

# 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](http://www.saintveronica.org)



## 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.

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven  
is like a MERCHANT  
SEARCHING for fine pearls.  
When he FINDS a pearl of great price,  
he goes and SELLS  
ALL that he has and BUYS it.”*

MATTHEW 13:45-46



### Dear Parishioners,

If God gave you the opportunity to receive one special gift, what would it be? Would you be content with a healthy family or peace of mind? Are there material needs that you would want filled? This weekend we are faced with the extraordinary faith of Solomon. When given this opportunity, he doesn't ask for material wealth but the gift of wisdom. Wisdom is far greater than something that can be easily lost or squandered. Because he opened himself before God and desired something deeper than material wealth, Solomon was given a heart that was full of wisdom and understanding to touch the lives of those he would rule. Solomon's faith in God allowed him to recognize that God had given him everything and that he was to serve God in the midst of God's people.

Jesus loved his followers and the crowds who came after him, so he shared with his disciples the true treasure of heaven. Jesus mentions three different images: a priceless treasure buried in a field, a merchant searching for a fine pearl, and a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind. Each of these reveals an aspect of heaven. Solomon prayed for wisdom, thus opening his heart to greater insights of the world. Jesus invites us to see heaven as a priceless treasure for which the finder would give up everything else in order to possess it. What do you value more than anything else in the world? What is your heart's treasure? As we pray this week, let our longing be that of wisdom and understanding. Let there be one thing and one thing only to rule our hearts. Let the lure of material wealth always come last in our lives so that God's presence and God's love can be the true treasure and center of our hearts.

If you do not believe in miracles, you can believe now! The weather for our festival last weekend was a miracle. During our busy times the heavens didn't open up and send down buckets of rain. To be an optimist is one thing, but to be a true believer is another. Saturday morning began with my looking out at the rain thinking to myself, "Well God you blessed us with Thursday and Friday, Your will be done". The rain stopped and by 4 pm the festival was up and running well into the evening. Sunday morning rolled around and by noon we had sunshine until the end. God is GREAT! Wow, what an amazing weekend.

Every year, the Festival Committee works to put the nuts and bolts together and every year the parishioners step up to the plate to create a smashing success. THANK YOU to all who prayed for the success of the festival and everyone who contributed, from the Festival Committee members to the volunteer who swept the last bit of trash from the parking lot. Thank you for your support and commitment to the parish. Thank you for giving of your time and talent and treasure. Thank you for your voices to improve upon what is being done during the festival. Thank you for YOU! Blessings, Fr Mark

### Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction THIS Sunday, JULY 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.**

*"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be diligent in the prayer of adoration. It is a source of comfort and light particularly to those who are suffering."*

*(Pope Benedict XVI)*

### A Unique Opportunity is Coming

To the People of St. Veronica Parish! At all Masses next weekend, Lillian Ciske, a Representative of Lighthouse Catholic Media, NFP, will be here to tell you about a way to receive the CD *Understanding the Lord's Prayer* by Scripture Scholar *Dr. Scott Hahn and Voting Guidelines from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*—detailed by Dave Durand. Those who take advantage of this opportunity will receive a FREE DVD (a \$20 value) *"Our Catholic Faith"* by Matthew Arnold. The monthly subscription for 1 cd is \$5, 5 cd's \$12, or 10 cd's \$18.

For additional information go to [www.Lighthousecatholicmedia.com](http://www.Lighthousecatholicmedia.com)



### New Parish Picture Directory

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our parish family. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, there will be signup sheets before and after mass at the front entrance of the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

You can also sign up online by going to [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com) you will need our church contract # 33845 and phone 492-2920.

If you have questions, please contact Pat LaPointe at 747-0709 or email [Pat\\_LaPointe@msn.com](mailto:Pat_LaPointe@msn.com)

### Question of the Week

Theme: The kingdom of God is a treasure beyond price.

Question for Children: *If you could be with Jesus, what would you trade from your own things for that?*

Question for Youth: *What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?*

Question for Adults: *Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "The reign of God is \_\_\_\_\_."*



## Human Concerns



### Free Summer Meals for Milwaukee's Youth

All children can receive Free meals every weekday at local schools and other safe, supervised locations! No paperwork, no hassle all children are welcome. To find the location nearest you call 211 or (866) 211-3380.

### Free Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic for uninsured and underinsured will be open on Wednesday July 30 and every Wednesday in August. 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.

