



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 18, 2007

# St. Veronica

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

353 E. NORWICH ST. MILWAUKEE, WI 53207

**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 stop  
by the parish office or visit  
our website at  
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*Just as we have  
borne the image of  
the earthly one,  
we shall also  
bear the image of  
the heavenly one.*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:49





**Dear Parishioners,**

As Deacon Chalhoub informed you last week, the Archdiocese has asked me to serve as Temporary Administrator of St. Veronica while Fr. Mark is on sabbatical. This is in addition to my present ministry as Administrator of your neighboring parish, St. Paul. I feel honored and excited to be asked to serve you in this capacity these next three months. If you need to read a little more about me, you could visit the St. Paul website at: [www.stpaulmilwaukee.org](http://www.stpaulmilwaukee.org).

According to our Archdiocesan Clergy Manual, the Temporary Administrator of a parish is a priest who steps in to care for a parish when a pastor dies or is incapacitated or has left office or is temporarily absent due to illness, being on sabbatical, etc. The manual further states that the Temporary Administrator has the same rights and obligations as a pastor, but is not to make major changes that would adversely affect the parish. Certainly, I have no intentions of making major changes in the parish, but would strive with the cooperation of the staff, the trustees, and the parish council, to maintain the *status quo* until Fr. Mark returns from sabbatical.

I am encouraged by the level of on-going collaboration between St. Veronica and St. Paul. As you know, we are already sharing two staff positions: Karen Bushman is the Director of Religious Formation for the two parishes, and Jeff Montoya is the Youth Minister for both parishes. We are also collaborating with four other parishes in our cluster in running and maintaining St. Thomas Aquinas Academy.

On account of my liturgical responsibilities at St. Paul, I am unable to join you for the weekend and weekday liturgies. Nonetheless, please know that I am with you in spirit during these liturgical celebrations. Thanks to Fr. Thomas LeMieux, Fr. Joseph Lubrano, and other help-out priests, for their willingness to assist with our weekday and weekend liturgical celebrations. As you welcome me, I also urge you to welcome them and enable them to minister to you effectively.

As you know, Lent begins this Wednesday with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent is our forty-day period of preparation for the celebration of Easter. Our forty days of preparation is connected to the forty days of prayer observed by Moses, Elijah, and most of all, Jesus Christ in the wilderness. The Council of Nicaea in 325 mentioned forty days of Easter preparation called *quadragesima*, which was observed in both the Eastern and Western Churches. The forty days of Lent are special days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we await the glory of the Lord's resurrection.

Lent is a time of conversion, when we strive to turn away from sin and embrace the abundant graces revealed and manifested in Jesus of Nazareth. Hence, the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a stark reminder that we are humble and repentant sinners in need of God's forgiveness and the grace of redemption.

Wishing everyone a prayerful Lent. Fr. Romanus N. Nwaru (Temporary Administrator)



**Lenten Journey Begins**

This year's Lenten Journey of prayer services begin on Sunday February 25 at 3 p.m. at Nativity of the Lord Parish 3672 E. Plankinton Avenue. This year's theme is the "Road to Jerusalem." The first topic is *The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan and the Desert*. Presented by Fr. Phil Reifenberg.

The services consist of prayer, song, and reflection. Please join with your neighbors from our cluster parishes in this annual Lenten journey.

<i>Monday March 5</i> 7 p.m. St. Veronica	<i>Wednesday March 21</i> 7 p.m. Immaculate Conception
<i>Tuesday March 13</i> 7 p.m. St. Paul	<i>Thursday March 29</i> 7: p.m. St. Augustine of Hippo



**Ash Wednesday**

In addition to our 8:15 am and 7 pm Masses We will offer a prayer service at 12:15 pm. The service will include hymns, readings from scripture, a reflection, and the distribution of ashes. We have invited other Christians from the area to join us for an ecumenical service.

**Lenten Devotions**

Booklets to use for your own Lenten prayer are available in the baskets on the communion rails, beginning this weekend. There are two booklets being offered. Feel free to take either or both. A free will offering will be accepted for this material.

