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National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence 2009

St. Veronica School was recently named a 2009 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. The school received the award for being a “high-achieving” school. One indicator of the school’s academic success is that its students consistently place in the top 10% of the nation on Terra Nova Tests. In addition to student achievement, the St. Veronica School demonstrated a willingness to share its best practices with other members of the educational community and the community at large. St. Veronica School is a K-8 school so it was also required to have a foreign language component as part of its curriculum. St. Veronica School offers Spanish to all students in grades K-8 for the entire school year.

A copy of the complete application is available at:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/2009/applications/index.html#oh>.

Ohio School of Character Award 2008 and 2009

Since 1993 the Character Education Partnership, in affiliation with the Ohio Better Business and the Ohio Department of Education, has honored public and private elementary, middle and high schools in their efforts to give greater attention and priority to character education.

CEP awards the Ohio School of Character Award to schools that show commitment to a strong program in character development. To qualify for this award, schools must show evidence of dedication to Effective Character Education. A 32-page application was submitted including a 7-page narrative and 25 pages of documentation including newsletters, pictures, lesson plans, etc. about character education at St. Veronica School. All schools were required to provide considerable detail addressing the eleven different principles that differentiate their school from other schools.

St. Veronica School was selected as one of the top five schools in Character Education in 2008 when it received the Emerging School of Character Award. In 2009 St. Veronica School placed in the top three schools in Ohio and was awarded Honorable Mention for the Ohio School of Character Award. The award ceremony was held in Columbus where Susan Haushalter and Becky Vontsolos received the award on behalf of St. Veronica School.



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The Ohio Promising Practices Award 2008 and 2009

CEP presents Promising Practices awards *to schools and districts in the United States and elsewhere for implementing unique and specific strategies in character education.* St. Veronica School had the privilege of being honored as an Ohio Promising Practice School for the dedication and hard work of our students and faculty for developing the high standards of character.

St. Veronica School earned a Promising Practice Award at both the state and national level in 2008 for its Special Friends Program that pairs 1st and 8th grade students to build community and responsibility. In 2009 the school won 2 Promising Practice Awards at both the state and national level. The award winning practices were for the school's Kindness Journals that provide students with an ongoing opportunity to reflect on monthly values and for the 4th grade students' Adopted Grandparent Program that reaches into the community and helps the students develop strong values.

The Promising Practice Award process is an effort that involves teachers, students and families. We are especially grateful to our teachers, Susan Haushalter and Becky Vontsolos, for their work in preparing our application. In addition to preparing the application, Mrs. Haushalter and Mrs. Vontsolos traveled to Columbus in October 2009 to accept the award and to present these practices to educators from other Ohio schools.



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TUITION (2010 – 2011)

In-Parish – Grades 1 – 8

One student	\$2,980
Two students	\$5,787
Three students	\$7,998
Four students	\$10,083

Out-of-Parish – Grades 1 – 8

One student	\$4,505
Two students	\$8,760
Three students	\$12,711
Four students	\$16,077

Kindergarten

Half-Day	\$2,460
Full Day	\$4,420

No eligible member of the parish shall be denied admission to St. Veronica School because the family is unable to afford tuition. St. Veronica is aware of the sacrifices families make in order to send their children to Catholic schools. We realize the rewards and benefits are immeasurable. This is an investment in your most valuable possession – your children. For families who belong to St. Veronica Church, the parish will help you by contributing the difference between your tuition and the actual cost to educate your child.

St. Veronica offers three methods of tuition payments. Payments can be made in full, a partial payment can be made with the balance paid via automatic bank withdrawal over 10 months, or you can finance the full tuition with payments made in ten installments via bank withdrawal.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Nationally Recognized

St. Veronica was the only school on Cincinnati's eastside and one of 54 catholic schools nationally to receive the Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award in 2009.

Over half of last year's St. Veronica 8th graders earned the Presidential Award for Education Excellence. This award requires them to maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The 2009 McNicholas High School valedictorian, and St. Xavier's top student were St. Veronica graduates. This is the 2nd time in the last 5 years that both were St. Veronica alumni.

In the past three years, 12 of our young men graduated with either first or second honors from St. Xavier HS. Three of these students were also national merit scholarship semi-finalists.

Terra Nova Test Scores '09/'10 School Year

Grade Level		Percentile					
		Reading	Language	Math	Total*	Science	Social Studies
Grade 2	Anticipated	67.0		63.0	*76.0	62.0	64.0
	Achieved	72.3		66.0	*81.4	65.6	78.4
Grade 4	Anticipated	67.0	68.3	63.0	66.6	66.0	66.3
	Achieved	79.0	71.6	67.0	70.0	72.6	80.8
Grade 6	Anticipated	71.5	72.8	70.3	73.8	70.0	70.0
	Achieved	83.5	79.0	68.5	78.0	75.5	76.8
Grade 8	Anticipated	79.0	80.3	81.0	82.5	79.8	78.0
	Achieved	83.6	82.6	83.8	84.8	81.7	86.2

*Scores in the "total" column are a combination of reading & math at this level.

This chart shows the predicted and achieved percentile results on the Terra Nova tests administered in October 2009. Percentages range from 1 to 99. A percentile of 25 through 75 is within the average range. The Terra Nova has a cognitive ability portion that is used to predict a student's skill level shown above as the anticipated score. Students who earn skill scores above the anticipated level are considered to be both working hard and excellently taught.



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FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION (2009 – 2010)

St. Veronica is proud to be a 2008 & 2009 Ohio State Emerging School of Character and Promising Practices School. These honors are a testament to the excellent combined efforts of our students, families, faculty, and administration.

Our teachers are fully licensed by the State of Ohio. Teachers and administrators attend seminars, and training classes to hone their skills and to stay abreast of new technologies and educational philosophies. Our faculty demonstrates a commitment to ongoing professional development.

St. Veronica's faculty consists of 27 state-licensed teachers averaging over 15 years of experience. Over half of our teachers hold masters degrees. Our faculty also consists of certified teachers' aides in grades K-6, specials teachers (computer, Art, Physical Education, Music, Spanish) and six Auxiliary Services personnel (Auxiliary/Textbook, Speech Therapist, Reading Teacher, School Psychologist, Math Teacher, and School Nurse).



