

St. Veronica

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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**WELCOME TO THE
CATHOLIC FAITH
COMMUNITY OF
ST. VERONICA PARISH!**

If you are visiting St. Veronica today or if you are new to the area, we are very pleased that you have chosen to worship with us in our faith community.

We welcome you to become a member of our parish family. Please call the parish office, visit our website www.saintveronica.org or pick up a new member packet in the kiosk near the church elevator. Thank You.

Sacraments

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

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

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

Reconciliation: 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass and every 3rd Thursday following the 8:15 am Mass.



FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT

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TRY TO LEARN WHAT IS PLEASING TO THE LORD.
Ephesians 5:10



A Message from Father Mark

The Archdiocese has approached our parish offering us an opportunity to be part of a new program called the Parish Teaching Model. A seminarian would be assigned to the parish for the next four years of his formation. During this time he would be expected to join the parish and participate as an active parishioner; not as a “priest in training”. In the first year he could volunteer as a lector or a member of a standing committee. In subsequent years he would explore other facets of the parish. This process would help him understand the essential structures of an active parish. The idea behind this program is to help integrate what he is learning in the classroom with what actually happens in the parish. The classroom work will actually take on a more formative experience because he will be able to understand the dynamics of parish life. By integrating the practical, we will be forming a young man for the challenges of the future.

Barbara Shauer, Director of Formation at St. Francis Seminary met with the parish staff and the Parish Council to introduce the idea to our parish. Barbara realizes that this is a new program so there may be many questions that need to be explored. She mentioned that sometimes during the seminary years the course work receives greater emphasis than the practical experience. This new program addresses the fact that it is important for the seminarian to be well rounded and grounded in what he faces in a parish. Stressing the importance of the classroom should never minimize the need for the day to day practical experiences that helps the man mature into a good pastoral priest. Our parish would be given a wonderful opportunity to help form and educate a man over a period of time. We would watch him grow to become ordained a priest to preach and teach in the Catholic Church.

The Parish Council and staff would like your input on whether we as a parish would like to accept this challenge thus accepting a man **for four years**. Will we be open to a man that will come to us from another culture, or race, or having another primary language for four years? Are we going to reach out and embrace this man as one of us as both a parishioner and minister? Are we willing to work with a man who might be more liberal or conservative than ourselves? These are important questions that need to be answered if our parish is truly going to embrace this program. Many of the new seminarians are from South America or other parts of the world. Are we willing to help integrate this man into our culture so he can serve the diocese as a priest?

Finally, everyone has a personality. Some are easier to connect with than others. Our seminarian will bring a new face with a personality: he will never be Fr Mark! We need to guard against comparing a young man who is starting his vocational journey to a pastor who has been a priest for over 12 years. It is not fair. Every seminarian brings a message and a faith story to the community they serve. If we say “yes” then we grow rich by sharing in the faith journey of one who will serve the Archdiocese as pastor one day. If you would like to react, you will find the list of Council members and their phone numbers on the inside half page of the bulletin. Please call one and share your insights about this significant issue. *Blessings, Fr Mark*

Question of the Week

Theme: We are children of the Light.

Question for Children: *What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?*

Question for Youth: *Jesus helped a blind man see – and he helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?*

Question for Adults: *Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?*

Opportunities for Reconciliation during Lent

Communal Reconciliation will be offered in our area at the following times.

Wednesday, March 12 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Parish

Thursday, March 13 7:00 p.m.
Nativity of the Lord Parish

Saturday, March 15 10:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Parish

Individual Reconciliation will be available at St. Veronica on March 1 and 15 at 3:30 p.m.



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 Wednesday, March 5 at 7pm, Fr. Mark Payne will explore Paul’s letter to the Colossians. Join fellow cluster parishioners at St. Veronica.

Thursday, March 12-7 pm
Topic: *Letters of James*
Immaculate Conception
1023 E. Russell Avenue



It’s Time Again for St. Veronica’s Delicious “Fish Fry”

Friday, March 7 from 4 –7 pm in Johnson Hall. Our baked and fried cod is made in non-cholesterol oil. Also featured are fresh baked desserts. Adults \$8 and children \$4 (3-12). Carry Outs available.

