Friends are welcome!

## Youth Minister

**Nick Tofteland**

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## 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 mothers of all ages in the St. Victoria 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.

## Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **February 11 and 12, Week 33**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering: \$ 11,818

Electronic Offering: 2,427

Total Member Offering: 14,245

**Tithing:** \$1,424 to Catholic Relief Services for disaster aid

*Please use your envelopes for your contributions.*

### CPR Anytime

St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee offers a short, efficient program geared to making CPR easy for individuals to learn how to take action if needed. The course is approximately one-hour long. Participants practice all the hands-on skills working with their own manikin that is part of the kit each person receives to take home to help train additional members of their family. Call 428-2000 or visit [www.stfrancis-shakopee.com](http://www.stfrancis-shakopee.com).

### Reminder . . .

We still have copies of our parish cookbook "What's Cookin'" for sale, prints in two sizes of our beautiful "Cherished Memories" painting by Jim Hensel and two CDs featuring our St. Victoria choir available for purchase in the parish office. Call 443-2661 if you are interested in making a purchase.

### 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.

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### February 22, Ash Wednesday

**7 p.m.**

**Sacristan**

Joyce Burau

**Lector**

Rod Vacek

**Eucharistic Ministers**

John Hintzen, Morrie and Alice Leuthner

**Greeter/Ushers**

Tom and Lisa Katalinich

**Music**

Adult Choir — Acc. Sue Orsen

## Ministry Schedule

### February 25 and 26

#### Sacristans

5 p.m. Mary Foster, John Hintzen  
8:45 a.m. Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis  
10:45 a.m. Diane Forsythe, Lisa McColman

#### Lector

5 p.m. Tim Amundsen  
8:45 a.m. Adrienne Carrica  
10:45 a.m. Cynthia McKee

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m. Tom and Dianne Leahy, Morrie and Alice Leuthner, Barb Meinert, Mary Moore, Dennis and Judy Oas, Roger Osweiler, Katharine Paulsen, Jennifer Salwei, Doris Schmiege  
8:45 a.m. Ruth Kroening, Michael Lanners, Sharon Lauwagie, Shelli McGuire, Wendy Mielke, Pat Moore, Jim and Debbie Moss, Nancy Rezac, Dave Roan, Dick and Patty Schlader  
10:45 a.m. Jennifer Gans, Gina Holman, Joan Klinger, Deb LeMay, Jeff Lenzmeier, Linda Lindeman, Cherie McGraw, Debra McMillan, Kathryn Paradise, Ken Pavett, Brian Pulvermacher, Rob Raiolo

#### Greeter/Ushers

5 p.m. Randy, Jacque and Daniella Krause, Kerry Leopold, Kerry McMillan, Robert Muller, Robert Schmiege  
8:45 a.m. Lyle Oddan, Daryl Schmiege, Chris and Judy Sones, Shawn Sutherland, Gary Vierling  
10:45 a.m. John and Mary Wallace, Tom Walsh, Ivan Sr., Elizabeth and Ivan Jr. Contreras

#### Servers

5 p.m. Thomas Amundsen, Benjamin Crowley, Carly Dammann  
8:45 a.m. Breanna Kaufhold, Stan Kohls, Kahler Kuntz  
10:45 a.m. Chastity Perkins-Bohn, Sydney Weinandt, Brianne Raiolo

#### Sound

5 p.m. Phillip Smith  
8:45 a.m. Ben Mach  
10:45 a.m. Jim Crowley

#### Music

5 p.m. Praise Band — Acc. Sharon Schindler  
8:45 a.m. Cantor, Mary Pat Nydal — Acc. Sue Orsen  
10:45 a.m. Adult Choir — Acc. Sue Orsen

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:45 a.m. Jenna and Molly Ewanika, LouAnn Kingsbury, Stephanie Olson  
10:45 a.m. Claire and Lucia Saathoff, Joni Wohl, Krystalyn Thimsen, Hanna Erickson

### Counseling Sessions

Catholic Charities Counseling Program has appointments available with no waiting for sliding fee/reduced fee clients. Counseling can help those dealing with emotional turmoil, worry, stress, interpersonal conflict, anger or life changes. Most health insurance providers are also accepted. Call 651-647-3186 for more information.