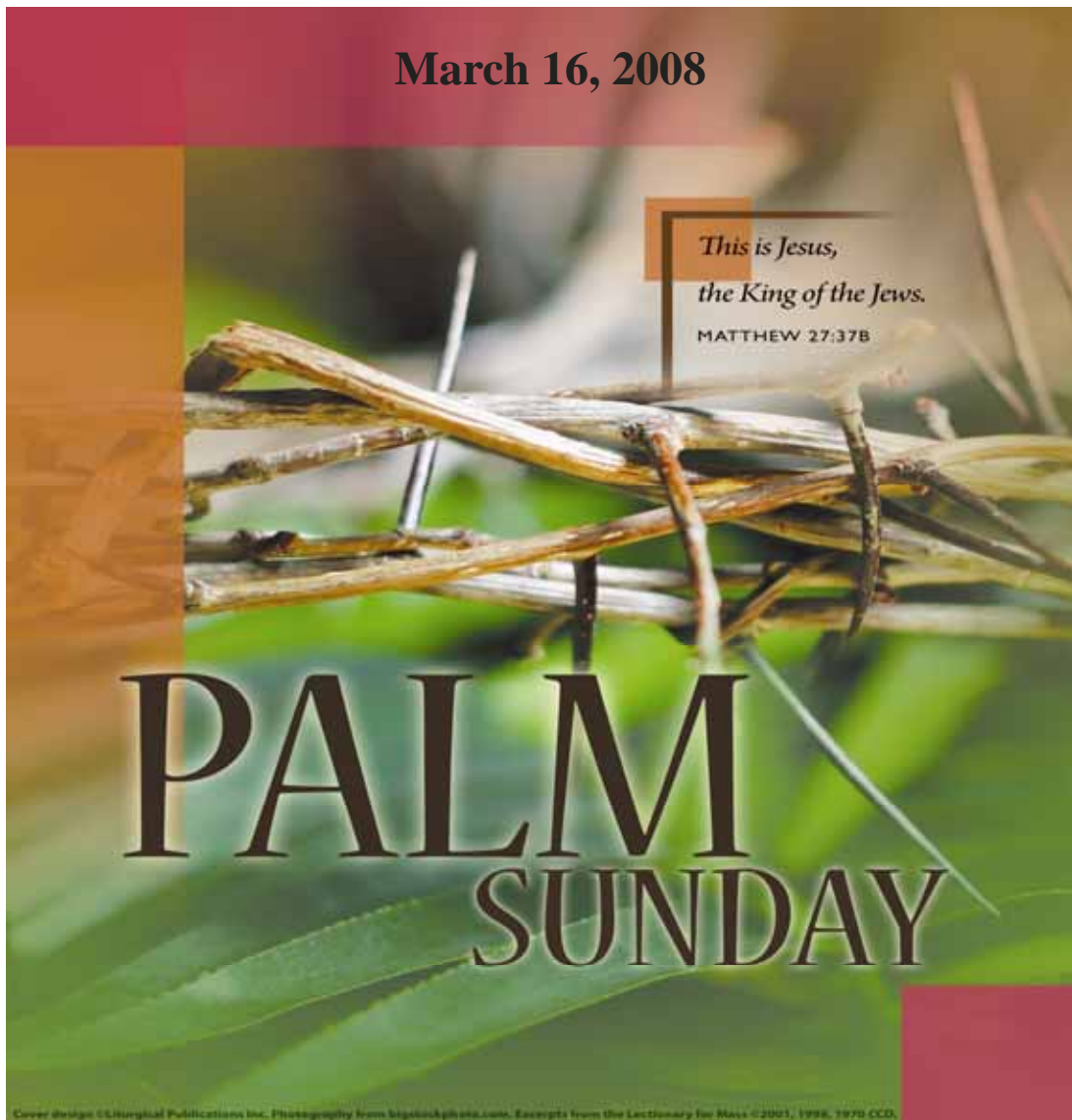


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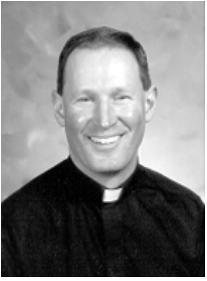
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Holy Week Reflection

