

St. Veronica

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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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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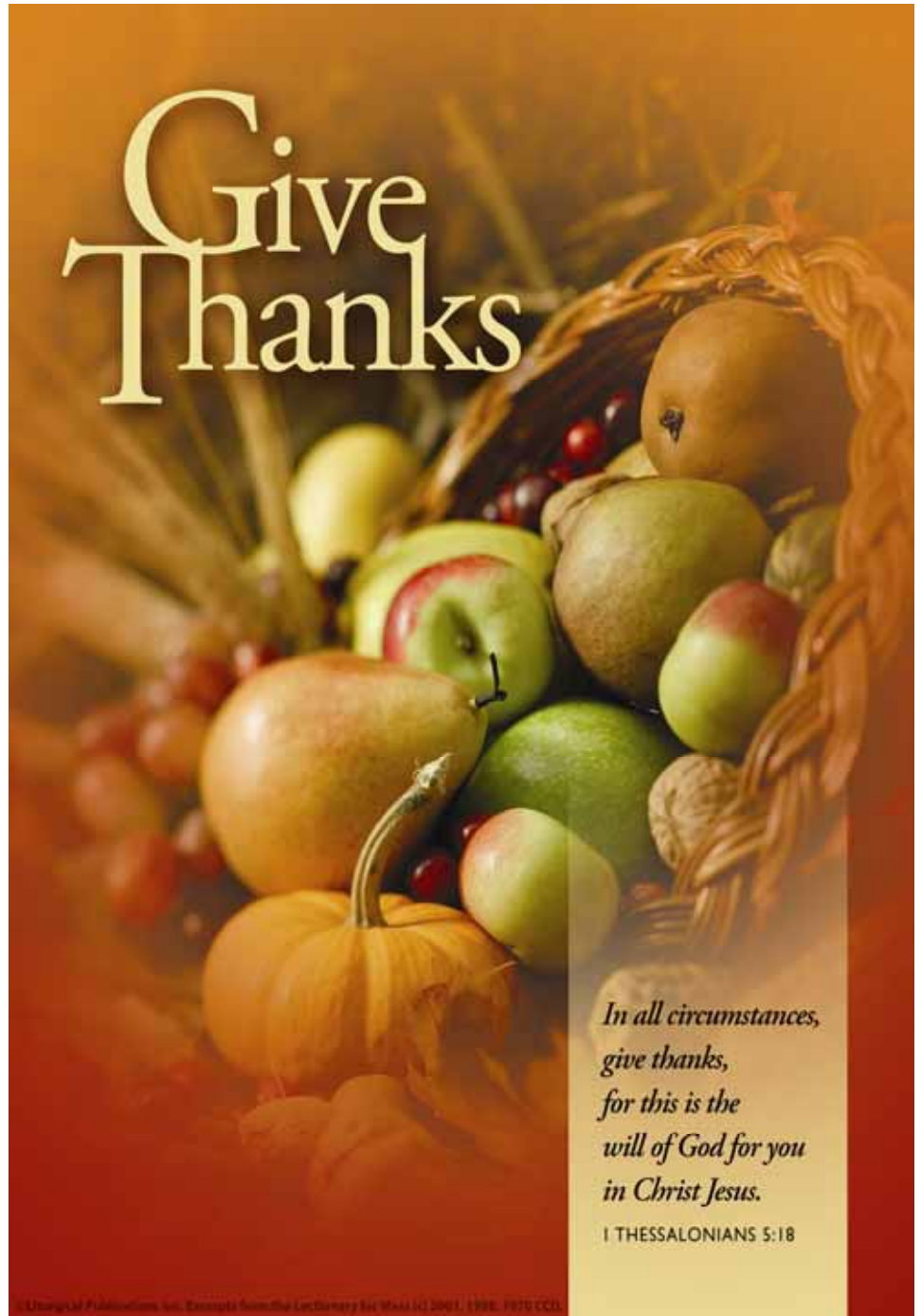
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A Message from Father Mark

Here are a few more thoughts about our annual parish stewardship campaign. Thank you to all who have been returning your yellow up-dated sheet from the stewardship mailing. It has helped our office immensely in keeping up with the changes in your family information. Please note: if you have someone in your family who has moved to an assisted living, nursing home or health care facility and they would receive information from us, please contact the parish office to inform us where they have been relocated. Nancy Tarakowski, our coordinator for those in nursing homes and homebound would greatly appreciate that information in order to offer your loved one an occasional visit with communion.

