

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.

Sacraments

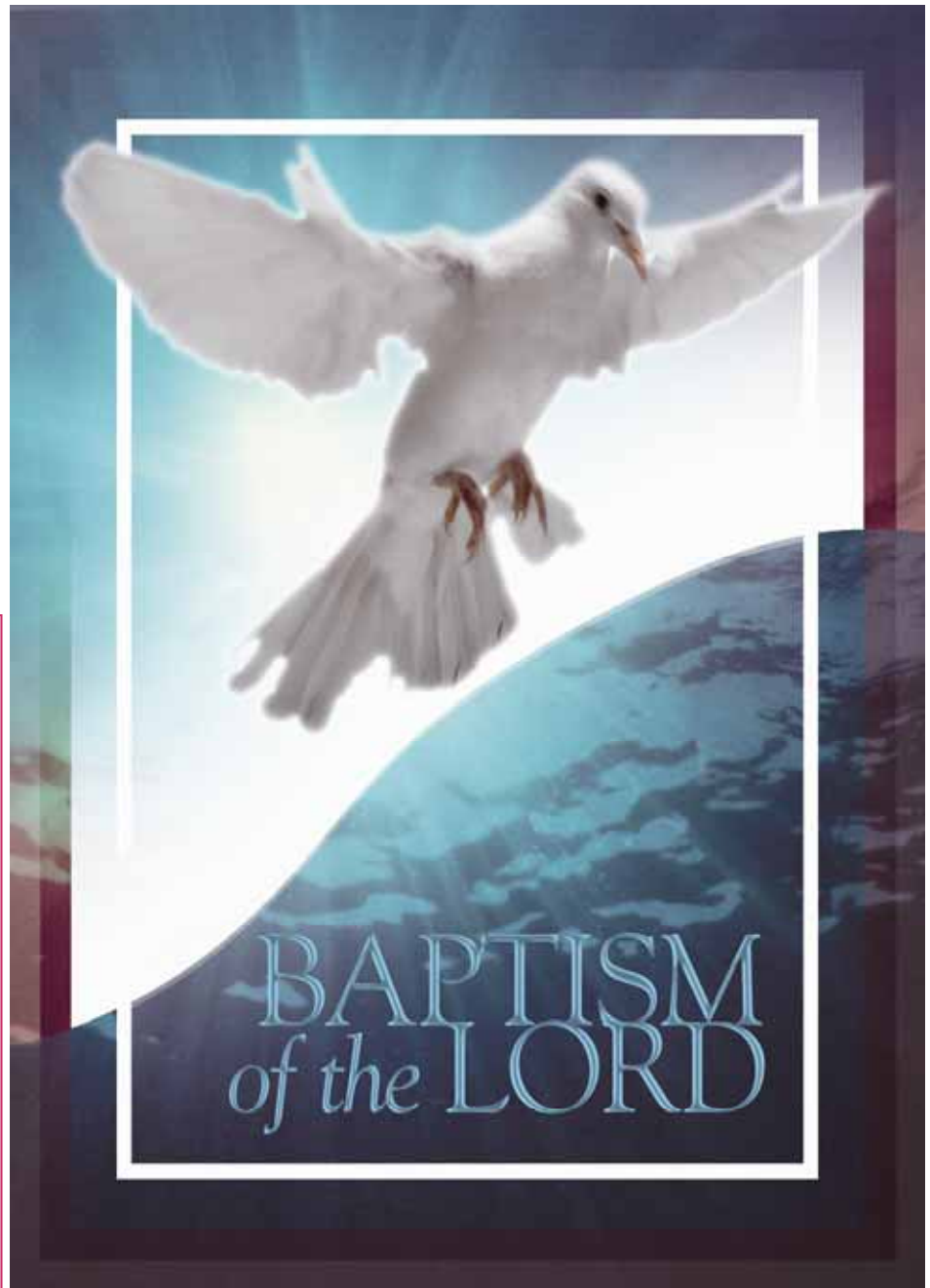
Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. Contact the parish office to pick up registration materials. Parents are required to attend one Baptismal preparation class.

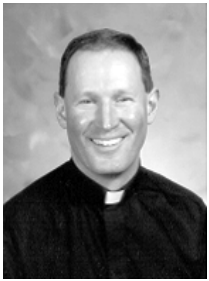
Marriage: We celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage for only our registered parish members. Please phone the parish office one year in advance to schedule a meeting with the priest, before you book other arrangements.

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.





Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord marks the close of the Christmas season. We return to Ordinary Time next weekend. Taking down all of the colorful Christmas decorations and returning to the “everyday” look is a bit sad. Our children are back in school and we face the winter dreariness. We don’t have to face this dreariness with hopelessness but rather with a sense of renewed energy. As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we are called to follow in the footsteps of the Lord. We can do this with a sense of purpose and hopefulness or we can do it simply by going through the motions without a sense of purpose.

The Lord’s baptism marks the beginning of his ministerial life at which he calls his first disciples to follow him. Our baptism marked the beginning of our commitment to follow Christ. This faith journey involves dedication and service to others. The gospel is clear; we are all called to imitate the life of Christ who is the Son of God. Like the disciples, we are invited to live a “lively faith” thereby touching those around us. Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those He encountered. We are able to do the same through our words and actions.

During a baptism ceremony, parents and godparents commit themselves to model for their child what it means to follow Jesus. One of the prayers states very clearly, “Parents and godparents, you are called through your words and actions to raise this child in the faith.” Our words and actions will make a difference in the life of the child. If words and actions are significant for a child, then think about how significant they are for all of us. How often have you been standing in line at a store and noticed the “words” around you? The words, *thank you, please, you are welcome, I am sorry, or I forgive you* are not always the words you hear. What is disturbing is the use of vulgar language in a public place. Vulgar language is neither nurturing nor healing. What actions do you witness that bring wholeness and healing? Someone standing by a door saying *let me get that for you*. Or someone offering *Excuse me, may I help you?* However, if you expect that every person you reach out to will show gratitude because of your words or actions, you will be sadly mistaken. In most cases, they may not even acknowledge what you did for them. Don’t be disheartened! Jesus had the same experience more than once. Do you remember the 10 lepers who were healed yet only one returned to give thanks to God? You may find yourself in the same situation. That didn’t stop Jesus nor should it stop you. Be persistent in your words and actions of healing. You may never know how much healing you did, but Jesus will know.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us ponder what our baptismal commitment means and how we can live a “lively faith.” Examine our words and actions daily so that they fit who we are as a follower of Jesus.

I would like to extend a Thank You to all the parishioners who gave the staff and me gifts at Christmas. Thank for your sincere generosity. We are certainly grateful for all the wonderful treats but most of all for your thoughtfulness.

Blessings, Fr. Mark



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- Mt 3:16-17



Lenten Journey

For the fifth consecutive year, St. Paul, St. Augustine, Immaculate Conception, Nativity of the Lord, and St. Veronica parishes are offering a "Lenten Journey" Series of prayer services. This year's theme is the "The Post-Resurrection Message of the Epistles." Each service will consist of song, prayer, and a reflection on one of the New Testament Epistles (from St. Paul or St. James).

The schedule is as follows:

*Sunday, February 10 3 p.m.
St. Augustine 2530 S. Howell Ave*

*Monday, February 18 7 p.m.
St. Paul 1720 E. Norwich Ave.*

*Tuesday, February 26 7 p.m.
Nativity of the Lord 3672 E. Plankinton Ave*

*Wednesday, March 5 7 p.m.
St. Veronica 353 E. Norwich St.*

*Thursday, March 13 7 p.m.
Immaculate Conception 1023 E. Russell*

*Dear Parishioners;
I would like to thank you for your most generous response to our ministry Cross International Catholic Outreach when I was there on the weekend of October 13-14, 2007. Your parish donated \$2,297.50 that will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor. May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.*

*Sincerely,
Rev. Msgr. Michael Flanagan*



Living Our Faith, an archdiocesan initiative that:

Inspires people to *Meet Christ*
Teaches people to *Know Christ*
Helps people to *Live Christ*
by serving Him and others.

Human Concerns



Free Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic for the uninsured and underinsured will be open on: Jan. 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.



Today

Dr. David Prentice will speak on the Stem Cell/Cloning issue, in Ryan Hall at Immaculate Conception today, January 13, at 10:45 am.

Light fare offered. Free will offering.

Come hear about this very important topic.

It affects everyone, especially the unborn, whose lives are at stake in the highly controversial arena of embryonic stem cell research. For additional information, contact JoAnn Gates, 482-0823.

A THANK YOU from the disabled mother of three for the gifts received from the giving tree. "Thank you so very much for blessing our family this Christmas. We want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughts and kind hearts. May God richly bless you for your kindness."

Peace and blessings, Michelle and family

Operation Rice Bowl

Ash Wednesday is on February 6. With the start of Lent, St. Veronica will participate once again in the *Operation Rice Bowl*.

Rice bowls will be available this weekend and will be located on the lower shelf of the stands by the entry ways. Please help St. Veronica help the Diocese help those less fortunate than we.