Yesterday I was crucified with him; today I am glorified with him; yesterday I died with him; today I am quickened with him; yesterday I was buried with him; today I rise with him. But let us offer to him who suffered and rose again for us - you will think perhaps that I am going to say gold, or silver, or woven work or transparent and costly stones, the mere passing material of earth, that remains here below, and is for the most part always possessed by bad men, slaves of the world and of the Prince of the world. Let us offer ourselves, the possession most precious to God and most fitting; let us give back to the Image what is made after the Image. Let us recognize our dignity; let us honor our Archetype; let us know the power of the mystery, and for what Christ died. Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become God's for his sake, since he for ours became human. He assumed the worse that he might give us the better; he became poor that we through his poverty might be rich; he took the form of a servant that we might receive back our liberty; he came down that we might be exalted; he was tempted that we might conquer; he was dishonored that he might glorify us; he died that he might save us; he ascended that he might draw us to himself, who were lying low in the fall of sin. Let us give all, offer all, to him who gave himself as ransom and reconciliation for us. But one can give nothing like oneself, understanding the mystery, and becoming for his sake all that he became for ours.

Oratio 1 Gregory Nazienzen, 325-389



Dear Parishioners,

No other liturgy of the church year is as rich in powerful and early symbolism as the Easter Vigil. It is the night of all nights. It is the heart of Christianity. It is Easter! For most Catholics, Christmas appears to be a much greater feast. Why is this when Easter truly is the feast of feasts? During Christmas, everyone is gift giving and decorating. American society has embraced these two activities giving it prominence in secular society. Because of the gift giving, families tend to gather and celebrate together on Christmas day. Easter on the other hand, is less commercialized. Easter doesn't hold the same significance in the eyes of most people. Yet, without Easter our faith would be meaningless! During the Easter Vigil, Christians gather to celebrate Christ's victory over death and sin, which is our victory over death and sin. We proclaim at Mass every Sunday, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

The Easter Vigil has regained its prominence as the most important ritual Mass of the year and the primary celebration of Easter. This happened in 1951 by way of experiment and was finalized in 1955. In its renewed form, the Easter vigil is almost the same as it was celebrated in the earliest centuries of the church, except that the ritual takes two hours rather than all night. It has four clearly defined parts: the service of light, the liturgy of the word, the celebration of baptism, and the Eucharist.

The renewal of the Easter vigil has helped Catholics to experience and see adults being baptized and welcomed into the faith. Easter is rich in symbolism such as the lighting of the Easter fire, the new Easter candle, the blessing of new holy water and certainly the recognition of new adult members to our community and the church through Baptism or a Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The Readings help us journey through our faith story from Creation to the Resurrection. With this renewal of the Easter Vigil, we are connecting much more to the ritual of Easter and a better understanding of this great feast. Hopefully, a stronger understanding of this feast will decrease the focus on commercialization giving Easter a much greater emphasis in our lives. Christmas marks the birth of Jesus but Easter marks the new Life that we have in the risen Christ Jesus. As St. Paul reminded us, Christmas is important, but without Good Friday and Easter our faith would be in vain!

On Saturday March 8, the parish council met to examine the goals that were set in the fall of the year and to consider what further actions were needed to continue fulfilling those goals. We looked at the role of the council and the role of Fr. Mark as pastor of the parish. We examined the need to provide spiritual nourishment for the parish through speakers and workshops that can offer parishioners an opportunity to renew their own faith commitments. The council expressed a continued interest in partnering with neighboring parishes to provide spiritual opportunities thereby sharing responsibility and expenses. As Catholics, we need to see that our faith community doesn't exist alone but that we are part of a greater Church. We must relate to our neighboring parishes as coworkers in Christ's vineyard so that His message is embraced. *Fr Mark*

Liturgical Environment-Seasons and Reasons

Lent – The Teutonic word *Lent* (meaning *springtime*), which we employ to denote the forty days' fast preceding Easter, a time of penance and preparation. This is reflected in the environment as somewhat stark and devoid of decoration. The color purple is a symbol of royalty and the music is more somber. Candles are removed leaving only one or two at the altar. The baptismal font is empty and baptisms are, in most cases, suspended until Easter.

