

ST. VICTORIA PARISH FAMILY

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I
washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

Liturgy & Worship

Masses at St. Victoria

Word-Communion Service:

9 am Tues. | Main Church

Daily Masses:

8 am Wed., Thurs., Fri. | Historic Church

Weekend Masses:

5 pm Saturdays | Main Church

8:45 am Sundays | Main Church

10:45 am Sundays | Main Church

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 22 - Word Communion

Thursday, March 23 - Mary Farrell (+)

Friday, March 24 - Jerry Hilgers (+)

Saturday, March 25- Diane Schmid (+)

Sunday, March 26

8:45 - Georgiana Johnson (+)

10:45 - Parishioners of St. Victoria

Reconciliation: See Lenten Reconciliation Services on page 5. Every Saturday after 5 pm Mass or by appointment.

Baptism:

Once a month (except during Lent) on the 2nd weekend; visit www.stvictoria.net/baptism for more details.

Marriage: Requires 9 months of marriage preparation; for more details, visit www.stvictoria.net/marriage-weddings



Submit a prayer at

www.stvictoria.net

Prayer Phone Line: 952-443-2443

Eucharistic Adoration Times

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Thursday from 8:30 am to 8 pm in the Historic Church. Come adore Jesus; He is waiting for you!

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.



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From the **Pastor's Desk**



This Sunday evening, March 19, the parents of our First Eucharist children will be on retreat. We are excited to spend the evening with our parents as they help their children prepare to receive the beautiful Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

In his Pastoral Letter to the faithful of our Archdiocese, Archbishop Hebda said, "The family is the place where each of us first encounters love." It's in the love of the family where our children see God. Through this time of retreat for our First Eucharist parents, we hope to give parents an opportunity to encounter God's love so that they can be strengthened on their journey to holiness as a family.

Please offer up prayers for our youth and their parents during this special time!

Fr. Bob

Stewardship

March 11-12, 2023

Envelope Offering: \$9,050

Electronic Offering: \$6,940

Total Membership Offering: \$15,990

Catholic Services Appeal

The Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Services Appeal kicked off on March 4-5. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal, which supports an array of ministries that include pro-life, seminarian support, Catholic education, services to those most in need and Synod Evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church. You can make an online donation by visiting www.csafspm.org, or you can put your CSAF donation envelope in the Mass offering basket.

Free-to-Serve Weekend

This weekend (March 18-19) is our 2nd collection for our Free-to-Serve funding, which helps the parish pay off our mortgage so that we can be free of debt to serve the parish in other ways with our treasures!

Thank you for your generosity!
Visit www.stvictoria.net/give
to make an online offering.

Easter Flower Donations

Help us beautify our space for the Easter Season with flowers. To make a donation in memory of or to honor a loved one, put a note to say who it is from and the name(s) of those to remember, mark the envelope "Easter Flowers" and place it in the collection basket at Masses or bring to the parish office. Donations can also be made online at the parish website (www.stvictoria.net)



If you are a St. Victoria parishioner experiencing financial distress or you know of someone who needs financial assistance, our Lazarus Table assistance fund may be able to help!

Please contact us at 952-443-2661 or visit
www.stvictoria.net/lazarustable



"Pondering with Prompts" is Father Bob's way of helping you break open the Gospel each week in a way that allows you to reflect on how God's Word can apply to your everyday life. Father highlights specific points in the next Sunday's Gospel and gives you questions to ponder. You can use these prompts in private prayer, with your family during dinner, over coffee with a friend, in a faith-sharing group, or wherever two or three are gathered in His name. It's a wonderful way to prepare yourself for the Mass each week. "Pondering with Prompts" can also be found on the parish website.

1st Reading | Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading | Romans 8:8-11 **Gospel** | John 11:1-45

Lazarus was a dear friend of Jesus. So when Jesus heard that Lazarus was gravely ill, it seems odd that He would put off going to see Lazarus for two days. Why would He do that? The answer may be found in John 1:3 when Jesus says, "This illness is not to end in death but is for the glory of God that the Son of God may be glorified." In that moment Jesus was trusting that God, His Father, could use this situation to bring about a greater good, that of glorifying His Son so that more might come to believe.

Prompt: Reflect on a time when God brought good out of a situation that, at the time, didn't look good at all.

When Jesus arrived at their home, Martha said to Him, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died." This must have been hard for Jesus to hear because He knew it was true. Most of us have had times when we failed to act and later felt badly about it because we knew the blame was on us.

Prompt: Reflect on a situation where you had a chance to act, and you later regretted not doing anything about it. How did you work through your regret?

There are two recorded times in the Gospel when Jesus weeps. One is shortly before His passion and death. Jesus looks out at the city of Jerusalem and weeps. The other time is when Jesus weeps at the tomb of his beloved friend Lazarus. These vivid descriptions of Jesus' humanity stand in sharp contrast to what some people grew up with -- God the demanding judge whom you could never quite trust.

Prompt: Growing up, what was your image of God? A demanding God or a forgiving God? A God you could trust, or a God you needed to stay on your toes for?

Prompt: What is your image of God today?