CURRICULUM (KINDERGARTEN)

Full-Day/Half-Day Kindergarten

Kindergarten at St. Veronica is a full-day academic program with a half-day option

- Full-Day – School is held from 8:10 am to 3:00 pm
- Morning Kindergarten – School is held from 8:10 am to 11:15 am
- Afternoon Kindergarten – School is held from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The kindergarten curriculum focuses on the development of the whole child. We work hard on social, emotional, and academic growth. The children learn the importance of following the rules, sharing, and working together. They also become proficient in many academic skills during the school year. We try to make our learning activities as hands-on as possible.

The children do many hands-on activities in math. We use the Houghton Mifflin math program. Our textbook is called *Houghton Mifflin Math, Grade K*. Topics throughout the year include sorting, positional terms, number recognition, measurement, time, money, basic addition and subtraction, shapes, solids, and an introduction to place value. Our calendar time during the morning routine also involves many math concepts.

The main focus in Language Arts is learning the letters of the alphabet and the letter sounds. We begin the year with an overview of all of the letters and then we concentrate on one letter each week. We use the Scott Foresman language arts program. It provides weekly experiences in reading, phonics, writing, and oral language. The program uses a specific book each week to teach concepts like cause and effect, characters, setting, and sequencing. We also use a weekly song or poem to teach different concepts. There are plenty of opportunities to read and write in kindergarten.

We do not use a textbook to teach science or social studies. We cover many of these concepts using our theme teaching. Each week we have a different theme in our classroom. Some themes include butterflies, plants, the election, and farm life.

In religion, the children learn about how God made the world. We use the text *We Believe* by Sadlier. Some topics include the creation story, advent, and church life.

Our goal in kindergarten is to create a fun and educational experience that will help the children develop into lifelong learners. Our enrichment programs offer the opportunity to mingle with the other students and spark lifelong creative juices. We want each child to take pride in their accomplishments and have fun in doing so!



CURRICULUM (FIRST GRADE)

Math

In Math, we are using the Houghton Mifflin series. Our main focus for the year is on addition and subtraction. Every Friday, we do a timed test that helps students practice addition and subtraction facts. Some other important subjects that we are working on are money and telling time. We also touch on topics like data, graphing, probability, and even geometry.

Language Arts

In Language Arts, we use the Scott Foresman reading series. This is a reader that contains short stories which we use every week. Every day, we use the Modern Curriculum Press phonics book and our Zaner Bloser handwriting book. Every week, we have ten spelling words, which fit with the stories we are reading from our reader. They have a spelling test and a comprehension test which goes along with the reader every week also.

At the beginning of the year, we focus a lot on phonics and the sounds of letters in words. After we practice phonics during the beginning of the year, we start to do more writing and more difficult reading also. We reinforce these concepts during our centers, which are two times a week for about an hour. Some of the centers we include are leveled reading groups, reading around the room, and writing centers.

Science

We use the Harcourt series in Science. The first grade curriculum develops students' knowledge and understanding of the three sciences - life, earth and physical. The Science book is divided into six units of study. First is life Science which focuses on plants and animals. The next is Earth Science where students learn about the Earth. The students will then study weather, sky and seasons. The last two units cover physical science where matter, energy and forces are explained.

Social Studies

The Harcourt Horizons series is used for Social Studies. Our social studies book is divided into six units. The first unit, Going to School, compares schools long ago to today. The next unit, Good Citizens, explains rules, laws, rights and responsibilities. The third unit, The Land Around Us, focuses on map skills where students will understand map keys and directions on a globe. Unit four includes information about cultures. Unit five, Looking Back, covers family and American history. Lastly, unit six, Jobs People Do, explains buyers and sellers.

Religion

We use the Harcourt series for Religion. The book is entitled *Call to Faith*. There are about seven main subjects or sections that the Religion topics go under. The important topics of the religion book are revelations, the Trinity, Jesus Christ, the Church, morality, sacraments, and the Kingdom of God. The subjects within these topics range from the creation story, parables of Jesus, God and His Kingdom, Baptism, Mass and the Eucharist.



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CURRICULUM OVERVIEW (GRADES 2 – 8)

As Catholics, we firmly believe that each of us is a unique individual made in the image and likeness of God. It is our firm belief that St. Veronica School through its philosophy of education contributes much to help each student not only to attain his/her final goal of union with God, but also aids him/her in becoming the person that God intended him/her to be on Earth. As a result, St. Veronica School believes in the Christian approach to education, which takes into consideration all facets of the individual—spiritual, physical, mental, moral, and social. By this approach, St. Veronica School attempts to develop each student's full potential and, in turn, help the student form a positive self-image. Christian education also attempts to form the human person in relationship with the other members of society. Through the teaching of Gospel values, St. Veronica School prepares the students to function as responsible stewards of God.

The curriculum that embraces a variety of religious and secular subjects is intended to develop responsible, decision-making individuals. St. Veronica School seeks to offer a broad-based educational curriculum, striving to meet a standard of excellence in every subject, discipline, and opportunity presented to its students. Our students are well prepared for high school and beyond.

Areas of study (K-8) are based on standards from the State of Ohio and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. St. Veronica was awarded full accreditation through the Ohio Catholic School Accreditation Association.

Religion

Our goal is to have our students develop a personal relationship with God. This relationship is based upon their knowledge of Jesus, the teachings of the Church and the Gospel message. We help the students come to know God through daily religion classes, participation in various service projects, weekly liturgical celebrations, and a well-rounded prayer life.

Service is a theme throughout the religion program at St. Veronica School. Yearly projects include food drives to assist our St. Vincent de Paul Society, letter writing to the parish shut-ins, and special projects to help those suffering from natural disasters. Our long-term relationship with Nepal and Haiti has resulted in schools being constructed in those countries dedicated to St. Veronica.

We see service to others as an important component to someone's spiritual life. Students are provided numerous opportunities to help plan and lead prayer services and liturgies. All students join in the celebration of Mass on Wednesdays. As a part of our award-winning Character Development Program, all students spend time reflecting on the monthly character theme by making entries in their Kindness Journal.



