

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 5, 2012
Fifth 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

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2012**

Food for thought . . .

The readings for February 12, 2012

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45



According to Jewish Law, lepers were considered unclean and outcasts from society. Yet in this Gospel, Jesus immediately responds to a leper's request for healing. Jesus had great respect for the Law of Moses so he told the leper to fulfill the cleansing requirements by offering sacrifice and appearing before the priest. Jesus orders him to tell no one who had cured him, but the leper ignores Jesus' command and tells everyone what happened. In spite of the growing difficulties of his ministry, Jesus continues healing and preaching. He was able to proceed because people had faith in him.

Question of the Week

In the Gospel, Jesus reaches out to outcasts. Are there groups that you have difficulty accepting?



Michael John Heiland, son of Joe and Michelle

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. (This is a change from the previous three year requirement.) **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 February 11 and 12. This is the last time Baptisms will be celebrated before Lent. (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.
- **Please Note:** If, in the future, you need a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, requests must be made in writing. This is an Archdiocesan requirement.

Marriage Insurance

The 2012 Newly Married Retreat (couples newly married to seven years), is Saturday, February 11, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with Fr. Rocky (Fr. Francis Hoffman) from Catholic Relevant Radio®. For information, go to www.archspm.org.



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, **February 7** — Judy Jeurissen (Anniv.) †

Wednesday, **February 8** — Bud Vogel †

Thursday, **February 9** — Helen Bongard †

Friday, **February 10** — Alicia and Valentina Burgos †

Saturday, **February 11** — Tony and Catherine Aretz †

Sunday, **February 12** — 8:45 a.m. Mildred Pribyl †
10:45 a.m. St. Victoria Parish Family

2012 Catholic Services Appeal is Underway

Archbishop John Nienstedt's mailing asking for a pledge to the 2012 Catholic Services Appeal has arrived at many of your homes.

This year at St. Victoria, we plan to ask you to prayerfully consider your contribution or pledge during our Liturgies the weekend of February 18 and 19. Your contribution to the Catholic Services Appeal enables the Archdiocese to share God's promises with countless numbers of people through education, outreach and ministry.

Our parish goal is \$53,727. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal (which we will need to reach this year in order to qualify for our 25 percent rebate).

Marriage Amendment Campaign Financial Support

The Catholic Bishops of Minnesota support the adoption of the Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment to the state constitution that will appear on the November 6, 2012, general election ballot.

The Archdiocese is committed to providing financial assistance toward amendment campaign efforts carried out by the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Church of Minnesota. In 2011, the Archdiocese made a \$650,000 contribution to the Minnesota Catholic Conference, which has been reported to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board in accordance with state campaign law and is public information.

The Archdiocese maintains that the source of these funds was investment income and that it did not include funds derived from parish assessments or donations to the Catholic Services Appeal. Funding levels for other priorities of the Archdiocese have remained steady including \$2.8 million for elementary and secondary education and \$1.4 million for Catholic Charities.

For more information about the Church's promotion and defense of marriage, visit <http://mncc.org/issues/marriage>.

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 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.)

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



An Important Message from the Archdiocese

We received an alert from the Archdiocese about an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the U.S. directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for citizens of all faith.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced that almost all employers, including many non-parish Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees' health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include these services in their health care policies. And, almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as part of their policies.

As a result, unless the new regulations are overturned, Catholics may be compelled either to violate their consciences, or to drop health coverage for their employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration's sole concession was to give our church-affiliated institutions one year to comply.

We are already joined by many brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to protect our religious freedom.

There are two things we can do: First, as a community of faith we can commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and that religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God nothing is impossible. Second, visit www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more about this assault on religious liberty and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration's decision.

Thank You

We received a thank you from Sister Midge Breiter, SSND, Coordinator of the Office of Retirement Fund for Religious: "Thank you for sharing in the care of our Retired Religious. We received your generous donation of \$1,967, remembering the religious who have served you in the past. You are remembered in our prayers. May God bless you abundantly."

Dental Ministry

Are you a dentist? Dental Hygienist or Assistant? Love INC has a new opportunity to bring a Mobile Dental Ministry for low-income, uninsured people to our community four to six times a year. In order to do so, they need to recruit volunteers. If you are interested, please plan to attend a breakfast open house on Friday, February 17, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Valley Evangelical Free Church in Chaska. This is a great opportunity to use your skills and expertise to show love in Christ's name to people in need.

Important Date...

... Mark your calendars now. The date for our annual Sunset Fest and All Saints Swim is **Saturday, August 25.**

Fr. Bob

12-Hour Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Historic Church, from at 8:30 a.m. (after 8 a.m. Mass) until 8 p.m. Thursday. The Church and the world have a need of Eucharistic Worship. Jesus waits for you in this Sacrament of Love. **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy follows.**

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.