Palm Sunday – On this Sunday, the Church now enters the holiest and most solemn week of the year, the week in which we commemorate the passion and death of Christ. The liturgical color for Palm Sunday is red. Red is associated with blood, with the cross and with the passion and death of the Lord. Since Lent continues through Wednesday of Holy Week, both the purple and red colors are still used liturgically on this Sunday. The palms commemorate the Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Holy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper. The liturgical color at the Mass is white denoting purity; the red and purple colors have been removed. This is a time of the washing of the feet; gifts for the poor; the holy oils are blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass and received in the parish; and the Most Blessed Sacrament is removed from the Tabernacle and placed in the altar of repose. After the Mass, the altar is stripped. The altar represents Christ, and the stripping of the altar reminds us of how He was stripped of his garments and was exposed naked to the insults of the jeering crowd. This Mass of the Lord's Supper is the final Mass until we celebrate the Easter Vigil.

Good Friday – The Celebration of the Lord's Passion. The vestment color is red. One cross will be used for veneration and the worship space will be stark. The altar should be completely bare, without cloths, candles, or cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter - This is the most important liturgy of the year. It is the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord. We begin in complete darkness, symbolizing the great abyss from which the universe was created by God. It also symbolizes the darkness of sin and death. In this darkness we light the Easter fire, a bold symbol of the resurrection of Christ dispelling darkness of sin and death. From this fire the new Paschal candle is lit as a symbol of the resurrected Christ. All of the baptized are given candles to be lit from the Paschal candle. The baptismal water is blessed at this liturgy as a sign of our salvation. The color white, which is used in this liturgy, is a symbol of the purity of Christ and of his church. This is why it is used in the garments of the newly baptized.



Retiring Soon?

Thinking About Volunteering?

Southeast Interfaith can use your help serving the elderly according to your own schedule. Call 744-3266 for more information.

Hear what other volunteers have to say:

"I do it because the need is there, and I am happy to assist. These people have no other way to get their groceries or to their doctor."

"Most people don't realize what it means to the person I visit. I've seen her come out of her grief and take an interest in life again. It only takes one person to make a difference for one person."

A Story from Cameroon

My name is Angeline and I live in Batouri, Cameroon, a country in central Africa. I am living positively with HIV. A few years ago, I started to get sick on a regular basis. My husband also began to be sick often, and in a short time he died. A doctor suggested I be tested for HIV. I got the test, and the result was positive. At first, I couldn't believe the result. After a year of being in denial, I was retested and got the same HIV-positive result. I began taking anti-retroviral treatment and joined REDSSEC (Revitalization of Health Care in the East, Cameroon), an association for people living with HIV, which is supported by Catholic Relief Services

Just a Reminder:

Please return your Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday. Baskets will be at the altar to collect them at that time.



Free Clinic

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

Thank you to Gerry Butzler for his kind donation of a wheelchair to be used in the church.

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
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



Easter Basket Hunt

The annual Easter Basket Hunt will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday, March 22. Children 10 years and younger can register by calling Sheri at 481-6330.

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." - Mt 21:9-11



Holy Thursday March 20
 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8:30-9:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday March 21
 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
 1:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion
 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday March 22
 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
 12:00 noon Blessing of Food
 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 23
 8:30 a.m. Mass
 10:30 a.m. Mass

Little White Books for Easter reflection are available in the stands on the Communion rails. A free will offering will be accepted.



I woke up the other day and went to let my dogs outside. It was cold, probably in the teens, and yet, what did I hear for the first time in a long time? The sound of birds chirping! It filled my heart with hope that spring is around the corner.

This time of year is difficult in so many ways. We are tired of winter and the cold weather. Now with the sporadic days of melting and then freezing, the fun snow banks are off limits because they are rock solid ice. The 2nd through 8th graders just spent a week taking their standardized tests, the IOWAS, and those can be taxing.

