

# 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 contact the parish office for more information.

## 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.

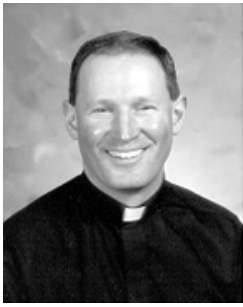
**Marriage:** We celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage for only our registered parish members. Please phone the parish office one year in advance to schedule a meeting with the priest, before you book other arrangements.

**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.

## ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Today the virgin Mother of God  
was taken up into heaven  
to be the beginning and pattern  
of the Church in its perfection  
and a sign of hope and comfort  
for your people on their  
pilgrim way.*



**Dear Parishioners,**

Our Gospel is a continuation of the story from last weekend. Jesus had been teaching all day and then miraculously fed the crowd with five loaves and two fish. Jesus tells the disciples that He will go off to pray while they take the boat and go to the other side of the sea. During the night the boat is being tossed about by the waves and the wind. Jesus never abandons the disciples while this storm is taking place but rather, appears to them walking on the water. This terrifies the disciples. Jesus spoke to them, to calm their fears letting them know that it is truly He. Peter calls out to the Lord “If it is “truly” you Lord, command me to come to you on the water”. There is the impression that the Lord is being challenged by Peter: “If it is really you.” Jesus accepts Peter’s challenge and says, “Come.” Peter, steps out of the boat and begins to walk upon the water toward Jesus. However, Peter’s downfall is his own fear. He becomes frighten and begins to sink.

Peter cries out and Jesus stretches out his arm to catch Peter, keeping him safe. Jesus questions Peter, “Why did you doubt?”

For most of us, we can easily see ourselves in Peter’s shoes. In a variety of life’s storms, such as hard economic times, illness, death of a family member, or faith doubts, we might question whether the Lord is really with us. We send out a challenge, “If you are God then please provide this for me or answer this prayer”. The Lord says, “I will, in My own time.” However, we can begin to doubt when the solution isn’t immediate or new situations continue to arise. Now we think that we are sinking! Yet, Jesus is always with us, never leaving us. Instead, Jesus catches us and asks us “Why did you doubt?” We doubt because we don’t want to really rely on God. We want to rely on ourselves. We assume that through our own effort we can do it. We turn from Jesus and then we see everything around us that distracts us from the truth. We become overwhelmed and sink into fear and self-doubt. Jesus calmed the storm once Peter and He were back in the boat. Jesus does the same for each of us. We need to trust that Jesus is “truly” with us during our storms of life. We need to believe that Jesus does answer our prayers. If we challenge Jesus then we need to be ready to believe that He will provide. The Lord is always there to catch us and take us to a safe place. During this coming week, ask yourself how often you have challenged Jesus to be with you during a difficult situation. Be aware of your own fear and self-doubt. Jesus caught Peter; He will also catch you.

Please pray for the men’s retreat this weekend. So they will be strengthened in their own commitment to be men of faith especially in a world of fear and doubt. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that what takes place on this retreat will have a lasting impact.

Here is a reminder for all of the families who did not schedule a time to have your pictures taken for the directory. Olan Mills will be making phone calls to families scheduling times. Many of you will have an opportunity to make an appointment. If you are not called, contact Pat LaPointe for further information in regards to schedules and appointment times. Thank you for your time to make our directory a success.

Don’t forget the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother on Friday. Our Mass schedule and that of our cluster parishes is listed below *Blessings, Fr. Mark*

**Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady-August 15  
Holy Day of Obligation**

Friday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We celebrate the return of Mary to heaven, body and soul. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for this Feast. For your convenience here are the Mass times for our six Cluster parishes.

*St. Veronica: August 14, 7 pm; August 15, 8:15 am*

*St. Augustine: August 15, 8:30 am and 6 pm*

*Immaculate Conception: August 15, Noon and 6 pm*

*Nativity of the Lord: August 15, 8:30 am and 6 pm*

*St. Paul: August 15, 7 am and 5 pm*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus: August 15, 8:30 am and 7 pm*



**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.

There are now three ways sign up for a sitting appointment.

Visit [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com) use contract # 33845 phone # 414-482-2920.

Call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263 to schedule or reschedule an appointment.

Wait and Olan Mills will call you to schedule your appointment time (The caller ID will come up “Church Directory”).

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



# Human Concerns

## Prayer Network

In JULY, there were more than 108 requests for our prayers called in to our Prayer Network or written in our parish Book of Intercessions. Intentions included: Birth of healthy baby -

Employment - Family guidance - Family healing - Healing from accidents, illness, surgery, depression - Peace - Peace after death of loved one - Peaceful death - Safe travel - Special intentions - Spiritual guidance - Success in job - 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 August is: (Respect for Creation) That the human family may know how to respect God's design for the world and thus become ever more aware of the great gift of God which Creation represents for us. The mission intention is: (Call to holiness) That through discernment of gifts and commitment to spiritual formation, holiness may be promoted among the people of God. <http://apostleshishopofprayer.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, USSCB 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
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.		

