

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.

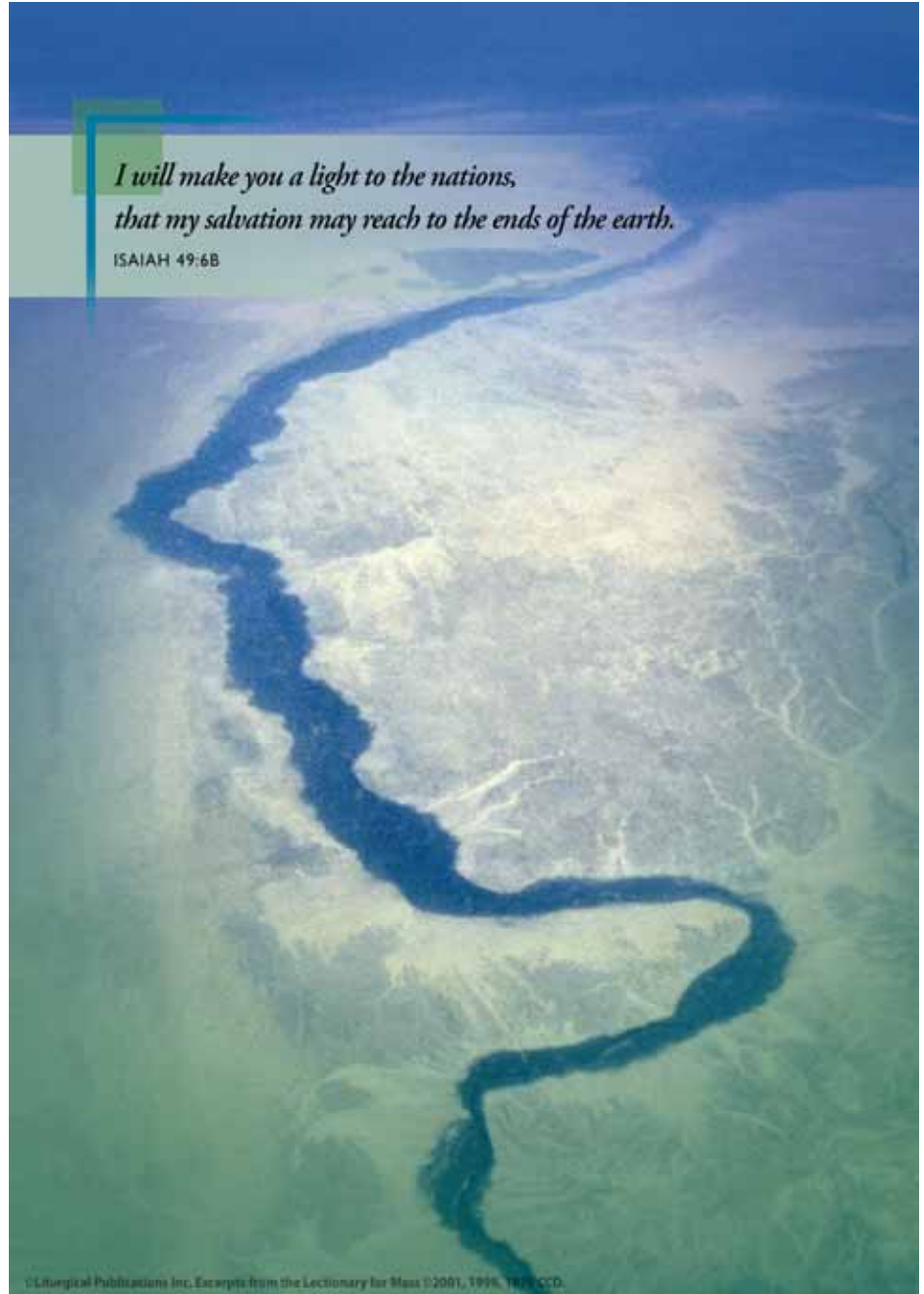
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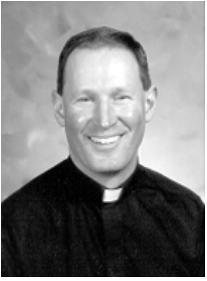
Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. Contact the parish office to pick up registration materials. Parents are required to attend one Baptismal preparation class.