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Language Arts

Students today live in a community that stresses the importance of communication. The demands of society require that students need more than just basic skills in language. Today's children need to be confident in their ability to communicate both verbally and in writing, through traditional methods as well as through technology. Our goal is to help students hear the needs and ideas of others and to respond both intelligently and compassionately.

The reading program at St. Veronica is comprised of many parts, designed to give children a love of reading. All of our students are taught reading skills through the use of textbooks and trade books. We place an emphasis on phonics and sight words in the primary grades. Independent reading, reading aloud and book reports encourage reading for pleasure for all grade levels. Vocabulary and comprehension are continually taught in a context of providing students an appreciation of good literature. Our students experience short stories, plays, poetry, mythology and novels. Independent work and projects are tailored to the individual student's needs and abilities. Reading skills are reinforced in all areas of the elementary curriculum.

Beginning in grade one, developing writing skills is strongly emphasized. Writing folders, journal writing, pen pals, letters to shut-ins of the parish and creative writing are methods used to encourage writing. Students are taught grammar, mechanics and sentence structure. Students learn to write narrative, expository, descriptive and persuasive paragraphs. Research projects are encouraged from middle to junior high grades.

Spelling is geared toward proper communication in addition to the development of vocabulary.

Social Studies

Similar to other areas of study, our Social Studies curriculum works to build upon the foundation of knowledge and skills established in the previous grade. The primary grades (which do not have daily classes) form the beginning point. These basic skills are developed in the later grades. The geography portion works to build a background of experiences relating to particular skills and cultures.

The peace and justice portion connects this world of study and the student's world with the Christian values important to our Catholic school.

In Ohio Studies there is a broad exploration of the unique history of our state and our state government. A comprehensive survey course in American History stresses vocabulary, chronology, cause and effect, theme, generalization, and essay writing.

Math

Math features the use of a wide variety of manipulatives to assist students in developing their abstract skills. Students explore the basic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, story problems, problem solving techniques and critical thinking skills. Concepts such as time, money, measurement, proportion, fractions, etc., are introduced and developed at the appropriate level.

Junior high math further develops skills in decimals, percents and fractions while integrating concepts and problem solving. Emphasis is placed on algebraic principles of evaluation, simplification, equation and inequality solving. Other concepts include geometry, statistics and probability.



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Science and Health

Students learn through discussion, hands-on-experiments, videos and demonstrations. In addition, trade books are used to teach concepts in the primary grades. Traditional textbooks are used in the intermediate and upper grades. Upper grade students experience an in-depth study of living organisms and processes involved in maintaining life. Basic physics and chemistry enable students to study matter, energy and the laws that govern their movements.

Our Health program studies physical, social, and mental well-being. Basic health concepts are taught and reinforced in each grade.

Computers

The computer lab is available for students and their teachers in grades K-8. The computer teacher uses age-appropriate software that enhances the curriculum for instruction. Wireless laptop carts are available for use in the individual classrooms. Our goal is to help students gain the skills to become more productive in their communication, research and thinking skills. Keyboarding skills are taught beginning in grade three.

Technology is integrated in all the content areas. The computer lab, classrooms and offices are networked and connected to the Internet. Students only do research on the Internet with teacher supervision.

Music

Students from grades K-8 learn basic music terms, music structure, differentiating sounds, rhythm and information about instruments using various activities. In addition, students develop their voices by singing songs from various countries as well as worship music. Students become familiar with the works of many composers.

Art

The art classes for grades K-8 at St. Veronica School are based on the DBAE (Discipline Based Art Education) guidelines. Integration of Art History, Art Criticism, Studio Production and Aesthetics into the curriculum allows for the student to have a well-rounded art experience. Artists from the past and present are studied; students are taught to describe, analyze, interpret and make a judgment about artwork. These skills can transfer to other areas of school and life. Planning, implementing, cleaning up, and critiquing one's own and other's artwork are encouraged. Aesthetics about art, both large and small, are questioned and discussed.



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Spanish

The Spanish language is taught at all grade levels at St. Veronica, kindergarten through eighth grade. Our program encourages a greater connection to our global society and fosters positive relationships among all cultures. Curriculum focuses on vocabulary, grammar, verbal and written skills, history, traditions, and the Catholic faith that we share throughout the world.

The curriculum follows the standards proposed by the State of Ohio, Passport to the Future: Ohio's Plan for World Languages, published in December, 2007.

During the initial school year, all students are starting at the beginning level, learning basic words and phrases, e.g. greetings, names of things they use in the classroom and at home, family members, animals, colors, numbers through 100, etc. As the year progresses, intermediate and middle school students are branching out into forming plurals, telling time, -ar conjugations, and irregular verbs such as: ser, ir, and tener, etc. One very important aspect in the older grades is how the languages compare and contrast grammatically, challenging the students to explore the thought processes expressed by spoken and written language.

Woven into the language, students learn about various similarities and differences in our cultures, things we have learned and borrowed from their culture and how we have influenced them. Most importantly, we discuss our Catholic faith and how we share those beliefs in the sacraments, especially in Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Physical Education

Our physical education program emphasizes teamwork, participation, cooperation and overall well body fitness. These skills are developed through many types of sports, large group activities and games of trust. All K - 8 students work with the Physical Education teacher in our state-of-the-art gym as well as the outdoor facilities.

Enrichment

In addition to the core subjects, St. Veronica School works to enrich the curriculum for its students. Student opportunities include: Science Fair, Cincinnati Post Spelling Bee, Right to Read Week, Everybody Counts, Band, Vocal Ensemble, All-School Musical, Servers, Special Friends, Catholic Education Week, Adopt-a-Grandparent, Mission Awareness, special class speakers and programs, and various class field trips.

Auxiliary Services

The Auxiliary programs are housed in a modular building that provides a warm atmosphere for learning. Auxiliary teachers provide speech, language and math instruction. These services are used for both remediation as well as enrichment.



