

AUGUST 2, 2009

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Last weekend we welcomed our annual Summer Mission Appeal speaker Greg Patin, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi. We thank him for sharing with us his mission and how we can help be a part of that as well.

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. Over \$4,000 was collected last weekend for the Diocese of Jackson. Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship Live It!

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.

**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.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Senior Send Off Mass
Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 Mass**

We will be celebrating our 2009 Seniors. Please come and celebrate our graduates and wish them well as they continue their journey.

**Saturday, August 29
Youth Group Day at Darien Lake**

Ticket Price is \$16.00 per person or \$24.00 per person with a meal voucher. If you are interested in attending this event please contact Mary Jo with number of tickets you need by Thursday, July 30.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!



We are excited to announce we are doing a new pictorial directory of our parish family to help all of us connect names with faces.

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 select 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!

Dates for Photography are:

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

**Our Olin Mills representative will be scheduling
all future appointments.**

**TO ARRANGE (or reschedule)
A SITTING TIME PLEASE CALL
OLIN MILLS DIRECTLY AT
1-800-866-2263**

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

**What does it take to be
a Children's Liturgy Catechist?**

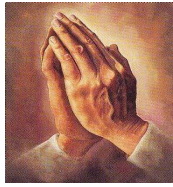


The simple truth is you just need to like kids and enjoy spreading the Good News! You don't have to be a teacher or a religious educator or have any formal training in theology. Remember the family is where children first learn about God.

You will receive a packet of information for your scheduled weekend which includes the readings, psalms and some suggestions for discussion.

Feel free to go out with the children when they are excused to Room 1 during the 9:00 and 10:30am Masses and observe. Adults are always welcome to go with their children! Don't miss this opportunity to grow spiritually along with our children.

We would like to have new catechists ready to begin in the fall. If you are interested or have any questions please call Melanie Marshall at 576-5107 or Teri Bucks at 671-0388.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009

7:00AM MARSHA BUTLER – Diane & Family
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009

9:15AM BERNADINE GRISWOLD – St. Rita Society

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009

7:00AM ROBERT MARTON – Tom Marton & Family
9:15AM PAT ALWARD – Wife, Clara

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2009

9:15AM MARION & JANIS KUNTZ & PATTY KLEHR –
The Klehr Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009

5:00PM MARY HUDY - Vern & Phil and Bill & Dorothy

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

7:30AM JOSEPH & MARGARET GLEASON –
St. Rita Parent Association

9:00AM MABEL SCHMITT – Family

10:30AM FRANK & ANNA COSTANZA – Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in thanksgiving for prayers answered.**

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Thank You's . . .

- To Diana Larson, Patty Yeager and Carol Van Atta for all their work on the Saint Rita Shrine. Planting was a challenge for them with the rabbits and deer 'feasting' on the annuals. Diana has several parishioners who maintain the Saint Rita Shrine garden throughout the summer months.
- To Jane Kunzog and Sharon Pucher for all their hard work over the many years at managing our Sunday morning Breakfast Club. This is a wonderful ministry providing a "restaurant" atmosphere for folks to enjoy Sunday morning breakfast September through May.
- To our Coordinators Kim Avery and Elizabeth Kwiatkowski for running a successful Vacation Bible School program this summer. They were able to accommodate 185 students with 75 volunteers. Check out the Stewardship Board in the greeting area in church to see photos.

From the Desk of Drew Desmarais . . .

CATHOLIC OPTIMISM

As we read our newspapers, scan CNN, read the latest blog, watch the stock market scroll on CNBC, it's very easy to fall into a pessimistic view of the world. The nation and individuals alike are facing a whole series of challenges that make us anxious about the present and future. Our dreams of security, prosperity and peace for our families have been scaled back because the fundamental assumptions that we've made in the past have been shaken to the core. Our culture is under siege and our collective efforts at times seem inadequate.

In the Random House dictionary, one of the definitions of optimism reads, "the belief that good ultimately predominates over evil in the world." Of course, our Catholic heritage also proclaims that belief and we frequently express that profound optimism in our recitation of the "Our Father." The Catechism of the Catholic Church preaches the significance of this faithful optimism in section seven on Christian Prayer. (2850 – 2854) These paragraphs focus on the "But Deliver Us from Evil" section of the prayer. Paragraph 2850 reminds us that we pray in communion with the whole Church for the deliverance of the whole human family. 2851 states that evil is not an abstraction but a reality in person and deed. 2853 relates that the central focus of our faith is the paschal mystery, which is the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection is the culmination of salvation history. Paragraph 2853 states "Victory over the prince of the world was won once for all at the Hour when Jesus freely gave himself up to death to give us his life. Paragraph 2854 finishes with "In this final petition, the Church brings before the Father all the distress of the world. Along with deliverance from the evils that overwhelm humanity, she implores the precious gift of peace and the grace of perseverance in expectation of Christ's return.

It is very easy to forget in the midst of anxiety and distress that the battle has already been won. The risen Christ is the summit and source of an optimism that stares down defeatism and raises our spirit to cooperate in the betterment of the kingdom in the present. Amen.

Drew

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF GROUP

**Wednesday, August 12
at 7:30 p.m.
At Holy Spirit Church**

Speakers: Jim and Donna Fitch

Jim and Donna have been in Pastoral Ministry with our Diocese for over 45 years and frequently work with grieving families. All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome!

TUESDAY 8/4

1:00pm

Recovery – Rm 3

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



Mateo Christopher Pietrantonio

BIBLE READINGS:

- 2 Sun 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Ps 78:3-4,,23-25,54 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35
3 Mon Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21
4 Tue St. John Mary Vianney Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7,12-13 Mt 14:22-36
5 Wed Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26a-29a,34-35 Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23 Mt 15:21-28
6 Thu The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10
7 Fri Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16,21 Mt 16:24-28
8 Sat St. Dominic Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4,47,51 Mt 17:14-20
9 Sun 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-9 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED Next Weekend ~ AUGUST 8 & 9

- Saturday, 5:00pm: Nick Wynne, Connor McKenna, Neil LaVigne
Sunday, 7:30am: Michael Hohl, Nick Rieger, Sam Dauria
Sunday, 9:00am: Mike Sullivan, Joseph Hayes, Rachael Benz
Sunday, 10:30am: Jamie Farris, Abby Geen, Jenny Geen

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!

Come away for a weekend with the Lord. Let Him restore and renew your spirit and 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.

PARISH SUPPORT For Last Weekend July 25 & 26

Table with 3 columns: Last Week, Weekly Goal for July 2009, Variance; Year to Date, Year to Date Goal, Variance

(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 August 2 Miriam & Dan Kennelly

LINENS: Week of August 9 Jean Fauth

DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS

Please call the parish office at 671-1100 x 22 anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule.

FAITH FORMATION and SACRAMENTS

Registration 2009-2010

Registration forms for all currently registered students have been mailed home. Registration forms for new students are available in the following locations:

- Faith Formation Office (located in the School building)
Church (on the table to the right of the Chapel)
Parish Office
On our website at www.saintrita.org

Parish registration is required prior to registering for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation Programs. Please send in your registration as soon as possible. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner, at 671-2079 or AWagner@dor.org.

ST. RITA'S PRAYER LINE

Did you know that we have a very active Prayer Line here at St. Rita Parish? Your request of any kind can be passed along to over 100 people who will remember your need in their daily prayer. If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please call Eleanor Hanley at 671-3247. We thank Eleanor for coordinating this compassionate ministry.

