



St. Veronica Congregation

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WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY OF ST. VERONICA PARISH!

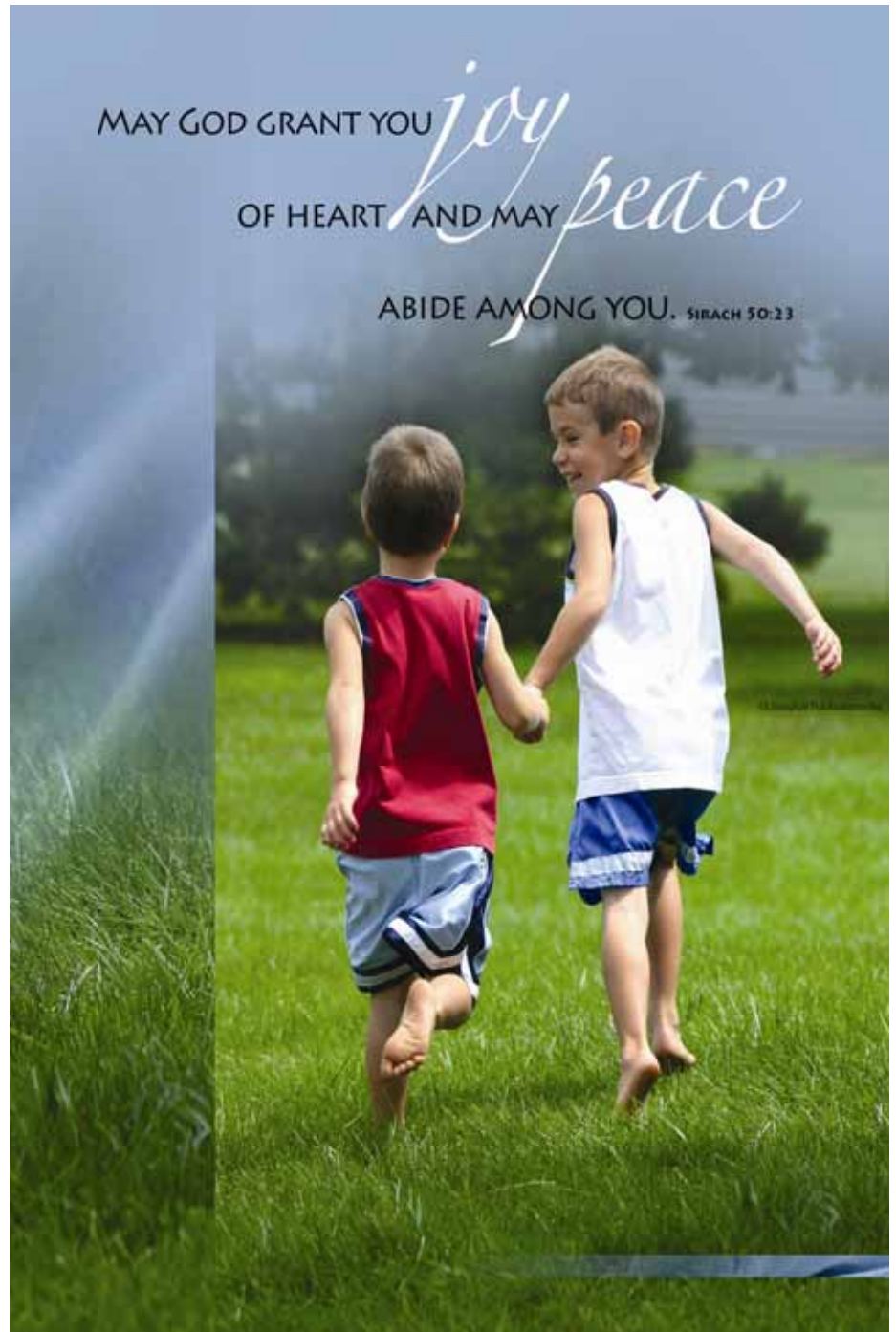
If you are visiting St. Veronica from another parish or if you are new to the area, we are very pleased that you have chosen to worship with us in our faith community.