Praying the Rosary

We have a dedicated group of individuals who go to Good Samaritan in Waconia to pray the Rosary with people who live there. There is a need for Rosaries so that all who attend this gathering have a Rosary to hold. If you have an extra one that you would like to donate, there is a basket marked "Rosary Donations" in the entrance to the Historic Church. Thanks to our wonderful Ministry Members who share this prayer time.

Bountiful Basket is Moving

The Bountiful Basket Food Shelf (serving Eastern Carver County) will begin serving their clients from their new, permanent location at 1600 Bavaria Road in Chaska on Monday, February 20. (They will be closed on Friday, February 17.) All the food collected at St. Victoria — in 2011 that totaled 6,900 pounds — is delivered by our volunteers to Bountiful Basket. Special thanks to **Tom and Sandi Dols** for coordinating the deliveries. (We also contributed \$4,849, thanks to tithing and special collections including the Advent/Christmas Concert.) Bountiful Basket reports that in 2011 they received 272,422 pounds of food and were able to help 13,500 individuals with those donations.

Elsewhere...

- **Retreat for Caregivers**, Saturday, Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Annunciation in Minneapolis. Fr. Jim Livingston will present "Refresh Our Hearts." \$15 includes lunch. For more information or to register, go to curtans@archspm.org.
- **Breakfast** at St. Nicholas in Carver **today, Sunday, Feb. 5**, 8 a.m. to noon. Pancakes, French Toast and homemade sausage. All you can eat.
- **Shrimp and Steak Dinner**, Shakopee KC Hall, Friday, Feb. 10, 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Beef and Sausage Family-style Dinner**, Guardian Angels in Chaska, Sunday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take-out also available; homemade sausage for sale.
- **Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction**, sponsored by East Union Lutheran Youth, Sunday, Feb. 12, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Need not be present to win at the auction.)
- **Healing Mass** at St. Nicholas in Carver with Fr. Jim Livingston, Friday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.
- **February Ultreya**, Sunday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., St. Hubert Fellowship Hall. Rosary in Fireplace Room at 6:30 p.m. Carol Boatman will share her experiences while in Guatemala. (Bring a treat to share.)



Year of the Family

Faith Formation classes for children and youth in grades K through 8 will meet this Wednesday, February 8, as regularly scheduled.

Our youth in Grades 6 through 8 will be meeting with **David Rinaldi** on the topic “**Get a Life — Living Your Faith in the Real World.**” It’s easy to love God when you’re sitting in church, but how do you live your Catholic faith while you’re walking the school halls? David encourages and equips young people to place God at the center of their lives and challenges them to share His love with others. This will prove to be a wonderful night for our 6 to 8th Graders! David will be with us during both regular sessions.

Project 363

Our Faith Formation program Grades K through 8 helped prepare and make 1,000 sandwiches on Wednesday, February 1, for people living on the streets or in shelters in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mr. Law, the man who started this incredible project, was with us here at St. Victoria on Wednesday night to thank and energize our youth as they worked together to feed those who are hungry.

We made 1,000 Sandwiches! Thanks to Coburn’s for helping us arrange for the many supplies and for donating 10 percent of what we spent on supplies back to Project 363.

Here is what we used:

- 86 loaves of white bread
- 2,000 slices of turkey /bologna
- 1,000 slices of cheese (Food Club sliced 72 bricks of cheese.)
- 1,000 Zip Lock bags, but we collected more than 9,000! We will be donating the extras!
- Plastic gloves for 150 youth
- Labels made by our K through 5th Graders wishing each person who is eating a sandwich **love and blessings** from St. Victoria!

We collected enough money to cover **all the costs** for this incredible project. A special **thank you to the Dragseth family** for making up the difference between what the kids donated and the actual cost of the project so that 100 percent of the cost for Project 363 was covered. What amazing people we have here at St. Victoria! Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen. A huge **thank you** to the kids who so understand that **Catholic** is an **action word** and that we have the opportunity to **live our faith** and help others **everyday!** **Watch for pictures of the kids making sandwiches on the website.**

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 (hotdogs, chips, s’mores,
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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, 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 a intact lid. Thanks for your support!

I Love to Read Month. February has been designated as “I Love to Read Month” and Chaska Middle School East (CMSE) is supporting this initiative through a perpetual reading mission. Every day, February 1 to February 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. volunteers will spend 30 minutes in the perpetual reading display reading their own materials. You can read from a newspaper, e-reader (Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc), novel or whatever form of media you prefer. The goal of this project is to highlight the importance of literacy and CMSE still needs volunteers. If you’re interested and available to support this project, please visit the St. Victoria homepage and click the link to their sign-up through Jooners. Thanks for your support!

Chillfest — We had over 60 Middle School/Junior High students attend. Thank you parents for trusting your children into our care for this event and thank you chaperones for making the event possible.

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.

