

AUGUST 17, 2008

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

The Stewardship Board this month represents the interpretation of Stewardship by the students of Mrs. Facci's 4th graders in our Vacation Bible School. Please take time to look at their prayerful and thoughtful work.

Cathy Klein, coordinator of our Vacation Bible School, will also have a special exhibit on Saint Rita's School coming in September.

Stewardship Live It!

**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. 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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Creating A Safe Environment

In accordance with Diocesan Policy if you are over the age of 18 and will be volunteering in our Parish and/or School in working with children, teens, and/or vulnerable adults you will need to attend a CASE workshop and have a criminal background check. In addition, if you will be driving children, teens and/or vulnerable adults you will need to complete a *Volunteer Driver Information Form*. Note to drivers: If you have attended the workshop in the past you do not need to attend again, however, a new *Volunteer Driver Information Form* is required at the beginning of each new school year.

Upcoming dates are:

**Thursday, August 21
at 7:00pm at St. Rita's in Room 1**

**Wednesday, September 3
at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Church**

**Wednesday, September 17
(Time TBA) at St. Paul Church**

**Monday, September 29
7:00pm at Holy Trinity Church**

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**LADIES OF ST. RITA PARISH
Save the Date ~ September 5-7**

Our Annual Retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House

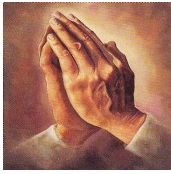
The theme this year is *Understanding St. Paul ~ A Realistic Guide for Today's Catholics*. Pope Benedict XVI has dedicated the year beginning in June to St. Paul, the 2000th anniversary of the Apostle's death.

The topics to be covered are:

1. The Life and times of St. Paul and the Catholic faith today.
2. St. Paul the Theologian teaches us Faith, Hope and Love.
3. St. Paul's conversion and our continuing need for renewal.
4. Being a New Creation in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Come away for a 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 this weekend for a quiet getaway with the Lord ~ you deserve it!

For reservations or information please call Thelma at 872-0642 or Debbie at 216-9276. We carpool from St. Rita parking lot on Friday September 5 at 5:30pm. We return Sunday around Noon. Suggested stipend is: single room/shared bath \$130 – double room/shared bath \$100 per person. Double room used as a single with private bath \$190. Meals included. Don't let the price keep you away – The Retreat House believes money should never keep anyone away from a beautiful experience of faith.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008

9:15AM ART GRIFFITH – Anne Muir

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008

7:00AM DOMINIC CAPEZZUTO – Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008

9:15AM THE EYGABROAD & SPALLINA FAMILIES – Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2008

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2008

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2008

5:00PM LEE MITCHELTREE – Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008

7:30AM VINCENZO ZEGARELLI – Wife

9:00AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LIPARI FAMILY – Anthony & Ann Marie Lipari

10:30AM NICHOLAS POMPONIO – Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Dorothy Bushart



VOCATION AWARENESS

Please pray for our seminarians – Brian, Michael, Zachary, Matthew, Peter, and David – as they begin another year studying and discerning a call to serve as priests for the Diocese of Rochester. Let us also pray that each of us discovers the vocation God calls us to. For more information contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at 461-2890 or www.dor.org/vocations.

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Wedding Banns



**||
Aprile Strang & Daniel Paul
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Heather Bak & Andrew Chatt
Kevin Macikowski & Salome Tripe**

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**Nationwide Mass times and locations for traveling Catholics:
1-800-Mass Times or www.Masstimes.com**

Pastor's Perspective

Time for some more summer chuckles . . .

- Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- God himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
- Some minds are like concrete – thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.
- God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called.
- We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.
- God grades on the cross, not the curve.

Happy Summer and remember that Peace starts with a smile!

Peace,

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Thank You . . .

To Kathy Velekkakan who shared with us last weekend the works of the **Medical Missionaries of Mary**. So far \$4,908 was collected through your generous donations. If you wish to support this important work you can make a donation to St. Rita's marked "Medical Missionaries" and we will forward your gift to them.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

HELP! The Children's Liturgy of the Word program is in need of additional catechists/leaders, otherwise we will not be able to provide this program each weekend at the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. If you can help or would like more information contact Teri Bucks at 671-0388.

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

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

TUESDAY 8/19

1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3

THURSDAY 8/21

7:00pm CASE Workshop – Room 1

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



Audrey Christina Walsh

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 17 Sun **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 56:1,6-7
Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28
- 18 Mon Ez 24:15-24 Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22
- 19 Tue Ez 28:1-10 Dt 32:26-28,30,35-36 Mt 19:23-30
- 20 Wed **St. Bernard** Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16
- 21 Thu **St. Pius X** Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15,18-19
Mt 22:1-14
- 22 Fri **The Queenship of Mary** Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40
- 23 Sat **St. Rose of Lima** Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9-14
Mt 23:1-12
- 24 Sun **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 22:19-23
Ps 138:1-3,6,8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ August 23 & 24

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
Andrew Chmiel, Joseph DiRaimo Neil LaVigne
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
Olivia Zucaro, Kayla Chapman, Mike Hansen
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
Matt Hayes, Joesph Hayes, Tyler Kohrt
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
Nick Gaglio, Kyle Swovick, Peter Swovick

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SACRISTAN:

Week of August 17 Agnes Kopin

LINENS:

Week of August 24 Jacqueline Volo

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SPECIAL NEED . . .

St. Rita School After-Care program is in need of **crayon books, crayons, puzzles, and laundry baskets**. If you have any of these items you may bring them to the parish office. Thanks for your continued support of our school!

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

PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend August 9 & 10

| Last Week | Weekly Goal for Aug 2008 | Variance |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| \$11,157 | \$13,800 | - \$2,643 |
| Year to Date | Year to Date Goal | Variance |
| \$84,036 | \$82,800 | + \$1,236 |

(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 August 1, 2008 - \$198,618

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.

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HELP! Breakfast Club is in need of workers. Cooks and waitresses are especially needed. The commitment is one Sunday morning a month from September through May for 3½ to 4 hours. Great working conditions, fun co-workers, and free breakfast! If interested please call Jane at 671-3871 or Sharon at 671-1100 x 12.

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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.