

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 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.

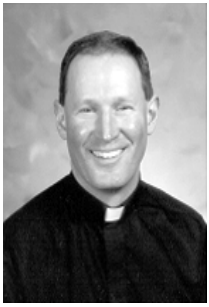
Anointing of the Sick/Pastoral Visits: We are always willing to stop by your home or hospital. Please notify us when you or a family member is in need of a visit. The hospitals do not notify us. Anointing of the Sick will occur after every weekend Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

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.

**SECOND
SUNDAY OF
LENT**

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**"ALL THE COMMUNITIES OF THE EARTH
SHALL FIND BLESSING IN YOU."
Genesis 12:3b**



Dear Parishioners,

Day after day, we hear the many voices that call us to exercise, eat right, buy certain products, wear certain clothing and follow a certain regimen so that we can be better people. Does that regimen include listening to the Holy Spirit? This weekend we are invited to climb the mountain and experience the presence of God through the transfiguration of Jesus. Certainly, Peter and the other disciples were overcome by the experience. How would our faith life be changed if we could have an experience of our Lord manifested in a special way? The season of Lent is a time to climb the mountain and learn from Jesus what needs to be deepened and changed in our lives. We are asked during this season to withdraw to a private place with Jesus to listen with our hearts. We are challenged to examine the voices that are prevalent in our lives so that we include the Holy Spirit. What we seek can be ours!

Our cluster parishes are offering a Lenten Journey in which the Letters of St. Paul and his message for the early church will be presented. Learning about the early church from the perspective of Paul gives us greater insights to Jesus. There will be a cluster Reconciliation service held on March 12 inviting private prayer, personal examination of conscience and confession of sin. The parish offers Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 12:15pm and Fridays at 6:30 pm. To walk the Way of the Cross mentally and physically leads us to reflect upon our own life and attitude. All of these opportunities are an invitation to deepen our relationship with Jesus. However, an invitation needs to be accepted and then followed through. Our challenge is to listen to the Holy Spirit. Other voices tend to dominate our lives and we tend to make them the priority. Embrace the gospel and turn from your sinful ways.

Fasting can also help you make a commitment and see it through to completion. By choosing to fast on Fridays, you set in your mind a routine that helps you recall the meaning of Lent. Sometimes we can dismiss fasting because it seems to have no impact. However, it may not be the act of fasting, but the ritual of consciously deciding not to eat or to change a behavior that makes a difference. Making a commitment strengthens your resolve to listen to the Holy Spirit; thus growing deeper in your desire to change your ways. If we take a lax approach to what we are called to do during Lent, what will help us grow throughout the year? Fasting calls us to an awareness of our choices. Fasting is not cerebral but physical. We eat every day. Are we able to change our eating habits towards food? Our theme, *Gratitude is Our Attitude* also includes how we approach satisfying our hunger. Fasting heightens our awareness of gratitude and thanksgiving. Do we remember to offer a prayer of thanksgiving before we eat? Please consider the importance of fasting this Lent.

Blessings, Fr Mark

Question of the Week

Theme: Transfiguration - with the Spirit of Jesus living within us, we will be transformed.

Question for Children: Share about a time when you felt especially close to God or Jesus.

Question for Youth: Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience where you felt exceptionally close to God? How was your life changed by that experience?

Question for Adults: Perhaps this reading calls us, not to cling to the familiar, but to leave the comforts of the parish and reach out to the world around us. In your neighborhood or community, who is waiting to hear the Good News?

Benediction

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration will take place NEXT Sunday, FEBRUARY 24, 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. *When you look at the Crucifix you see how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you see how much He loves you now. (Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta)* At 10:00 we will conclude with Benediction, the ceremony of praise and blessing.



St. Veronica Pancake Breakfast

Join us on February 24 in Johnson Hall for all you care to eat chocolate chip pancakes, sausages, eggs, and beverages.

Serving time will be from 9 am – 12 pm.



Collaborative Lenten Journey Continues

Our Journey to learn what it means to live a Christian life then, now, and in the future continues this week. On Monday, Feb 18 Fr. Romanus Nwaru will explore Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Join fellow cluster parishioners at St. Paul Parish, 1720 E. Norwich Ave.

Tuesday, February 26, 7 pm

Topic; Philippians

Nativity of the Lord

3672 E. Plankinton

Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm

Topic; Colossians

St. Veronica

Thursday, March 12, 7 pm

Topic; Letters of James

Immaculate Conception

1023 E. Russell Avenue



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

Free Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic for the uninsured and underinsured will be open on: Wednesdays, February 20 and 27. The clinic is located inside Unity Lutheran Church, 1025 E. Oklahoma Sign-in time is 5:30 pm and the provider will see patients at approximately 6 pm.



Catholic Relief Services

Hamsatou Tangare in Mali, Western Africa, shown with her baby. Hamsatou's life has improved dramatically after an ORB-funded microfinance project enabled her to start her own business.

Rice Bowls are available at the Order of Worship tables.



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.



