

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 13, 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 very pleased that you have chosen to worship with us in our faith community. We welcome you to become a member of our parish family. Please call the parish office if you are interested in membership.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." - Jn 14:27-28

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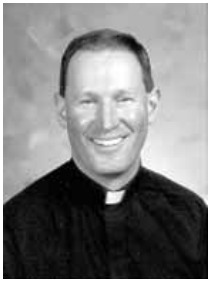
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PROVERBS 31:25-30 NAB

She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs at the days to come.
She opens her mouth in wisdom,
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.
She watches the conduct of her household,
and eats not her food in idleness.
Her children rise up and praise her;
her husband, too, extols her:
"Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all."
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD
is to be praised.

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

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A Message from Father Mark

The focus of my column last week was my new appreciation for connecting with my own breath, a centering of oneself. The second area focused upon was an act we perform on a regular basis - conversation. It was brought to my attention that while in a discussion with another individual, it is important to listen and “soak in” everything that the other has to share before answering. Westerners seem to have an answer even before the other is finished sharing his/her thought. The Japanese take some time to allow the conversation to soak into them. This art of intense listening tends to be lost in the conversations today. We hear people speaking, but that isn’t necessarily listening. If people would listen to one another they might discover that they don’t have to say as much. For example, so often conversations during meetings take on a new life of their own. All of a sudden we are moving in a new direction, thus changing the original idea. The question becomes: how did we get on to this new topic?

This can be especially true when one is praying. Do we actually listen to God speaking in our lives? Most of the time we are talking to God, but do we actually stop and listen for the response that God may be giving? My sabbatical helped me focus on my interior prayer. The focus was on a passage from John’s Gospel in which Jesus promised, “Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you” (*John 16:23*). This led to the question, “What does it mean to ask in Jesus’ name?” First, it means that you believe in him. A believer is one who trusts in Jesus and His word. Second, the purpose of the fulfillment of any request is to glorify God. This will affect the content of our prayer, of what it is that we ask. It can take on a whole new meaning. We need to truly be in touch with our heart center to know what glorifies God. It isn’t simply what “I” want that will be answered by God but rather, what will glorify the Lord.

What we need and desire, if we wish to be good disciples, is not so much things or circumstances but knowledge and understanding. John’s Gospel tells us that the one who chooses the will of God will be able to recognize Jesus’ teaching. In John 8:47, Jesus says that the one who belongs to God will hear God’s words. Once again we are advised to turn inward to examine our own heart. If we are given over to the Lord, if we want the Father’s will, then the knowledge that we need will be granted to us. If we are seeking only our own will, we will remain confused about how our life is to be lived and about how we are to think and act in our everyday situations. So, like our conversations with each other we need to listen and turn to our hearts center. We need to take that time to turn inward during prayer. Communal prayer experience is important too, but we need to be able to be alone and listen to the Lord when He speaks and not “simply be talking.” Like any good conversation it takes time and energy to listen. Interior prayer takes time to develop. To develop that ear to hear thus enabling all to ask in the name of Jesus and his will be given to you takes time. To actually learn how to listen to each other during conversation needs to be learned and worked at slowly but deliberately. Blessings



Mother’s Day Rose Sale

Roses will be sold after all Masses this Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13, for \$2 each. The proceeds will be used by the Wisconsin Right to Life-Milwaukee

Chapter for educational purposes and to support pregnancy help centers. Remember Mom, Grandma, or your Godmother, with a rose, the symbol of life.

Applause

Thank you to all who helped in making Fr. Mark’s “Welcome Home Celebration” a success. It was great to see such a big turn out including Fr. Mark’s family.

A big thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this event from organizing, cooking, baking, serving and cleaning. Fr. Mark is blessed with a community who loves him.



Clare Feider Shea
Alexander M. Wisniewski



May, the Month of Mary

The Catholic Church honors Mary, the Blessed Virgin with special veneration. This special devotion differs essentially from the adoration which is given and reserved only for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Blessed Trinity. “This devotion fits into the only worship that is rightly called “Christian,” because it

takes its origin and effectiveness from Christ, finds its complete expression in Christ, and leads through Christ in the Spirit to the Father. (*Marialis Cultus, Pope Paul VI, February 2, 1974*). Mary holds a singular place in the Plan of Salvation. Through the Incarnation, Jesus and Mary became indissolubly joined; He became one of us in all things but sin. The Council of Ephesus (431) clarified the Church’s understanding of the role of Mary as the Mother of God, *Theotokos*. During the month of May, we will look more closely at some of the traditions and prayers which have developed.

