



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

4339 Douglas Ave , Racine, WI 53402 | 262-639-3223 | www.st-ritas.org

Our *Parish Mission Statement*: We, the people of St Rita Parish, strive to encounter Christ in one another, become disciples and proclaim him to others.

Dear Friends,

Well, all the festivities of the Christmas season have ended and we once again are in Ordinary Time, when our Sunday celebrations are listed in **numerical order** (hence the name Ordinary), today being the Second Sunday of Ordinary time. We can never think our Eucharistic celebrations as ordinary, since we are remembering what Jesus has done for us by his death and resurrection and that he has left us his Body and Blood which we receive as we continue our journey of life!!

During this year, beginning next week, we will be reading from the Gospel of St. Mark, which is the first of the four gospels written. It is also the shortest and moves very quickly. It doesn't take Mark very long to get to the point of what he wants to tell us. Today, however, we read from the Gospel of John which gives us an extraordinary opportunity to reflect on Jesus inviting some people (even us) into a closer relationship with him. Listen to this simple conversation: "What are you looking for?"; "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Jesus then says "Come, and you will see." The scripture then tells us that "They went and saw." What they saw led them to tell others and bring them also to Jesus!

Can we put ourselves into this picture and hear what Jesus may be asking us. What are we looking for in our relationship with Jesus? What are we looking for when we come to church each week? Those speaking with Jesus know that it isn't simply what they are looking for but really what **Jesus can offer** them. They know that unless they **go and see** where Jesus is staying they will never find what they are looking for. Unless they take the time to enter into a closer relationship with him they will never even understand what they are looking for. The young men simply went to where Jesus was and it changed them. They saw Jesus for who he was and then they were changed so much that they went out to bring others to Jesus. Today's gospel invites us to spend time with Jesus, to stay with him and watch and then listen to what he might say to us. Jesus is able to give us even more than what we were initially looking for and wanting, but we have to be ready and willing to go to him. On a more personal note we are given the challenge to invite others, to say to them "Come and you will see." After reading this section of St. John can we be moved to invite others to be with us each Sunday and then talk together about what Jesus says to all of us!!

Maintenance Personnel – I ask you to continue to make sure you let others know that we are in the process of finding new maintenance personnel. Dan Nettleton's last day is January 30th. Thanks so much !

News from the Augustinians at Ojai:

This week a parishioner asked me about the Augustinians out in Ojai and how they were doing after all the fires. There have also been reports of heavy rains in that area. This prompted me to see what I could find out. Sr. Jana over at St. Monica's received the following from Brother Mike who is there. As you can see, prayers are still needed for the people out there.

"The school survived. In fact, the whole valley was saved. The night they expected high winds, it didn't happen as badly as expected. A few people lost their homes among the people that I know. More homes were lost in Ventura than in Ojai. Ojai Valley School and Besant both had extensive loses, but are recovering with the use of portables. Yesterday we awoke to rain. Now everyone is concerned about slides, so school was cancelled today to keep people off the highway. 14 years ago when we had heavy rains, we lost all but one lane going in and out. The rains aren't as heavy as then, but the ground cover is gone now. School will be safe from slides because we don't have any slide areas around us, but if it starts sliding across roads, it will disrupt lives for a lot of people."

Peace,

Father Rich

Thank you for your generosity for the weekend of January 7th

# Envelopes	139
Envelope donations	\$8,337.00
Plate (loose cash)	<u>\$418.85</u>
Total Contributions	\$8,755.85



Staff Emails

- Fr. Rich O’Leary, Pastor
olearyR@archmil.org
- Fr. William Donnelly, Associate Pastor
billdonnelly@msn.com
- Deacon Greg Petro
gpetro@wi.rr.com
- Mrs. Suzanne Kroes, Business Manager
kroesS@archmil.org
- Mrs. Kathi Manchester, Secretary
manchesterK@archmil.org
- Ms. Miranda Knudtson, Communications Coordinator
knudtsonM@archmil.org
- Mrs. Gina Brown, Principal
brown@st-ritas.org
- Mrs. Courtney Heide, Secretary
stritaschool.secretary@gmail.com
- Mrs. Mary Poehlman, C.A.R.E.S Director
poehlmanM@archmil.org
- Ms. Jessica Knierim, Music Director
knierimJ@archmil.org
- Mr. Dan Nettleton, Maintenance Director
nettletonD@gmail.com
- Religious Education
StRitaReligiousEd@archmil.org

