

This Week at St Rita and Christ the King

Sunday, Jan. 30

- 8:00 am Sunday Mass
- 8:45 am RE: K-5th Grade
- 10:00 am Sunday Mass with Children's Liturgy
- 11:00 am Youth Group
- 12:00 pm Mass at Christ the King

Monday, Jan. 31

- 8:10 am Morning Prayer
- 8:30 am Daily Mass
- 9:00 am Rosary
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (MSS)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Church)

Tuesday, Feb. 1

- 8:10 am Morning Prayer
- 8:30 am Daily Mass
- 9:00 am Rosary

Wednesday, Feb. 2

9:00 am Sewing Group
 5:15 pm Daily Mass. On this feast, the **Presentation of the Lord**, also known as Candlemas, it is traditional to bless all the candles that will be used in liturgies throughout the year. If you have candles that you will use in your daily prayers at home, be sure to bring them in to be blessed as well.

- 5:45 pm Dinner
- 6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group
- 6:15 pm **Spirit Nite**. We will be continuing our apologetic study of the doctrines of our Lady. Specifically the doctrines of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady and her Assumption into heaven will be studied, with emphasis placed on the scriptural foundation for each of these doctrines.
- 6:15 pm RE Middle School
- 6:15 pm CROCS

Thursday, Feb. 3—Feast of St. Blaise

8:10 am Morning Prayer
 8:30 am Daily Mass—**Blessing of Throats after Mass**. St. Blaise has been extremely popular for centuries in both the Eastern and Western Churches. He was a physician and the Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. He once saved a child who was choking on a fish bone, which led to the blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day. It is customary in many places to bless the throats of the faithful with two blessed candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross in the manner described in the Book of Blessings. St. Blaise was martyred in 316.

- 9:00 am Rosary

Friday, Feb. 4

8:10 am Morning Prayer
 8:30 am Daily Mass
 9:00 am **1st Friday 12-hour Silent Adoration & Exposition**. What is Eucharistic Adoration? Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us". During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. In its fullest essence, Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!" The Eucharist is: Jesus truly present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity!

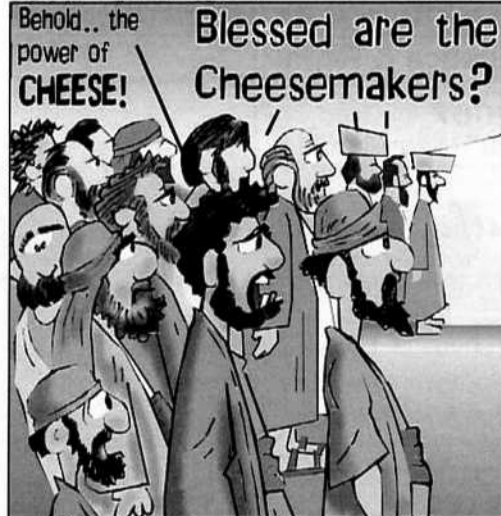
Saturday, Feb. 5

3:00 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
 4:00 pm **Confirmation with Bishop John Ricard at the Vigil Mass**. The *Catechism* describes Confirmation as a deepening of baptismal gifts. It says that the sacrament roots us more deeply in our identity as God's children; unites us more firmly with Christ; increases in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit; binds us more closely to the Church; and gives us special strength to bear witness to our faith (see #1303) Our bishop will pray thusly during the festive celebration, "All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence" There will be 31 confirmandi receiving the sacrament. Come join us for the celebration!

Sunday, Feb. 6

- 8:00 am Sunday Mass
- 8:15 am RCIA
- 8:45 am RE: K-5th Grades
- 10:00 am Sunday Mass with Children's Liturgy & **Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion**. Come meet the men who serve the St Rita, Resurrection, and Corpus Christi parishes as brother knights in this international organization.
- 11:00 am Youth Group
- 12:00 pm Mass at Christ the King

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



This simple misunderstanding of Mt 5:9 during Jesus' Sermon on the Mount led to a sect of believers who over time became Wisconsin Cheese Heads for Jesus!

