St. Rita in the Desert Catholic Church

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Col 1: 13-14)

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.".

(Lk 23: 42-43)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

CHRIST

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

November 20, 2022

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

WEEKDAY: (Mon-Fri): 8:00 am
Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm (in Spanish), 5:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:30pm on Saturdays
Or by appointment

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PASTOR: **Fr. Alonzo Garcia** AUXILLARY PRIESTS: **Msgr. John Cusack, Fr. Stan Szczapa, Fr. John Allt, Fr. Greg Jones**
DEACON: **Ron Desmarais**

WELCOME

The Mass *Who can give a homily?*

Corner

The homily must be given by an ordained priest or deacon, who has apostolic authority to teach the Deposit of Faith. The priest or deacon must share the truths of the faith and not his own personal opinion on different matters; he must explain the Word and then exhort the people to action (CCC 1349). No, a weak homily is not a good excuse to take a nap or make a mental grocery list; rather, it is an opportunity to become a better listener, to discipline oneself to hear what the Holy Spirit would like him or her to hear personally.

Text taken from
Beneath the Surface of the Mass booklet.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

Quilt RAFFLE

The St. Rita in the Desert Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding our annual Quilt Raffle (one of only two fundraisers we hold each year) beginning this Saturday, November 19 and will continue until the drawing after the 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11th. The quilt this year is entitled "Americana" and was sewn with many hours of love (over 60). Every dollar you spend will, in turn, be spent to help those in need. So many of our neighbors struggle to feed their families, keep the lights on, and pay the rent. Not only will one of you get to win this beautiful quilt, but all of you will help these families. The quilt would make a beautiful gift for someone, too!

St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: 520.762.9644

ABOUT US

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Friday after the 8:00am Mass for an hour

Anointing of the Sick:
Every First Friday at the 8:00am Mass

Baptisms: Please visit our website under the tab LITURGY/SACRAMENTS and fill out the *Intent to Baptize Form* on our website.

Confirmation: Contact Youth Minister or OCIA coordinator.

Marriage: Marriage arrangements must be made at least 4 months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

TODAY

8:00am - 11:00am
in the hall

Come support the Knights of Columbus' Scholarship and Seminarian Funds.

Donations are graciously accepted.

This Month is the Celebration of African American holy women and men on the road to sainthood. See the poster of their pictures and names in the Vestibule. There are also flyers with their stories and pictures for you to take home and pray to them for help in your life.

Give Thanks to the Lord

THANKSGIVING MASS

As we make preparations for our Thanksgiving Day celebrations and dinners, let us remember to give thanks to God Almighty and gather around the Lord's table with your parish family. Begin your tradition this year and come to 8:00am Mass to thank him for the blessings he has given us. Mass will be in the St. John XXIII Center on Thursday, November 24. You are invited to bring an item from your Thanksgiving Dinner to be blessed during Mass. A table will be set near the altar for these items. We look forward to seeing you!

ADVENT MISSION

Please join Fathers Bob and Dick Gielow at St. Francis de Sales Parish as they lead an Advent Parish Mission. The Mission theme is:

Looking Forward to Celebrating God's Coming.

Who is This God?

Monday, November 28 at 10:00am and 6:00pm

Did He Promise Anything?

Tuesday, November 29 at 6:00pm

Will He Help Me Make a Difference?

Wednesday, November 30 at 10:00am and 6:00pm

The address of St. Francis de Sales Parish is 1375 S. Camino Seco in Tucson.

Advent begins November 27

The gift Shop will be closed November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

ST. RITA'S GIFT SHOP

Advent Sales

Advent Candles
Advent Wreaths
Advent Calendars
and more!

