

Pentecost Sunday

May 27, 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.

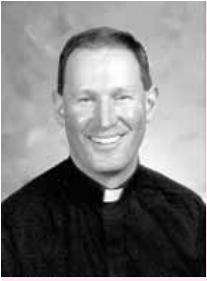
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- Jn 14:15, 25-26

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PENTECOST
RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT



A Message from Father Mark

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded of the movement of God's Spirit that affects the hearts of those who follow in the footsteps of Jesus. While on sabbatical, there was the opportunity to enjoy many wonderful books. In one commentary about the Gospel of John, the author conveys an important point about Jesus breathing upon the disciples. "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. And when He had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:21-22). The gift of God's Spirit was bestowed upon them just as the Spirit was bestowed upon the first human person. "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of Life, and so man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). Jesus bestowed the breath of Life upon his followers. His Spirit would bring the disciples into a new way of living. That same Spirit is being bestowed upon us to live a new life of service for the Lord.

In our Gospel today, we are reminded that if we keep God's word, God, Jesus and the Spirit will dwell within us. To have the Holy Spirit, God's life breath, a part of our lives means that we are able to accomplish what God needs to be accomplished in our world. We need to go forth full of hope, not fear, to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. It is the Spirit that assists us in bearing witness to the power of the God's presence in our world. Remember, if we keep his word by putting into action what is true and real, then others who see us and listen to us will see that God's Spirit is truly at work. Too often, we are poor witnesses to God's word and we become as St. Paul writes, "a noisy gong or clashing cymbals." May God's Holy Spirit touch all of your lives moving you to action that brings others to faith in Jesus.

After many years of hard work and dedication to our parish, our Mission Sewing Ladies (Mission Society) have decided to bring closure to their ministry. The Mission Sewing Ladies were formed many years ago to sew garments, make crafts, mend toys and collect household items for home and foreign missions. They met every second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Claire Room in the parish office. On behalf of the parish and the parish staff, I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You for all the good work they accomplished year after year for the parish and missions. Thank you for your dedication to the Fish Frys and the Parish Festival by offering to sell your crafts. Your ministry will truly be missed.

We would like to recognize the adult and youth Confirmation candidates from our parish who received this sacrament within the past week. May the Holy Spirit who touched the lives of the disciples touch your lives and help you to bear witness to the reality of the Gospel in our world. Congratulations to all of you!

It is certainly good to be back. This parish is certainly life giving and very vibrant. When something near and dear to you is taken away, one certainly knows what a difference it can be to be without. While in Japan, I missed the day to day activities of our parish. Veronica is certainly HOME to me. Blessings, Fr. Mark



Please join us for St. Veronica's delicious **Pancake and Omelet Breakfast**, this Sunday, May 27 after the 8:30am and 10:30 am Masses.

Serving all you can eat pancakes, make your own omelets, sausage, muffins and beverages. Free will offering accepted.

This will be the last Pancake Breakfast until Fall.



Congratulations to Sean Granger ordained a priest May 18th. He will be celebrating mass here at St. Veronica's this Sunday, May 27th for both the 8:30 and 10:30 am. Mass.

Benediction

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration will take place THIS Sunday, May 27, during the time between the Masses. Jesus truly present in the Sacred Host will be exposed to view in the monstrance on the altar. Plan to spend some quiet prayer-time in adoration and thanksgiving after the 8:30 Mass or before the 10:30 Mass. This opportunity for prayer will be offered on the **fourth Sunday** of each month. *Eucharistic adoration is an essential way of being with the Lord. In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this presence do we learn how to receive Him properly. Let us love being with the Lord. (Pope Benedict XIV)* At 10:00 we will conclude with Benediction, the ceremony of praise and blessing.



Dear Heavenly Father,
As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our service men and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops, and ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes and your peace, provision and strength to fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Human Concerns



Mark your calendars.

There will be a Lifelong Faith/Respect Life conference October 18-20. Details will be announced at a later date.



Wedding Banns

*III Brett Hoffman and
Mary Davis*

*I Steve Kwiatkowski and
Jennifer Gnacinsk*

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
12 pm-3 pm	Lucille Devine	529-8570
3-5 pm	Cecilia Bonczkowski	744-9406
5-7 pm	Helen Rewolinski	744-4139



A Note From Kate

Last night we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. It was wonderful! There was a good crowd; people responded well; the singing, both choral and congregational, was excellent. Those who were there had the privilege of seeing over

60 young people affirm their faith and ask for the help of the Holy Spirit in living this faith daily.

The beauty of this celebration led me to thinking of ways we can bring some of that energy and enthusiasm to our regular Sunday liturgies. Here are some things to try as we go into the somewhat slower days of summer ordinary time.

Sit in a different spot in church. If you always sit on the Whitnall side, try the Norwich side or vice-versa. If you are a last row person, try sitting closer to the front. Wouldn't Fr. Mark be surprised if all the front rows were full and no one sat in the back pews?

Come to church a few minutes early. Give yourself time to catch your breath and pray before Mass begins. Look at the songs for the day and read their texts. You may see something you haven't seen or heard before.

