

# St. Veronica

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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](http://www.saintveronica.org) or pick up a new member packet in the kiosk near the church elevator.  
Thank You.

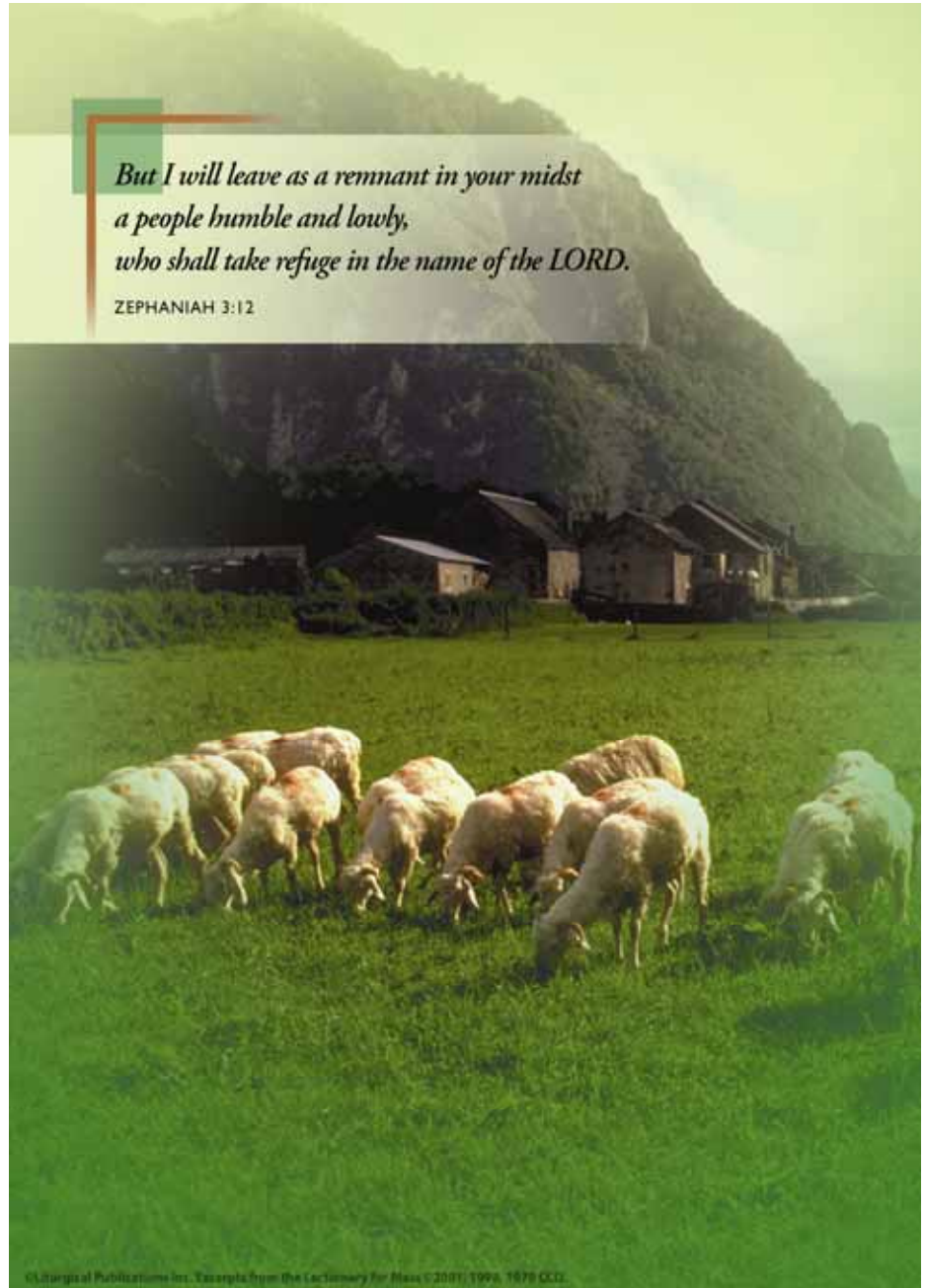
## Sacraments

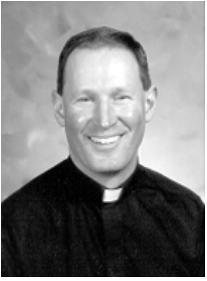
**Baptisms:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. Contact the parish office to pick up registration materials. Parents are required to attend one Baptismal preparation class.

