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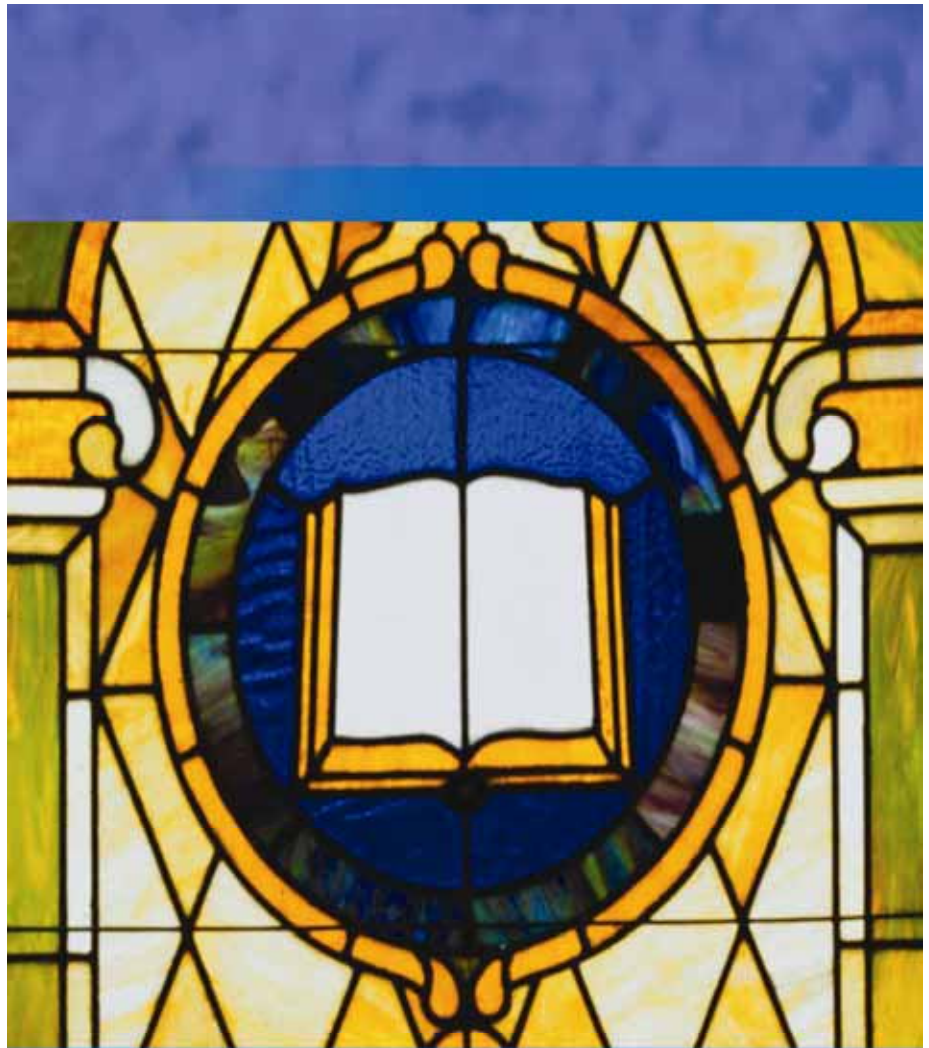
**WELCOME TO THE
CATHOLIC FAITH
COMMUNITY OF
ST. VERONICA PARISH!**

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 or visit our website www.saintveronica.org if you are interested in membership.

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*Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit
that dwells within us.*

2 TIMOTHY 1:14

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Dear Parishioners:

On Sunday, October 28 Archbishop Timothy Dolan will visit St. Veronica to bless an image of Our Blessed Mother that the parish is dedicating to those who have been wounded by abortion. He will celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass and then bless the memorial, which will be located in front of the church. The monument has been donated to the parish by Wenta Monument Company and the Knights of Columbus.

