

MAY 25, 2008

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Stewardship should not be viewed as an obligation or a requirement. Stewardship is a lifestyle we choose to live to show our deepest gratitude to God for all we have been given.

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.

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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.

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ST. RITA'S ~ PRAYER LINE

Did you know that we have a very active Prayer Line here at St. Rita Parish? Your request of any kind can be passed along to over 100 people who will remember your need in their daily prayer.

If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please call either Eleanor Hanley at 671-3247 or Lee Bartle at 671-6286. We thank Lee and Eleanor for coordinating this compassionate ministry.

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St. Rita's has a special blessing for expectant parents held on the first Sunday of each month. Our next **Expectant Parent Blessing** will take place during all of the Masses the weekend of May 31 & June 1.



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 Mass
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*

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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.

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**FOOD COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND**

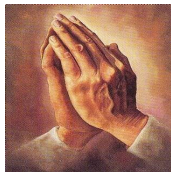
On the first Sunday of each month, parishioners are asked to bring in food for the needy in our area. Food may be left in the greeting area of Church. Please remember to bring your nonperishable foods to church with you next weekend. Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!

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*The Parish & School offices
will be closed
on Monday, May 26
in observance of Memorial Day*

We ask God's blessing on all men and women who have served our country, all those currently serving and a special blessing for all of their families. Amen



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008

No Masses – Memorial Day Holiday

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008

9:15AM MARY ALICE PAILLE – The MOM's Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008

9:15AM FRITZ MUELLER – Kathleen Mueller

11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE – Sage Harbor

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008

7:00AM SOPHIE KACZALA – The 7:00 Mass Group

9:15AM THE ALWARD & WELCH FAMILIES –
Dottie DeLano

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2008

9:15AM HELEN ROSE YOUNG – Husband Joe Young

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008

5:00PM JOHN POLLE – Florence Gaglio

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008

7:30AM RETE & JIM MC CORMICK – Family

9:00AM MARY & ANGELINA MARASCO –
Daughter and Son

10:30AM FR. CHUCK'S 40TH JUBILEE LITURGY

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Paula Reus**

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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.

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VOCATION AWARENESS

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” (John 6) These were the words of Jesus as he explained the sacrament of the Eucharist. The Eucharist brings the Body and Blood of Christ to us today, from God, working through the words and actions of the Catholic priest. Is God calling you to serve the Church in this awesome way? If you've thought about a possible priestly vocation and would like to speak with someone, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness** 585-461-2890/ www.dor.org/vocations.

Pastor's Perspective

As I approach the celebration of 40 years as a priest in the diocese of Rochester, I am filled with many memories and reflections, many blessings, changes and new challenges we face together as a Church. Among them is the very real need for more young men to answer the call to ordained ministry. We will ordain 1 priest this year and 1 next. But for at least three years after that (2010, 2011, 2012) no new priests! Together with retirements over the next 5 years, the number of diocesan priests in active ministry in our diocese will be well below 100. That's about 1/3 the number when I was ordained in 1968.

My own years as a priest have been exciting, challenging and filled with many blessings. I believe that the Spirit is calling young men to follow. The need is great and the rewards in making a difference in people's lives are even greater.

The good news is the thousands of folks who have gained theology degrees and pastoral training. They serve as Deacons, Pastoral Administrators, Pastoral Associates, Christian Formation Ministers, Youth Ministers, Liturgists, Music Directors, Business Managers, Health Care ministers and many more areas of need in parishes. All you have to do is look at the cover of any parish bulletin and you will see how the Spirit is working.

We all need to pray – but we also need to talk to young folks. Might church ministry be the answer to their hungry hearts? How will they know if no one speaks to them about it?

A number of years ago the Irish Bishops wrote a beautiful reflection on vocations:

Vocation Reflection

“What can I do?”

Trust that one man, one woman can do for God what otherwise would not be done.

Trust that some people will hear the gospel of Jesus. That some who are in need will find the touch of human love.

That others will find a listening ear or a voice in their poverty, only because you have chosen to give God a central place in your life.

It is not just your work, your choice, your decision. You choose because you are chosen, you choose because in the heart of your desire to love, you have found the heart of God searching for you.

Vocation Prayer

Loving God, you gave us hope and new life through the resurrection of your Son. Send your Spirit to make us your enthusiastic and effective witnesses. Strengthen our families. Call from among us priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers. May the Risen Christ help us know your will and live it joyfully. Amen

May we all listen to God's call in each of our lives . . . “Come follow Me”.

Peace,

PLANS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 25, 2008

TUESDAY 5/27

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Liturgy Committee – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY 5/28

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend May 24 & 25

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,427	\$13,700	-\$273
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$682,069	\$643,900	+\$38,169

(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!

ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer

NO CHARGE TO YOU!

It is easy to make your financial contribution to Saint Rita Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account. Sign-up cards are available in the back of Church or for more information please call the parish office at 671-1100 x 12.

PARISH VISITATION

Do you have a loved one at home, in a nursing home, or hospital that is in need of a visit? Our pastoral staff is here for you. Please call Rose Leisenring at 671-1100 ext. 17 or Drew Desmarais at 671-1100 ext. 15.

