

MAY 18, 2008

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

In direct terms, Christian stewardship comes right from the very heart of what it means to be a Christian. Christian stewardship begins with the love at the core of Christ's message. Because of His love for us, God entrusts us with the priceless gift of life – along with our talents, abilities and all our possessions and earthly resources. Therefore we don't own what we perceive to be our holdings. God is their rightful owner, and we, who are their recipients, are managers obliged – not by law but by gratitude and our Christian faith – to use them in accordance with God's plan.

Stewardship Live It!

FAITH FORMATION and SACRAMENT REGISTRATION 2008-2009

Registration forms for all currently registered students have been mailed home. Registration forms for new students are available in the following locations.

- the Church (on the table to the right of the Chapel)
- the Parish Office
- the Faith Formation Office (located in the School building)
- on our website at www.saintrita.org

Parish registration is required prior to registering for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation Programs. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079.



ATTENTION – CLASS of 2008

Our Stewardship Team would like to pay tribute to our graduating class of 2008 on the Stewardship Center in the greeting area. Please submit a

senior picture with your name and address to Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister.

Please bring it to St. Rita's Parish Office or mail it (1008 Maple Drive), or put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked YOUTH GROUP. Picture deadline is May 21, 2008.

The **40th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Bob Beligotti** with his brother Richard will be observed on Sunday, June 1. A Sacred Choral Concert, performed by Madrigalia, will take place at 3:00pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral. You are cordially invited to attend and celebrate with Fr. Bob.



Father Charles J. Latus

Celebrates 40 years as a Priest in the Diocese of Rochester

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 10:30am at St. Rita Church

A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Center

*"You will show me the path of life . . . the fullness of joy in your presence."
Psalm 16*

49th Annual St. Rita Society

**EVENING WITH MARY
Tuesday, May 20**

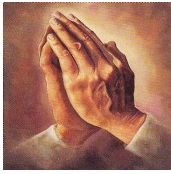
**Mass in Church at 6:00pm
Dinner at Glendoveers at 7:15pm
(Old Browncroft Blvd.)**

All women of the parish are most welcome to attend. Choice of Chicken Marsala or Stuffed Filet of Sole (\$16 for members and \$21 for non-members or Prime Rib (\$18 for members and \$23 for non-members).

Reservations are needed by Sunday, May 18. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend or at the parish office. Need transportation? Call Carol at 671-7832.

Today we observe our annual Diocesan Mission Sunday

This year marks 40 years that we have been supporting the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile with our prayers and financial gifts. To this day, these women devote their entire lives in bringing the Gospel to others. They live side by side with people of other cultures to learn their language and customs, and bring the saving word and saving Body of Jesus. Without the dedication of these fine women, the Church in the U.S. would be unable to effectively help bring Christ to the nations. Please be generous with your prayers and financial gift. In the words of Bishop Clark, "may our generosity continue enabling our sister to carry out the Mission of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth."



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be:

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008

7:00AM JOSEPH KUBY – Son, Joe, Jr.
9:15AM FUNERAL MASS FOR DONALD BAYER

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008

9:15AM WILLIAM BENWITZ – Thelma
6:00PM EVENING WITH MARY LITURGY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

7:00AM VIOLA KURPITA – Jean Galofaro
9:15AM MARIA CATALFONO – Clara Alward

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008

7:00AM JOSEPH FERRARO – Stan & Joanne Douglas
9:15AM HERB KREGER – Lillian Bolalek

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2008

9:15AM MIRIAM TRIPI – Diane Cocilova

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2008

5:00PM ANGELO BARBETTA – Nina Barbetta

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2008

7:30AM HENRY CAMPBELL – Angie Buzzelli
9:00AM KATHY BAYER – Family
10:30AM HANNAH KELLER –
Daughter, Joyce Hollander

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for Paula Law's Birthday

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**DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS
Phone 671-1100 x 22 – anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule!**

Call the parish office ask for extension 22 or if the recording comes on you can press 22.

Because funerals are scheduled in our 9:15am daily Mass slot ~ there are times we need to change the Mass schedule and the intention for that Mass - or due to the unavailability of a priest. We will make every effort to contact the person offering the Mass to have that rescheduled. Our parish community is encouraged to celebrate the life of fellow parishioners, so in the event of a funeral, you are always welcome to attend.