We would like to offer our guests homemade desserts. If you want to bake a dessert or two for our fish fry, please feel free to drop them off in Johnson Hall on Friday, March 7.

Thrift Shop will also be open during the meal. Stop by to see what type of bargains they have!!!



LENT



Human Concerns

Prayer Reflection

For the people of the United States, that we may be united in building a society in which everyone can live with dignity and hope, (including the unborn, the elderly and the disabled) we pray to the Lord...

For the members of this community, that we may find ways to help build a world of greater respect for human life and human dignity, we pray to the Lord...

As you know, 2008 is an *election year*. In Wisconsin, we will vote on the following days:

- *April 1* Spring general election of State Supreme Court and local non-partisan offices.
- *September 9* Fall primary for partisan offices, e.g. U.S. Congress
- *November 4* Fall general election

Operation Rice Bowl

Operation Rice Bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday, in baskets at the front of church. Ushers will NOT be collecting the Rice Bowls this year. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Grief Support Group will meet Saturday, March 8 from 10:00 – 11:00 am in the parish office.

Just a Reminder: THERE WILL BE NO Post-Abortion Healing Group in March. Call 747-8790 for more information.

Free Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic for the uninsured and underinsured will be open on: Wednesdays March 5, 12, 19 and 26. 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. You can always call the clinic at 481-1778, to find out when it will be open or visit their website www.OpenDoorFreeClinic.org

Prayer Network

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In February, there were **more than 85 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 - family guidance - healing from accidents, illness, surgery, depression,

etc. - peace - peace after death of loved one - peaceful death - good medical tests

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 MARCH is: (Forgiveness) That all may understand the

importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples and

that the Church may spread Christ's love. The mission intention is: (The

Persecuted) That Christians who are persecuted because of the Gospel may be

sustained by the Holy Spirit and continue to bear witness to the Word of God.

<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
12 pm-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

MARCH is *canned mixed-fruit*. Donations may be dropped off in the

Ushers room or brought to the parish office. Thank you for your generous

response to our "request of the month" food item. We received more than

100 cans of tuna in February and our staff and patrons are very grateful.

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.

Health Topic Sunday

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness

Colorectal cancer is cancer of the colon and/or rectum both of which make up the large bowel. This cancer usually starts as small benign polyps. Not all polyps turn into cancer. Those that do may take 5 to 15 years to turn into cancer. So removing small polyps early can help prevent this cancer. (Aurora FYWB).

It is one of the most easily preventable cancers because it develops slowly. To prevent colorectal cancer, get regular screening tests, exercise regularly and maintain a healthy weight. Eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains; and don't smoke or drink alcohol excessively. If you are at average risk for colorectal cancer, start having regular screenings beginning at age 50. If you are at greater risk, you may need to begin regular colorectal screenings at an earlier age. Talk to your doctor about your need for screening.

Stop by the Health Topic Sunday table in the front of the church and learn more about Colorectal cancer.



March Madness Shop 'Til You Drop

Benefiting St. Thomas Aquinas Academy
March 8 12:30 pm-6:30 pm
Johnson Hall

Shop with over 25 direct sales vendors, all in one place.

Take advantage of one day only discounts, promotions, and cash and carry offers.

Order products for direct shipment. Book a party and earn bonuses. Shop for Easter, Mother's Day, or just plain fun.

Refreshments Available.

We Need Your Help! Do you need to get your service hours worked? Or how about just volunteer and have some fun!

We need help with set up, take down, during the event and LOTS of Baked Goods! Please HELP!

Call with any questions or to volunteer Cheryl Kallerud 486-7844.

Archbishop Dolan's Pallium Lecture Series

In preparation for World Youth Day 2008, the Archbishop has decided that the focus of the Lecture series be on the need to impress our youth with the power of faith. The first session will be *Catechesis that Impacts the Public Square; Most Reverend Charles Chaput, OFM Cap Archbishop of Denver; Thursday, March 6; 7 p.m.; Alverno College Wehr Hall, 3400 S. 43 St.* For more information call 769-3312 or visit www.archmil.org

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

- Jn 9:35-38

Lectionary Link

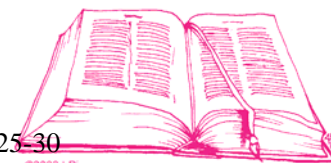
Today's reading reminds us that all of us have blind spots. These are things that get in the way of us living our faith to the fullest.

