

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.

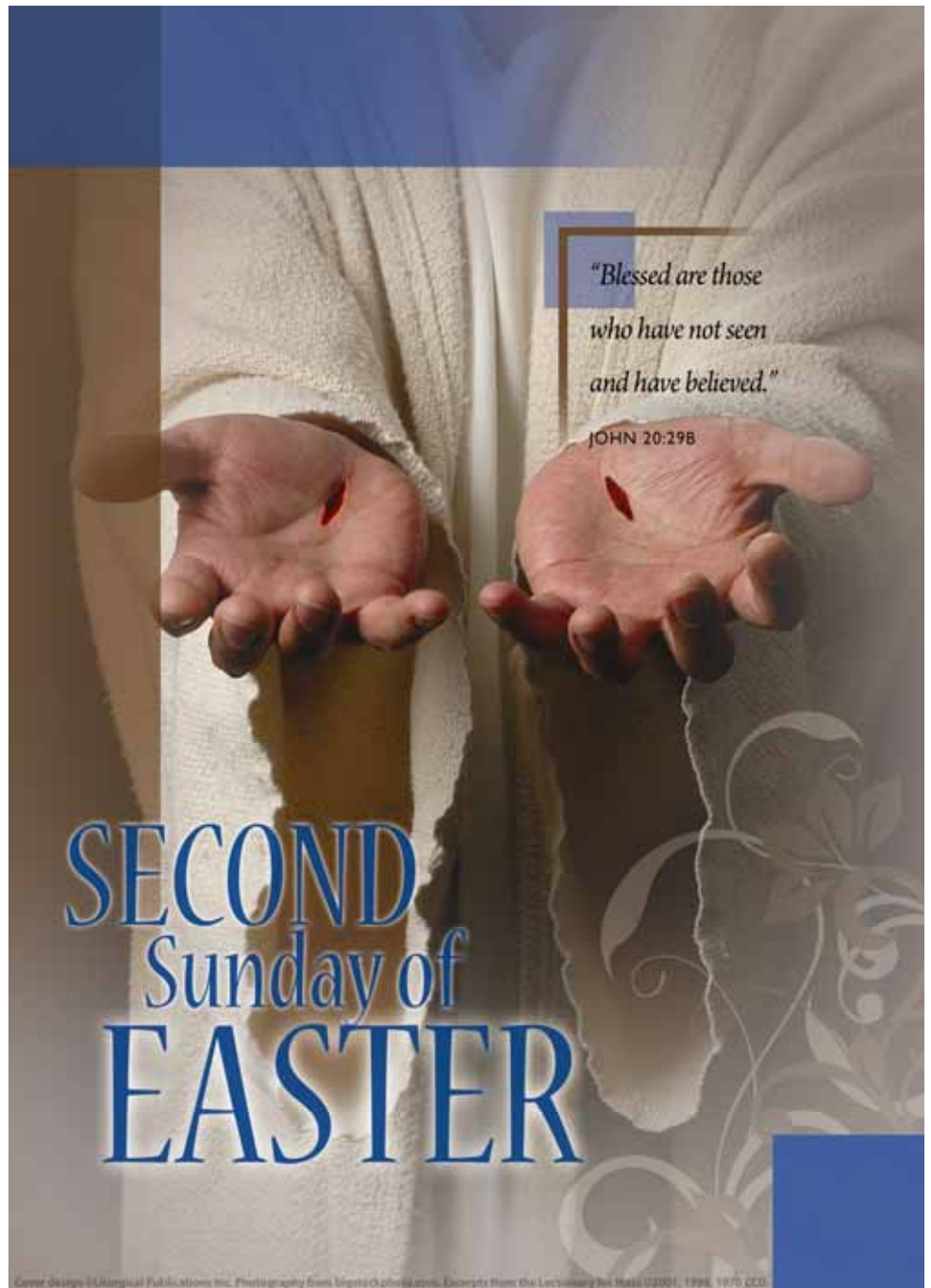
Sacraments

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.





A Message from Father Mark

Please join my heartfelt Thank You to all of the volunteers who spent countless hours creating our Easter environment. Thank you for your dedication and hard work putting all of the wonderful touches such as the butterflies around the church. Everything looks amazing! The flowers certainly add a springtime touch amidst the snow and cold. Thank you to all who stepped forward to lector, cantor or serve as a Eucharistic Minister during the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday). Even with the Good Friday snow storm we had the needed ministers for the Lord's Passion Service.