When Jesus is led to Lazarus' tomb, He orders the stone to be removed. But the ever practical Martha warns him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench for he has been dead for four days."

Prompt: Reflect on a time when your need for practicality and control got in the way of what was meant to happen.

Prompt: Reflect on a time when you let go of your need for practicality and control and God was able to take over and make something unexpectedly good happen.

When Lazarus came out of the tomb, bound hand and foot with the burial clothes, Jesus ordered them to, "Untie him and let him go free."

Prompt: Where is it in your life where you still feel yourself bound up and needing to be set free?

LENT

AT ST. VICTORIA

*We invite you to come and pray
with us this Lenten season!*



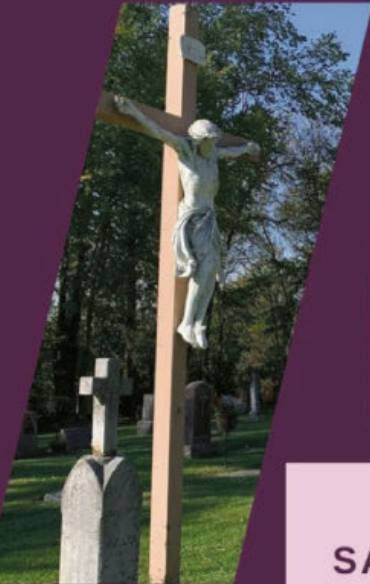
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, February 24-March 31
6 pm Historic Church

LIVING STATIONS

Wednesday, April 5

Pray the stations, presented by our Faith Formation youth
6 pm



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Saturdays at 6 pm
- Reconciliation Service: March 21 at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 pm

Lenten Fish Fry

near St. Victoria

March 3, 17, 31, 4-7:30 pm, Guardian Angels Church Chaska

March 10 & 24, 4:30-6:45 pm, St. Hubert Church Chanhassen

March 31, 4:30-8 pm, Victoria Lions Park Pavilion

All Fridays through April 3, 4-7:30, St. Joseph's Church Waconia

Visit the websites of these parishes for more details.



Parish Office Hours

Regular office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. If you need urgent pastoral care outside of these office hours, please contact Fr. Bob at 952-443-2685.



Council 87 Rep. Kendra Turner
763-442-8711

Catholic United Financial Activities at St. Victoria

Council Meeting & Brunch

All are welcome! Catholic United Financial will be having a brunch at St. Victoria on Friday, March 24 after the 8 am Mass. The council will also be having a meeting to plan our upcoming activities. St. Victoria parishioners are welcome to join us for brunch!

Sweet Social Host

Catholic United Financial will be hosting the "Sweet Social" after the 8:45 & 10:45 Masses on April 2. Coffee, cookies, donuts & fruit provided.

Join us for some warm fellowship after the Mass!



At St. Victoria, our mission is to reach out to others as the face and hands of Jesus. We focus on creating opportunities to encounter Christ, celebrating and proclaiming a God of sweet love, and engaging in bold acts of charity and justice.

Join our dynamic parish staff! We are currently hiring for the following positions:

Youth and Young Adult Formation
Children and Family Formation
Director of Communications & Media

To read the full job descriptions and the application process for these roles, visit the parish website at www.stvictoria.net.

Cemetery Spring Cleaning

Parishioners are asked to remove Christmas wreaths and decor from the cemetery by March 24 so that we can clean up the cemetery for the Spring. After March 24, any Christmas decor still remaining in the cemetery will be removed and left in the dumpster area for 1 week before being tossed.

Thank you for your help in maintaining the beauty in our cemetery.

Greek Isles Pilgrimage

In the footsteps of St. Paul through Athens, Corinth, Thessaloniki and Ephesus with Father Bob & Deacon Ray

June 4-16, 2024

7-night cruise through the Greek Isles

Visit ancient temples and idyllic seaside villages with ports of call in Santorini, Kusadasi, Mykonos, Volos and Thessaloniki

Limited space; register now!



Seeking Sweet Social Hosts!

We are seeking hosts for our upcoming "Sweet Socials." It's a fun and simple way to meet other parishioners and be the face and hands of Jesus to one another! There is no cost to you; St. Victoria provides all the treats. You and your family/ministry group just help spread out the sweet treats, make coffee and serve it all up with a smile.

Visit the parish website at www.stvictoria.net to sign up. Contact Joey Nelson at jnelson@stvictoria.org with questions.

Small Group Discussion Sessions on Catechism In A Year

Have you been listening to the new Catechism in a Year Podcast? Join St. Victoria's Catechism discussion group to supplement the podcast. Throughout 2023, we will meet every other Monday evening from 7-8 pm in Elstan Hall to review and discuss what we heard and learned through listening to Father Mike's daily podcast. **The next session will be on March 20.**

Together we will share our insights, discuss highlights of the podcast material, and answer questions that may arise with the help of the study guide (visit the parish website at www.stvictoria.net to access the study guide).

No sign-up is necessary! Come as often as your schedule allows. Contact Patrick McKinney (pmckinney1@gmail.com) with any questions.

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