The *"Time to Heal Post-Abortion"* group will meet Saturday, January 19, from 10 – 11am at the parish rectory. Please encourage those wounded by abortion to attend.

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.



**YOUR ACTION NEEDED TODAY!
SAVE UNBORN BABIES
BY SAVING s.940.04 OF THE
WISCONSIN STATUTES**

Please contact your State Senator
IMMEDIATELY and Urge him/her to
SAVE s940.04 of the statutes.

(If you do not know who your State Senator is, please go to <http://waml.legis.state.wi.us/>)

- Call your State Senator toll-free at 1-800-362-9472.
- Write you State Senator at P.O. Box 7882, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707.
- Wisconsin Right to Life urges you to join E-Voice and be a continual Voice for the Unborn. Through this Network, you will be kept up-to-date on the progress of this devastating legislation and be given a direct Email link to your legislators' offices. Join E-Voice at <http://wrtl.org/e-voice/index.asp>

St. Veronica Parish wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to all of our wonderful donors. This year's contributions will help us to enhance the church's environment. Listed below are people who have contributed memorials in the name of their loved ones (in italics). Names below are donations received after December 15.

Sylvia Bahr, *Leo Bahr*
M/M Donald Bartels, *Mary Wegner*
Darlene Bondowski, *Marie Wenker*
M/M Ervin Boschke, *Our Parents*
M/M Norman Bzdawka, *Todd Bzdawka*
Mary Comina, *Joseph Comina*
M/M David Durski, *Joseph Schwab/Eugene Durski*
Dawn O'Halloran, *M/M Ralph O'Halloran/Colleen Seer*
Harriet Goodman, *Lee Goodman*
Patricia Glembocki, *Edmund Glembocki/Julia & Roy Elcheroth*
Steven W. Hammer, *Wayne Hammer*
Kirk Krueger, *Nancy Lorbiecki*
M/M Jerome Kleczka, *Deceased Family & Friends*
M/M William Nowak, *Rita & Edward Kaczorck/Caroline & Leonard Nowak*
Eleanor Piotrowski, *Alois Piotrowski*
Sophie Prudlo, *Eugene Prudlo*
Dorothy J Seeley, *William Clements*
Helen Schwantz, *Dennis & Earl Schwantz*
Dolores Schwabe, *Gene Schwabe & Laurie Eversman*
Joan Tabaka, *Edward Tabaka/Linda Houghtlin*
Henry Tessmer, *John, Kathleen & Jack Witeck/Henry & Charlotte Tessmer*
Ed Thompson, *Bill & Fran Thompson*
Susan A. Tuma, *Tachowiak & Mochochaski Families*
Veronica Wielebski, *Ronald Wielebski, Sr.*
M/M James L. Zeller, *Deceased Family & Friends*



Donations

Beth Armbruster. M/M Peter Bayerl, Agnes Behmke, Christine M. Biller, M/M Michael Cody, M/M Robert Dybul, M/M David Gevers, M/M John Ledvina, M/M Edward Nowaczynski, Florence Paczkowski, Donna M. Roush and Anna Wojtecki

Lectionary Link

This week we are celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel account, John was initially reluctant to baptize Jesus because he felt unworthy. But Jesus reassured John that this was necessary. This event also marks the first time that a voice from the heavens proclaims that Jesus is God's Son. During our own baptism, we are also made sons and daughters of God and given the same mission as Jesus. We are commissioned to go out and spread the Good News of God's salvation.

Adult: What does your Baptism mean in your own life? How does it change you?

Child: Name one way that being a Christian changes how you live.

Readings for the Week of January 13

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



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. Call the parish office or Sue Hills at 482-4466. Our next Fish Fry is scheduled for Feb 1.

**"MEN OF CHRIST CONFERENCE 2008"
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23
EXPOSITION CENTER STATE FAIR**

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!

Register on-line <http://www.menofchrist.net/> for the quick and easiest way to register or contact George Hansen, 732-2430 or Bob Weber, 744-9725 for registrations forms or information.

**St. Augustine Fish Fry, January 18
2530 S Howell Ave.**

Serving Time: 4:00 p.m. to ?

