

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 from another parish or if you are new to the area, we are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us.

We welcome you to become a member of our parish family. Please visit the information Kiosk in the church hallway or visit our website at www.saintveronica.org



A Prayer for Mother's Day

A woman is always a daughter, whether our mothers are on earth or in heaven:

Dear Lord, we thank you for our mothers, and the love, care, and instruction they have given us. Ever before us on the path of life, they help smooth our way with strong arms and gentle wisdom.

A woman is always a mother, whether her children are born from her flesh or not:

Dear Lord, women have been taught to nurture, and given gifts by nature that enable us to do so. Help us to love and lift up those around us: our families, coworkers, students, even when we are tired and drained, and have nothing left to give.

A woman is a Christian sister of all:

Dear Lord, help us to shine your light into this world we live in, and bring the good works of Your Son to birth, following the example of our Mother Mary.



PENTECOST
RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT



A Message from Father Mark

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, foster mothers, Godmothers, expectant mothers, and all women who have acted like a mother for a child. As we gather today to pray, call to mind those special women who have graced us with their wisdom and presence. Let us also remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus, during this month of May. Mary connects with all mothers who worry about their children. Mary is able to relate to the joy and the sorrow mothers experience. She watched helplessly as her son endured a painful death. What joy there must have been when Jesus welcomed Mary into His Heavenly kingdom. Allow Mary to be our inspiration and guide during this month.

This Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Catholic Church, a community of disciples. Jesus breathed upon his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit!" Two of the distinct persons of the Trinity are recognized at this moment; God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The physical presence of Jesus would soon depart this world and return to God the Father in Heaven. Therefore, Jesus bestows the ever present Spirit upon each disciple moving them to action. Each disciple is infused with the Spirit of Truth, who guides them along the path of the Gospel. It is through the same Spirit that we live our lives of faith. We continuously pray for an open attitude which allows the Spirit to rest upon us, as we are sent into the world to live Jesus' presence. By being Christ for one another, we grow together and continue to carry on His works. We become church for one another.

In the story of the Ascension from the Gospel of last weekend, the disciples were looking up at the sky in expectation of the immediate return of Jesus. Two men robed in white garments appeared and challenged them to stop standing looking at the sky but begin their ministry. The same challenge is presented to us. Now that we have been given the Holy Spirit, we need to make a difference in the lives of those in our midst. The mission of the Church rests upon us.

The Second Vatican Council was very clear in the document called Lumen Gentium (Latin, "Light of the Nations) about the role of all baptized people. "Christ is the light of humanity; and it is accordingly the heart-felt desire of this Second Vatican Council, gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all (men) that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church. Therefore, the universal Church is seen to be a people brought into unity from the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (Documents of the Second Vatican Council). "As all members of the human body, though they are many, form one body, so also are the faithful of Christ" (1 Cor12:12).

The Second Vatican Council wanted us to know that the Church lives and moves through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. There is no sense of separation at all from Christ and His Church. Let the words of Jesus send us forth to build up the church here on earth and spread the gospel to all we meet. *Blessings, Fr Mark*

TOWN HALL MEETING MAY 17 and 18 After each Mass in Church

Please join us as we share information with our parishioners about the current status of the parish and our future needs. Topics will include: Faith in Our Future Archdiocese-wide Campaign, financial status of the parish, parking lot turnaround, school roof and future projects. Your input is important as we, as a parish, look to our future with hope.

Question of the Week

Theme: We have been given the breath of God - the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Question for Children: *When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?*

Question for Youth: *As a young person, you have your own way of communicating Jesus' importance in your life. How will you make Jesus more known to others in your own way this week?*

Question for Adults: *Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.*



May Crowning at St. Veronica's

We are often asked by non-Catholics, "Why do Catholics pray to Mary?" or "Why do you pray to statues?" The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults states, "...the use of icons, holy pictures, and

statues as supports for prayer are...forms of popular devotion. The faithful do not worship pictures and statues; they venerate or honor the Virgin Mary and the saints and worship and adore only God. The veneration of Mary and the saints ultimately leads to God." (p. 297) Regarding Mary, the Catechism says, "From the earliest times, Christians have sought Mary's prayers and help. There has been the basic sense on the part of the Church that Mary continues in heaven to be concerned for the growth of all members of the Church into holiness and an intimate relationship with her Son." (p. 147) During the month of May, we honor Mary in a special way. On Tuesday, May 13, our parish will host two opportunities to honor Mary. The 8:15 am all-school Mass and the 6:30 pm parish Mass will both include a May crowning. Please join us to be a part of this special devotion.



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.

On Sunday, May 25, we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In place of our usual adoration and benediction between the Masses, we plan to have a Eucharistic procession and benediction following the 10:30 Mass. See next week's bulletin for more details on this special celebration!



