



## Prayer For Lent

Dear Jesus,  
you spent 40 days in the  
desert before you began  
your ministry to the world.

You resisted the  
temptations offered by the  
devil, saying no to worldly  
pleasure and power.

Like the prophets before  
you, 40 days in the desert  
was preparation for the  
great mission of your life.

As Lent begins, help  
us to make our lives  
pure and holy.

Give us the grace to  
willingly make our own  
self-denials into personal  
deserts, which will prepare  
us for your work.

Purify our souls in the  
crucible of this Lenten  
season, and make our hearts  
acceptable to You and  
your Father. Amen.

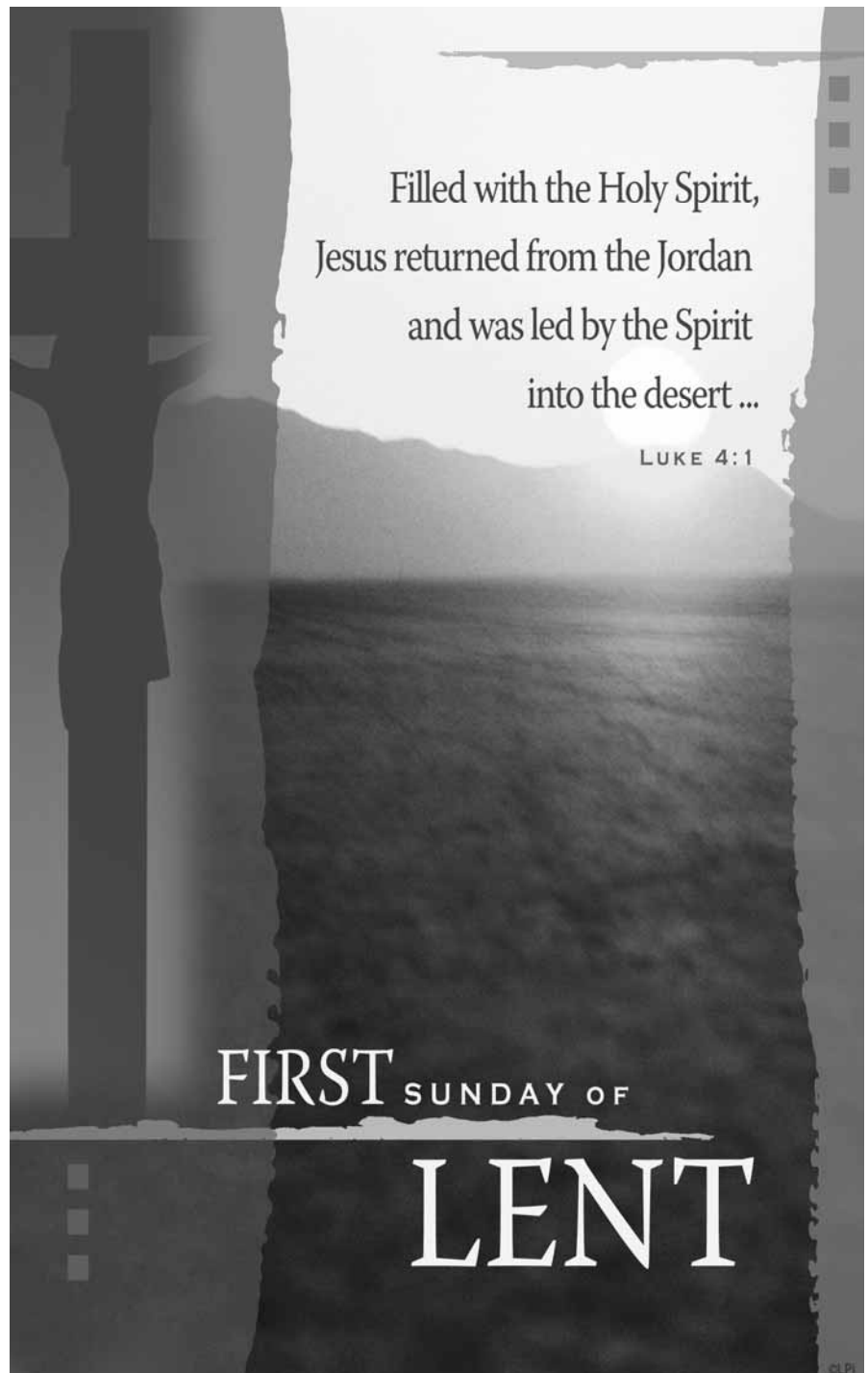
First Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2007

# St. Veronica

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Dear Parishioners,

“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel,”  
(Mark 1:15).