Christmas gifts are also available

Stop by the Gift Shop to pick up your Advent needs. They will also be available outside the St. John XXIII Center on November 19 & 20.
Hours: Sunday from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

PARISH NEWS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 20 Advent Sales St. Vincent de Paul Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales Notre Dame CU Membership Drive after Mass Gift Shop Open, 8am Pancake Breakfast, 8:00am OCIA Session, 10:00am Middle School Youth Grp High School Youth Group 3:00pm AA, 7:00pm	**Nov 21** 8:00am Mass AA, 9:30am Teen Sacrament Class, 4:00pm Welcoming Team Meeting 4:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 6:00pm Choir Practice for 9AM Mass, 6:30pm	**Nov 22** 8:00am Mass Jazzercise, 8:00am Legion de Maria 6:00pm Choir Practice, 6:30pm AA, 7:00pm	**Nov 23** 8:00am Mass Women's Scripture Study, 9:00am Sewing Angels, 9:30am	**Nov 24** 8:00am Mass Thanksgiving Day Parish Office Closed AA/Al-anon, 7:00pm	**Nov 25** 8:00am Mass Adoration Parish Office Closed Legion of Mary 10:00am	**Nov 26** Men's Fellowship/ Scripture Study, 7:30am Spanish Choir Practice 2:00pm Confession, 3:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales after Mass
Nov 27 St. Vincent de Paul Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales after Mass OCIA Session, 10:00am AA, 7:00pm	**Nov 28** 8:00am Mass AA, 9:30am Teen Sacrament Class, 4:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 6:00pm Choir Practice for 9AM Mass, 6:30pm	**Nov 29** 8:00am Mass Jazzercise, 8:00am Legion de Maria 6:00pm Choir Practice, 6:30pm AA, 7:00pm	**Nov 30** 8:00am Mass Women's Scripture Study, 9:00am Sewing Angels, 9:30am Elementary Religious Education, 4:00pm Children's Choir, 5:30pm OCIA Session, 6:30pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting, 7:00pm	**Dec 1** 8:00am Mass Thanksgiving Day Jazzercise, 8:00am Legion of Mary, 3:00pm Music Ministry Practice, 6:30pm AA/Al-anon, 7:00pm	**Dec 2** 8:00am Mass Adoration Anointing of the Sick Quilting Angels 9:00am	**Dec 3** Frist Saturday Devotion, 7:30am First Saturday Mass, 8:00am First Reconciliation, 9:00am Spanish Choir Practice 2:00pm Confession, 3:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales after Mass

St. Rita in the Desert
19th Annual Fall Festival

Argus IRB Inc.
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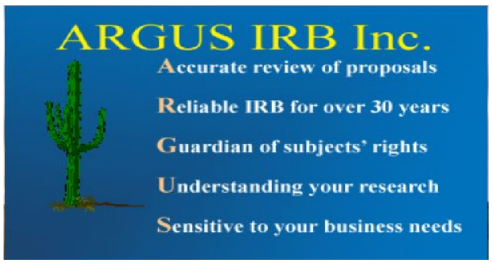
Emerald level cash sponsors donated $500 to our event

Support those who support us.



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Thank you to all the amazing St. Rita parishioners who came out to help sort the food brought in by the many schools in the Vail School District. Together with community volunteers, you made short work of a lot of food. And the baskets are all ready for distribution. Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets will be distributed on November 21st 11am-3pm at the Vail Food Bank for our Vail, Corona de Tucson and Rita Ranch food bank clients.

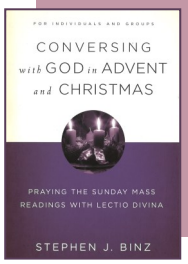
Another thank you to the many who have donated gift cards and money to support the Holiday Food Baskets and Weekend Backpack Program. Every donation goes a long way toward supporting our community with food over the holidays and beyond. The donation envelopes will remain in the pews through mid December as we will be distributing Christmas baskets on December 19th and gift cards are needed for those baskets too.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Sunday evenings in Advent following the 5:00pm Mass
6:15-7:45pm in the Oscar Romero Room
November 27, December 4, 11, & 18

Lectio Divina is an ancient and prayerful form of Bible Study that each person can read the same Bible passage and yet receive a unique message from it.

For more information and to sign up, contact Sally Oakes at faithenrichment@stritainthedesert.org.
Materials will be provided.