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Did you Know: That we stay a little while after Mass and say three Hail Mary's for the repose of the soul of next person from Saint Rita who dies. We should also arrive at Mass a little early and say 2 Hail Mary's, one for the celebrant and one for ourselves that we might be nourished by both the word of the homily and the reception of the Eucharist.

From the Desk of Bishop Clark .

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My dear friends:

With this letter, I am happy to proclaim the weekend of May 17 and 18 as our annual observance of Diocesan Mission Sunday.

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity affords us the opportunity to reflect on the fantastic message that God loves us and desires that we be saved.

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” John 3:16

For years the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy have dedicated their lives in sharing their faith and love for the poor in Brazil and Chile.

Missionary activity is necessary as a living sign of our faith. Through it we not only give, but receive; we not only share, but are enriched.

Our country was truly blessed and renewed by the presence of Pope Benedict XVI's visit among us. His message of respect and love for all people was clearly evident in his manner and speech.

Learn to look upon all persons not simply with your eyes and feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ His friend is my friend.

Pope Benedict's Encyclical – Dues Caritas Est

This year marks forty years that the people of this diocese have supported the work of the sisters with their prayers and financial gifts. May your generosity continue enabling the sisters to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

With grateful appreciation for all that you have done, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,
+Matthew H. Clark
+ Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

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VOCATION AWARENESS

John's gospel today reminds us of God's immeasurable love for us. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...that the world might be saved through him." Each of us is a recipient of that love and sanctification; and each has a responsibility to share it with the world. God calls some of us to do that with the unique vocation to priesthood. Could that be you? If you'd like to speak with someone, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness** 585-461-2890/ www.dor.org/vocations

PLANS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 18, 2008

SUNDAY 5/18

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

TUESDAY 5/20

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
3:45-4:30pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
6:00pm Evening with Mary Mass – Church
7:00pm Finance Council – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY 5/21

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-9:00pm Bible Study – Chapel in Church
9:00-10:30pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

*Grace Helen-Margaret Weiss
Chloe Marie Darcy
Luke Andre Darcy*



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BIBLE READINGS:

- 18 Sun **The Most Holy Trinity** Ex 34:4b-6,8-9 Dn 3:52-56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18
- 19 Mon Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 9:14-29
- 20 Tue Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-11,23 Mk 9:30-37
- 21 Wed Jas 4:13-17 Ps 49:2-3,6-11 Mk 9:38-40
- 22 Thu **St. Rita of Cascia** Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-20 Mk 9:41-50
- 23 Fri Jas 5:9-12 Ps 103:1-4,8-9,11-12 Mk 10:1-12
- 24 Sat Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-3,8 Mk 10:13-16

- 25 Sun **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a Ps 147:12-15,19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ May 24 & 25**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
Christina Smith, Mary Martellotta, Erin Hasso
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
Sam Dauria, Connor McKenna, Mike Hansen
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
Zach Barbeau, Vicky Gammons, Brianna Gammons
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
Jamie Farris, Abby Geen, Jenny Geen

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SACRISTAN:
Week of May 18 Agnes Kopin

LINENS:
Week of May 25 Linda Erck

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CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT SESSION

Christ the King is hosting a **Creating a Safe Environment** session on Monday, May 19 at 6:30pm in Room 137 of the school. CASE is required for anyone who wishes to volunteer in any capacity at school or church. Please call 338-1146 to register.

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**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend May 17 & 18**

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$14,120	\$13,700	+ \$420
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$668,642	\$630,200	+\$38,442

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/07 – 6/30/08)

The surplus in the weekly collection is allocated to reduce the overall budget deficit of the parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Our Parish Health Ministry Committee will be offering free Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses next weekend in Room 1.

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St. Andrew School: A Celebration

You are invited to celebrate the history of St. Andrew School on Sunday, June 8. The celebration begins with Mass at 9:30 a.m. in St. Andrew Church and continues with an open house in the school. Please join us as we remember the many years which St. Andrew School served the educational needs of so many people in the diocese of Rochester.

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Sacred Heart School Class of 1958

We are looking for classmates from Sacred Heart School Class of 1958 for the 50th reunion to be held weekend of October 10th. Anyone interested, please call Martha (Yauchzee) Brooks (585) 723-0859, Barb (Meara) Rockwell (585 453-0422), Gary Page (585) 594-4014 or email ReunionSHS2008@aol.com.

