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First Communion BLESSINGS TO YOU

Saturday, April 19, 2008

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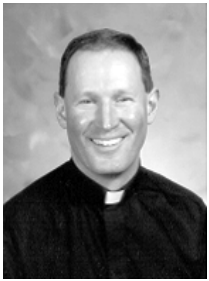
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Dear Parishioners,

The Lord reminds his disciples that He will remain with them forever even though He is going ahead to prepare a place for them. To possess a “place” is significant in terms of the Old Testament. The Israelites were promised by God a place, a land; so that they would no longer need to wander. They could settle and raise their families and flocks. This place would be their own. Property denoted wealth and prosperity for the people. For the Israelites certain places were held in high esteem such as the Jerusalem temple in which God dwelled among his people. Also Mount Sinai where Moses encountered God and received the Law, the Ten Commandments.

Jesus was aware of the significance of place. He wanted his disciples to know that he would be with them forever in a sacred place even though he was going to suffer and die but rise again. Their separation through death was to take place but only last for a short time. Jesus didn't want his followers to lose heart, but to realize that the Father who sent him dwelled in them and was leading them to Truth and Life. Jesus told them that whoever believes in Him will do the works that He was called to do and even greater works because of this indwelling of the Father.

For most of us, having a permanent a home is significant, like it was for the Israelites. It is a place we can call our own and where our family dwells with God. It is truly the “domestic church”. As we come together this weekend, we gather in our parish church, a sacred place which we also call our “home.” In this sacred space we encounter our God through the celebration of God's Word and the Eucharist. In this celebration we receive our Lord in bread and wine which is His Body and Blood. This encounter strengthens us to face the challenges we meet in our world for the rest of the week. It is the indwelling of Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit that guides us on the way to Truth and Life. Let us realize that we also have an eternal, heavenly home awaiting us when we depart this transient world and journey to the next. It is Jesus who will guide us to this new “place” so that we can be with our God forever. As we celebrate together this weekend, let us acknowledge the presence of God in our lives in varied ways; believing that God is always with us making his dwelling among us so that we can know and love Him forever.

This weekend, our Communicants will receive Jesus in a very special way through the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray that these children will come to believe that God is with them always. We will celebrate First Eucharist Masses at 11am on April 19 and 26. To the families of our children, may this be a very blessed time as you share that special presence of God that calls them to Truth and Life.

Thank you to our volunteers and committee members who worked hard to make the Vine and Stein event a success. Your energy and enthusiasm in preparing the event was incredible. Thank you to all who attended, sharing in the fun of gathering and enjoying a wonderful evening. I hope we can continue to develop events such as this to bring people together. Social events are fun! Our socializing together helps us meet new parishioners and continue to grow as a community. *Blessings, Fr Mark*

Theme: Jesus, Our Cornerstone

Question for Children: *What are some ways that you can act like Jesus would if he were in your situation?*

Question for Youth: *Jesus is "the way, the truth, the life" and he asks us to do as he does. How do you try to follow Jesus' way?*

Question for Adults: *How are the promises of this Gospel passage made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?*

Tema: Jesús, nuestra piedra angular

Pregunta para los niños: *¿Cuáles son algunas formas en las que puedes actuar como Jesús lo haría si estuviera en tu situación?*

Pregunta para los jóvenes: *En el mundo de hoy, donde la publicidad y otras fuerzas de muchos tipos tratan de atraerte, ¿qué estrategias seguirías para asegurarte de que estás siguiendo a Cristo, el único que puede guiarte hacia la felicidad y la plenitud?*

Pregunta para los adultos: *¿Cómo se hicieron reales en su propia vida las promesas de este pasaje del Evangelio? ¿Cómo se ve usted haciendo trabajos aún mayores que los que hizo Jesús?*

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction NEXT Sunday, APRIL 27, 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.** “I encourage all of you to discover ever more fully in the Eucharist, the sacrament of Christ's sacrificial love, the inspiration and strength needed to work ever more generously for the spread of God's Kingdom and the growth of the civilization of love.” (Pope Benedict XIV) At 10:00 we will conclude with Benediction, the ceremony of praise and blessing.



The Parish Community of St. Veronica Welcomes These New Families

Jill Kalawa, Roland Labonte, James and Leslie Mason Family, Karina Mendoza, Mary Miller, and Mary Schuster



St. Veronica Pancake Breakfast

Join us on April 27 in Johnson Hall for our Pancake Breakfast. Featuring *made to order omelets, all you care to eat Pancakes, sausage, eggs, muffins and beverages.* Serving time will be from 9 am – 12 pm.