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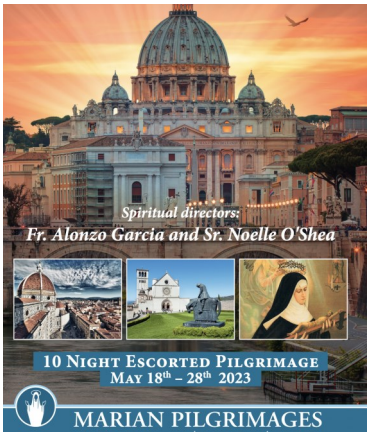
Oct 31 through Dec 11
our local Arby's Restaurant
at 10115 E Old Vail Road
offers the opportunity to help the Greater Vail community through customer purchase donations

Visit Arby's for dine-in or drive-thru and help feed our families in need!

CELEBRATE ST RITA'S FEAST DAY IN CASCIA, ITALY ON MAY 22, 2023!

Join Fr. Alonzo, Sr. Noelle and fellow parishioners for an incredible pilgrimage to Rome, Cascia, Assisi, Siena & Florence from May 18-28, 2023. Reservations are open and deposits are being taken by our tour company, Marian Pilgrimages. If you are interested, please contact your hosts, Tamara Middleton (928.814.3829) or Debbie Boyd (520.975.6528) to receive this important information. Additional brochures are available on the table in the Narthex.



Advent begins Sunday, November 27. Have you thought of how you will prepare your heart for the Christ Child this Advent Season? Here are a few links to help you.

Dynamic Catholic: Christmas Ever
- daily emails with short video
- dynamiccatholic.com

Formed Daily Reflections
- daily emails with short video
- daily.formed.org

Ignatian Spirituality
- Weekly reflections
- www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:00 pm	Living & Deceased of Joseph Milke Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00 am	First Responders
9:00 am	St. Rita
11:00 am	† Katy Holquin
1:00 pm	The Living & Deceased of St. Rita's Community
5:00 pm	The Men & Women in the Armed Services

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 am	Fr. Stan Szczapa, Mary Ann Cleveland, and her deceased relatives

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 am	† Angela Hernandez

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 am	The Living & Deceased of St. Rita's Community

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 am	† Raymond & Patricia Koffman

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 am	† Moxey O'Donnell

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

5:00 pm	†

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00 am	† Bob Ford
9:00 am	†
11:00 am	†
1:00 pm	† Berta Tellez
5:00 pm	† Ann Schleicher

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS PRAYERS? LET US HELP

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
GALATIONS 6:2

We are the body of Christ and we support one another. You are invited to share your prayer intentions by sending to prayernetwork@stritainthedesert.org. We will pray for intentions for one month, but, of course, we can continue our prayers for your intentions longer if requested.

Eleanor Romine	Judy Cheron	Danielle Cummings
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Steve Wesoloski	Ron Lapora & family	Terry Crump
Renate Hartman	Patricia Ann Koffman	Giji
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Jimmy Durda	Matthew Palakovich	Gerry Wargaski
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Jennifer Wesaw	Rey Brown	Joseph Villalobos
Ruth Higgins	Dorothy Bobchuck	Patricia Abney
Debbie Collins	Bob Dupnik	Joan McCaffrey
Kevin & Jen Stack	Judy Nielsen	Sr. Rosalia Giba

If you would like to join our Prayer Warriors as we pray for our community, email prayernetwork@stritainthedesert.org.
The more Prayer Warriors, the more prayers are sent to heaven!

THE QUILTING ANGELS

The Quilting Angels have started up again after a rest for the summer and getting thru the Festival. Nothing says loving like a warm cozy quilt. We make quilts to be donated to those less fortunate than ourselves or to help the church however we can as we did in the Silent Auction during the Festival. We are a small group and welcome anyone who loves quilting, or has a desire to learn how to make quilts. The meetings are held at the home of Peggy Schultz. If you w ould like to meet with a great group of ladies, contact Peggy at ilovequilting1@yahoo.com.

BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Bulletin	*Deadline*
December 4	Mon, Nov 28
December 11	Sun, Dec 4
December 18	Thur, Dec 8
December 25	Wed, Dec 14
January 1	Wed, Dec 21
January 8	Mon, Jan 2

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HOLIDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

1 November to 31 December

Vail Safeway
- located at -
13380 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way

St. Rita's Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on December 11, 2022.
Hospital demand for blood continues to outpace donations - you help is vital. Please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment (enter sponsor code **saintrita**

Give Something that Means Something

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY: St. Cecilia
WEDNESDAY: St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl Miguel Agustin Pro

THURSDAY: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

FRIDAY: St. Catherine of Alexandria

NEXT SUNDAY: 1st Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY OFFERING

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

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The name of the GREEN envelopes for the BUILDING MAINTENANCE collection has changed. Beginning in November, the new name of the collection on the THIRD SUNDAY is **CAMPUS MAINTENANCE**. The use of these funds will not change; we have only changed the name of the collection to better reflect its purpose.

The Second Collection today is for the CAMPUS MAINTENANCE Fund.

SUNDAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Nov 26 & 27

SATURDAY, 5:00PM MASS

Usher	Jerry Gillette
Usher	Frank Giegerich
Lector	Mike Young
MofHC	Maryann Knieter

SUNDAY, 7:00AM MASS

Usher	Julie Menard
Usher	Tom Hogan
Lector	Tony Hughes
MofHC	Willard Adams

SUNDAY, 9:00AM MASS

Usher	Rick Winkel
Usher	Kim Winkel
Lector	Mari-Katherine Scruggs
MofHC	Suzanne Roelike

SUNDAY, 11:00AM MASS

Usher	Carol McCartney
Usher	Bettelee Reding
Lector	Bob Foy
MofHC	Deacon Ron

SUNDAY, 5:00PM MASS

Usher	Wayne Glembin
Usher	
Lector	Frank Hall
MofHC	Carol Wagner Williams

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...With God, all things are possible! (Matt 19:26)
November 20, 2022

"The other criminal said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." (LK 22: 35-43)

Dear Parish Family,

Who says there is no honor among thieves? If we examine today's Gospel, we see that there is one among them that is very honorable. Of course, it is sad to see the other thief screaming and yelling at Jesus in an almost arrogant and entitled way. Perhaps, he could not see the errors of his life choices? It was the choices he had made that got him crucified and nailed to the cross. However, the Good Thief humbly accepted his punishment and rebuked his fellow thief. They were both in the same boat, and their sentence was just. The punishment given to Jesus was not just and the Good Thief knew this and sought forgiveness of the Lord from the cross!

We truly have a loving and compassionate Lord who is still willing to act in compassion and mercy despite the agony, pain, and betrayal He felt upon the cross. As he was dying, Jesus found more love and compassion from within to pardon the Good Thief. How about us?

When we sin or make mistakes and get caught, we often take the perspective of the first thief. Our life experiences and crosses become an obstacle for us to see the sufferings of others and offer a loving and compassionate response. When we fail to repent and seek forgiveness, we become bitter, angry, and resentful. Jesus took up the cross for us to be free and to experience His love here and now!

As we enter the upcoming weeks of Advent and the anticipation of the Lord in His Nativity, perhaps we ought to take a renewed spiritual approach to see our neighbors as collaborators on our journey to grace. Instead of being fearful and isolated, we can be open to new horizons and possibilities that the cross of Christ brings us.

Next week we will celebrate the First week of Advent. With each new liturgical season comes a sense of renewal and refreshment in our spiritual lives. As we enter the penitential Season of Advent, what are some things we can work on within ourselves to offer as a gift to the infant Child Jesus? Perhaps we can give up past hurts, set ourselves and others free, and forgive someone from the heart.