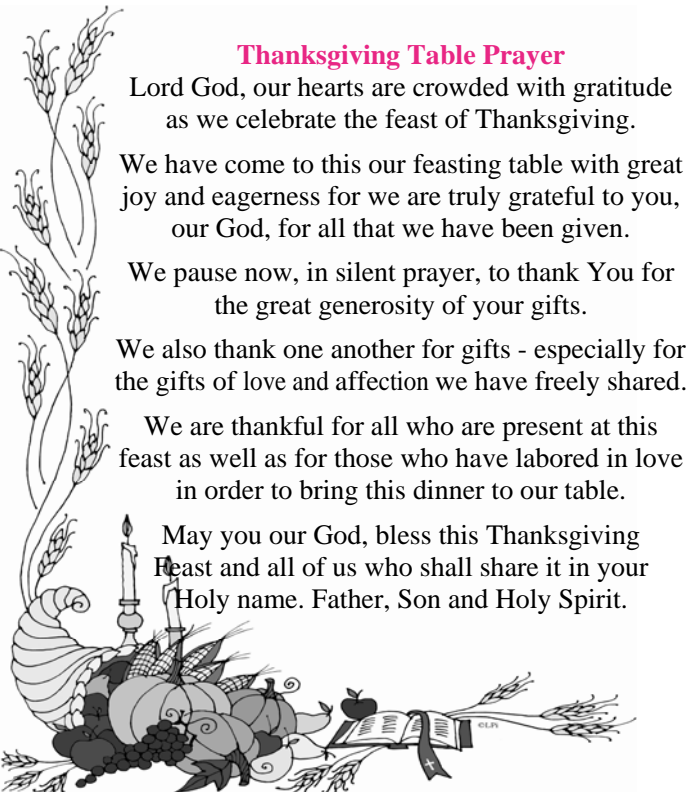
Email is certainly a handy way of sharing information quickly compared to first class mail. Email also helps our office defer costs. If it is possible, please add your email address to your personal information so we can send parish information directly to you or you can send an email to gerrycofta@saintveronica.org.

Is it a hassle filling out the check or putting cash in an envelope every month for your monthly contribution? Well, you can easily eliminate that hassle by signing up for the electronic giving system. It is so easy and it eliminates some of the inconvenience that you may experience while meeting your goal from your treasure portion of the stewardship pledge. If you have concerns or need help filling out the needed information, you can contact John Albinger, our bookkeeper or Gerry Cofta, the parish secretary, who will assist you in answering your questions. Thank you for your help.

The Winter Festival was very successful. Pam Schmitz is the new chairperson of the Winter Festival committee. She took the reins from Monica Philip who was the chair for several years. Thank You to Monica for her many years of service and Congratulations Pam! We need to say a huge Thank You to all of the members of the Winter Festival committee who made this event a success. Thank you also to the volunteers who gave their time to work a shift or two on set up, during the festival, or at clean up. There is an incredible amount of work involved in all aspects of the festival. Also, thank you to everyone who donated items including bakery, craft items, or a raffle basket. A little here and a little there goes a long way.

Please keep our high school Confirmation candidates in your prayers this weekend. Some of our Confirmands are participating in their retreat at Holy Hill. A second retreat for the remaining candidates will be held in February. Our Youth Minister, Jeff Montoya uses this time away to prepare them to receive the sacrament. This is a very important time in their lives as they embrace their faith.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm. This is the only holiday I am able to celebrate with my family at my home. For other Mass times at our cluster parishes please check the schedule below. Here is a prayer which can be shared around the table that you will be a part of this Thanksgiving. *Blessings, Fr. Mark*



Thanksgiving Table Prayer

Lord God, our hearts are crowded with gratitude as we celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving.