We welcome you to become a member of our parish family. Please call the parish office if you are interested in membership.

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MAY GOD GRANT YOU *joy*
OF HEART AND MAY *peace*
ABIDE AMONG YOU. SIRACH 50:23





A Message from Father Mark

Last weekend’s article focused upon “The Gifts, the Giver and the Gifted.” This weekend, our focus will pertain to “Our responsibility for the gifts that we have received from God.” In Matt 25:14-30, we hear the parable of a man who is going on a journey. He calls in his servants and entrusts some of his wealth to them. To one he gives five talents; to another two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. After a long time the master of those servants returns to settle accounts with them. The one who was give five brought forth an additional five. The one who had two brought forth an additional two. However, the man who had been given the one talent approaches the master and explains to him how hard and demanding his master is, so out of fear he had buried his one talent in the ground. The master responds with displeasure about the servant’s laziness and lack of insight due to the fact that he had not even put the talent into the bank to draw interest.

This parable of the talents is meant for all of us to reflect upon. We have been given gifts (talents) according to our abilities. God wants us to take responsibility for our gifts. God is delighted to bestow gifts upon us and to share in our joy for having received the gifts. Some are obvious while some require others to help us develop them. The gifts that we have were freely given to us. To develop our gifts is not a task that should be taken lightly. The man who buried his gift in the ground lost everything that was entrusted to him due to fear. God has entrusted us with financial resources as one of the many gifts bestowed upon us. We are obligated to use our financial resources in a responsible manner. Far too often we hold onto our resource out of fear that what we have may be lost or squandered. The fear factor is what caused the man to bury his talent in the ground thus what he feared became a reality. He didn’t take responsibility for the gift, in fact, in burying the gift he completely lost it.

Have we taken the time to assess our financial gifts? Have we truly taken responsibility for what we have acquired and deliberately planned how we should use our financial wealth? Too often out of fear we wait to put together a last Will and Testament thinking to ourselves “Some day, I will get around to doing that.” The Lord reminds us that waiting might be too late! Finances are essential and a necessity to live. Our parish faces the same burdens that a family has to face when handling finances. We need to be mindful of our gifts and be prudent to use our gifts wisely by calculating the needs of the parish and forming a plan. This plan is renewed every year when the parish focuses upon the Time, Talent, and Treasure brochure distributed to each parishioner. It also needs to be part of our planning especially to ensure the future of the parish. Have we assessed our financial situation and asked ourselves whether we will provide for the future of our parish through charitable gifting? When we are alive, we can certainly offer our gifts to the parish, but what about when we have died? Do you realize that you could be preparing for the future by offering a gift that will continually give back to the parish? Our parish is in the process of establishing an endowment fund which will stabilize finances and help alleviate out of pocket costs. The article next week will focus upon how we the gifted can share our precious gifts with those who will be our future. *Blessings, Fr. Mark*

Big Thank You

Thanks to all the parishioners for their generous donations of paper products, condiments and wonderful desserts for our festival.

Laptop Computer Needed

Are you or your business planning to upgrade your laptop and have one you no longer need? The Religious Education program and parish are in need of a laptop for various types of programming uses. If you have one that you would like to donate please call Karen, 481-0777.

Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week Ending 7/22

Offertory	\$ 543.49
Stewardship	9,724.66
Feed & Shelter the Poor	290.00
Fr. Mark’s Wish List	1,143.50
Total	11,701.65

Facilities Coordinator-Part Time

St. Veronica Congregation is seeking to fill a 25 hour per week Facilities Coordinator position. Three or more years of experience in the operations of buildings and grounds and/or facilities preferred. The candidate we seek will be responsible for but not limited to: contract negotiations with suppliers and construction firms; manage major repairs or new construction; oversee weekly meetings to schedule projects with maintenance staff; work in collaboration with the Buildings and Grounds committee. A basic knowledge of HVAC, electrical, plumbing and mechanical equipment is necessary. The individual must be a team player, with excellent communication skills. Occasional evening and weekend hours will be necessary. An employment packet can be downloaded from the parish website at www.saintveronica.org. Applications can be mailed to: Carla Jager, St. Veronica Congregation, 353 E. Norwich Street, Milwaukee, WI 53207; or emailed to carlajager@saintveronica.org. If you have questions about the position, please contact Carla at 414-481-0777. Applications must be received by September 14, 2007.