Good news. Bishop Weisenburger has lifted the prohibition of having the precious Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at Masses. This presents YOU with the opportunity to become involved in the Eucharistic Celebration of Mass. If you have been an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in the past and would like to come back to ministry or if you would like to become any of the Liturgical Ministers (Usher, Lector, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion), this is your time! On Sunday, November 27 (the First Sunday of Advent), the Precious Blood will be offered at the 9:00 am Mass only. As we are able, it will be extended to other Masses as well. Please contact Mrs. Sue Lakosky (ministerschedule@stritainthedesert.org) or Deacon Ron Desmarais (deaconron@stritainthedesert.org) to renew or begin your ministry. Thank you.

We welcome to our parish this weekend Ms. Amanada Giroux. She is our Notre Dame Federal Credit Union representative. She is here to answer any questions and sign-up new members. Notre Dame Federal Credit Union has competitive rates and many other valuable services for one and all. Kindly stop by after Mass and say hello.

Lastly, I am happy to present you with the financial report for the last fiscal year. It is included in today's bulletin. You will notice that we have substantially increased our overall annual income. That is in large part to your generous donations and weekly offering to your parish church. All I can say is thank you, thank you. I am humbled and sincerely appreciative of the sacrifices you all make on behalf of our parish family. May the Lord continue to shower us with His choicest blessings!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Alonzo M. García

Reverend Alonzo M. García
Pastor

STA. RITA EN EL DESIERTO
IGLESIA CATÓLICA ROMANA

OFICINA DEL PASTOR
…Con Dios, todo es posible! *Mateo 19:26*

20 de noviembre de 2022

"Y le decía a Jesús: "Señor, cuando llegues a tu Reino, acuérdate de mí". Jesús le respondió: "Yo te aseguro que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso". (Lucas 23, 42-43)

Querida Familia Parroquial,

¿Quién dice que no hay honor entre ladrones? Si examinamos el Evangelio de hoy, vemos que hay uno entre ellos que es muy honorable. Por supuesto, es triste ver al otro ladrón gritándole a Jesús de una manera casi arrogante y autoritaria. ¿Quizás no pudo ver las equivocadas elecciones de su vida? Fueron las decisiones que había tomado las que lo crucificaron y lo clavaron en la cruz. Sin embargo, el buen ladrón aceptó humildemente su castigo y reprendió a su al otro ladrón. Ambos estaban en el mismo barco, y su sentencia fue justa. ¡El castigo dado a Jesús no fue justo y el buen ladrón lo sabía; él buscó el perdón del Señor desde la cruz!

Verdaderamente tenemos un Señor amoroso y compasivo que todavía está dispuesto a actuar con compasión y misericordia a pesar de la agonía, el dolor y la traición que sintió en la cruz. Mientras moría, Jesús encontró más amor y compasión en su interior para perdonar al buen ladrón. ¿Qué hay de nosotros?

A menudo, cuando pecamos o cometemos errores que nos atrapan, nos comportamos como el primer ladrón. Nuestras experiencias y cruces de vida se convierten en un obstáculo para que veamos los sufrimientos de los demás y ofrezcamos una respuesta amorosa y compasiva. Cuando no nos arrepentimos y buscamos el perdón, nos amargamos, nos enojamos y nos resentimos. ¡Jesús tomó la cruz para que seamos libres y experimentemos su amor aquí y ahora!

En las próximas semanas empieza el Adviento y, con éste, la anticipación del Señor en Su Natividad. Debemos adoptar un enfoque espiritual renovado para ver a nuestro prójimo como colaborador en nuestro camino hacia la gracia en lugar de estar temerosos y aislados; podemos estar abiertos a nuevos horizontes y las posibilidades que nos trae la cruz de Cristo.

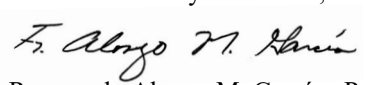
La próxima semana celebraremos la Primera semana de Adviento. Con cada nueva temporada litúrgica viene una sensación de renovación y refrigerio en nuestra vida espiritual. Al entrar en la temporada penitencial de Adviento, ¿cuáles son algunas cosas en las que podemos trabajar dentro de nosotros mismos para ofrecer como regalo al Niño Jesús? Tal vez podamos renunciar a las heridas del pasado, liberarnos a nosotros mismos y a los demás, y perdonar a alguien de corazón.