3:30 pm Centering Prayer
 6:30 pm **Confirmation Rehearsal & Mini Retreat**. All confirmandi (with their sponsors if at all possible) are expected to attend this mandatory practice and time of prayer.

Weekly Stewardship

	St Rita	Christ the King
Offertory	\$ 8,599.30	\$ 609.00
2nd Collection	\$ 2,703.00	\$ 25.00
Spanish Mass	\$ 911.00	
Burse	\$ 210.00	\$ 55.006

Great Adventure Bible Study

Our Bible study resumes the week of February 21st with a refresher of what we learned during the six weeks in the fall. We will pick up again the week of March 7th. The classes are offered Wednesday evenings & Sunday afternoons at St. Rita, and Thursday evenings at Christ the King Mission. If you missed any classes last fall you can make them up by coming into the office and watching the videos here. Just call ahead @ 267-2558 first. If you know of anyone who wants to join they still can and we will help them get their own materials. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Wednesdays at</u> <u>6:15pm</u>	<u>Thursdays at</u> <u>6:30pm</u>	<u>Sundays at</u> <u>1:30pm</u>
Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 27
March 9	March 10	March 13
March 16	March 17	March 20
March 23	March 24	March 27
March 30	March 31	April 3
April 6	April 7	April 10
April 13	April 14	April 17

Jeff Cavins is coming to the Emerald Coast!

Discover the "Big Picture of the Bible" with Jeff Cavins

Saturday, March 19th at St. Mary Catholic Church

Remember he is the author and presenter of the Great Adventure Bible Study that we are doing here at St. Rita. He has been featured numerous times on EWTN.

www.SaintMaryChurchfwb.org

jeffcavinseminar@saintmarychurchfwb.org

Our Fabulous Fish Fries Continue!

Fridays, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
February 11th and 25th, March 11th

Suggested donation
Adults \$9
Kids 6-12 \$3.50

Our menu includes Pacific whitefish (a mild fish which is lightly breaded, deliciously seasoned, and fried to perfection), corn nuggets, baked beans, coleslaw, a variety of home-made desserts, and your choice of coffee/iced tea. A better value cannot be had and all for a good cause! Take out is available. Proceeds go to fund our Outreach Programs.

Fashion With The Stars

February 13th, 2 PM

Good News United Methodist

Tickets—\$15

Featuring fashions from Caring & Sharing Thrift Shop

For more information call

So you think you can cook?

Saint Rita Preschool's third annual spectacular Cook-Off fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011, 7:00pm-10:00pm at Alys Beach Amphitheater. Mark your calendars!

1. We need cooks/chefs who would like to enter a dish to compete! You don't have to be professional to enter (but of course we accept them as well). In fact in previous years most of our participants have come directly from our preschool family. Keep in mind that this night is for fun and a little bit of friendly competition, all in the name of a great cause.
2. We also need help in finding sponsors. We want to be sure that these persons or companies get properly recognized and need help securing them.

If you are willing to help please call Alea Dragon @225-9606 or Kristen Mitchell @687-0768 or e-mail stritchcooff@yahoo.com.
Thank you to all those who make this event so wonderful!

30th Annual Liturgical Celebration In Honor of Black History Month

Sunday, February 13

2:00 PM Musical Concert

Mass Follows

Celebrant: Most Rev. John Ricard, S.S.J.
St. Mary Catholic Church



St. Rita Pre-School

St. Rita Preschool is registering children for the upcoming school year (2011-2012)!

Please email Ali Barrett at stritchpreschool@gmail.com or 830-5679 for more information.

The preschool serves children from the ages 2-5. All children must be 2 by September, 2011 to be eligible for enrollment. Availability is limited, therefore we will be filling all remaining spots on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you and we look forward to having your family as part of the preschool family.