~ REFLECTION ~

O my Jesus, forgive me for all those times I have told you what to do, how to do it and when, when I should have relied on your sense of timing, your knowledge, your wisdom.

O my Jesus, forgive me for all those times I thought it was I who was the doer, I who had the strength, I who had the wisdom, when it was you who was holding my hand, lifting me up, keeping me safe.

Do You Knit? ~ Each year before Christmas we hold our annual Mitten Sunday. We collect mittens, hats and scarves for those less fortunate. If you knit and would like to get a head start on some items it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is in need of yarn or if you have any questions please call Marie at 671-6726.

We welcome the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:



Lia Marie Gugino

BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
 - 26 Mon **St. Philip Neri** 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2,5-6,9-10 Mk 10:17-27
 - 27 Tue 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31
 - 28 Wed 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Mk 10:32-45
 - 29 Thu 1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12 Ps 100:2-5 Mk 10:46-52
 - 30 Fri **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-4,6-7,8,10 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30
 - 31 Sat **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-6 Lk 1:39-56
- 1 Sun **9th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dt 11:18,26-28,32 Ps 31:2-4,17,25 Rom 3:21-25,28 Mt 7:21-27

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ May 31 & June 1

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
Megan LaVigne, Neil La Vigne, Lauren Navarro
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
Kayla Chapman, Olivia Zucaro, Sandy Loeb
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
Vicky Ritzel, Noah Ritzel, Ashley Sousa
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
Chris Macikowski, Mike Macikowski, Vincent Waver

SACRISTAN:
Week of May 25 Tom Marton

LINENS:
Week of June 1 Jean Fauth

HOSPITAL RULES HAVE CHANGED!

Please have someone let the parish office know if you are admitted to the hospital. The new federal privacy regulations make it much more difficult for the parish to be notified by the hospital when parishioners have been admitted. We would like to visit them but depend on you to let us know when a parishioner or relative is in the hospital. Please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 671-1100.

Did You Know? Our bulletin is available each week on-line at www.saintrita.org – check it out!



**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 ONLY is available in the St. Rita Church parking lot.

IMPORTANT: PARKING FOR ALL **SUNDAY** MASSES ON JUNE 8th WILL BE LIMITED DUE TO THE TENT IN THE 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, appearing center stage @ 6:00pm **4 The Record** starts the night off featuring R&B rock's most popular hits. At 8:00pm **It's My Party** returns to our stage singing your favorite "Oldies"! Saturday night @ 6:30pm **The Skycoasters** makes their annual appearance keeping you dancing the night away!

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

GAMES BOOTHS AND ATTRACTIONS for all ages including the POPULAR dunking booth! Featuring a variety of Carnival games such as The Duck Pond, the FAMOUS Candy Wheel, Color Block Toss, and Plinko. Also - Fun Inflatables... Bounce House, 22' Giant Slide, Iron Man Challenge Obstacle Course, Laser Tag, Defender Dome and more!

\$15.00 wristbands for unlimited use of these inflatables will be on sale after all Masses.

CASINO GAMES for Adults including Black Jack and Poker tables.

KID'S CREATIONS CHILDREN'S AREA at the Fiesta has made some great changes this year and we are very excited to see how families will like them. There will be plenty of new fun games for the kids to play such as Bullseye, Potty Toss, Snakes & Ladders, Disc Golf, Water Rocket Launch, Mystery Box and even a Mini-Roller Coaster! Also, for the budding artists we'll have Sandtastic Art, Magic Color Scratch, Fuzzy Art, Slap Bracelets, Nail Painting, Sticker Sand Art, Creative Rubbings and **yummy** Sandy Candy! There will also be many items for sale for the "Tween set" such as Glow Necklaces, Flashing Teeth, Raver Rings and Flashing Bracelets. In addition, Saturday night the Kid's Creation will be featuring for the first time Airbrush Tattoos. Bring your family to the Fiesta...we'll supply the fun!

NEW this year at the St. Rita Fiesta:

"Wild For Webkinz" Raffle and the **"Nintendo Wii"** Raffle! Check out the our awesome selection of 21 new plush and cuddly **Webkinz** stuffed animals, Trading Cards and Mouse Pads online at www.strita.org. Tickets for the **Webkinz** Raffle are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets for the **Nintendo Wii** are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Come try your luck and win one of these great prizes!

Guitar Hero Competition! Come to the Kid's Creation tent anytime during the Fiesta to see how good a Rock Star you are! The highest scorers will be eligible to win a Wii Game System.

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!**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ~ 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!

We Need Your Help for our St. Rita's 54th Annual Fiesta

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Kid's Creations needs workers please contact Tara Broccolo @ 265-0832
50/50 Raffle needs workers to sell tickets, contact Ann Pacher @ 265-4991

FOOD BOOTH VOLUNTEERS ~ Please come to an orientation meeting at the food tent on Thursday, June 5 at 7:30pm. We will hand out shirts and go over the process for this year. Please look for Debbie or Greg Pelcher. Thank you.

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.

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. **Here is the link** on our St. Rita website listing all of the prizes - **<http://www.saintrita.org/commit/parish/fiesta/fiesta2008/chineseAuction/index.shtml>** - If you have any questions regarding the Chinese Auction, please contact Linda or Tony Kehoe at 872-2087.