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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.

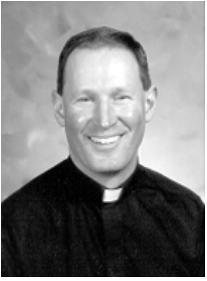
Reconciliation: 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass and every 3rd Thursday following the 8:15 am Mass.

March 9, 2008

**FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT**

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I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU THAT YOU MAY LIVE...
Ezekiel 37:14a



Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent is full of wonderful prayerful opportunities. One of these opportunities is Palm Sunday. Every year, Catholics gather to listen to the Passion of our Lord portrayed by one of the Evangelists. This year a re-enactment of the Gospel of Matthew will take place during the usual Gospel proclamation. We remember our Lord's great entrance into Jerusalem by listening first to the short gospel narrative of Jesus seated upon a donkey entering the City of David, thus setting the stage for us to follow in the foot steps of those who carried palm branches and shouted hosanna to the king. The servers, the lectors and the priest will process through the church amid cries of enthusiastic people awaiting the "Christ" the anointed one to come to the Jews to bring about a new reign like that of their forefather King David. It is important that all of you be fully aware that our gospel

this year will not be read to you but re-enacted before you. This reminder is mentioned because some parishioners would much rather listen to the gospel then have it re-enacted. The Passion can be lengthy. It would be to your advantage to do some preparatory work before Palm Sunday by reading and reflecting upon what you shall hear and see before hand. For most of us, we say, "I know Passion of the Lord who needs to read it." Since the Passion is lengthy, it would be helpful, to break up the narrative in readable parts to pray over and reflect upon before you close your eyes to sleep. This will help you follow along on Palm Sunday with a richer sense of the gospel narrative.

Another rich opportunity for us is the Easter vigil. This Mass is considered the highest feast in our church. During this Mass we celebrate the many wonderful symbols and signs of our Sacramental church. We recognize the beginning of creation by lighting a fire that burned in the darkness of chaos. We bless the Easter Candle (Paschal Candle) by inscribing upon it and reciting a prayer mentioning that Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end. There are seven readings that are proclaimed mentioning how God is present throughout all of creation. Following the homily the baptismal waters are blessed and we renew our own baptismal commitment. A litany of the saints is sung for all those who will be welcomed into our community through baptism. Those who are baptized are also Confirmed and share in Eucharist. All these wonderful celebrations are united into a glorious Mass that certainly is worthwhile experiencing. Please join us for this faith filled celebration in which we renew our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ. It has been mentioned that it is "too long." Yes, the Mass will last two and a half hours. Rituals when celebrated well take time. To see an adult baptized and given the rich symbols takes time. There is nothing simple about how the Easter vigil is celebrated, but it is personally uplifting and spiritually enriching. If you have never experienced this Mass please treat yourself this year by attending. You will never forget the experience.

To be away for a time to be renewed and refreshed is wonderful. It is nice to have a bit of a rest. The sound of the ocean certainly helps take away stress. The warm sun certainly takes away the winter blahs. *Blessings, Fr Mark*

Theme: New life in Christ Jesus

Question for Children: *How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?*

Question for Youth: *Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?*

Question for Adults: *The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?*

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

Our Journey to learn what it means to live a Christian life then, now, and in the future concludes this week. On Thursday, March 13 at 7pm, Fr. Ron Kotecki will explore the Letters of James. Join fellow cluster parishioners at Immaculate Conception, 1023 E. Russell Ave.

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

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.





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.



Cameroon

This nurse works for a health association for people living with HIV in Cameroon. Supported by ORB, the association helps

HIV-infected people form a social support network.

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 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



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

Human Concerns

Prayer Network

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
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 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 8 – 9

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.

Lectionary Link

Today's reading gives us a better understanding of why Christians are a people of hope. In our world today, much of the violence, drug addiction, suicide, and other human suffering is because we have lost hope. Many no longer believe that there is anything beyond our current life. However, Ezekiel reminds the Jews that someday, they will be returned to their homeland. For Christians, we believe that our true home is not on this earth, but in heaven. This perspective can help us cope with the suffering that human beings encounter.

Readings for the Week of March 9

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13,16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

What does John's account of raising Lazarus from the dead say concerning our Lenten faith journey?

The raising of Lazarus, unique to John's Gospel, is the narrative proclaimed on the fifth Sunday of Lent in Year A. The account is rich in affirmations concerning who Jesus is and what his ministry is all about.

The structure and purpose of John 11 is similar to the healing of the blind man in John 9. The former focuses on Jesus as the giver of life in the midst of death, while the latter highlights Jesus as the light of the world in the midst of darkness. Both accounts offer illuminating insights into the Lenten faith journey.

The "I am" statement that Jesus asserts as he raises Lazarus from the dead is rich with Lenten meaning. Jesus proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26)

Death, the ultimate boundary to be crossed, is now, through Jesus, removed of all its sting and darkness. Jesus is the Lord of life for all who believe. No matter what death brings, it will not endure, for Jesus has overcome death. Anyone who believes will share in that eternal life.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter Vigil, the ultimate celebration of the victory of life over death, ask God to give you the strength to deal with the many deaths that occur in your everyday life. lpi©2008

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.



Fish Fry's in Our Area During Lent

St. Roman, 1710 W. Bolivar

4 pm-8 pm March 14

Dine in or take out

Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts

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. 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

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.

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.

Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week Ending 2/24

Offertory	\$	702.40
Stewardship		9,951.65
Feed & Shelter the Poor		500.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List		<u>763.00</u>
Total		11,917.05



St. Veronica Pancake Breakfast

Join us today March 16 in Johnson Hall for all you care to eat pancakes, sausages, eggs, and beverages. Serving time will be from 9 am – 12 pm.