Congratulations to Ron Lemcke and Wisper Joerres who were Baptized, Confirmed and received Holy Eucharist and to Francisco Feliciano who completed the Initiation Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. These Sacraments were celebrated at the Easter Vigil or the 10:30 Easter Mass. Someone asked, "Why did Wisper receive all three Sacraments?" Wisper who is 7 years old was part of the Rite of Christian Initiation Process (RCIA). The Rite says, "This form of the Rite of Christian Initiation is intended for children not baptized as infants, who have attained the use of reason and are of catechetical age" (Rite of Christian Initiation, USCCB.) Due to early Church tradition, a child who has reached the age of reason (age 7 and up) does not wait but receives all three Sacraments of Initiation. The child then continues his/her age appropriate catechetical instruction. During his/her Junior year, the Sacrament of Confirmation is not repeated. There is confusion surrounding this practice. Children who are Confirmed through the RCIA have received the grace of the sacrament and grow to understand it. High School age students prepare for the sacrament and then celebrate it. Both age groups then continue their lifelong faith journey with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Here is a gentle reminder to those who are concerned about the weather. When you doubt if you should go to church, "Do Not Go." Doubt brings fear and fear leads to anxiety which can cause an uncomfortable feeling from the time you leave your home until you return. If you think it might be too slippery to walk, then please stay home for your own safety. The Lord understands your concern and the Lord would not want you to put yourself in danger. Too often I visit people who thought that they had to get to church and then need to spend time in a rehabilitation hospital trying to recover from a fall. When we have severe weather, call the parish office and listen to the message on the answering machine. You can also watch WTMJ-4 for a listing of closings. If the school is closed due to the weather, then the parish office will close. If the school is closed then there is no morning Mass. Please be prudent in making good decisions for YOURSELF. We want you safe. *Blessings, Fr Mark*

Question of the Week

From the 2nd Reading: As you hear these hopeful words of Peter, which ones touch you most deeply? What single word or line from this reading lingers in your memory?

Theme: Jesus gives us the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Question for Children: *Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?*

Question for Youth: *Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?*

Question for Adults: *When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebrate reconciliation? At other times?*



St. Veronica's Delicious "Fish Fry"

Friday, April 4 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, April 4.

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

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction THIS Sunday, MARCH 30, 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. "If you dedicate some of your time to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the source of love which is the Eucharist you will acquire that joyful determination to dedicate your lives to following the Gospel." (Pope Benedict XVI), At 10:00 we will conclude with Benediction, the ceremony of praise and blessing.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Due to recent illness the Tuesday evening Bible Study will be cancelled until further notice.



The Community of St. Veronica Wishes to Welcome Those Recently Baptized

Justin Joerres, Wisper Joerres, and Elizabeth Mascitti.



Human Concerns

Prayer Network

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

Mark Those Calendars!

Our next speaker series event will be on Sunday, April 20, from 11:30 -1:00. The event will feature a panel discussion of end-of-life issues.

Our presenters will be:

Fr. Mark Payne, Barbara Lyons, Wisconsin Right to Life Executive Director, Jean Godfroy, R.N., Oncology Nurse, and Tom Potter, J.D., attorney.

The panel will present an overview of these issues, with further in-depth presentations in the future.

The event will feature light fare and will follow the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Veronica. Event will be held in Johnson Hall. For more information, contact JoAnn Gates, 482-0823.

Healing Grief

Grief is a normal and necessary reaction to the loss of someone close to you. Grieving requires energy and time. It is a process that may continue for a year or longer and can ultimately result in personal growth. You may have a supportive family and/or group of friends, but you may feel the need for something more. Support groups help you through the grieving process. They provide information on the grief process and healthy ways to deal with your loss. You will meet other individuals experiencing a similar loss and find people who care and understand you.

Helping you cope when you have lost someone you love.

*Tuesday Evenings April 1-May 6
6:30 pm-8:30 pm*

St Luke's South Shore

*Facilitator Chaplain GERALYN STEIMLE
Please call 489-4137 to register.*



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 APRIL is **pork and beans**. 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. Again, thank you.

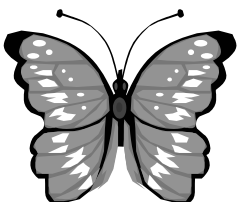


Free Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic for the uninsured and underinsured will be open on: Wednesdays April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. 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 the website www.OpenDoorFreeClinic.org



The Parish Community of St. Veronica wishes to express its sympathy and promise of remembrance in prayer to the families of Susan Figueroa, Anthony Giaimo and Bailee Olander. Our hope and prayers are that they are enjoying that fullness of happiness and peace in their heavenly home.



