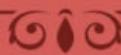




## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

They wanted to be first—to sit at the top, in the front, in the best and highest places. James' and John's request of Jesus strikes us as audacious at first glance. Then, perhaps we smile a bit. How naïve they sound! But it's a desire we ought to understand well. Everything around us challenges us to be Number One: to be the top dog, the best salesperson, the champion speller, the most successful company, the top team in the league, the school with the highest academic excellence, the best country in the world.

But Jesus' requirement for being in that place probably wasn't exactly what these disciples wanted to hear. He asks for servanthood. Mirroring his own willingness to embrace the role of servant—the image described in today's first reading from Isaiah. The early Christian community saw the connection between Jesus' actions and this suffering servant image. For the apostles, following Jesus meant they must be willing to walk where he walked, to share in his journey every step of the way.

Jesus pulls no punches regarding the scope of this servanthood. Following him requires a reversal of everything: true authority comes not from power or force but by embracing the lowest status of all—that of a slave. This realization must have been a shock to Jesus' followers—it was as much a reversal of cultural norms then as it is now. If being on top is congruent with current American values, slavery is about as counterintuitive as you can get. The image must have offended the disciples. It is offensive to us.

Ironically, perhaps, the key to meeting this most difficult demand lies in *freedom*. Slavery calls up images of bondage, domination, drudgery. Being or feeling forced into slavery is certainly like that. Most of us have never had to experience the horrors of forced slavery, but we've all on occasion at least felt like slaves to our jobs, the house that always needs to be cleaned, the laundry that piles up, or the never-ending demands of family. And some forms of slavery are so subtle, we aren't even aware of them: slavery to convention, fashion, habits or tradition, for example.

For each of us the hard question is: what does it mean to be a slave to all? "Who are the all in each of our lives? How large is that circle? We know from the Gospel that the circle includes those least able to attend to their own needs, least able to make it on their own, least likely to win our popularity contests. If we choose to give ourselves freely to children, does that mean only our children? What would it mean to be at the disposal of other children? There are plenty of poorly fed, poorly clothed, sick, lonely, suffering children to keep us enslaved for a lifetime. And then, there are the aged, the unemployed, the uneducated, formerly incarcerated, and the uninsured.

Should we choose to take the leap into slavery for even a few hours or days, we will find more opportunities than we might ever imagine. Those who need us will be waiting. And so is He, holding for us those places that have been prepared for the servants. Wouldn't it be something if there weren't enough room for all of us?

Peace,  
Fr. Michael

## You Still Need a Flu Shot!

Hometown Pharmacy will again offer flu shots to the St. Rita community on Sunday, October 17, from 9 AM until noon in the narthex. Please fill out a form (available on the kiosk or downloaded from the parish website) to bring with you, along with your health insurance card.

The Pfizer™ COVID booster will also be available to those age 65 and older, or age 18 and older with chronic illness (heart disease, diabetes, COPD, etc.), who previously completed the two Pfizer™ immunizations at least 6 months ago (before April 17, 2021). The booster is not available for anyone who received a different COVID immunization other than from Pfizer. You **MUST** bring your COVID immunization card with you if you wish to receive the booster.

\*PLEASE NOTE: The flu shot and COVID boosters may not be received at the same time. Hometown pharmacists recommend getting the flu shot **FIRST**, and the COVID booster 2 weeks later from your doctor or from the Pharmacy.



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**Weekend of October 10**

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**Altar Servers Needed**

Father Michael would like to resume using altar servers at our masses.

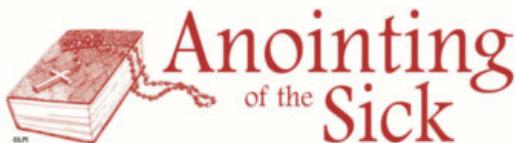
Children in grade 3 or above who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to serve.



If you are interested, contact Sharon Gierahn at 262-886-1944 or [jsgierahn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsgierahn@sbcglobal.net).

**Anointing of the Sick**

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered next Saturday, October 23, at the 4:45 mass to our senior members and our sick. It should be received by any person who (a) has a serious illness or (b) is in frail health. We encourage receipt of this beautiful sacrament in which our sick and senior members receive the sign of God's loving presence with them. For those wishing to receive the sacrament, please sign up in the narthex before the Mass.



