



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.”  
- Lk 4:18a*

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

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many of you have heard the saying that, “People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.” It is probably just as true to say that, “People are imprisoned because they build walls instead of bridges.” These images of walls and bridges can be very useful tools for us as we try to understand what Jesus was talking about in today’s Gospel passage.

Jesus read these words from the prophet Isaiah: *The Spirit...has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...* In other words, Jesus came to bring freedom, Jesus is our liberator.

Our own lives are full of walls. Walls keep us from knowing and loving. Walls of prejudice keep people from learning about each other. Walls of judgement keep people from discovering what is common and worthy of respect in others. Walls of status keep different classes of people from influencing each other. Some walls we inherit from our parents or our culture—others we build ourselves.

Our task is not to build walls. It is to build bridges, to connect ourselves to others. Building bridges means allowing others to be an important part of our lives. It’s true that if we continually shut people out of our lives, we will end up lonely and unhappy. But we will also end up enslaved in our own small prison. We need to work at building bridges, which will connect our lives with the lives of others.

We have a strong need to also build bridges with God. We do this through prayer, meditation, reading, community worship, contemplating the wonders of the world. Jesus has called us to the deepest freedom that a person can experience. Now we need to accept that remarkable call and respond to it with all that is within us. We are called to be free.

Peace,  
Fr. Michael

### St. Rita Census Info

You should have received a census form in the mail from St. Rita this past week. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket at mass or mailed, emailed or delivered to the parish office (and if the office is closed, you can place it in the slot in the door). If you did not receive a form, there are extras in the Narthex or you can get a copy from Kathi Manchester in the parish office. Census forms are due January 31.

Secondly, since we really need to gather information from everyone, the Parish Pastoral Council is looking for volunteers to call people in February who have not returned their census forms. Phone calls would take place during the middle of February and could be made from your home. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kathi Manchester in the parish office or sign up in the Narthex after mass.



## Ministers January 29 & 30

Deacon Greg will be assisting at all masses.

### Lectors

4:45 PM Diana Lerro  
Dennis Collins

8:00 AM Jo Ann Rosenow  
Doug Noe

10:30 AM Georgiana Donohue  
Nino Martinez

### Eucharist

4:45 PM Ruth Adamczyk  
**Mary Ann Collins**

8:00 AM **David Eberle**  
Joseph Fojtik

10:30 AM **Katie DeGroot**  
Edith Martinez  
Ray Pawlak

### Altar Servers

4:45 PM Madison Young

8:00 AM Samuel Pitrof

10:30 AM Ana Martinez-Ponce  
Henley Hansen

## THANK YOU!!!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!

### Weekend of January 16

Envelopes (60 donors)	\$4,589.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$519.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$5,108.00</b>

## Parish Activities

### MONDAY 1/24

6:00 PM Scouts - *Cascia Hall*

### TUESDAY 1/25

### WEDNESDAY 1/26

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

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Church*

### THURSDAY 1/27

### FRIDAY 1/28

### SATURDAY 1/29

3:30 PM Reconciliation - *Church*

### SUNDAY 1/30

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 1/22** *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

*Vigil Mass: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
4:45 PM † Marie Karsnick by Debbie Kriva

**Sunday 1/23** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM † Bonnie Bresciano  
by the Third Order of St. Augustine

**Monday 1/24** *St. Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
No Mass

**Tuesday 1/25** *The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*  
8:00 AM † Marilynn Thielen by David Pioro

**Wednesday 1/26** *Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops*  
8:00 AM † Richard Lannoye by his family

**Thursday 1/27** *St. Angela Merici, Virgin*  
8:30 AM † Cathy Suchla by John & Susan Willing

**Friday 1/28** *St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
8:00 AM † Lorrie Kroes by her family

**Saturday 1/29**  
*Vigil Mass: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
4:45 PM † Don Wilson by Phil & Annette and family

**Sunday 1/30** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners  
10:30 AM † Sharon Buckson by Pat & Monica Bissen

**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 Britelle, 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, Germane 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 January 23, 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
<b>Monday</b>	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
<b>Friday</b>	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



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(Signature)

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(Date Signed)

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Did you know you can have your stewardship giving electronically deducted from your checking or savings account? Just fill out the ACH Authorization Form that can be found on the parish web site at [www.st-ritas.org/parish-forms](http://www.st-ritas.org/parish-forms) or in the parish office.

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## Open Your Hearts to Our New Neighbors

We know your hearts are full. Saint Vincent de Paul is currently helping families throughout Racine County with housing, utilities, food, clothing, kitchen and bedding kits, as well as a weekly hot meal program supported by Catholic parishes and other caring churches.

During August of 2021, thousands of Afghan families, most of whom supported our military for many years, were forced overnight to flee their homeland with nothing but the clothes on their backs. As their country entered a new dark age, they fled to a new life in a land full of hope. In a few days over 100,000 Afghan refugees were flown into eight military bases in the United States, and have been housed there ever since.

The call went out to help a people who had helped us, and SVDP answered that call co-sponsoring with another faith-filled community, North Pointe Methodist Church. Together we will help Afghan families acclimate to life in Racine by obtaining employment, accessing transportation, food, clothing, ESL classes, tutoring, etc.

We are not alone in this worthy venture as Sacred Heart Parish and Holy Communion Lutheran Church are both independently sponsoring a family. St. Mesrob Armenian and the Racine Interfaith Coalition are also co-sponsoring a family. We hope that other Catholic parishes are moved to sponsor an Afghan family. SVDP and North Pointe will soon be introduced to a new family and our experiences will be passed on to smooth the way for other churches.

We are asking that you consider giving additionally to Saint Vincent de Paul this month in order that we can help these families, as well as continue our daily outreach within the community. We will be designating our SVDP collection on January 30<sup>th</sup> as an "extra giving" Sunday for SVDP Afghan Refugee Relief. Thank you so much in advance for your continued generosity and support of our neighbors.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 - January 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

[www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/international-week-prayer-christian-unity](http://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/international-week-prayer-christian-unity)



## Religious Ed News

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

Wednesday, January 26 at 6:15 pm

Wednesday, February 2 at 6:15 pm

Wednesday, February 9 at 6:15 pm

### High School Classes

Sunday, February 20 at 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 6 at 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 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

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT  
CHOSEN  
POOR

FREEDOM  
SIGHT  
SUFFERS

LORD  
JESUS  
TRUE

I	A	M	J	L	U	I	T	L	A
S	B	C	H	O	S	E	N	V	E
U	P	A	T	R	H	A	R	T	I
F	R	E	E	D	O	M	A	W	H
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### MISSION

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



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