

JANUARY 18, 2009

Stewardship News!

Our **ST. RITA SOCIETY** is featured for the month of January on our Stewardship Center. The Saint Rita Society is a women's group that meets monthly for prayer and service, socialization, information, education and spiritual growth. This group provides many helpful support services to the parish and local community. All women are welcome to attend any time.

Stewardship Live It!

St. Rita Parish is a wonderfully active, welcoming, and growing faith community thanks to all of you!

2008 TOTALS

Baptisms	64
First Communion Candidates	155
Confirmation	112
Marriages	12
Funerals	51
New Families Registered in 2008	114
Families removed from parish list in 2008 (those who have moved or are deceased)	66
Total # of Families registered as of 12/31/08	2477
Total # of Individuals registered as of 12/31/08	8114
Families living in 14580 zip code	87 %
Average Weekly Attendance	1900 individuals
Total # of students enrolled in St. Rita School Pre-K 3 through 6 grade	429
Total # of students enrolled in St. Rita Parish Faith Formation Programs	370

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ATTENTION ST. RITA PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TEA!

Hosted by St. Rita School students

**Wednesday, January 28
from 10:00-11:30am
in the Parish Center**



Please join us for prayer, tea, cookies, entertainment and fun! RSVP as soon as possible to 671-3132.

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The Webster Knights of Columbus thanks all who supported their **Charitable & Benevolent (C & B) Raffle**. Your generosity will help the disabled as well as many local and state-wide charities.

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The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

All women of the parish are invited!

The ST. RITA SOCIETY is happy to welcome

MARY PAT CLEMENS

Monday, January 19 at 11:30am in the Parish Center

Mary Pat will guide us in making unique and beautiful greeting cards. The afternoon will begin with a tasty lunch of lasagna, salad, Italian bread and dessert. Please RSVP to Elaine King at 671-4930 so we know how much food and craft supplies will be needed.

Save the Date ~ The Communion Breakfast will be held Sunday, February 8. Our speaker is Sr. Karlien Bach. Tickets are \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members. Tickets will be sold after Masses the next 2 weeks.

**IT'S A NEW YEAR!
HOW ABOUT JOINING A CHOIR OR MUSIC
GROUP?**

Please contact Chris Yule at 478-0778 e-mail to yulecmusicme@rochester.rr.com if you are interested:

The Contemporary Music Group ~ Provides music for the 5:00pm Saturday Liturgies. Rehearsals are at 4:00pm on Saturdays before Mass. For: All who enjoy singing for the Lord! You don't have to read music to be a member of this group. We use instruments (guitar, keyboard, percussion, bass and melody instruments) so instrumentalists and singers are welcome.

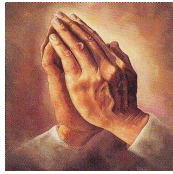
The Adult Choir ~ Provides music for the 10:30am Sunday Liturgies and sings for special services and events. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm. For: Adults with some choral ensemble experience, and a desire to learn and sing SATB (mixed voice) literature from all music styles – renaissance to contemporary.

The "Lite" Choir ~ Provides music for the 9:00am Liturgy on one Sunday each month. Rehearsals are held on one Tuesday per month, from 7:30-9:00pm in Room 3. For: Women who love to sing but want less of a time commitment and "lighter" music than the regular choir.

Children's Choir ~ Provides music once a month at the 9:00am Sunday Liturgies and at special seasonal services. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 3:45-4:30pm OR Wednesdays 2:30-3:15pm after school. Pick the time that is best for you. **For:** All children in grades 2-6 or who have reading skills are most welcome!

Thank You . . . To our St. Rita Family ~ After almost six months, we were able to return to our home to celebrate the holidays together. Although we still have "paper" curtains in every room, we realize how fortunate we are. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their support, prayers, and generosity. We are truly touched by the outpouring of support and compassion at St. Rita's. We have found comfort in your prayers and are genuinely aware and grateful for all the blessings in our lives.

Peace and Blessings, The Kohrt Family



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009

No Masses ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009

7:00AM DOLORES BECKER - Mr. & Mrs. V. LaBarbera

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009

9:15AM LOURICE ENGEL – The Polle Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009

9:15AM DENNIS MURTAUGH – Patty & Joe Janiak

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009

5:00PM MARY MANCINI – Al & Mary Mancini

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009

7:30AM DOROTHY ZOYACK –

Margie & Bernie Wallace

9:00AM JANE SULLIVAN – Don Miller and Family

10:30AM JOHN GIBBONS – St. Rita's Choir

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Jerry Pinkney**

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As part of our Spirit Alive! Initiative throughout the diocese we are focusing on the Gospel of Mark

**For the week of January 18
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 6**

Mk 6:30-44

After a busy day, how do you like to unwind? How do you react when you are faced with an overwhelming sense of need? How has Jesus fed you when you have been spiritually hungry lately?

Mk 6:45-55

Where are you "straining at the oars?" How do Jesus' words speak to that storm?

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**Interfaith Prayer Service for
President-Elect Obama
and all those elected to public office**

**Monday, January 19
at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Bishop Matthew Clark will preside along with the participation of other local faith leaders and public officials. Refreshments will follow the service. For more information please call 254-3221 ext. 104. All are welcome to attend.

