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First Communion

BLESSINGS TO YOU

Saturday, April 26, 2008

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A Message from Father Mark

Our church possesses a rich history of varied prayer forms. When we think of prayer, we tend to think of personal prayer. These are prayers that we memorized when we were children or that spring from current events in our lives. When we as church pray together it is called communal prayer. The most well known are Mass or a communion service. Other communal prayers include Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation services. A prayer form that we may have heard about but are unfamiliar with is Liturgy of the Hours. Lay men and women, priests and members of Religious Orders can gather together to pray these prayers because they are following what the Lord had asked them to do: “pray without ceasing.” Quoting the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, “Public and Common prayer by the people of God is rightly considered to be among the primary

duties of the Church. From the very beginning those who were baptized ‘devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the community, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.’” (Acts 2:42)

Why is this form of communal prayer referred to as Liturgy of the Hours? The witness of the early church teaches us that individual Christians devoted themselves to individual prayer at fixed times. Eventually, there developed a fixed time for communal prayer, for example, the last hour of the day, when evening draws on and the lamps are lighted, or bright and early as the sun begins to greet the morning. Over the course of time, other hours became sanctified by common prayer. This common prayer gradually took shape as prayers of praise and petition at specific times during the day.

Our parish will begin using this form of prayer. Why? you may ask. “Christ has taught us the necessity of praying at all times without losing heart” (Luke 18:1). The Church has been faithful to Christ’s call to never cease praying. “The Church satisfies this requirement not only by the celebration of the Eucharist but in other ways also, especially through the Liturgy of the Hours, which is distinguished from other Liturgical actions by the fact that it consecrates to God the whole cycle of the day and night, as it has done from early Christian times” (General Instruction for the Liturgy of the Hours pg 14). It is important that we celebrate many forms of prayer so that Mass becomes even more appreciated when we are not able to celebrate it. Even with the shortage of priests and the future possibility of sharing a priest among several parishes, we still need to gather as a community to pray. The Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated very clearly that Communion services are not the preferred form of communal prayer. Instead, we should come together to pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

Therefore, while I am away at the spring assembly on May 5-7, we will offer the Liturgy of the Hours Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning . This invitation is directed to all of you who may be interested in experiencing this prayer form. Please consider participating in this opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. The celebration of Mass is a gift that should be cherished and appreciated, especially as we face a future of declining vocations and the sharing of ordained ministers.

Blessings, Fr Mark

Question of the Week

Theme: We have the spirit of truth to guide us.

Question for Children: *Jesus promises to be our friend forever.*

How do friends treat each other?

Question for Youth: *Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?*

Question for Adults: *Which one of the promises in today’s Gospel gives you the most hope?*

Tema: Tenemos el espíritu de la verdad para guiarnos.

Pregunta para los niños: *Jesús promete ser nuestro amigo por siempre. ¿Cómo se tratan entre ellos los amigos?*

Pregunta para los jóvenes: *A pesar de todas las demandas de la vida de los jóvenes, ¿qué estrategia usas para conservar el amor como una prioridad en tu vida?*

Pregunta para los adultos: *¿Cuál de las promesas en el Evangelio de hoy le da más esperanza?*

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction this 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.



St. Veronica’s Delicious “Fish Fry”

Friday, May 2 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, May 2.

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



St. Veronica Pancake Breakfast

Join us today 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.



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,

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

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

Free Clinic

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

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.



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.

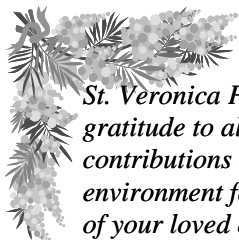


Wedding Banns

III Daniel Engel
and Sara Kovales

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.



Environment Donations

St. Veronica Parish wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to all of our wonderful donors. Your contributions are used to enhance our church environment for the upcoming seasons in memory of your loved ones (in italics) listed below.

Barbara Barniak, Kurt & Jeff Barniak
Christine Biller, Biller and Derse Families
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Florence Gallagher, Raymond Gallagher
Roma Ruditys, Robert Ruditys

Donations

M/M Thomas Brown, M/M David Gevers, Vanda Herriges
Erna Inhoff, Matthew Kirsch, Dawn O'Halloran,
M/M Steven Schreier, M/M Michael Spillane and
Michelle Wielebski.

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 karenbushman@saintveronica.org or 481-0777.