### Attention Military Vets

St. John Lutheran Church, 4850 S Lake Dr. Cudahy, will be hosting listening sessions on Tuesdays, from 7-9 pm for Military Vets.

These gatherings are meant to be a safe place for military veterans to talk about their experiences and find resources for the challenges they encounter after returning home from the service. Walk-ins will be warmly welcomed although registration is encouraged.

For more information or to register contact Marcia Isherwood, 481-0520.

### Don't Sweat the Small Stuff: 5 Steps to Peace of Mind

Life can be difficult and most people can name something that is causing a heavy heart. Attend this **FREE** uplifting program by Fr. Tim Kitzke. He will share some simple, practical, and everyday kinds of things that we can do to help refocus and appreciate the greatest gift of life. *Friday, August 8; 2PM; Howard Village Retirement Community, 2500 E. Howard Ave.* Refreshments will be provided. You are asked to RSVP by Thursday Aug. 7 at 489-1400.

### Prayer Network

In JUNE, there were **more than 120 requests for our prayers** called in to our Prayer Network or written in our parish Book of Intercessions.

Intentions included: Employment - Family guidance - Family healing - Healing from accidents, illness, surgery,

depression - Peace - Peace after death of loved one - Good medical tests results - 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 July is: (Volunteers) That there may be an increase in the number of volunteers who offer their services to the Christian Community. The mission intention is: (World Youth Day) That World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia may awaken the fire of divine love in young people and make them sowers of hope for a new humanity. <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](http://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 August is tuna. 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.

### "First Annual Family Fest Walk"

The Pregnancy Help Center of Milwaukee-Family Fest Walk to raise funds and awareness.

The Pregnancy Help Center of Milwaukee, a Pro-life crisis pregnancy center that provides resources and materials to families in need, is sponsoring their first annual "Family Fest Walk". The walk is Saturday August 23 at the Seminary Woods, 3257 S. Lake Drive. Registration deadline is August 15. There will be plenty of fun, food, games, and music afterwards and a minimum registration fee of \$25 in pledges for adults, families are welcome. To register call, 645-4050.

### Pray for Vocations

The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few. Please join Fr. Don Hying and Roses for Our Lady as we spend an hour in adoration to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the seminary, and all priests and seminarians. Sunday, August 10; 2-3pm; Christ King Chapel, St. Francis Seminary. 3257 S. Lake Drive. A light social will follow. This event is co-sponsored by Roses for Our Lady, St. Francis Seminary, and the Vocations Office. "Never underestimate the power of prayer."

## Thank You

St. Veronica had another spectacular festival thanks to the efforts of a huge group of volunteers. No activity as diverse and time consuming as a parish festival could occur without the dedication of a small army of dedicated people. The names and areas of responsibility of the committee members are as follows:

Co-Chair/Advertising & Entertainment, *Fred Czuta*

Co-Chair/Permits & Licenses, *Jim Klajbor*

Adult Games Co-Manager, *Dennis Bratel*

Adult Games Co-Manager, *Tim Ewert*

Bar Assistant Manager, *Chris Hartzheim*

Bar Manager, *Cheryl Kallerud*

Children's Games Co-Manager, *Lisa Jung*

Children's Games Co-Manager, *Sharon Lyda*

Electrical Services Manager, *Steve Koszuta*

Finance Team Manager, *Sue Hills*

Finance Team, *Virginia Darrow*

Finance Team, *Diane Karabon*

Fish Fry Dinner, *Fish Fry Crew*

Food Services Manager, *Mike Dix*

Food Services, *Jim Stanhope*



Food Services - Chicken Roasting, *Steve Carini*

Food Services - Chicken Roasting, *Dan Otto Vahl*

Grounds /Operations, *Dennis Kallerud*

Grounds Nights clean up crew, *7th Grade Parents*

Grounds Security Manager-Festival Operations, *Mike Koscielak*

Grounds Security Manager - overnight, *Paul Michael*

Grounds/Operations, *Paul Klajbor*

Grounds/Operations & Parking, *Don Szamocki*

Parish Staff Liaisons, *Carla Jager and Tony Goodenough*

Presidents' Game/Split the Pot/Pull Tabs, *Cully Carstens*

Prize Package Raffle Co-Managers, *Karen & Mark Zakszewski*

Silent Auction Co-Managers, *John & Marge Piwaron*

Site Plan/Wine Tent Manager, *Ron Dominski*

Volunteer Coordinator, *Amy Jaap*



A special thank you to the numerous parishioners and friends who put up a poster or advertised, bought or sold raffle tickets, made a donation of any kind, or just attended one or more days and nights.