## Free Clinic

The Open Door Free Clinic for uninsured and underinsured will be open on 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.

## 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.

## 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. The man Jesus raised from the dead after four days was named? (a) Timothy; (b) Mathias; (c) Barnabas; (d) Lazarus
2. The term that designates the similarities in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke is? (a) Synoptic; (b) Optol; (c) Synosis (d) Canonical
3. What virtue helps us balance our desire for material goods? (a) Prudence; (b) Temperance; (c) Fortitude; (d) Grace
4. What prayer is traditionally said three times during the day with the ringing of church bells? (a) Angelus; (b) Patins; (c) Memorare; (d) Confeitor
5. What is the special hat worn by a bishop on formal occasions? (a) Alb; (b) Crosier; (c) Miter; (d) Pallium

## What Is Good Stewardship

### Come, Listen, Learn

What Do I Own and What Owns Me?  
Stewards of Our Lives and Our Church

We will explore the issue of being a steward of our lives and of the Church. We will discuss the bishops' pastoral letter on Stewardship and living as a steward in both our physical life and in the everlasting life.

Presented by: Fr Tony Zimmer  
Date: Wednesday, September 3  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Place: St. Charles Borromeo-Gathering Space  
3100 W Parnell Ave.

### Stewardship is an expression of discipleship

- What are the gifts you have been given?
- How do you cultivate these gifts?
- What have you accomplished with them?
- How do you share your time, talents and treasure to help the mission of the Church?

Come and learn how to take inventory of your gifts and do a "Halftime Report". Invite your friends and family members to join us.

Fellowship and refreshments to follow

Planning is an act of love...a gift for your family

## St. Augustine Class of '68 Reunion

Are you or do you know of someone who was a member of St. Augustine School Class of 1968? They are planning to meet at the St. Augustine parish festival on Saturday August 23 to "celebrate" the 40th anniversary of our 8th grade graduation. If you have any memorabilia from that time, please contact Jeannie (Schlaikowski) Schultz at [Jschultz54@wi.rr.com](mailto:Jschultz54@wi.rr.com).

# FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

## Survey Results

We sent 1,200 surveys to all parishioners via e-mail or directly to your homes and 151 parishioners responded. Based on the results, the parishioners overwhelmingly voted for **Debt Reduction**. The results are as follows:

**(1 being the highest and 10 be the lowest priority)**

Debt Reduction: Average priority 1.5

Church Organ: Average priority 4.0

Church Sound System: Average priority 4.0

School Windows: Average priority 4.5

Canopy for Turnaround: Average priority 6.0

10% toward STAA Student Grants: Average priority 7.0

Parish Care Nurse and Elderly Activity Coordinator: Average priority 7.0

Sound Proof STAA School Gym: Average priority 7.5

Adult Education Speakers: Average priority 8.0

Liturgical Enhancements: Average priority 8.5

Debt reduction summary:

Mortgage	\$384,691
*Parking Turnaround	80,000
**School Roof	<u>111,000</u>
Subtotal	<b>575,691</b>
*Parking Turnaround Funds Currently Raised	<u>-24,000</u>
Subtotal	<b>551,691</b>
**School Roof – 06/07 & 07/08 School Choice monies	<u>-70,000</u>
Debt Grand Total	<b>\$481,691</b>

We have decided to make our goal for debt reduction \$400,000 because we believe it is vital that the church have an open line-of-credit that can be used in the event of an emergency. From a financial perspective, it's also in the parish's best interest to preserve our line-of-credit status of 6.5% with our current lender.

After we meet our goal of \$400,000, our second and third priorities will be to replace the church organ interior wiring and school windows, respectively. An "Organ Fund" has been established and there is \$2,102.50 currently in this fund.

Based on the survey comments, we are very excited that the parishioners are eager to be a part of this campaign. During this three (3) year campaign, all funds raised will be directed to parish and archdiocesan ministries: 60% for our parish needs; 40% for archdiocesan initiatives of Catholic education and lifelong faith in southeastern Wisconsin. We are very confident St. Veronica will be able to reach these goals.

At present, the Faith in Our Future campaign is in its early stages of planning. We will continue to provide updates. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Carla Jager at 481-0777.