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 Sunday begins Ordinary Time in our church calendar. Our gospel this weekend tells the story of the baptism of Jesus from the perspective of John the Baptist. John gives us an indication of the identity and mission of Jesus. Clearly John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is from God. We have the same image of the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and remaining upon Jesus. The evangelist, John, wrote his gospel in such a way that his readers would have no mistake about the identity of Jesus. John the Baptist is a prominent figure at the beginning of the Gospel because his role is to testify on behalf of Jesus. However, once John has performed this role he begins to slowly fade out of the spotlight. John's ministry is complete. His mission was only to point the way to Jesus: "he is not the one."

John the Baptist is significant for all of us. John wants us to follow Jesus. The gospel writer also makes clear that Jesus offers us a baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who helps us answer the question that was posed to Peter, "Who do people say that I am?" We need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit to answer that question with not just head knowledge but heart knowledge. When we truly believe who Jesus is and the relationship He wants to have with us, we become on fire to live that baptism. We don't simply answer the question for ourselves but we point the way for others. We become prophets like John the Baptist.

On January 25, we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul. Paul's name was originally Saul and he was persecuting followers of Jesus. On his way to arrest believers in Damascus he had an extraordinary experience in which he was surrounded by a bright light, fell to the ground, was temporarily blinded and heard God's voice calling to him. Saul experiences a conversion which changes his heart and his beliefs. He begins to support and encourage the church. Thus he is given a new name and takes on a new identity. Through his own conversion, Paul discovers the identity of Jesus and embraces His mission. Paul is a wonderful example of how one who is "baptized in the Spirit" can do marvelous things. Paul's mission was to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and helped them to see that through Jesus they received the promise of salvation. He grew and developed his faith and understanding of Jesus. Although Paul suffered for what he believed, he helped others come to know Jesus and His mission in the world.

A reminder to all who come to worship with us on Sundays or weekdays of the importance of keeping the outside doors of the church closed. Our maintenance staff members have discovered doors left unlocked following some evening meetings. When you are attending an evening meeting and you are closing up or leaving the buildings please make sure the lights are out and the doors are closed and locked. Our staff members have been asked to do the same when leaving the building for the day. We cannot be too careful given the fact that there are people wandering our streets looking for a place to use as shelter. We can all sympathize with these folks especially when it is cold, but we cannot have them staying in the church lobby. Safety needs to be a priority at St. Veronica Parish. Also, because there are many groups using our facilities if you know something is broken please report it to the office. Or, if you see individuals just hanging around the grounds, alert someone so we can make sure that they are helped or checked on. If something seems strange, report it so that if we need to contact the police, we have information about the event and when it occurred. *Blessings, Fr Mark*

Benediction

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration will take place NEXT Sunday, January 27, 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.** May the Virgin Mary, the Woman of the Eucharist, introduce us into the secret of true adoration. Her humble and simple heart was ever pondering the mystery of Jesus, in whom she adored the presence of God and of His redeeming love. (Pope Benedict XVI) At 10:00 we will conclude with Benediction, the ceremony of praise and blessing.



Living Our Faith

On January 26 Catholic Knights presents *Living Our Faith with Archbishop Dolan*. This episode highlights *Catholic Schools Week*. Archbishop Dolan welcomes *Dr. Howard Fuller of Marquette University* to talk

about the importance of education in today's society. Two teachers talk about their Catholic school experience. Sr. Mary Bosco Daily, one of Archbishop Dolan's elementary school teachers, pays a special visit to the Living Our Faith set.

Watch Catholic Knights presents *Living Our Faith with Archbishop Timothy Dolan* Saturdays at Noon on WISN TV 12. The program also airs on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin On Demand, Channel 1111. If you miss a show, every segment is available on the *LivingOurFaith.net* web site.

After Receiving Eucharist

*God my creator
Breathe on me again
Renew me—Refresh me
Extend my abilities
Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
Flow through every fiber of my being
Keep me well
Oh Holy Spirit use me.
From -Prayers From Franciscan Hearts:
Contemporary Reflections
From Women and Men*



St. Veronica Pancake Breakfast

Join us on January 27 in Johnson Hall for all you care to eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, and beverages. Serving time will be from 9 am – 12 pm.



Human Concerns

A very big Thank You to all who attended Dr. Prentice's presentation last Sunday at Immaculate Conception Ryan Hall. We had over 100 people in attendance! Dr. Prentice gave a very informative and educational presentation on stem cells – adult and embryonic and cloning, the difference in the kinds of research being done and why it is important for people to know the difference. Our next presentation will be on Sunday, April 20th, from 11:30 – 1 in Johnson Hall at St. Veronica. Mark your calendars!

Just a reminder that Operation Rice Bowl is now set to begin. The bowls are located on the second shelf of the stands at each of the doorways. Please help to make this project a success once again. Lent begins February 6, Ash Wednesday.