Mary Garden

Many people enjoy the opportunity to plant flowers and watch them grow. During the Middle Ages, Christians saw reminders of Mary all around them in the beauty of flowers and herbs. Flower and herb legends remind us of events in her life. For example, the Madonna Lily was believed to be carried by the Angel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation. Our Lady’s Bedstraw, Holy Hay, and other herbs were placed in the manger and Carnations and the Christmas Rose bloomed on that wondrous night.

Human Concerns

Health Topic Sunday
May 19th and 20th
After All Masses

American Stroke Month and Asthma
and Allergy Awareness Month

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in America. Someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds, and nearly 168,000 die annually. Stroke is also a leading cause of severe, long-term disability as it can cause paralysis, vision problems, memory loss and speech/language problems.

Despite these staggering statistics, only 2% of American adults name stroke as the disease or health condition concerning them most, and 50% of adults do not believe they are even at risk for stroke. Though strokes are commonly thought to only happen to older people, the truth is that a stroke can happen to people of all ages. Learn more about the risk factors and how you can prevent a stroke.

1 in 4 Americans suffer from asthma or allergies in the United States. That is 60 million people, many of them children. Asthma is characterized by inflammation of the air passages resulting in the temporary narrowing of the airways that transport air from the nose and mouth to the lungs. Allergy is characterized by an overreaction of the human body to a foreign protein substance (“allergen”) that is eaten, breathed into the lungs, injected or touched. Sounds scary? It can be. Learn more about the signs and symptoms of asthma and allergies and how to decrease or eliminate from your lives to live healthier and longer.

Dear Parishioners of St. Veronica

I thank you all for your kindness this past year as you have invited me into your parish community. Because you have graciously helped me on my journey toward priesthood, I would like to invite you to the ordination. Ordination to the priesthood will be Friday, May 18th at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson St, at 7:00pm. I will also come and celebrate Mass with you at St. Veronica on a date to be determined. Watch for more details!

Pax et Bonum
Rev. Mr. Sean Granger

Prayer Network

In your prayers this week, please remember all the requests called in to our Prayer Network or written in our parish Book of Intercessions. We average **48 prayer requests** a week.

Please continue to pray for world peace and for the safety of our military, also for all educators, for all civic and religious leaders, for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. The general intention recommended by Pope Benedict XVI for MAY is: (Attentiveness to God) That, like the Virgin Mary, all Christians may be guided by the Word of God and remain attentive to the signs of the Lord in their own lives. The mission intention is: (Seminary Teachers) That, in mission territories, there may be good and enlightened teachers in the major seminaries and institutions of consecrated life. 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)

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

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 St. Veronica Congregation,
Thank you for your donation of \$50. On Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007, we delivered 2,971 meals! With the support of caring individuals like you, Community Projects for Seniors is able to deliver free hot meals to low-income senior citizens on Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
Sincerely,
Jeffery P. Hansen, Executive Director



Prayer for Your Mother

God of love,
Thank you for my mother.
The way she loves me, she must have learned from you. There may be times of disappointment or anger, but she never stops believing in me, never stops seeing the potential even I don't recognize. What she has done for me, how she has worked and sacrificed, I don't even realize all of it, but I am grateful for her love, support and all that she has taught me. Thank you, God, for my mother.
Be with her always. Amen.

From “Reflections on Mother’s Day” at www.familyandchurch.org



**STAA Family Mass at St. Veronica
Sunday, May 27 — 10:30 am**

**After Mass, please join us for a
pancake breakfast in Johnson Hall.**

**Serving all you can eat pancakes,
sausage, scrambled eggs, muffins
and beverages.**



St. Veronica Parish wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to all of our wonderful donors. Your contributions are used to enhance our church environment for the upcoming holy season in memory of your loved ones (*in italics*) listed below. This list is complete for all memorials after April 15.

