

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 today 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, visit our website www.saintveronica.org or pick up a new member packet in the kiosk near the church elevator.

Thank You.

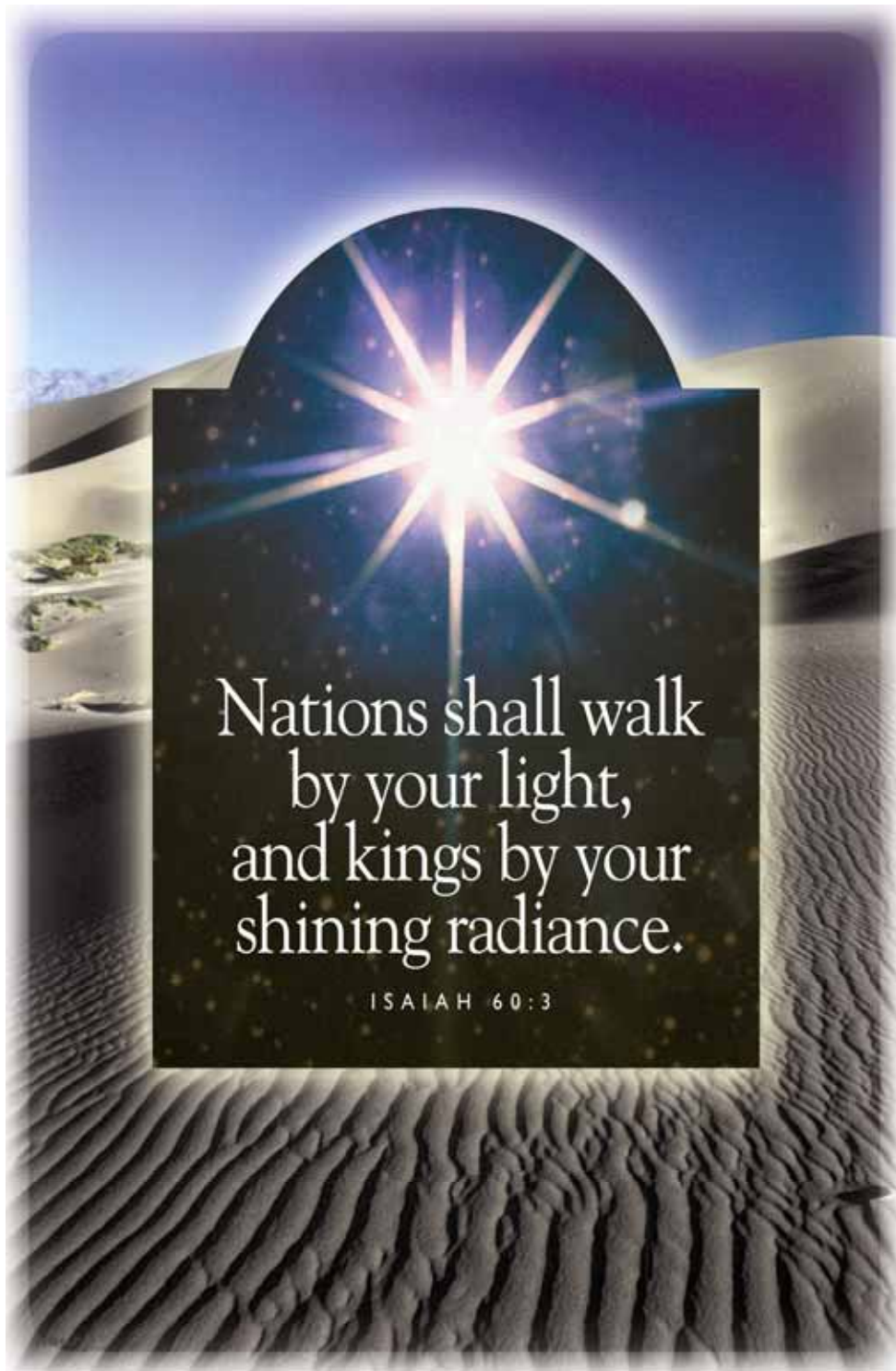
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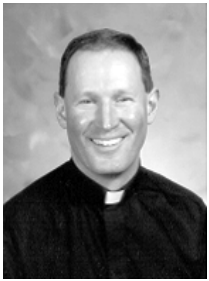
Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. Contact the parish office to pick up registration materials. Parents are required to attend one Baptismal preparation class.

