

**AUGUST 3, 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!*

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Our Catholic heritage offers us a number of Spiritual witnesses, men and women who have been aware of the power of God in their lives, men and women whose lives have influenced others through the ages. Come to St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry on Friday, August 22 and learn more about St. Therese de Lisieux, St John of the Cross and others. Cost of the series is \$30, or \$10 per presentation. There are four sessions, scheduled at 9:30, 11:30, 1:00 and 2:45. Go to <http://www.stbernards.edu/form/LeadersSpiritualityReg.asp> to register.

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**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF GROUP presents:**



**Roslyn Karaban, M.Div., Ph.D.**  
**Professor of Pastoral Care and**  
**Counseling at St. Bernard's School of**  
**Theology and Ministry**

**Wednesday August 13 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**At Holy Spirit Church**

Dr. Roslyn's special area of interest and expertise is complicated grief. She teaches courses in this area and often goes to churches to give talks and workshops. She is the author of *Complicated Losses, Difficult Deaths*.

Dr. Roslyn is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and many of her clients come to her for grief counseling. She runs a training program (with St. Bernard's and Lifetime Care) in hospice chaplaincy and also brings to this work a lifetime of complicated losses in her own personal life. Dr. Roslyn will talk about the grieving process and particularly about difficulties and complications that may arise. She will have handouts and will allow time for interaction, questions and personal sharing. *All are welcome to attend!*

**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS!**  
**(GRADES K-6)**

- Have you been searching for a way to get involved in your parish?
- Do you wonder what to do on those long winter evenings?
- Do you have an overwhelming desire to learn more about or share your faith?

Search no more! We have a thrilling and spine-tingling way to beat away those winter blahs. You can become a part of our exciting Faith Formation Program! We are an exhilarating example of Stewardship here at St. Rita's. This year we are going to be seeking ways to make our Spirits Come Alive!

If this sounds like a deal you can't pass up we have openings for catechists in the following grade levels.

- Grade 3: Tuesdays at 4:30pm
- Grade 5: Mondays at 4:30pm

If you would like more information about our program, please contact Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS**

Registrations for next year were due **June 26!** If I have not heard from you or you have misplaced your forms they are available in the Faith Formation Office (in school), the Parish Office, and on the table to the right of the Chapel in the Narthex of the Church or go to our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org). Classes are beginning to fill. Please submit your forms ASAP to guarantee placement in the fall.

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**SACRAMENT REGISTRATION**

Registration forms are being accepted for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. If your child is a minimum of seven years old and you choose to have him/her make one of the Sacraments please submit a registration form to the Faith Formation Office.

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**ADULT FORMATION E-MAIL NEWSLETTER**

Once a month Drew puts together a newsletter with a summary of articles from Catholic publications such as America, Origins, St. Anthony Messenger, and Theology Today. The summary of the article in the newsletter is concise and therefore this is an advantage for very busy people to keep up on current developments in the Catholic faith through the convenience of e-mail. If you are interested in receiving this monthly newsletter from Drew, write him by e-mail at: [ddeymarais@dor.org](mailto:ddeymarais@dor.org).



# EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008

9:15AM PAT ALWARD – Wife Clara

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2008

9:15AM RITA CHRISLEY – Evelyn Parisi

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2008

7:00AM ROBERT BECHTOLD – Family

9:15AM DEMETRIUS WOWK – The Kraft Family

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2008

9:15AM ANGELO BARBETTA – Nina Barbetta

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2008

2:00PM Wedding: *Theresa Zahaczewsky & Robert McGinn*

5:00PM AUGUST EHLERS – Anna & Ed Ehlers

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2008

7:30AM LOURICE ENGEL – Colin & Linda Handford

9:00AM MARY HUDY – Verna & Phil and Dorothy & Bill

10:30AM ANTHONY GALIOTTI – Wife & Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn  
in loving memory of  
the deceased members of the Daley Family**



### PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS

If you are attending a Mass being celebrated for a loved one, please tell the ushers before Mass so that you may carry the gifts at the offertory. You and your family may also offer to do this at other times when you are present. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the ushers.

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**FOR AN UPDATED DAILY MASS SCHEDULE  
Please call 671-1100 x 22 – anytime!**

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

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### *Wedding Banns*

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**Theresa Zahaczewsky  
& Robert McGinn**

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**Did You Know?** Our bulletin is available each week on-line at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) – check it out!



## *Pastor's Perspective*

### Summer Mission Appeal

Our annual Summer Mission Appeal will take place next weekend, August 9 & 10. This year we are asked to support the work of the **Medical Missionaries of Mary** who extend the healing hands of Christ in many countries throughout the world. Please be generous – for our hands are needed to help stretch their vital healing ministry across the globe.