- M/M Michael Balasch, *Juliana Fuchs*
- M/M Ervin Boschke, *Our Parents*
- M/M William Borzon, *Lois Keily / William Borzon*
- Bernard P. Buyarski, *Jeanne Buyarski / Mae Seidl*
- M/M Dennis Clark, *Viola E. Burke / Germaine Clark*
- M/M Samuel Cushinery, *Bill Terry*
- Isabelle Ebert, *Clara Newton*
- M/M Joseph Filapek, Jr, *Deceased Members of Filapek & Ernst Families*
- Florence Gallagher, *Raymond J. Gallagher*
- Claire Gilewski, *The Gilewski Family*
- Patricia Glembocki, *Ed Glembocki / Julia Elcheroth*
- M/M Kenneth Hanson, Jr. , *Jim Russell*
- Dorothy Hauser, *Floyd Hauser*
- M/M Leo Hoffer, *Dan Lohrke*
- M/M Myron Karpinski, *Deceased Members of Hintz & Karpinski Families*
- Laverne Kerpestien, *Gilbert Kerpestien*
- M/M Robert Kikorski, *Melvin Danhauer / Leonard Sikorski*
- Bernadette Kossow, *Carl Kossow*
- Patricia Kost, *Nicole Mowrey / Ann & Frank Graczyk*
- M/M Jeffrey Kramer, *Joan Buss*
- Seraphine Krol, *Edward Krol*
- Geri Mascari, *Vicki Frederckson*
- M/M Jeffrey Mozoch, *Judith Mozoch*
- Camilla Moffatt, *Jack & Neil Moffatt*
- M/M John Myszewski, *John & Margaret Myszewski*
- M/M Robert Novak, *George & Emily Balcerak / Ed & Alvina Novak*

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

Parish Council Nominations

St. Veronica is looking for parishioners to join the parish council. These are exciting times for the parish community and the people are the very lifeblood of the parish. We are looking for individuals who are energetic and looking to help lead the parish community. If you would like to join council or know someone who you think would make an excellent councilor, please give your name or the name of the person you would like to nominate to the parish office at 482-2920 or Paul Klajbor Parish Council Member at 405-2674.

Saint Thomas Aquinas School Board

St. Veronica is looking for a new member to be the liaison to the parish council. It is a two year commitment. The position will require two meetings per month. Anyone interested should contact our parish council chairperson, John Jeffers at 427-4069.

- M/M William Nowak, *Edward Kaczorek
Leonard Nowak*
- Lorraine Pietrzak, *Edward Pietrzak*
- Eleanor Piotrowski, *Al Piotrowski*
- Jeanne Scherrer, *Fred Scherrer*
- M/M Ervin Schloemer, *Schloemer, Pekrun, Szukalski*
- Arthur Sinicki, *John & Clara Sinicki*
- M/M William Skurzewski, *Billy Skurzewski*
- Dani Sutter, *Matt & Dolores Steffens/Nancy Sutter*
- Joan Tabaka, *Edward Tabaka*
- M/M Russell Tessler, *Hattie Tessler*
- Ann Margaret Tylanda, *Agatha Tylanda*
- Veronica Wielebski, *Ronald Wielebski, Sr.*

Additional Donations

- Connie Balistreri
- Agnes Behmke
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- Marilyn Spiegel
- M/M James Wahl
- Michelle Dwyer
- Florence Zanski
- Megan Zylka
- Natalie Mlinar & Jason Pedretti
- M/M James Sponholz
- 4 Anonymous Givers

~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, May 13 Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 am For the Parishioners
 10:30 am † Ed and Regina Ostrenga (D. & V. Leshok)
 † Pat Russart (Family)
 † Elizabeth Huberty (Family)
 † Alyce Budnik (Family)

Monday, May 14

- 8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, May 15

- 8:15 am † Chyenne, Hunter and Rae (H. Zelenak)
 † Rupert Jonas (Friends)
 6:30 pm † Anthony Rainer (Daughter)
 † Joe Kotlowski (D. & M. Bartels)
 † Sarah Lawler (E. & D. Ergen)

Wednesday, May 16

- 8:15 am † Dolores Oman (Tremel Family)
 † John Czuta (Family)

Thursday, May 17

- 8:15 am † Norbert Rola

Friday, May 18 Pope John I

- 8:15 am † Lorraine Wisniewski (J. & S. Lemmer)
 † Raymond Sabinash (O. & M. Lemke)

Saturday, May 19

- 12 pm James Neri and Sarah J Kronenberg
 4:30 pm † Cornelia Wisniewski (J. Wisniewski)
 † Joseph Radtke (Granddaughter)
 † Jeanette Marsolek (Family & Friends)

Sunday, May 20 Ascension of the Lord

- 8:30 am For the Parishioners
 10:30 am † Margaret Sweet (Family & Friends)
 † Michael Brooks (Brooks Family)
 † Stella Bieszk (Aunt June)

Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, May 13 Happy Mother's Day

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| 8:30/10:30 am | Mother's Day Rose Sale | Church |
| 9:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 7 pm | Men's Bible Group | POMR |

Monday, May 14

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| 9 am | Mission Ladies | Assisi |
| 6:30 pm | Health Ministry | Hospitality |
| 7 pm | Respect Life | Assisi |

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

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| 11 am | AA | Seton |
| 7 pm | Christian Formation | Rel Ed. Cnt |

Thursday, May 17

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| 5:30 pm | Stewardship | POMR |
| 7 pm | Adult Choir | Church |
| 7 pm | Adult Confirmation | POMR |
| 7 pm | Finance | Assisi |

Saturday, May 19

- 9 am Food Pantry/Thrift Shop

Sunday, May 20

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| 9:30 am | RCIA | Assisi |
| 6 pm | Confirmation Rehearsal | JH/Church |

Offices:

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 353 E. Norwich St. 53207 Hours: M-F 8 am-4:00 pm
 1st Sun. of Month 9:00 am-12:00 pm
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Principal Mary Stallmann

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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 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

Catholic Kids Corner

God's Cozy Corner Parish Library
Did you know that our parish library offers Christian romance novels, fiction, lives of the saints and other books in addition to the VHS tapes and DVD disks? Tell mom to take the day off and bring home something fun to read or watch while relaxing on the couch.

Religious Education

Parents are reminded that we will continue to accept registrations for the elementary and youth religious education programs throughout the summer. If your child or youth has not participated in the past, registration forms can be found at the parish website www.saintveronica.org or call the office, 481-0777.

LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

During the First Eucharist mini-retreats, our children wrote a special letter to Jesus. We will feature excerpts from those letters until Pentecost.

Dear Jesus, I enjoyed making the craft of you and your disciples. Thank you for shelter, food, and water. Ben T.

Dear Jesus, Thank you for sacrificing your life on the cross and creating the Eucharist. Logan C.

Dear Jesus I liked making the bread and going on the church search. Thank you for letting me make Communion. Josh

Dear Jesus, I am very excited about receiving my First Communion. Thanks. Clarice M.



Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

May 15 is the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer. St. Isidore was a farm

worker but all day as he plowed the fields, he would pray. He believed that everything he saw on earth reminded him of the goodness of God. Today would be a great day to pray for everyone who grows the food we eat.

May 16 is the feast of St. Brendan the Navigator. The Irish claim that St. Brendan, an Irish monk (486-575 A.D.) was the first European to sail to America. The story is told in an account called "The Voyage of St. Brendan". To test whether it would have been possible, in 1976 Tim Severin built a similar boat and successfully sailed it from Ireland to America.



Youth Ministry

Confirmation is scheduled for May 22, at 7:00pm with Archbishop Dolan at St. Veronica. Candidates and sponsors should arrive by 6:15pm. There will be a reception following in Johnson Hall. We are in need of a few volunteers to help with the set-up and clean-up for the reception, please call Jeff Montoya if you are able to help.

The Confirmation practice for Candidates and sponsors is on Sunday, May 20, from 6pm - 8pm starting in Johnson Hall.



Wedding Banns

III James Anthony Neri and Sarah Jane Kronenberg

II Joel Johns and Melissa Mueller

Monthly Parish Financial Stewardship –April 2007

Envelopes/Offertory	\$61,604.71
Feed and Shelter the Needy	\$ 2,314.00
Fr. Mark's Wish List	\$ 4,338.00



Parishioners Invited to Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday

All liturgies on the weekend of May 26 & 27 will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Red is the traditional color for this feast. To honor the Holy Spirit, everyone is encouraged to don this color: ties, shirts, coats, dresses, blouses or skirts.

Lectionary Link: Breaking Open the Word of God

This week we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In the first Reading from Acts we read about one of the struggles in early Christianity. Was it necessary that non-Jews become circumcised before they could become Christian. This decision would have serious implications on the growth of the Jesus Movement in the Gentile (non-Jewish) world. The decision was accepted that the unity of the church community is through the Holy Spirit who brings peace.

Adult: Name the time and place each day that you will sit in silence to listen to the Holy Spirit in your life.

Child: Name one time when you listened to the Holy Spirit?

Readings for the Week of May 13

Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 or Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 14:23-29
Monday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