Human Concerns

Grief Support

The Grief Support Group will meet on May 10 at 10 am in the church office. Please join us. This will be the last official Grief Group meeting but please feel free to call Cathy Souhrada at 747-8790 at any time.

Post Abortion Support Group

The Post-Abortion Support group will meet on Saturday, May 17, at 10 am in the church office. Please feel free to come to a safe environment. This will also be the last official Post-Abortion meeting at the church office but always feel free to call Cathy Souhrada at 747-8790 for additional resources or to talk.



Dear St. Veronica Parishioners

It has been such a privilege to meet so many of you and know you through the many activities of the Human Concerns Committee. One of the many things I have learned as chair of Human Concerns is that the members of St. Veronica are caring, giving and generous to those who are less fortunate, and to each other. Church members deeply care about each other. You are also committed to social justice issues and willing to take a stand on these issues. It is humbling for me to see this and makes me very proud to have been a part of the Human Concerns efforts for the last three years.

However, circumstances and situations change, and sadly, I must resign as chair of Human Concerns. I have grown as a result of being involved in this most worthwhile effort and would pray that someone else is filled with the spirit to come forward and assume this role. It is a vital and important one. It challenges one to grow in both faith and understanding. If anyone is interested in being chair of Human Concerns, please call me and we can discuss, 747-8790. Thank you.

*Sincerely, Cathy Souhrada,
Human Concerns Chair*

Prayer Network

In April, there were more than 136 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 - Family healing - Financial problems -

Good medical tests results - Healing from accidents, illness, surgery, depression - Peace - Peace after death of loved one - Safe travel - Sale of house - Special intentions - Spiritual guidance - Success in job - 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 MAY is: (Human Dignity) That Christians may use literature, art, and mass media to create a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person. The mission intention is: (Mary's guidance) That the Virgin Mary, Star of evangelization and Queen of the Apostles, may still guide missionaries with maternal affection, just as she accompanied the Apostles in the early stages of the Church. <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 |
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| 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 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.

Health Topic Sunday, May 17 & 18

Stroke Awareness and Asthma/Allergy Awareness Month

Learn about stroke – Understanding what you can do to reduce your risk can decrease your chances of having a stroke. But it is still important to know the warning signs and how to respond to them.

For many seasonal allergy sufferers, getting their hands dirty in the garden has consequences. Sneezing, itchy eyes, congestion and other reactions turn gardening fun into misery. But with a few simple precautions, allergies don't have to stand between a person and their horticultural hobbies.

Stop by the Health Topic table after all Masses the weekend of May 17 and 18 for information on stroke, allergies and asthma. Learn more today.



Free Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic for the uninsured and underinsured will be open on: Wednesday May 14, 21 and 28. 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.



Today I am writing about what is happening in Junior High (6-8 grades). Before I begin, I had some inquiry about the chicken eggs that will be hatched in K5 and what will happen to them after they hatch. The eggs are loaned to us from a farm and the farmer takes back the chicks after they hatch.

In 6th grade, they have started their Brewer project where they have to keep track of a Brewer's batting average. This project coincides with averages, fractions, decimals, percentages and probability in their Math class. They are learning about European expansion and the discovery of the Americas in Social Studies. In Reading they are working on a poetry unit and are making pop-up books for ballads. In Science they are looking at different atom models and are studying physical and chemical changes. The students enjoy their visits from Fr. Phil. He is talking to them about prophets.

In 7th grade they are working on geometry in Math. They are also making digital math storybooks. They just finished reading "The Outsiders" in Reading and are working on writing their multimedia stories about their heroes. In English they are working on prepositional phrases. In Social Studies they are exploring, in depth, the government. They are looking at the structure, contributions from the founding fathers and tying it into the upcoming election. Fr. Mark has been coming in on a regular basis. He has been talking about Holy Orders and Vocations. The class has also been taking apart the Creed and looking at the core beliefs held by Catholics.

In 8th grade the big item is the start of the Washington D.C. trip. This trip is 6 days long (including travel) and is jammed pack. This year they will be seeing the new U.S. Marine Museum, plus visiting Arlington National Cemetery and putting a memorial on the Vietnam Wall in honor of Lance Sijan. In Science, they just finished studying the human body and they are working on algebra and geometry in Math. In English they are working on prepositional phrases. In Reading they are getting ready to do their states report. For their report, they need to have a 5-8 minute power point presentation, a 3-4 page report and a states brochure. They will be going on a field trip to Holy Hill with the 2nd grade Communicants and Fr. Tom Wittlif. The 8th graders are also working on their graduation preparations. They graduate June 6th.