As a community, this is our chance to carry on the tradition of our Summer Festival for generations to come. In 2009, we will be celebrating the 50th year of the festival.

## Lectionary Link

In the readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, treasures are the primary topic of the Scriptures. In the First Reading, Solomon is given the opportunity to receive a gift from God. Rather than asking for worldly goods, Solomon asks for wisdom. In the Gospel we learn that the Kingdom of Heaven is more valuable than gold, pearls, or any other treasure. We must pay any price to obtain it. Where our treasure is, there is our heart.

*Adult: What would you be willing to give up to receive the Kingdom of Heaven?*

*Child: Why is heaven so valuable?*

### Readings for the Week of July 27

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



**Raffle**

**Congratulations to the  
2008 Summer Festival  
Raffle Ticket Winners!**

\$2000 *Arthur Labinski*

\$1000 *Carroll Jakubowski*

\$500 *Nancy Tarkowski*

*Thought for the week: I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail and not drift, nor lie at anchor.--Oliver Wendell Holmes*



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

*Kobe Chalstrom, Blake Firkus,  
Alex Kossow, Olivia Lanaghan,  
Zaria Mendoza and Brendan Thessin.*

## From Out of the Ordinary

Want to learn more about your faith? Take our weekly quiz during Ordinary Time. Nothing is "ordinary" about our Faith.

1. What heresy says that through our own efforts/actions we are saved; God's grace is not necessary? (a) *Arianism*; (b) *Gnosticism*; (c) *Tritheism*; (d) *Pelagianism*

2. Before Christ was crucified, what was the color of the robe put on him by the Roman guards? (a) *Red*; (b) *Black*; (c) *Purple*; (d) *Blue*

3. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ Mysteries of the Rosary? (a) *Joyful*; (b) *Sorrowful*; (c) *Glorious*; (d) *Luminous*

4. In Hawaii, what year were Catholics permitted freedom to worship? (a) *1839*; (b) *1776*; (c) *1860*; (d) *1787*

5. On what day of the week could one have a general audience with the Pope? (a) *Monday*; (b) *Tuesday*; (c) *Wednesday*; (d) *Thursday*; (e) *Friday*

## ~Mass Intentions~

### Sunday, July 27 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am † Laurie Everman (J. Eversman)  
 † Stella Bieszk (Ralph)  
 † Conrad Kania (K. & C. Ostrenga)  
 † Frank Krzyzanowski (R. Bieszk)

### Monday, July 28

8:15 am Communion Service

### Tuesday, July 29 Martha

6:30 pm

### Wednesday, July 30

8:15 am † Edward Kaluzny (M. Kaluzny)

### Thursday, July 31

8:15 am

### Friday, August 1 Ignatius of Loyola

8:15 am Deceased and Living Jesuits

### Saturday, August 2

4:30 pm

### Sunday, August 3-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am † John Lipinski (Son)

#### Parish Meetings and Events

##### Tuesday, July 29

7:30 pm AA Seton

##### Wednesday, July 30

11 am AA Seton

##### Thursday, July 31

9 am Stewardship Mailing Assisi

##### Friday, August 1

3 pm-9:30 pm Olan Mills Photos Johnson Hall

##### Saturday, August 2

9 am Food Pantry/Thrift Shop  
 11 am-5 pm Olan Mills Photos Johnson Hall

#### Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week of 07/13

Offertory	\$ 667.97
Stewardship	19,627.64
Feed & Shelter the Poor	901.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>2,075.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,271.61</b>

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### Offices:

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**Principal Rhonda Friday**

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#### Parish Council and Liaison Members 2007-2008

*Pastor*, Fr. Mark Payne  
*Chairperson*, Paul Klajbor, 405-2674  
*Vice-Chairperson*, Nick Karabon, 481-9165  
*Agenda Secretary*, Christina Mascitti, 795-7505  
*Trustee Treasurer*, Ken Widenski, 482-2417  
*Trustee Secretary*, Amy Domagalski, 486-0915  
*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

