

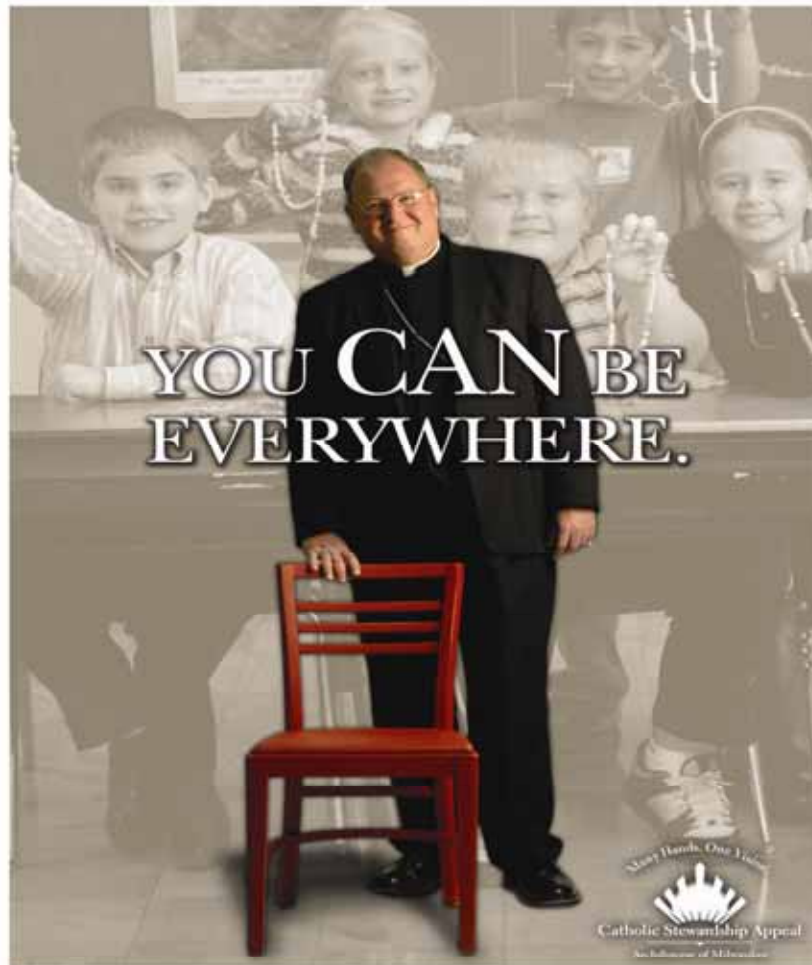
First Sunday of Lent

February 10, 2008

St. Veronica

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A Message from Father Mark

Lent is here. Every year we face the same question, what will I give up this year? Let's examine last Sunday's readings because they challenged us to embrace humility. Humility is not an easy topic to tackle. In my homily, it was suggested that instead of giving up something, consider moving towards something that would aid in your spiritual quest as a Catholic. When we "give something up" do we immediately return to our old habits on Easter Sunday? To "give up" literally means that you move from former habits to a new way of living. So, if you choose to "give up something" let it be something you will truly remove from your life. Instead of remaining sedentary on the couch, exercise or go for a long walk with your significant other. It can lead to a deepening of your relationship and a better looking and feeling you! While walking you can develop a prayer that could help you reflect upon your day or upon what is happening in your life. This kind of exercise can strengthen your spiritual muscles along with your physical muscles. So you see, you haven't given something up; you have embraced something that will help you and others.

Another possibility is to volunteer some time to the parish or a social organization. Remember that offering to do something leads to new friendships and relationships with people you never have had the opportunity to meet. For example, Eucharistic ministers who bring communion to the homebound often mention how rewarding it is to connect with people who truly appreciate what you are doing for them. The bond of friendship established becomes a lifelong relationship. It is humbling to bring the Eucharist.

