

JANUARY 25, 2009

Stewardship News!

Christian stewardship is a broad, encompassing teaching, emphasizing that everything we are and everything we have – all our creation, our Church, our own vocation, personal resources, our talent and even our time – comes as gifts freely and lovingly given to God.

Stewardship Live It!

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ALL Women of our Parish are Invited!

ST. RITA SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 8 ~ following the 9:00am Mass

Ladies please join us in Church for Mass at 9:00 then over to **Glendoveers** on Old Browncroft Road for a wonderful breakfast.

We are delighted to have Sr. Karlien Bach as our guest speaker. Her topic will be Mary ~ Woman of Hope. Cost is \$7.00 for members and \$10 for non-members. All are welcome! Tickets will be sold after all Masses the next two weekends and are available at the parish office. **Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, February 3.** Questions? Please call Kathy Foster at 671-4347.

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ANNUAL PIE SALE

**After all Masses Next Weekend!
January 31 - February 1**

There will be a great assortment of flavors available during our St. Rita Society's Annual Pie Sale. Pies are \$7.00 each. If anyone would like to donate a pie, we would be thrilled to have your donation. Just drop it off before Mass that weekend. It's Super Bowl weekend so pick up a pie for the game. Proceeds will go toward parish projects.

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**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!

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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 January 31 / February 1.

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

2009-2010 **Registration** begins on Monday, January 26

Visit a Catholic School! Come on in and take a tour through St. Rita School on **Tuesday, January 27 between 9:00am and 2:00pm** or call the school at 671-3132 anytime for a tour.

**Catholic Schools Week Family Liturgy
Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00pm
All are welcome!!**

We have been richly blessed by our God and we have much in our school to celebrate this year. We also need to **CELEBRATE YOU**, our benefactors. Please join us!

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.

**NCYC 2009 - National Catholic Youth Conference
In Kansas City, MO ~ November 19-21, 2009**

Celebrate faith with more than 20,000 Catholic youth!!

If you will be in grades 9-12 beginning September 2009 and want to know more about this great event, plan on attending an information night here at St. Rita Church:

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

OR

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

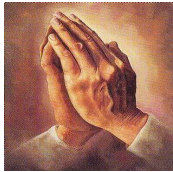
**DISCOUNTED!
2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

It is filled with great discounts on all types of restaurants and entertainment. **Cost is \$10.00** and may be purchased at the parish office or call Mary Jo at 671-1100 x18. All proceeds are used toward youth programs and retreats!

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**BOY SCOUT 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 4:30pm. 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.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

7:00AM LOUISE N. KUBY – Frank & Bonnie Connell
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009

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

7:00PM ST. RITA SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK LITURGY – All are welcome!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009

7:00AM RALPH LA TEMPA – Liz & Gary Staszak
9:15AM ALBERT C. JANACK – Clara Alward & Dottie DeLano

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009

9:15AM EDITH MITCHELL – John & Mary Beth Klofas

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2009

5:00PM FOR ALL BOY SCOUTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2009

7:30AM CHARLOTTE VANDERWEYDE – Daughter Virginia
9:00AM ANTONIO IACCHETTA – Maria Marsocci
10:30AM FRANK RINERE – Daughter Michelle Bileschi and Family

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

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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 25
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 7**

Mk 7:24-20

For what would you walk 100 miles out of your way? Why? If Jesus came to your community, who are the "unclean" he would care for? How might you be his hands and care for them?

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, February 10
7:30pm in Room 1

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome!

From the Desk of Fr. Hoan . . .

