

# 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 22, 2017 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Anna Lucas (deceased), requested by her son Richard Lucas
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	Sofia Kant (deceased), requested by David Koster
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Noble Lucas (deceased), requested by his brother Richard Lucas
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Bonnie Heibel (deceased), requested by Dana Cole
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	For God-fearing judges in our courts, requested by Karen Pautler
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	Mary Siebert (deceased), requested by Karen Pautler
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	Mary Springer (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.	Lola Miller (deceased), requested by Melania Doctorian

<b>Sunday Collection, January 8<sup>th</sup>:</b>	9:00 a.m.	\$485.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$183.00
<b>Sunday Collection, January 15<sup>th</sup>:</b>	9:00 a.m.	\$325.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$169.00

**Financial summary, December 2016:** Expenses, \$6,404.43; Income, \$12,997.69. **Net gain: \$6,593.26**  
(Explanation for net gain: SMV received a generous end-of-year donation of \$7,500 from a benefactor.)  
(You can give to the collection via your Smart Phone, using our online service: <http://give.SMOV.info>.)

**Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (pp. 537-538):** The Gospel again invites us to retrace our Lord's first steps in his public ministry: today we hear of his calling of a group of close disciples – in a quite “unorthodox” move! A talented and ambitious rabbi would normally have based his new movement in Jerusalem, seeking disciples who already showed interest and ability in studying the Law. But Jesus starts in remote Galilee, where pagans have been mixed with Israelites ever since the Assyrian invasion in Isaiah's time, and chooses twelve simple fishermen – the number of Israel's tribes – telling them he will make them “fishers of men”, pioneers of a *New* Israel. We're reminded that we too don't have to be theologians or canon lawyers in order to be apostles! *All* of us are capable of evangelizing those around us who “walk in darkness”, helping them to see the “great light” of Christ (1<sup>st</sup> reading).

**St. Louis Review Subscription Renewals:** We encourage you to renew your subscription to our award-winning archdiocesan weekly newspaper, the *St. Louis Review*. Subscription price is \$30 per year but those who can't afford that can receive it for less, or free of charge. Envelopes are available to enable subscriptions for those who need help. Effective living depends on effective communication!

**Feast of Conversion of St. Paul:** This Wednesday evening, **January 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate our monthly *Missa Cantata* on this feast-day of the great Apostle called to spread the Gospel to the Gentiles. The Mass will be in the Traditional Latin Rite with full Gregorian chants sung by our schola and the celebrant, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** (There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass at SMV that morning.) *All welcome!*

**Imádkozatok betegeinkért.** Please remember to pray for those who are in pain, sick or recovering in our SMV family, especially Paul Gera, Albert Futo and Imre Jokuti.

**Catholic Men for Christ Conference:** It's coming up on Saturday, February 18, 2017, with dynamic speakers. Register early (before 12/31) for just \$35.00 Take a flyer at the door for more details.

**SVdP Trivia Night:** The St. Vincent de Paul Young Adults' group will host their annual Trivia Night at St. Vincent's Parish Hall (10<sup>th</sup> & Park) on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7:00 p.m. We already have almost one complete table for SMV (\$20 per person). Those interested please see Fr. Harrison: we may fill another table! *This fundraiser helps many desperately needy people in StL!*

**Proposed StL Pro-Abortion ordinance:** Archbishop Carlson is encouraging all city residents to contact their alderman/alderwoman, urging them to vote against BB 203, which seeks to make St. Louis an abortion ‘sanctuary city’ by outlawing “discrimination” on the basis of “reproductive choices” and thus endangering the religious freedom of our schools, Catholic Charities agencies, other employers and landlords, in hiring and renting. See the back of this bulletin for the Archdiocese's suggested message.

***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, . . .*

St. Louis City residents: Find out how to contact your alderman/alderwoman here:  
<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/aldermen/search-for-your-alderman.cfm>

**Suggested Message (endorsed by Archdiocesan Respect Life Office):**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my opposition to BB 203, which seeks to make St. Louis a sanctuary city for abortion. This ordinance threatens the religious and moral convictions of Catholics and others of good will who do not want to support abortion.

If this Bill were to become law, Catholic employers and others who oppose abortion could be fined for refusing to hire people who publically support abortion, and could also be required to include abortion in any health benefit package offered employees, since these packages are a benefit of employment. Landlords could also be forced to rent to people who want to perform abortions, or support the abortion industry.

The city of St. Louis has many other problems that deserve our attention. BB 203 is unnecessary and divisive.

Please oppose BB 203!

*(Signature)*