

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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July 31, 2016 – Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
11:00 a.m. Frank Borkin (deceased), requested by James & Colleen La Croix
(Monday to Friday: no 5:00 a.m. Masses at SMV during Msgr. McCarthy's trip to Colorado)
Saturday: 5:00 a.m. For members of "PrayforBishopsNow.org", requested by John Hladky
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

Sunday Collection, July 24th:	9:00 a.m.	\$155.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$58.00

(Remember, as an option you can give to the collection using your Smart Phone using our online service at this web address: <http://give.SMOV.info>. See announcement below: "Online Giving".)

Readings for the 18th Sunday (pp. 609-610): Today's Scripture passages stress the futility – and mortal danger! – of being too attached to earthly wealth. This sounds 'old hat' – we've all heard it in a hundred sermons! Yet the truth is that even as believing, practicing Christians, we can easily deceive ourselves, telling ourselves God is our priority in life while our actual behavior – how we spend our time, energy and resources – tells a very different story. Retreat masters sometimes give an exercise to participants in which they're asked to imagine themselves dying tomorrow and to write the kind of obituary they think would probably come out. The idea, of course, is to try to see ourselves as others see us. *Lord, what are my real priorities in life? Help me to be truly honest with myself!*

2016 Homecoming Picnic: Our St. Stephen of Hungary picnic is now only three 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. It's important now that we all try to give our upcoming Picnic a lot of publicity. 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.

Latin America Apostolate Collection: Next Sunday, August 7th, we take up the annual special collection for the Archdiocese of St. Louis' missionary apostolate in Latin America. For many years our archdiocese has been supporting our needy Catholic brothers and sisters in this region, especially Bolivia. Thank you in advance for your support of this cause.

Online Giving - You can now give offerings online at <http://give.SMOV.info> as an alternative to the collection basket – an easy and safe tool if you're short on cash or out of town, and still want to give using a credit or debit card! Select either 9 am or 11 am in the tool. See the handout at the door, or talk to Jim Hooper for more information or for help setting up the app on your iPhone or Android phone.

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

Donald Webb, R.I.P. Last week Colleen La Croix's father, Donald Webb, passed away peacefully after an extended illness, at age 76. Fr. Harrison led a simple memorial service for him yesterday at the Kutis funeral parlor. Please remember him and all the Webb and La Croix families in your prayers at this time of parting and sorrow. Next Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass will be for the repose of his soul, and for the health of his widow Barbara, Colleen's mother, who is not well at this time.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage: We're planning a pilgrimage in the Fall, down south to Perryville, to visit the designated church of Our Lady of the Barrens and the Miraculous Medal Shrine. Stay tuned!

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, . . .