Dear All,

Certainly it has been cold. Some lucky "snow birds" have gone to catch warm air somewhere in Bahamas. For those who have to bear with the cold, don't be discouraged since I will take you to the far East and celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Next week, on January 26, 2009, many East Asians around the US and over in Asia will celebrate their New Year, the Year of the Ox. In their homes or at their stores, you will see calendars and posters covered with the picture of the buffalo or the ox. Why ox? According to the Chinese Lunar Calendar, lunar and solar animals are used for their counting systems. They are Rat, Ox (cow), Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Chicken, Dog, and Pig. You have the Ox zodiac sign if you are born in 1901, 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, and 2009. Of course, if you are interested in finding what your zodiac sign may reveal such as positive and negative things about yourself, please do not hesitate to "Google." ☺

Back in my birthplace, Vietnam, people have been busy preparing for this event, called "Tet". Markets are filled with shoppers who buy the best food, gifts, and decorative materials. *December 30* (lunar calendar) is the closing day when family members gather at home. People want to get rid of their debts and try to scare away the bad spirit by their ritual called "cung bai". They clean up and make their homes anew. During the New Year Celebration, they dress up with new clothes, attending games, festival dances and concerts, and visiting relatives and neighbors. Many believe that the first guest who visits one's family on January 1st may bring good luck to the family throughout the entire year. On these first days, many people avoid sweeping the floor, breaking things in house, quarrelling, borrowing, or hurting each other...etc. Many believers come to worship in churches and temples during these days. Their services seek to thank God (Catholics) and Buddha (for Buddhists) and pray for their ancestors who have passed away.

Hope that this little description brings us some warmth and joy which reflect the spirit of New Year celebration. Despite their distinctive traits, all share the common purpose of our universal human survival – to stop all busy-ness, to celebrate life, relationships and to renew one's life with new hope.

Chuc Mung Nam Moi
(Happy New Year)

Your travel agent,
Fr. Hoan

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DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS

Phone 671-1100 x 22 – anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule!

If you get the recording press 22.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 25, 2009

SUNDAY 1/25

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

MONDAY 1/26

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School

TUESDAY 1/27

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School

WEDNESDAY 1/28

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm Catholic Schools Week Mass & Reception

TURSDAY 1/29

7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1

PARISH SUPPORT For Last Weekend January 17 & 18		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Jan. 2009	Variance
\$14,362	\$14,900	- \$538
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$437,251	\$454,200	- \$16,949
(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		\$103,390
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		
Per Diocesan Guidelines: 2008 Parish Contributions Statements will be sent out first class mail to each household by Saturday, January 31.		

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ January 31/February 1**

Saturday, 5:00pm:
 Michael Hohl, Tyler Kohrt, Alex Vargas
Sunday, 7:30am:
 Jack Samuelson, Nick Rieger, Sam Dauria
Sunday, 9:00am:
 Mike Sullivan, Vicky Gammons, Brianna Gammons
Sunday, 10:30am:
 Austin Korol, Steven Fantigrossi, Brandon Fersaci

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



Zachary Thomas Schultheis

BIBLE READINGS:

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
 26 Mon **Sts. Timothy and Titus** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
 Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10 Mk 3:22-30
 27 Tue Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2,4,7-9,10-11 Mk 3:31-35
 28 Wed **St. Thomas Aquinas** Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20
 29 Thu Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-6 Mk 4:21-25
 30 Fri Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40 Mk 4:26-34
 31 Sat **St. John Bosco** Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Lk 1:69-75
 Mk 4:35-41
 1 Sun **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dt 18:15-20
 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

SACRISTAN:

Week of January 25 Miriam & Dan Kennelly

LINENS:

Week of February 1 Ruth Wensley

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!



**BREAKFAST CLUB
Served Sundays 8:30-11:00am
February Specials**

Sharon Pucher and Jane Kunzog, managers

- Feb 1 Dick Sorce and team are excited to offer **Omelets "R" Us!** They will have cooking stations in the dining room cooking omelets made to order with ham, cheese, peppers or onions served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.25.
- Feb 8 Team 2 led by John O'Connor will feature **Chicago Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.
- Feb 15 Sharon and Jane lead Team 3 and will feature their delicious Eggs Benedict served with a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.50.
- Feb 22 Team 4 run by the Clemens Family will offer their famous **Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

Eat up! – Lent Begins February 25

*It takes little effort to watch the other person carry the load.
 The same hammer that shatters the glass also forges the steel.*

Have a good week!
 Love, Jane Kunzog