Our parish is not the first in the Archdiocese to erect such a monument. The Knights have sponsored more than 1200 such memorials across the country. I would like to thank the Knights and Wenta, as well as members of the Human Concerns, Buildings and Grounds, and Prayer and Worship Committees for everything they have done to coordinate this worthy endeavor.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the Catholic Church is pro-life. In fact, since the first century, the Church has recognized that abortion is violent and unjust. That teaching has not changed and it remains unchangeable. Direct abortion is always contrary to the moral law. And it is contrary to the law of love. God loves each one of us individually, intensely, and from the first moment of our conception. He loves us as if no one else existed. And it was for that reason -- and that reason alone -- that he gave his life on our behalf, to offer us the possibility of eternal life. In the Scriptures we are reminded, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (*Jer 1:5; Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11*). If we claim to love Christ, then we must love the people He loves, which includes everyone and it begins at the first moment of their existence.

Nevertheless, it is hard to imagine anyone who has had an abortion making that decision lightly. In spite of the rhetoric, for most people abortion is not an empowering choice; it is a desperate last resort. In many cases, it haunts the people involved for the rest of their lives and it stands as an obstacle to their relationship with God and with other people. That is just one more reason that we cannot ignore this pressing issue.

In his 1995 encyclical on the value and inviolability of human life, Pope John Paul II spoke directly to those women who have had an abortion. He acknowledged the many factors which may have influenced their decisions, and he said that he does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even a shattering choice. The Pope recognized that, for many people, the wounds caused by abortion may remain unhealed. He called upon women who have survived abortion to be hopeful: try to understand what happened, face it honestly, and if you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to the Father of mercies. Open yourselves to the forgiveness and peace available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Entrust your child to the same Father and his mercy. Know that, because of your experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life.

I want each parishioner to know that the door to my office, and the door to our Reconciliation room, is always open. God's mercy is infinite, His compassion is readily available, and His forgiveness and healing abundant. Periodically, we should all take stock of our lives and approach the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is there that we encounter His compassion and forgiveness in a clear and intimate way.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee also offers targeted spiritual and psychological services for the survivors of abortion. You may contact the Office for Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing at 483-4141 or use their website: www.hopeafterabortion.com.

I know that abortion is a controversial issue. For some people it has been and continues to be a painful personal experience. I would never want to hurt or offend those who labor under such a heavy burden. But I cannot deny that the right to life is fundamental, primary, and constitutive of civil society. Abortion does grave harm to the unborn, to their parents, and to the whole of society. It therefore constitutes a chief obstacle to creating the culture of life for which we all intuitively long.

I would like to close with the prayer of Psalm 34: *Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne and Fr. Joe Shimek*

*I sought the LORD, who answered me,
delivered me from all my fears.
Look to God that you may be radiant with joy
and your faces may not blush for shame.
In my misfortune I called,
the LORD heard and saved me from all distress.
Turn from evil and do good,
seek peace and pursue it.
The LORD has eyes for the just
and ears for their cry.
The LORD's face is against evildoers
to wipe out their memory from the earth.
When the just cry out, the LORD hears
and rescues them from all distress.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted,
saves those whose spirit is crushed.
Psalm 34:5-7,15-19*

Dear Parishioners, Parish Staff, and Fr. Mark,

I want to thank you for welcoming me into the parish community during the past two months. As I return to Rome to finish my theological studies, I can honestly say that I wish I could stay with you. I will always fondly remember St. Veronica's as my first priestly assignment.

Blessed Pope John XXIII was fond of comparing the parish church to a "village fountain," where everyone could turn in their thirst. Our beloved John Paul II once wrote that a parish is called to be "a house of welcome to all and a place of service to all." Those things can definitely be said of St. Veronica's.

I owe a particular word of gratitude to Fr. Mark, who has become a mentor and a friend. He has been a good example of what it means to be a healthy happy priest who loves his vocation and the people he serves. I hope that, some day, I can be half the pastor he is.

You will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Very Sincerely, Rev. Joe Shimek

Human Concerns



Blood Drive

St. Veronica will host a Blood Drive on Friday, November 23, in the Assisi Room. Plan ahead and plan to be there.

St. Veronica's Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be sponsored by Human Concerns again this year. The tree will be up in early November, so that parishioners have plenty of time to bring a gift. For more information or to offer to help, contact Cathy Souhrada, Human Concerns Chair, 747-8790.

Grief Support

The next grief support group meeting will be held on Saturday, October 13, from 10 – 11 am. If you know of family members who would benefit from the support of a grief group, please tell them about this group. The group is open to anyone who is suffering the loss of a loved one.