We have come to this our feasting table with great joy and eagerness for we are truly grateful to you, our God, for all that we have been given.

We pause now, in silent prayer, to thank You for the great generosity of your gifts.

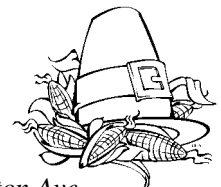
We also thank one another for gifts - especially for the gifts of love and affection we have freely shared.

We are thankful for all who are present at this feast as well as for those who have labored in love in order to bring this dinner to our table.

May you our God, bless this Thanksgiving Feast and all of us who shall share it in your Holy name. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Thanksgiving Cluster Mass Schedule

- Immaculate Conception, 1023 E. Russell Ave
Thursday, November 22 at 9 am
- St. Augustine, 2530 S. Howell Ave.
Thursday, November 22 at 8:30 am
- St. Paul, 1720 E. Norwich Ave.
Thursday, November 22 at 9 am
- Nativity of the Lord, 3672 E. Plankinton Ave.
Thursday, November 22 at 9 am
- Sacred Heart of Jesus 3635 S. Kinnickinnic Ave
Wednesday, November 21 at 7 pm



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

December 1 and 2 is the first weekend of Advent. The Little Blue Books for personal reflection will be available starting next weekend. Copies in Spanish are also available. Please take one to help you prepare for the coming of Christ in our lives in a new way this Christmas!



Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

The Southeastern Milwaukee Clergy Association and ECCO warmly invite you to join with us in prayer for our annual interfaith Thanksgiving celebration.

“Breaking Bread Together”

Today, November 18, 6:30 pm
St. Veronica Parish in Johnson Hall

Holiday Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Human Concerns



When a mother receives the news that her unborn child may be born with a disability, she should be supplied with current and reliable information about the many options available for caring for children with disabilities... We as a society must offer as much protection as we can to the 'least of these.' Senator Sam Brownback, NRL New, 8/07

The Giving Tree will have ornaments for parishioners to take home Thanksgiving weekend, November 24 and 25. Date for return of gifts with the ornament attached to be announced. Please be generous to those less fortunate than we, and who without our help, would not have a Christmas to celebrate. As Jesus said, *Whatever you do for the least of these, you also do for me*. For more information or to offer help with sorting or distribution of the gifts, please contact Cathy Souhrada, Human Concerns Chair, 747-8790.

Don't forget the Blood Drive, Friday, November 23, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please call Cathy Souhrada, 747-8790 to schedule an appointment to give blood.



Presents for Pantry Kids

It's that time of year again! This weekend Nov 10-11, is your chance to brighten a child's Christmas. Your St. Veronica-St Vincent de Paul food pantry has once again invited food pantry clients who have children 18 years old and younger to register their children to receive a Christmas gift from one of you. After each of the masses this weekend and next, we are asking parish members sign up and purchase a \$20 gift for one of our food pantry kids. Gifts must be brought to church by Dec. 9. Any questions, call Cat LaPointe, 747-0709.

Open Door Free Health Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic, for the uninsured and underinsured, will be open Wed, November 21 and 28, December 5 and 12. 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.

Prayer Network

In October, there were **more than 142 requests for our prayers** called in to our Prayer Network or written in our parish Book of Intercessions.

Intentions included: Employment -

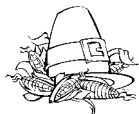
Family guidance - Family healing - Healing from accidents, surgery, illness, depression etc. - Peace - Peace after the death of a loved one - Peaceful death - Good medical test results - Safe travels - Sale of house - Special intentions - Spiritual guidance - Success in job - Success in school - Thanksgiving. 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 NOVEMBER is: (Respect for Life) That medical researchers and legislators may have a deep respect for human life from its beginning to its natural conclusion. The mission intention is: (Peace in Korea) That the spirit of reconciliation and peace may grow in the Korean Peninsula. <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
7-12 pm	Jeanette Kuechenmeister	481-6224
12 pm-3 pm	Lucille Devine	529-8570
3-5 pm	Cecilia Bonczkowski	744-9406
5-7 pm	Helen Rewolinski	744-4139



St. V's Pantry - Food of the Month

From time to time, the question is asked: "What food do you need in the food pantry?" To make it easier for you and more efficient, we will begin to post a specific needed-food item in the bulletin on a monthly basis. Please watch for it. The month of NOVEMBER request is for stuffing and gravy. Donations may be dropped off in the Ushers room or brought to the parish office.