Spoken History Project — Confirmation students, if you have an interest in participating in the spoken history project at Emerald Crest, please meet in the parish office conference room at 6:30 p.m. on February 8. We will meet with Pastor Alex and Sue Weinzierl to schedule our interview times and hear more about the residents we’ll be working with.

Reminder — We will not have Confirmation classes on Ash Wednesday — 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! Registrations must be submitted by Friday, February 17. Friends are welcome!

Youth Minister

Nick Tofteland

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Stewardship Report

Stewardship Report for **January 28 and 29, Week 31**, of our fiscal year:

Envelope Offering:	\$ 13,853
Electronic Offering:	2,122
Total Member Offering:	15,975
YTD operating revenue thru December 31:	\$ 742,519
YTD Revenue Variance from Budget:	56,647
YTD Total Operating Income:	158,055
YTD Net Income Variance:	59,111

New Church Mortgage: \$2,998,009

Year-to-date revenues of \$742,519 includes \$94,927 in debt reduction offerings as well as continued new pledge church fulfillment of \$21,127. Thank you!

Please use your envelopes for your contributions.

Welcome to Our New Parishioners ...

- Jon and Sue **Clark**, McKinsey and Sheridan
 - **Matt Fiala**
 - Joe **Fronius**, Emma and Sophia
 - Jeff and Tara **Humbert**, Benjamin, Jacob and Thomas
- We now have 1,156 registered households in our parish.

Faith Formation Grades K-8

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cider, and more) bonfire, private chalet space and a fantastic time! **(Please eat dinner before you come.) Registration deadline is Friday, February 17 or until 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 (Just an FYI—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.**

...VBS 2012 — June 18 – 22, 2012 ...

First Communion Parents Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, at 5:15 or 6:45 p.m. in the Worship Space. If you are a parent of a child who is in Grade 2 or above who you wish to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, you must attend one of the First Communion Parent Meetings on February 15. Your child should attend with you! You may attend whichever meeting that works best for your family. Information about our program, including important dates, will be shared. **First Communion weekend is May 5 and 6 at all three Masses.** Families will begin signing up for the date and time of their choice at the February 15 meeting. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call me.

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Ministry Schedule

February 11 and 12

Sacristans

5 p.m.	Ardys Forster, Mary Foster
8:45 a.m.	Dave and Mary Hentges
10:45 a.m.	Lisa McColman, Gloria Wolf

Lector

5 p.m.	Sue Schrempp
8:45 a.m.	Janet Bergeron
10:45 a.m.	George Hidding

Eucharistic Ministers

5 p.m.	Tom and Dianne Leahy, Morrie and Alice Leuthner, Mary Moore, Katharine Paulsen, Jennifer Salwei, Doris Schmiege, Jerry and Gerda Schmiege, Nancy Schmiege, Elaine Scholl
8:45 a.m.	Dick and Patty Schlader, Barb Schultz, Chris and Judy Sones, Pat Stephan, Laura Synstegaard, Diane Theis, Mary Bishop, Susan Bogaard, Joanna Bongard, Renee Boraas
10:45 a.m.	Jim Suddendorf, Brooke Weinzierl, Eddie Wells, Joni Wohl, Gerald Zeder, Rachel Anderson, Kay Arnold, George Barker, Margaret Chalgren, Pam Chapman, Marty Dentinger, Carol Trantow

Greeter/Ushers

5 p.m.	Gary Sohns, Rick Stucki, Galen and Ann Thiele, Gary Delaney, Carol Fischenich
8:45 a.m.	Jesse Hawke, Doug and Susan Hines, Kevin and Mary Hoffman, Ruth Kroening
10:45 a.m.	Mark, Mary, Bridget and Megan Kelly, Sean and Heather Neubauer

Servers

5 p.m.	Megan Payne, Ben Wulf
8:45 a.m.	Maria Boraas, Megan Carver, Drew Cone
10:45 a.m.	Lydia Jackels, Keegan and Konnor Koski

Sound

5 p.m.	Charles Sardina
8:45 a.m.	Scott Johnson
10:45 a.m.	Al McColman

Music

5 p.m.	Adult Choir — Acc. Sue Orsen
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir — Acc. Sharon Schindler
10:45 a.m.	Jr. Youth Choir — Acc. Sharon Schindler
8:45 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word Connie Jeurissen, Tracy Edsill, Abby and Maggie Rolf
10:45 a.m.	Kari Lenzmeier, Kristin Hoffman, Kahler and Maddy Kuntz, Sam Allevan

Wear your name tag provided by a Team Isaiah member after Mass this weekend and stop by the Victoria Subway for a complimentary cup of coffee or freshly baked cookie.

Catholic Overnight

The Department of Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas will hold a Catholic Overnight on Friday, February 17, and Saturday, February 18. High School Seniors will have the opportunity to learn about Catholic Studies and the Catholic Women's and Men's Floors, and to experience Catholic community at UST. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Theresa Kutz at 651-962-5704 or trkutz@stthomas.edu. Spaces are limited.