This is one of the formulae for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. With these words we begin our forty days journey in the Lenten wilderness. Turning away from sin presupposes an understanding of oneself as a sinner. Certainly, it would not work for people in denial, and for the self-righteous. Turning away from sin is a call for conversion, and is of the very essence of Lent. During Lent, the Church calls us to a thorough self-examination indispensable for true conversion. As hard as it is to turn away from sin, the Church encourages us with biblical narratives of people who have done it.

The forty days journey is somewhat reminiscent of the forty days given to the people of Nineveh to repent of their sins or face the consequences of their actions and inactions, thoughts and omissions (Jonah 3:4). Fortunately, we are not facing an ultimatum such as Jonah gave the people of Nineveh. On the contrary, our call for conversion is rooted in the love of Christ rather than the fear of annihilation. However, like the people of Nineveh, we impose ashes on our forehead and plead for God’s forgiveness.

The smudge of ashes on the forehead says a lot about us as we head to work and carry on the daily activities of life. There is nothing beautiful about the ashes other than the shape it takes on our forehead – the shape of the cross. Let us not forget that the beauty of the cross derives from the glory of the resurrection. Otherwise, the cross is detestable as a horrific ancient form of punishment by the Roman authorities. Jesus gives the cross its new meaning as an instrument of salvation and a sign of hope. The cross made by the smudge on our forehead is a powerful statement of our identity as people redeemed by the cross of Christ, and a call to carry our crosses with patience and hope.

It is not enough that we turn away from sin, but we are also called to be faithful to the Gospel. Being faithful to the gospel entails hearing the word of God proclaimed, understanding what is proclaimed, and modeling one’s life on it. It means living a life of holiness and striving to model our lives on the life Jesus.

As noted above, Lent is the forty days period of preparation before Easter, stretching from Ash Wednesday to Easter Vigil. However, the forty days of Lent do not include Sundays because traditionally Sundays are considered mini Easters and therefore inappropriate as days of fasting and penance. Christians of the Eastern rites refer to our Lent as the “Great Lent,” in order to distinguish it from Advent or what they refer to as “Winter Lent.” As we begin Lent, let us be prepared for the challenges of on-going conversion and living in accordance with the gospel message of love.

Wishing you a prayerful Lent!

Sincerely,

Fr. Romanus (Temporary Administrator)



### Lenten Journey Begins

Our Lenten Journey of prayer services begin on Sunday February 25 at 3 p.m. at Nativity of the Lord Parish, 3672 E. Plankinton Ave. 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.

Monday March 5  
7 p.m. St. Veronica

Wednesday March 21  
7 p.m. Immaculate Conception

Tuesday March 13  
7 p.m. St. Paul

Thursday March 29  
7 p.m. St. Augustine of Hippo



### Pancake Breakfast

Everyone is invited to breakfast from 9am to Noon, this Sunday February 25 in Johnson Hall. Serving regular and chocolate chip Pancakes, Sausage, Ham Fruit, Muffins, Rolls and Beverages.

Meet and greet Fr. Tom LeMieux, Fr. Joe Lubrano and our Temporary Administrator Fr. Romanus Nwaru, who will be helping out during Fr. Mark’s Sabbatical.



### St. Veronica’s Delicious “Fish Fry”

Friday, March 2 from 4 –7 pm in Johnson Hall. Our baked and fried cod is made in non-cholesterol oil. Also featured are fresh baked desserts. Adults \$7.00, children \$3.50 (3-12). Carry -

Outs available.