**Speakers Series
Bioethics 101**

“Before It’s Too Late: Medical Ethics at the End of Life.”

Come join us for our next presentation, a panel discussion of the end-of-life issues. What are they?

How will they affect YOU? What do you need to know to make informed decisions?

Come find out on April 20 at 11:30 am in Johnson Hall. Light fare will be provided.

For more information, contact JoAnn Gates, 482-0823.

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

This year hundreds of thousands of people will face the news “you have breast cancer.” Parishioner Char Zeller is putting together a team to walk and raise funds for the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® Walk. The team will be honoring another parishioner who is fighting this disease. The walk is May 3, registration 8 am (kickoff breakfast at 7:30-8:30 am); route begins in O’Donnell Park.

Would you like to walk with Team “We Believe” or make a donation? For information call Char Zeller, 744-0994.



Free Clinic

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

Alanon Meeting

Is someone in your family dealing with the disease of alcoholism? Would you like to talk with someone about how this is affecting you?

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

Human Concerns

Prayer Network

In March, there were more than 134 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 guidance - Healing from accidents, illness, surgery, depression - Peace - Peace after death of loved one - Safe travel - Sale of house - 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 APRIL is: (Proclamation of the Resurrection) That Christians may not tire of proclaiming with their lives that Christ’s resurrection is the source of hope and peace. The mission intention is: (Future Priests) That the future priests of the young Churches may be formed to evangelize their nations and the whole world. <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 MAY is “**Chunky**” Soup or Stew. 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.

Lectionary Link

Today is the fifth Sunday of Easter. In the First Letter of Peter, the audience is reminded that Jesus was the Suffering Servant who was truly innocent, even though he underwent suffering and death. This gives us hope when we are asked to be “countercultural” and try to live Gospel values even when it can be difficult. In the Gospel there is an allusion to Exekiel 34 in which the prophet says that God is our shepherd. Jesus then explains that He is the Good Shepherd and it is through Him that we will be saved.

Adult: How would you describe Jesus as a path in your life?

Child: How do you live like Jesus?

Readings for the Week of April 20

- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, April 20 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am † Laurie Eversman (A. & D. Gravelle)
 † Bob Gierlinski (C. Balistreri Family)

Monday, April 21

8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, April 22

No Morning Mass

6:30 pm Special Intention

Wednesday, April 23

8:15 am † Filippo & Dorotea Tarantino (Family)

Thursday, April 24

8:15 am

Friday, April 25

8:15 am

Saturday, April 26

11:00 am First Communion Celebration
 4:30 pm † Florian Gilewski (Family)
 † Josephine Wojciechowski (Family/Friends)
 † Eleanore Lemmer (J. Lemmer)
 † Alyce Budnik (Family)

Sunday, April 27 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am † Betty Huberty (Family)
 † Sophie Krause (Budny Family)
 † Phyllis Gronczewski (G. Grant Family)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, April 20

8:30 am	RCIA	Assisi
11:30 am	Cluster Bioethics Prog	Johnson Hall
7 pm	M.A.L.E.S.	POMR
7 pm	Women Bible Group	Assisi

Monday, April 21

6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul	POMR
6:30 pm	First Eucharist Rehearsal	Church

Tuesday, April 22

1 pm	Charity Fund	Assisi
5 pm	Stewardship	Hospitality
7:30 pm	AA	Seton

Wednesday, April 23

11 am	AA	Seton
7 pm	STAA-Pinocchio	Johnson Hall

Thursday, April 24

9 am	Resurrection Choir	Church
7 pm	Adult Choir	Church
7 pm	Festival Committee	Assisi
7 pm	STAA-Pinocchio	Johnson Hall
7 pm	Finance	Hospitality

Saturday, April 26

11 am	First Eucharist	Church
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Sunday, April 27

8:30 am	R.C.I.A	Assisi
9 am	Pancake Breakfast	Johnson Hall

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Vice-Chairperson, Nick Karabon, 481-9165
Agenda Secretary, Christina Mascitti, 745-9013
Trustee Treasurer, Ken Widenski, 482-2417
Trustee Secretary, Patti Jeffers, 427-4069