Mother's Day Rose Sale

Roses will be sold after all Masses May 10 and 11 for \$2 each. The proceeds will be used by the Wisconsin Right to Life-Milwaukee Chapter for educational purposes and to support pregnancy help centers. Remember Mom, Grandma, Aunt or that special person in your life with a rose, the symbol of life.



Today's Article Is Entitled "Did You Know?"

For today's article, I asked the teachers to tell about some of the neat things they are doing in their classrooms.

In Ms. Marin's K4, they are learning about butterflies and plants. They will team up with another class to go out and pick up garbage for Earth Day. In Mrs. Lynch's K4, they are also looking at garbage and decomposition for Earth Day. They will be learning about planets and space and their room will be turned into the solar system.

In Mrs. Charney's K5, they are busy working on their letter books. They are learning about transportation and boats and trains. They even made an ocean to put their boats in. They will be learning and graphing April weather and have been working on telling time. In Mrs. DiMeo's K5, they are learning about dinosaurs. The students are reading small books on their own and they will soon be learning about eggs and hatching chicken eggs in the classroom.

In Mrs. Antholine's 1st grade, they are finishing their book report and will have their "dress as a favorite book character" party. Everyone has read 25 books this year. The students love that Fr. Ron comes in to talk about religion and in math they are comparing numbers.

In both 2nd grades, the students are making their First Communions. In Mrs. Zietlow's class, they are finishing 2-digit adding and subtracting, telling time and learning about money. They are working on their last book report for the year and will be learning about butterflies and space. In Mrs. Jacoby's class, the students were studying history, so they wrote their own Declaration of Independence. They too, are learning about 2-digit adding and subtracting and will be studying bats in reading class.

Next week, we will look at the middle grades. *Mary Stallmann, Principal*

Lectionary Link

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In John's Gospel, he has to explain to his audience why Jesus has not yet come again. They have lived long beyond the time when the Second Coming was expected. John is trying to help them see that Jesus has not only returned again through the post-Resurrection stories, but that Jesus is with them always through the Advocate He has sent. The Spirit dwells within all those who believe. This is the reason for the hope of John's audience and for all of us.

Adult: *How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit?*

Child: *When do you feel like the Holy Spirit is helping you?*

Readings for the Week of April 27

- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: (Easter Weekday) Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-2



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." - Jn 14:15-17

What is the Ascension? Why has its celebration shifted from Thursday to the following Sunday in most US dioceses?

The feast of the Ascension, forty days after Easter, has traditionally been celebrated on Ascension Thursday. Since many people find it difficult to get to Mass on a workday, the feast has been moved to the following Sunday in most US dioceses.

The first reading from Acts and the third reading from Luke's Gospel have their source in Luke, the author of both the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Both readings narrate an account of the Ascension. Luke's Gospel account ends by presenting Jesus' ascension as closure to his earthly ministry. Jesus will no longer be physically present to his followers. They are to wait for empowerment from God before continuing Jesus' mission.

Luke begins Acts by retelling Jesus' ascension. Here, the Ascension takes place forty days after Easter, a time during which the Risen Christ has continued to instruct his followers. In Acts, the Ascension is understood not as the end of Jesus' ministry, but rather as the beginning of the disciples' ministry. Jesus must depart so his disciples can take full ownership of Jesus' ministry.

That ownership will be sealed with the gift of the Spirit that God will send as soon as Jesus returns to the Father. The Spirit manifests the new form of Jesus' presence with his followers. Empowered by that presence, they will be strengthened and guided to carry on Jesus' ministry.

Reflect on how you experience Jesus' presence in your life. *lpi, 08*



Troop 208 Cookout and Bake Sale May 3 and 4

It's been a long winter so let's celebrate spring with a Cookout!

Come join St. Veronica's Boy Scout Troop 208 for a delicious meal after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, May 3 or 10:30 Mass on Sunday, May 4. The boys will be serving up grilled burgers, brats and hotdogs along with your favorite side dishes. The bake sale will be available after all of the Masses that weekend. All proceeds will be used to offset the boys' trip to summer camp in July.



Parishioners Invited to Wear Red on Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11

All liturgies on the weekend of May 10-11 will celebrate the *Feast of Pentecost*. Red is the traditional color for this feast. To honor the Holy Spirit, everyone is encouraged to don this color: ties, shirts, coats, dresses, blouses or skirts.