We would like to offer our guests homemade desserts. If you want to bake a dessert or two for our fish fry, please feel free to drop them off in Johnson Hall on Friday, March 2. Thrift Shop will also be open. Stop and see what bargains they have!!!

*The March fish fry will be co-sponsored by Catholic Family Life Insurance. This organization cosponsored a fish fry last spring and St. Veronica received an additional \$600 from the organization.*

In order to supply our pancake breakfast & fish fry customers with clean utensils, *we're asking if anyone has any extra forks &/or teaspoons (not the measuring kind) that they consider donating them to St. Veronica's by dropping them off in the office or in the ushers room. Johnson Hall is in urgent need of these items.*



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. - Lk 4:1-2

# Human Concerns



## Spiritual Adoption Progress Report: First Month

Thank you for praying for me! I am one month old now. I have a heart pumping my blood and a backbone. I am very, very tiny and I appreciate your prayers. My picture is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Month poster: "Watch Me Grow" displayed in the Whitnall and Norwich corridors.



### One Light, One Journey, One Human Family

This Lent, St. Veronica will participate in Operation Rice Bowl. Operation Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' official Lenten program. It calls Catholics in the United States to walk in solidarity with the poor through the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and giving, while learning about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. By participating in these four activities, we will come to understand our call to be part of one human family.

Please be sure to pick up your Rice Bowl at the end of the pew, at each of the doors into church or from one of the ushers. The Rice Bowls will be collected on Easter weekend. Thank You

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The Parish Community of St. Veronica wishes to express its sympathy and promise of remembrance in prayer to the family of Bruce Carson.

Our hope and prayer is that he is enjoying that fullness of happiness and peace in his heavenly home.

## 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

**35 intentions:** employment (1); family healing (1); peace after death of loved

one (1); physical and mental healing (12); good medical test results (1); safe travels (1); sale of house (2); special intention (6); spiritual guidance (1); spiritual healing (1); success in school (6); 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
12pm-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 Friends at St. Veronica Congregation, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU for your generous gift of \$800 to A Place of Refuge Ministries for pregnant women and pre-born children. At Refuge House, women and up to two additional children, can stay throughout their pregnancy and up to nine months beyond. One of the great blessings is that we are able to help the moms "get on their feet" with parenting skills, employment preparation and moral values to carry with them to the "outside world."*

*Again, thank you for your generous gift. People like you make a big difference in the lives of those whom we are privileged to serve.*

*Serving women and children with you,  
Trish Kagerbauer, Development Director*

## Benediction

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration will take place THIS 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 10:00 we will conclude with Benediction, the ceremony of praise and blessing.



Did you know that we are currently taking registrations for the 2007-2008 school year? We already have over 200 students signed up for next year. There is still room available but spaces are filling up fast. If you have any questions or would like a tour, please call the school office at 744-1214.

Did you know that one of our students, Meghan O'Dell, is performing in Dominican High School's musical, "Disney's High School Musical"? We often have students from our school performing in plays and musicals around the area. If interested in tickets, please call 332-1170 x485.

Did you know that we have Market Day? It is a great way to support our school and order lots of great food items. It occurs once a month and order forms are available at all 6 cluster churches. If you are in need of volunteer hours, it is a great way to volunteer. You can also order on line at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). Any questions concerning Market Day please call Kathy Kaiser at 769-8190.

Finally, did you know that we at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy raise money for various charitable groups? We recently concluded our penny war that raised money for the *Make a Wish Foundation*. We raised over \$1,800 for that charity. This is just one of the ways we show support for our community.

