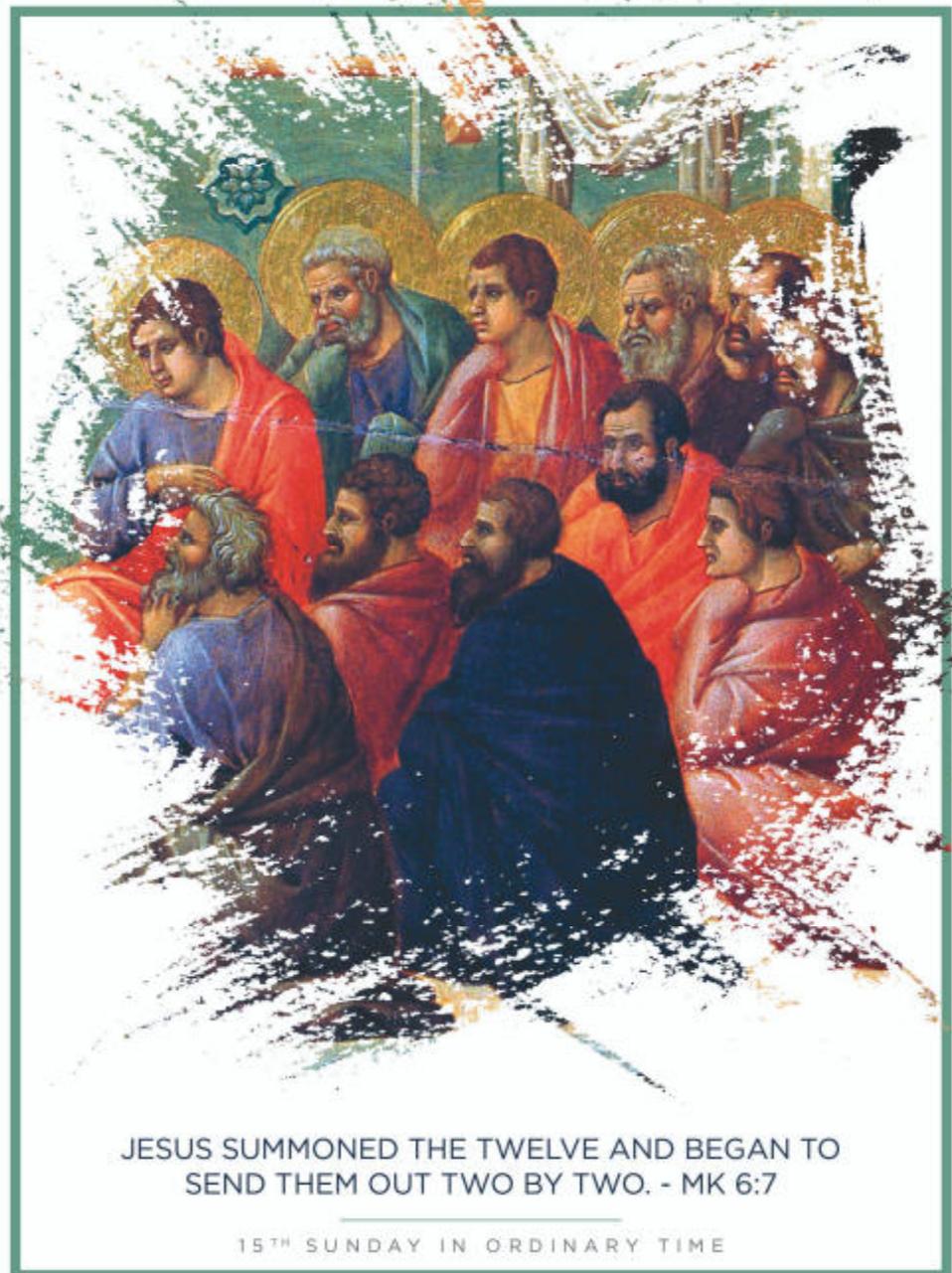




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JESUS SUMMONED THE TWELVE AND BEGAN TO
SEND THEM OUT TWO BY TWO. - MK 6:7

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 10-11 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Deacon Kevin Hunter
Deacon John Huntley

MASS TIMES

Weekdays

Monday – Saturday8:15am

Weekend

Saturday (Vigil)4:30 pm
Sunday ...8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Confessions