Respond with enthusiasm! Really think about the prayers and say them like you mean them.

Read the Gospel ahead of time. Is there a particular word or phrase that gets your attention as you read? Think about what you would say if you were preaching about this Gospel.

Sing! God doesn't care about the quality of your voice, and neither does your neighbor. I often say that my father sings a tenor line that no one has written yet. This doesn't stop him from singing. You may encourage those around you simply because you decide to sing.

Most importantly, show up! We all need each other. One of our characteristics as Catholics is that we are a corporate church. We are the *body of Christ*. Each of us is important; each of us is necessary.

Have a wonderful summer, filled with prayerful, joyous celebrations!

June Stewardship Mailing Update

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, volunteers for the monthly stewardship mailing are asked to come to the parish office on Friday, June 1 at 9 am.

Watch for this mailing. It will include information on our upcoming summer festival.

Outdoor Gathering Space Update

The sod has now been laid, the arborvitae and barberries planted, and the sprinkling system is installed. However, as pretty as it looks it is not yet ready to be walked upon. Hopefully, it will be ready for use by the festival in July. Thank you to the many volunteers who have spent countless hours to make this dream of Fr. Mark's a reality!





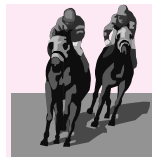
We have had some wonderful experiences this year. As we reflect on the closing school year, we thank God for our teachers and staff at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy and the priests of our six supporting parishes.

We have had many memorable field trips this year. We went to plays and musicals; *Peter Pan*, *Disney's High School Musical*, and *Bunicula*. Some of our students went to the Brewers to do a math activity. We had many field trips that incorporated science; the Zoo, Glacier Rock, Butterfly Alive at the museum, the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, the Dental Program, Survive Alive and the Pumpkin Farm. Some of our students went to Washington D.C. while others will be going to our State Capital. Our older students went to Salaam School and our younger students went to the Martin Luther King program at the library. These field trips incorporated social studies and religion. We also had our own Christmas Concert and Spring play, *Alice in Wonderland*.

We have had our priests come to the school and help teach religion to our students. As a consolidated school, it is important that our students see all the priests that are involved in the school. We have attended mass on a regular basis and have had some very special Masses and prayer services throughout the year, including our *All Souls Mass*, *Thanksgiving Mass*, *Holy Thursday service*, *May Crowning*, and soon, our *8th grade graduation*.

We did many service projects throughout the year too; food drives, penny wars, holiday cards and presents for the nursing home and home bound of our parishes, we went to local nursing homes and sang for the residences, and we just finished raising money for Miracle Marathon to benefit Children's Hospital.

And in between all of that, our students performed well on their Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the WKCE (more information about those will be in next week's column), practiced their Spanish, and worked hard in all subject areas. It was a good year.
Mary Stallmann, Principal



Horse Racing at Arlington Park
Trip to Arlington Park, Saturday, August 18th
Leave St. Veronica at 10am and return approx. 6:30 pm.

The cost is \$78 and includes USA Coach transportation, wonderful buffet lunch, cocktails, beer, wine, soda for the entire day, and gratuity for the servers.

Call Monica Phillip 744-1697 for reservations. Filling up fast.

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.



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 this final weekend of May, we will look at three apparitions of Mary.

Rome

This is the oldest Marian devotion. In August, 352 at Rome, an elderly couple had an apparition of Mary in which she requested that a shrine be built on the Esquiline Hill surrounding the city. The next morning, that hill was covered in snow even though the weather was very warm. The "Church of St. Mary of the Snow" also known as St. Mary Major is the largest church dedicated to Mary.

Tepeyac, Mexico

The apparition of Mary to Juan Diego, an Aztec, offered consolation to an oppressed and poor people. The Spanish had conquered the Aztecs, bringing Christianity but also great suffering. In December, 1531, Juan was walking past the ruins of a shrine of the Aztec corn goddess; a place renamed Guadalupe by the Spaniards. Mary appeared to Juan revealing herself as "the mother of the true God from whom all life has come. She appeared with the olive skin, dark hair and clothing of an Aztec princess. She brought a message of consolation and asked that a shrine be built. When Juan was dismissed by the Spanish bishop, Mary reappeared to give Juan a sign, roses growing on the hillside in winter. When Juan opened his cloak to show the flowers to the Bishop, the cloak miraculously had an image of Mary. This cloak and the image remain today.

La Vang, Vietnam

This is another apparition in which Mary offers consolation to those being martyred for the faith. On August 21, 1798 Mary appeared to refugees in the jungle surrounding this small village. They were being persecuted by the king for professing a "foreign religion". She appeared as a woman surrounded by lights, offered words of consolation and gave them a sign – she advised them to use the leaves of a fern to heal their ailments. She also promised that all who congregated on this site to pray would be heard.

~Mass Intentions~

Sunday, May 27 Pentecost Sunday

8:30 am † Selma Kowalski (L. & J. Kuechenmeister)
 † Sarah Lawler (E. & D. Ergen)
 † Phillip Schulte (R. Sikorski Family)

10:30 am For the Parishioners

Monday, May 28

8:15 am Communion Service

Tuesday, May 29

No Morning Mass

6:30 pm † Cornelia Wisniewski (Audrey Norris Fam.)