Adult: How can your "eyes of faith" help you to see beyond your blind spots?

Child: How does being a friend of Jesus help you be a friend to others?

Readings for the Week of March 2

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Operation Rice Bowl

Fourth Sunday of Lent A Story from Mali

My name is Hamsatou Tangare. I am 43 years old and work as a tailor. I live in the district of Douentza in Mali. It is difficult to earn money here as a tailor because people do not have enough money to buy clothes on a regular basis. With just the money I was earning as a tailor, I was unable to supply enough food to keep myself and my 5 children healthy.

Last year, I joined 30 other women as part of Catholic Relief Services' SILC (Savings and Internal Lending Communities) Microfinance Project. Through the project I received a loan which has helped me start a business to sell food and household goods from the city here in my village. With the income from my business, I have paid back my loan, bought school supplies for my children and put money aside for savings.

Not only has my new income improved the life of my family, but the 30 other women in the microfinance group all support one another in solidarity. If one group member has an emergency, we pool our savings to help her. Now there are fewer emergencies. Thanks to the CRS Microfinance Project we have been able to change our lives for the better and we have many events to celebrate. It is in solidarity that we support each other through the hard times and celebrate our good fortune together!

As a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. The Gospel specifically calls us to take action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society.

Living Our Faith, an archdiocesan initiative that:

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



Fish Fry's in Our Area During Lent

St. Augustine, 2530 S. Howell Ave.
4 pm-? March 21

Fried Fish, Poor Man's Lobster and Shrimp Dine in or Carry out available
Special lunch carry out 12pm-1pm
Call ahead 481-3242

St. Roman, 1710 W. Bolivar
4 pm-8 pm March 7 and 14

Dine in or take out
Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by
Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts

St. Stephen, 5880 S. Howell Ave
4:30 pm-7:30 pm
Every Friday during Lent including
Good Friday Dine in or Take Out

~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, March 2 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am † Milton Rusch (Schneider Family)
 † Deceased Members of Budny Family

Monday, March 3

8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 4

8:15 am Special Intentions
 6:30 pm † Rupert Jonas (Wife)

Wednesday, March 5

8:15 am Douglas Van Beek (Family)
 12:15 am Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 6

8:15 am † Joseph Ploszay (Hoffer Family)

Friday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 8

4:30 pm Agnes Keehn (J. Lemmer)
 † Patricia Russart (Family)
 † Sharon Lemmer (J. Lemmer)
 † Lucille Thompson (Family)

Sunday, March 9 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am For the Parishioners
 10:30 am † Robert & Regina Johnson (Family)
 † Laurie Eversman (D. Hauser)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, March 2

8:30 am	RCIA	Assisi
9 am	SRE	School
7 pm	M.A.L.E.S.	POMR
7: pm	Woman's Bible Study	Assisi

Monday, March 3

6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul	POMR
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Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

11 am	AA	Seton
12:15 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
6 pm	Dartball	Johnson Hall
6 pm	St. Paul/St. Veronica YM	Library
7 pm	Baptism Class	Assisi
7 pm	Prayer & Worship	Rel. Ed. Cnt
7 pm	Lenten Journey	Church

Thursday, March 6

9 am	Resurrection Choir	Church
9 am	Stewardship Mailing	Assisi
7 pm	Adult Choir	Church
7 pm	Adult Confirmation	POMR
7 pm	Special Religion	Assisi

Friday, March 7

4 pm	St. Veronica Fish Fry	Johnson Hall
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, March 8

9:30 am	First Eucharist Retreat	Assisi
10 am	Grief Support	POMR
12:30 pm	STAA March Madness	Johnson Hall

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Prayer & Worship, Lynn Larson, 489-9148
STAA Board, Judi Caruso, 744-1554
Stewardship, Robin Decker, 483-5485

Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week Ending 2/17

Offertory	\$ 425.56
Stewardship	4,599.87
Feed & Shelter the Poor	183.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>303.00</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,511.43</i>

Christian Formation

Adult Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

As a parish, we continue to pray for the Elect of God during Lent and the intense final preparations for reception into the Church. To help you get to know them better, we will be sharing a brief biography of each during the next few weeks.