To serve others through the St. Vincent de Paul Society or work in our Food Pantry is also fulfilling. Many participants who serve in our Food Pantry comment how touched they are when they look into the eyes of someone who is grateful for receiving the food items that they need so desperately. We can sometimes lose sight of what it means "to have." Our theme this Lent, "Gratitude is Our Attitude" reminds us that by helping others we are giving back to God for the gifts we have received. Most of us have very little to complain about, but inevitably, we will complain about something. Jesus calls us to humility. To connect with the "poor in spirit" is something that we all need to do, yet we miss opportunities to really see and meet Jesus. You will not connect with Jesus through the TV. Most programs tend to wear us down spiritually. Yet when we work with others, we are spiritually uplifted.

The Gospel for this weekend is about temptation. We are all tempted by Satan in various ways. That is why Jesus called us to embrace humility before moving into our ministry. Jesus was tempted to embrace power, wealth, prestige. To think that we are better than others or that we are in control of our every day lives is ridiculous! God is in control. That is why Jesus surrendered to God's will and work in His life. It is God who gives us everything and it is God who rules our lives. *Blessings, Fr. Mark*

Save This Date

What: St. Veronica's first annual wine and beer tasting event
The Vine and Stein Social

When: Saturday, April 19
7:00pm to 10:00pm

Where: St. Veronica
Johnson Hall

Look in future bulletins for more information.



Question of the Week As you listen to the familiar story of Jesus' journey into the desert, what word or phrase did you notice? As you heard it again today, what image from this story lingers in your memory?

Question for Children: *What do you plan to do during Lent this year as a way of showing you want to grow closer to Jesus?*

Question for Youth: *Jesus was tempted by the devil. How are you tempted? What helps you resist these temptations?*

Question for Adults: *When you yourself pause to be alone with God, what distracts and prevents you from dwelling in that? Busyness? The demands of life? TV? The internet?*



Stations of the Cross

Friday, Feb. 8	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 13	12:15 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 15	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 20	12:15 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 27	12:15 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 29	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Mar. 5	12:15 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 7	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Mar. 12	12:15 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 14	6:30 p.m.		

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, Feb. 24 following 8:30 Mass; Benediction at 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Journey

Sunday, Feb. 10	3:00 p.m.	St. Augustine of Hippo
Monday, Feb. 18	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul Parish
Tuesday, Feb. 26	7:00 p.m.	Nativity of the Lord Parish
Wednesday, March 5	7:00 p.m.	St. Veronica Parish
Thursday, March 13	7:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception

Collaborative Lenten Journey Begins This Weekend

Our Journey to learn what it means to live a Christian life then, now, and in the future starts Sunday, February 10, 3:00 pm at St. Augustine Parish, 2530 S. Howell Avenue. Jeffrey Montoya will explore Paul's letter to the Romans. Join fellow cluster parishioners by visiting a new parish each week. Check the parish website for further information. Let the Journey begin.

Bulletin Cover Picture

Have you received your Catholic Stewardship Appeal mailing or noticed the students on our bulletin cover? These are students from the collaborative St. Paul/St. Veronica Elementary Religious Ed.



Post-abortion healing group meets Saturday, February 16, from 10:00 – 11:00 am at the parish office.

There will be NO post-abortion healing group on March 15.



Operation Rice Bowl

First Week of Lent-Care for God's Creation

Most of us have clean water whenever we want it. Ciro didn't have this experience. He and his neighbors in rural Guatemala had to carry water for miles to meet their village's needs. With the help of Catholic Relief Services, they were able to construct a water supply system. Disease abated as new sanitation made their village a healthier place to live. God formed Ciro, his neighbors and all of us and infused us with the breath of life. Your involvement in Operation Rice Bowl will help sustain that life, in ways, as simple as making clean water accessible. CRS strives to be a responsible steward of creation while pursuing sustainable development. Dirty water, deforestation and pollutants don't contribute to healthier futures.

Rice Bowls are available at the Order of Worship tables.



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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

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 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.



Thrift Shop News

This is an invitation to be a part of something big and the right hands could be great. I am talking about the St. Veronica Thrift Shop. What is needed is some one younger with ideas in marketing and displaying perhaps a couple recently retired.