Week at a Glance

MONDAY 1/15

7:00 PM Stewardship Meeting—*Bride’s Room*

TUESDAY 1/16

11:30 AM Exercise with Myra—*Narthex*

7:00 PM Parish Finance Council—*Parish Mtg Room*

WEDNESDAY 1/17

6:15 PM Men’s Group—*Narthex*

6:15 PM Rel. Ed. Youth & Kids Middle School Class—*School Gym*

6:30 PM Centering Prayer—*Bride’s Room*

7:00 PM Choir Practice—*Church*

THURSDAY 1/18

FRIDAY 1/19

SATURDAY 1/20

3:30 PM Reconciliation—*Church*

SUNDAY 1/21

11:30 AM Lay Augustinians—*Narthex*



Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs
- and to the universal Church.

Stewardship is receiving God’s gifts gratefully, cherishing and tending them in a responsible and accountable manner, sharing them in justice and love with all and returning them with increase to the Lord.” Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response

Be Mindful, Prayerful, Grateful, Gracious, Committed, Accountable.



Mass Readings

Week of January 14

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/13 Vigil Mass

4:45 PM †Edward Branney by the Krejcha family

Sunday 1/14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM †Elaine Murphy by Mike & Maureen Quill & family

Monday 1/15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

8:00 AM †Patricia Kohler by Joe & Kay Fitzgerald

Tuesday 1/16 Weekday

8:00 AM †John & Ella Krivich by Clem Krivich

Wednesday 1/17 St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30 AM †Richard Kaplan by Karen Mangum

Thursday 1/18 Weekday

8:00 AM †Anthony Ebinal by his wife Barbara

Friday 1/19 Weekday

8:00 AM †Lorraine McDaniel by the Patrick McDaniel family

Saturday 1/20 St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:00 AM †Bernard Federmeier by his family

Next Weekend

Saturday 4:45 PM †Rudy & Mary Zerzanek by family & friends

Next Sunday 1/21

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM Secular Order of St. Augustine



Exercise with Myra is Back!

Starting Tuesday, January 16, 11:30 AM

Exercise with Myra will be starting again every Tuesday from 11:30—12:15pm, beginning January 16th. We hope to see you there!

Lay Order of St. Augustine

The lay order of St. Augustine will meet after the 10:30 Mass next Sunday. Parishioners interested in joining are welcome to attend. Should anyone need a ride, call Chuck & Betty Majeski at 262-886-8634.



St. Vincent de Paul Society
At the Heart of Giving.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Providing Assistance to Those in Need in Racine since 1934

We are women and men offering person to person service to the needy. During the past fiscal year (Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017), we:

- Visited 398 families. Our home visits, food baskets & other contacts touched 2,295 people and provided \$58,610 of much needed assistance.
- Served 1,775 households or 5,161 people, including more than 2,000 children at our LaSalle St. Food Pantry.
- Welcomed and fed 3,486 guests at the Tuesday Community Meal at 1032 Grand Ave.

Jesus said to Peter, "If you love Me, feed ... and tend my sheep." (John 21:15-17)

BECOME A VINCENTIAN.

Contact Don Mueller (County President), 262-456-4345, Mueller.77@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!





Cold Weather Clothing Collection

With the cold weather we are experiencing, The Hospitality Center in downtown Racine is currently in need of hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and warm socks as well as towels and washcloths. The Tablesetters service group at St. Rita School will be collecting these items for the month of January. Please place any donations in the boxes in the narthex.

For more information on the program go to <http://www.hospitality-center.org> or contact **Jenny Weisensel (262-681-5606)** or jennifer@weisensel.com. You are always so generous with our collections and we are truly grateful!