*Fr. Chuck*

### MEDICAL MISSIONARIES OF MARY

The experience of suffering and healing is personal and universal; it makes possible therefore deep and immediate communication. Christ was asked to help and heal. "Heal my son, he gets convulsions." Another person cried out, "My daughter is desperately sick." Similar cries and requests are heard in many parts of the world. The Medical Missionaries of Mary share a common vision and try to draw together some of the fragile threads of our humanity.

The Missionary is called to heal and be healed bringing anew the personal God, who became one of us responding to individual concern, healing us in body, mind and spirit. MMM are called to bring this message "to the ends of the earth" – in Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi, Angola, Republic of Benin, Appalachia/US, England, Ireland and Mexico.

MMM are also involved in the struggle against causes of high infant mortality rates and short life expectancy, many of these causes are related to issues of justice. They also care for many leprosy patients, famine victims, AIDS patients and any other sickness that comes their way.

They have large training hospitals in some of the countries in which they work, teaching nursing, midwifery, etc. The Sisters operate many out-station clinics reaching out to the people who find it too far to come to the hospitals. Local people are trained to operate these clinics when the Sisters are not there. The MMM try to live with faith-filled generosity, as their motto directs, "Rooted and found in love".

The MMM work to alleviate hunger and disease. Some of the problems they encounter are lack of clean water, poor hygiene and lack of education. The women must carry their wood, water and children on their backs or head, and work long hours in the field with only a hoe.

Some of the projects that go side by side with their medical work are teaching better growing methods, nutrition, hygiene, craft centers and sewing. Some of the women are trained as village health workers and they in turn teach the other women of the villages. Hands touching hands, in support and encouragement!

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



Alexa Patricia Altieri

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 3 Sun 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9,15-18 Rom 8:35,37-39 Mt 14:13-21
4 Mon St. John Mary Vianney Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102 Mt 14:22-36
5 Tue Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Ps 102:16-23,29 Mt 15:1-2,10-14
6 Wed The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9
7 Thu Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15,18-19 Mt 16:13-23
8 Fri St. Dominic Na 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7 Dt 32:35-36,39,41 Mt 16:24-28
9 Sat Hb 1:12-2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20
10 Sun 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

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SACRISTAN:

Week of August 3 Jane & Dick Casper

LINENS:

Week of August 10 Bev Schnorr

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED Next Weekend ~ August 9 & 10

- Saturday, 5:00pm: Christina Smith, Mary Martellotta, Lauren Navarro
Sunday, 7:30am: Josh Kwiatkowski, Nick Rieger, Sam Dauria
Sunday, 9:00am: Lauren Tatanus, Tiffany Riddle, Ashley Sousa
Sunday, 10:30am: Erik Rall, Kevin Connell, Brandon Fersaci

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RCIA

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process that begins in the fall and it is designed for people who have interest in the Catholic Church. If you were baptized in another faith and are questioning if you want to become full members of the Catholic Church, this process is for you. If you have never been baptized and are questioning whether you want to be baptized into the Catholic Church, this process is for you. The process itself involves attending Sunday scripture sessions, and attending special parish education programs. The process helps you discern what God is calling you to in your journey of faith. Call Drew at 671-1100, ext 15 if you have interest or questions about the RCIA process.

PARISH SUPPORT For Last Weekend July 26 & 27

Table with 3 columns: Last Week, Weekly Goal for July 2008, Variance; Year to Date, Year to Date Goal, Variance.

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

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 July 1, 2008 - \$200,229

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer

It is easy to make your financial contribution to Saint Rita Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account. There is no charge for this service. Sign-up cards are available in the back of Church or for more information call the parish office at 671-1100 x 12.

LADIES OF ST. RITA ~ SAVE THE DATE

September 5-7 for our Annual Retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House

The theme this year is "Understanding St. Paul – A Realistic Guide for Today's Culture". Pope Benedict XVI will dedicate the year beginning in June to St. Paul, marking the 2000th anniversary of the Apostle's birth.

Come away for the weekend with the Lord. Let Him restore and renew your spirit. Let Him create in you strength and courage through the teachings of St. Paul.

Think about it ladies and plan on saving the date for a quiet get-away with the Lord. You deserve it! More information will follow in the coming weeks.

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Come & enjoy a night out meeting other singles! WPC Senior Bus Tour

A Syracuse Church Tour, hosted by St. Paul's Church, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17. The bus departs from St. Paul's parking lot at 7:30am and returns around 6:30pm. A guided tour includes Sacred Heart Basilica, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, and Hendricks Chapel of Syracuse University. Also included is lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse, stops at Paul de Lima's Coffee, Biscotti Pastry for gelato, and Columbus Bakery for a loaf of fresh baked bread. The cost is \$68 per person. Call Rosemary Pavia at 217-9068 or email rpavia@frontiernet.net to reserve your seat. Reservations and payment are due by August 15.