Building & Grounds, Mike Zilinski, 482-4448
Christian Formation, Rodger Nelson, 571-0121
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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 of 4/06

Offertory	\$	986.49
Stewardship		7,304.18
Feed & Shelter the Poor		238.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List		<u>621.00</u>
Total		\$ 9,149.67

Adult Ministry
Child Abuse Safe Environment
Session at St. Veronica

Do you want to volunteer at the parish or STAA? Would you like to learn how to protect your children from a child predator? Everyone who works with children or youth through the Catholic Church must attend an abuse awareness session. St. Veronica will host a session on *May 17, 9am – noon in the STAA library*. All adults are encouraged to attend one session to learn this important information. To register go to www.archmil.org and click on the *Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal* icon. Then go to the Events section. For assistance, contact Karen at 481-0777 or karenbushman@saintveronica.org

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Corner

As a parish, we continue to pray for the newest members of the Catholic faith community. This week the group will be discussing “Holy Orders and the Common Priesthood of believers” in addition to the Lectionary readings. Each of us, by virtue of our baptism has been joined to the mission of Jesus as priest, prophet, and king. We share His mission to go and bring the Good News of Salvation to others. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist please contact or email Karen.

Is God inviting you to join the RCIA team?

We are looking for sponsors for 2008-09. Two people have already stepped forward to begin their Journey in the fall and we hope more will join them. Sponsors share their faith with a candidate during the one –on –one discussion period in each class. This is a great way to meet new Catholics and help them feel welcome in our church. You don’t need the “ANSWERS” just a loving heart.

Christian Formation

Sharing Faith with Your Child

Looking to weave your faith into your family life? Ideas come from 52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith by Jim Campbell. This week we consider **Seeing God’s Love and Care for All People**. We can learn a lot about our children just by noticing the things he or she loves and likes to collect. The same is true about God. When you are outside playing with your child talk about the beauty of nature and how God created this world for us. Tell your child about something that you noticed that reminded you about God. Then ask him or her to share any impression of things they noticed that were reminders of God. If your child is ever afraid, this is also a good time to remind them about God’s love and care.

Catholic Kids Corner

Parish Cluster Sacrament Parent Mtg. Families with children in grade 1 of STAA or Religious Education will soon receive a letter about the upcoming parent meeting. This meeting will address the sacraments in general and the specific requirements of each of the parish preparation programs. The meeting will be held *Tuesday, May 13, St. Veronica Parish Johnson Hall* from 6:30 to 8 pm. If your child is not currently attending

Religious Education, please call the Religious Formation office.

First Eucharist Reminder

Parents and candidates are reminded to attend the First Eucharist Rehearsal on April 21 in the church. Rehearsal begins at 6:30pm. Bring your banner and photo orders.

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 enjoyed making the flat bread and when we looked around the church. I want to thank you for the food I had today and for my cats and my brothers and sisters. Love, Cirina G.

Dear Jesus: I love you Jesus. Thank you for the church. Love, Alex M.

Dear Jesus: I liked going around the church search. I want to thank you for the new t-shirt. I am excited to receive the bread and wine. Love, Samantha K.

Dear Jesus: I enjoyed playing Mass bingo, the church search, and the movie. I want to thank you for my whole family especially my great grandma. Also thank you for my pets and the priest. Love, Kayla T.

Youth Interfaith Service Retreat

We are in need of additional adult chaperones for our Youth Interfaith Service Retreat on April 26. The adults will be responsible for chaperoning and driving the youth to various service sites to do service work (mostly yard work for the elderly). If interested please contact Jeffrey Montoya.

College Connection - a new project of St. Veronica Welcome Committee and Youth Ministry. We will be sending care packages to our members in college as they get ready for final exams at the start of May. We need your help!

We need:

- Addresses of our members in college – please sign them up on the list in the back of church or send them by email to Jeff Montoya.
- Donations of items to go into the care packages – candy, small food items, school supplies, etc. Get a complete list of items in the back of church. Bring your donations to Church on April 19-20 and April 26-27 and put them in the College Connection boxes.
- Shoeboxes to send the packages in – bring these on April 19-20 and April 26-27 to Church and put them in the College Connection boxes.
- Donations of money to help with postage. Send or drop off your donation to Jeff Montoya in an envelope marked “College Connection”.
- Help stuffing the care packages on Tuesday, April 29, at 7 pm in Johnson Hall.