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. Each week during Lent we will offer quizzes or an article for your enjoyment. Answers to this quiz can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

- The two parts of the Mass in the order they are celebrated are called  
(a) *Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist*; (b) *Liturgy of the Book and Liturgy of the Sacrifice*; (c) *Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Communion*; (d) *Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Sacrament*
- In the Catholic church, "abstaining" means (a) *staying away from sweets and rich foods*; (b) *not eating for 24 hours*; (c) *silence*; (d) *not eating meat*
- The great 9<sup>th</sup> century illuminated manuscript known as the Book of Kells was created in (a) *Ireland*; (b) *England*; (c) *France*; (d) *Scotland*
- Among the "pontificals" or special signs of a bishop during a liturgical ceremony is (a) *miter*; (b) *crozier*; (c) *pectoral cross*; (d) *all of these*
- In a communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation, there usually are (a) *Scripture readings and a homily*; (b) *group recitations of an Act of Contrition*; (c) *individual confession to a priest*; (d) *all of these*
- The Doctor of the Church most responsible for shaping the doctrine of Original Sin is (a) *St. Augustine*; (b) *St. Anthony*; (c) *St. Therese*; (d) *St. John the Evangelist*
- The "devil's advocate" (a) *a minor role in horror films*; (b) *brought out negative information about candidates for sainthood*; (c) *another name for the conscience*; (d) *the angel in the story of Job*
- The month associated with the Rosary (a) *February*; (b) *August*; (c) *October*; (d) *June*
- A visit with the pope is called (a) *an encyclical*; (b) *papal audience*; (c) *papal bull*; (d) *ecumenical council*
- The term "red letter day" means (a) *feast of a martyr*; (b) *day a priest retires*; (c) *day Cardinals receive their red hat*; (d) *Valentine's Day*

**Lenten Gift to Yourself:  
Six Sunday Evenings during Lent  
February 25 –April 1, 2007  
7 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Veronica  
Parish Office Meeting Room  
and Hospitality Room**

**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.*

### Parish Life-Winter Festival Meeting Monday, February 26 at 6:30 pm

All Winter Festival Chairmen should be there and all Parish Life Committee members should be there.

All other parishioners interested in serving on the Parish Life Committee are invited to attend.

We will be discussing new and exciting plans for social activities.

### 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!  
**Hajimemashite (How do you do.)**

## ~Mass Intentions~

### Sunday, February 25 First Sunday of Lent

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

### Monday, February 26

- 8:15 am Communion Service

### Tuesday, February 27

- 8:15 am
- 6:30 pm † Ed Ostrenga (K. Ostrenga)

### Wednesday, February 28

- 8:15 am Special Intentions

### Thursday, March 1

- 8:15 am † Betty Huberty (Family)

### Friday, March 2

- 8:15 am Julie Brown (Family)
- † John Bell (Family)
- † Tom Burns (H. Goodman)

### Saturday, March 3

- 4:30 pm † Corneilia Wisniewski (A. Norris Family)
- † Duncan & Isabelle Stewart (Family)
- † Fr. William Kriegsmann (Sponholz Family)
- † Ed. Glembocki (Family)

### Sunday, March 4

- 8:30 am For the Parishioners
- 10:30 am † Lawrence Kulinski (Wife & Family)
- † Raymond Sabinash (J. Jaekels)
- † Selma Kowalski (N. & C. Goral)

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, February 25

- |         |                      |              |
|---------|----------------------|--------------|
| 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         |

#### Monday, February 26

- |         |                        |        |
|---------|------------------------|--------|
| 9 am    | Mission Ladies         | Assisi |
| 6:30 pm | Parish Life/Winterfest | Assisi |

#### Tuesday, February 27

- |         |                   |       |
|---------|-------------------|-------|
| 5:15 pm | Adult Bible Study | POMR  |
| 7:30 pm | AA                | Seton |

#### Wednesday, February 28

- |         |                                   |              |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 9:30 am | Wisdom Seekers                    | POMR         |
| 11 am   | AA                                | Seton        |
| 6 pm    | Dartball                          | Johnson Hall |
| 6:45 pm | St. Luke's Eucharist Distribution |              |

#### Thursday, March 1

- |      |                     |        |
|------|---------------------|--------|
| 9 am | Stewardship Mailing | Assisi |
| 7 pm | Choir Practice      | Church |
| 7 pm | Special Religion    | Assisi |

#### Friday, March 2

- |         |  |              |
|---------|--|--------------|
| 9:15 am | Stations of the Cross with St. Thomas Aquinas Children | Church       |
| 4 pm    | Fish Fry   | Johnson Hall |

#### Saturday, March 3

- |         |                              |           |
|---------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 9 am    | Food Pantry/Thrift Shop      | <b>4a</b> |
| 9:30 am | First Eucharist Mini Retreat | Assisi    |

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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

## R.C.I.A

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each week we will learn about one of the children or adults who are preparing to receive the Initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil. This week we feature Jomer Tomski, a student in STAA and a member of St. Paul parish.