Tuesdays6 - 7 pm
Saturdays following 8:15 am
Mass and 3:30 - 4:15 pm

Adoration

M - F 3- 8 pm (Chapel)
Thursday..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm
(Church)

Holy Days: Mass schedule may vary. Please check bulletin, website or call the Church Office

Baptisms/Weddings

Please call the parish office to arrange baptisms and weddings.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 9 to 5 pm
CLOSED for lunch 12:30-1:30pm

PASTOR'S LETTER



The Precious Blood of Jesus (by Dr. Taylor Marshall)

July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Among devotions to the humanity of Christ (e.g., Divine Infancy, Sacred Heart), the Precious Blood of Jesus has the most biblical precedent since it is mentioned so frequently in the New Testament (over 75 times). Saint Peter, our first Pope, specifically refers to the blood of Christ as *“the precious blood {τιμὴν αἱματι} of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled”* (1 Peter 1:19, D-R). In fact, it might even be said that the entire Old Testament is a lesson in “blood sacrifice” as an anticipation of Christ’s obedient and merciful sacrifice on the wood of the life-giving cross.

St. Paul could rightfully be called the “Theologian of the Precious Blood.” The Apostle even tells us to place our “faith in His blood”: *“Whom God hath proposed to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to the shewing of his justice, for the remission of former sins”* (Romans 3:25 D-R). This reveals that the Precious Blood of Jesus is not an abstraction, but a true devotion to the Divine Person of Christ. In Ephesians, the Apostle teaches us that our redemption was purchased *“through His blood”* (Eph 1:7), and in Hebrews, he teaches that the entire New Covenant is rooted in the Precious Blood of Jesus:

“Neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by his own blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen, and the ashes of an heifer, being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who by the Holy Ghost offered himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God? And therefore he is the mediator of the new testament: that by means of his death for the redemption of those transgressions which were under the former testament, they that are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance.” (Hebrews 9:12–15, D-R)

Saint John the Apostle stresses the love of God and the Precious Blood when he writes: *“he hath loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood”* (Rev 1:5, D-R). Elsewhere, Saint John explains that the Blood of Jesus continues to be applied to us: *“But if we walk in the light, as he also is in the light, we have fellowship one with another: And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin”* (1 Jn 1:7, D-R).

Devotion to the Precious Blood

Below is the Litany of the Precious Blood. Perhaps your family might include this devotion every evening after the Holy Rosary during the month of July. You can print it out or just “bookmark” it on your laptop or iPad/iPhone for easy access during evening devotions. Devotion to the Precious Blood helps to recognize that our salvation was costly for Christ. The New and Everlasting Covenant must be mediated through the Blood of One who is absolutely perfect, sinless, and obedient to God the Father – our Lord Jesus Christ.

Litany of the Precious Blood (one of the six approved Litanies of the Catholic Church)

Lord, have mercy. (Lord, have mercy.)	Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened, (save us.)
Christ, have mercy. (Christ, have mercy.)	Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow, (save us.)
Lord, have mercy. (Lord, have mercy.)	Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent, (save us.)
Christ, hear us. (Christ, hear us.)	Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying, (save us.)
Christ, graciously hear us. (Christ, graciously hear us.)	Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts, (save us.)
God the Father of Heaven, (have mercy on us.)	Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life, (save us.)
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, (have mercy on us.)	Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory, (save us.)
God, the Holy Spirit, (have mercy on us.)	Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor, (save us.)
Holy Trinity, One God, (have mercy on us.)	Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, (spare us, O Lord.)
Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, (save us.)	Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, (graciously hear us, O Lord.)
Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God, (save us.)	Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, (have mercy on us, O Lord.)
Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament, (save us.)	Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood. (And made us, for our God, a kingdom.)
Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in Agony, (save us.)	Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his blood.
Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging, (save us.)	Grant, we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven.
Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns, (save us.)	Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.
Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross, (save us.)	
Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, (save us.)	
Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness, (save us.)	
Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, (save us.)	
Blood of Christ, stream of mercy, (save us.)	
Blood of Christ, victor over demons, (save us.)	
Blood of Christ, courage of Martyrs, (save us.)	
Blood of Christ, strength of Confessors, (save us.)	
Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins, (save us.)	
Blood of Christ, help of those in peril, (save us.)	

