

# Fall Bible Study

## "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom"

The Fall Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Mary Star of the Sea Room. The focus of the study will be the establishment of the Church as the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Through the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, universal truths of the Kingdom of God are clearly delineated and God's will for us today more fully realized. Registration forms are available in the

Mary Star of the Sea Room and at the Parish Office. A calendar is available on the website - [saintrita-parish.org](http://saintrita-parish.org). The fee for materials is \$30.

### Request

For donations of rosaries, prayer holy cards, medals, etc. for our soldiers and the people of Iraq. Bring donations to the parish office or contact Cindy Jones at 835-2773.

### Guardian ad Litem Program

needs volunteers to be advocates for children who are abused, abandoned, and neglected and who are involved in dependency court proceedings. Through research gathering and regular one-on-one visits, volunteers make independent recommendations to the court, offering a compassionate voice for these children. With recent budget cuts, the agency is in great need of volunteers for the program. The average time needed per volunteer is 4-6 hours per month. For more information call 892-8676.

## French Boys Choir

### Les Moineaux du Val de Marne

A choir of 40 French Boys will be at St. Mary Church in Ft. Walton Beach on Friday, August 22 at 7:00 PM. for a free concert. All are invited.

### Stewardship

*"Bring the whole tithe into the*

*storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this, says the Lord of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessings upon you without measure?" (Malachi 3:10)* Based on love, faith, trust and gratitude in God, those who have accepted God's challenge to "try me in this" have found the key to their practical stewardship of treasure. They are repeating the "blessings upon you without measure." They who are tithing or are working toward a tithe will tell how remarkable their material needs have been met. In addition, they will cite these spiritual blessings; - a sense of serenity that comes from generosity; - an awareness that God comes first - even in decisions about money; - a recognition that they have eliminated the practice of making weekly contributions from leftovers or habit; - a deep pride in their parish's progress made possible by tithing; - an ability to distinguish between wants and needs; - a deeper consciousness of society's materialism and consumerism; - a keener appreciation of the world's poor; - a quiet confidence of the Lord's protective care. Father Richard Altenbaugh, 941-0445.

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 PM Dinner**  
**7:00 PM Meeting**  
**Mary Star of the Sea Room**

***Drive Safely***  
***School Starts This Week!!!***

**Mass Intentions for Week of Aug. 17, 2008**

**Saturday, Aug. 16** **Vigil: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 5:30 PM Intentions of the Tim Kelly Family by Jim & Mary Kelly

**Sunday, Aug. 17** **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM The People of St. Rita  
 10:00 AM +Rev. Ed Richardson by Judi Reid  
 12:00 PM (CTK) +Ellen Barton by Dan & Pat Dowd

**Monday, Aug. 18** **St. Jane Frances de Chantal**  
 8:00 AM +Helen Wathen by Maggie Deviney

**Tuesday, Aug. 19** **St. John Eudes**  
 8:00 AM +Pat Barnard by Ellen O'Connell

**Wednesday, Aug. 20** **St. Bernard**  
 5:15 PM Intentions of Tim Kelly Family by Jim & Mary Kelly

**Thursday, Aug. 21** **St. Pius X**  
 8:00 AM Intentions of Tim Kelly Family by Jim & Mary Kelly

**Friday, Aug. 22** **Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service

**Saturday, Aug. 23** **Vigil: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 5:30 PM Intentions of Tim Kelly Family by Jim & Mary Kelly  
 7:00 PM Misa en Espanol



**God's Word This Week**

**Monday:** Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16  
**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40  
**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12  
**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME**

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

**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, Rosalie Sumrall, Jerry B. Johnston, Donna Boe, Curt Clauson, Rita Moran, Donna Prijatelj, Laurene Sugar, Jack Weidman, Sophie Lawrence, Betty Miller, Ellen Best, Concetta Loduca, Michael McKeon, Hilda Martinez, Dick & Barbara Howell, Kim Bakane, William Horne, Danika Darley, David Haliday, Darya Darley, Nibby Rutland, Lynn Lowe, Janine Becker, Ed Ellington, Wendy Kulanis, Tim Kelly, Danny Wilson, Rick Keating, James Payne, Bob James, Arlene Roberts, Kathy Linder, Paul Belardino, Chris Flow, Ellen Frye, Baby John Lawson, Baby Setephano De Oliveira, Robert Rau, Mario Perez, Vincent Caggiano & Sam Stokes.** If there is someone who needs special prayers at Mass, please call the office so we can include them.