The St. Rita Society is graciously hosting Fr. Chuck’s Jubilee reception in the parish center after his Jubilee Mass on Sunday, June 1 at 10:30am. If you are able to help in providing appetizers, finger-food or a dessert, please call Elaine King at 671-4930.

**CUSTOMS AND RITUALS – MAY 2008
CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA**

BISHOP

From the Greek word meaning “overseer,” a bishop is a supreme, divinely instituted member of the Church hierarchy. He has received the highest of the holy orders, is invested with the authority to govern a diocese, and is a successor of the Apostles. Bishops are responsible directly to the Holy Father for the affairs of their diocese. The sacrament of holy orders confers on a bishop spiritual power in its fullness, and he may administer confirmation and holy orders, and ordain other bishops. Besides administration of the temporal and spiritual affairs of a diocese, it is the bishop’s duty to teach, that is to guard the purity of doctrine and see that it is given to others; to guard the morals of the faithful under his care, to maintain discipline, and to provide that the faithful receive the sacraments, and ensure divine worship; to reside in his jurisdiction; to visit the parishes of his diocese regularly. The Second Vatican Council devoted an entire decree on the Bishop’s Pastoral Office in the Church (Christus Dominus). Among its many statements concerning the apostolate of bishops it declared: “As successors of the apostles, bishops automatically enjoy in the dioceses entrusted to them all the ordinary, proper, and immediate authority required for the exercise of their pastoral office.” But this authority never in any instance infringes upon the power which the Roman Pontiff has, by virtue of his office, of reserving cases to himself or to some other authority. “Except when it is a question of matters reserved to the supreme authority of the Church, the general law of the Church gives each diocesan bishop the faculty to grant dispensations in particular cases to the faithful over whom he exercises authority according to the norm of the law, provided he judges it helpful for their spiritual welfare.”

CATECHUMENS

In the early Church when a pagan sought to become a Christian, he was basically instructed and became an “inquirer” and was permitted to be present only during the first part of the Mass. Thereafter, having been given additional instruction and having become versed in doctrine, he was called a catechumen and allowed to remain at Mass until the Liturgy of the Eucharist. After more instruction, the catechumens were baptized and became neophytes and were received into the “body of the faithful.” Now the term refers to anyone who desires to become a convert. As stated by Vatican II, “Catechumens should be properly instructed in the mystery of salvation and in the practice of gospel morality. By sacred rites which are to be held at successive intervals, they should be introduced into the life of faith, liturgy, and love, which God’s People live.” “Catechumens who, moved by the Holy Spirit, seek with explicit intention to be incorporated into the Church are by that very intention joined to her. With love and solicitude Mother Church already embraces them as her own.”

We Need Your Help!

St. Rita’s 54th Annual Fiesta

Friday, June 6 ~ 5:00 to 10:00pm

Saturday, June 7 ~ 3:00 to 11:00pm

BOOKWORMS! Please remember our Fiesta Used Book Sale when you spring-clean! The sale is always a success because of your generous donations of used books, videos, DVD’s and CD’s. You’ll find great summer reading bargains! A collection box is located in the narthex in church. We regret that we cannot accept condensed Reader’s Digests or encyclopedias. Questions? Call Don and Mary Brown, 671-2722.

FIESTA DONATIONS NEEDED: Looking for gently used McDonalds Toys or other small toys to be used as prizes in the Children’s Area. Crayons and markers are also needed. There will be a collection box located in the greeting area for donations. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the Children’s Games Friday and Saturday. Thank you! Please contact Corinne Kohrt if you are interested in volunteering or with questions at miscorinne@yahoo.com

PLANTS FOR THE FIESTA: Please leave your donated plants for the Fiesta Plant Sale to the left of the Church entrance (by handicap parking area). If you need to have your plants picked up from your home and brought to the church, please call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 or Joyce Hollander at 671-3281. Thank you for making our annual Fiesta Plant Sale a huge success!

**St. Rita Society
Fiesta Baked Food Sale**

Wanted:

Donations of pies, cakes, cookies, bread, etc. . .

to sell during the Fiesta

Please bring your baked goods to the Parish Center
on Friday, June 6 and/or Saturday, June 7
after 12:00 Noon

Thanks for helping make this a success!
Any questions please call Marie at 671-6726
or Eleanor at 671-3247.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WANT TO OFFER TO HELP ~ please contact either chairmen Tom Cali (671-0428) or Ed Ritzel (787-1937).