Human Concerns



Pro-Life Thought for the Week

California's stem cell institute revealed recently that not one embryonic stem cell therapy is expected to be approved for market within the next 10 years. This is in stark contrast to the arguments made before California voters approved Proposition 71 that allocated three billion dollars to embryonic stem cell research. During the campaign for passage, proponents of the measure clearly implied that miraculous cures were just around the corner. *San Diego Union-Tribune*, 10/5/06

As a caveat to this pro-life comment, to-date there have been 72 known cures/treatments from adult stem cells, but 0 from embryonic stem cells. With adult stem cells, no one needs to die. The cells are able to be used in all areas of the body. However, with embryonic stem cells many unborn children must be killed to gather an adequate amount of cells for treatment, and at this point in time, with a zero success rate.

Human Concerns Committees – Continued

Another very visible committee of Human Concerns is that of the Prayer Network. Each week prayer intention requests are listed in the bulletin, with contact names for each prayer shift. You can either write your intention in the prayer book, located in church or call one of the prayer captains listed in the bulletin. Please keep praying for peace in the world, in our families, for life, and spiritual strength.

Just A Reminder.....

Mark your calendars for an exciting speaker series sponsored by St. Veronica and our sister parishes -- Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, St. Paul, St. Augustine and Nativity of the Lord. We will present you with information about the Church's teaching on bioethics/medical ethics/health care ethics, so you can understand the controversy surrounding many current but questionable health care treatments. Our first speaker on Sunday, September 30th at St. Veronica, following the 10:30 Mass, will feature Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, SSND, RN, PhD. A light lunch/snack will be served.

Prayer Network

In your prayers this week, please remember all the requests called in to our Prayer Network or written in our parish Book of Intercessions. We average 48 prayer requests a week.

Please continue to pray for world peace and for the safety of our military, also for all educators, for all civic and religious leaders, for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life.

The general intention recommended by Pope Benedict XVI for AUGUST is: (Those Suffering Inner Turmoil) That those who are suffering inner difficulties and trials may find in Christ the light and support that leads to authentic happiness. The mission intention is: (Church in China) That the Church in China may grow in unity and in visible communion with the Pope. www.apostlesofprayer.org. "As a society we are witnessing the fruits of the abortion mentality. Is it any wonder that we have created a culture of violence? We need to repudiate all forms of violence. Jesus offered the way — demanding but fruitful. Prayer does change hearts. The current culture of violence will yield only to that spiritual force that first touches and then changes individual hearts. Prayer does work and it must be our instrument of change." Homily of Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl, Pro-Life Mass, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. January 22, 2007. (www.usccb.org/prolife)

TIME	CAPTAIN	PHONE
7-9 am	Jeanette Kuechenmeister	481-6224
9-12 pm	Dorothy Butzler	481-3608
12 pm-3 pm	Lucille Devine	529-8570
3-5 pm	Cecilia Bonczkowski	744-9406
5-7 pm	Helen Rewolinski	744-4139

St. Veronica Parish Council has approved that 1% of offertory basket and envelope collection from the previous year be given to the needy annually in the name of all parishioners. This practice has continued, uninterrupted, since its beginning in 1983. This fiscal year 2006-2007, the amount budgeted for the Charity Fund is \$6,728. Anyone interested in serving on the Charity Fund Committee to decide on the distribution of the allotted funds, please call Carol Barnes: 421-5756. The following is an excerpt from a "thank you note" received in response to St. Veronica Parish Charity Fund donation.