This is very rewarding work, which I love however I am running out of steam. I know there is someone who will step up. Give Jeanette at call for more information 481-6224.



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

Wednesdays, February 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 groundhog saw his shadow in Pennsylvania, but did not see his shadow here in Milwaukee. So what does that mean? Not a lot—we will still have lots of winter, lots of snow, and lots of cold, because this is Wisconsin! Our students had fun, though, celebrating Ground Hog Day with many different activities. And as a reminder, we will still

have lots of snow and cold, so students must come to school prepared with snow boots, hats, gloves and winter coats.

Our 2nd quarter has ended, report cards went out, and on Feb. 21 we will have Parent/Student/Teacher requested conferences. This is our time to get back in touch with parents and their children to see how behavior or academics are going and to make adjustments as needed to ensure a successful school year for all involved. Keeping the lines of communication open between student, parents and teachers are very important. This is one of the reasons WebGrader works so well. It allows parents to see how their children are doing in school and allows for parents and teachers to e-mail each other. And as always, we welcome all parents to visit and see what goes on in the classroom. *Mary Stallmann, Principal*



**Parish Council Agenda
February 12
7:05pm Assisi Room**

- Opening Prayer:
- Approval of January Minutes
- Approval of Representatives Reports
- New Business: Archdiocesan Rep
- Closing prayer



Wedding Banns
*III Robert Weber
and Sheril Schoen*

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**Men's Lenten Spiritual Journey
(Sponsored by M.A.L.E.S
Men As Learners & Elders)**

A discussion of questions and reflections on the 6 Lenten Sunday Scripture Readings and how they speak to the Male soul/heart. Starting this Sunday, February 10 and each Sunday during Lent. Sessions run from 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room

**Second Annual Men of Christ Conference –
February 23 at WI Expo Center
Challenging Men to Strengthen Their Faith**

What to expect: Truth, Challenge, Transformation, Brotherhood and Hope for Male Spirituality. Go to *MenofChrist.net* for further information.

Lectionary

Each year, the Gospel of the particular year in the three-year Lectionary cycle always recounts the temptation of Jesus in the desert on the First Sunday of Lent. This year, the proclamation is according to Matthew. The evangelist records that it was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus into the desert where he fasted for 40-days and 40-nights. His 40 days fast in the desert is the model for our 40 day journey through the Lenten season. As this fast served to prepare Jesus for his mission, so too does it serve as our preparation for the renewal of our call to mission, given through our Baptism. Sourcebook, 2008

**Parish Financial Stewardship
for the Week Ending 1/27**

Offertory	\$	760.94
Stewardship		10,028.18
Feed & Shelter the Poor		385.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List		<u>849.00</u>
Total		12,023.12



Lectionary Link

The church has begun the Liturgical season of Lent. During this time we prepare ourselves through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving to celebrate with a renewed spirit the mysteries of Easter. In the first Reading, Eve and Adam can be tempted to believe that their relationship with God is not complete. Their sin brings suffering and shame. Jesus is completely in touch with His relationship to God. Jesus can resist the temptations of the Evil One because He doesn't need to prove anything.

Adult: What temptations most lead modern people away from God?

Child: When you feel tempted to do the wrong thing, what do you do?

Readings for the Week of February 10

- Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, February 10 First Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, February 11

- 8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, February 12

- 8:15 am
 6:30 pm † Chet Wszalek (Mary)

Wednesday, February 13

- 8:15 am † Robert Schwingshakl (Family)
 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 14

- 8:15 am † Yolanda Bell (Children)

Friday, February 15 Chair of St. Peter

- 8:15 am † Julian Mirzejewski (Family)
 4:00 pm Robert Weber and Sheril Schoen
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 16

- 4:30 pm † Betty Dereszynski (Family)
 † Sharon Lemmer (J. Lemmer)
 † Alyce Budnik (Family)
 † Edward Krol (Krol Family)

Sunday, February 17 Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am † Michael Spiegel (Wife/Family)
 † Dorothy Butzler (Family)
 † Roman Grocholski (M. Kaluzny)
 † Laurie Eversman (R. Ciesinski)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, February 10

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| 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 |