Pray for Our Parishioners

Courage & Protection

For those serving in the Armed Forces,

- LT Jack L. Ramage (Navy)
- 1st LT Eric Ramage (Army)
- LT Colonel Geoff Gorsuch (Army)
- AC2 Michael Clingaman (Navy)
- PV2 Austin Clemins (National Guard)
- PV2 Logan Clemins (National Guard)

Comfort & Healing

for the homebound, those who are ill & for their caregivers

Rita Adamczyk, Barbara Andersen, Bill Atkinson, Paul Bauer, Bonnie Bresciano, Bud Gorecki, Cathy Gross, Rita Hejny, Jack Hollow, Scarlet Johnson, Evie Jorgensen, Estee Klemick, Dan Koleske, Jr., Joan Kral, Richard Lannoye, Patrick Livingston, Ann Johnson Lorenzini, Sarah Marquardt, Suzanne Marquardt, Andrew Mattes, Rick Mueller, Eleanor Murawski, Pat O'Brien, Becky Olley, Jean Pawlak, Roy Radke, Mary Rathman, Nancy Reeseman, Barbara Scherr, Melissa Smith, Cathy Suchla, Bob Sullivan, Caroline Sullivan, Nick Torzala, Hugh Weisensel, and Kathy Zambo

Comfort & Peace

for our Deceased & their loved ones

Jeannette Braun, 63, passed away on Wednesday Jan. 3. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday January 9.

LaVonna Berard, 96, passed away on Wednesday Jan. 3. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday January 11.

Willis Vanderhoef, 97, passed away on Saturday Jan. 6. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday Jan. 13

Ministers January 20/21

Lectors:

4:45 PM Diana Lerro, Helen Casteneda

8:00 AM Rachel Comande, Jo Ann Rosenow

10:30 AM Georgiana Donohue, Frank Pauc

Eucharist:

4:45 PM Ruth Adamczyk, Dennis Collins, Mary Ann Collins, Stacey Engevold, **Nancy Mayer**, Mary Simon, Debbie Wollert

8:00 AM Jennifer Clingaman, Paul Marshall, **Marion Beykirch**, Lisa Olesen, Troy Salchow, Barb Schmitz, Mark Schmitz

10:30 AM Mike Bigna, **Rick Kais**, Joan Kraus, Maggie Larsen, Barb Miceli, Mike Miceli, Michael Molnar, Karin Pauc, Mairead Quill, Maureen Quill, Melissa Weber

Altar Servers

4:45 PM Samuel Engevold, Paige Engevold, Nicholas Engevold

8:00 AM Noah Salchow, Giovanni Maccanelli

10:30 AM Josephine Weisensel, Mary Weisensel, McKenzie Hrabosky



Catholic Schools Week

Come visit St. Rita School and see if a faith-based education is right for your family.

School Information Night

Thursday, January 25, 2018

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Child care available on site.

Call school to reserve space: 262-639-3333

"WHAT MAKES ST. RITA A GREAT SCHOOL ARE THE GREAT TEACHERS! I ALSO LIKE THAT WE GO TO MASS EVERY WEDNESDAY - A 6TH GRADER



St. Rita Open House

Sunday, January 28

11:30am—1:30 pm

Come visit our school on Sunday, January 28th. Hear from our own students why they love St. Rita School through student-guided tours.

For more information, call the school at 262-639-3333

"WE HAVE A GREAT MATH AND SCIENCE PROGRAM THAT WE DO A LOT OF HANDS ON EXPERIMENTS. OUR TEACHERS GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO GET GREAT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS GOING." - A 7TH GRADER





Blood Drive

Monday, January 22, 1:30—5:30 PM
In the Narthex

If you donate in January, you'll get a coupon for a free entrée at Noodles & Company. To make an appointment, visit bcw.edu/StRitas2018 or call 877-232-4376.

For more information, call **Debbie at 262-496-0475** or **Diana at 262-639-6465**.