Pro-abortion state legislators are pushing a bill to repeal 940.04, Wisconsin's historic abortion ban. This ban will shut down

Wisconsin abortion clinics once Roe v. Wade is overturned. Action expected in February in the State Senate. Please contact your State Senator immediately at 800-362-9472 and urge him/her to SAVE 940.04. For more information, please visit www.WisconsinRighttoLife.org

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

Casa Maria Catholic Worker

Are you looking for a life-changing experience in service to the poor on behalf of social justice? Intern at Casa Maria Catholic Worker!



We are a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality in Milwaukee that provides short term hospitality to homeless single women, children, and refugees. Spend a summer experiencing Catholic Worker life by helping with projects, run the house, working in our clothing ministry, and addressing the problems of war and poverty. Room and board provided. Internships are available from four to twelve weeks. Please contact Patrick Kennelly, 344-5745 or kennellyp@gmail.com for more information.



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 FEBRUARY is **tuna**.

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.



Little Black Books (for adults) and Little Purple Books (for children) with daily reflections for Lent will be available beginning the weekend of January 26 and 27. While there is no charge for these books, free will offerings are appreciated



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



Catholic Schools Week is upon us here at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. The theme is "Catholic Schools Light the Way". This is a wonderful theme and so true in many ways.

Last week I talked about the ways we work to keep our students safe in school, and for some students, school may be the safest place there is. That makes us a "safety light" to our students.

We help to "light" the academic way for students. We work hard to make sure our students leave our school with high academic standards. We involve our students in many different extra-curricular activities to strengthen their minds and bodies.

We help to keep the "moral light" burning in our students. Students get many chances to know and live the right path. We attend Mass every week and students have religion class every day. Many of our six priests visit the classrooms to have in-depth religious discussions with the students and our second graders work on their Reconciliation and First Communion sacraments during the year. We also work with our students to understand the rights and responsibilities that come with being a Christian. We give to those less fortunate and continuously work on bettering ourselves academically, morally, and spiritually.

We will be having an Open House and Academic Fair for all parents and students of the school and those interested in our school on January 31 from 6:30 to 8:00. All families that register their children before Feb. 1st will get \$100 off tuition. Come see for yourself why we are the Good News in Education.

Mary Stallmann, Principal



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*

Lectionary Link

This week we are in Ordinary Time. Due to the early date of Ash Wednesday, there are only two Sundays in this season before we begin Lent. Today's Gospel repeats the story of the Baptism of Jesus as written in the Gospel of John. This story places emphasis on the testimony of John the Baptist that Jesus is truly the Son of God.

Adult: If you were asked to do so, how would you explain Jesus to someone who'd never heard of him?

Child: If you were going to tell someone the most important thing you know about Jesus, what would you say?

Readings for the Week of January 20, 2008

Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Saturday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5*/Mk 3:20-21*

Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



4th Annual Candlelight Evening for Couples February 9



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 was in the January mailing or use the form below. Make checks payable to *St. Veronica*.

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

Names _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week Ending 12/30/07

Offertory	\$ 672.80
Stewardship	12,641.49
Holy Day	20.00
Feed & Shelter the Poor	923.62
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>2,744.13</u>
Total	\$ 17,002.04

Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week Ending 01/06/08

Offertory	\$ 725.95
Stewardship	6,303.49
Holy Day	163.00
Feed & Shelter the Poor	143.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>274.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,609.44

~Mass Intentions~

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)

Monday, January 21 St. Agnes

- 8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 22 Day of Penance

- 8:15 am
 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 23

- 8:15 am

Thursday, January 24

- 8:15 am † Blanche Busniewski (Family)

Friday, January 25

- 8:15 am † Michael Brooks (Family)

Saturday, January 26

- 4:30 pm Steve Draws (4:30 pm Ushers Team)
 † Florian Gilewski (Family)
 † Patricia Russart (Family)
 † Alyce Budnik (Family)

Sunday, January 27 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am † Betty Huberty (Family)
 † Regina Johnson (Family)
 † Dorothy Butzler (Prayer & Worship)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, January 20

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| 8:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 9 am | SRE | School |
| 11:15 am | St. Veronica/St. Paul YM | St. Paul |
| 7 pm | M.A.L.E.S. | POMR |
| 7 pm | Women's Bible Group | Assisi |

Monday, January 21

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| 6:30 pm | St. Vincent de Paul | POMR |
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Tuesday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 23

