

## Feast of the Holy Family

Marriage and raising children breaks us out of our self-centeredness. We cannot remain happy as a married person and a parent if we refuse to give up our position as being the center of the universe. This is so because being a parent constantly forces a person to leave their own small world of selfish interests and reach out in love and care to another human being. From the middle of the night feedings, to the personal hygiene of your child (including above all, the changing of diapers whenever and wherever), through to the wiping off of faces covered with baby food to all the millions of things you are called upon to do to help your child grow, you are constantly being called out of your selfish self.

And it doesn't end when our kids no longer need us for all the survival stuff. As they grow and become more and more independent, we still carry them in our hearts. Many parents still lose sleep over their adult children.

But what about the children? As we look at the reading from the book of Sirach, we can clearly see that belonging to a family is a two-way street. Family relationships are meant to flow in both directions. Children, who receive so much from their parents, are asked to return respect and kindness to their fathers and mothers. We know that in this day and age, this can become a serious problem. Because we're living so much longer than in previous eras, many people have parents who need some kind of support for many, many years.

And so belonging to a holy family requires the same thing, whether we are a child or a parent, or both a child and a parent—we need to love, and we need to make that love visible to one another. In the words of the opening prayer, "...help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love."

Peace,  
Fr. Michael

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 AM

**MARY,**  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

### Epiphany of the Lord Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022

4:45 PM

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

 **Epiphany**  
OF THE LORD

### Bulletin Cover

Our bulletin cover was designed and colored by Lily N., grade 5.

### Well done Lily!!!

Thanks to all those who participated in St. Rita's 2021 Advent Nativity Coloring Contest.

All entries can be viewed on the TV in the narthex and on our web site: <https://www.st-ritas.org/2021-advent-coloring-contest>

Thanks again to all participants!!!



## Ministers January 2

### Lectors

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM  | Ryan Bouck<br>Matt Schmidt         |
| 10:30 AM | Georgiana Donohue<br>Maggie Larsen |

### Eucharist

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 8:00 AM  | Joseph Fojtik<br><b>Barb Schmitz</b><br>Mark Schmitz                |
| 10:30 AM | <b>Katie DeGroot</b><br>Kevin McCabe<br>Ray Pawlak<br>Joyce Sinkula |

### Altar Servers

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM  | Samuel Pitrof                      |
| 10:30 AM | Henley Hansen<br>Dominic Povkovich |

## Parish Activities

### MONDAY 12/27

6:00 PM Scouts - *Cascia Hall*

### TUESDAY 12/28

### WEDNESDAY 12/29

### THURSDAY 12/30

### FRIDAY 12/31

### SATURDAY 1/1

### SUNDAY 1/2

6:00 PM 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Religious Ed - *School*

## End-of-Year Contributions

2021 contributions to St. Rita Parish must be received by the parish office by December 31, 2021 in order to be recorded as a donation in 2021.

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 30 through Monday, January 3.

Thank you for your support!

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 12/25** *The Nativity of the Lord*

*Christmas Day Mass*

9:00 AM Priest Intention

No Vigil Mass

**Sunday 12/26** *The Holy Family*

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM † Gerry Gross by his family

**Monday 12/27** *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

No Morning Mass

**Tuesday 12/28** *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

8:00 AM † Sharon Buckson by Joan Schinkowitch

**Wednesday 12/29** *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM † Bonnie Bresciano by James Foster

**Thursday 12/30**

8:30 AM † Diane Allen by Don & Marilynn Hauch

**Friday 12/31** *St. Sylvester I, Pope*

8:00 AM † Sr. Georgiana Dorsey by Mary Rohde

**Saturday 1/1**

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

9:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

*Epiphany of the Lord*

4:45 PM † Frank & Mary Rondinelli by Eva Brittelle

**Sunday 1/2** *Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 AM † Bob & Gertrude Butler

by the Robert Butler Family

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***

John Allison, Bill Atkinson, Kay Bauer, Eva Brittelle, Claude Caldwell, Linda Fidler, Karen Garbo, Cathy Gross, Rita Hejny, Jack Hollow, Sylvia Hultman, Scarlet Johnson, Joan Kral, Donna Larsen, Diana Lesnjak, Helen Lindgren, Patrick Livingston, Jim Long, Ralph Lorentzen, Ann Johnson Lorenzini, Jerry Lui, Sarah Marquardt, Gabrielle Lee Martinez, Molly Mathew, Andrew Mattes, Dolores Meza, Berneice Otis, Jean Pawlak, Mark Quinn, Riley Rocque, Tom Scherr, Melissa Smith, Germaine & Cathy Suchla, 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***

**Mass Readings - Week of December 26**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>      | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 |
| <b>Monday</b>      | 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>     | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35   |
| <b>Thursday</b>    | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  |
| <b>Friday</b>      | 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18   |
| <b>Saturday</b>    | Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21   |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12   |

**Marian Center of Racine**

November 15, 2021 - January 15, 2022  
Monday - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual We know You Care/So Why Not Share Christmas Special

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**Sharing Sunday January 2**

The first Sunday of each month is Sharing Sunday at St. Rita. We ask our parishioners to bring non-perishable food items and toiletries for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. You may leave your donations in the Narthex.