Open Door Free Health Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic, for the uninsured and underinsured, will be open Wednesdays Oct. 10, 17, 24, and 31.

The clinic is located inside Unity Lutheran Church, 1025 E. Oklahoma Ave. Sign-in time is 5:30 pm and the medical staff will see patients from 6:00-8:30 pm.

Adoption Information Session

Catholic Charities is seeking families that want to share their life and their love with a child. Join us for a free information session on *Domestic and International Adoption*. Tues, October 9, 6:30-8 pm. Catholic Charities 2021 N. 60th Street. Contact Jay Warner to pre-register, 262-547-2463.



Wedding Banns

III Brian Rutkowski and Crystal Decker

Prayer Network

In September, there were more than 101 requests for our prayers called in to our Prayer Network or written in our parish Book of Intercessions.

Intentions included: Employment - Family guidance - Family healing -

Healing from accidents, surgery, illness, depression etc. - Peace after the death of a loved one - Peaceful death - Good medical test results - Safe travels - Special intentions - Spiritual guidance - Success in job - Success in school - Thanksgiving. Please remember all prayer requests in your prayers. Become a part of Pope Benedict XVI's prayer group. The general intention recommended by the Holy Father for OCTOBER is: (Minority Christians) That Christians who are in minority situations may have strength and courage to live their faith and persevere in bearing witness to it. The mission intention is: (World Mission Day) That World Mission Day (10/21) may kindle a greater missionary awareness in every baptized person. <http://apostleshipofprayer.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



Milk Money for Meals - Service Project

St. Vincent de Paul-Meal Ministry and I want to thank everyone who donated toward the Pick & Save gift cards. Between St. Veronica and my full-time employer, Aurora Medical Group, 199 pounds of cans were collected which amounts to \$134. We also received \$92 in cash donations and \$65 in Pick & Save Gift cards for a total of \$291.

This was a successful and worthwhile project and I want to thank everyone who helped support it. Even though this project was for the month of September, I will continue to accept aluminum cans or monetary donations. Please drop them off at the parish office noting Milk Money for Meals. Char Zeller



LifeChain Is Coming!

LifeChain is today from 2-3 pm.! Please call JoAnn Gates at 482-0823 if you need a ride. Our location site is on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue between 8th & 10th Street, across from the Central Library. Come and join us for one hour in this peaceful, pro-life action.



Alanon Meeting

Is someone in your family dealing with the disease of alcoholism? Would you like to talk with someone about how this is affecting you? Alanon Family Groups are fellowship gatherings of relatives and friends of alcoholics. These gatherings are confidential and provide an opportunity for those gathered to share their experiences, offer support to each other, as well as, encouragement and hope. One such group has just started meeting at Nativity of the Lord Parish.

Alanon Meeting, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Nativity of the Lord Christian Formation Center, 3658 E. Plankinton Ave, Cudahy

For more information, please contact the Alanon office, 257-2415 or one of the following members Suzanne B. 570-9906/Mary B. 570-9407.

Parish Council October 2007 Agenda
October 9, 2007
7:05 pm Assisi Center

1. Opening prayer
 2. Approval of September minutes.
 3. Approval of Representative's reports
 4. Committee Night
 5. Right to Life Monument (Fr. Mark Payne)
 6. Update on Project Manager position (Fr. Mark Payne)
 7. Resignations
 8. Closing prayers
- All parishioners are invited to attend.

New Women's Bible Study
Sunday evenings 7 to 8:30 pm Assisi Center Kitchen

Women At His Feet
*Feeding our hunger for learning,
growing and friendships.*

Selections from Sunday readings for the following week. Discussion - application - sharing - support. Using: "At Home With the Word" with an eye for the challenge and potential of women today. For more information call: Lynn Hansen, 732-2430 or Pat Kramer, 762-9967.

*And the apostles said to the Lord,
"Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If
you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be
uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it
would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6*

Lectionary Link

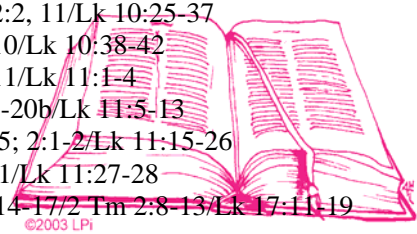
This week we hear a very common request in each of the three readings: "Lord, increase my faith." The response from God is always to be persistent and patient. The Holy Spirit will give us the strength that we need to endure all hardships. Jesus tells the Apostles that if their faith was even as tiny as a mustard seed, they would be able to perform amazing deeds.