*Dear St. Veronica Congregation,
Thank you for your donation of \$175.00 to Project RETURN. Without you we could not continue the mission of assisting men and women returning from incarceration make a positive and permanent return to the community.
Please keep our ministry and our clients in your thoughts and prayers into the future.
Sincerely,
Wendel Hruska, Executive Director*

Open Door Free Health Clinic



The Open Door Free Health Clinic, for the uninsured and underinsured, will be open on Wednesday's, August 8, 15, 22 and 29.

The clinic is located inside Unity Lutheran Church, 1025 E. Oklahoma Ave. Sign-in time is 5:45 and the medical staff will see patients from 6:30-8:30pm.

Please note the clinic now has a telephone number, 481-1778, which also gives the dates it is open, as well as a website which is www.opendoorfreeclinic.org

Help In The Heat

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee continues to respond to the needs of the poor and is looking for your help. Summer heat and humidity can have devastating effects – and there are many sweltering days still ahead. The Catholic Charities' outreach program will supply air- conditioners to clients with identified needs. You can help by donating "like new" air-conditioners, or purchasing gift cards to Target, Best Buy, Home Depot, or giving a cash donation. For more information contact Carlos Perez or Victor Paredes at 414-643-8570.

Summer Challenge

Adult Catholics are encouraged to continue learning and growing in their faith. We will be offering a new quiz each week for the rest of the summer as a fun way to add to your store of knowledge. There are also numerous Catholic websites which offer information on various topics. We will mention a different site each week. This week's featured site is <http://oncecatholic.org>. This is a great site for anyone who has left the Catholic Church and is now considering coming home. It addresses concerns due to marriage and family issues, spiritual apathy, feelings of alienation and many others. Please mention this site to anyone you feel might benefit – be an evangelist of the Good News of Jesus. Answers to the weekly quiz will be given elsewhere in the bulletin.

1. The first person in the Bible to drink too much wine was
(a) Adam; (b) Noah; (c) Cain; (d) Isaac
2. A picture of a statue of a saint holding a building means that the saint
(a) was a bricklayer; (b) was a doctor of the church; (c) was a founder of a religious order; (d) held political office
3. A Gentile is (a) anyone who is not a Jew; (b) a Jewish high priest;
(c) an orthodox Jew; (d) a Greek speaking Jew
4. The religious order that preserved the Bible during Europe's Dark Ages by writing out copies by hand is the
(a) Benedictines; (b) Franciscans; (c) Dominicans; (d) Jesuits
5. The word "pontiff" refers to
(a) the bishop of a diocese; (b) a Eucharistic minister; (c) a permanent deacon;
(d) the pope
6. A person using a *prie-dieu* is
(a) wearing it; (b) smelling it; (c) celebrating Mass on it; (d) kneeling on it
7. Jesus taught his disciples using short stories called
(a) riddles; (b) parables; (c) fables; (d) parentheticals
8. Most older churches are built in the shape of
(a) a semicircle; (b) a rectangle; (c) a cross; (d) a circle
9. The process of preparing adults to be received into the Catholic Church is called the (a) RCIA; (b) INA; (c) RCEA; (d) RCNA
10. The name for Communion when it is given to the dying is
(a) Vaticanum; (b) Viaticum; (c) Verinum; (d) Veritatus

Lectionary Link

This week Jesus responds to a question of inheritance with a parable about the trap of greed. He reminds us that we must keep a store of spiritual treasures because those are the one's that will ultimately last. Earthly things will pass away. As the saying goes, "you can't take it with you."

Adults: Name a time when you made a difficult decision and acted in faith, not in fear?

Children: Name how you know if you are ready to do what is asked of you?

Readings for the Week of August 5

- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



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Help Wanted

STAA is in need of volunteers to help paint inside the school. Will count toward service hours. Contact Mary Stallmann, after August 1 at 744-1214 for more information.