Fried Fish, Regular \$8.00 Small \$4.50

Lunch carry out service: 12n-1p

Call ahead: 481-3242

~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, January 13 Baptism of the Lord

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

Monday, January 14

8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 15

8:15 am
 6:30 pm Special Intentions

Wednesday, January 16

8:15 am † Robert Schwingshagl (Family & Friends)
 † Beverly Torrez (Prayer Network)

Thursday, January 17 St. Anthony

8:15 am † Josephine Wojciechowski (Family)
 † Mae Emerson (B. Scarpace)

Friday, January 18

8:15 am Kat Wagner (Family)
 † Marie Gabrovic (Family)

Saturday, January 19

4:30 pm *50th Wedding Anniversary of
 John and Jennie Dziennik*
 † Betty Dereszynski (Family)
 † Sharon Lemmer (J. Lemmer)
 † Mary Bartels Wegner (Family)

Sunday, January 20-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am Deceased Members of
 Leshok/Patrykus Family
 † Billy Skurzewski (Family)
 † Stella Bieszk (Ralph)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, January 13

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

Monday, January 14

6:30 pm	First Eucharist Session	St. Paul
7 pm	Respect Life Cluster	POMR

Tuesday, January 15

5:15 pm	Adult Bible Study	POMR
6:30 pm	First Eucharist Session	Library
7:30 pm	AA	Seton

Wednesday, January 16

9:30 am	Wisdom Seekers	POMR
11 am	AA	Seton
6 pm	Dartball	Johnson Hall
7 pm	Christian Formation	Rel. Ed. Cnt.

Thursday, January 17

9am	Resurrection Choir	Church
7 pm	Adult Choir	Church
7 pm	Finance Committee	Hospitality

Saturday, January 19

9 am	Food Pantry/Thrift Shop	
9:30 am	First Eucharist Session	Library
10 am	Post-Abortion Support	POMR

Offices:

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Prayer & Worship, Lynn Larson, 489-9148
STAA Board, Judi Caruso, 744-1554
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Christian Formation

Adult Ministry


Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

This week the participants will reflect upon the Baptism of the Lord. How did this baptism prepare for His Mission and how does our baptism prepare us for continuing the mission of Jesus. When we are baptized we receive a commission into the mission and ministry of Christ and His Church. We are sent forth to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to the rest of humanity. The grace of God strengthens us to share the love we have found in our relationship to God. Through our day to day lives, others should see the invitation of Jesus and be attracted to Him.

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.




Wisdom Seekers
Need a bit of wisdom, sharing and meditation? Come join Fr. Jerry Schroeder and others from 9:30 –11:30 am on *Wednesday, January 16* in the parish office meeting room. Everyone is welcome to join. Questions, call Jennie Dziennik, 481-9248.



The Parish Community of St. Veronica wishes to express its sympathy and promise of remembrance in prayer to the families of Mike Moczynski and Beverly Torrez. Our hope and prayers are that they are enjoying that fullness of happiness and peace in their heavenly home.

Guess Who Is Having a Birthday?
Don't forget to stop and give Fr. Mark a Birthday Wish on **Saturday, January 19.**



Catholic Kids Corner

Empty Pringles® Cans Needed

For a Lenten activity, the Religious Education program is in need of empty 5 3/4oz 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 is taking place now. 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 call by January 16th at 481-0777 or email karenbushman@saintveronica.org 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 Ed.

Students in Grade 5 were able to enjoy a presentation by Srs. Rose Sevenich, OSF and Leo Marie, OSF. They talked to the children about their vocation and the Religious Life. We thank catechist Sue Patterson for arranging this visit. Families with children in grades 3 & 4 are reminded that parents and students will participate in their Safe Environment session required by the Archdiocese on January 20.



Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

"Go fly a kite!" That would be a fun thing to do on January 17 in honor of a famous American. Benjamin Franklin wanted to learn all about the world but his family was too poor to send him to school for more than a few years. Franklin read all kinds of books and learned about many things. He became a printer, postmaster, writer, inventor, scientist, and government statesman. He even flew a kite in a lightning storm so he could learn about electricity. Be like Benjamin Franklin and read a book!

4th Annual Candlelight Evening for Couples February 9, 2008



February is the month for all couples in love. You are invited to join other couples dating, engaged, newlyweds, and married for years for a special event hosted by the Christian Formation committee. The dinner will be held at St. Veronica parish.

Our evening begins with 4:30pm Mass (including a couples blessing). Then we go to Johnson Hall for appetizers, a catered dinner, dessert, speakers Nancie & Tom Chmielewski, and mood music. The evening will wrap up at 8pm.

Reservations will be accepted through February 3, 2008. Cost is only \$35 per couple. A flyer will be in the January mailing or use the form below. Make checks payable to *St. Veronica*.

♥♥♥♥♥CANDLELIGHT EVENING FOR COUPLES REGISTRATION♥♥♥♥♥

Names _____

Phone _____

Email _____