

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

We begin to see with new eyes that our treasures and our gifts are not just for our benefit. We strive to place God and the priorities of God first and foremost in our lives.

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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WHAT IS DTV? Did you ever wonder what this whole thing called DTV is about? After February 17, 2009 you will need a converter box or a digital TV in order to watch television. Marisa Vargas, a member of our parish, will hold an informational night on the Digital Television transition for seniors in our four Webster/Penfield parishes. This event will take place on Wednesday, **September 3 at 7:00pm in Room 3**. This event is to help Marisa with her Gold Award project for Girl Scouting. Marisa will have government issued coupons and application forms available that night. Don't miss this important event.

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

Wednesday, September 17
at 6:00pm at St. Paul Church in Room 5

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:

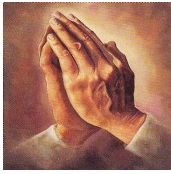
1. The Life and times of St. Paul and the Catholic faith today.
2. St. Paul the Theologian teaches us Faith, Hope and Love.
3. St. Paul's conversion and our continuing need for renewal.
4. Being a New Creation in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008

9:15AM MILTON EZZO – Gwen Bigelow

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2008

7:00AM JACQUES GUERENOT – The Zaeffel Family
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2008

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER
11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE (Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2008

7:00AM GUS EKMAN – Mary Beth & John Klofas
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2008

2:00PM Wedding: *Aprile Strang & Daniel Paul*
5:00PM DEMETRIUS WOWK – The Kraft Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008

7:30AM PHILIBERT VANDERWEYDE – Daughter Virginia
9:00AM ELAINE BRUNETT – Family
10:30AM DAVID DI MARIA – The Seeber Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Lee Mitcheltree

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

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Wedding Banns

III
Aprile Strang & Daniel Paul

II
*Heather Bak & Andrew Chatt
Kevin Macikowski & Salome Tripi*

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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.

Pastor's Perspective

As I mentioned a couple weeks ago at Mass, I think historians will look back at this summer and hail it as the Thunder Summer! We sure have had our fair share of heavenly rumbles!

I am reminded of Joyce Rupp's reflection in her lovely book, **Rest Your Dreams on a Little Twig**:

*I lift my face,
feel the first touch
of dawn's stunning rays.*

*They kiss with warmth,
welcome me kindly
after a dark night
of thick thunderstorms.*

*The wet woods are
wild with the memory
of lightening bolts
and heavy rains.*

*Slowly the sun's strength
weaves the woods
into silent laughter.*

*I let go
of memories
wrapped in thunderstorms
and dark nights*

*and songs of all sorts
form in my heart.*

Peace and savor these last weeks of Summer,

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Many of you asked about the book Rose referred to in her reflection last weekend. The book is **My Grandfather's Blessing**, by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D., publisher is Riverhead Books. Available at Kate's Gift Shop, Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, or Barnes & Noble.

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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.

TUESDAY 8/19

1:00pm

Recovery – Rm 3

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



Brynn Victoria Zoltoski

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 25 Mon 2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12 Ps 96:1-5 Mt 23:13-22
- 26 Tue 2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 23:23-26
- 27 Wed **St. Monica** 2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18 Ps 128:1-2,4-5 Mt 23:27-32
- 28 Thu **St. Augustine** 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mt 24:42-51
- 29 Fri **The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist** 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11 Mk 6:17-29
- 30 Sat 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13,18-21 Mt 25:14-30
- 31 Sun **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63:2-6,8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ August 30 & 31

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Lauren Navarro, Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl

Sunday, 7:30am:

Josh Kwiatkowski, Nick Rieger, Sam Dauria

Sunday, 9:00am:

Zach Barbeau, Krista Barbeau, Tyler Fulmer

Sunday, 10:30am:

Jimmy Marton, Phil DeMarco, Brandon Fersaci

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SACRISTAN: Week of August 24 Tom Marton

LINENS: Week of August 31 Cindy Wahl

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



Youth News

Check our website at www.saintrita.org
for more information and events.

September brings a new year of Youth Group!

If you are in grades 6-12 and interested in getting together with other youth who share the same faith, thoughts and beliefs as you do join us on **September 14 from 5:30 until 7:30 in the Parish Center Gym** for our first Youth Group gathering of the season.

Make a Friend! ~ Be a Friend
Bring a Friend to Jesus!

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend August 16 & 17

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Aug 2008	Variance
\$13,987	\$13,800	+ \$187
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$98,023	\$96,660	+ \$1,423

(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!

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

ST. RITA SCHOOL NEWS!
ADOPT – A – STUDENT

To offset the pressures of today's secular society, many parents seek a Catholic School Education for their children where the teachings and standards of home are upheld and where children receive an excellent religious and academic education in a Christ-centered environment. With tuition of \$2,950 for 1 child, \$4,220 for 2 children and an additional \$950 for each additional child, many parents are forced to compromise. Although tuition subsidy is available through the diocese, more assistance is always needed!

Thanks to our St. Rita School Endowment Fund, extra funds are available. Please consider adding to that fund and helping children obtain a Catholic School Education – a choice our government denies them. A sincere "Thank You" to those who have made donations in the past. Donations are also accepted in memory of loved ones. Please send donations or refer any questions to Sr. Katherine Ann at the school at 671-3132.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Check your commitment:

- _____ full tuition (\$2,950)
- _____ half tuition (\$1,475)
- _____ partial tuition (\$_____)

Please return this form to the School Office or the Parish Office. Thank You!