Wednesday, May 30

8:15 am † Raymond Sabinash (S. Coats)
 † Ed Ostrenga (D. & G Paprocki)

Thursday, May 31 Visitation of the Virgin Mary

8:15 am † James Ploszay (G. & A. Hagermann)

Friday, June 1 Justin

8:15 am STAA Graduation Class of 2007 (St. V. Staff)

Saturday, June 2

1:30 pm Brett Hoffman and Mary Davis
 4:30 pm † Ronald Brzozowy (Family & Friends)
 † Rupert Jonas (Friends)
 † Tom Burns (E. Zaharias)
 † Sharon Lemmer (Family)

Sunday, June 3 Trinity Sunday

8:30 am For the Parishioners
 10:30 am † Norbert Rola (Family)
 † Lawrence & Emily Kuhagen (Friends)
 † Frank Brooks (Brooks Family)
 † Nick & Lee Salza (Family)

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Parish Meetings and Events

Sunday, May 27

9 am	Pancake Breakfast	Johnson Hall
10:30 am	STAA Family Mass	Church

Monday, May 28 Memorial Day

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29

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Wednesday, May 30

11 am	AA	Seton
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Thursday, May 31

9 am	Resurrection Choir	Church
7 pm	Summer Festival	Johnson Hall

Friday, June 1

9 am	Stewardship Mailing	Assisi
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Saturday, June 2

9 am	Food Pantry/Thrift Shop	
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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.

Adult Ministry

Caregiver Support Group

All caregivers are invited to join with others who share their experiences. Through listening and exchanging ideas, caregivers can glean new insights and feel supported by others who understand. Shepherd House 3221 S. Lake Drive; First Wednesday of every month; 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration is NOT necessary for this group

Congratulations Adult Confirmands



St. Veronica participates in an adult Confirmation collaboration with St. Augustine, Immaculate Conception, Nativity of the Lord, and St. Paul parishes.

Adults attend preparation sessions from January through early May. On Sunday, May 27, these adults will receive Confirmation at the Cathedral by Archbishop Timothy Dolan and Auxiliary Bishop Richard Sklba. Congratulations and our parish blessing goes to these thirteen men and women who have taken this final step in their full initiation in the Catholic Church.

Lisa Albright
Celina Angelici
Molly Fonk
Brett Harwood
Christopher Hegarty
Holly Hegarty
William Jackson
Penny Little
Royce Malkowski
Eric Muszytowski
Kelly Sapp
Daniel Schoenrock
Dawn Vajgrt

Lectionary Link: Breaking Open the Word of God

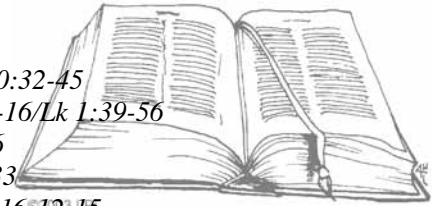
This week we celebrate the birthday of the Church – Pentecost. Celebrated 50 days after Easter, this feast commemorates the appearance of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Through the power of the Spirit, disheartened and fearful Apostles became bold missionaries who spread the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

Adult: Have you ever been hesitant to proclaim the Good News to family, friends, or co-workers?

Child: Why is Pentecost called the birthday of the church?

Readings for the Week of May 27

Sunday: Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



Catholic Kids Corner

God's Cozy Corner Parish Library

It is almost summertime; a good time to play outside, enjoying good weather and good friends. But what if it is raining or you catch a cold? Stop in at the parish library and choose a tape or DVD of one of your favorite characters. You can keep the materials for 2 weeks. No library card is needed. The library is located across from the usher's room.

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.

Second Annual Summer Church Crawl

We had so much fun last year, we are doing it again! Children currently in grades 4-8 are invited to participate in this exciting three day adventure in art, crafts, and activities. We will be exploring three different churches (St. Hyacinth, Prince of Peace, and Mater Dei Chapel) to learn about their artwork, architecture and history. July 24, 25, and 26;

1-4:30p.m.; \$20 for materials and snacks. Collaboratively offered by the Directors of our six parish cluster. Registrations are due July 9. The registration form is available on the website www.saintveronica.org or you can call the Religious Ed office.

Fun Facts for Faithful Kids

Memorial Day will be observed on May 28th. Henry C. Welles, a druggist in Waterloo, NY first suggested a holiday on May 5, 1866 to commemorate the memories of the Union soldiers who had died during the Civil War. The first nationwide celebration of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868 sponsored by a group of veterans called the "Grand Army of the Republic". After World War I the American Legion called the holiday "Memorial Day" and set the date as the last Monday in May. Take time to pray for all soldiers, in all wars and the families that miss them.

May 31 is the feast of the Visitation of Mary. After the angel Gabriel came to Mary and announced that she would be the Mother of God, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was also expecting a baby. This feast is prayed as the second mystery of the Joyful mysteries of the Rosary.