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STUDENT NUMBERS (2009 – 2010)

Total Number of Students: 482

Average Class Size: 25

Student-Teacher Ratio: 17:1

Catholic Students: 92%

Minority Population: 14%

2009 Graduates Enrolled in Catholic HS: 85%

Graduation Rate: 100%

High Schools Attended by the Class of 2009

School	Percent
McNicholas	60%
Moeller	12%
St. Ursula	9%
Purcell Marian	2%
Summit	2%
Public School	Percent
West Clermont, Milford, New Richmond, Williamsburg	15%

Geographic Breakout of Enrollment

Zip Code	Percent
Anderson	46%
Batavia	30%
Newtown	17%
Amelia	4%
Milford, Mt. Washington, Williamsburg, New Richmond	3%



PROCEDURES & DETAILS

Arrival and Dismissal

- School begins promptly at 8:10 am
- Morning kindergarten is dismissed at 11:15 at the main entranceway at the back of the school. Afternoon kindergarten begins at 12:00. Regular school dismissal begins at 3:00. Bus riders leave at 3:05 from the main school entrance at the back of the school, and car riders leave at 3:10 from the first grade entrance.
- All Kindergarten bus riders have a BUS BUDDY. They are paired up with a 7th or 8th grader who escorts them to their bus every day.
- During Kindergarten orientation, children are treated to a school bus ride while parents learn the “ABC’s of Kindergarten” from the teachers.
- The Public School system provides transportation to all students who reside within the parish boundaries. West Clermont, Milford, Forest Hills, New Richmond, Batavia, Clermont Northeastern, and Williamsburg provide busing for students living in their districts. The Public School determines the bus schedules and routes.
- To enter the building at any time during the day, visitors must sign in at the office and have a visitors pass. All volunteers must be fingerprinted by the Archdiocese and view a child protection video in order to work with our children.

Mass

- Grades 1 – 8 attend mass every Wednesday at 9:05am and Kindergarten students attend once a month. Parents, families and friends are always welcome to attend and sit with their child’s class.

Lunch & Snacks

- The school cafeteria staff provides a hot lunch program. Lunches for grades K-8 are \$2.50 per day. Our computerized checkout system allows you to pre-pay for lunches. Children enter an ID number to purchase their meals.
- Grades K – 3 have a morning snack time during their short recess. Please pack a healthy snack for your child every day.

Communication

- The “Thursday Weekly Communication Packet” is one of the primary means of communication from the school to the home. It is posted on the web site every Thursday. All forms or other correspondence that need to be returned to school can be sent through your child’s teacher.

Before & After-School Care

- Before & After-School Care is available every school day from 7:00 am – 8:00 am and from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm at a cost of \$3.00 per hour. An application (obtained through the school office) and a \$25 registration fee are required.



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Uniforms

- All St. Veronica students, including Kindergartners, must wear the school uniform, which is outlined in the school handbook and on the school website, www.stveronica.org/school. At the start of the school year, a uniform exchange of gently used sweatshirts, jumpers, shirts and pants is offered as a means to help families with the cost of uniforms.
- On designated "spirit/jeans days" students may wear approved St. Veronica spirit wear in place of the uniform shirt. Spirit wear is sold through the PTO and boosters, throughout the school year.

State-of-the-Art Technology

- Students in grades K-8 develop their knowledge and computer skills with class in the school's computer lab. The teacher introduces and develops keyboarding, word processing, and Internet skills at all grade levels. In addition students in various grades learn programs that enhance their classroom objectives. These programs include critical thinking, logical thinking, math, reading, science, social studies, and creative writing development. As students progress they also develop skills in Excel, Power Point, Access, and Microsoft Word.
- computer classes for all grades introduce and develop keyboarding and word processing as well as learning skills in Excel, Power Point, Access, and Microsoft Word.
- Our state-of-the-art computer lab houses 32 desktop computers and a variety of specialty printers including a poster printer, capable of printing posters up to 24" x 56" in size. We have laptop computer carts holding at least 8 computers each in grade, K-4. and a larger cart holding 30 laptop computers that is available to all classrooms for large classroom activity.
- Each classroom is also equipped with SMART Board technology. The SMART Board is an interactive, electronic whiteboard that works as a large touchscreen allowing students to interact with the SMART board with the touch of finger. Teachers may create and store interactive lessons that can incorporate PowerPoint, sound, link websites or they can use the interactive software provided by the manufacturer. Many of our classrooms have a SMART slate that makes it possible for students to interact with the SMART board wirelessly from anywhere in the room.
- All classrooms are also equipped with a document camera that allows teachers to project an image of any static or moving object on the SMART Board. A science experiment can be viewed by the entire class, information from a lesson can be highlighted, or students can use the SMART Board pens to respond to a worksheet. Teachers can also use the ceiling mounted projector that is attached to the classroom computer to show online videos, educational DVDs or TV to enhance classroom curriculum.
- St. Veronica School has internet access in all classrooms and has a subscription to United Streaming which is a multimedia library that streams educational video and provides classroom resources from the Discovery Education.
- Our school library is also automated and can be accessed online from home or school computers.



VIKINGS ATHLETICS BOOSTERS

St. Veronica recognizes that the physical education of our parishioners plays an important part in their overall education, development and quality of life. Through athletics, parishioners are afforded the opportunity to develop physically, emotionally, morally, and socially. Effective management and support of athletic activities is the goal of the Boosters, in a manner that will assist our parishioners with their development of strong Christian values in athletic activities. The Athletic Boosters Club extends the pastoral care of the parish to all parishioners and collaborates with neighboring parishes in athletic education.

The Vikings Boosters organizes and promotes sports for the students of the school and parish in a structured environment while promoting personal development through competition. The Athletic Boosters recognize their responsibility as adult leaders in a Catholic school/parish environment and strive to promote a Christian spirit and attitude in all aspects of the sports programs. The Athletic Boosters conduct several fundraisers throughout the year to help defray the cost of their programs. This group meets regularly during the school year.

The following sports are offered to the youth of the parish:

Season	Sport	Gender	League	Beginning Grade
Fall	Football	Boys	CYO	1 st Grade
	Basketball	Girls	CYO	Kindergarten
	Cheerleading	Girls	CYO	Kindergarten
	Golf	Co-Ed		6 th Grade
Winter	Volleyball	Girls	CYO	3 rd Grade
	Basketball	Boys	CYO	3 rd Grade
	Basketball	Girls	Eastern Hills	3 rd Grade
	Basketball (Hoopsters)	Co-Ed	Instructional	1 st & 2 nd Grade
Spring	Baseball	Boys	CYO	3 rd Grade
	Softball	Girls	CYO	3 rd Grade
	Volleyball	Boys	CYO	3 rd Grade
	Track	Co-Ed	CYO	Kindergarten

*In addition, St. Veronica has several Boys Basketball club teams for high school students.