Adult: How strong is your faith? Do you ask God to increase it?

Child: Do you believe that God is always with you and wants to be your friend?

Readings for the Week of October 7

- Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



Cancer Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

Raeann May a parishioner at a neighboring parish has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Reanne is currently undergoing radiation treatments on a daily basis and has had to quit her job. Her family will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 7 from Noon-4 pm in St. Veronica's Johnson Hall. Proceeds will help Raeann with her everyday living expenses. Cost of spaghetti dinner tickets are \$7.00 per person and can be purchased in advanced by contacting Cheryl May at 687-1925/286-3436 or at the door. Thank You.

St. Veronica's Boy Scouts Need Garage!

Our Boy Scouts, Troop 208, urgently need a garage to store 1-2 trailers. Do you have an empty garage or know someone who does? We must make the move within the next few days. Please contact Mark Barthel (262-835-2332) or Bryon Pulkownik (747-1940).



Fireside Christmas

Make reservations now for our annual trip to see the *Fireside Christmas Show* on *Saturday, November 17*. Cost per person is \$75. We will leave St. Veronica at 8:45 am and return at 6 pm. We will also stop at Jones Farm on our return. Contact Monica Phillip 744-1697 to reserve your seat.

Murder Mystery Dinner

"*Lady in Red*, Sunday, October 21 at the New Selen's Restaurant, 3107 E. Layton Ave. Donation for this Nativity of the Lord Parish fundraiser event is \$50 per person. This includes sit down dinner, play performance, tip and gratuity beginning at 5 pm. Cash bar will be from 4-5 pm. Tickets can be purchased at Nativity of the Lord Parish Office, 744-6622.



Immaculate Conception Church
1025 E. Russell Avenue
4th Annual Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 13 from 3 -10 pm
Raffles, Pull Tabs, Games
Chicken Dinner served 4-8 pm (carryouts available)
Daley Debutantes 4 pm
Music by Prime Time 7-9:30 pm
Fun for the Whole Family!!

Parish Financial Stewardship
for the Week Ending 9/23

Offertory	\$ 554.07
Stewardship	8,277.49
Feed & Shelter the Poor	587.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>605.00</u>
Total	10,023.56

~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, October 7-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Selma Kowalski (B. & W. Kowalski)
 † Christopher Susedik (Mourreau Family)
 † Leonard Lepkowski (Family)
 10:30 am For Our Parishioners

Monday, October 8

8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, October 9

8:15 am Special Intentions
 6:30 pm † Stan Payne (Family)

Wednesday, October 10

8:15 am † Cornelia Wisniewski (B. Siejkowski)
 † Robert Schwingshadl (Family & Friends)
 † Joe, Sr. & Joe, Jr. Kotlowski (Family)

Thursday, October 11

8:15 am † Ed Ostrenga (K. Ostrenga)
 † Joseph Ploszay (D. & V. Leshok)

Friday, October 12

8:15 am † Raymond Lemmer (J. Lemmer)
 † Blanche Busniewski (Family)

Saturday, October 13

1 pm *Brian Rutkowski and Crystal Decker*
 4:30 pm † Regina Ostrenga (R. Wright)
 † Pat Russart (Family)
 † Betty Dereszynski (M. & J. Moczynski)

Sunday, October 14-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am † Louis Arocha (Mother)
 † Alice Stroinski (L. Zager)
 † Joe Sr. and Joe Jr. Kotlowski (Family)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, October 7

9 am	SRE	School
2 pm	LifeChain	Wisconsin Ave.
7 pm	Women's Bible Grp.	Assisi Kitchen

Monday, October 8

7 pm Baptism Prep at St. Augustine Parish
 2530 S. Howell Avenue

Tuesday, October 9

5:15 pm	Adult Bible Study	POMR
7:05 pm	Parish Council	Assisi
7:30 pm	AA	Seton

Wednesday, October 10

11 am	AA	Seton
6:30 pm	Winterfest	Hospitality

Thursday, October 11

9 am	Resurrection Choir	Church
1:15 pm	Community Elders	Johnson Hall
7 pm	Adult Choir	Church
7 pm	Special Religion	Assisi

