

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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August 7, 2016 – Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Donald (deceased) & Barbara Webb, requ. by Colleen & James La Croix
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	For Patricia Donovan, requested by Mary Knollmeyer
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	For the election of God-fearing public officials, requ. by Karen Pautler
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	For God-fearing appointees to U.S. courts, requested by Karen Pautler
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	For the health of Bishop William Callahan, requested by Karen Pautler
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	Bishop Juan Fremiot Torres (deceased), requested by Karen Pautler
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	Bishop Hilary Hacker (deceased), requested by Karen Pautler
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	For Ezella Benmon (H-S graduate), requ. by Colleen & James La Croix

Sunday Collection, July 31st:	9:00 a.m.	\$430.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$266.00

(You can give to the collection via your Smart Phone, using our online service: <http://give.SMOV.info>.)

Finances, July 2015-June 2016: Income: \$98,891.02; Expenses: \$111,777.41; **Net loss: \$12,886.39.**
(Without the \$5,000 ‘Mass Mob’ collection on March 20 and two large donations by benefactors totaling \$17,000, our net loss for the 2015-2016 financial year would have been much greater, around \$34,000.)

Readings for the 19th Sunday (p. 613-615): Today’s Scripture passages highlight the tremendous importance of *faith*: not merely of being a believer rather than an unbeliever, but of seeing the whole of life – and death! – through the eyes of faith and in the light that it provides us for understanding why we are here and whither we are heading. The first reading (Wisdom 18) recalls the Israelites’ faith in God’s protection at the time of their enslavement and liberation in Egypt. The 2nd reading (Hebrews 11) is one of key biblical texts about the nature of faith, as illustrated in the lives of the ancient patriarchs. The Gospel reminds us that our faith requires us to live every day in the light of eternity, setting our hearts on heaven and being prepared to meet our Judge at any moment.

Latin America Apostolate Collection: Today we take up the annual special collection for our Archdiocesan missionary apostolate in Latin America. For many years St. Louis has been supporting our needy Catholic brothers and sisters in this region, especially Bolivia. Thanks for your contribution!

Assumption of Our Lady, Monday, August 15th: The beautiful feast of Mary’s Assumption body and soul into heaven will fall adjacent to a Sunday, and so is not a holy day of obligation this year. We will celebrate this First-Class Feast with a **9:00 a.m.** Traditional Latin Mass at the high altar.

2016 Homecoming Picnic: Our St. Stephen of Hungary picnic is now only two weeks away, scheduled for Sunday, August 21st! The organizing committee (Bill Saccente, Klara Schwarcz, Jim Hooper and Barb Borkin) will be happy to consider any suggestions! After Mass, please see the **big sign-up sheets in the church hall**, where you can add your names to help with the various picnic tasks. Spread the word among your friends and neighbors, so we can repeat last year’s big success! Most of you, as in years past, will have received by now a letter announcing the picnic and asking you to please buy and sell as many of the enclosed **raffle tickets** as you can manage. Thanks for your cooperation!

Silent Auction: For the upcoming picnic, in addition to our raffle (which will have an exciting first prize to be announced!), we will also be having a Silent Auction as a special fundraiser for the parish. Please give any items you can donate to our auction coordinators, Jim & Lisa Hooper.

Book Signing: Steven Faulkner is the acclaimed author of *Bitterroot*, the account of a father-son journey that retraces the steps of the great Jesuit missionary Fr. Pierre de Smet. He will be present to sign copies of this new book at Left Bank Books (399 N. Euclid) at 7:00 p.m., Aug. 18th. After that, attendees are cordially invited to a reception for Mr. Faulkner at the Brendes’ home (2037 Allen Ave.)

Imádkozatok betegekért: Remember our sick, especially Helen Somogyi, who has had surgery after falling and breaking her hip. Please pray also for Jimmy Essex, Dante Prospero, and Mary Csengödy, as well as for those in recovery, especially Angelika Kinter and RaQueal Lymore.

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, . . .