**Lenten Regulations**

February 21, Ash Wednesday, is the first day of the 2007 Lenten Season. The regulations pertaining to fast and abstinence are as follows: The Catholic Church ask each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason:

- a. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
- b. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday should abstain from meat as listed above, and should fast on Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday. On those days, they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times on those two days. The obligation fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday. Catholic should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

# Human Concerns



**Operation Rice Bowl**  
St. Veronica will once again participate in Operation Rice Bowl, beginning on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. Rice bowls will be in the pews the weekend of Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, as well as located at all the doors. Please be generous to those less fortunate than we. Thank you.



Mark your calendars for **March 13, Catholics at the Capitol in Madison**. See [www.wisconsinatholic.org](http://www.wisconsinatholic.org), for more information. [Yes we are running a bus, please contact Kathy Shine 769-3366 or [shinek@archmil.org](mailto:shinek@archmil.org) for more information on the bus. Also, please have your bus registrations in by March 5.]

### Wisconsin Right to Life

Wisconsin Right to Life is sponsoring its annual convention April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. Come and learn how to get involved in protecting life, and meet pro-life people from all over Wisconsin. Call Bev Searl at 920-960-6615, or, contact her by email: [bsearl@wrtl.org](mailto:bsearl@wrtl.org) or, go to the Wisconsin Right to Life web site at: [www.WisconsinRightToLife.org](http://www.WisconsinRightToLife.org) and register online.

## Ash Wednesday Masses with our Cluster Parishes

*St. Veronica*  
Mass at 8:15 am and 7 pm  
Ecumenical Prayer Service 12:15 pm

*Immaculate Conception*  
Mass at Noon and 6 pm

*St. Paul*  
Mass at 7 am and 7 pm

*St. Augustine*  
Mass at 8:30 am, 6 pm  
Noon (Prayer Service)

*Nativity of the Lord*  
Mass at 8 am and 7 pm

### Prayer Network

Please continue to pray for WORLD PEACE and for the safety of our military. Also, this week we are asked to pray for the following **36 intentions**: family guidance (1); family healing (1); peace after death of loved one (2);

physical and mental healing (9); safe travels (3); special intention (10); spiritual guidance (5); spiritual healing (1); success in job (1); success in school (1); thanksgiving (2); and for all educators; for all civic and religious leaders; for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The General Intention of Pope Benedict XVI suggested for our prayer during the month of FEBRUARY is: "that the goods of the earth, given by God for all, may be used wisely and according to criteria of justice and solidarity." The Mission Intention is: "that governments of all nations collaborate to fight diseases and great epidemics in the Third World." ([www.apostlesofprayer.org](http://www.apostlesofprayer.org)) "As a society we are witnessing the fruits of the abortion mentality. Is it any wonder that we have created a culture of violence? We need to repudiate all forms of violence. Jesus offered the way — demanding but fruitful. *Prayer does change hearts.* The current culture of violence will yield only to that spiritual force that first touches and then changes individual hearts. *Prayer does work and it must be our instrument of change.*" Homily of Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl, Pro-Life Mass, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. January 22, 2007. ([www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife)) Please keep this list handy and remember these requests in your prayers throughout the coming week.

TIME	CAPTAIN	PHONE
7-9 am	Jeanette Kuechenmeister	481-6224
9-12 pm	Dorothy Butzler	481-3608
12 pm-3 pm	Lucille Devine	529-8570
3-5 pm	Cecilia Bonczkowski	744-9406
5-7 pm	Helen Rewolinski	744-4139

### Charity Fund

St. Veronica Parish Council has approved that 1% of offertory basket and envelope collection from the previous year be given to the needy annually in the name of all parishioners. This practice has continued, uninterrupted, since its beginning in 1983. This fiscal year (2006-2007), the amount budgeted for the Charity Fund is **\$6,728**. Anyone interested in serving on the Charity Fund Committee to decide on the distribution of the allotted funds, please call **Carol Barnes: 421-5756**. The following is an excerpt from a "thank you note" received in response to St. Veronica Parish Charity Fund donation.