Sunday, October 14

8:30 am	RCIA	Assisi
9 am	St. Veronica/St. Paul Youth Ministry	JH
9 am	SRE	School
11:30 am	St. Veronica/St. Paul Youth Ministry	JH
1 pm	Crop Walk	
7 pm	Women's Bible Grp	Assisi Kitchen

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Offices:

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 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

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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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This week our four participants are taking a week off in anticipation of their retreat next Sunday. Mary Marissa and Ronald are catechumens preparing for the three sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Shannon (a member of St. Paul parish) and Francisco are candidates preparing for full Communion with the church through Confirmation and Eucharist. On October 21 at the 8:30 Liturgy we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcome for Candidates. Please pray for the catechumens, candidates, their sponsors, and the RCIA team as they journey together in faith.

Pick N Save Number

Religious Education for St. Veronica/ St. Paul has a charity number for Pick N Save grocery stores. If you would like your charitable donation to be credited to Religious Education please use code **#815830**. If you want to change your existing designated charity just mention our number at the service desk and they will update your card. Thank you.



Family of the Home

This website offers resources for Catholic families. Monthly topics, prayer resources, and activities are featured. This month the topic is Tips to Help Children with Fear. The activity of the month focuses upon a family's sense of shared responsibility. To view all of the October ideas go to www.familyandchurch.org



The community of St. Veronica wishes to warmly welcome these families who have recently joined the parish.

Ronald Bandowski Family
Cynthia Izydor Family
Julie Wortz Family
Melita Colin Family
David Suchorski Family
Karl Bergquist Family
Gerardo Ferreria Family

Peadrick Suttles Family
Allan Lewandowski Family
Nadine Zajac Family
Edger Hernandez Family
Roger Joerres Family
Paul Rojo Family

Catholic Kids Corner

Altar Server Training

Boys and girls in grades 5 and higher are encouraged to attend a training session to become an altar server for weekend liturgies. Training will be *Wednesday, October 24; 3pm; in the church*. An additional practice for those who wish will be held the following Wednesday. For questions/to sign up for the training call Lynn Larson 489-9148 or email lynnlarsonrd@hotmail.com

Sunday Elementary Religious Education

This week our 3rd and 4th grades are participating in the recitation of the rosary in church. Next Sunday, the 5th and 6th grade students will be making their rosaries as preparation to come to church on October 21. Don't forget that Religious Education and STAA will be holding the annual poinsettia plant sale in November with pickup in early December. Watch the bulletin for order information.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

October 8 is Christopher Columbus Day. In 1492 Columbus and other sailors left Spain in three ships. They

were trying to find a faster path to India. Instead, they found a whole new world – North America! These men were very brave because they didn't know what would happen when they set sail. But they trusted that God would protect them and bless their voyage.



Did you know that October 7-14 is *Squirrel Appreciation Week*? This may sound silly, but God created all of the animals to

help the planet. By burying nuts in the ground, the squirrels help to start new forests. So, when you see a squirrel or any other animal, take a minute to thank God for His creatures big and small.



October 13 is *Pastor Appreciation Day* and October 14 is *Vocation Awareness Sunday*. It is a great weekend to thank Fr. Mark for his service to our parish and to pray for

more men who want to follow Jesus by becoming a priest, brother, or permanent deacon. Also pray for women who follow Jesus by becoming a religious sister.



October - The Month of the Rosary - Reciting the Rosary as a Parish

The Religious Education students in grades 3 & 4 invite all parishioners to recite the rosary in church today immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on the Norwich side of the church.



Youth Ministry Crop Walk

Youth Ministry students will be participating in the Crop Walk to stop hunger on Sunday, October 14. Other parishioners are invited to join us. Contact Jeff Montoya for more information.



Attention High School Girls

CYM is recruiting players for its basketball team for ALL six parishes in the cluster. We are looking for players who want to compete and have a good time, too. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors forming one team. All are welcome to join.

Practice will be once a week. Games will be held on the weekend at St. Veronica's Frederick Center, beginning in 2008. Contact Neil Witt after at 483-4689 for more information or to sign up.

(The boy's freshman-sophomore and junior-senior teams are also looking for players)