

St. Rita Home Habitat for Humanity

If you would like to help with one or our Parish Goals to fully sponsor a Habitat for Humanity home, please attend the next meeting on **Monday, December 17 at 6:30 pm** in the Portable Classroom.

Also on the schedule is a parish fundraiser for Habitat on Saturday, January 26, 2008. We will have a **Pancake Breakfast** combined with a **"Nearly New Sale"**. Volunteers and "nearly new" items are needed. Please call Marshall Wright at 278-6657 or Dave Casey at 830-6905 for additional information.

CCW

Will have a regular meeting on Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 PM.

Please bring a gift (\$10 limit) and Christmas goodies to share with the group.

Run out of Christmas Gift Giving Ideas?

How about a Goat for that person who has everything? Our St. Rita Goat Club can provide you with that "perfect" gift that can be named by you or by the recipient. Or, you may also choose bees or a sheep. The cost is \$100 for a goat, varying costs for bees, and \$200 for a sheep. For more information call Irene Haliday at 267-3302. Give a gift that will be remembered and help out Bosnia Relief as well.

BEING GOOD

Who stops being better stops being good.

—Oliver Cromwell

Christmas Schedule
December 24th 5:00 pm -
Children's Vigil Mass at St.
Rita
December 25th 12:00 am - St.
Rita
9:00 am - St. Rita
9:00 am - CTK

Tree of Remembrance Wednesday, December 19th

At the 5:15 PM Mass

We will remember our loved ones who have died by placing an ornament with their name on our tree. You may bring your own special ornament or we will have ornaments available (ornaments will be returned). We suggest you come early if you need to have your ornament inscribed. A Potluck Dinner will follow, so bring a special dish to share.

Nativity Reenactment

If you would like your child, ages 4-8, to participate in the Nativity reenactment at the children's Christmas Vigil Mass, please call the office. There will only be one rehearsal on Sunday, December 23rd after the 10 AM Mass.

Christ the King

Come help your fellow parishioner plan the future for the parish on Monday, January 14th at 6:30 PM. We will be brainstorming, praying and sharing fellowship the way that only we can do here at Christ the King. Hopefully, by now you have received your data cards.

Christmas Decorating
We will be decorating the Church for Christmas after the 8:00 AM Mass on December 24th.

"Sounds of the Season"

Schola Cantorum, an Emerald Coast a cappella choral group from OWC will present "Sounds of the Season" at several venues. The ensemble's program will feature music full of the spirit of Christmas. The local venue is The Community Church on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited and the concerts are free. For more information, call 267-2599.

27th Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference.

Location: Panama City Beach, Edgewater Beach Resort. Jan. 11-13, 2008. Theme: Come and See (John 1:39). Speakers: Deacon Bill Brennan, Sister Ann Shields, Father Eugene Pathe and Bishop John Ricard. Visit www.pt-dccr.org, call 385-2125 or e-mail j_kinneer@yahoo.com.

St. Bernadette Science Scene

December 20th 5:30 - 7 PM

Science fair projects will be on display and there will be several Super Science Participation Events open. Pizza and goodies will be for sale and there will be a Book Fair going on for last minute Christmas shopping. Join us for FUN at St. Bernadette's in Panama City.

Thank You!

Fritz and Jeannette Lammers would like to thank everyone for their prayers during Fritz's recent illness and surgery.

PERSPECTIVE

A mountain shames a molehill until they both are humbled by the stars.

—Old adage

Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming 2008 Snowbird Events

Monday, January 14th

Snowbird Breakfast

Friday, January 18th 3-7 pm Fish Fry

Saturday, February 2nd 3-7 pm

Pasta Dinner

Friday, February 15th 3-7 pm

Fish Fry

Friday, March 7th 3-7 pm Fish Fry

St. Vincent de Paul

Works tirelessly with the indigent here in South Walton County. One account concerned a young mother of two whose husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer. The prognosis is that the father will not live to Christmas. St. Vincent helped the family by paying the electric bill and giving them vouchers for food. One of the St. Vincent members volunteered to get Christmas presents for the two children. This account is just one of many that St. Vincent deals with so generously. Next weekend, St. Vincent will be collecting at the doors after Mass. Please be generous!! And thank you for your continued support.

Mass Intentions for Week of December 16, 2007

Saturday, Dec. 15 *Vigil: 3rd Sunday Of Advent*
 5:30 PM +Gordon Hough
 by the Asteinza Family

Sunday, Dec. 16 *3rd Sunday Of Advent*
 8:00 AM Faye Reed
 by the Barnes Family
 People of St. Rita
 People of Christ the King

Monday, Dec. 17 *Advent Weekday*
 8:00 AM +Marlin Ewing
 by the Asteinza Family

Tuesday, Dec. 18 *Advent Weekday*
 8:00 AM +Mary Calandra
 by Jim & JoAnn Haemmerle

Wednesday, Dec. 19 *Advent Weekday*
 5:15 PM +Fran Dougherty
 by the Asteinza Family

Thursday, Dec. 20 *Advent Weekday*
 8:00 AM +Lucien Dionne
 by Tom & Joan Morgan

Friday, Dec. 21 *Advent Weekday*
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service

Saturday, Dec. 22 *Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent*
 5:30 PM +Reiko Martens
 by Don & Judi Rutland