*Dear Parishioners of St Veronica's Church and Congregation,*  
*Sincere thanks for your donation of \$400.00 to the Family Reunification Program at St. Rose Youth and Family Center. Our program works to help alleviate the trauma and stress caused when a parent is incarcerated. Your donation will help us provide visitation for more families as well as enrich our processing and support groups for children and parents. For most children involved in our program, their monthly visit is the only opportunity for them to see their mother or father and so to them, your donation helps support a much cherished moment.*

*We thank you deeply for taking the time to look to our program as a recipient for your charity.*

*Sincerely,*

*Bridgette Brown, Maureen Post, Angela Madlock*

*Family Reunification Program,*

*Jim Maro, MSW; President, St. Rose Youth and Family Center*



**Please Pray for**  
Julie Brown,  
Bruce Carson and  
Meg Mlot



The Parish Community of St. Veronica wishes to express its sympathy and promise of remembrance in prayer to the families of Dolores Brzycki and William Llewellyn. Our hope and prayers is that they are enjoying that fullness of happiness and peace in her heavenly home.



As I write this column, the snow is falling gently upon the earth and everything is blanketed in a soft white cover. Although it is peaceful and beautiful to look at, it can cause hardship to those in our community who are homebound or elderly. That is one of the reasons why we at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy make cards and gifts for those who may not be able to get out during the cold weather months.

This month for Valentine's Day, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes made Valentine gifts and treats to be shared with nursing home and homebound residents of St. Paul Church. Our goal is to give presents to the homebound and nursing home residents of each of our six parishes. We will also be planning another food drive to benefit some of our St. Vincent DePaul Societies. If you remember, our first food drive went to St Vincent DePaul societies of St. Veronica and St. Paul. Soon we will donate food to the other parishes too.

We have been collecting registrations to attend our fine school for the 2007-2008 school year. Some of our classrooms are filling up fast. If you are interested in a tour or registration materials, please contact the school office at 744-1214 x124. Mary Stallmann, Principal

### Knowing Our Catholic Faith

As Catholics, we recognize that we must continue to grow in our understanding of the faith. We did not learn everything during our elementary or high school religion classes. Our relationship with Jesus and His church deepens as we mature. Knowledge of our beliefs and traditions allows us to participate more fully in parish life.

Starting next weekend and throughout Lent we will be offering quizzes and vocabulary definitions touching on a variety of beliefs and practices. It is hoped that by participating, you will realize how much you already know but also gain a greater appreciation for our Catholic tradition.

### Lectionary Link: Breaking Open the Word of God

This week we celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Readings remind us that we are to resemble the heavenly actions of Jesus. We must rise above our earthly desires for revenge and forgive our enemies. If we are asked to give, we must become overly generous as God is overly generous with us.

*Adult: What can you do to reach out to someone who is difficult to love?*

*Child: What can you do this week to be kind to someone who is hard to get along with?*

### Readings for the Week of February 18

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38  
 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32  
 Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



### Area Fish Fry's

St. Augustine, 2530 S. Howell Ave. will offer their Fish Fry on Friday, February 23 from 4 pm -? Regular \$8 Small \$4.50 Carry Outs available. Also try their lunch carry out service from Noon-1 pm. Call ahead: 481-3242.

St. Stephen Parish, 5880 S. Howell Ave, will offer their Fish Fry every Friday during Lent from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm. Adult \$8 , Seniors \$7.25 and Children 6-12 yrs \$6. Carry outs also available.

**Lenten Gift to Yourself:  
 Six Sunday Evenings during Lent  
 February 25 –April 1, 2007  
 7pm to 8:30 pm at St. Veronica's**

**Men's Group**  
 Male Spirituality  
 Scripture Study  
 Prayer/Contemplation  
 Based on "Adams Return"

By Fr. Richard Rohr  
 Come, be mentored and empowered!  
 Purchase of "Adam Return" will be required for this Men's Group. Copies will be available at first meeting.