MissionInsite Training

Friday, February 2, 9—12:30 PM *or*
Saturday, February 3, 9—12:30 PM
Cousins Center, Milwaukee

Chuck Salter, the President of MissionInsite, will return to bring participants up-to-date with some platform changes and to familiarize the group with the new Quadrennium report – the largest study of religious practice and belief in the country.

In addition to the keynote, participants can choose from one of three tracks:

- Schools and Schools Marketing – Chuck Salter and Sarah Toepfer, Director for Archdiocesan Schools Marketing, will guide participants through the schools platform on MissionInsite and will present ways for parish and schools to use the data to enhance marketing efforts.
- Getting Started with MissionInsite – Susan Skibba, Soon-to-be Project Coordinator for MissionInsite, will introduce new core users to the report menu, how to generate the reports, how to create maps, and how the data can assist your mission activity in the parish.
- Analyzing the Data – Mark Kemmeter, Director for Planning and Councils, will help participants better understand how MissionInsite can provide your parish with key information to focus your ministerial efforts. Participants will also be asked to share some of their best practices to encourage networking between core users.

The workshop is designed for current “core users” as well as teams from new parishes or multi-parish communities.

Register here for the workshop: <https://archmil.regfox.com/missioninsite-training>

Calling People to Serve

Calling people to serve in parish council ministry is an important event for the parish. In coming weeks, we will describe the seven essential characteristics of parish pastoral council as defined by our archbishop, so that all parishioners may consider their own call to service.

As Christians, each of us is called to participate in the life and activity of the Church and to share responsibility for its mission. Each year, the parish community calls forth people to serve on the parish pastoral council. The council is a group of people chosen from and by the parish. The purpose of the parish pastoral council is to give direction to our parish and discern the will of God in our faith community. Through listening, prayerful reflection, study and discussion, the parish pastoral council makes decisions to meet the needs of our parish family. The parish pastoral council is a true sign of the Spirit's diverse gifts to the entire parish community as it unites us as a community of prayer and pastoral action. Parish pastoral council members serve three year terms which involves a regular commitment of 2 - 3 hours per month. Parish pastoral council meetings are held on the **second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the parish meeting room**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

GARBO MOTOR SALES, INC.

 Authorized Sales & Service
 3077 Douglas Ave. 639-4154
 Parish Member

Maresh-Meredith & Achlam
FUNERAL HOME
 Family Owned & Operated Since 1875
 803 Main St. Parish Member 634-7888

PARKER POWER EQUIPMENT
 SALES ~ RENTAL ~ SERVICE ~ PARTS
We make hydraulic hoses while you wait.
 11333 County Hwy G, Caledonia 262-835-9900
 www.parkerpowerequipmentllc.com

FINISHING TOUCH Auto Body
 Richard Konecko - Quality Control
 5306 Douglas Ave. Racine, WI 53402
 Email: richard@ftabinc.com
 Phone: (262) 681-8890
 Fax: (262) 681-8891
 Visit us on-line at: www.ftabinc.com

FEINER
PLUMBING COMPANY MP 226331
 524 VILLA, RACINE, WI 53403
 PHONE 262-632-8994

Culver's of Racine
 722 S. Sylvania Ave. Sturtevant, WI 53177 262.884.1112
 5801 21st Street Racine, WI 53406 262.633.4170

ROMAN ELECTRIC
 Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
 Residential Work
 2900 Wisconsin St., Sturtevant, WI 414-471-8565

O'H Bakery
 Danish Bakery
 1841 Douglas Ave. 637-8895
 5910 Washington Ave. 504-7000
 Expires: 12-31-17 **\$700 off**
 A \$10 purchase

Infusino's PIZZERIA
 Italian & American Food
 Best Pizza In Town - Including Pan Pizza
 Call For Your Order: 633-3173
 3225 Florida Dr.
\$1.00 Off Pizza With This Coupon

POBLOCKI PAVING
 Parish Member
 414-476-9130
 Poblockipaving.com

Re/Max Newport Elite
Peter Otwaska
 262-989-4373
 petesrealstate@gmail.com
 Parish Member