7:00 PM **Misa en Espanol**



God's Word This Week

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

In your prayers, please remember those whose names are in our prayer intention book in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Pray for those who are sick and recovering, especially **Marie Johnston, John LeBleu, Thomas Delahoussaye, Rosalie Sumrall, Ellen O'Connell, Jerry Holzhall, Brennan Johnston, Isabelle O'Brian, Donna Boe, Curt Clauson, Rich Renner, Nibby Rutland, Rita Moran, Donna Prijatelj, Laurene Sugar, Jack Weidman, Sam Stokes, Kathy Pinyan, Fritz Lammers, Sophie Lawrence, Charles Germano, Betty Miller, Jackie Enderle, Elizabeth O'Brien, Ralph Barnard, John Alan McGuire, Nelvin Luke, Jerry Luke, Lawrence Ferran, Elaine Guy, Michael Trombley, Bill Hodge, Pat Barnard, Ellen Best, Birdle Causey & Lynn Waddell.** If there is someone who needs special prayers at Mass, please call the office so we can include them.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

	St. Rita	Christ the King
Offertory	\$ 8,942.54	\$ 836.00
2nd Collection	\$ 1,647.00	\$
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 1,937.68	\$ 72.00
Spanish Mass	\$ 203.00	

WATCHING AND WAITING

In his love Christ has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes at the end of time he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

—Adapted from second Preface for Advent, Roman Missal

This Week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission

Sunday, Dec. 16

8:00 am **Mass**
 8:45 am **R. E. Classes** (K-4th grade)
 10:00 am **Mass with Children's Liturgy**
 12:00 pm **Mass @ CTK**
 1:00 pm **CTK Altar Guild Meeting**
 3:00 pm **Pack Meeting & Potluck** (MSS)
Scouts Court of Honor Ceremony

Monday, Dec. 17

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**
 8:30 am **Rosary** (Church)
 3:00 pm **Brownie Troop #303** (Portable)
 6:00 pm **Boy Scouts** (Portable) Grades 5-11
 6:30 pm **Habitat for Humanity Comm. Mtg.** (Portable)
 7:00 pm **Prayer Group**

Tuesday, Dec. 18

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**
 8:30 am **Rosary** (Church)

Wednesday, Dec. 19

9:00 am **Sewing Group** (MSS)
 5:15 pm **Daily Mass**
Tree of Remembrance during Mass
 5:45 pm **Potluck Dinner** (MSS)
 6:00 pm **Hispanic Ministry** (Church)

6:30 pm **Spirit Nite** Topic: Family Movie Night "The Nativity" (Space permitting, movie will be shown in the Youth Group portable.)
 6:30 pm **R. E. Classes** Grades 5-12 **to join Family Movie Night**

Thursday, Dec. 20

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**
 8:30 am **Rosary**
 2:00 pm **RCIA Comm. Mtg.** (Admin. Center)
 3:00 pm **Cub Scouts** (Portable)
 6:30 pm **IMF Class** (Admin. Center)
 7:00 pm **CCW & Men's Club** (MSS)

Friday, Dec. 21

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Holy Communion Service**
 8:30 am **Holy Hour & Exposition**

Saturday, Dec. 22

9:00 am **Centering Prayer** (MSS)
 4:30 pm **Confessions**
 5:30 pm **Vigil Mass**
 7:00 pm **Misa en Espanol**

Sunday, Dec. 23

8:00 am **Mass**
 10:00 am **Mass with Children's Liturgy**
 12:00 pm **Mass at CTK**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you need assistance or know of anyone in need, call St. Vincent de Paul at 888-229-6582. The Society is open to everyone. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Caring & Sharing needs cereal and juice, also specific food for the Holidays, i.e. dressing, gravy, instant mashed potatoes, yams... Donations may be dropped off in the box in the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

Altar Linen Schedule

December 16 Ursula Mazzolini
 December 23 Dee Logue

Saturday Vigil will continue to be at 5:30PM until January 5, 2008 when it will change to 4:00 PM.

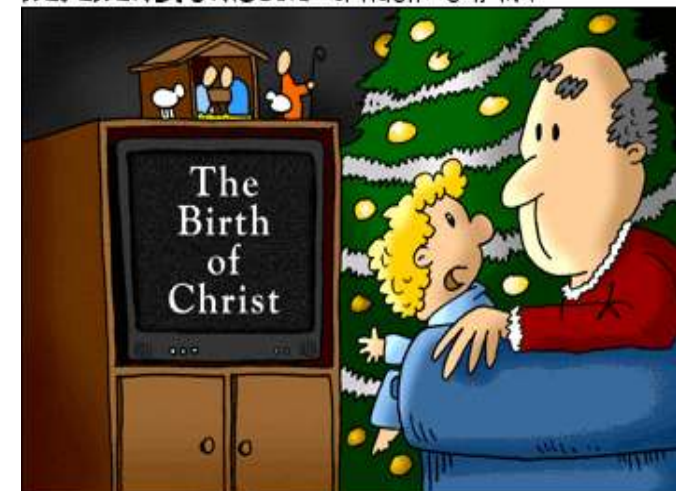
beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of

Home Visitations

If your name is on the list below, please call the office at 267-2558 to schedule a time when Father Tom can come for a home visit. This is an opportunity to get to know parishioners on a one to one basis and to bless each parishioner's home. Meals are not necessary.

- Mr. & Mrs. F. Ayuso
- Mr. & Mrs. D. Bailey
- Ms. R. Baird
- Mr. & Mrs. M. Bakane
- Ms. Jacqueline Connolly

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Thanks to Brent Smith (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-25-2003
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