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

	<i>St. Rita</i>	<i>Christ the King</i>
<i>Offertory</i>	\$ 7,160.99	\$ 813.50
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</i>	\$ 2,518.83	\$
<i>Latin America</i>	\$ 1,733.23	\$ 74.00
<i>Spanish Mass</i>	\$ 237.00	

**This Week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission**

**Sunday, Aug. 17**

8:00 am Sunday Mass  
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy  
 11:00 am Children's Choir Practice (Church)  
 12:00 pm Mass @ CTK  
 1:00 pm CTK Altar Guild Meeting

**Monday, Aug. 18**

7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)  
 8:00 am Daily Mass  
 8:30 am Rosary (Church)  
 10:00 am Pre-School Parent Orientation (MSS)  
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (MSS)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Church)

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**

7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)  
 8:00 am Daily Mass  
 8:30 am Rosary  
 9:00 am Pre-School First Day of School  
 :00 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. (MSS)

**Wednesday, Aug. 20**

9:00 am Sewing Group (MSS) Everyone is welcome. No skills are necessary, just a giving heart.  
 5:15 pm Daily Mass  
 5:45 pm Potluck Dinner (MSS)  
 6:00 pm Hispanic Ministry (Church)  
 6:30 pm Spirit Nite (MSS)

**Thursday, Aug. 21**

7:40 pm Morning Prayer (Church)  
 8:00 am Daily Mass  
 8:30 am Rosary (Church)  
 9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul General Mtg. (Portable)  
 3:00 pm Cub Scouts (Portable)

**Friday, Aug. 22**

7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)  
 8:00 am Holy Communion Service  
 8:30 am Holy Hour – Exposition  
 5:30 pm Young Married Couples Date Night  
 Babysitting at MSS

**Saturday, Aug. 23**

9:00 am Centering Prayer  
 4:30 pm Confessions  
 5:15 pm RCIA Registration before Mass  
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass  
 7:00 pm Misa en Espanol

**Sunday, Aug. 24**

7:45 am RCIA Registration before Mass  
 8:00 am Sunday Mass  
 9:45 am RCIA Registration before Mass  
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy  
 11:00 am Children's Choir Practice (Church)  
 12:00 pm Mass at CTK  
 1:00 pm CTK Altar Guild Meeting

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Si necesita ayuda o conoce a alguien que la necesite, llame usted a la Sociedad de San Vincente de Paul, y pregunte por Felita al 622-2120 despues de las 5 de la tarde. La Sociedad invita a toda el mundo a participar. Las reuniones son el 3er jueves del mes.

**Caring & Sharing** needs canned corn, beef stew, toothpaste, and diapers size 5 or 6. Donations can be dropped off at the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

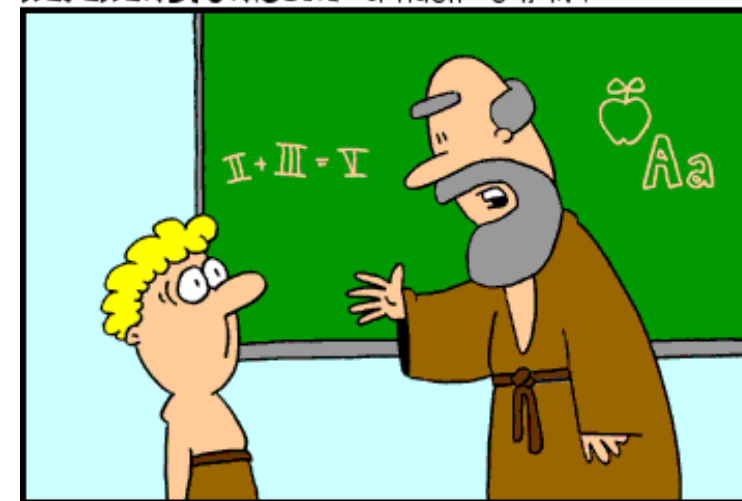
**Altar Linen Schedule**

Aug. 17 Janette Lammers  
 Aug. 24 Brigid Iannuzzi

*A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.*

—St. Anthony

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WHY CAN'T YOU JUST BE LIKE THAT JESUS BOY IN YOUR CLASS ... HE ALWAYS BEHAVES AND HAS HIS HOMEWORK DONE ON TIME

**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.

- Ms. Irene Haliday
- Ms. Christian Hardt
- Mr. & Mrs. D. Harrigan
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Harstvedt
- Mr. & Mrs. L. Botero