**Parish Activities**

**MONDAY 10/18**

6:00 PM Scouts - *Cascia Hall*

**TUESDAY 10/19**

7:00 PM Finance Council - *East Meeting Room*

**WEDNESDAY 10/20**

6:15 PM K-8<sup>th</sup> Religious Ed - *School*

**THURSDAY 10/21**

**FRIDAY 10/22**

5:30 PM Break on the Mountain - *School*

**SATURDAY 10/23**

9:00 AM Retreat First Reconciliation - *School*

1:00 PM Festival Wrap Up Meeting - *Narthex*

3:30 PM Reconciliation - *Church*

**SUNDAY 10/24**

**Ministers  
October 23 & 24**

**Lectors**

- 4:45 PM Debbie Wollert
- 8:00 AM Jo Ann Rosenow  
Matt Schmidt
- 10:30 AM Frank Pauc  
Maggie Larsen

**Eucharist**

- 4:45 PM Mary Ann Collins  
Patricia Rossman  
**Nancy Mayer**
- 8:00 AM **David Eberle**  
Lisa Olesen  
Barb Schmitz
- 10:30 AM **Rick Kais**  
Kevin McCabe  
Ray Pawlak  
Cathy Ramage

**Altar Servers**

Not at this time.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 10/16

*Vigil Mass: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:45 PM † Becky Olley  
by her husband Ken and Family

### Sunday 10/17 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Belle Piro and Estell & Russ Jewett  
by David Piro

10:30 AM † Terry and John Gaffney by his wife Jane

### Monday 10/18 *St. Luke, Evangelist*

No Morning Mass

### Tuesday 10/19 *Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM † John Petro Sr.  
by Deacon Greg and Jeri Petro

### Wednesday 10/20 *St. Paul of the Cross, Priest*

8:00 AM † Barbara Meredith by her family

### Thursday 10/21

8:30 AM † Theresa Belec by Richard & Jean Slusar

### Friday 10/22 *St. John Paul II, Pope*

8:00 AM † Catherine Fulmer by Mary Rohde

### Saturday 10/23 *St. John of Capistrano, Priest*

No Public Morning Mass

*Vigil Mass: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:45 PM † Hugo and Florence Lorenzini by Diane

### Sunday 10/24 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Allan & Jane Scheef by Heidi Petrakis

10:30 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

## Pray for Our Parishioners

### ***Courage & Protection for those serving in the Armed Forces***

LT Jack L. Ramage (Navy)  
CPT Eric Ramage (Army)  
LT Colonel Geoff Gorsuch (Army)  
AC2 Michael Clingaman (Navy)

### ***Comfort & Healing for the homebound, those who are ill & for their caregivers***

Rita Adamczyk, John Allison, Bill Atkinson, Kay Bauer, Eva Britelle, Claude Caldwell, Linda Fidler, Karen Garbo, Bud Gorecki, Cathy Gross, Rita Hejny, Jack Hollow, Sylvia Hultman, Scarlet Johnson, Joan Kral, Richard Lannoye, Donna Larsen, Diana Lesnjak, Helen Lindgren, Patrick Livingston, Jim Long, Ann Johnson Lorenzini, Jerry Lui, Sarah Marquardt, Gabrielle Lee Martinez, Andrew Mattes, Dolores Meza, Berneice Otis, Jean Pawlak, Mark Quinn, Riley Rocque, Troy Salchow, Tom Scherr, Melissa Smith, Cathy Suchla, Marlene Theisen, Judi Tomachek, Nick Torzala, Don & Rose Veselik, Dorothy Waltenberger, Kathy Weber, Warner Williams, Lou Woodfill and Kathy Zambo

### ***Comfort & Peace for our Deceased & their loved ones***

## Bereavement Ministry

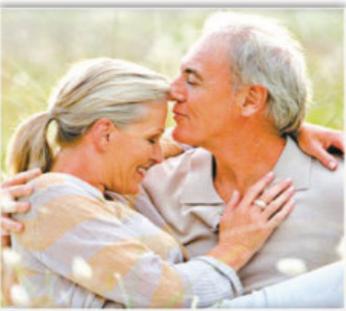
This ministry seeks to console those who have lost a loved one. It has recently been started and therefore we are just beginning to minister to parishioners and their families who are grieving. Anyone wishing to contact this ministry can send an email to [Bereavement@stritaracine.org](mailto:Bereavement@stritaracine.org) or call Deacon Greg at 262.221.1152.



## Mass Readings - Week of October 17

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>      | Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 |
| <b>Monday</b>      | 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>     | Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38       |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48                              |
| <b>Thursday</b>    | Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53                        |
| <b>Friday</b>      | Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>    | Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9                              |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52                  |

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## Altar of Remembrance

There is something new at St. Rita: It is an Altar of Remembrance. The Bereavement Ministry is organizing this to remember our deceased loved ones for All Soul's Day. We are inviting parishioners who have lost a loved one this past year to submit a framed portrait or photo of them. Please have their name clearly shown on the front of the portrait/photo, and the name and contact information of the person to return it to on the back. We will display them on a beautifully decorated altar in the narthex for the entire month of November. Please deliver the portrait/photo a minimum of one week prior to the special mass for All Soul's Day to Kathi Manchester in the parish office. Items can be picked up in the parish office the first week in December.