**Woman's Group**  
 Female Spirituality  
 Scripture Study  
 Prayer/Personal application  
 Based on "Woman Word"  
 By Sr. Miriam Winter

*Sr. Miriam Winter, a Medical Mission Sister, worked with women in urban and primitive cultures across the world Her study of New Testament women affirms and liberates. Purchase of book is not required Handouts will be made available. Please bring your Bible.*

### Benediction

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration will take place NEXT Sunday, February 25, 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 **fourth Sunday** of each month. *If, as John Paul II wrote, 'Christianity in our time must distinguish itself above all for the art of prayer,' how can we not feel a renewed need to dwell in spiritual conversation before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? (Pope Benedict XVI). At 10am we will conclude with Benediction, the ceremony of praise and blessing.*

## ~Mass Intentions~

### Sunday, February 18 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am For the Parishioners  
 10:30 am † Margaret Sweet (Family & Friends)  
 † Michael Spiegel (Wife & Children)  
 † Norbert Rola (Family)

### Monday, February 19

- 8:15 am Communion Service

### Tuesday, February 20

- No Morning Mass  
 6:30 pm † Elizabeth Huberty (Family)  
 † Raymond Sabinash (T.. & N. Tarkowski)

### Ash Wednesday, February 21

- 8:15 am † Yolanda Bell  
 12:15 pm Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes  
 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

### Thursday, February 22 Chair of St. Peter

- 8:15 am † Ronald Brzozowy (M. Brozowoy)

### Friday, February 23

- 8:15 am † Filippo & Doroepa Tarantino (Family)  
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 24

- 4:30 pm † Patricia Russart (G. & P. Loehrer)  
 † Barbara Stewart (Family)  
 † Jeanne Rewolinski (S. Babr)  
 † Marilyn Davis (Family)

### Sunday, February 25 First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am For the Parishioners  
 10:30 am Special Friend  
 Special Intentions  
 † Harriet Lauer (Brooks Family)  
 † Gene Schwabe (Wife)

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, February 18

- |         |                     |              |
|---------|---------------------|--------------|
| 9 am    | All Ministers Lunch | Johnson Hall |
| 9:30 am | RCIA                | Assisi       |
| 4:30 pm | YM                  | Library      |

#### Tuesday, February 20

- |         |                   |       |
|---------|-------------------|-------|
| 5:15 pm | Adult Bible Study | POMR  |
| 6:30 pm | Athletic Assoc    | Lib   |
| 7:30 pm | AA                | Seton |

#### Ash Wednesday, February 21

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|----------|------------------------|------------|
| 11 am    | AA                     | Seton      |
| 12:15 pm | Prayer Service w/ashes | Church     |
| 7 pm     | Christian Formation    | Rel Ed Cnt |
| 8 pm     | Adult Choir            | Church     |

#### Thursday, February 22

- |      |                    |              |
|------|--------------------|--------------|
| 9 am | Resurrection Choir | Church       |
| 1 pm | Community Elders   | Johnson Hall |
| 7 pm | Summer Festival    | Johnson Hall |
| 7 pm | Finance            | POMR         |
| 7 pm | Special Religion   | Assisi       |

#### Friday, February 23

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|---------|-----------------------|--------|
| 6:30 pm | Stations of the Cross | Church |
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#### Sunday, February 25

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|---------|----------------------|--------------|
| 9 am    | Pancake Breakfast    | Johnson Hall |
| 9 am    | SRE                  | School       |
| 9:30 am | RCIA                 | Assisi       |
| 7 pm    | Women's Prayer Group | Hospitality  |
| 7 pm    | Men's Prayer Group   | POMR         |

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### Sacraments

**Baptisms:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of 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 always 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.

# Christian Formation



## If the Cross Could Speak, What Would It Say?

The cross and its meaning in our lives will be our Lenten focus. Paper crosses are available at the Order of Worship stands this weekend. Everyone is encouraged to take one home and think about the challenge of the cross in your life. Follow the instructions and then return it next week to the baskets at the Order of Worship stands.