J & F AUTO GLASS, INC.
 Auto & Truck Glass Replaced
 Power Windows/Side Mirrors Repaired
 In Business Since 1929
 725 Center Street 634-1341

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

St. Catherine's High School FOUNDATION
 Support • Strength • Faith
 Learn how the Holy Spirit Challenge will double your donation!
 saintsaints.org/holyspiritchallenge 262-833-5521
 A Helping Hand Since 1951

Erie Street piggly wiggly.
 3900 Erie Street Racine, WI 53402
 Phone: 262-639-2142 Fax: 262-639-7993
 www.shopthepig.com

See us for all of your 401(k) rollover options.
 Kurt A Salo, AAMS® Financial Advisor
 1524 South Greenbay Road, Suite 102, Racine, WI 53406
 262-639-1857
 Member SIPC Edward Jones
 www.edwardjones.com MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Phone 681-9899
BOHL Automotive Inc.
 TOTAL REPAIR SERVICE
 2525 Douglas Ave., Racine, WI 53402

Kortendick
ACE Hardware
 3806 Douglas Ave
 262-639-4820
 kortendickhardware.com

Home of the "Red Carpet Service!"
CARPETS PLUS OUTLET
 Custom Window Treatment Fashions and Floor Covering Interior Design Center
 262-883-9494 • www.carpetsplusoutlet.com
 1241 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, WI

SPREAD THE WORD
 A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters

Honey B's II
 BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER
 AYCE Fish Fry \$7.99
 Call ahead - pick up window
 Sat-Thurs 6am-3pm • Fri 6am-8pm
 4713 Douglas Ave. • (262) 681-1960

DR. MARK LENZ ORTHODONTIST
 RACINE: 262-634-6900
 WATERFORD: 262-534-3010
 www.mlenzortho.com

UPGRADE TO A VIBRANT ad
 Contact us for details • 800-950-9952

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

catholicmatch Wisconsin
 CatholicMatch.com/WI

Scott Goebel (262) 498-5775
 scott@goebelandsonelectric.com
Goebel & Sons, Inc. ELECTRIC
 Commercial • Residential • Remodel • New Construction

PARISHESonline
 Largest online directory of Catholic Churches
NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!
 Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

Holiday Sale
 GET HELP AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON
\$29.⁹⁵ / Mo. BILLED QUARTERLY
 • Providing Protection in the Home
 • One Month Free
 • No Long-Term Contracts
 • Price Guarantee
CALL TODAY! 877.801.7772

LPI LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS
WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES
 • Full Time Position with Benefits
 • Sales Experience Preferred
 • Paid Training
 • Overnight Travel Required
 • Expense Reimbursement
 CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPI.com
 www.4LPI.com/careers

Hardy & Jensen inc.
 WINDOW & DOOR STORE
 www.hardy-jensen.com 886-8822
 Phone 639-6519
G & A Excavating Inc.
 Excavating - Grading - Sewer & Water Laterals
 SCOTT KOCOUREK 5851 DOUGLAS AV.
 PARISH MEMBER RACINE, WI 53402

FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.
 - 800-950-9952 -

Sanders
 11 6th St. Racine WI 53403
 HOME • INDUSTRIAL • 634-6735

NORTH BAY DENTAL GOLD STAR SERVICE
 Gentle Caring and Personal Attention
 3900 N. Bay Drive • 262-672-4362
 Dr. David Reesman
 General Dentistry
 Parish Member

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
 Contact Andy Kroemer to place an ad today!
 akroemer@4LPI.com or (800) 950-9952 x2619

ELDER LAW ATTORNEY TIMOTHY P. CRAWFORD
 Racine's Only Nationally Board Certified Elder Law Attorney
 CALL NOW FOR A FREE CONSULTATION
 840 Lake Avenue 634-6659
 www.TPCLaw.com

See What's in Store!
 JEWELRY • ROSARIES • BOOKS AND MORE
 www.parishstore.com