Scripture Reflection

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus addressed the pitfall of greed. He tells the parable about the rich and prosperous farmer whose land produced abundantly, so much that it would not fit in his barns: Therefore, the farmer tears down his old barns to build new and bigger ones. The irony of the story is, rather than to fill his barns and give the surplus to others, he goes through tremendous trouble to tear down the old barns and build bigger ones—all the while unaware that that very night he would die.

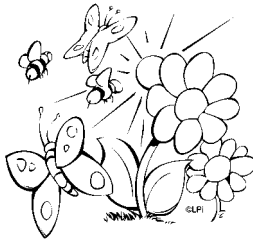
Mark Your Calendar

*St. Augustine of Hippo
Feast Day Festival
August 17-19*

Come enjoy Friday Fish Fry, Sunday Chicken Dinner, Music, Games, Crafts, Raffle, Bake Sale and more.

Adult Bible Study:

The weekly reflection on Sunday Scripture, lead by Bob Van Susteren, will resume Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 5:15 pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room.



~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, August 5-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am 50th Wedding Anniversary of
John & Elizabeth Ledvina

- † Harriet Matte (Family)
- † Elizabeth Huberty (Family)
- † Selma Kowalski (N. & C. Goral)
- † Mary Wegner (Family)

10:30 am For our Parishioners

Monday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, August 7

6:30 pm John and Elizabeth Ledvina (The Bartels)
† Cornelia Wisniewski (A. Wisniewski)

Wednesday, August 8 St. Dominic

8:15 am † Loraine Rainer (Daughter)
† Raymond Sabinash (J. & C. Wendt)
† Robert Schwingshakl (Family & Friends)

Thursday, August 9

8:15 am † Ed Ostrenga (K. Ostenga)
† Anne Forman (M. Wszalek)

Friday, August 10 St. Lawrence

8:15 am † Ronald Brzozowy (M. Brzozowy)
† Alice Stroinski (L. Zager)

Saturday, August 11

4:30 pm † Ed & Regina Ostrenga (V. Tallar)
† Cornelia Wisniewski (B. Siejkowski)
† Patricia Kaminski (E. & S. Kaminski)
† Bill Clements (Family)

Sunday, August 12-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am For our Parishioners
10:30 am 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Ed & Dolores Dombrowski
Marty Bushman (Family)
† John Czuta (Family)
† Emily Kuhagen (Family)

He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:14-15

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Parish Meetings and Events

Tuesday, August 7

7:30 pm AA Seton

Wednesday, August 8

11 am AA Seton
7 pm Christian Formation POMR
7 pm Prayer and Worship Rel.Ed.Cnt.

Offices:

St. Veronica Parish Office (414) 482-2920
353 E. Norwich St. 53207 Hours: M-F 8 am-4:00 pm
1st Sun. of Month 9:00 am-12:00 pm (September-May)
Fax: (414) 482-3025

Website: www.saintveronica.org
parishoffice@saintveronica.org
Johnson Hall 414-482-2920, ext. 132

Christian Formation Office (414) 481-0777

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Principal Mary Stallmann

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www.thomasaquinasacademy.com

Sacraments

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. Contact the parish office to pick up registration materials. Parents are required to attend one Baptismal preparation class.

Marriage: We celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage for only our registered parish members. Please phone the parish office one year in advance to schedule a meeting with the priest, before you book other arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick/Pastoral Visits: We are always willing to stop by your home or hospital. Please notify us when you or a family member is in need of a visit. The hospitals do not notify us. Anointing of the Sick will occur after every weekend Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Reconciliation: 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass and every 3rd Thursday following the 8:15 am Mass.

Christian Formation

Adult Ministry

RCIA

Have you or someone you know expressed an interest in being baptized into the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who was baptized but did not receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Please extend an invitation to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Through this process, the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members. Be an evangelist – invite a friend or family member to consider the Catholic way of life. For more information, please call Karen, 481-0777 or email karenbushman@saintveronica.org.