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PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

The St. Veronica PTO is a highly active parent teacher organization of 323 families which strives to promote the welfare of the students, advance the interests of the school as a Catholic educational institution, create and foster a spirit of cooperation among parents, students and administration/faculty, and encourage participation by the members in school affairs. The PTO also organizes many fundraising activities throughout the year in order to raise needed monies for school projects that benefit the students and the entire school community. This group meets regularly during the school year (check Thursday packet for meeting day and times) and encourages participation from all school parents.



PTO raises money for the school through a variety of ongoing fundraisers like the annual magazine drive, monthly “dine to donate” dinners at area restaurants, Market Day, Weekly Shopper, Campbell’s Soup labels and Box Tops for Education.

The academic programs the PTO sponsors are Everybody Counts, Catholics Schools Week, Olweus Bullying Program and the Health-a-thon. PTO sponsors various child/parent social activities like the Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Bowling, Mother/Daughter Tea and the Dad/Lad Outing. The kids’ favorite day of the year is SPIRIT DAY! On the last day of the year PTO sponsors Spirit Day where K-8 students and faculty are teamed up for a school wide "Olympic Games".

PTO also helps fund field trips and class parties for each grade to cut down on parent costs. PTO sponsors the Winter Carnival – a wonderful day of indoor activities and games for families. They also sponsor a Secret Santa Shop in December where students can shop for holiday gifts for just \$1.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

- Homeroom Parent
- Magazine Drive
- PTO Board
- Secret Santa Shop
- Classroom Helper
- Winter Carnival
- Lunchroom Helper
- Market Day
- School Study Committees
- Field Trip Chaperone
- School Board
- Playground Helper
- Athletic Association
- Weekly Shopper
- Yearbook Helper



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PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTERS

The St. Veronica Performing Arts Boosters (PAB) supports the award winning Music and Drama programs at St. Veronica. The purpose of the PAB is to support the St. Veronica Parish in its broader mission of family through the formation and participation in the performing arts programs. The Boosters' objective is to provide an outlet for parish and community members to perform in Band, Vocal Ensemble, Music and theatrical performances, as well as artistic programs offered within the parish and school.

Drama

Drama gives students the opportunity to learn to improve speaking, acting, and vocal skills as well as giving them individual opportunities to improve self-esteem. The St. Veronica Drama program teaches students all parts of production including performing, stage management, lighting, sound, music and set design and focuses on having them work as a team to put together a high-quality production.

Participation in the musical provides students another outlet to display their creative talents. This year the musical is made up of grades 3 - 8 which builds leadership skills for the older students and fosters friendships across grades. This year's musical is Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jr. and will be performed April 23, 24 and 25, 2010. Past productions include Alice in Wonderland, Jr., Seussical Jr., Aladdin Jr. and Annie Jr.

Band

In the St. Veronica Band program students learn the skills necessary to play a musical instrument. They learn to read and comprehend music, work as a team, and build listening skills. Students can choose from clarinet, trumpet, trombone, flute, alto saxophone drums and bells.

Band participation provides students another outlet to display their creative talents. The band is made up of grades 4 – 8 which builds leadership skills for the older students and fosters friendships across grades. They perform in venues city wide – Reds Opening Day Parade, McNicholas High School, St. Veronica Christmas and Spring Concert.

Vocal Ensemble

The St. Veronica Choral program focuses on building vocal abilities of students and giving them a chance to work as a team; also builds confidence through solo singing opportunities. Participation provides students another outlet to display their creative talents. The Vocal Ensemble is made up of grades 5 – 8 which builds leadership skills and fosters friendships across grades.

St. Veronica's vocal ensemble travels to perform at various venues throughout the school year including, state competitions, Reds Opening Day, The Cincinnati Zoo's Festival of Lights, Archdiocese Choral Festival, St. Veronica Christmas and Spring Concerts, and school and parish masses.



PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES

Art Enrichment

- We offer after school art enrichment classes every month.
- St. Veronica Art students have displayed their work at the Aronoff Center, the BASE Gallery Cincinnati Educational Television offices.
- This year we had 3 students win 1st place for their age categories in the CET Create-a-fest where we competed with students from all over the city.
- St. Veronica art work is on display year round at Eastgate Mall, just outside of Dillards.
- Two of St. Veronica's 2007-2008 students were winners in the Eleventh Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators Contest.

Extra-curricular Activities

- Scouting programs for boys and girls
- Parish Youth Group
- After School Art Program

Special Programs

- Yearbook
- Band (grades 4-8)
- Vocal Ensemble
- Olweus Bullying Program
- Drama Camp
- Scripps National Spelling Bee
- National Language Arts Olympiad
- All-School Musical
- Music/Band programs by grade
- Right to Read Week
- Spirit Day
- Special celebrations, such as St. Nicholas Day, St. Lucia Day, etc.
- Health-a-Thon
- Community Service Programs
- Special Friends
- Speech Ambassadors
- Adopt-a-Grandparent Program
- Ohio Math League Competition
- Primary Grades Christmas Play
- Catholic Education Week
- Everybody Counts Program
- Language Olympiad

Spiritual Life

- Mission programs (i.e. Haiti and Nepal schools, Heifer Project, Caring Place, etc.)
- Service projects for each grade (i.e. Adopt-a-Grandparent, letters to shut-ins, etc.)
- Teaching Kids to Care Program
- First Reconciliation
- Lectors and Mass Servers
- Confirmation
- Prayer and Reconciliation Services
- First Communion
- Weekly Mass
- Daily Religion classes



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FAMILIES EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE OF OUR BLUE RIBBON EDUCATION

“Knowing that our son was going to be in 6th grade the following year, we began looking at schools in the area. We knew that St. Veronica was strong academically. At the Information Night (February, 2009), we were told that the Performing Arts Program was also very strong.

Our children love to sing and Larry had been a member of the Glee Club at Elder. We made it a point to go to the Spring Concert to hear the Vocal Ensemble and bands. We were also very impressed when we saw the spring play. After talking with teachers and parents involved with the school at various times, we felt the connection that they have with the children.