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.





A Message from Father Mark,

This weekend, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. An epiphany is the appearance of a Divine Being. The Magi or Wise Men were guided by the star to the place where Jesus was born. The place where Jesus resides is important. St. Paul spoke, in one of his letters, that we are the Temples of the Holy Spirit. We hold a special place for the presence of God. Let our homes reflect the same sense of presence. During this Christmas season, please take some time and bless your homes in which you hold the presence of Christ. Let your homes be a place of blessing for all of the inhabitants; a place of peace and a place of joy. Too often we forget that when the home is filled with strong or hurtful words a sense of division is created which gives the home an uncomfortable feeling.

Invite your family to gather around the front door of your home. First, let each member walk through the front door honoring the entrance of your home. Once inside, take a piece of chalk to mark the lintel of the front door: 20+C+M+B+08. The letters represent the names traditionally given to the Magi: Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also stand for *Christus mansionem benedicat* --May Christ bless this home. To complete the blessing walk through each room of the home asking the Lord to be present. When you have completed the blessing stand in a central location of your home and recite the Our Father. If parents feel comfortable, while standing together in this central location, share an affirming attribute about each person and how they bless the family with their presence in the home.

To help you in this blessing, prayer cards and a piece of chalk are available for you to take from the baskets next to the order of worship stands. Let this ritual be a blessing for each member of your family making your home a place of welcome and a safe place to be in their lives.

A special thank you for all of the gifts and cards sent to me during this Christmas season. I am deeply touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness. It is truly an honor to serve all of you as your pastor. Thank you.

Also, we want to extend a special thank you to Father Joe Shimek for celebrating Masses with us while he is home for the Christmas vacation. His presence is greatly appreciated and he is certainly a gifted priest. It is a delight to have him back for a short time. Fr. Joe will return to the Archdiocese later this spring when he has completed all of his studies. Keep up the good work, Fr. Joe!

Our Church looks outstanding! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to bring about this beautiful transformation from Advent to the Christmas season! It takes hours to decorate our church but it certainly is gorgeous. It is an inspiration and aid to prayer. *Blessings, Fr. Mark*

St. Veronica's Fish Fry Needs Your Help

The St. Veronica fish fry has a long tradition not only at our parish but in the community. Our fish fry volunteers have done a tremendous job of providing great tasting fish and wonderful service for many years. However our 'fish fry' crew does not have any backup volunteers. Consequently our November fish fry had to be cancelled because many of these loyal volunteers had other commitments.

We need your help! Anytime you can volunteer would be great. We especially need volunteers to help cook fish, serve food and help with clean up. We also are looking for someone to coordinate/head the fish fry. You'll be volunteering with some of the most talented, loyal, fun loving (not to mention good looking) parishioners.

PLEASE consider helping St. Veronica's fish fry. Please call the parish office or Sue Hills at 482-4466. Our next Fish Fry is scheduled for Feb 1.

Lectionary Link

This week we are celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany. In the Gospel account, three wise men followed a star to find the newborn king. Through Jesus, God's plan for salvation is made manifest to all of mankind.

Adult: Following the example of the Magi, how do you persevere in following the Light of Christ in your own life?

Child: If you were one of the Magi what gift would you bring to Jesus?

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2008

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

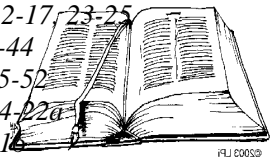
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

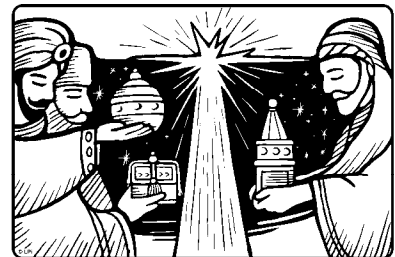
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-17

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. - Mt 2:9-11



Human Concerns

Suggested Prayer

Pray that the people who are “pro-choice” or undecided about the issue of abortion would have a change of heart through God’s guidance. Ask that God would convince them that life is precious and worthy of protection, we pray.