### *Faith in Our Future Committee*

*Fr. Mark Payne*

*Pat LaPointe*

*Paul Klajbor*

*Carla Jager*

*Monica Phillip*

*Bob Vajgrt*

3 *He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" - Mt 14:29-31*

## ~Mass Intentions~

### Sunday, August 10-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am For Our Parishioners  
 10:30 am † Ronald Brzozowy (D. Fechner)  
 † Patricia Kaminski (Family)  
 † Frank Krzyzanowski (R. Bieszk)  
 † Mickey Bronsen (Barczyk Family)

### Monday, August 11 Clare

- 8:15 am Communion Service

### Tuesday, August 12

- 6:30 pm † Betty Huberty (Family)

### Wednesday, August 13

- 8:15 am † Frank Krzyzanowski (Family)

### Thursday, August 14 Maximilian Mary Kolbe

- 8:15 am Mr. & Mrs. Richard Burgmeier (R. Bootz)  
 Anticipation Mass  
 7:00 pm † Tony Giamo  
 † Stella Bieszk (Husband, Ralph)

### Friday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:15 am † Emily Zawada (R. Galubinski)

### Saturday, August 16

- 4:30 pm † Sharon Lemmer (J. Lemmer)  
 † Mickey Brenson (Barczak Family)

### Sunday, August 17-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am † Conrad Kania (T. & F. Taczek)  
 † Dorothy & John Spellacy (Family)  
 † Cristin Dominski (St. Vincent de Paul)  
 10:30 am For Our Parishioners

## Parish Meetings and Events

### Monday, August 11

7 pm Baptismal Prep St. Augustine

### Tuesday, August 12

7:05 pm Parish Council Assisi  
 7:30 pm Seton Seton

### Wednesday, August 13

11 am AA Seton

### Saturday, August 16

9 am Food Pantry/Thrift Shop

### Sunday, August 17

7 pm Men's Prayer Group POMR

### Readings for the Week of August 10

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33  
 Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1  
 Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/  
 Lk 1:39-56  
 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15  
 Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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

## Offices:

St. Veronica Parish Office (414) 482-2920  
 353 E. Norwich St. 53207 Hours: M-F 8 am-4:00 pm  
 Fax: (414) 482-3025  
 Website: [www.saintveronica.org](http://www.saintveronica.org)  
[parishoffice@saintveronica.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintveronica.org)  
 Johnson Hall 414-482-2920, ext. 132

**Christian Formation Office** (414) 481-0777

**Very Rev. Mark Payne, Pastor** (262) 370-1845 (cell)  
 (414)482-2920, ext. 111 [markpayne@saintveronica.org](mailto:markpayne@saintveronica.org)

**Deacon Emeritus John Dziennik**

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**St. Thomas Aquinas Academy**

**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

## Parish Financial Stewardship for the Week of 07/27

Offertory	\$ 642.17
Stewardship	8,762.20
Feed & Shelter the Poor	579.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	<u>836.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,819.37</b>

## **Adult Ministry** **Rite of Christian Initiation** **of Adults Corner**

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 481-0777 or [karenbushman@saintveronica.org](mailto:karenbushman@saintveronica.org)

### **Parish RCIA Sponsors Needed**

Have you ever wondered if God was inviting you to share your faith but you didn't know exactly how? 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

### **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 contact 481-0777 [karenbushman@saintveronica.org](mailto:karenbushman@saintveronica.org)

# Christian Formation

## **Archdiocesan Safe Environment Education for Volunteers**

All those who volunteer with children or adolescents in 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 or plan to do so this fall, including athletics, 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.

## **Catholic Kids Corner**

### **God's Cozy Corner Parish Library**

Have you found the parish library? It is in a room across from the usher's room near the old Baptismal font. It is a great place to find videos, DVD's, and books about God. There are VeggieTales, 3-2-1 Penguins, McGee and Me, Berenstain Bears, plus movies from the theatre just waiting to be checked out! No library card is needed. Why not stop in before or after Mass this month and see what is available.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

St. Veronica offers this program for all children ages 4-10 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at the 10:30 Mass from September through June. We are looking for additional adults and teens that would be willing to volunteer with this fun activity. Volunteers read the Scriptures and talk to the children about the readings. Materials for the discussions are given in advance. Two people are needed at each session. Your commitment is only 1 or 2 Masses each semester and you can go back into Mass once Children's Liturgy is over. This would be a great opportunity for a parent and youth ministry or Catholic high school student to do together! Please call Karen, 481-0777 email [karenbushman@saintveronica.org](mailto:karenbushman@saintveronica.org) for more information.

### **Elementary Religious Education**

#### **The month of August has arrived!**

#### **Do you know where your child will learn about their faith?**

Reminder cards were sent to families

who have not yet re-registered. Calendars for all registered families will be mailed this week. 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 twice 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). The program will begin with a Mass and orientation on Sunday, September 7. Registration forms are available on the parish website [www.saintveronica.org](http://www.saintveronica.org), or 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 481-0777/[karenbushman@saintveronica.org](mailto:karenbushman@saintveronica.org) for more information. We will begin our journey of faith together on September 6 at the 4:30pm Mass.

### **Fun Facts for Faithful Kids**

August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate the time when our Blessed Mother was taken up to Heaven, body and soul. Don't forget to come to Mass that day and maybe say a decade of the rosary.

## **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.