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| 11 am | AA | Seton |
| 6:45 pm | St. Luke's Eucharist | |

Thursday, January 24

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| 1:15 pm | Community Elders | JH |
| 7 pm | Adult Choir | Church |
| 7 pm | Adult Confirmation | St. Paul |

Sunday, January 27

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| 8 am | Pancake Breakfast | JH |
| 8:30 pm | RCIA | Seton |
| 9 am | SRE | School |
| 7 pm | Confirmation and Beyond Session | |
| | St. Mary's Hales Corners | |
| 7 pm | Woman's Bible Group | Assisi |

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Christian Formation

Adult Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

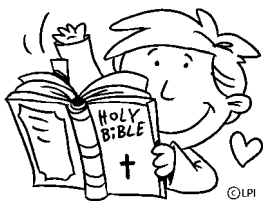
This week the participants will reflect upon the Names of Jesus. The Biblical writers not only used contemporary cultural images to describe the uniqueness of Jesus, they also used Old Testament titles and images. For example, Lamb of God, Chosen One, Suffering Servant, Good Shepherd, Son of God, and Light to the Nations were used to describe some facet of the mission of Jesus. Each title tells us something different about the identity and ministry of Jesus. Even the title *Christ* means *Anointed One*. By understanding these references, we come to a fuller understanding of Jesus.

An 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 begins in September but we would like to get to know you at any time. Call or email Karen Bushman for information.

Lenten Activity for Families Gratitude Is Our Attitude

The elementary Religious Education families will be studying the season of Lent at their Family Day on Feb 3. As part of the Lenten practices, Catholics pray, fast and give alms. We cannot perform these acts out of a sense of duty. God wants us to see these sacrifices as opportunities for joy.

Take one of the Gratitude Hearts located on the tables in the vestibules next to the children's bulletins. Talk about what your family can do during Lent to develop an Attitude of Gratitude and follow the directions on the sheet. **ALL HEARTS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 3.** They will be hung in church .



Answer: The third son's name was Ham. Read about Noah in Genesis chapter 5.

Youth Ministry News

My name is Patrick Kennelly and I am the new Youth Ministry intern at St. Veronica/St. Paul's. I grew up on the south side Chicago and came to Milwaukee five years ago to study at Marquette University. I have fallen in love with the city and now teach in the Milwaukee Public Schools.

I bring a wealth of experiences and am excited to share them with the parish. I am a Catholic Worker at Casa Maria Catholic Worker Community, a hospitality house for homeless women, children, and refugees in Milwaukee. We regularly host different parishes and Confirmation groups at our home, who come to learn more about Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement. I student taught at Pius XI H.S. where I met several teens from the parish and had the privilege of taking youth from area high schools to the vigil at the School of the Americas. I hope my interactions with your sons and daughters will help them grow in their faith. Thank you for having me and I look forward to working with you in the future.

35th Annual March for Life

Taylor Hoppe, a high school senior at Dominican High School who is from our parish, will be participating in the 35th Annual March for Life on January 22 in Washington, D.C. Please remember Taylor in your thoughts and prayers as she participates in this important event.

Southeast Milwaukee Interfaith Covenant Community

Eighth Annual Covenant Signing
Community Leadership Team Dinner and Program

Monday, January 21 6-8 pm Cost \$10 per person

Hosted by Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church
125 W. Saveland Avenue
481-4680

Join us as we hear from the youth of our communities and some of those whom they served as part of last year's annual Youth Interfaith Service Retreat.

Catholic Kids Corner

Empty Pringles® Cans Still 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.

Sharing Faith With Your Child

Each week, we will offer a simple faith theme and how parents can weave it into ordinary family life. Ideas come from the book 52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith by Jim Campbell.

Serving as your child's image of God

We are children of God and so we can have an intimate father-child relationship. *Teachable moments:* bedtime, watching TV show or cartoon about family life, or on Father's Day. *Conversation starter:* Share with your child what you have learned from him/

her. Children like to know that they are important to you. Then ask what your child has learned from you and others in the family. This is a great way to discover how your child interprets family life and lets your child know that learning is a lifelong process.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

In the Bible, Noah had three sons. Two of his son's were named Shem and Japheth. Do you know the name of the third son? I'll give you a hint. The word can be found in the title of a Dr. Seuss book about green eggs. Look for the answer hidden in this bulletin.

January 21 is the feast of St. Agnes. Agnes was a young teenage girl who refused to give up the Catholic faith even when she was threatened with death. Agnes died around the year 258 AD. She is the patron saint of Girl Scouts.