

Schedule for Lenten Fridays5:15 PM Mass5:45 PM Soup & Salad Dinner6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Several groups have volunteered to coordinate the Soup & Salad Dinners. This Friday the Habitat for Humanity will sponsor the Soup & Salad Dinner.

Substitute***Guardians of the Hour***

Are needed for Eucharistic Adoration. Please call Judi Rutland at 231-4760 or Lyn Colello at 267-0932 if you are interested in this Ministry.

Christ the King

The first objective of the Parish plan is to "Create a finance committee constitution and then seat the committee."

If you would like to be part of the team to create the constitution, please come to the meeting at Christ the King Parish on Tuesday, March 4 at 1:00 pm.

33rd Annual DCCW Convention
"Catholic Social Teaching:
Renewing the Face of the
Earth"

April 20 - 23

Ramada Plaza Beach Resort

Fort Walton Beach

Schedule includes a balance of prayer, fellowship, and information sessions.

Deadline for registration is April 1st.

Parish Work Day***Saturday, March 8th******8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon***

Please bring gloves, rakes, blowers.

We are planning on planting new trees to replace our oaks that have died. We need all the help that we can get to prepare St. Rita for the Easter season.

Parish Reconciliation Service**Tuesday, March 11****6:30 PM**

The Church requires that we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least one time a year with more frequent receptions of the sacrament encouraged. Several priests will be available for confession during this service. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to prepare yourself for the joyful celebration of the Resurrection of Lord and Savior at Easter.

Thank you

to all who made our February 15th Fish Fry an overwhelming success we broke our record for meals served (514) at a paid church function. The folks who work the fish fry have a wonderful sense of community. Nobody does it better than St. Rita. Thanks again for the support and God Bless You All !!!

CCW Bake Sale**Weekend of March 1-2nd****After all Masses**

Please stop by and sample the delectable goodies our ladies have concocted.

Sacred Heart Hospital Chapel
Masses on Tuesday & Thursdays
at 11:30 AM.

Mass Intentions for Week of February 24, 2008

Saturday, Feb. 23 *Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent*
 4:00 PM +Ralph Gillies
 by Rosa Gillies

Sunday, Feb. 24 *3rd Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM +Ernie Wetschka
 by George Shimshock & Helen LaBarge
 People of St. Rita
 +Johnnie Franck

Monday, Feb. 25 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM +Thomas Campbell
 by John & Barbara Attley

Tuesday, Feb. 26 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service

Wednesday, Feb. 27 *Lenten Weekday*
 5:15 PM +Frank Robaina
 by the Robaina & Martinez Families

Thursday, Feb. 28 *Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM +Helen Shimshock
 by George Shimshock & Helen LaBarge

Friday, Feb. 29 *Lenten Weekday*
 5:15 PM +John LaBarge
 by George Shimshock & Helen LaBarge

Saturday, March 1 *Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent*
 4:00 PM Dolores Brashear
 by Don & Judi Rutland



God's Word This Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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, Jerry B. Johnston, Isabelle O'Brian, Donna Boe, Curt Clauson, Rich Renner, Rita Moran, Donna Prijatelj, Laurene Sugar, Jack Weidman, Sam Stokes, Sophie Lawrence, Betty Miller, Jackie Enderle, John A. McGuire, Berenice Newell, Ellen Best, Birdle Causey, Ellen Barton, Michael McKeon, Kermit Driscoll, Rex Akridge, Rita & Harold Lang, Dick & Barbara Howell, Kim Bakane, Fr. Richardson, Pat Barnard, William Horne, Danika Darley, Barb Bukaty, David Haliday & Chuck Warman. 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 |
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| Offertory | \$ 10,697.57 | \$ 635.65 |
| 2 nd Collection | \$ 3,250.47 | \$ 3,000.00 |

FORGIVENESS

People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert

This Week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission

Sunday, Feb. 24

8:00 am Mass
 8:45 am Family R. E. Classes (K-4th grades)
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
 12:00 pm Mass @ CTK
 4:00 pm Blue & Gold Banquet (MSS)

Monday, Feb. 25

7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Daily Mass
 8:30 am Rosary (Church)
 3:30 pm Brownie Troop #303 (Portable)
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Grades 5-11 (MSS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Church)

Tuesday, Feb. 26

7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Holy Communion Service
 8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Bible Study: Exodus (MSS)
 6:30 pm IMF Class (Admin. Center)

Wednesday, Feb. 27

9:00 am Sewing Group (MSS) Everyone is welcome to help. Skills not necessary.
 5:15 pm Daily Mass
 5:45 pm Potluck Dinner (MSS)
 6:00 pm Hispanic Ministry (Church)
 6:30 pm Spirit Nite (MSS) Topic: Sacred Liturgy
 6:30 pm R.E. Classes Grades 5-12 (Portables)

Thursday, Feb. 28

7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Daily Mass
 8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am St. Elizabeth Seton Study Group (Cry Room)
 3:00 pm Cub Scouts (Portable)

Friday, Feb. 29

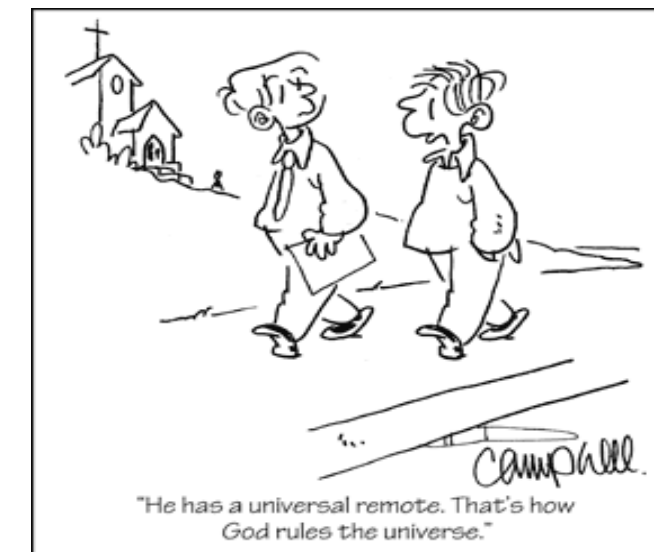
5:15 pm Lenten Daily Mass
 5:45 pm Soup & Salad Dinner hosted by the Scouts. A donation would be appreciated. (MSS)
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 1

9:00 am Centering Prayer (Church)
 3:00 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
 5:00 pm CCW Bake Sale after Mass (MSS)

Sunday, Mar. 2

8:00 am Mass
 8:45 am Family R.E. Classes (K-4th grades)
 9:15 am R.E. Communal Adoration with parents
 9:00 am CCW Bake Sale after Mass (MSS)
 9:00 am Pro-Life General Meeting (MSS)
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
 11:00 am CCW Bake Sale after Mass (MSS)
 12:00 pm Mass at CTK
 1:00 pm CTK Potluck Dinner



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. R. Burns
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Burns
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Burton
- Mr. & Mrs. A. Calasso
- Mr. & Mrs. G. Goodwin

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 diapers, 1-5, and toothpaste. Donations can be dropped off at the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

Altar Linen Schedule

February 24 JoAnn Vance
 March 2 Anna Fowler

CSA (Catholic Sharing

Appeal) Please return your CSA Pledge card as soon as possible