Initially, our daughter was heart-broken that she would be changing schools. We understood her pain and frustration but still felt that St. Veronica was the best place for her and our family. She attended Vacation Bible School over the summer. At VBS, she met some children in her grade and some teachers. When school started, she became part of the 3rd grade classroom that has three pets and an enthusiastic, dedicated teacher. She happily adapted to her new school and feels included by her classmates.

With the “Mentoring Program” for new families, the transition into the school was made even easier. We only called our “mentoring family” twice. However, it was comforting to know we could call them any time, for anything.

Changing to St. Veronica had many extra bonuses. Within a couple months, St. Veronica was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, due in part to the Spanish and Computer Classes. (From what my children and Larry say the PEP Rally that day was incredible!) It is heart-warming to see children put our Christian faith into action by planning the Wednesday school masses. Our daughter has gone to sing a nursing home with the entire 3rd grade. Our son was eager to sing with the Vocal Ensemble before a play at the Taft Theatre. They are both excited to be participating in the play this spring. Most recently, our daughter has started playing volleyball and has supportive coaches and teammates. Our son is planning to join the hand bell choir next year.

At St. Veronica, our children are active, challenged and happy. We look forward to the many academic, social and extra-curricular activities yet to come.”

– Michele and Larry Robben - 3rd and 6th grade parents



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“After investigating several schools, we chose St. Veronica because it provided the academic excellence we required as well as the nurturing environment, to lay the foundation for our child to grow into a responsible, independent and caring adult.”

– Don and Peggy Johns - 7th grade parents

“We planned on attending St. Veronica for Kindergarten only, but once you experience St. Veronica, there is no leaving. We stayed because of the people...the faith-filled, caring teachers and families.”

– Connie and Jeff Harpring - 3rd and 4th grade parents

“We started looking for a new school for our daughter about mid school year. We needed to find an environment that was right for her. We visited many local schools during their open house. St. Veronica stood out above all the rest from the moment we walked in the door we were met by friendly parents and a wonderful guide, a St Veronica alumni now attending McNick. Everyone we talked to could answer our questions and were helpful with our concerns. They gave us the option of spending the day there during school to see how everything functioned. That is where we met her teacher, Mrs. Wood. She got to choose the classroom she went into and allowing her to be in on the decisions being made about her future made a world of difference.

“On the first day of school I had a moment of panic thinking we had made a huge mistake taking her away from all her friends and everything she had known until she got off the school bus. She came skipping home with a smile that was as big as her face. She had a great day. She enjoys the environment, her teachers and new friends. We enjoy the communications with teachers, the learning environment, the caring attitudes and all the opportunities St Veronica has provided. I enjoy seeing her happy and loving school. We can't say thank you enough!!”

– Scott and Christine Herforth, 5th grade parents

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS SEE THE DIFFERENCE

“St. Veronica students are consistently among the most prepared and knowledgeable students I have experienced at St. Xavier High School.”

– Father McAniff



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EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

- St. Veronica received the National Blue Ribbon Award this year! We are the only school on the eastside and one of 54 catholic schools in the country to receive this honor for 2009.
- St. Veronica welcomes all students and families regardless of ethnic background and/or religious affiliations.
- St. Veronica educates the whole person - emphasizing faith, academic achievement, self discipline and high moral standards.
- !HOLA! St. Veronica students grades K-8 are taught Spanish!
- St. Veronica has all-day and half-day Kindergarten.
- St. Veronica has gone green! The "Thursday packet" is our weekly school correspondence and is linked to the website at www.stveronica.org/school. Also, join us on facebook and twitter for the most up to date information.
- St. Veronica serves hot lunches every day. Our computer program allows you to pre-pay for lunches and children enter an ID number to purchase their meals.
- Extracurricular activities include sports, scouts, band, art, chorus, drama and speech team
- Catholic schools have rigorous disciplinary policies with no-tolerance for violence and bullying.
- St. Veronica has before & after school care available from 7am – 8am and 3pm – 6pm
- All Kindergarten bus riders have a BUS BUDDY. They are paired up with a 7th or 8th grader who escorts them to their bus every day.
- During Kindergarten orientation, children are treated to a school bus ride while parents learn the "ABC's of Kindergarten" from the teachers.

ACADEMICS IMPRESS

- St. Veronica students consistently rank in the top 10% of all schools in America, according to national-norm testing.
- According to our Terra Nova test results, the average St. Veronica student achieves a skill percentile 10 points higher than his ability. This is a result of the excellent teaching.
- On the nationally administered Assessment of Catholic Religious Education, all of our 8th grade students scored in the advanced knowledge range as compared to just 16.7% of the national population.
- The average St. Veronica 8th grade student scored as well as a high school senior would be expected to score on the Terra Nova test.



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SPIRITUALITY SOARS

- St. Veronica helps the students come to know God through learning the catholic religion, participation in various service projects, weekly liturgical celebrations, and a well-rounded prayer life.
- Students are provided numerous opportunities to help plan and lead prayer services and liturgies. Students in grades 1 – 8 join in the celebration of Mass on Wednesdays, and Kindergarten students attend once a month, where parents and families are always welcome.
- St. Veronica respects differences in faith, and encourages families to make the decision for their child's education. It is not a requirement to be catholic to attend St. Veronica School.

CHARACTER COUNTS

- For the second year in a row, St. Veronica has been named an Ohio School of Excellence in Character. This award is sponsored by Ohio Partners in Character Education, a non-profit organization focused on developing character education programs in school and communities.
- Each month St. Veronica focuses on the development of a specific character trait like patience, initiative, discretion, sincerity and compassion. All students spend time reflecting on the monthly character theme by making entries in their Kindness Journal.
- This year St. Veronica is instituting the Olweus Bullying program. This ongoing educational program is geared towards reducing and preventing bullying problems among school children and to improve peer relations at school.
- All Kindergarten bus riders have a BUS BUDDY. They are paired up with a 7th or 8th grader who accompanies them to their bus every day.
- All 1st graders are matched with an 8th grader in our Special Friends program. They enjoy year long activities, field trips and share a friendship that sometimes lasts beyond St. Veronica.