Reflection

It is in the deepest darkness of the starless midnight that men learn how to hold on to the hidden Hand most tightly and how that Hand holds them; that He sees where we do not, and knows the way He takes; and though the way be to us a roundabout way, it is the right way. A.T. Person



DID YOU KNOW....

There are children living today who were once frozen embryos! Be sure to hear Dr. David Prentice, national stem cell/cloning expert talk about the stem cell/cloning issues on Sunday, January 13, at Ryan Hall, at Immaculate Conception. For more information, contact JoAnn Gates, 482-0823.

Grief Support Group

Will meet Saturday, January 12, at the St. Veronica Parish office from 10 – 11 am. Encourage your family and friends who have lost loved ones to attend the group. Contact Cathy Souhrada for more information 747-8790.

Mammogram Website

Do you spend time on a computer? Take a few moments to help ensure that poor women can receive free mammograms. The website www.thebreastcancersite.com is sponsored by numerous businesses which will fund mammograms. All you need to do is visit the site and click. This is an easy way to help others, maybe even someone you know.



Free Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic for the uninsured and underinsured will be open on: Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The clinic is located inside Unity Lutheran Church, 1025 E. Oklahoma Ave. Sign-in time is 5:30 pm and the provider will see patients at approximately 6 pm.

Prayer Network

In December, there were more than 97 requests for our prayers called in to our Prayer Network or written in our parish Book of Intercessions. Intentions included: birth of a healthy baby; employment; family guidance; family healing; financial problems; healing from accidents, illness, surgery, depression etc.; peace; peace after death of loved one; peaceful death; good medical test results; safe travel; special intentions; spiritual guidance; 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 JANUARY is: (Christian Unity) That the Church work for full visible unity that better manifests a community of love which reflects the Blessed Trinity. The mission intention is: (Church in Africa) That the Church in Africa, preparing for a special Synod, may be an instrument of reconciliation and justice. <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
12pm-3 pm	Lucille Devine	529-8570
3-5 pm	Cecilia Bonczkowski	744-9406
5-7 pm	Helen Rewolinski	744-4139

Intentions left on a Captain’s answering machine will be taken care of



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?” The specific food item requested for the month of JANUARY is “Chunky” soup or stew. Donations may be dropped off in the Ushers room or brought to the parish office. Thank you.

Recycled Bags for Food Pantry

We could use your recyclable grocery-size plastic and paper bags. Please bring them to the parish office or leave them next to the “feed the hungry” stand in Church.

Practice of Faith

This twelfth day of Christmas, was called the festival of lights in ancient times. We rejoice because, just as a star led the Magi to Christ, we have been guided by faith to the same destinations. Scripture scholars believe the magi would have come from Iran or Iraq, so we realize anew that Christ came to unite the world in love, peace, and mutual respect. Bless your home today, asking for those qualities to fill every heart during the coming year. (At Home with the Word, 08)



The Parish Community of St. Veronica welcomes these new families.

Barbara Jean Benedetto
Van Vo Family

William and Rochelle Wawrzonek

Wedding Banns

III Andrew McKuen and Valerie Moll

Dear Friend in Christ,

Participation and attendance of those who identify themselves as Catholic has diminished seriously in the last several years. There are many reasons for this. In the minds of many, these reasons seem real. Yet we see and find ourselves seemingly helpless to the direction our society is taking us. Others are making decisions for us that we should be making for ourselves. Ideals proven over the test of time are being destroyed or taken away from us. The time has come for MEN to say YES to something or someone that can stand up to the downward slide we're headed in. For some MEN, this could be a huge step forward. We need to admit that we need GOD in our lives and surrender a bit of our ego. We need the courage to take a chance that our "faith" holds the answers. We need to know what the Gospels are saying to us in 2008!