Mass Schedule and Intentions



**15th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

The Gospel recounts when Jesus instructs His twelve apostles to take very little — a walking stick and sandals. Imagine taking nothing but a stick. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world.

A key component of living out our call as Christians is trusting in God during our best moments and our hardest. It is looking to Him for security, comfort, and happiness.

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Contributions for July 3-4

Stewardship of Treasure (283)	\$12,175.00
Loose Collection	\$686.25
Electronic Transfers (18)	\$775.00
Assumption (2).....	\$ 40.00
St. Vincent de Paul (1).....	\$ 20.00

St. Rita Calendar Raffle 2021

June	21	Holly Marsili	\$25
June	22	James Tesdorff	\$25
June	23	Cayden Welter	\$25
June	24	Dee Dee Cancelose	\$25
June	25	Andrea McClenthen	\$25
June	26	Eddie Whittington	\$25
June	27	Anna Hughes	\$50

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK AND HOSPITALIZED

The current list of our sick and hospitalized are as follows:

Mary Peterson, Val Guyer, James Rush, Rick Miller, Elizabeth Rosenberg, John Moskal

To add or remove the name of a sick person, please call the parish office at: **(815) 398-0853** or email: parishoffice@stritarockford.org. To protect everyone’s privacy, only names emailed or called in by family members will be added. To keep our list more manageable and open to all, names submitted will remain on the list for one (1) month. If you would like an extra month, please call the parish office so that we may add it back on.

NEED PRAYER ?

Please call our Prayer Line
(815) 226-4376



Monday, July 12 • Weekday

8:15am † Joseph & Vera Sparacino
(Kathy & Clarence Welte)

Tuesday, July 13 • Weekday

8:15am † Patricia Caliente (Steve & Toni Frieders)

Wednesday, July 14 • St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:15am Special Intention for Kristina Trzaska
(Oleksy Family)

Thursday, July 15 • St. Bonaventure

8:15am † Ron Knauer (Chris Knauer)

Friday, July 16 • Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:15am Special Intention for Kristina Trzaska
(Oleksy Family)

Saturday, July 17 • Weekday

8:15am Special Intention for Kristina Trzaska
(Oleksy Family)

Vigil for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Patricia Michels (Faye Edlund)

Sunday, July 18 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of St. Rita
9:30am † Walter Valenti (Michael & Diane Cascio)
11:00am † Art Esparza (Mary Lee)

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

*Memorial candles are located near the tabernacles and in front of the St. Rita icon. Consider offering a candle in memory of someone special or as a special intention. Candles for the week of **July 11-17** are being offered for:*



Chapel: Special Intention for Kristina Trzaska
(Oleksy Family)

Church: † Joseph Cieskus, Sr. (Dorothy Cieskus)

St. Rita: In Thanksgiving for Erika Sy (Esther Sy)

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt
10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf.
33]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt
11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
[8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,
17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-
15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-
18/Mk 6:30-3

How can I repay the Lord for His goodness to me?



From now 'til the end of July help the St. Rita Knights of Columbus and Pomodoro Restaurant support those in our community with Intellectual Disabilities. Just ask for the **Charity Menu** and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to local organizations helping those who need us the most.



In past years, donations have gone to groups such as: Special Olympics, Walter Lawson Children's Home, Mosaic, SPRED

Bishop Lane Retreat Center is hiring!

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I know you will enjoy it. Plan on joining us tonight at 7PM CT!

Fr. Rocky

Rev. Francis J. Hoffman, JCD
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WATCH LIVE AT 7PM CT

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's Name.



SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Are you and your spouse celebrating a special milestone anniversary in 2021? Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on Sunday, August 22nd at 2:30 PM celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone (815) 399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 10th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

Back in His Presence

Bishop David Malloy advised priests of the Diocese of Rockford in a June 11 letter, that the dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (per canons 85 and 87 in the Code of Canon Law of 1983) will be lifted **July 1, 2021**.



As the dispensation is lifted, Catholics are reminded in the days and months ahead to use their consciences for any decision about not attending Mass or continuing to follow it virtually and to ask for pastoral guidance from their parish priests if needed.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIBERS

Your **JULY** issue is now available for pick-up in the Church Office. Office hours are from 9 to 5. We are closed for lunch from 12:30 - 1:30 pm.