## Learning Japanese with Fr. Mark

Each week during Fr. Mark's sabbatical we will highlight a different word or phase in Japanese. By the time he returns we will be as proficient as he. Enjoy!

**Ohayou (Good Morning)**

## R.C.I.A.

### Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

St. Paul and St. Veronica parishes will celebrate the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election at the Masses next Sunday, February 25. Three boys from St. Veronica – *Parker Cottonero, Damian Krause, and Brandon Traner* will be sent from our community to the cathedral. Through the Rite of Sending, our parish is acknowledging the readiness of these children to receive the sacraments of initiation. The children will enroll their names in the book of the elect. The parish adult candidates who will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist: *Sherril Schoen, Lisa Veselka, and Christopher Witkowski* will also be sent to the cathedral.

During the Rite of Election, the children and candidates will be called by name and recognized by the larger Catholic community. The Archbishop will declare that these catechumens and candidates are *the elect*, those chosen by God to celebrate the sacraments. The importance of this rite is the declaration that God's choice of these children is eternal. The six weeks of Lent will then become a period of intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday.

Each week during Lent, the bulletin will feature one of our six RCIA/RCIC participants. As a parish community we are asked to keep each of these adults and children in our prayers.

## Youth Ministry

**Youth Interfaith Service Retreat planning meeting** for youth and adults who would like to help plan this event on Sunday, February 25, 6 pm at St. Veronica in the school library. YISR is scheduled for April 27-28, 2007 for youth grades 8 –12. Contact Jeff Montoya for more information

**Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally** for High School students on Saturday, March 24. Bus leaves St. Veronica Parking Lot at 8:30am and Returns at 9:30pm. This day long event includes speakers, bands, and Mass with Archbishop Dolan. It will be held at Mt. Mary College. Participation will complete the day retreat requirement for high school students. Contact Jeff Montoya to register.



Youth from St. Veronica involved in cast and crew are Thomas More High School production of "Little Shop of Horrors" *Megan Derse, Thomas Gates, Andy Kane and Philip Schmidt*. Show dates are March 8-11. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for children under 12. Advance ticket sales begin Feb 26. Call 481-8370 for more information.

Congratulations to these St. Veronica youth who made the 2nd quarter Honor Roll at Thomas More High School: *Katherine Bourne, Sara Breitzman, Megan Czaplewski, Matthew Davis, Megan Derse, Kailyn Fliss, Thomas Gates, Jessica Heling, Cassandra Hirsch, Matthew Kallerud, Andrew Kane, Jonathan Koszuta, Megan Maikowski, Riley Marinelli, Allison Miller, Catherine Piwaron, Laura Reifenberg, Sara Rembalski, Anna Rodriguez, Philip Schmidt, Brittany Schneider, Jacob Szczech, Nicholas Szczech, Angela Todorovich, Annie Voltner, Michael Wasilik, Daniel Widowski*

## Catholic Kids Corner

### Elementary Religious Education

This Sunday, Feb. 18, students do not have Religious Education classes due to MPS mid-winter break. Classes will resume on February 25.



Also, congratulations to the families in the program who raised \$212 at their bake sale during the recent Family Day. Students in grades 5 & 6 sold items for 25¢ each. That's a lot of cupcakes and brownies! The profits were split between the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Paul parish and

the Food Pantry of St. Veronica parish. During Lent, families will be supplying household cleaning supplies for the "cleanup day" of the Food Pantry.

### Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

Have you ever dreamed of becoming an astronaut and flying in a spaceship to the moon or even a distant planet? On February 20, 1962, John Glenn became the first American astronaut to orbit the earth in a space capsule named Friendship 7. Even if you never reach outer space, it is nice to have friendship!



The first parochial school in the United States was opened on Feb 22, 1810 in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The classes were held in the convent of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton and her order, the Sisters of Charity. There were only 3 children in that first Catholic school. Today, our school St. Thomas Aquinas Academy has over 300 students – a big difference.

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