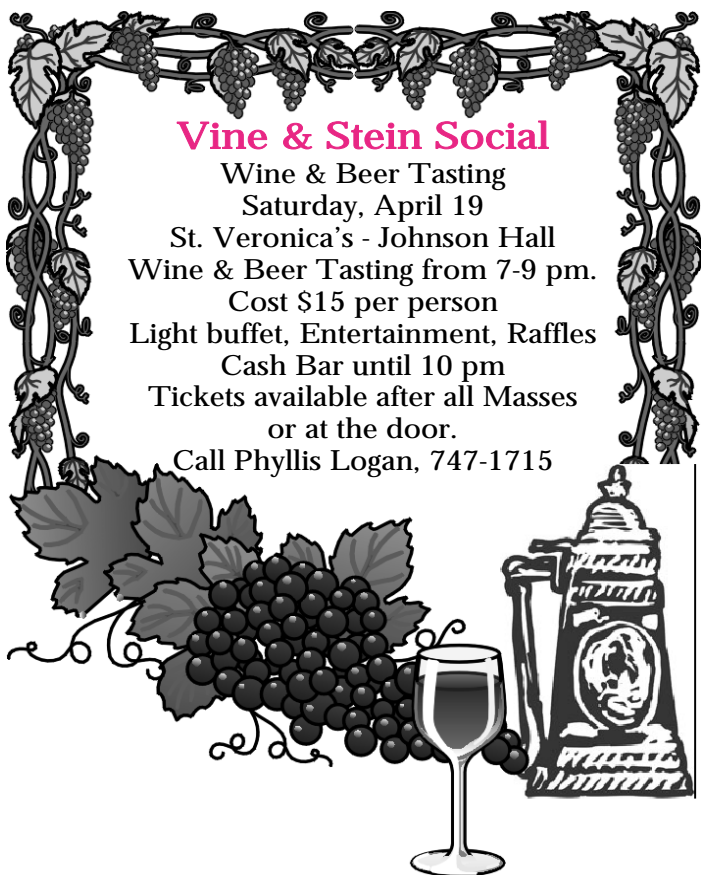
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:27-29



I have had numerous parishioners ask me to include what goes on in the individual classrooms as part of this column, and so, starting after Easter vacation, I will be discussing what is happening in the classrooms here at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. But today, I wanted to discuss the beautiful way we ended Lent.

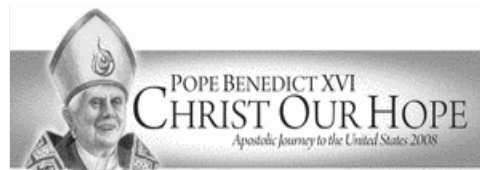
Every morning, we start off our day with prayer. During Lent we had meditations on the meaning of Lent, plus we went through the Stations of the Cross weekly. Our last day of school before vacation, we met as a school family to pray together for Holy Week. We started off in Church for prayer, song and a dramatization of Jesus coming into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday by the K4, 4th and 5th graders. We honored Holy Thursday by having a Sedar Meal and Washing of Feet. For Good Friday, we had the Stations of the Cross and the Veneration of the Cross. We blessed Water and Light for Holy Saturday and said a special prayer and welcome to one of our students who will be officially joining the Catholic Church with her Baptism. We ended our Holy Week by having an Easter Blessing. We used the water that we blessed for Holy Saturday, and put Forsythia branches in that water. Those branches then bloomed into beautiful spring time flowers when we came back from Easter vacation. All in all, it was a moving and special day, one that the students will remember for a long time.

We continue to take registrations for the 2008-2009 school year. If you would like more information, a tour, or registration material, please call the school office at 414-744-1214 x2. *Mary Stallmann, Principal*



Vine & Stein Social

Wine & Beer Tasting
 Saturday, April 19
 St. Veronica's - Johnson Hall
 Wine & Beer Tasting from 7-9 pm.
 Cost \$15 per person
 Light buffet, Entertainment, Raffles
 Cash Bar until 10 pm
 Tickets available after all Masses
 or at the door.
 Call Phyllis Logan, 747-1715



Papal Visit 2008 -April 15 -20

Pope Benedict XVI will make his first visit as the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church to the United States this April. The six-day trip will begin in Washington, D.C., and continue to New York City. The trip is historic, especially since the Holy Father will address the United Nations General Assembly, meet with President George Bush and visit Ground Zero. There will be several public events during the visit, including Mass at Nationals Park in Washington and Yankee Stadium in New York.