**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,

Sharing bad news with you is not easy. Last Sunday, January 27, our church was broken into and robbed. The entry occurred between Sunday afternoon and early Monday morning. The intruders stole the money for the votive candles and damaged some of the St. Vincent de Paul boxes. Our church is vulnerable, but now even more so because the intruder(s) know that our doors are not always secure. Safety needs to be observed as well as a keen eye to be aware of individuals entering the building especially if their behavior seems suspicious. Please trust your instincts. Most people overlook the most valuable tool God gave us - intuition. The intruder(s) will return if they believe we are an easy target. Fortunately, we were not vandalized this time; we may not be so lucky in the future. Remember what we were asked to do during Advent? Be vigilant, stay awake!

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus invites his disciples to a deeper way of life than what they experienced as fishermen. Jesus teaches that people are blessed when they put into action what it means to be humble, meek, peacemakers, merciful and poor in spirit. To “be” any of the above means that you need to “act upon them.” In the Gospel last week, we were reminded that we are light and our light or presence makes a difference. This weekend takes this notion a step further: if you are living with humility, others will certainly recognize this attribute because the world doesn’t embrace this trait. The world endorses power, position, status, and wealth, the opposite of the attributes Jesus promotes. Jesus concludes his teaching with the following, “Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.” Jesus was fully aware of what his society deemed worthy of embracing. Our call is to embrace and live what our society doesn’t deem worthy. This can make us vulnerable. We must not strive for what the world holds up, but to let our presence be that of humility and meekness. The prophet Zephaniah called people to seek the Lord, all who are humble, seek justice, and humility, for the people who shall remain will be upright with no deceitful tongue but live undisturbed. As we gather this weekend, let the words of Jesus “be” a part of your daily lives.

Please note the Ash Wednesday schedule of Masses: 8:15 am (all school Mass), 12:15 service (no Mass) offered for those who wish to receive ashes over their lunch break, and 7:00 pm evening Mass. During Lent Stations of the Cross will be offered on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm for those who prefer the daytime and Fridays at 6:30 pm. The collaborative Lenten Journey, *Living the Letters* begins February 10, 3 pm at St. Augustine. These opportunities are wonderful and help all of us to live the gospel message. Remember, “Gratitude is Our Attitude” is this year’s theme. May this Lent be a time of self-reflection and self growth for everyone. *Blessings, Fr. Mark*

### What Should I Do For Lent?

*The most important thing anyone can do for Lent is to “return to the Lord with your whole heart”.*

The root meaning of repent to turn around. Catholics have traditionally expressed sorrow for sin and desire to live as genuine disciples of Christ, through the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, described in the sixth chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. These practices deepen our relationship with God, whom Jesus called “Father.”

### Fasting and Abstinence

A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, Fasting is a sacrifice, a gift back to our God.

### Fasting and Abstinence Regulations

1. Catholics who have celebrate their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 6, and on each Friday of Lent.
2. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday should abstain from meat as listed above, and should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. On those days, they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times on those two days. The obligation of fasting ceased with the celebration of one’s 59th birthday. *Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed practices.*

### Prayer

Our parish encourages a wealth of prayerful practices. We offer weekly mass, Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings and Wednesday afternoons, collaborative Lenten Journey, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration. Additionally all are invited to take a “Little Black Book,” and mediate on the readings. Allow prayer to touch you and then respond to God

### Almsgiving

Just as we fast without starving ourselves we give alms without jeopardizing our security or that of our family. As in the past our parish will be involved in Operation Rice Bowl-Catholic Relief Services. Rice Bowls will be available at the Order of Worship tables.

### Ash Wednesday - February 6

We will offer 3 services that day. At 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. there will be Mass with the distribution of ashes. At 12:15 p.m. there will be a Word service with the distribution of ashes. Please join us as we begin our observance of Lent.