From the Desk of Drew Desmarais. . .

THE ROLE OF THE PROPHET

In the reading today from Samuel, we learn about the call of Samuel to be a prophet and judge in the realm of Israel. As with all prophets, there is a reluctance to accept this tremendous responsibility and rejection from the people that they are to minister to. The role of the prophets is very much misunderstood in our popular understanding and reading of scripture.

The perception of the role of prophet is based in the belief that the prophet "looks into the future and predicts God's actions in that time." Somehow, the prophet is a cross between a gypsy tarot card reader and a fortune teller at the state fair. A scriptural look at the prophets tells another story. These people are chosen to speak to their fellow citizens about present day issues and problems. They are to then take the message from God of both rebuke and hope and preach that message to their sisters and brothers. Everyone knew the role of prophet was very unpopular and uniquely dangerous. When Jeremiah was imprisoned for proclaiming a message counter to the local king, the precarious nature of being a prophet was borne out.

The basic message of the major prophets centered on one mantra, "Trust in Yahweh Alone." This mantra was basically ignored by most of the local populace and certainly by the civilian and military administrations of the time. Their answer was to form alliances to meet the various threats from invading nations. King Josiah chose to ignore Jeremiah and subsequently the Israelites were dragged to exile in Babylon.

In the troubled times we face today, the mantra of the prophets still applies to us. "Trust in Yahweh Alone." On a daily basis, we are told to trust in our government to help get us out of this crisis. The faith in government has been shaken to its very core recently so the warning of the prophets spoken 2000 years ago makes infinite sense. When we feel we have nowhere else to turn, we need to remember the prophetic reflection that faith in God is the only true respite from the crisis we face in real life. It is a hard message to understand because our culture says that we can rely on ourselves for the answers. As the New Year begins, remember that in faith we believe that no matter what happens, all is not lost. "Trust in Yahweh Alone."

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**St. Rita School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week
January 26 – 30 All are welcome!!**

- 2009-2010 registration begins Monday, January 26
- Visit a Catholic School. Take a tour through St. Rita School Tuesday, January 27 9:00am to 2:00pm or call anytime for a tour.
- Catholic Schools Week Family Liturgy, All are welcome! Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00pm

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 18, 2009

SUNDAY 1/18

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 11:30am St. Rita Society Meeting – Parish Center
 5:30-7:00pm Youth Group (Grades 6-12) – Gym

TUESDAY 1/20

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 1/21

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 1 – Church
 7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Mtg. - Church
 8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend January 10 & 11		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
	<small>for Jan. 2009</small>	
\$15,097	\$14,900	+ \$197
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$422,889	\$439,300	- \$16,411
(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)		
Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment		\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of January 1, 2009		\$190,543
Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal		\$105,051
Pledges Received to Date		\$103,265
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY MASS
Saturday, January 31 at 5:00pm

In celebration of Boy Scout Sunday all Cub and Boy Scouts of St. Rita Parish are invited to attend Mass together. Please meet in Room 1 at 4:30. Dens and troops will be seated together after processing into church as a group. A reception for Scouts and their families will be held after Mass in the gym.

Scouts in the parish (other than those in Pack or Troop 163) who have completed the requirements for the religious emblem associated with their rank and who have submitted the appropriate paperwork to the diocese are invited to notify Mary Lou Padgett (671-0549) by January 25th to be recognized during the Scout Mass. All Scouts who have earned religious medals will also be honored in a ceremony with Bishop Clark on Saturday, February 28th at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. We hope to see all Scouts from our parish on January 31st to celebrate Boy Scout Sunday!



SACRISTAN: Week of Jan. 18 Dick & Jane Casper

LINENS: Week of January 25 Cindy Wahl

BIBLE READINGS:

- 18 Sun **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42
- 19 Mon Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22
- 20 Tue Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9-10 Mk 2:23-28
- 21 Wed **St. Agnes** Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6
- 22 Thu Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17 Mk 3:7-12
- 23 Fri Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8,10-14 Mk 3:13-19
- 24 Sat **St. Francis de Sales** Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Mk 3:20-21
- 25 Sun **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ January 24 & 25

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
 Kyle Swovick, Peter Swovick, Lily Ciszewski
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
 Sandy Loeb, Susan Loeb, Olivia Zucaro
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
 Lauren Tatanus, Tiffany Riddle, Ashley Sousa
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
 Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo, Jessica Bolt

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



All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome in getting together with other youth who share their faith and want to have fun together. **Check our website at www.saintrita.org** for more information and events.

Sunday, January 18 from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Center will be a Leadership Team gathering.
Sunday, January 18 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center gym will be our monthly Youth Group gathering for grades 6-12. All are welcome!!!!

SAVE THE DATES: Mary Jo is hosting Informational Meetings regarding the **National Catholic Youth Conference** – you may attend either meeting **Wednesday, February 4 or Saturday, February 7** to be held in church from 7:00 to 9:00pm.



BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast on Sunday mornings! We offer a "Special" and a full traditional breakfast menu as well!

Next Week's special: Egg Bake served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.