

St. Mary of Victories & St. Stephen of Hungary Chapel

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Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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January 10, 2016 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Henrietta Weeman (deceased), requested by James & Colleen La Croix
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	For Marie Kelly, requested by Jessica Kelly)
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	For the intentions of Msgr. Joseph Herres
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Nicholas Szczerba (deceased), requested by Nancy Wilbert
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	Thomas O'Connor (dec.) requested by his grandson Richard Lucas
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	For the health of Fr. Leo Corley, requested by John De Giusti
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	For Abigail Alexander, requested by Nancy Wilbert
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	David Wiese (deceased), requested by Gregory & Carleen Mathiesen
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased

Sunday Collection, January 3:	9:00 a.m.	\$770.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$130.00

Readings for the Baptism of the Lord (pp. 407-409): Today's Feast is the last one of the formal Christmas season, and is included therein by virtue its status in the ancient Church as part of the Epiphany, which also commemorated the Lord's first public miracle, at Cana. Together with the visit of the Magi, these three events were landmark moments in the *manifestation* of Christ's divinity: to his disciples, to the Jewish people, and to the gentile world. Isaiah's prophecy and the Psalm today emphasize *peace*: the Messiah will be establish justice not as a conquering warrior but with humility and lowliness. He restores peace between God and man by putting himself in the place of sinners. Accepting a sinner's baptism, Jesus – totally without sin – foreshadows his future acceptance of the Cross.

Working Bee this Saturday: Today we officially end the liturgical Christmas season, so our crib scene will need to be dismantled and stored before we begin Ordinary Time next Sunday. Some preliminary work will be done in the next few days, but there will be a working bee to finish off the task this Saturday (16th) at **11:00 a.m.** The church will provide a burger lunch for volunteers right afterwards.

Archbishop Carlson Promotes Covenant: His message: "Having a Catholic radio station in our community is a tremendous blessing. . . . It's an easy way to learn our faith and deepen our relationship with Christ. I am happy to announce Covenant Network is establishing a parish program which will offer parish representatives who will work with each pastor and/or dean to see how best to serve the faithful in the respective areas of the archdiocese. . . . The representatives can also be liaisons between the parish and Covenant to assist in making announcements, offering evangelization materials, etc." *Next Sunday (17th) a Covenant representative will speak at both our Masses about this initiative.*

Let's Pray to Keep our Church Open! It's no secret that our small SMV congregation has continued to dwindle still further lately, owing mainly to the deaths and advancing age of long-standing parishioners. Income from Sunday collections, sausage sales, the homecoming picnic, etc., is not nearly enough to cover our expenses. *If things do not improve, this lovely and historic church and its Hungarian cultural center will run out of funds and have to close down within several years.* Your Chaplain and Chapel Council are working to raise funds from outside and attract new parishioners, but if we want St. Mary of Victories to stay open, *we must pray daily for that intention!* Starting today, we will kneel before the final hymn and recite the one-minute prayer on the back of the weekly parish bulletin.

Imádkozatok betegeinkért: Please pray for our sick parishioners, especially Jimmy Essex, Frank Borkin, Dante Proserpi, and others who are suffering pain as advancing years take their toll.

Catholic Men for Christ Conference: Peabody Opera House, all day **Saturday, February 6th.** Great speakers as always, including St. Louis' Msgr. Eugene Morris and two dynamic converts to the Catholic faith. The focus will be on marriage and the family. The cost till Feb. 3rd is \$45, including lunch. Take home a flyer from the entrance and register online at www.catholicmenforchrist.org.

SMV Children's Book: The Hooper family has produced a beautiful coloring & prayer book, adorned with lovely photos of St. Mary of Victories and the Child Jesus from our church! Get several copies from Jim and Lisa for only **\$8.00** apiece. Great kids' gifts! *All proceeds to our church!*

PRAYER FOR ST. MARY OF VICTORIES

Our heavenly Father, / long ago you inspired our German forefathers in the Faith / to raise this beautiful house of prayer and sacrifice / in honor of your Son's most holy Mother, / Our Lady of Victories. Your Providence then brought many Hungarians here / under the co-patronage of the holy King, Saint Stephen. / We humbly place before you today / the spiritual and temporal needs of our historic church / and its present-day community. / Grant us the grace to discern your holy will, / and to fulfill it zealously as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, / here in the old heart of our city, / for as long as it may please your Divine Majesty.

Saint Mary of Victories, *pray for us.*

Saint Stephen of Hungary, *pray for us.*

In the name of the Father, . . .