### Online Lenten Resources

Would you like to feed your spiritual hunger but can’t find the time to attend a class or Bible study? Loyola Press offers several online Lent resources that can be accessed 24/7. Choose from a “Seven Weeks for the Soul” retreat, “The Seven Last Words” devotion, multimedia Stations of the Cross, and articles on various aspects of Lent. Go to [www.loyolabooks.org/lent](http://www.loyolabooks.org/lent).





# Human Concerns

## Prayer Network

In January, there were more than 124 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 healing - healing from accidents, illness, surgery, depression etc. - peace - peace after death of loved one - peaceful death - 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 FEBRUARY is: (Mentally Handicapped.) That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized but be respected and lovingly helped. The mission intention is: (Institutes of Consecrated Life.) That the Institutes of Consecrated Life in mission countries may rediscover the missionary dimension and generously proclaim Christ to the ends of the earth. <http://apostleshipofprayer.org> "Set aside time to pray for an end to abortion and to receive strength from the Lord. Our 'great campaign in support of life' will require all the resources God has given us. It will take time. It will take much prayer, fasting, and sacrifice. Pray for the protection of human life and invite others to do so." Homily of Cardinal Justin F. Rigali, Chairman, USCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities, National Vigil for Life Opening Mass, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. January 21, 2008. [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://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

## Operation Rice Bowl

In just a few days, your Lenten journey will begin. Catholic Relief Services invites you to make this journey in solidarity with your global family, and Operation Rice Bowl makes this easy and enriching. It is a journey of prayer, fasting, and learning and giving, all with an international flavor. To be Catholic means to be linked not just to our local communities, but also to our global community. Last year, the \$8 million offered by participants in Operation Rice Bowl made a huge difference to people all around the world. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl during this Lenten season will challenge you to expand your own horizons. You will be provoked to alleviate suffering and combat injustice. Together, we can induce tremendous change: "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."

## Grief Support Group

Just a reminder that the Grief Support Group will meet at the parish rectory on Saturday, February 2, from 10 – 11 am, 353 E. Norwich Street. Please encourage family members and friends who have lost loved ones to attend. Cathy, 747-8790.



## 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.



**Free Clinic** The Open Door Free Clinic for the uninsured and underinsured will be open on: Wednesday, February 6, 13, 20 and 27. 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.



The Parish Community of St. Veronica wishes to express its sympathy and promise of remembrance in prayer to the family of Joseph Reiter. Our hope and prayers are that he is enjoying that fullness of happiness and peace in his heavenly home.



## St. Blaise

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat.

The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. St. Veronica will offer Blessing of the Throats after all Masses this weekend.

## 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](http://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.



We have ended our 2nd quarter and celebrated Catholic Schools Week. What a wonderful and exciting week. Our students spoke eloquently about our school at the six parishes' Masses, and we had fun activities all week long. One day was a game day topped off with a volleyball match between the school staff and the 8th graders. We had an all-school Mass and wore our spirit wear clothing. We went crazy in dress and hair styles another day, and came to school in our PJ's to watch movies and purchase nachos. We ended our week with an Open House that showcased all the wonderful things about our school including our staff, students, academics, and especially our faith. We continue to take registrations for the 2008-2009 school year. If you would like a tour of our school, please stop in or call 744-1214. *Mary Stallmann, Principal*

**Maintenance Person**

St. Veronica is seeking a maintenance person that would provide routine and preventative maintenance services within St. Veronica's buildings and grounds, and St. Thomas Aquinas Academy school building. This is a full-time (40 hours per week) plus on-call position with benefits. A high school degree or equivalent required. Candidate must be experienced in all phases of buildings and grounds maintenance, possess a boiler's license applicable to the parish facilities preferred, and current driver's license. Candidate must be able to go up and down steps and ladders, lift up to 100 lbs, tolerate hazardous waste and chemicals, and operate power equipment. The candidate must be able to successfully complete the standard Archdiocese background check and project a personal lifestyle with Christian values. Please contact Carla Jager, 481-0777.