St. Augustine Thanksgiving Dinner

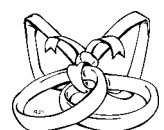
Once again the St. Augustine Holy Name Society will be sponsoring a free Thanksgiving Dinner after 8:30am Mass until 3pm on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22 in the St. Augustine Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Please spread the word - no one should be alone on Thanksgiving. Donations, volunteers and prayers are always appreciated! Once again we are gratefully accepting your donations of turkeys and pies. Turkeys may be brought to the St. Augustine Parish Center until Fri., Nov. 16. Pies may be brought either the day before or right to the hall on Thanksgiving Day. For information call Jerry Niemiec, 483-5697.

Blanket and Sock Donations

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting new and gently used blankets and new pairs of men's socks, the weekend of Nov 17-18. These items will be distributed to those in need at the *Free* Thanksgiving Dinner held at St. Augustine Church on Nov. 22 and through Franciscan House of Peace. Donations may be placed in the marked bins located near the church exits. Thank you for your generosity. *Chairman Steve Meer, Grandnight Joel Spraitz*

Wedding Banns

*III Jeff Levonan and Amy Ceretto
II Andrew Hoffman and Nicole Mastaglio*



Benediction

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration will take place NEXT Sunday, November 25, during the time between the Masses. Jesus truly present in the Sacred Host will be exposed to view in the monstrance on the altar. Plan to spend some quiet prayer-time in adoration and thanksgiving after the 8:30 Mass or before the 10:30 Mass. This opportunity for prayer will be offered on the Sunday that is in the fourth full weekend of the month. *In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be diligent in the prayer of adoration. It is a source of comfort and light particularly to those who are suffering.* (Pope Benedict XVI). At 10:00 we will conclude with Benediction, the ceremony of praise and blessing.

Lectionary Link

This week we are nearing the end of the liturgical cycle. Soon we will begin the season of Advent and Cycle A. The Readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the end times. Descriptions of what will happen at the end of the world have always been exciting and mysterious. The early Christians believed that it would happen soon so that there was no need to continue to work. Paul had to remind them that we do not know exactly when Christ will return. We should remain confident in our faith in Christ, regardless of when the end comes.

Adult: Name the date and time that you will set aside to remember all that God has done for you.

Child: How will you thank God for all that you have been given?

Readings for the Week of November 18

Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



Pack Your Own Packer Party November 18 Library 12pm

Come watch the Green Bay Packers play the Carolina Panthers! Let's gather and get to know one another while we cheer on the Packers! New Parishioners, Long-time Parishioners, Visitors, we want to meet you! Bring your own snacks and beverages, and come join the fun. *Sponsored by the Welcoming Committee & Parish Life*

This week's tabernacle floral arrangements are in Memory of the Parents of Fran Budny



St. Veronica Pancake Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, November 25 in Johnson Hall for all you care to eat strawberry pancakes, sausage, eggs, and beverages. Serving time will be from 9 am – 12 pm. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Mike Dix, 483-1293.

November Saint Trivia

During the month of November the church celebrates the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. This week we will look at female saints.