~Mass Intentions~

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)

Monday, April 28

- 8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, April 29 Catherine of Siena

- 8:15 am
 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 30

- 8:15 am † Mayola Sikorski (M. Kaluzny)

Thursday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

- 8:15 am

Friday, May 2

- 8:15 am † Eugene Stawicki (Family)

Saturday, May 3

- 12 pm *Daniel Engel and Sara Kovaless*
 4:30 pm *60th Wedding Anniversary for
 Ervin & Florence Boschke*
 † Patricia Russart (Family)
 † Gary Peterson (Family)
 † Marilyn Kudriko (T. Kudriko)

Sunday, May 4 Ascension of the Lord

- 8:30 am For Our Parishioners
 10:30 am † James Walsh (Family)
 † Helen Neary (Sister)
 † Michael Spiegel (Family/Friends)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, April 27

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| 8:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 9 am | Pancake Breakfast | Johnson Hall |

Tuesday, April 29

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| 5:15 pm | Adult Bible Study | POMR |
| 7 pm | College Connection | Johnson Hall |
| 7:30 pm | AA | Seton |

Wednesday, April 30

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| 11 am | AA | Seton |
| 2:30 pm | Market Day | Assisi |

Thursday, May 1

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| 9 am | Stewardship Mailing | Assisi |
| 7 pm | Adult Choir | Church |

Friday, May 2

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| 4 pm | Fish Fry | Johnson Hall |
| 4 pm | Thrift Shop | |

Saturday, May 3

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| 9 am | Food Pantry/Thrift Shop | |
| 4:30 pm | Boy Scout Troop 208 Cook Out | JH |

Sunday, May 4

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| 8:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 9:30 am | Boy Scout Troop 208 Cook Out | JH |
| 7 pm | M.A.L.E.S. | POMR |
| 7 pm | Women's Bible Study | Assisi |

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Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week of 4/13

Offertory	\$ 695.84
Stewardship	20,551.74
Feed & Shelter the Poor	998.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>1,790.00</u>
Total	\$24,035.58

Christian Formation

Adult Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

As a parish, we continue to pray for the newest members of the Catholic faith community. This week the group will be discussing “Confirmation” in addition to the Lectionary readings. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a sign of the gifts of the Holy Spirit which are lavished upon us. These gifts are Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Through the reception of these gifts we form our lives ever more closely to the life of Jesus. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist please email Karen karenbushman@saintveronica.org or call 481-0777.

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.

The Power of Prayer

During WWII, an advisor to Winston Churchill organized a group of people who would stop at a specific time each day to pray for the safety of England and an end to war. Now there is a group of people who invite others to pray for peace. If you would like to participate, just stop what you are doing at 8pm and spend one minute in prayer for peace in our world. There is no cost, sign up fee, or obligation. Yet Jesus told us to ask the Father for whatever we need in prayer.

April 19 First Eucharist Celebration



Youth Ministry

Congratulations to these St. Veronica youth who made Thomas More High School's third mark period honor roll!

Sara Breitzman, Valerie Chilson, Owen Davies, Matthew Davis, Megan Derse, Kailyn Fliss, Anne Gates, Thomas Gates, Lauren Hickey, Cassandra Hirsch, Nicole Hirsch, Sydney Japp, Luke Jozwiak, Andrew Kallerud, Andrew Kane, Nathaniel Karabon, Jacob Key, Johathan Koszuta, Megan Maikowski, Riley Marinelli, Allison Miller, Catherine Piwaron, Laura Reifenberg, Sara Rembalski, Anna Rodriguez, Philip Schmidt, Jacob Szczech, Michael Wasilik and Daniel Widowski

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 26-27 and put them in the College Connection boxes.
- Shoeboxes to send the packages in – bring these on 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, 7 pm in Johnson Hall.

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 office, 481-0777.

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 got to share my cookies at lunch. Thank you for making all of the animals in the world. Love, Nick D.

Dear Jesus: Playing Bingo and the church search were fun. I am excited

about my First Communion because I get to receive Jesus. Love, Jesse K.

Dear Jesus: First Communion is exciting. Thank you for all you have done for me. Thomas W.

Dear Jesus: I liked baking the bread at the retreat. I am excited. Blake S.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

Hey parents! Did you know that this week is National Safe Kids Week? There are lots of ways you can help your children stay safe at home, school, and neighborhood. Go to www.safekids.org and click on *Programs* or *Activities for Kids*.

Now that spring has finally come, it is good exercise to roller skate. Did you know that roller skates were invented in April of 1760? A young man rolled into a party in London wearing wheels on his shoes and playing the violin. But he hadn't learned how to stop so he ran into and broke a mirror. Take time today to go outside and enjoy the nature God has given to us.