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TEACHERS EXCEL

- St. Veronica school faculty consists of 27 state-certified teachers averaging over 15 years of experience. More than half of St. Veronica's faculty hold Masters Degrees in Education.
- Every teacher at St. Veronica has been awarded the distinction of Highly Qualified Teacher from the Federal Department of Education.
- St. Veronica School has certified teacher aides in the K – 6 classrooms, specials teachers (Computer, Spanish, Music, Art and Physical Education) and six auxiliary services personnel (Speech Therapist, School Psychologist, Math teacher, Reading teacher, Auxiliary/Textbook and School Nurse.)

GRADUATES ACHIEVE

- Over half of last year's St. Veronica 8th graders earned the Presidential Award for Education Excellence. This award requires them to maintain a 3.5 GPA average or higher.
- Last year the valedictorian at McNicholas High School and the top student in the graduating class at St. Xavier were St. Veronica graduates.
- In the past three years, 12 of our young men graduated with either first or second honors from St. Xavier HS. Three of these students were also national merit scholarship semi-finalists.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

- Our state-of-the-art computer lab houses 32 desktop computers and a variety of specialty printers including a poster printer capable of printing posters up to 24" x 56" in size. We have laptop computer carts holding at least 8 computers each in grade, K-4 and a larger cart holding 30 laptop computers that is available to all classrooms for large classroom activity.
- Each classroom is also equipped with a SMART Board technology. The SMART Board is an interactive, electronic whiteboard that works as a large touchscreen allowing students to interact with the SMART board with the touch of finger. Teachers may create and store interactive lessons that can incorporate PowerPoint, sound, link websites or they can use the interactive software provided by the manufacturer. Many of our classrooms have a SMART slate that makes it possible for students to interact with the SMART board wirelessly from anywhere in the room.



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INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL OUTREACH

- Service projects and programs to reach out to help others are a part of the curriculum for every grade level. Every year the 4th graders Adopt-a-Grandparent from local Senior Health Centers and other grades write letter to shut-ins.
- At the holidays the kids raise money for Habitat for Humanity that stay in the local community.
- Students raise money for Heifer International. It is a [nonprofit](#) organization dedicated to relieving global hunger and poverty. It provides gifts of [livestock](#) and [plants](#), as well as education in agriculture to financially-disadvantaged families around the world.
- St. Veronica students have completed a two-year project to build a school in Nepal!
- A school in Haiti is named after St. Veronica in appreciation of our work with them over the past ten years.



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PARISH MINISTRIES

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is a men's organization, Christian based, to honor the name and beliefs of Jesus Christ. Our objective is to work for and promote Christian Values and Fellowship. The Holy Name Society has been actively involved in Parish Life since the late 1940's and is one of the most active groups of its kind in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Membership - All male members of the Parish over the age of 18 are members.

Meetings are held in the Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Activities are organized and planned at the meetings and decisions are made on how funds will be used. Meetings are followed by food, refreshments and fellowship.

We sponsor various Parish activities which include, but are not limited to: The Friday Fish Fry during Lent, Spirit Day Cookout, Festival, Bingo Concessions and an Annual Summer Golf Outing. We also operate the concession stand at weekly bingo. Monies raised go to benefit the Church, School and Religious Education Programs.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul Society is a lay organization of volunteers who answer the calls for assistance that are received by our Parish Office.

Clients are given assistance with food, rent, utility bills, clothing, and other basic needs. The clients are interviewed by our members to determine their needs. The work of St. Vincent de Paul Society is sustained by the generosity of our parish through our food drives and our fifth Sunday collection.

Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study

Adult groups meet to study, discuss and explore the riches and depth of God's Word in the Bible. Application is made to one's own life experience. Multiple small group sessions are offered on different days and times twice each year. Session One is offered in the fall; Session Two is offered in the winter/early spring.



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Rosary Making Group

The Rosary Makers craft hand corded bead rosaries to send to the missions. Many of the rosaries are sent to "Hands Together" in Haiti. Others are distributed to the sick, military, visiting missionaries and other parish programs.

Bereavement

The Bereavement Ministry responds on behalf of our community to help the family when a death occurs. Our liturgy planners contact the family to offer sympathy and our services in planning and assisting with the funeral liturgy. A meat tray is provided and volunteers of the parish provide homemade dishes for the family after cemetery services.

A special Mass is celebrated on All Souls Day for all those who have died and a candle is lit for each person who has died in the parish over the past year.

Prayer Shawl

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is tangible evidence that we care for one another. In this ministry we make shawls for men, women and children who are experiencing a crisis in their life: it might be serious illness or tragic loss. The shawl is a symbol to those experiencing a crisis that we are one in Christ. We invite all of you to share your talents of knitting, crochet and quilting and through your prayers.

Seniors

The St. Veronica Seniors promote social and Christian fellowship among fellow seniors. Monthly meetings have 60+ seniors in attendance where fellowship is shared and volunteer and travel opportunities are discussed. Our travel opportunities have taken us to Ireland, Atlantic City, NJ; Branson, MO, Mackinac Island, and local casinos. A trip to Rome, Italy is planned for April, 2010 as well as many other trips for the year.

Many of our members donate their time to volunteer in various ministries of the church. Some examples of the ministries: Ushers, Holy Name Society, Rosary Makers, Shawl Ministry, School Cafeteria, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Bell Choir, and Lenten Fish Fry's.

We also sponsor the Year Long Raffle for everyone in the church to participate. The funds received are dispensed equally among four funds of the church, such as SvDP, scholarship funds.



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Families Helping Families

We are striving to make St. Veronica a warm and caring community where families can turn for help and support in times of need. We have had a great response and now have about 15 members and another 30 who have volunteered to be a part of our meals network. Our main focus is still compassion for families in need.

Some of the activities we will oversee are:

- Providing meals for families in time of need (illness, job loss, divorce etc.).
- Providing other services for families in need such as light house cleaning or childcare.
- Restart of the M.A.T.C.H. program (Mothers and Their Children).
- Providing gifts for newly baptized infants.
- Partnering with other organizations which support families (A Caring Place, Beech Acres etc)
- Providing support after child loss or miscarriage.
- Sponsoring social events to bring our parish community closer together.

M.A.T.C.H.