Buenas noticias. El Obispo Weisenburger ha levantado la prohibición de tener la preciosa Sangre de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo en las Misas. Esto le presenta a USTED la oportunidad de involucrarse en la Celebración Eucarística de la Misa. Si ha sido Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión en el pasado y le gustaría volver al ministerio o si le gustaría convertirse en uno de los Ministros Litúrgicos (Ujier, Lector o Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión), ¡este es tu momento! El domingo 27 de noviembre (Primer Domingo de Adviento), la Preciosa Sangre se ofrecerá únicamente en la Misa de las 9:00 am. En la medida de lo posible, se extenderá a otras misas también. Comuníquese con la Sra. Sue Lakosky (ministerschedule@stritainthedesert.org) o el diácono Ron Desmarais (deaconron@stritainthedesert.org) para renovar o comenzar su ministerio. Gracias.

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra parroquia este fin de semana a la Sra. Amanada Giroux. Ella es nuestra representante de Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. Ella está aquí para responder cualquier pregunta e inscribir a nuevos miembros. Notre Dame Federal Credit Union tiene tasas competitivas y muchos otros servicios valiosos para todos. Por favor pase después de misa y salúdela.

Por último, me complace presentarles el informe financiero del último año fiscal. Se incluye en el boletín de hoy. Notará que hemos aumentado sustancialmente nuestros ingresos anuales generales. Eso se debe en gran parte a sus generosas donaciones y ofrendas semanales a su iglesia parroquial. Todo lo que puedo decir es gracias, gracias. Me siento honrado y sinceramente agradecido por los sacrificios que todos ustedes hacen en nombre de nuestra familia parroquial. ¡Que el Señor continúe colmándonos con Sus bendiciones más selectas!

Sinceramente Suyo en Cristo,



Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor

We meet on Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm for 90 minutes.

What is Happening in Youth Group!

Our typical class begins with a series of prayers. Then we look up the Sunday Mass readings in our own bibles, discuss what the scripture means, how it is relevant to us today, and then end class with a series of prayers. Our students come from diverse circumstances, consisting of teens who have been going to Religious Education since Kindergarten, teens who have not been to Religious Education since First Communion and want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, teens who have not been Baptized or made their First Communion, and teens who have received all the Sacraments of Initiation and want to learn more about their faith.

We have an outstanding group of adults that are a part of the youth ministry team.

Lou Abney has been a catechist for many years. First, as a Fifth-grade Catechist and then moving to the high school group many years ago. He is a well of information and dubbed "Guru" by former Youth Group teens.

George Fonseca joined the team when his children started going to Youth Group. He has been a catechist in Youth Group as well as the Confirmation class for several years. He is our "realist". He talks to the teens about the world we live in and does not sugar coat the reality of what Catholics are up against. With so many things in our society that go against the fundamental teachings of the Church, George's passion for truth resonates with the teens.

> *"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks."*
> *~ St. Ambrose*

Briana Fonseca joined us last year as a catechist with the Middle School Youth Group. She joined the High School Youth Group team this year and brings the continuation of how to live the Catholic faith to our Youth Group. She attended the St. Rita's youth group as a teen. Having a younger catechist shows the teens that once you graduate from high school you do not graduate from your faith.

Adam LaGuardia heads the Middle School team. He brought his teen to Youth Group last year and was looking for a way to be more involved. He has shared that he is learning so much about his faith while he researches and prepares for class. He has a large class and is doing a great job.

Theresa Smith led Middle School Youth Group last year. She joined us a little later in the year and brings a passion for her faith that the teens feel and respond to. She enjoys the teens and loves sharing her faith. She is a wonderful complement to Adam's style of teaching. They make a great team!

