

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

We need to lead by example. When we live a life built around Christian stewardship, we inspire it among adults and children alike. Children tend to follow the example of others. Being a true and present witness to Christian stewardship is a powerful way to foster stewardship in our young people and add joy to our family life.

Stewardship Live It!

Note of Thanks . . .

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your recent donation. It was very kind of you to remember us with such generosity. Although our financial picture is a little brighter now, there are still times I hold my breath. Your thoughtfulness allowed me to exhale. May God bless you and your loved ones. Wayne County is lucky to have your support.

Sincerely,
Janis Thomason-Mussen
Executive Director of the Wayne Country Rural
Ministry and Come-Unity Center

VOCATION AWARENESS

Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul – June 29

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.” (Matthew 16: 17) Just like Peter each of us, by nature of our baptism, is called to continue building Christ’s Church. God calls all of us – ordinary women and men – to be transformed by God’s life in us and in turn to transform the world by our loving service to one another. We do that in many different ways – all essential to our Church – in our vocations to married and family life, single life, ordained and religious life, and lay ecclesial ministry, as well as our professional, social, political, and community commitments. For more information please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness** 461-2890 or www.dor.org/vocations.

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!

Did You Know – We have **gluten-free hosts** available for those who have special dietary needs. For more information please call Mary Ann Kwiatkowski at 671-1997.

Thank You . . .

God bless the St. Rita Parishioners for your kind support these past 25 years. I feel honored to be a part of this wonderful parish faith community. God has blessed me with each of you.

Peace,
Sister Katherine Ann

ST. RITA SCHOOL NEWS!

BLUE / GOLD DAY RESULTS – Last Friday we celebrated our 28th Annual Blue / Gold Day. The GOLD team won by 8 ½ points. 60 alums returned for this special event and participated in the Alum tug-of-war (Gold alums won!). The record now stands at 15 wins for Gold and 13 wins for Blue.

PRE-K OPENINGS - Many changes can happen in a 3 year olds life between registering for Pre-K in February and now. St. Rita School has a few unexpected openings in our Pre-K program for the 2008-2009 school year. Please give us a call at 671-3132 if you are interested.

From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister
671-1100 ext. 18 or mdidia@dor.org



Youth News

For all youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us. Get together with other youth who share the same faith, thoughts and beliefs as you do. Check out our website at www.saintrita.org for more information and upcoming events that will be starting up again in September.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our annual **“Senior Send Off” Mass** will be held on **Saturday, July 12 at the 5:00 Mass**. We will recognize all seniors of the class of 2008. All are welcome to come and celebrate our youth.

Youth Group is sponsoring a day at Darien Lake!!
Saturday, July 26
from 10:30am until 10:00pm

If you are interested in going, the Youth Group is getting tickets at a discount for that day. The price per ticket without a meal voucher is \$15.99 per person. If you would like to add a meal voucher to your ticket, the price will be \$23.17 per person. Please contact Mary Jo no later than July 7.



*The Parish offices will be closed
on Friday, July 4
in observance of our
Independence Day Holiday*



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008

7:00AM ED RODER – The Gallo Family
9:15AM JOSEPH GENICOLA – Bill & Ruby Morganti

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008

9:15AM THERESA COUSINEAU – Sr. Catherine

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2008

7:00AM JOSEPH GABRIELE – Brad Sterl
9:15AM MARY FRANCES KANE – Michaela Siebert

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2008

7:00AM WAYNE M. HARRIS – Diane Harris
9:15AM ROSEMARIE PICCARETTO -The Bell Family

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2008

No Masses – Independence Day Holiday

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2008

5:00PM HERB KREGER – Wife and Family

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2008

7:30AM ARMOND BALDASSARE – Wife
9:00AM JACK AQUILINA – Family
10:30AM PETER DI GIORGO – The DiGiorgio Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for the intentions of all the People of St. Rita Parish

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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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SPECIAL NEED IN CEDAR RAPIDS

We are blessed with the generosity of St. Rita Parish. As parishioners we are moved to help others. John and I lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for 5 years. We contacted Rev. Mark Reasoner at our former parish St. Jude's and found that 100 families are without food, shelter and clothing. St. Jude's is also housing their mother parish St. Patrick's which has water up to their altar. Many of their parishioners need help too. If you would like to help with a financial donation to St. Jude's you can send it directly to: St. Jude Catholic Church – Flood Donation 50 Edgewood Road NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52405. If you have any questions or would like more information you can call me. I will be going to Cedar Rapids on July 8. Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in Christ through your prayers and donations.