It is also a somber time in church. This can be hard for our students to understand. They have Lenten promises to keep and the reminder through our weekly Stations of the Cross of why Jesus died. And yet, just as I heard the birds chirping in the cold morning, the promise of spring and Easter is there. It is the waiting that is so hard.

We are in the process of accepting registrations for the 2008-2009 school year. If you would like a tour of our great school, please call Mary Stallmann at 744-1214 x4. Our Easter vacation will be March 21 through March 30.
Blessing, Mary Stallmann, Principal

Fish Fry's in Our Area On Good Friday

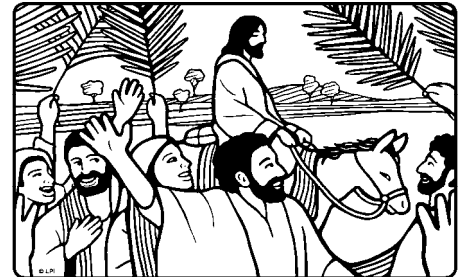
St. Augustine, 2530 S. Howell Ave.
4 pm-? March 21
Fried Fish, Poor Man's Lobster and Shrimp Dine in or Carry out available
Special lunch carry out 12pm-1pm
Call ahead 481-3242

St. Stephen, 5880 S. Howell Ave
4:30 pm-7:30 pm
Dine in or Take Out



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.



Lectionary Link

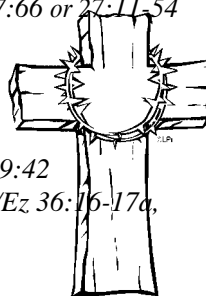
Today's readings include the Passion of our Lord as written in the Gospel of Matthew. As modern Americans who are shielded from the sight of prisoners and executions, it can be difficult to imagine the agony caused by crucifixion. For the Jewish audience of Matthew's Gospel, the death would have been shameful because Jewish law put a curse on anyone who died on a tree. Matthew must explain to his audience that God did not abandon Jesus and that Jesus was innocent.

Adult: To what in your life must you die in order to rise with Christ?

Child: What does Jesus ask you to give up in order to be closer to him?

Readings for the Week of March 16

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 55:1-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9



For a "Memorial of Remembrance," or to honor a special person or event, you are invited to contribute to this year's Easter environment. Envelopes are available in the pews for your convenience. Please return the envelopes to an usher or into the collection basket. Intentions will be listed in the bulletin during the Easter season.



Forks Needed

The parish kitchen in Johnson Hall is in desperate need of forks. If anyone has any they would like to donate please drop them off in the ushers room in church or the parish office. Both the pancake breakfast committee & fish fry thank you in advance for your donations.

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.
All reservations must be in by March 20.
Contact Monica, 744-1697.

Archbishop Dolan will preside at the Mass of Chrism where he will consecrate the Holy Chrism and bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. Chrism, a specially perfumed olive oil, is consecrated for use at the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy orders, as well as in the dedication of churches and altars. Each year during Holy Week the Church of Southeastern Wisconsin gathers to celebrate the Mass of Chrism.

Tuesday, March 18 beginning at 7:30 pm.
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Parish
812 N. Jackson Street

~Mass Intentions~

March 16, Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion

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

March 17, Monday of Holy Week

8:15 am Communion Service

March 18, Tuesday of Holy Week

No Morning or 6:30 pm Mass
 7:30 pm *Mass of Chrism at Cathedral of
 St. John the Evangelist*

March 19, Wednesday of Holy Week

8:15 am † Bob Gierlinski (C. Balistreri Family)

March 20, Holy Thursday

8:15 am Morning Prayer Service
 7:00 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

March 21, Good Friday

8:15 am Morning Prayer Service
 1 pm *Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

March 22, Holy Saturday

8:15 am Morning Prayer Service
 7:30 pm *Easter Vigil*

March 23, Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 am For the Parishioners
 10:30 am † Charles Scarpace (Family)
 † Emma Oleyniczak (Family)
 † Stella Bieszk (Ralph)
 † Joseph Radtke (M. Kaluzny)



Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am	RCIA	Assisi
9 am	Pancake Breakfast	Johnson Hall
9 am	SRE	School
11:15 am	St. Veronica/St. Paul YM	St. Paul
7 pm	M.A.L.E.S.	POMR
7 pm	Woman's Bible Group	Assisi

Monday, March 17

6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul	POMR
7 pm	Cluster Respect Life	Hospitality

Tuesday, March 18

7:30 pm	AA	Seton
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Wednesday, March 19

9 am	Resurrection Choir	Church
11 am	AA	Seton

Friday, March 21

6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
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Saturday, March 22

11:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt	
12pm	Blessing of Easter Food	Church

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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. The catechumen, candidates, sponsors and team members are preparing for the reception of the sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil. Ron Lemke will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive Communion. Francisco Feliciano will be Confirmed and receive Communion. At St. Paul parish, Shannon Knudson will make a profession of faith and receive Confirmation and Communion. On Easter Sunday, Wisper Joerres will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive Communion. Please welcome these newly initiated Catholics into this faith community.

Milwaukee Lake Lions Club Card Party

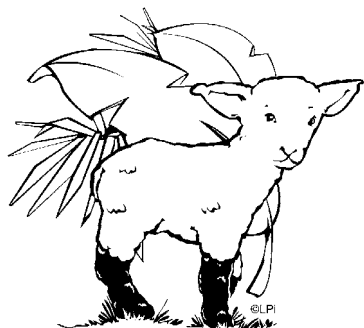
Friday, March 28, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
At St. Paul's Church Hall
1720 East Norwich Avenue
(Use Parking Lot Entrance)

Cards*Food*Beverages*Door Prizes and Raffles. \$10 donation appreciated.



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.



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:

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 Celebrating Sunday Mass. Teachable moments include: during a Friday or Saturday family meal in preparation for Sunday Mass, when one of your children is preparing for First Eucharist, and during your child's birthday party. Each person has unique gifts and talents. Helping our children recognize their gifts and showing them how these gifts can be used in God's service are important duties of Catholic parents. If he or she is a good reader, you might comment that they could one day become a lector. Or if they have a lot of energy, they might want to assist patients at a nursing home to go to Mass by pushing their wheel chairs, or if they are friendly and outgoing they might want to become a minister of hospitality and distribute the Orders of Worship and open doors. All of God's children have a place in the church.

Catholic Kids Corner

Elementary Religious Education
The students in grades 5 & 6 learned about the Jewish feast of Passover. All families will be off on March 23 & 30 for Easter break. Classes will resume on April 6.
Elementary Religious Education 2008-09
Changes will be made in the elementary program beginning in September.

Students will attend classes only twice per month. Each session will include teaching and attendance at the 10:30 Mass with their classmates. Registration for next fall will begin in April. Children must have one year of religious education prior to preparing for First Eucharist and Reconciliation. Please contact Karen in the Religious Education office for more information.

God's Cozy Corner Parish Library

Children are invited to check out the Easter videos and books available in the library. We have the VeggieTales Easter Carol and the Berenstain Bears celebrate Easter. Resources can be kept for 2 weeks. The library is located across from the usher's room.



Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

March 17 is the feast of St. Patrick. When Patrick was a young boy, he was kidnapped by pirates and taken as a slave to Ireland. After Patrick escaped, he became a priest. Patrick wanted to go back to Ireland as a missionary. To teach the people of Ireland about the Trinity, St. Patrick used a shamrock or three leaf clover. He is the patron saint of the Irish.

Are you ready to "spring" into action? Are you starting to put some "spring" in your step? Are you suffering from "spring" fever? March 21 is the "vernal equinox" when day and night are the same length. It is the official start of the Spring season. Go outside and enjoy the wonderful earth that God has given to us.

1951 Graduates of St. Veronica School

We are planning a reunion in the Fall of 2008 for the graduating Class of 1951. Please help us locate our former classmates. You may contact Janice Stollenwerk Kempowski 744.7772 or e-mail me at kempo@tds.net if you are a classmate or have information about a classmate.