Last week we revived a long tradition of the Youth Group. We celebrated Thanksgiving. A time of fellowship, food, and fun. The catechists brought the main dish and paper goods, while the teens brought side dishes, dessert, and drinks. Father Alonzo joined us, and we had a wonderful meal together. Each teen filled out a sheet of paper with the phrase: ***I give thanks to God for:*** and this is what they wrote:

My family, My talents, My life, My faith, My cats, family and house, My family & friends, having had so many opportunities, My family, My friends, support system that surrounds me, food, My family, brothers, My best friend, life, school, parents, A family that loves me, a roof over my head, My family and all the amazing people I have met, My dance teachers, My cheer team, the nice weather, My loving family, Life, Health, Family, Resources that I have and everything, My friend group, Family, Friends, Veterans, pets, nature, teachers, God sending Jesus down, parents, Nature, family, Second amendment, turkey, My family, My meals, My friends, , My family, My friends, My life, My privileges, , My family, My life, food, My friends, My family, Food, Family , Life, My family, dinosaurs, My friends and life in general, Food, Family, Football, My family, My cats, Family, Food, Shelter, Being healthy, Water, Pets, Life, Family, Friends, Family, Food, Freedom, I am thankful for my family.

As you can see, the underlying theme is first family, friends and then a mixture of other things. We are social creatures, and our family community is very important, so is your parish community. Thank you for entrusting us with your teen on their journey in faith. The Youth Ministry Team gives thanks to God for our teens and their parents that bring them to Youth Group every week.

SAVE THE DATE

He came upon a...

Midnight Clear

Friday, December 16 at 6:00pm

Please join the combined talents of St. Rita's Music Ministry for a night of celebration to honor the birth of Our Lord.

NEW ONLINE GIVING SERVICE

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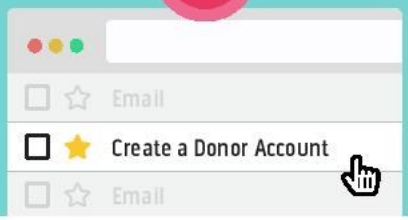

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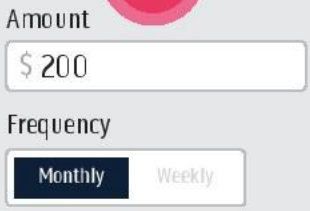

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ST. RITA IN THE DESERT PARISH ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

SAINT RITA IN THE DESERT PARISH
Analysis of changes in building(s) and Equipment
For the Period of July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

Beginning Balance Parish Land	$402,565.03
Ending Balance Parish Land	$412, 990.14 *
Beginning Balance Buildings	$1,505,379.77
Ending Balance Buildings	$1,505,379.77

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** The change is due to the repair of parish well as a plus to land…*

SAINT RITA IN THE DESERT PARISH
Analysis of Loans
For the Period of July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

Beginning Balances	
Vantage West	$ 117,679.82
Less Principal Payments	$ 117,679.82
Total Loans Outstanding at 06/30/202	**$0.00**

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Dear Parish Family,

WE DID IT! We had a great fiscal year and that is due to your generous support! Additionally, we finally paid off the debt we owed on the St. Pope John XXIII Center! Way to go! I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank you to each of you for your generous support of St. Rita's Parish. Additionally, I wanted to advise the parish how we are doing financially. In compliance with the directives of Code of Canon Law and report to the parish on the administration of the temporal goods of the parish for the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2022**, and report on the pastoral life of our parish for this past year.

CANON 1287

1. Both clerical and lay administration of any ecclesiastical goods whatever, which have not been legitimately exempted from the governing power of the diocesan bishop, are bound by their office to present to the local Ordinary (Bishop) an annual report, which in turn he is to present to the finance council for its consideration.
2. Administrators are to render an account to the faithful concerning the goods offered by the faithful to the Church, according to the norms determined by particular law.

Governed by this clear directive, I have prepared the Annual Report of the good of St. Rita's Parish, effective **June 30, 2022** (fiscal year ending). It has been presented to the Finance Council, the Corporate Board of Directors of the parish, and has been sent in a timely manner to Bishop Wiesenberger and the Diocesan Finance Council.