The St. Veronica's M.A.T.C.H. GROUP serves mothers and their children of our Catholic community through monthly meetings with speakers who share their skills with us on various topics chosen by the group, including such topics as child safety, stress management, parenting skills. Each meeting begins and ends with a prayer. There is also time for socializing with other mothers in the parish. Babysitting is provided by the members as well as refreshments.

Bingo

St. Veronica Bingo is a parish-based volunteer organization. St. Veronica Bingo numbers over 90 volunteers; young, middle-age and elderly. We have parents who have sent their children through St. Veronica School and parents that currently have children attending St. Veronica School.

During the past 16 years, St. Veronica Bingo has donated \$2,860,000 towards the parish. St. Veronica Bingo cordially invites you to step forward & volunteer at bingo. We can accommodate you in different types of schedules.



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St. Veronica Music Ministry

“Please join us in singing....” You’ve heard these words so often here at the Liturgies at St. Veronica. We are blessed with enthusiastic congregations that join in singing and praying the music of the Mass, and nothing feels better than to hear those voices joining in with us who have instruments at our fingertips! It *is* a good way to pray!

There are many opportunities to celebrate Mass at St. Veronica. There is the 7:30 AM Mass Tuesdays through Fridays and the school Mass celebrated at 9:05 each Wednesday where the teachers and the students of various classes lead the music. The weekend Masses begin at 4 PM on Saturday. This is a Contemporary Liturgy, using guitar, piano, flute, and often accented with harmonica and banjo. The melodies are supported with harmonies in an effort to provide a comfortable range for every voice in the congregation. Masses on Sunday begin at 8 AM. This Mass begins the day with a more traditional approach, using piano and a soft guitar blending in to accompany the singers and congregation. The 9:30 Mass is also accompanied by piano with strains of the violin joining in, as the adult choir support the congregation in song. The 11:30 Mass has a contemporary accompaniment, too, much like the 4 PM Liturgy, using piano, bass, and guitar as the singers lead the singing.

New members are welcome to join the various weekend groups available. Since the music is an integral part of the Liturgy, attendance at the practices is vital. Practices are as follows:

- Practice for the 4 PM Mass Contemporary Ensemble is on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the music room in the school building.
- Practice for 8 AM Mass is in church before Mass.
- Practice for 9:30 Mass for the adult choir is on Thursdays at 7 PM in the chapel.
- Practice for the 11:30 Contemporary Mass is also before Mass in the church.



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Religious Education Programs for Children (REP)

The purpose of the St. Veronica Religious Education Program (REP) is to support and enhance the religious formation that is taking place in families. This support and formation takes place at two levels:

Sunday Mornings – Preschool thru K Program

This program is for young children ages three through five. Children are instructed during the 9:30 Mass on Sunday mornings, September thru April. They meet in the Primary wing of the St. Veronica School building. During these sessions, children ages 3 thru Kindergarten are introduced to God. Focus of these classes is

- God Who loves each of them personally,
- God Who has made the world around them,
- God Who wants them to love Him in return, for Himself, through themselves, their families, their friends and companions.

The children are taught a sense of community, of gratitude, and of reaching out to others. Currently there are 33 students participating and 5 adult volunteer catechists.

Tuesday Evenings – Grades 1 thru 8

This program is for children in grades 1 thru 8. Children are instructed on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:15 pm, September thru May. They meet in the St. Veronica School building. Currently there are 116 students participating with 13 adult volunteer catechists.

During these sessions children are given formal instruction, appropriate to grade level and development, in living the Catholic faith, including the sacramental life, moral and prayer formation, and Catholic doctrine. Through a 'holistic' approach to faith formation, our young people are given opportunities to:

- Begin to know about and assimilate their Catholic faith, develop an appreciation of the privileges and duties of what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world, foster a relationship with God as loving Trinity, develop a sense of the 'missionary' nature of their baptismal call, and enhance self-esteem in their daily living.

Nursery Information

Nursery is offered on Sunday mornings, for children less than three years of age, during the 9:30 Mass, currently, from the Sunday after Labor Day, through the Sunday before Memorial Day with the exception of holiday weekends; namely Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Mothers' Day. This is a "cooperative venture", so parents taking advantage of this opportunity are expected to "baby sit" on occasion. To participate in this program, parents are expected to take the Child Protection Workshop.



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Youth Ministry

St. Veronica Youth Ministry is working to include the youth of the parish into full participation in the faith community. Through a variety of formats and activities, the parish seeks to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ and to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each person. Youth Ministry is the parish's effort to minister to, with, by and for youth. In the spirit of the gospel, the parish welcomes all Jr. and Sr. High youth, in hopes they would consider St. Veronica their second home, a place for prayer, growth, learning, and play.

Jr. High youth ministry is called KRIC (Kids Rooted In Christ), and is for current 7th and 8th graders. Programs include, but are not limited to: social activities, service projects, REP Youth Nights, participation in the Confirmation Retreat, and Camp KRIC, a week long day camp in the summer to connect the youth to the community here at St. Veronica.

Sr. High youth ministry is called LIFE (Living In Faith Everyday), and is for current 9th-12th graders. LIFE meetings are held on Sunday nights from 6-7:30 pm during the school year, and retreats are held throughout the year. Hang Time is an opportunity for the youth to gather twice a month during the week to talk about their faith, learn about prayer, and spend some quiet time relaxing. The Youth Leadership Team (YLT) is a group of high school students, and adult leaders, taking an active role to plan and lead youth ministry events and activities. One over night retreat in the summer allows for team bonding and leadership development, and it is a one year commitment to be on the team. The youth can also participate in Archdiocesan and National events, in order to connect the youth to the larger Catholic community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Religious Education Programs: Both of our St. Veronica Religious Education Programs rest upon generous volunteer and professional teachers who willingly dedicate their time and who also share their interest in personal growth in faith with the children and youth of our parish. All those working with children are required to take the Archdiocesan Child Protection Workshop.

Youth Ministry: Adult leaders, mentors and chaperones assist with the planning and implementation of all Youth Ministry programs and activities. Adults play a crucial role in the total personal and spiritual growth of the young people, and their continual presence is needed in our youth ministry programs. Adults who are interested in helping should contact the Office of Youth Ministry.