The Parish Community of St. Veronica wishes to express its sympathy and promise of remembrance in prayer to the families of Lorraine Ellsworth, Conrad Kania and Eugene Zaharias. Our hope and prayers are that they are enjoying that fullness of happiness and peace in their heavenly home.

Alanon Meeting, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Nativity of the Lord Christian Formation Center, 3658 E. Plankinton Ave, Cudahy

For more information, please contact the Alanon office, 257-2415 or one of the following members *Suzanne B. 570-9906/Mary B. 570-9407*

Why is the narrative of Jesus' Transfiguration proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Lent?

Every Lectionary cycle narrates the temptations of Jesus on the first Sunday of Lent, while the second Sunday proclaims the Transfiguration narrative. Each liturgical year, these two Sundays form their own cluster, focusing on the difficulties of the Lenten journey, along with the ultimate goal of that journey, namely transformation in and through the risen Christ. The two Sundays act as an overture to the entire Lent/Easter season, the great 90 days.

Biblical scholars understand the Transfiguration to be a post-resurrection event that was projected into Jesus' ministry to communicate hope to his followers. In the midst of the difficult path leading to passion and death, this narrative ultimately assured victory for Jesus and his followers.

Yet, the Transfiguration narrative itself is suffused with references to passion and death. The disciples are told not to say anything to anyone, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The evangelist's message is clear. The disciples will not understand what just happened until they experience the risen Christ in their midst. Also, transfiguration comes about only through the path leading to the tomb, to suffering and death. There is no path to transfiguration other than the tomb.

While Jesus' followers are being offered hope of ultimate victory, they must understand that it will cost dearly. Are they ready for the journey to Jerusalem?

This Lent, how ready are you for the inevitable journey to Jerusalem which is an integral part of following Jesus? Ipi,2008

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

A discussion of questions and reflections on the Lenten Sunday Scripture Readings and how they speak to the Male soul/heart. Meets 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.



2008 Pallottine Horizons Trip May 12-17, 2008
A Trip to The Smokies

Featuring Pigeon Forge, TN and Bardstown, KY

Join the Pallottines for a 6 day/5night trip from St. Vincent Pallotti with Brother Jim Scarpace, Betty Reichertz, the Pallottines and Caritas Christi. Some of the attractions we will see: *Sacred Heart of Jesus Church; Biltmore Mansion, Col Sanders Museum, Great Smoky National Park, Dollywood and Mass at St. Joseph Proto Cathedral.* Transportation will be provided by Lamers, Deluxe Motor Coach Tour. Room Rates Double, \$799 per person, Triple, \$749 per person, Quad, \$725 and Single, \$999. A total of 11 meals (5 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners) are included. There is a \$100 per person deposit required to secure reservations, which are on a first come basis. For more information, contact Brother Jim Scarpace, 258-0653, ext 165.

Fireside Trip -April 5

Come with the St. Veronica Travel Group to the Fireside Theatre to see

"Anything Goes"

Cost per person is \$78 The bus will leave St. Veronica at 8:45 am and return at 6 pm Call Monica, 744-1697 to make your reservation.

Women's Scriptural Support Group

For those who are thirsty for a personal touch from the Lord, to weave their lives more intimately into His Life, as we share our hearts and his Word together. Join us on Sunday evenings at 7 pm in the Assisi Center.

We are using At Home with the Word for discussion and direction.

A Morning Workshop for all Liturgical Ministers

Join ALMA/NPM as *Peter Ghiloni* will lead a workshop for all Liturgical Ministers. Peter is former Director of the Office of Prayer and Worship for the Archdiocese. Peter will show us the importance of how our ministry as Liturgical Ministers in Christ reflects on our parishioners, the *Body of Christ*.

Liturgical Ministers include (but not limited to) Musicians, Lectors, Servers, Greeters, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers.

Take some time to renew your spirit this Lent
as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery

Date: Saturday, March 8 from 9-11:30 am

Location: Lumen Christi Catholic Church

11300 N. St. James Lane, Mequon

(Corner of Mequon Rd. and Range Line Rd)

For more information or to register, contact Kate Sponholz 482-2920.

Lectionary Link

Through the Gospel reading, Matthew reminds us to listen to Jesus. The glowing clothes and face show us the divinity of Jesus. A voice from heaven tells Peter and the other disciples to "Listen to Him". As followers of Jesus, we must also heed this message.

Adult: How does knowing Christ transform your own life?

Child: How does knowing Jesus make your life better?

Readings for the Week of February 17

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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 someone 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.