1. This saint was a French nun. She received a vision of Mary who told her to have a medal made. This image is now known as the Miraculous Medal. (a) Victoria Fornari; (b) Catherine Laboure; (c) Therese of Lisieux; (d) Rose Philippine Duchesne
2. This saint is pictured with a lamb. She was martyred by the Romans in 304 because she wanted to remain a virgin for Christ. (a) Sabina; (b) Agatha; (c) Vincenza; (d) Agnes
3. This saint founded the Order of St. Ursula or Ursulines. It is the oldest teaching order of women religious in the church. (a) Gwendoline; (b) Helen Duglioli; (c) Angela Merici; (d) Margaret Clitherow
4. In 1889 this American heiress from Philadelphia gave up an inheritance of \$7,000,000 to become a Sister of Mercy. (a) Katherine Drexel; (b) Elizabeth Ann Seton; (c) Frances Xavier Cabrini; (d) Anne Line
5. This saint is the patron of fire fighters, mathematicians and carpenters. She was murdered for the faith by her father. (a) Gemma; (b) Gladys; (c) Beatrice; (d) Barbara
6. This saint was beheaded along with St. Felicity in Cathage, Africa in 202. She is remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I. (a) Eugenia; (b) Perpetua; (c) Frances; (d) Fabiola
7. She was a co-worker with St. Vincent de Paul. To work with the poor she started the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. (a) Deborah; (b) Isabel; (c) Louise de Marillac; (d) Catherine of Siena
8. She is the patron saint of widows. She became a friend of St. Jerome and helped him with his biblical work (a) Julia; (b) Honorata; (c) Paula; (d) Cynthia
9. This saint is the patron of television workers. Once she was too sick to attend Mass but she was able to see in a vision the Mass on a wall in her room. (a) Gwendoline; (b) Christina; (c) Clare; (d) Judith
10. Born as Isabela, she is the first saint born in the Americas. She is the patron of florists and gardeners. (a) Rose; (b) Victoria; (c) Margaret; (d) Hilary



~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, November 18 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am For our Parishioners
 10:30 am † Elizabeth Huberty
 † Stella Bieszk (Ralph)
 † Dorothy Butzler (Prayer Network)
 † Frances Thompson (E. Thompson)

Monday, November 19

- 8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, November 20

No Morning Mass

- 6:30 pm † Josephine Wojciechowski (Family & Friends)

Wednesday, November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

- 8:15 am † Cornelia Wisniewski (R. Graham Family)
 † Joe Sr. & Joe Jr. Kotlowski (Family & Friends)
 † Julian Mirzejewski (Family)
 7 pm † Richard Bautch (L. Bautch)
 † Alyce Budnik (Family)
 † Stan Payne (Family)

Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day

No Mass

Friday, November 23

- 8:15 am Special Intentions

Saturday, November 24

- 11 am *Jeff Levonan and Amy Ceretto*
 4:30 pm † Ed Ostrenga (J. Jankowski)
 † Steven Lemmer (Family)
 † Betty Dereszynski (M. & J. Moczynski)

Sunday, November 25 Christ King

- 8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am † Cornelia Wisniewski (A. Wisniewski)
 † Filippo & Doropea Tarantino (Family)
 † James Lipp (Family & Friends)
 † Arnoldine Gulczynski (D. & V. Reichert)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, November 18

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| 9 am | SRE Family Day | Johnson Hall |
| 11:15 am | St. Veronica/St. Paul YM | St. Paul |
| 12 pm | New Member Packer Party | Library |
| 6:30 pm | ECCO Thanksgiving | |
| | Prayer Service | Johnson Hall |
| 7:30 pm | Men's Bible Group | POMR |
| 7 pm | Women's Bible Group | Assisi |

Tuesday, November 20

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| 5:15 pm | Adult Bible Study | POMR |
| 7:30 pm | AA | Seton |

Wednesday, November 21

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| 11 am | AA | Seton |
| 6 pm | Dartball | Johnson Hall |

Friday, November 23

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| 9 am | Blood Drive | Assisi |
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Sunday, November 25

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| 9 am | Pancake Breakfast | Johnson Hall |
| 7 pm | Men's Bible Group | POMR |
| 7 pm | Women's Bible Group | Assisi |

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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

Cards for Service Personnel

Want to thank a member of the armed forces at this Thanksgiving holiday? Go to www.LetsSayThanks.com you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print and send it to a soldier that is currently serving overseas. You don't choose a specific service person, but the recipient will certainly be grateful. How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! This is a great site. Please send a card. It is FREE and it only takes a minute of your time. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every soldier received a card at Thanksgiving?

Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

This week the catechumen, candidates, sponsors and team members will not meet. They are taking a well deserved week off. Last Sunday they enjoyed learning about Heaven, Hell, and End Times with a Jeopardy game created by a team member. We thank the parishioners for their continued prayers for Ron, Shannon, and Francisco.

Any adult who has not been baptized, was baptized Roman Catholic but has not received Eucharist and Confirmation, or was baptized in another Christian denomination is encouraged to consider RCIA. The next class will begin in September of 2008 but we would like to get to know you at any time. Call or email Karen Bushman for more information.

Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week Ending 11/4

Offertory	\$ 708.72
Stewardship	14,043.56
Holy Day	364.76
Feed & Shelter the Poor	790.40
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>1,721.00</u>
Total	\$ 17,628.44

Answers to Saints Quiz: 1b; 2d; 3c; 4a; 5d; 6b; 7c; 8c; 9c; 10a

M.A.L.E.'s (Men As Learners & Elder's)

Please join us for a M.A.L.E. Advent Journey called *Preparing for Christmas* with Fr. Richard Rohr, Nov 25, Dec 2, 9 and 16 in the Parish Meeting Room at 7:30-9 pm.

Fr. Rohr has studied and taught Male Spirituality for over 20 years. He has written books and given talks on this topic. For more information on Male Spirituality go to Fr. Rohr website site www.malespirituality.org

Our small band of men have been together since last April. We are interested in Learning about spirituality by following Jesus through the help of Fr. Richard Rohr. Our group hopes to grow into Elders & Leaders at St. Veronica.

All men are welcome to our group. Please come join us and become a Learner of your Spirituality and an Elder to teach others of Male Spirituality.



M.A.L.E.S-St. Veronica Men's Retreat

Back Row: David Slivicki, John Krause, George Hansen and Steve Hammer

Front Row: Bob Weber, Deacon Rob Chalhoub, and Jeff Kramer

Catholic Kids Corner

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, November 18 at the 10:30 liturgy we will celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children ages 4 – 8 are welcome to follow the prayer leaders into the parent room on the Norwich side of the church. The children will hear the Readings, a short reflection, and pray intercessions. There is no sign up needed – just follow the prayer leaders. This week our prayer leaders are Virginia Novak and Judi Caruso.

Advent Family Day in Religious Ed.

This weekend, all of the families in Religious Education met together to prepare for the season of Advent. The theme was the Names of Jesus. We enjoyed learning about some of these special titles, making a craft using a title for Jesus, discussing the names on our own family tree, and playing bingo. The children also took home an Advent calendar with activities for each day of Advent, and an Advent chain to mark the days before Christmas.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

On November 19, 1863 people gathered at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to dedicate a national cemetery for soldiers who had been killed in battle. The first speaker talked for TWO HOURS. Then President Abraham Lincoln spoke for less than two minutes. That speech is still remembered today. He said that America will always have a government, "of the people, by the people and for the people."

November 19 is also the day the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was started in the United States. The motto of the Society is "Help those in need of help with no questions asked." Many parishes including St. Veronica have a St. Vincent de Paul group. Maybe you can join them when you get older.

November 22 is the feast of St. Cecilia. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians. Today is a good day to thank our choir director Kate Sponholz and the choir members who make our Mass beautiful with their music.

Advent Parish Project – Names for Jesus: Advent will soon be upon us and it is time to prepare. The Advent parish project can now be returned to the baskets near the Order of Worship stands. If you would still like to complete a project, some are available.

Poinsettia Sale

Orders will be taken in the corridor near the picture windows after all masses this weekend. Please order a poinsettia and support the Religious Education program. Proceeds are used to purchase resource materials used in the program and the parish library. These beautiful large plants come from Custom Grown Greenhouse, a local business. *Sale dates are Oct. 28 – Nov. 26. Color choices are red, white, jingle bell, monet (pink), and plum. Cost is \$7.50 per plant. Pickup times are Dec. 7; 3-6pm and Dec. 8; 8-10am. Phone orders will still be taken until November 25; call Karen, 481-0777. Thank you for supporting our program*