## Holy Hour for Life

You are invited to a Holy Hour for Life Prayer Service and Benediction of the Holy Eucharist to be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at St. Joseph Parish located at 1533 Erie Street in Racine. Rosary will begin beforehand at 6:00 p.m. with the formal prayer service beginning at 6:30 p.m. These services are planned and presided by the deacons of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and are held each year in various parishes around the Archdiocese to remind everyone of the sanctity of human life from womb to tomb.

## Racine Reads *Just Mercy*

Racine Reads *Just Mercy* is a fall series of events about the book, *Just Mercy*, written by Bryan Stevenson based on his life work battling for justice for people who live in poverty or are disfavored, accused, incarcerated or condemned. Join us virtually for a discussion about the book and film on November 1st or November 3rd. Local Racine community members, Carl Fields, Karl McNeil and Heather Bennett will share their experience with the criminal justice system during a virtual panel discussion on October 18, 2021. UW-Parkside Professor Aubri McDonald will be the featured speaker for a virtual presentation on race and Criminal Justice on November 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM. To register for these events: <https://ricracine.org/events> and select your event by date. This event is part of the "Opening Our Hearts and Minds to End Racism Series" facilitated by the Dominican Center for Justice Resources.



## Catholic Cemetery Association of Racine

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The Holidays are quickly approaching, and we are pleased to announce that the Catholic Cemetery Association of Racine will, once again, have "Remembrance Wreaths" available for families to purchase.

The 24" wreaths will soon be delivered from Northern Wisconsin, and will be ready to be installed at your loved one's gravesite, on a tripod stand, starting the Monday after Thanksgiving. The wreaths will be placed, as ordered, at each of our four cemeteries: Calvary Cemetery, Holy Cross Cemetery, Holy Family Cemetery, Old Holy Cross Cemetery.

The cost of the wreaths will remain at \$30 each.

If you would like to order a "Remembrance" wreath, to honor your deceased loved ones, for the upcoming Holiday Season, please call our office at (262) 639-1071.

## Special Guest Speaker

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Sunday Oct. 17th: For 7-11th graders 6pm till 7:30pm

Family Night Monday Oct. 18th: 6:30pm till 8:30pm

## Parent Night Out - Break on the Mountain

Attention Parents!!! Want a night out without the kids? Sign up to drop your kids off at St. Rita's school on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the evening. You can get out for a few hours while your kids can have some fun with a Jesus themed night of fun and fellowship. Kids will get a small meal and have some fun while you get a night out. The kids will be supervised by adults and high schoolers.

Sign up today - only \$20 per kid (max \$50 per family)

Child must be fully potty-trained and between grades K3-5th. Only a maximum of 30 kids allowed.

Sign up on St. Rita's website: [www.st-ritas.org/break-on-the-mountain](http://www.st-ritas.org/break-on-the-mountain)

Drop off time: 5:30 pm  
MUST PICK UP BY: 8:30 pm

This is a Fundraiser for St. Rita's Vacation Bible School. Thank you for your support.



"After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves." Matthew 17:1

## Religious Ed News

Schedules and Registration Forms for 2021-2022 are on the web site: [www.st-ritas.org/religious-ed-forms](http://www.st-ritas.org/religious-ed-forms)

### K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes

Wednesday, October 20 at 6:15 pm

### High School Classes

Sunday, October 17 at 6:00 pm

Note:

9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade in person  
10<sup>th</sup> is virtual

Masks will be required.

Contact Rachel at [kroesR@stritaracine.org](mailto:kroesR@stritaracine.org) if you have questions about our program.



# Rosy Rita Kid Zone

## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

| JESUS<br>DISCIPLES<br>PEOPLE | LEADERS<br>POWER<br>GREAT | SERVANT<br>FIRST<br>RESCUE |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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## MISSION

Invite a friend over to visit, and think of ways to serve her. Hang up her jacket, offer her something to eat, and ask her what she would like to do. Share your best toys with her, and let her have the first turn.



## Children's Liturgy and Family Resources

This week in the gospel, Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all. Children can identify with James and John in desiring a seat of honor. They long to sit at the dinner table next to a special guest such as a grandparent or close friend. Jesus invites us to think about the fact that true leaders put the needs and wants of others before their own. They give up their own glory for the good of the team.

### Bringing the Gospel home

Discuss servant leaders in the bible such as Noah, Moses and Jesus.

Share a time when you felt God's love through the sacrifice of another family member.

Talk about the ways that your family can serve others in your church or community.

### Catholic magazine for elementary school-aged children

<https://stmarysmessenger.com>



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