Parish Financial Stewardship
for the Week Ending 2/03

Offertory	\$ 630.95
Stewardship	16,639.37
Feed & Shelter the Poor	561.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>1,414.00</u>
Total	\$ 19,245.32

~Mass Intentions~

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)

Monday, February 18

- 8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, February 19

No Morning Mass

- 6:30 pm Agnes Keehn (J. Lemmer)
 † Mae Emerson (T. & K. Beres)

Wednesday, February 20

- 8:15 am † Joseph Ploszay (J. & A. Kasprzak)
 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 21

- 8:15 am † Julian Mirzejewski (Family)

Friday, February 22

- 8:15 am
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 23

- 4:30 pm † Ronald Brzozowy (D. Fechner)
 † Florian Gilewski (Family)
 † Ed Glembocki (Family)
 † Milton Rusch (Schneider Family)

Sunday, February 24 Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am † Josephine Wojciechowski (Family)
 † Mike Moczynski (St. V Food Pantry)
 10:30 am For Our Parishioners

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, February 17

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| 8:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 11:15 am | St. Veronica/St. Paul YM | St. Paul |
| 12 pm | All Ministers Brunch | Johnson Hall |
| 7 pm | M.A.L.E.S. | POMR |
| 7 pm | Woman's Bible Group | Assisi |

Monday, February 18

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| 6:30 pm | St. Vincent de Paul | POMR |
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Tuesday, February 19

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

Wednesday, February 20

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| 9 am | Wisdom Seekers | POMR |
| 11 am | AA | Seton |
| 12:15 pm | Stations of the Cross | Church |
| 6 pm | Dartball | Johnson Hall |
| 7 pm | Christian Formation | Rel. Ed. Cnt |

Thursday, February 21

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| 7 pm | Adult Choir | Church |
| 7 pm | Adult Confirmation | St. Augustine |
| 7 pm | Finance Committee | Hospitality |
| 7 pm | Special Ed. | Assisi |

Friday, February 22

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| 6:30 pm | Stations of the Cross | Church |
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Christian Formation

Adult Ministry

*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. On Sunday, February 17, Francisco Feliciano (St. Veronica candidate), and Shannon Enk Knudson (St. Paul candidate) will celebrate the Penitential Rite. This Penitential Rite serves to mark the Lenten purification of baptized but previously uncatechized adults who are preparing to receive the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. During the catechetical session following Mass, the group will discuss the Gospel story of the Transfiguration and how the Call of Discipleship demands that we transform our lives and conform them to Christ. Please continue to pray for the catechumens and candidates during this special season of Lent as they prepare to receive the Easter sacraments.



**Fish Fry's in
Our Area
During Lent**

St. Roman, 1710 W. Bolivar

4 pm-8 pm

2/22, 3/7 and 3/14

Dine in or take out

Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by

Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts

St. Stephen Parish, 5880 S. Howell Ave

4:30 pm-7:30 pm

Every Friday during Lent including

Good Friday Dine in or Take Out



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 "Blessing Your Child." By praying the Sign of the Cross, we identify ourselves as Christians. A priest is not the only one who can bless someone, parents can give their children a blessing anytime. Natural times to offer a blessing include when he leaves on a school trip, when she stays overnight with a friend, at bedtime, when you see the pope or other church figure giving a blessing on television, or as part of a birthday gift. Explain to your child that you are blessing him/her because you value the child as a blessing from God.

Catholic Kids Corner Elementary Religious Education

Families are enjoying a mid-winter break from classes. We will return on Feb. 17. Students are collecting food for the St. Paul parish St. Vincent de Paul.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

When you go to the doctor has he or she used a funny looking instrument to listen to your heart and lungs? That tool is called a stethoscope. The stethoscope was invented by a French doctor named Theophile Laennec. His birthday is February 17. Dr. Laennec was watching some children play. One child would tap very softly on the end of the board while

another was listening on the other end. The sound of the tap was louder after it had gone across the board. This gave the doctor the idea of how to listen to the soft beats of a heart. Say a prayer today for all doctors and others who work to make us healthy.



This year, February 18 marks the holiday President's Day. Originally, the holiday was held on February 22 and celebrated the

birthday of George Washington, the first president. In 1971, the holiday was moved to the third Monday in February. In the late 1980s, the holiday was renamed Presidents day and honors Abraham Lincoln and the other Presidents. Don't forget to hang out your flag on this day.

On February 19, 1493 Nicolaus Copernicus was born. This great scientist and astronomer was able to show that the earth and other planets moved around the sun. Previously, people believed that everything including the sun went around the Earth. People made fun of Copernicus but he continued to teach and study. Later, other scientists were able to prove that Copernicus was right. Tonight look out at the millions of stars and remember that God made and cares about the stars, but God also made and cares about YOU.

Youth Ministry



Souper Bowl of Caring --Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The Youth collected a total of \$1030.98 after all of the Masses at St. Paul and St. Veronica! A portion of the money will be used to support youth ministry service projects such as the Youth Interfaith Service Retreat and the rest of the money will be given to charities in our area to help the poor (The Soup Kitchen at Unity on Oklahoma Ave, The Open Door Free Clinic and Hope House of Milwaukee).

Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally --Our youth ministry will be going to WCYR on March 1. We will leave St. Veronica parking lot at 8:30 am and return at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$25 (which includes lunch and dinner). All Youth in grades 7-10 are welcome to attend. The registrations are due on Feb. 22. All students in our Youth Ministry Religious Education program must attend one retreat/faith event per year.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:4-5