Chrisann Collins (671-1410)

Pastor's Perspective

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of St. John Fisher – patron of our Diocese. It was at the request of Bishop Kearney that Blessed Pope John XXIII named him Patron of the Diocese of Rochester in the USA. As our patron his feast, June 22 takes a special importance here.



Some of you asked for a little summary of his life and martyrdom . . . so here it is:

ST. JOHN FISHER

Bishop of Rochester, England.

Born 1469 in Beverly, England.

Martyred June 22, 1535 in London, England

St. John Fisher was distinguished as a humanistic scholar, concerned about the sound learning of others. He was also a faithful bishop. He was educated at Cambridge and showed himself to have many talents in academia. In 1504, he was made chancellor of Cambridge and Bishop of Rochester. He realized the need for reform in the church preferring prayer and example before controversy.

From 1527, Bishop Fisher actively upheld the validity of Katherine of Aragon's marriage to King Henry VIII. He refused to take the loyalty oath to the Act of Succession on the ground that it constituted a repudiation of the pope. In April, 1534, he was imprisoned in the Tower of London and while he was there Pope Paul III named him a cardinal. Henry VIII was furious. He brought John Fisher to trial, he was found guilty and sentenced to death.

He was beheaded on June 22, 1535 in the Tower of London. St. Thomas More (who shares his feast day) wrote of John Fisher: "I reckon in this realm no one man, in wisdom, learning and long approved virtue together, meet to be matched and compared with him."

Father,

You confirm the true faith with the crown of martyrdom. May the prayers of Saint John Fisher give us the courage to proclaim our faith by true witness of our lives.

Peace,

PLANS FOR THE WEEK

JUNE 29, 2008

TUESDAY 7/1

1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 7/2

7:00pm Bible Study – Room 1

PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend June 21 & 22

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,266	\$13,700	-\$434
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$750,545	\$712,400	+\$38,145

(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.

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment - \$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of June 1, 2008 - \$201,792

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.

SACRISTAN:

Week of June 29 Elaine Doriguzzi

LINENS:

Week of July 6 Diana Larson

**MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Mental Health Counselors, Nurses, and Adjunct Therapists. Mercy Outreach Center, a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, provides free health/dental services to the uninsured through the generosity of professional volunteers. Time commitment is determined by the volunteer's availability. Please contact Mary Jo Hohl, Practice Coordinator at 288-2634x12 for information or view website: www.mercyoutreachcenter.org. Thank you.

Carpet Cleaning Service Needed for the Parish Office - Our parish office roof was struck by lightning two weeks ago which caused a water pipe to burst and flood a portion of our offices. We need our carpets professionally serviced at this time. If anyone owns a carpet cleaning service and would be able to help, please call Steve D'Arienzo at 671-1100 x 19.

BIBLE READINGS:

- 29 Sun **Sts. Peter and Paul** Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19
- 30 Mon Am 2:6-10,13-16 Ps 50:16-23 Mt 8:18-22
- 1 Tue Am 3:1-8;4:11-12 Ps 5:4-8 Mt 8:23-27
- 2 Wed Am 5:14-15,21-24 Ps 50:7-13,16-17 Mt 8:28-34
- 3 Thu **St. Thomas** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 20:24-29
- 4 Fri Am 8:4-6,9-12 Ps 119:2,10,20,30,40,131 Mt 9:9-13
- 5 Sat Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9-14 Mt 9:14-17
- 6 Sun **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14 Rom 8:9,11-13 Mt 11:25-30

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ July 5 & 6

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Christina Smith, Mary Masrtellotta, Erin Hasso

Sunday, 7:30am:

Josh Kwiatkowski, Nick Rieger, Sean McGrath

Sunday, 9:00am:

Tim Bruno, Eric Chiesa, Jack Meisenzahl

Sunday, 10:30am:

Kyle Swovick, Peter Swovick, Phil DeMarco

Dear Friends of HOUSE OF HOPE

We are in need of clothing sorters. We can use any help sorting or cleaning at HOPE house during the next few weeks. We WILL be working while the house is closed for the 4th of July. Our big rush is July/Aug/Sept so we can sort more the next 3 months. Air conditioners are in the 2 main sorting rooms for hot times. Work can be done any time we are open for the 2 hour ministries. The Thursday 2-5 pm crew is fun to work with. Please call me at 469-6728 if you are able to help out. God is good. Jayne Heetderks (gnpjayne@yahoo.com)

Furniture Needed at HOPE House - HOPE recipients are in need of beds (complete sets) twin, full, queen or king, dressers, couches, living room chairs, and kitchen table and chairs. bed linens and towels. Please call 265-6694 if you have any items to donate. The food cupboard also needs: coffee, tea, laundry soap, paper products, soups, and personal hygiene products. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.



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 July 5 & 6.