Stepping Stones to Stewardship

If we concentrate solely on holding onto what we have, we lose our capacity to receive. But, if we allow our material possessions to come and go, by sharing our treasures, we are using these gifts in the way God intends.

Stewardship . . . . Live It!

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NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

We are excited to announce that we are doing a new pictorial directory of our parish family. This directory will help each of us and our staff to connect names with faces. It is an ideal outreach tool.

Beginning this weekend in the greeting area you can sign up for a time to be photographed.

The photographs will be taken by professional photographers from Olin Mills studio here in Room 1. You will come to church only once to have your picture taken and pick out your portrait all at the same time! **There is no charge to be photographed.** You will receive a FREE 8x10 and a FREE Directory just for participating.

We encourage singles, families and extended families to participate. Dress up – or go casual – your choice!

Sitting dates are available the end of July and early August for those families with college students returning to school:

The Scheduled Dates for Photography are:

Friday, July 24	from 3:00-9:30pm
Saturday, July 25	from 10:00am to 5:00pm
Monday, August 3	from 3:00-9:30pm
Monday thru Friday, August 24-28	from 3:00-9:30pm
Saturday, August 29	from 10:00am to 5:00pm
Tuesday – Thursday, September 1-3	from 3:00-9:30pm

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A SITTING TIME!

Sign up sheets will be in the greeting area the next three weekends or call the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:30am to 4:00pm.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory; it won't be complete without you!

Summer Mission Appeal

Each summer, Bishop Clark asks every parish to receive a mission speaker for a weekend. This is an important way for us to learn about the work of missionaries in different parts of our country and also about our call to share the Good News to the ends of the earth.

Our annual Summer Mission Appeal will take place next weekend, July 25 & 26 and we are happy to welcome Greg Patin, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi.

The Diocese of Jackson has nine counties without a resident priest. They tried to hire a religious sister for one of these priestless counties and the answer was, "We're sorry, there is not enough money." And so that leaves another county without a Catholic presence of any kind.

Saint Anne Parish in Carthage, MS is the only Catholic parish in Leake County covering 584 square miles with a population of 26,000. It is a multicultural parish where 6 languages are spoken. About 90% of their parishioners live at or below the poverty line. The parish is not self-supporting and they depend on the assistance of out-of-town visitors for nearly half of their annual income.

Holy Child Jesus School in the town of Canton, MS was founded in 1946 and continues to provide quality education in a Catholic environment. Tuition from students covers only one-third the cost. The remaining funds come from the Mission Fund of the Diocese which this appeal will help fund.

Mission Appeals make it possible for over 1000 poor and underprivileged children to attend Pre-School and Elementary School in the Diocese of Jackson. Because of these programs we are also able to feed several hundred children and young people who participate in our appeals, people who have the fewest opportunities are given choices they would never experience.

Your contributions next weekend will help support the Diocese of Jackson and the programs it offers for the good of the people.

I know you will be generous in your response as always.

Peace,
Fr. Chuck

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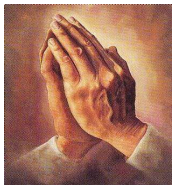
Vacation Bible School News!

Thank you to everyone who was involved with Vacation Bible School this week. Our 185 students and 75 volunteers learned about Saints and virtues while singing songs, making crafts, and playing games.

Be sure to stop by the Stewardship Board in the Greeting Area and view our pictures

We hope to see you again next year!



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009
7:00AM MARGARET GLEASON – Ginny & Bruce Buchman
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER
11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE (Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009
9:15AM JAMES KNAPIK – Family & Friends

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009
9:15AM HAZEL GLENNIE – Daughter

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009
2:00PM *Wedding: Terry Spindler & Mary Ann Maloney*
5:00PM CAROLINE MAYER – Jo & Chet Krol

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009
7:30AM FRANK GEORGE – Rita & Tim Simmons
9:00AM JOHN & LUCILLE ODENBACH – Family
10:30AM KATHLEEN CONNELL - John, Sean & Kevin

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of the Deceased members of the Amico, Palermo and Mastroianni Families.

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Confirmation 2009 - 2010

The date we have been assigned for Confirmation for the 2009-2010 school year is:

Tuesday, October 27, 2009
at Sacred Heart Cathedral

If your child will be preparing for and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year please send in your registration form as soon as possible.

The kick-off meeting will be:

Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 6:30pm
at St. Rita Church

Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office, the table in the Narthex, and online at www.saintrita.org.

Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079 or AWagner@dor.org.

Pastor's Perspective

ST. RITA SPECTACULAR RAFFLE WAS SPECTACULAR!

The final numbers are in for our first St. Rita Spectacular Raffle and they are truly amazing! We first announced this raffle idea to you in March as our major fund raiser for the year. We are happy to say that the final figures exceeded our expectations for this first year. Our Raffle Committee: Linda & Tony Kehoe, Joan Sullivan, Karen Casper, Cara & Kieran Reynolds, Tom Cali, Ed Ritzel, Ray Isaac and Dan Edwards put a lot of time and effort to help make this a success; the most successful raffle in recent history.