# Christian Formation

## Adult Confirmation

Is the Holy Spirit inviting you to confirm your faith in God and the church? Adults (over 18) who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in the Adult Confirmation program. Adults from all of the cluster parishes come together to deepen their faith and grow in their commitment to Christ. The process begins in January with sessions held on Thursday evenings. Registration forms are available on the parish website. For information [karenbushman@saintveronica.org](mailto:karenbushman@saintveronica.org)/call 481-0777.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or completing the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Do you know someone at work or in your neighborhood who is searching for a faith tradition? Maybe they have asked questions about your Catholic practices. Why not invite them to consider the Catholic Church? The RCIA is an opportunity for people to learn about Jesus and His Church. We welcome the non-baptized, those baptized in another faith, and those who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation. Inquiry sessions allow everyone to come and ask questions without any commitment. Be an evangelist wherever you are! Contact Karen at [karenbushman@saintveronica.org](mailto:karenbushman@saintveronica.org) or 481-0777.

## Parish RCIA Sponsors Needed

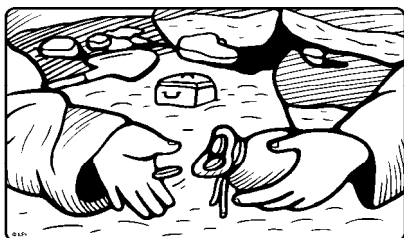
Have you ever wondered if God was inviting you to share your faith but you didn't know exactly how? Maybe sponsoring someone who wants to join the Catholic Church is God's answer. St. Veronica/St. Paul has already been blessed with three adults who want to become Catholic or complete their sacraments. We are looking for parishioners who would partner and sponsor them as they make the journey. The commitment is Sunday mornings from 8:30am Mass to 11:30am, October to Pentecost. Your role would be support and discussion – no classroom teaching is involved. It is truly a mentoring role. If we have caught your eye, your heart and your interest, please contact Karen as soon as possible so we can talk further about this life changing partnership.

**Youth Ministry and Confirmation Small Group Leaders Needed.** Please call Jeff Montoya if you are willing to help with our youth ministry program. Small group leaders commit to volunteering one session per month.

## Archdiocesan Safe Environment Education for Volunteers

All volunteers and employees of a parish or Catholic school are required to comply with the Safe Environment requirements **prior** to participating in their position. If you will be volunteering for St. Veronica or St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, including athletics or plan to do so this fall, it is necessary to have a criminal background check, read the Code of Ethical Standards, and attend a Safe Environment session. Sessions are scheduled throughout the diocese including a session at St. Paul parish on August 25. To register go to [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org) and click on the Safeguarding All God's Family icon.

The Safe Environment session is also a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to learn how to protect your family from dangerous predators.



Answers to Out of the Ordinary Quiz:  
1d; 2c; 3a; 4a; 5c

## Elementary Religious Education

*The month of August is fast approaching. Do you know where your child will learn about their faith?*

If your child will attend a public school in the fall, you are encouraged to register your child grades K5 – 6 for Religious Education. Children will attend class at St. Veronica with joint activities with St. Paul during the year. Sessions at St. Veronica will be held on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, 9am – 11:30am (includes 10:30 Mass). Registrations forms are available on the parish website [www.saintveronica.org](http://www.saintveronica.org), call 481-0777. One year of religious education is required prior to preparing for First Reconciliation and Eucharist.

## Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children

Do you have a child over the age of 7 who has not yet been baptized? We welcome them to participate in the Initiation process for children. Contact Karen, 481-0777 or email her at [karenbushman@saintveronica.org](mailto:karenbushman@saintveronica.org) for more information. We will begin our journey of faith together in September.

## Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

Did you know that July 27 is "Parent's Day"? In 1994 President Bill Clinton signed a law establishing the fourth

Sunday of every July as Parent's Day, a holiday like Mother's Day and Father's Day. According to the Resolution, Parents' Day is established for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children." Why not spend time with your parents and let them know how much you love them?

This week we celebrate three important saints. July 29 is the feast of Martha, who was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. Jesus often spent time at their home in Bethany. Since Martha was the one who did most of the cooking, she is the patron saint of cooks, housewives, and hotel workers.

July 31 is the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit order of priests. Ignatius had been a soldier but when he was hurt by a cannonball, he had time to read many books, including the Lives of the Saints. St. Ignatius gave up his career as a soldier and fought to win souls for Jesus instead.

Our third saint was very smart. Alphonsus Liguori became a lawyer when he was only sixteen years old! After a few years, Alphonsus knew God was calling him to more important work. Alphonsus became a priest and founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists. His feast is August 2.