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation classes are offered for Catholics ages 20 and over who were never Confirmed. The sessions are offered each spring in collaboration with the neighboring parishes. If you are considering marriage and have not received the sacrament, the Holy Spirit is inviting you. Sessions begin in January but registrations are being taken now. Call Karen in the Religious Ed office for more information.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation session will be held on August 13.. If you are expecting or have a child in need of Baptism, please come to the parish office for paperwork and to register for the session.

Cross Connected

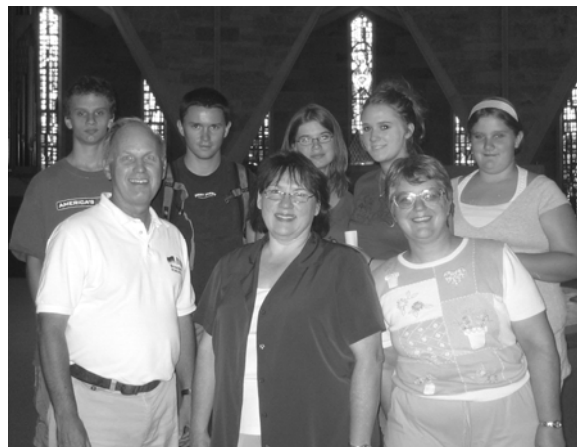
Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged to go to www.cross-connected.org. This website is a service of the Office of Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese. There are various opportunities for young adults both single and married to participate in social activities, service, travel, and prayer.

Email Cards to Armed Services Members

Many parishioners have family or friends now serving overseas. A card from back home brings a little joy to these men and women. If you would like to send an email card, go to www.letsaythanks.com and choose from a large selection of “homemade” greetings.

Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of small group leaders to help with our youth ministry programs working with students in grades 7-10. The commitment is once a month for an hour and a half, September - April. Call Jeffrey Montoya 481-0777 for more information.



Second Annual Church Crawl Group

Catholic Kids Corner Religious Education Registration

August has arrived. Are your children enrolled in Religious Education? We are still taking registrations for the elementary programs for school children in grades K5 – 6. These classes are held on Sunday mornings, 9-10:15am, in the STAA school building. Classes will begin in early September. Calendars will be mailed to all registered families this week. A year of Religious Education classes is required prior to a child preparing for First Reconciliation and Communion. A registration form can be downloaded from the website www.saintveronica.org or call the Religious Ed office for more information.

Volunteer with Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Are you looking for a fun yet not too time consuming service to the parish? Can you attend the 10:30 Mass? You are invited to become part of Children’s Liturgy of the Word. CLW will start up in September and we are looking for teens and adults who are willing to either read the Scriptures or discuss the Scriptures during the 10:30 Mass. CLW is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and volunteers sign up for just a few Sundays in each semester. If you would like more info, please contact Karen in the religious ed office.

Safe Environment Education (SEE) for Volunteers

All adults who volunteer with children or youth through our parish, school, or athletic association are required to attend a Safe Environment Education

presentation prior to beginning the volunteer service. If you will be a new volunteer this Fall, you are encouraged to attend a session this summer. St. Veronica parish is hosting a session in August. Other parishes are also holding these sessions in the coming months. To register, go to www.archmil.org, click on the Safe Environment link and follow the directions. All registrations are done online.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

On August 6, 1727 12 nuns from the Ursuline Order arrived in New Orleans. Although the convent was not yet completed, the French sisters immediately began work on a hospital, school for poor children, and a female academy. This convent was the first to be built in what would become the United States.

Are you a quiet person, who doesn’t spend time in idle chat? Then you are like St. Dominic whose feast is August 8. His ideal was to “speak only OF God or WITH God. It was important that God’s name was used only in prayer. Are you careful of how you use God’s name?

What is your favorite television show? Is it Sesame Street, Blue’s Clues, or Dora the Explorer? Well it doesn’t matter because St. Clare is watching too. She is the patron saint of television. Her feast is August 11. Just make sure you don’t spend too much time watching TV.

Answers to Summer Challenge 1b; 2c; 3a; 4a; 5d; 6d a detached kneeler; 7b; 8c; 9a Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults; 10b