~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, March 9 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 10

8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 11

8:15 am
 6:30 pm † Alfredo Morales (Family)

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

8:15 am Birthday of Julie Brown (Family)

Friday, March 14

8:15 am Special Intentions
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

4:30 pm † Betty Dereszynski (Family)
 † Mary Margaret Larkin (Family)
 † Conrad Kania (A. & B. Halkey)

Sunday, March 16 Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion

8:30 am For the Parishioners
 10:30 am † Betty Huberty (Family)
 † Ralph Myszewski (Family)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, March 9

8:30 am	RCIA	POMR
9 am	St. Veronica/St. Paul YM Johnson Hall	
9 am	SRE	School
10:30 am	First Eucharist Retreat	Assisi
11:30 am	St. Veronica/St. Paul YM Johnson Hall	
7 pm	Confirmation "Dining in the Kingdom" (St. Alphonsus Parish, Greendale)	
7 pm	M.A.L.E.S.	POMR
7 pm	Women's Bible Group	Assisi

Tuesday, March 11

7:05 pm	Parish Council	Assisi
7:30 pm	AA	Seton

Wednesday, March 12

9:30 am	Wisdom Seekers	POMR
11 am	AA	Seton
12:15 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
7 pm	Christian Formation	Rel. Ed. Cnt.
7 pm	Lenten Communal Reconciliation (Immaculate Conception Parish)	

Thursday, March 13

1:15 pm	Community Elders	Johnson Hall
7 pm	Adult Choir	Church
7 pm	Finance Committee	Hospitality
7 pm	Special Religion	POMR

Friday, March 14

6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
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Saturday, March 15

9 am	Food Pantry/Thrift Shop	
1 pm	Adult Confirmation	POMR

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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. The catechumen, candidates, sponsors and team members will be participating in a daylong retreat on March 15. During the retreat, the participants from St. Paul and St. Veronica have the opportunity to meet RCIA participants from other parishes in the Archdiocese. To help you get to know our participants better, we offer the following biography.

Shannon Knudson St. Paul parishioner

Shannon began the process as an engaged woman. She and Tom Knudson (who is her sponsor) were married in the fall of 2007 at St. Paul parish where they are members. Shannon was raised in the Methodist tradition. Shannon began discerning whether to join the Catholic Church for about 2 years. She felt it was important that after their marriage, any children would be raised in one faith. She feels that the Catholic religion is the right choice for that because there is a solid structure in place and the traditions are carried within the family. Shannon likes the RCIA process because it really makes you have confidence that this is the right step to take. She also said that she will be different after completing RCIA because she will have more faith in her relationship with God. She will have greater strength to continue her faith journey. She also wants to be a good role model for her children.



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Join your neighbors at the 1st annual St. Paul Parish Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, roll/butter, pacczki's, fruit cup, orange juice, coffee or milk. *Sunday, March 16; 9 am – 12:30 pm; St. Paul Plasik Hall, 3945 S. Kansas Ave.* The St. Paul Caring Angels charity fund will also be holding a bake sale during the event. Bring your camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Christian Formation



Thomas More High School will be performing the Broadway classic *Les Miserables*. It is one of the most challenging shows a school can choose to perform, and we're very excited to bring it to our audiences. Several of our St. Veronica youth will be performing in this production, *Megan Derse, Anne Gates, Thomas Gates and Andy Kane*. The performances are:

Thursday, March 13 @ 7:00 PM

Friday, March 14 @ 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 15 @ 8:00 PM

Sunday, March 16 @ 2:00 PM

Tickets for adults are \$10 and tickets for individuals 60 and over or 12 and under are \$7. Tickets can be ordered by calling 481-8370 x 109.

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 Knowing that our True Selves are a Good Creation. Teachable moments include: when your child wonders how the world began, when your child worries about "bad" people or "bad" situations, and when your child sees the beauty in nature. The Old Testament stories of Creation were written to remind the people that God's creative action occurred because of love. We are God's work of art. Even though there is sin and ugliness in the world, the true nature of things especially people, is goodness. Our natural goodness is a reflection of the goodness of God, we were made in God's image. Even the youngest child can feel shame and if this is the feeling that is internalized, it can be difficult for the child to grow into an adolescent or adult who values their own worth. Remind your child or adolescent that your love – and God's love- does not depend on their actions, but on who they are.

Catholic Kids Corner

Elementary Religious Education

As part of our commitment to serve others, the families in Religious Education are continuing to collect household cleaning supplies for clients of the St. Veronica Food Pantry. Some of the students have received certificates for memorizing various Catholic prayers.

First Eucharist Mini-Retreats

There are two more mini-retreats scheduled for March 8 and 9. The first

Communicants come together to learn about the story of Passover, make unleavened bread, design a craft, participate in a church search and play Mass time bingo. You may also see some children sporting their new Communion 2008 t-shirts.

Play Performer

Congratulations to Felix Acevedo who is a 5th grade student in the Religious Education program. He is performing as one of the villagers in the Milwaukee Children's Theatre Production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. They performed March 7-9. All parents or grandparents are encouraged to email the "good news" about activities in which their children participate to the religious education program. As a community of friends, we want to recognize the accomplishments of our young people.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

Do you like to paint or draw? March 9 is the feast of the patron saint of artists, St. Catherine of Bologna. Bologna is a city in Italy. St. Catherine could have lived in the royal court but wanted to be close to God. She joined the religious order called the Poor Clares. St. Catherine was known for her holiness. She died in 1463.

March 9 is also the birthday of the first person in space. Yuri Gagarin, born in Russia in 1934 became the first person to ever travel in space. In 1961 he was launched into space in a ship call Vostok I. His ship circled the earth once and the whole trip took 108 minutes – less than two hours! His bravery has helped all of us know that God created a beautiful universe.