I pray that you will find this report helpful as it reflects the many ways in which the goods given to St. Rita's parish have used to serve the great people of St. Rita's. Please accept my gratitude for your generous and faithful support.

Fr. Alonzo García
Pastor

ST RITA'S PARISH COMMUNITY

REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP		**PARISH MINISTRIRS**	
Number of Registered Families:		Parish Organizations and Societies	10
Individuals (estimated)	2283	Altar Servers	8
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		Extra Ordinary Ministers of H.C.	24
Volunteers	11	Lectors	10
Number of Elementary Students	110	Choirs	3
Number of youth group	15	Ushers	10
Sunday Morning Preschool	0	**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**	
PARISH STAFF		Baptisms	13
Lay Employee (Full-Time)	0	RCIA	6
Lay Employees (Part time)	9	First Holy Communion	35
Priest in Residence	1	Confirmations	33
Deacons	1	Marriages	12
Sister	1	Funerals	5

SAINT RITA IN THE DESERT PARISH
Report on Fiscal Year Operations July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

During the Last Year, we received Operational Monies From:

Parish Offertory	$ 446,59232
Debt Reduction (Restricted)	$ 84,446.86
Festival income (Debt reduction/Restricted)	$ 0.00
Religious Ed & other fees	$ 10,658.00
THIS GAVE US A TOTAL RESOURCES OF:	**$ 541,689**

We used these resources for the following:

Employee Salaries/benefits(Stipends, FICA, health insurance, Worker Comp)	$ 214,937.15
Residency Expenses	$. 31,579.89
Office Admin (supplies, postage, telephone, copier repair, bank fees)	$ 15,635.80
Professional Fees (Music, Liturgy)	$
Church Supplies (Bulletins, Candles, Envelopes, Hosts)	$ 13,407.80
Program Expenses (Religious Education)	$ 22,549.76
Loan Interest/Fees	$ 4,650.94
Diocesan Assessments (Including Property Insurance)	$ 66,189.48
Festival Expenses	$ 0.00
Building Support Costs (Repairs, Security, Utilities)	$ 38,709.93
Grounds Support	
Total Amount spent for Operations was:	**$394,956**

We ended up with a surplus which allowed us to meet the principle payments$ 75,869.76
On our debt and to fund our capital purchases and repairs (see the following statements).

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SAINT RITA IN THE DESERT PARISH
BALANCE SHEET
ON JUNE 30, 2022
With Comparative – Fiscal Year June 30, 2022

ASSETS	**06/30/2021**	**06/30/2022**
Cash Accounts		
General Unrestricted	$ 20,003.71	$64,590.03
Building Fund-Debt Reduction	$ 21,049.89	0.0
Building Fund-General Maintenance	$ 10,443.35	$11,590.69
Vantage West Savings Account	$ 28,761.05	$29,371.04
Chancery Fund savings Account	$ 13,537.14	$13,749.39
Chancery deposit new church fund	0.0	$18,743.14
Accounts Receivable		
Bulletin Ads/Prepaid Expenses/Rent/	0.00	$0.00
FIXED ASSETS		
Land	$ 412,990.14	$ 412,990.14
Buildings	$1,505,379.77	$ 1,505,379.77
Equipment	$ 104,783.62	$ 104,783.32
TOTAL ASSETS	**$2,116,948.67**	**$2,161,347.82**
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable (Diocesan Collections, SVDP, Novenas)	$775.00	$1,510.00
Custodial (Outreach, Fundraising, flowers)	$46,097.45	$44,103.47
General Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Vantage West loan	$117,679.82	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$ 163,777.27**	**$45,640.47**
NET ASSETS		
Beginning Net Assets	$1,877,301.64	$ 1,968,965.34
Less Funds Set Aside for maintenance projects	0.00	0.00
Net Income	$ 75,869.76	$146,742.01
Total Net ASSETS	**$1,953,171.40**	**$2,115,707.35**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	**$2,116,948.67**	**$2,161,347.82**

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