We are extremely grateful for all donations of time, talent and treasure over the years in support of our Parish Community. Thank you, in advance for your support and involvement! With your help, we look forward to having another successful Fiesta!



Platinum Sponsor: Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning
Presents

St. Rita's 54th Annual Fiesta

Friday, June 6 ~ 5:00 to 10:00pm
Saturday, June 7 ~ 3:00 to 11:00pm

Parking will be located across the street at the Armory.
Handicapped parking is available in the St. Rita Church parking lot.

A wonderful opportunity to come together as a community for fun and fellowship!

TITHING ~ This year's tithing recipient will be James P. Wilmot Cancer Center in support of our parish family members who may continue to fight against this devastating disease.

DON'T FORGET THE \$10,000 RAFFLE: Only 5,000 tickets will be sold. All parish families should have received a mailing with entry forms. If you need more please call the Parish Office or visit the website at www.saintrita.org.

ENTERTAINMENT ~ Friday night, rain or shine, is "**It's My Party**" singing your favorite "Oldies" from 6:00-7:30pm. Also appearing center stage, "**4 The Record**" featuring R&B rock's most popular hits from 8:00-10:00pm. Saturday night are "**The Skycoasters**" playing music you can get up and dance to from 6:30-10:30pm.

DELICIOUS FOOD ~ **Come enjoy** St. Rita's Famous Fish Fry (Fri.), St Rita's Chicken BBQ (Sat.), our popular "Fiesta Plate", Burgers, Hots, Italian Sausage, Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Pizza, Hank's Ice Cream, Nancy's Fried Dough, Dunkin Donuts Coffee, Popcorn, Sno-cones and Cotton Candy.

GAMES OF CHANCE BOOTHS for all ages including the POPULAR dunking booth! **CASINO GAMES** for Adults including Black Jack and Poker tables.

KIDS' ATTRACTIONS – Include a variety of Carnival games such as The Duck Pond, the FAMOUS Candy Wheel, Color Block Toss, Plinko, Fun Inflatables... Bounce House, 22' Giant Slide, Obstacle Course, Laser Tag, Crafts, Airbrush Tattoos and more!

Come browse the **BOOK SALE**, purchase some new plants for your garden at the **PLANT SALE** and take home some delicious baked goods from the **BAKE SALE!**

St. Rita Fiesta Chinese Auction

The Chinese Auction was a huge hit at last years' Fiesta!
We are excited to announce the following enhancements to this years' auction:

Tickets will be available for purchase before the Fiesta for anyone who would like to have them ahead of time, or is unable to attend the Fiesta. We will be selling them at the St. Rita Fiesta Booth at R. L. Thomas High School Garage Sale on May 31st. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office beginning Monday, June 2nd (see Sharon Pucher or Lisa Hendershot). At that time, you will be given a list of the prizes and you will be able to indicate which prize box you want your tickets to go into.

Ticket prices are 10 for \$5.00 or 25 for \$10.00.

- Prizes will be on display at the Chinese Auction table under the big tent.
- You decide which prize(s) you want to try to win, and put your ticket(s) in the gold box for that prize. You can put all of your tickets in one box or split them among several; it's your choice!
- You don't need to be present to win. Winners will be drawn and announced at the end of the fiesta on Saturday night and will be notified via phone to make arrangements to pick up the prize at the parish office.

The following is a sampling of the wonderful prizes offered: A Fly-for-Free Travel Certificate valued at \$585.00, a Nick Faldo autographed golf glove, a Fuzzy Zoeller autographed photo, 2 Kodak Digital cameras, a Seneca Park Zoo membership, Webkinz, gift certificates from Warren's Paint & Decorating Center, Flaherty' Three Flags Inn, Bill Grays, Bagels For A Year from Panera Bread, a 3-Hour pass to Polar Wave Snow Tubing, 4 free dance lessons from Odasz Dance Theater, various gift baskets filled with Gourmet Foods, Pasta and Teas, a gift basket filled with products from Scott Miller Hair Salon, a silk floral arrangement from Kittleberger Florist and so much more! For your convenience, you will soon be able to view the prizes online at www.saintrita.org. There will also be a link on St. Rita's website listing all of the prizes. More information coming soon. If you have any questions regarding the Chinese Auction, please contact Linda or Tony Kehoe at 872-2087.