St. Rita Connection

(20-30 Somethings Group)

Meeting @ Starbuck's in Miramar Beach

6:30 pm, Wednesday, February 2, 2011

For more information call Christy Rizza @ 865-1832 or Nicole Faggioni @ 333-3566.

Come join us for social networking for Christ!

February 2011

St. Rita Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission

March 2011

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

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**Statement of the Catholic Bishops of Florida
on the 38th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade**
January 22, 2011

The first Sunday in October, since 1972, has been set aside by the Catholic bishops in the United States to pray for a culture of life and an end to abortion. While surveys show there is growing support for strict limits on the availability of abortion, unborn babies are still dying from chemical and surgical procedures that sometimes cause the death of the mother. We are grateful for the decline in numbers to 82,000 reported abortions in Florida for 2009 but we grieve over even one untimely death of one of God's creations, a unique and irreplaceable human being.

We are concerned about the growing chorus of voices in society, even among the young people in our church, who reject Church teaching about marriage as the proper union where one man and one woman form a lifelong partnership for the procreation and education of offspring. The current infatuation with sex as a recreational activity with little thought about the person that could be created through the sexual union only perpetuates abortion as a bad solution for what is referred to as a "problem pregnancy." Pornography, sexting, prostitution and other ills distort the sexuality with which God endowed humanity for the expression of mutual self-giving love and perpetuation of the human race.

For a pregnant woman at any stage of life who needs emotional or material assistance for her and her unborn child, the church offers help through crisis pregnancy centers and parish programs such as Gabriel Project. The growth of 40 Days for Life is proof that people are willing and able to help others choose life over the culture of death.

There are people who suffer from guilt and separation from the Church because of participation in an abortion at some point in their life. Healing and God's love, mercy and compassion are there for those who seek confession for what one may feel is an "unforgiveable sin." Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard, nationally recognized post-abortion programs approved by the Catholic Church, offer a confidential process for healing and reconciliation.

The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right—it is the very opposite. (cf. Pope Benedict XVI, 2007 address to Austrian diplomatic corps).

We pray that our great nation will come back to its founding principles, the first of which is that we are all created equal, endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, the most important being the right to life.

PROJECT RACHEL – CALL TOLL FREE 888-456-4673 <http://hopeafterabortion.com/>

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Bishops of Florida Call on Catholics to Fight the Evil of Human Trafficking

January 11, 2011

On this tenth anniversary of the passage of the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), we call upon the Florida faithful to be actively engaged in the fight against the evil of human trafficking. The Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign is intended to educate those who may come in contact with victims in churches, health care facilities, schools or the community so they can identify and report in order to rescue victims from their abusers.

The constant global movement of people across borders enables traffickers to bring close to one million victims into the United States yearly with relative ease, luring them with promises of money and then selling or using them in bondage. Profit over people places at risk women and children forced into prostitution, pornography and sexual entertainment to meet the huge demand of customers. Florida, a prime destination for traffickers because of agriculture and tourism, also depends upon workers in the fields, hotels, and other labor intensive industries. This extreme exploitation destroys the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health of the victims, leaving them scarred for life.

A troubling trend is the exploitation of minors in domestic sex trafficking. These youth, under age 18, are the runaway and throwaway children in society picked up on our streets and forced into sex acts in exchange for food and a bed. We grieve for the children whose innocence has been sacrificed in the name of greed and monetary gain, a shocking example of "man's inhumanity to man."

In a 2007 pastoral statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Migration, the bishops wrote: "Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person. All efforts must be expended to end it...to ensure that, one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth."

As we reflect on our human bond with each other and the words from Matthew 25:40, "as you did it to the least of my brethren, you did it to me," we call on Catholics to become educated about the scourge of trafficking in society. Our vulnerable brothers and sisters, trapped by poverty or circumstances, are waiting for us to help free them from bondage so they may be made whole and restored to health.

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