Finally, we are getting ready for our Grandparents' Day All-School Mass on May 20th and our talent show the last week of school. We continue to take registrations for the 2008-2009 school year. *Mary Stallmann, Principal*

Lectionary Link

Today is the Feast of Pentecost. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in the church and in our lives. This is the birthday of the church. The apostles were empowered to move beyond their fears and boldly proclaim the mission of Jesus. In the reading from Acts, we also learn that humanity which had been divided by languages was once again united by the Spirit.

Adult: What strength and power do you get from living in God's Spirit?

Child: How does having the Holy Spirit in your life make you stronger?

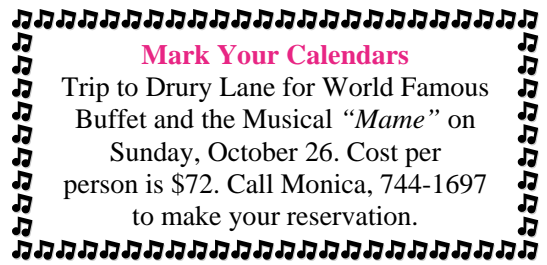
Readings for the Week of May 11

- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
- Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1
- Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



St. Thomas Aquinas School Families Grant for Tuition Aid

Once again we will be offering a grant to school families to help offset the cost of tuition. Grants will be awarded based on applicant's commitment to Catholic education, financial need, academic motivation and demonstrated parish support through time, talents and treasure. Hard copy applications are available in the parish office or you can request an electronic version through carlajager@saintveronica.org. If you are interested, please complete and return the application by Thursday, May 15. Recipients will be notified after June 1. You must be a St. Veronica parishioner, in good standing for one year, to qualify.



Mark Your Calendars

Trip to Drury Lane for World Famous Buffet and the Musical "Mame" on Sunday, October 26. Cost per person is \$72. Call Monica, 744-1697 to make your reservation.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
- Jn 20:21-23



Sing a new song to the Lord!

It's almost June and with the new season comes a new musical group at St. Veronica. Young people, ages 14-21, are invited to participate in the Summer Youth Choir. Beginning Sunday, June 1, and for each of the five Sundays of June, this group will meet at 9:45 a.m. to rehearse and will sing for the 10:30 Mass. No audition is required and singers of all levels of experience are welcome! Interested? Have questions? Please contact Kate Sponholz, 482-2920 or email katesponholz@saintveronica.org **Instrumentalists are also welcome!** Again, please contact Kate so she can have appropriate music and stands ready for you!

You Are Invited

Please join St. Augustine Parish for a Spaghetti Dinner, catered by *That's Amore Restaurant*, on Sat., May 17, 6p-8p. Dinners are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. This "meatballa event" is being sponsored by the St. Augustine Stewardship Committee. Come join us, you'll be glad you did!

~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, May 11 Pentecost – Mother’s Day

8:30 am † Josephine Wojciechowski (Family/Friend)
 † Patricia Kaminski (Family)
 † Christopher R. Susedik (Family)
 † Stella Kulinski (Vera)

10:30 am For the Parishioners

Monday, May 12

8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:15 am † Giles Sheridan (Family)
 6:30 pm † Henry Dix (Family)
 † Victor Grant (G. Grant Family)

Wednesday, May 14 St. Matthias

8:15 am † Robert Schwingstahl (Friends & Family)
 † Mayola Sikorski (M. Kaluzny)

Thursday, May 15

8:15 am † Betty Huberty (Family)

Friday, May 16

8:15 am

Saturday, May 17

4:30 pm † Lorraine Wisniewski (J. Lemmer)
 † Betty Dereszynski (Family)
 † Robert Reik (Family)

Sunday, May 18 Most Holy Trinity

8:30 am For the Parishioners
 10:30 am † Joseph Ploszay (L. & C. Ploszay)
 † Stella Bieszk (Ralph)
 † Laurie Eversman (D. Lohrke)
 † Wynth Ohlinger (Family)



Living Our Faith, an archdiocesan initiative that:

Inspires people to *Meet Christ*
 Teaches people to *Know Christ*
 Helps people to *Live Christ*
 by serving Him and others.