*Jomer was born on October 8, 1993 in Macikina City – Republic of the Philippines. Jomer lives with his parents, Joel and Sharon Tomski, and his brothers Andy, Augie, and Aaron. Jomer joined the family in October 2006. His sponsors are his uncle Mark Tomski (who shares a birthday with Jomer) and aunt Liz Tomski.*

*Jomer is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. His favorite activities are basketball, football, and playing video games. Jomer says that he has enjoyed the RCIA process especially because his friend Damian is also participating. Jomer has been a follower of Jesus for a long time and is looking forward to being baptized and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.*

As a catechumen, Jomer will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. This weekend, Jomer and the other RCIA participants, sponsors, and team members will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the parish and then go to the Cathedral to participate in the Rite of Election. Please continue to pray for Jomer, his family and all of the catechumens and candidates as they complete the preparation for the Easter sacraments.

### Parish Lent Project

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

Completed crosses can be left in the baskets at the stands. Our Lenten banner will be hung throughout Lent.

### Parish Library – God’s Cozy Corner

Lent has just begun and the parish library has a HUGE selection of books and movies to help your spiritual side grow. Did you know that we have both DVD and VHS versions of Passion of the Christ? There are also books for daily Scripture reflection. The library is located across from the usher’s room and is open before and after all Masses.

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

This week we celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent. The predominant color in the church is now purple. Jesus knows what it is like to be in the desert and desperately want God’s help and presence. Jesus was tempted and so are we. It is only with God’s help that we can resist temptation and live as God wants.

*Adult: What things best help you to open yourself up to God?*

*Child: When and where do you most like to pray?*

Readings for the Week of February 25

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15p

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



### Youth Ministry

Youth from St. Veronica involved in the cast and crew of Thomas More High School’s production of “Little Shop of Horrors” are *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.

### Catholic Kids Corner

#### Elementary Religious Education

During Lent, families will be supplying various types of household cleaning supplies for the “cleanup day” of the Food Pantry. On March 4, parents and students in grades 3-5 will meet in Johnson Hall to learn about bullying and how to protect themselves. This session fulfills the mandate of the US Catholic Bishops for Safe Environment Education.

#### First Eucharist Preparation

Have you noticed any children counting the pews or trying to determine the saint represented by a statue? The students preparing for First Eucharist are learning about their parish by completing a church search. The first mini-retreat will be held on Saturday, March 3. We will spend four hours together learning about unleavened bread and the parts of the Mass, playing bingo, eating together, and working on an art project. Please continue to pray for our candidates.

#### Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

Q: “Who made me?” A: “God made me.” This was one of the first questions in a book called the Baltimore Catechism that many of our grandparents or parents used

to learn about the Catholic faith. The Baltimore Catechism was published on February 28, 1885 and was the work of Msgr. Januarius de Concilio of Jersey City, N.J. and Bishop John Lancaster Spalding of Peoria, I.L. The catechism had 421 questions and answers about Catholic practices and doctrines. How are you learning about the Catholic faith?

March 3 is the birthday of the American National Anthem. The song was first a poem entitled “Defense of Fort McHenry”, written by poet Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814. His brother – in – law, Judge Joseph H. Nicholson realized that the poem fit the popular song “To Anacraeon in Heaven”. A new song was born. However, although popular, the song did not become the national anthem until 1931.



March 3 is also the birthday of the famous American inventor, Alexander Graham Bell. Mr. Bell wanted to find a way to send sound across long distances. Today would be a great day to “reach out and touch someone” by using the telephone to talk to a friend or relative far away.



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