Beginning in **August** the Magnificats will be upstairs again in the Narthex, located in the black bin with the books labeled alphabetically by name.

St. Rita requesting HELP

We are re-starting all of our ministries and welcoming back all previous liturgical volunteers and inviting new ones to join them (**ushers, greeters, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sunday hospitality, sacristans and altar servers**).

Please help us get back to normal. Call the Church Office if you are able to volunteer for any of the ministries listed above.

NOTE Safe Environment Requirements:

ALL volunteers of the parish are required to complete the Safe Environment requirements established by the Rockford Diocese. Please log in to your Virtus account at www.virtusonline.org and update any items in the Required Documents box that appear **RED**. If you don't have an account or you need assistance, please call Jean Peterson in the parish office. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who assist at our liturgies and make our parish a vibrant community.

Sewing Ministry Update

The Sewing Ministry is meeting again. We will meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 9 AM to Noon in Wahl Hall. Our next meeting will be on July 14, and the August meeting will be on the 11th. The location for future meetings, starting in September, will depend on the needs of the school and the situation with Covid. Stay tuned. In the meantime, anyone who has any interest in any aspect of sewing is welcome at our July 14 meeting in Wahl Hall. See you there



CHURCH UPDATES

Beginning July 1st, we will no longer have Adoration on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm in the Church, however, Confessions will continue from 6 to 7 pm. In addition, there will be no more livestreaming of the Mass on Friday mornings, but the weekend Mass livestream at (4:30 PM) will continue for the time being.

IN MEMORY OF

Orval Peterson
(Father of Brian Peterson)



Your servant, Lord, your servant am I.

TUESDAY NIGHT ROSARY JULY

Month of the Most Precious Blood

During the month of July, Mary invites you to pray the Family Rosary with her in her Rosary Walk. We will be praying for our country and for all who will be traveling this summer, especially members of our St. Rita family.

We will also be praying for Pope Francis's intention: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

See you on Tuesday at 6PM in the Mary Mother of Mercy Rosary Walk. In case of bad weather, we will meet in the Church. If you wish, bring a lawn chair.



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It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor in our community by joining our SVDP?

Our next meeting is this Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 in the lower level meeting room. We would love to share with you more about this great ministry.

And as always, thank you for your continued generosity.



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS EXPOSED DAILY

3:00-8:00 pm Monday-Friday

IN THE CHAPEL

Thank you to all the Adorers that have signed up to fill all the one hour spots. It is preferable that we have two Adorers for each hour in cases where one cannot

be present. There is a need to fill a few more spots with a second Adorer. If you are willing to spend an hour with our Lord every week, please sign up for one of the remaining open hours listed below:

Monday: 3:00-4:00 PM / 4:00-5:00 PM / 5:00-6:00 PM

Tuesday: 4:00-5:00 PM

Thursday: 7:00-8:00 PM

Friday: 4:00-5:00 PM / 5:00-6:00 PM / 6:00-7:00 PM / 7:00-8:00 PM

Please register on our website at: stritarockford.org
or contact the Church Office: (815) 398-0853.

St. Rita Seniors

Join us as we resume our monthly lunches!

DATE: July 14, 2021

TIME: Noon

PLACE: Sweet Basil Café (formerly TGIFridays)

RSVP to Virginia Jansen 815-226-8101.

Hope to see many there!

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Save the Date!

Rockford Friends of the Poor Walk sponsored by the Rockford Conferences of SVDP will be, **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**, at the Y Lodge. Our annual walk is held to bring awareness to issues concerning poverty in our community and nationally.

The Walk will begin with 9:00 Mass followed by Registration and the Walk along the Recreation Path. For more information you can visit our website: www.fopwalk.org/

St. Elizabeth's Center July Donations

Garage sales are in full swing now and they are a great resource for the items we are collecting this month - new or gently used games, books, puzzles, craft items/activities and toys. Please make sure that the games and puzzles have all of their pieces. Good time to also look for school supplies and backpacks, our August donation items.

Always needed are paper/plastic grocery bags for their food pantry as well as clothing hangers. Please bring donations to the old narthex (Devotional Vestibule) and place in the appropriate bin.

Thanks to each and every person who donates to St. Elizabeth Center; you touch the lives of so many people.



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