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, May 11

8:30 and 10:30 am Mother’s Day Rose Sale Church

Tuesday, May 13

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| 5:15 pm | Sunday Scripture Reflection | POMR |
| 7:05 pm | Parish Council | Assisi |
| 7:30 pm | AA | Seton |

Wednesday, May 14

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| 9 am | Wisdom Seekers | POMR |
| 11 am | AA | Seton |
| 7 pm | Christian Formation | Rel. Ed. |

Thursday, May 15

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| 7 pm | Cantor Workshop | Church |
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Saturday, May 17

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| 9 am | Food Pantry/Thrift Shop | |
| 10 am | Post-Abortion Support Grp | POMR |
| 5:30 pm | Parish Town Hall Meeting | Church |

Sunday, May 18

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| 9:30 am | Parish Town Hall Meeting | Church |
| & 11:30 am | | |
| 7 pm | M.A.L.E.S. | POMR |
| 7 pm | Women’s Bible Study | Assisi |

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Agenda Secretary, Christina Mascitti, 795-7505
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Trustee Secretary, Patti Jeffers, 427-4069

Building & Grounds, Mike Zilinski, 482-4448
Christian Formation, Rodger Nelson, 571-0121
Parish Life & APC, Monica Phillip, 744-1697
Prayer & Worship, Lynn Larson, 489-9148
STAA Board, Judi Caruso, 744-1554
Stewardship, Robin Decker, 483-5485

Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week of 5/04

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| Offertory | \$ 1,028.95 |
| Stewardship | 8,953.00 |
| Feed & Shelter the Poor | 538.00 |
| Fr. Mark's Wish List | <u>676.82</u> |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>\$11,196.77</i> |

Adult Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation Corner

On this weekend when we celebrate the birthday of the church, we offer a special blessing for our participants in the RCIA this year. We ask the Holy Spirit to be with them as they continue to grow in knowledge and faith. If you are interested in preparing to be baptized, join the Catholic Church, or receive 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. 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.

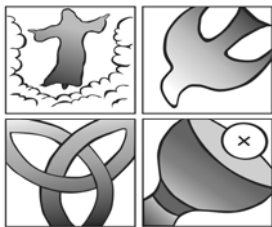
A Great Success for Breast Cancer Walk 2008 for Team We Believe!

Team We Believe met our first goal of \$1000 a week before the walk for Breast Cancer Awareness 2008. We raised our goal at that time to \$1500 and on the day of the walk we went over that goal. So far we have raised \$1,605 and the donations are still coming in.

I want to first thank all the generous parishioners of St. Veronica for donating to this cause. Second, I want to thank all the people who gathered donations for the team without walking. Third, I want to thank my fellow walkers for walking in the rain on Saturday to end a great experience for me. I am amazed at the amount of support we received and am truly grateful. Let all continue to pray for Chris Reum and her family as she continues to fight this disease and hope a cure is found soon for her and all who are fighting cancer.

Char Zeller

Captain of team We Believe 2008



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.

Partners in Faith Newsletter for Parents

All parents are invited to take a copy of the May issue of this informative newsletter. The topics this month include *10 Simple Rules for Polite Behavior, Parent Talk, Why Catholics Fast, and May-the month of Mary*. Copies are on the Order of Worship stands.

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 **Family as Domestic Church**. It is within the family that children first learn about God and Jesus, how to love and forgive, and how to live a Christian life. The best way to teach your child about the Catholic faith is to show them by example. By watching and imitating your Christlike acts, your child will gradually make the Christian lifestyle part of themselves. The family meal, regardless of when it is held during each day, can strengthen the family bonds.

God's Cozy Corner Parish Library

As we move into vacation time, why not stop and pick up a book or video for those lazy days on the beach or when rain spoils the plans. No library card is needed. The library is located across from the usher's room and is open before and after the weekend Masses.

Love Letters to Jesus

This week we have the final group of letters written by the First Communion candidates. Please continue to pray for these children and all of our children that the love of Jesus grows in their heart.

Dear Jesus: I am excited about receiving First Communion because I like the church. Abby B.

Dear Jesus: I liked the letter from my parents, eating with my friends, playing bingo, and making bread. Brittney D.

Dear Jesus: Thank you for my house. I am excited about Communion because I get to eat the bread and wine. Steven M.

Dear Jesus: Finding things in the church was fun. Thank you for my kitten. Cameron F.

Parish Cluster Sacrament Parent Meeting

Families with children in grade 1 of STAA or Religious Education are reminded of 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*. Families of children not currently attending Religious Education or in STAA please call the office, 481-0777.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

May 13 is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, Mary appeared to three children who lived in Fatima, Portugal. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for peace. The parish library video, *The Day the Sun Danced*, tells the story of Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta and their meeting with Mary.

Do you know anyone who owns a farm? May 15 is the feast of St. Isidore the patron saint of farmers. St. Isidore worked as a farm hand and prayed each day while he worked. He cared a lot for the earth. In Mexico, his feast is often celebrated by farmers who decorate the animals with flowers.

Did you know that May is National Smile Month? A smile is a great gift that you can give to everyone and it is free! Nobody likes a grump, so put a smile on your face and let everyone see the love of Jesus in you.