Parishioners can comment on the upcoming trip at a blog set up by the USCCB. Visit: www.usccb.wordpress.com to read already posted entries.

Lectionary Link

Today is the second Sunday of Easter. It is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Gospel we learn about the appearance of Jesus to the disciples. They are overjoyed at the sight of Him. Jesus then gives them the duty to carry on His mission and the power to continue the mission. However, you and I, like the apostle Thomas, were not present that night. Jesus' words to Thomas are also meant for us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." We are called to trust in Jesus even though we have never touched Him.

Adult: Is it difficult to truly trust in Jesus?

Child: Would you like to meet Jesus?

Readings for the Week of March 30

- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



Rummage Sale

The Famous St. Augustine Parish Rummage Sale (formerly held during our parish festival) will now be on Saturday, April 12, 8:00 am to 2pm. Held in the Parish Hall, 2530 S. Howell Ave. Enter on Homer Street. Low prices. Large selection of items! Toys, household items, tools, furniture, baby items, puzzles, records, tapes, books, etc. Now including clothing!

Looking for the New Faithful Archbishop Dolan 2008 Pallium Lecture Series

This is the second in the series. Archbishop Dolan has decided that the focus of this year's talks will be on the need to impress our youth with the power of faith. *Thursday, April 10; 7pm; Wehr Hall 3400 S. 43rd St; no cost.* Presenter is Colleen Carroll Campbell, author of The New Faithful: Why Young Adults Are Embracing Christian Orthodoxy.

~Mass Intentions~

March 30 Second Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 am † Mike Moczynski (St. V Food Pantry)
 † Molly and Dane Jarecki (Family)
 † Conrad Kania (D. G. Kontowicz)
 10:30 am For the Parishioners

Monday, March 31

- 8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, April 1

- 8:15 am † Bailee Katherine Olander (St. Veronica)
 6:30 pm † Harriet Matte (Family/Friends)

Wednesday, April 2

- 8:15 am

Thursday, April 3

- 8:15 am † Stella Bieszk (Family)

Friday, April 4

- 8:15 am

Saturday, April 5

- 4:30 pm † Patricia Russart (Family)

Sunday, April 6 Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 am For the Parishioners
 10:30 am † Walter Banach (Family)
 † Anthony Balistreri (Family)
 † Wynth Ohlinger (Family)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, March 30

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| 8:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 7 pm | M.A.L.E.S. | POMR |
| 7 pm | Women's Bible Group | Assisi |

Monday, March 31

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| 6:30 pm | First Eucharist Session | St. Paul |
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Tuesday, April 1

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| 6:30 pm | First Eucharist Session | Library |
| 7:30 pm | AA | Seton |

Wednesday, April 2

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| 11 am | AA | Seton |
| 3 pm | Market Day | Assisi |
| 6 pm | St. Paul/St. Veronica YMLibrary | |
| 7 pm | Prayer & Worship | Rel Ed. Cnt. |

Thursday, April 3

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| 9 am | Stewardship Mailing | Assisi |
| 7 pm | APC District 15 | Hospitality |
| 7 pm | Adult Choir | Church |
| 7 pm | Adult Confirmation | St. Paul |
| 7 pm | Special Religion | Assisi |

Friday, April 4

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| 4 pm | Fish Fry/Thrift Shop | Johnson Hall |
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Saturday, April 5

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| 9:00 am | Food Pantry/Thrift Shop | |
| 9:30 am | First Eucharist Session | Library |

Sunday, April 6

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| 8:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 9 am | SRE | School |
| 6 pm | Confirmation | Johnson Hall |
| 7 pm | Women's Bible Group | Assisi |

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STAA Board, Judi Caruso, 744-1554
Stewardship, Robin Decker, 483-5485

Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week of 3/16

Offertory	\$	891.51
Stewardship		16,911.31
Feed & Shelter the Poor		833.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List		<u>1,126.00</u>
<i>Total</i>		<i>19,761.82</i>

Adult Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

As a parish, we continue to pray for the newest members of the Catholic faith community. The period between Easter and Pentecost is called Mystagogia. During this time the neophytes or “new Catholics” continue to receive instruction in the Catholic faith. They also become more involved in the parish community. They will now attend the full 8:30 Mass each Sunday. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist please call Karen, 481-0777. or email karenbushman@saintveronica.org

World Day of Prayer for Vocations / Good Shepherd Sunday

“The harvest is plenty but laborers are few. Ask the master of the harvest to invite others into the field.” Please join Fr. Don Hying and Roses for Our Lady as we pray for an increase in vocations, for our priests, seminarians and our seminary.