Monday, February 11

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| 7 pm | Cluster Respect Life Mtg | POMR |
| 7 pm | Baptismal Prep at St. Augustine | 2530 S. Howell Avenue |

Tuesday, February 12

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

Wednesday, February 13

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| 11 am | AA | Seton |
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Thursday, February 14

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| 9 am | Resurrection Choir | Church |
| 1:15 pm | Community Elders | Johnson Hall |
| 7 pm | Adult Choir | Church |
| 7 pm | Special Religion | Assisi |

Saturday, February 16

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| Confirmation Retreat at Holy Hill | | |
| 9 am | Food Pantry/Thrift Shop | |
| 10 am | Post Abortion Support | POMR |

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Christian Formation

Adult Ministry

Judaism & Christianity – Identities Forged in Conflict

The Catholic-Jewish Conference of Milw. is offering a series on the relationship between Judaism and Christianity. The next presentation is *Sunday, Feb 10; 2:30pm – 4:45pm; Congregation Sinai, 8223 N. Port Washington Road*. The program is free and open to the public.

Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

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 we 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. For the candidates, the parish recognizes their continued growth in faith and readiness to accept the mission of Jesus through the Catholic faith.

Nativity of the Lord Program

Fr. Tim Kitzke will speak at *Nativity of the Lord Parish, 3672 E Plankinton Ave*, on Sunday, March 9, at 2:30 pm. The talk is entitled "Making Our Ordinary Days Holy."

Q & A session will follow with refreshments. Make this Lent your best ever by hearing the message of Fr. Tim.

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Retreat - Confirmation Candidates who are participating in the retreat on Feb. 16-17. should meet at St. Veronica's parking lot at 7:30AM on Saturday and will return on Sunday around 1:15pm. Please make sure your paperwork is complete and turned in to the Youth Ministry Office.

Catholic Kids Corner

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 "Family Sunday." As a family, plan what you can do together to make Sunday different from the other days of the week. Try to keep off "electronic distracters" such as TV, radio, headphones, electronic games, computers, etc. Take suggestions from all family members and then put them on your family calendar.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

February 10 is the feast of twin saints. St. Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict. St. Benedict founded a monastery for men. The motto of the order was *ora et labora* (Latin: "pray and work"). St. Scholastica founded a monastery for women that followed the same Rule that St. Benedict wrote for the men. Throughout the world, the Benedictines are known for their

hospitality and beautifully celebrated liturgies.



Bernadette Soubirous lived in Lourdes, France. On February 11, 1858, Bernadette was gathering firewood when she had her

first vision of Mary. Bernadette was fourteen years old. Our Lady told Bernadette to pray to God for sinners. During one of the visions, Mary had Bernadette scratch into the ground. A stream came bubbling up which had healing powers. There are many Catholic churches named for Our Lady of Lourdes.

February 14 is the feast of St. Valentine. But it is also the feast of St. Cyril and St. Methodius. These two brothers became priests and missionaries to the Slavic people. Cyril created an alphabet to translate the Bible. This alphabet, called the Cyrillic alphabet, is still used in Russia, Bulgaria, and other countries of that area.

Living Our Faith

Want to learn more about your faith but are pressed for time? The website www.LivingOurFaith.net is filled with information and resources to help Catholics know more about being Catholic. This site features stories focusing on *Inspiring, Teaching and Serving*, as well as resources for singles, couples, and families, a Catholic viewpoint on topical issues, how to find a parish and/or school, and a weekly reflection from Archbishop Dolan. Also, *Catholic Knights Presents Living Our Faith with Archbishop Timothy Dolan* is a weekly 30-minute television program that shares inspirational and informational stories from across the archdiocese. The program airs on Saturdays on WISN TV 12 at Noon through March 22 and on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin On Demand, Channel 1111. Each program features an in-studio guest, an "Ask the Archbishop" segment, and a weekly reflection from Archbishop Dolan.

Lenten Activity for Parishioners Gratitude Is Our Attitude

The Gratitude Hearts can now be returned to the baskets next to the Order of Worship stands. They are being hung in church.