**The following items are especially needed:**

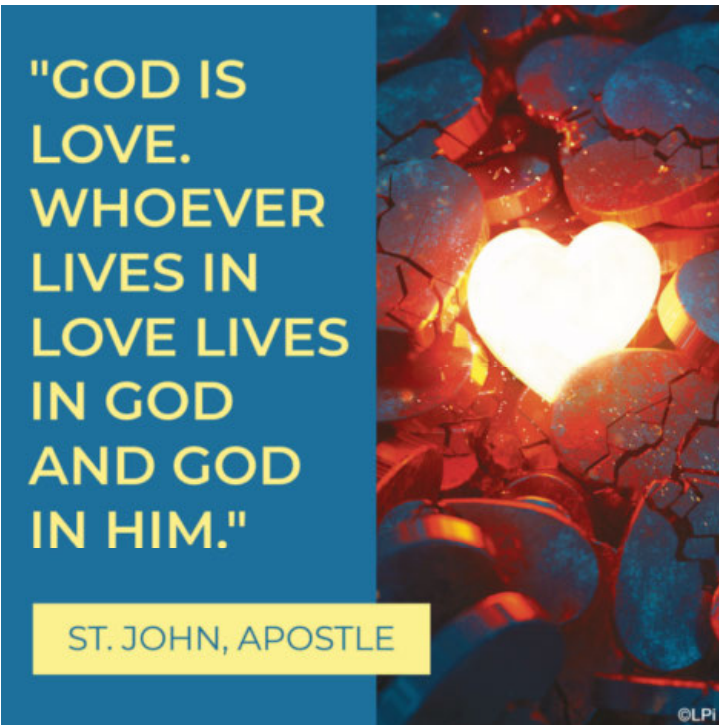
- Pasta sides, Snacks, Cookies, Tuna, Saltine Crackers, Peanut Butter, Other Boxed Crackers, Stewed or Diced Tomatoes, Boxed Potatoes, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cereal (at least 12 oz. prefer non-children cereal), Shampoo, Razors, Body Wash, Laundry soap**

**NOT accepting these items at this time.**

- Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Toilet Paper*

**Please remember to secure the lids of any products that might leak or Spill and damage food.**

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| <b>HIGH SCHOOL EDITION</b>                  | <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION</b>                |
| <b>MARCH 19, 2022</b><br><b>10AM-6PM</b>    | <b>MARCH 19, 2022</b><br><b>10AM-6PM</b>    |
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New for 2022 - we're holding both rallies on the same day! How leaders don't have to double up on transportation and chaperones. Middle and high school students will be separated for keynotes and breakout sessions, but together for lunch/reconciliation, entertainment, and Adoration.

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For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend January 7-9, 2022 in Racine please call (414) 502-7685 or email: [Milwaukee@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:Milwaukee@HelpOurMarriage.org) or visit the website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>



## Religious Ed News

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

Wednesday, January 5 at 6:15 pm  
Wednesday, January 12 at 6:15 pm  
Wednesday, January 19 at 6:15 pm

### High School Classes

Sunday, January 2 at 6:00 pm  
Sunday, January 16 at 6:00 pm  
Sunday, February 20 at 6:00 pm

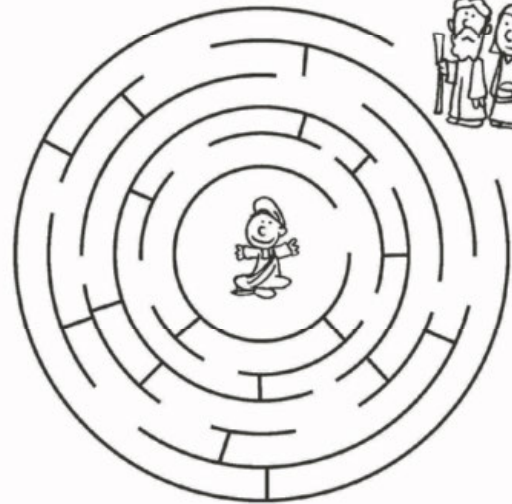
Contact Rachel at [kroesR@stritaracine.org](mailto:kroesR@stritaracine.org)  
if you have questions about our program.



# Rosy Rita Kid Zone

## PUZZLE

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



## MISSION

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed.  
As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors,  
asking them to come back.



## Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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