MEN, LET'S GIVE IT UP AND SAY YES!

Consider this as a little "TAP" on the shoulder

Fill out and return the registration form below and return to St. Veronica's Ushers or Mail to:

Men Of Christ P.O. Box 212 Hales Corners, WI 53130-0212

REGISTRATION FORM

"MEN OF CHRIST CONFERENCE 2008"

SATURDAY FEB. 23, 2008

EXPOSITION CENTER STATE FAIR

Register on-line at <http://www.menofchrist.net/> for the quick and easiest way to register or fill out form below. **RETURN ASAP! Sign-up today and SAVE!**

Early ticket price - \$35 when purchased by Jan 15th Pre-conference tickets \$40 Until Feb 5

On Site tickets \$45 Students \$20 Clergy and Religious (Free)

Name (print) _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Your Parish: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to Men Of Christ or apply to credit card

Circle one: **Visa** **Master Card** **Discover**

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Exp. Date: _____ Sec. Code: _____

Please choose one of the following lunch options:

Ham Turkey Veggie sub

(Fruit, chips, chocolate chip cookie and bottled water included)

STATE FAIR PARKING \$5 PER CAR

Do you want to car pool from ST. Veronica's? Yes ___ No ___

I have a car/van and can drive. Yes ___ No ___

Please refer all/any questions to: George Hansen 732 -2430 or Bob Weber 744-9725

**Parish Financial Stewardship
for the Week Ending 12/16/07**

Offertory	\$ 555.82
Stewardship	13,726.24
Holy Day	245.08
Feed & Shelter the Poor	1,289.25
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>10,799.50</u>
Total	\$ 26,615.89

**Parish Financial Stewardship
for 12/23/07 and Christmas**

Offertory	\$ 3,523.61
Stewardship	16,649.49
Christmas	3,002.00
Feed & Shelter the Poor	404.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>5,523.42</u>
Total	\$ 29,102.52



~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, January 6 Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am † Julian Mirzejewski (Family)
 † Laurie Eversman (M. Wszalek)
 † Dorothy Butzler (Family)

Monday, January 7

- 8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 8

- 8:15 am
 6:30 pm Darlene Roark (Friends)

Wednesday, January 9

- 8:15 am † Stan Payne (Family)

Thursday, January 10

- 8:15 am † Betty Huberty

Friday, January 11

- 8:15 am

Saturday, January 12

- 1:00 pm *Andrew McKuen and Valerie Moll*
 4:30 pm † Floyd Hauser
 † Patricia Russart (Family)
 † Alfredo Morales (Family)

Sunday, January 13 Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 am † Joseph Ploszay (L. Bemke Family)
 † Julian Mirzejewski (Family)
 10:30 am For Our Parishioners

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, January 6

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| 8:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 9 am | SRE | School |
| 7 pm | M.A.L.E.S. | POMR |
| 7 pm | Woman's Bible Group | Assisi |

Monday, January 7

- 7 pm Baptismal Pre at St. Paul

Tuesday, January 8

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

Wednesday, January 9

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| 11 am | AA | Seton |
| 6 pm | St. Veronica/St. Paul YM | Library |
| 7 pm | Prayer and Worship | Rel. Ed. Cnt. |

Thursday, January 10

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| 9 am | Year End Mailing | Assisi |
| 1:15 pm | Community Elders | Johnson Hall |
| 7 pm | Adult Choir | Church |
| 7 pm | Adult Confirmation | St. Paul |

Saturday, January 12

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| 10 am | Grief Support Group | POMR |
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Sunday, January 13

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| 8:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 9 am | SRE | School |
| 11:30 am | St. Veronica/St. Paul YM | Johnson Hall |
| 7 pm | Woman's Bible Group | Assisi |

Offices:

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Pastor, Fr. Mark Payne

Chairperson, Paul Klajbor, 405-2674

Vice-Chairperson, Nick Karabon, 481-9165

Agenda Secretary, Christina Mascitti, 745-9013

Trustee Treasurer, Ken Widenski, 482-2417

Trustee Secretary, Patti Jeffers, 427-4069

Building & Grounds, Mike Zilinski, 482-4448

Christian Formation, Rodger Nelson, 571-0121

Parish Life & APC, Monica Phillip, 744-1697

Prayer & Worship, Lynn Larson, 489-9148

STAA Board, Judi Caruso, 744-1554

Stewardship, Robin Decker, 483-5485

Christian Formation

Adult Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

The participants have returned. This week they will reflect upon the Scripture Readings for the Epiphany and also learn about the Universal Offer of Salvation.