Francisco Feliciano, Jr.
St. Veronica parishioner

Francisco was baptized Catholic and is preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Francisco had been considering this step in his faith journey for about three years. He made the decision because he wanted to receive Communion and become a full part of the community. He believes that once he has received the sacraments he will have more of a fulfillment in Christ. He has enjoyed the program and encourages others who want to complete the sacraments to participate next year. His sponsors are Janice and Bruce Davie who are members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

Pick N Save Number

Religious Education for St. Veronica/St. Paul has a charity number for Pick N Save grocery stores. If you would like your charitable donation to be credited to Religious Education please use code **#815830**. If you want to change your existing designated charity just mention our number at the service desk and they will update your card. Thank you.

Morning of Reflection for Women with Bishop Sklba

All women are invited to this morning entitled "Mary: A Prophet of Hope in Troubled Times." Bishop Sklba and Jennifer Laske, Theology Chair at Mount Mary will present on Mary and how her life continues to give guidance to women in the contemporary church. Pre-registration required. *March 8; 8-11 am including continental breakfast; Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Atrium, 812 N. Jackson St.; \$10 per person.* Registration form can be found at www.archmil.org – "Events" – "March 8".

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 Facing Moral Choices. Teachable moments include: when your child is being willful, when your child is reluctant to act on your authority or challenges the authority of an adult, and when a decision has been made that has clear negative consequences. The Old Testament has many stories in which the Jews disobeyed God. Humans were given the gift of freedom of choice by God. However, we must remind our children that with this gift comes responsibility. Have a conversation with your child about how we all have freedom to act, we must remember that every act has consequences that impact others.

Catholic Kids Corner Elementary Religious Education

As part of our commitment to serve others, the families in Religious Education are collecting household cleaners for clients of the St. Veronica Food Pantry. Students in grades 5 & 6 will be participating in the Stations of the Cross during their class time.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next session of Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 10:30am Mass on March 2. The prayer leaders will be Sharon and Brittany Lyda. This will be the only CLW during March due to the early date of Easter. All children ages 4-8 are invited to follow

the prayer leaders into the Parents Room on the Norwich side of church. The children return to their parents during the Offertory.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

Can you sing the National Anthem? On March 3, 1931 Congress voted to make this the official song for the United States. The words come from a poem written by Francis Scott Key in 1814. Whenever you sing this song, say a THANK YOU to God for being born an American.

Are you of Polish descent? March 4 is the feast of St. Casimir, the patron saint of Poland. Casimir was a Polish prince who was born in 1458. Casimir did not like the luxury he saw in the royal court. When he was 14, his father King Casimir III ordered him to head an army into Hungary. In obedience to his father, St. Casimir went to Hungary but refused to fight any battles. He was often called "the Peacemaker." He died of tuberculosis at the age of 26.



Do you like Green Eggs and Ham or One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish? Maybe your favorite story is Cat in the Hat or the Butter Battle Book. No matter which story you enjoy, you can thank

Theodore Seuss known as Dr. Seuss. He was born on March 2, 1904 and at a young age enjoyed doodling. His books help many children and adults learn to read. Why not borrow one of these books and read to a younger brother or sister?



Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1400 will be selling cookies before and after mass on Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2. If you have a sweet tooth, please stop by the table in the back of the church to purchase your cookies. Sales will be "cash-n-carry". Cost of each box is \$3.50. Please support our troop.

Special Lenten Presentation

Fr. Tim Kitzke, Pastor of Three Holy Women Parish, will be giving an interactive presentation entitled:

"Making Our Ordinary Days Holy"

Sunday, March 9 at 2:30 pm.

Nativity of the Lord Parish, 3672 E. Plankinton Avenue

A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Refreshments will be served. Make this Lent your best ever by hearing the message of Fr. Tim! He is an energetic, up-beat speaker who has a great sense of humor.