**Adult Choir Open House**

Have you thought about joining the Adult Choir but didn't know where or when to find us? Here's your chance to check us out! On Sunday, Feb. 3, join the choir for a brief rehearsal at 9:45 a.m. and stay to sing for the 10:30 Mass. No formal musical training is needed, just a willingness to learn.

*All God's children got a place in the choir  
...come, try it out!*

**Lectionary Link**

Our Readings remind us that we cannot just "talk the talk" but we must also "walk the walk". Through the Beatitudes, Jesus calls us to "righteousness", living in a right relationship with God.

*Adult: Which one of the Beatitudes is the most meaningful for you? Why?*

*Child: Which Beatitude is your favorite? Why?*

Readings for the Week of February 3

- Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



**Mass Intentions**

Remembering a loved one who has died or celebrating a special birthday or Anniversary are just two of the reasons people have for offering a Mass. Mass Intentions are scheduled on a first come-first serve basis and are \$10 per intention. Stop in or call the parish office to check out which dates are available.

**Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week Ending 1/20**

Offertory	\$ 772.59
Stewardship	7,564.99
Feed & Shelter the Poor	302.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>854.50</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,494.08</b>



**Wedding Banns**

*II Robert Weber  
and Sheril Schoen*



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



**Final Day to Register for the Evening for Couples**

In-person registrations are still being taken this weekend for the Evening for Couples on February 9. New this year, dancing will be part of the activities for the evening.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."  
- Mt 5:7-9

## ~Mass Intentions~

### Sunday, February 3 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Doris Suhm (Family)  
 10:30 am For Our Parishioners

### Monday, February 4

8:15 am Communion Service

### Tuesday, February 5 St. Agatha

#### No Morning Mass

6:30 pm † Julian Mirzejewski (Family/Friends)

### Wednesday, February 6 Ash Wednesday

8:15 am † Stella Jeka  
 12:15 pm Word Service with Ashes  
 7:00 pm

### Thursday, February 7

8:15 am

### Friday, February 8

8:15 am † Raymond Bonczkowski (Wife)  
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 9

4:30 pm † Patricia Russart (Family)  
 † Michael J. Gonring, Jr. (E. Thomspen)  
 † Paul Herriges (T. & N. Herriges)

### Sunday, February 10 First Sunday in Lent

8:30 am For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am 30th Wedding Anniversary of  
 Patrick and Jovita Moureau  
 † Stella Bieszk (Ralph)  
 † Marilyn Davis (Family)

### Parish Meetings and Events

#### Sunday, February 3

8:30 am	RCIA	Assisi
9 am	SRE Lent Family Day	Johnson Hall
7 pm	M.A.L.E.S.	POMR
7 pm	Woman's Bible Group	Assisi

#### Monday, February 4

6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul	POMR
6:30 pm	First Communion	St. Paul

#### Tuesday, February 5

6:30 pm	First Communion	Library
7 pm	Respect Life	POMR
7:30 pm	AA	Seton

#### Wednesday, February 6

11 am	AA	Seton
6 pm	St Veronica/St. Paul YM	Library
8 pm	Adult Choir	Church

#### Thursday, February 7

7 pm	Adult Confirmation	St. Augustine
7 pm	Special Religion	Assisi

#### Saturday, February 9

9:30 am	First Communion	Library
10 am	Grief Support	POMR
4:30 pm	Evening for Couples	Church/JH

#### Sunday, February 10

8:30 am	RCIA	Assisi
9 am	St Veronica/St. Paul YM	Johnson Hall
9 am	SRE	School
11:30 am	St Veronica/St. Paul YM	Johnson Hall
7 pm	Women Bible Study	Assisi

### Offices:

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### Parish Council and Liaison Members 2007-2008

*Pastor*, Fr. Mark Payne  
*Chairperson*, Paul Klajbor, 405-2674  
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*Agenda Secretary*, Christina Mascitti, 745-9013  
*Trustee Treasurer*, Ken Widenski, 482-2417  
*Trustee Secretary*, Patti Jeffers, 427-4069  
  
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*Parish Life & APC*, Monica Phillip, 744-1697  
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*STAA Board*, Judi Caruso, 744-1554  
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# Christian Formation