*Sunday, April 13; 2-3pm Hour of Adoration with a light social to follow;
St. Francis de Sales Seminary,
3257 S. Lake Drive*

Co-sponsored by Roses for Our Lady, St. Francis Seminary, and Vocations Office.



First Eucharist Preparation

Families are reminded that Session 4 will be held this week. Sessions will be held Mar. 31 at St. Paul South Meeting Room and Apr. 1 and 5 at STAA school library. Completed Mass booklets are due April 7.

Love Letters to Jesus

During the First Eucharist mini retreats, the children wrote a message to Jesus. They wanted to tell Jesus about the retreat and their preparation for the sacrament. For the next few weeks, we will be sharing some of those letters.

Dear Jesus: I want to thank you for my family, friends and teachers. I liked everything we did at the retreat. Wisper J.

Dear Jesus: I liked the church search. We found out the name of things. I am excited to receive my First Communion because I will receive Jesus and will have a big party to celebrate. Noel K.

Dear Jesus: I enjoyed playing mass bingo. We also ate lunch together. I want to thank you for my family and my house. Jorge H.

Christian Formation

Catholic Kids Corner

Sharing Faith with Your Child

Each week, we offer parents a faith theme and how to weave it into ordinary family life. Ideas come from [52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith](#) by Jim Campbell. This week we consider **Seeing Beyond Stereotypes**. There are many natural teachable moments for confronting stereotypes: when watching TV or movies using stereotypical characters, after you or your child has made a comment based upon a stereotype, or when preparing for a trip where the family may encounter persons different from your usual circle of friends. Explain to your child that a stereotype uses an assumption that everyone in a certain group acts, looks like, or believes in a specific way. Any person within that group is believed to hold all of the values of that group. The Holy Spirit calls us to look beneath the surface to the individual and to see everyone as a child of God. Talk about how God loves and cares for us in the way that we need.

Elementary Religious Education

Classes resume April 6. Students in grades 1-6 will take their final test and wrap up the material learned this year. Changes will be made in the elementary program beginning in September. Students will attend classes twice per month. Each session will include teaching and attendance at the 10:30 Mass with their classmates. Children

must have one year of religious education prior to preparing for First Eucharist and Reconciliation. Families not currently attending Religious Education but have children attending a public school are encouraged to call or email the office and leave your name, address, and the names/grades of students so we can add your family to the registration mailing list. Forms will be mailed in June.

God's Cozy Corner Parish Library

Children are invited to check out the Easter videos and books available in the library. We have the Veggietale 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

Do you use a pencil when writing your letters and numbers? Did you ever make a mistake? I'll bet you used the eraser to make the mistake disappear. The pencil eraser was invented on March 30, 1858 by Hyman L. Lipman. The Sacrament of Penance is like an eraser. When we do something wrong we can tell God we are sorry and promise to try not to do it again.

Who is sneaking up behind you???? MADE YOU LOOK! April 1 is also called April Fool's Day. No one knows for sure how April 1 became a day for jokes, tricks, and surprises. As long as your prank does not hurt anyone, it is a great way to help others feel happy.

Youth Ministry

Youth Interfaith Service Retreat - April 25-26 - For the third year in a row, the SE Milwaukee Interfaith Covenant Community will be sponsoring a day of service by our Youth for our community. You can be part of this exciting event!

- Planning Team Members Needed! Join us to help plan the event. Adults and Youth Welcome—attend the planning meeting at St. Veronica Church enter off the parking lot to Johnson Hall on Sunday, April 6, at 5pm
- Worksites Needed! Know someone who is elderly or otherwise in need of help? We will do yard work, wash exterior first floor windows, complete small projects such as painting, etc. Contact Jeff Montoya for an application.
- Adult Chaperones and Drivers Needed! Help supervise the students doing the service work including driving the students to the worksites. Contact Jeff Montoya for an application.
- And of course, Youth Participants Needed! Open to students in grades 7-12. Be part of the fun and make a difference in our community. Sign up by April 14. Contact Jeff Montoya for a permission slip.