Lumen Gentium, dogmatic constitution of the church issued at Vatican II reminds us that Salvation from God is offered to everyone. All people are attracted by Jesus who is the Light of the World and through whom they are saved. As baptized Catholics, we share in the mission of Jesus – to preach the Word of God and proclaim that the kingdom of God is here. Through our day to day lives, others should see the invitation of Jesus.

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. We have already been contacted by a few people who want to participate next fall. Call or email Karen Bushman for more information.

Adult Confirmation Begins This Week

Is God calling you to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by receiving Confirmation? Adults over 18 are invited to participate in the adult Confirmation class. The first session will be January 10. Sessions are held twice per month on Thursday evenings at 7pm. This is a collaborative program among the parishes in this area. If you would like more information please call Karen, 481-0777/ email karenbushman@saintveronica.org. We welcome your interest.

Evening for Couples 2008

St. Veronica will again host an Evening for Couples. All couples all invited – “just going together”, engaged, newlyweds, and married for years. Mark your calendars for February 9. We will begin with a special blessing at 4:30 Mass and then go to Johnson Hall for a catered dinner, speakers Nancie and Tom Chmielewski, and mood music. Call your friends and make it a special evening. Registration will begin next week and in the January parish monthly mailing.

Epiphany House Blessing

The feast of the Epiphany (or Twelfth Night) celebrates the coming of the three Magi to adore the Christ child. On this day Christians have traditionally blessed their homes using holy water and incense. They marked the exterior (and sometimes interior) doorways with chalk which remained until the following year. For our new year, all parish families are invited to mark the lintel of the main door of your home with the symbol 20+C+M+B+08. It stands for the current year and the names of the three wise men. It also stands for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ Bless This Home). Chalk and a bookmark with instructions are available from the baskets on the Communion railing.

Catholic Kids Corner

Empty Pringles® Cans Needed

For a Lenten activity, the Religious Education program is in need of empty 5¾oz Pringles cans with the plastic lid. The cans are needed by January 27. If your family enjoys this snack, please save the cans and leave them in God's Cozy Corner Parish library or bring to the parish office. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Invitation for Adults and Youth to Join the Ministry

The spring sign up for volunteers will occur in early January. Would you be willing to share your time with the children of the parish? Volunteers can either read the Scripture stories or give a short reflection. Lesson plans are provided and you can choose the Sundays that you are available. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 10:30am Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month. Volunteers are scheduled for only two Sundays per semester. Please email karenbushman@saintveronica.org or call 481-0777 if you would like more information.

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.

Collaborative Elementary Religious Education

Classes will resume on January 6, Families with children in grades 5 & 6 are reminded that parents and students are to go to Johnson Hall for the Safe Environment session required by the Archdiocese. All other students go to their regular classrooms.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

January 7 is the feast of St. Raymond of Penafort. He was a Dominican priest who wrote many church documents. He also started schools which taught both Hebrew and Arabic. He died in 1275. St. Raymond is a patron saint of lawyers.

January 7 is also the birthday of the thirteenth President of the United States. Millard Fillmore was born in a log cabin and his family was very poor. But Millard worked very hard to become a lawyer. Later he was elected to congress and then became the Vice-President for Zachary Taylor. When President Taylor died in office, Millard Fillmore became President. Always work hard because we don't know what God has in store for us.



On January 10, 1984 President Ronald Reagan appointed the first American ambassador to the Vatican. William A.

Wilson was named the ambassador. President Reagan said that Pope John Paul II was a respected world leader and America should have an ambassador.