## Adult Ministry

### Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

This week the participants will discuss the Foundations of Christian Morality. The church teaches that all morality flows from God's law which has been planted in the heart of all humans. This is called "natural law" and is knowable by everyone. However, because we have been baptized and recognize that we have been redeemed by Christ we are assisted in recognizing the moral good we must do and that we perform these actions in Christ's name. The church also teaches that for an action to be good, three elements must be determined as good: the act, the intention, and the circumstances. Therefore, the end cannot justify the means. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1753*)

### Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates

As a parish, we continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates as they begin the season of Lent and the intense final preparations for reception into the Church. Sunday, February 10, Ronald Lemke and Wisper Joerres (St. Veronica catechumens), Francisco Feliciano (St. Veronica candidate), and Shannon Enk Knudson (St. Paul candidate) will be sent from our parishes to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Archbishop Dolan, Bishop Sklba, and Bishop Callahan. On the basis of the testimony of godparents and catechists and of the catechumens' reaffirmation of their intentions, our parishes recognize the spiritual growth of our catechumens. The Church makes its "election" or acceptance of the catechumens as ready to take part in the sacraments of initiation. This step is called election because the acceptance by the community is based upon their being chosen by God, in whose name the Church acts. The catechumens also sign their names, as a symbol of their pledge of fidelity, into the parish book of those who have been chosen for initiation.



## Youth Ministry

Youth from our Youth Ministry program will be collecting money for the poor after all of the Masses this weekend as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a national movement of youth across the country. In 2007, over 14,000 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$8 million dollars. Please be generous in supporting our youth in their efforts to help the poor.

**High School Students' Lent Retreat - Into the Desert scheduled for Feb 8-9 has been cancelled.**

## Catholic Kids Corner

### Help! Volunteers Needed for the Evening for Couples

Are you a middle school or high school student needing service hours, or just want an opportunity to assist your parish? The Evening for Couples is still looking for volunteers to help decorate Johnson Hall or serve at the dinner on February 9. Decorating is 11am – 1pm. Serving is 5pm-8:30 pm (free pizza included). To volunteer, contact Karen [karenbushman@saintveronica.org](mailto:karenbushman@saintveronica.org) or 481-0777, by February 5.

### First Eucharist Preparation

Families of candidates for First Eucharist are reminded that our next session will be held this week. Session 2 is offered Feb. 4 (at St. Paul), Feb. 5, and Feb. 9. All paperwork is due at this session.

### Pick N Save Number

Religious Ed. 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. The money we raise is used to purchase materials for the Religious Education program. Thank you.

### Sharing Faith with Your Child

Each week, we offer parents a faith theme and how to weave it into ordinary family life. Ideas come from [52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith](#) by Jim Campbell. This week we consider attitude. An important maxim reminds us

that "it is all in the attitude." Even the most desperate situation can be turned around with the right attitude. Both children and adults have an optimist/pessimist personality makeup. If your child seems to always look on the dark side, help them to see how the situation can come out all right. When your family plays games together, if your child grumps that they didn't "win", remind them that just being together as a family is "winning."

### Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

February 5 is Mardi Gras. It is the day before Ash Wednesday. During the season of Lent, Catholics fast (eat less food) and abstain (do not eat certain foods). To empty their cupboards of rich foods they shouldn't eat during Lent, Catholics would celebrate on the days before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is also called Pancake Day because pancakes use many of the ingredients that couldn't be eaten during Lent. The Polish prune filled donut (*pazcki*) also uses these kinds of ingredients. Why not have a celebration and help mom or dad make pancakes for supper.



Ash Wednesday is February 6. It is very early this year. On this day, we come to church to receive blessed ashes on our forehead. The blessed palms from last year were burned and cooled to be used for this year. The ashes are placed in the shape of a cross to remind us that we are Christians and that Jesus died for us. During Lent we often say extra prayers and give up something as a sign of penance. What will you give up this Lent?

## Adult Confirmation Session 3

St. Veronica has three participants in the adult Confirmation collaboration program. Our next session is February 7 at St. Augustine parish. We will discuss Scripture. The group will also be volunteering at the St. Augustine fish fry on Feb 8.