	Raffle
Revenue	$ 41,225
Expense	$ (15,898)
Profit	$ 25,327
Tithe	$ (2,533)
Net Profit	**$ 22,794**

Thank you to all of the parishioners who bought tickets and sold tickets to friends and family. Your support is appreciated and we hope you can see the benefit of this fund raiser to St. Rita's financial stability.

OUR 55TH ANNUAL FIESTA RESULTS!

This year's Fiesta turned out to be our most successful in the last 20 years! More than 5,000 people attended the 2 day event to enjoy the music, games, and food. We even saw the return of Bingo this year to St. Rita's! While we always say that the importance of the Fiesta is to celebrate our parish community, it also does raise some money for the ministries of St. Rita's. These are the final Fiesta numbers:

	Fiesta
Revenue	$ 73,764
Expense	$ (50,393)
Profit	$ 23,371
Tithe	$ (2,337)
Net Profit	**$ 21,034**

Combined with the Spectacular Raffle we raised more than $40,000 for St. Rita Parish!! This amount is more than double any of the last 20 years. Once again we need to thank the 400+ volunteers who worked so diligently to make this the most talked about festival in the Diocese! We were happy to tithe almost $5,000 to HOPE Ministry. Special thanks go to all of our sponsors especially our Title sponsors, Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning, Q-Dental Group, and Vision Automotive Group!

Fr. Chuck

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JULY 19, 2009

TUESDAY 7/21
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3

PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend July 11 & 12

Last Week	Weekly Goal for July 2009	Variance
$14,880	$14,000	+$880
Year to Date	**Year to Date Goal**	**Variance**
$30,447	$28,000	+$2,447

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of July 1, 2009	$180,699

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SACRISTAN: Week of July 19 Mary Ann Beikirch

LINENS: Week of July 26 Martine Cianciotto

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Is a process that begins in the fall and is designed for those who have interest in the Catholic Church. If you were baptized in another faith and want to become a full member of the Catholic Church or if you have never been baptized and want to be baptized into the Catholic Church, this process is for you. For more information about the RCIA process, call Drew at 671-1100, ext 15.

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS
And Thanks!

Now that the dust has settled and things have quieted down, I would like to thank all the volunteers who so graciously donated their time and talents to work on a Breakfast Club Team. We had a successful year not only financially but also in attracting many new customers while still keeping the regulars. Our goal set some 38 years ago was to use any profits to purchase equipment and maintain our appliances. I am happy to tell you that we have a new commercial refrigerator thanks to a generous donation from our CYO Program and the St. Rita Society as well as our profits from Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club officially began its 39th year of operation on Mother's Day. Thank you to anyone who has helped along the way either by working, or as a patron. Please know how much we appreciate all of your support. There are still three of the original members working on Breakfast Club. You can pick us out as we walk a little slower, wear a big smile and look for the nearest chair! Our new season will begin Sunday, September 13. Enjoy your summer, stay safe and don't forget to say your prayers.

Love,
Jane (Kunzog)

BIBLE READINGS:

19	Sun	**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34
20	Mon	Ex 14:5-18 Ex 15:1-6 Mt 12:38-42
21	Tue	Ex 14:21-15:1 Ex 15:8-10,12,17 Mt 12:46-50
22	Wed	**St. Mary Magdalene** Ex 16;1-5,9-15 Ps 78:18-19,23-28 Jn 20:1-2,11-18
23	Thu	Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b Dn 3:52-56 Mt 13:10-17
24	Fri	Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23
25	Sat	**St. James** 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1-6 Mt 20:20-28
26	Sun	**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11,15-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ JULY 25 & 26

Saturday, 5:00pm:
Marisa Vargas, Alex Vargas, Andrew Chmiel
Sunday, 7:30am:
Michael Hohl, Nick Rieger, Sam Dauria
Sunday, 9:00am:
Lauren Tatanus, Vicky Gammons, Brianna Gammons
Sunday, 10:30am:
Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo, Brandon Fersaci

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LADIES OF ST. RITA PARISH

Save the Date! ~ September 11-13

Our Annual Women's Retreat
at the Notre Dame Retreat House

The theme this year is: *Be All You Can Be: Holy!*

The topics to be reflected on are:
1. Why should I want to be Holy?
2. Holiness as the mark of the Church
3. Holiness in the scriptures
4. The practical aspects of aspiring to Holiness

Come away for a weekend with the Lord. Let Him restore and renew your spirit. Let Him create in you strength and courage. Think about it ladies and plan on this weekend for a quiet getaway with the Lord overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake. You deserve it!

We carpool from St. Rita parking lot on Friday, September 11 at 5:30pm and return Sunday around Noon. Suggested stipend is: private room/shared bath $125 – double room/private bath $100 per person – private room/private bath $165. All meals are 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. For reservations or more information please call Thelma at 872-0642 or Debbie at 216-9276.

As you know Jesus would go away by himself to be in communion with His Father. Why not follow His example? We look forward to hearing from you!