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# First Eucharist

*Blessings for our First Communicants  
Saturday, April 30, 2022*



## Third Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this? ©LPi



## Prayer Shawl Comfort Quilt Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Comfort Quilt Ministry would like to express thanks to all who have contributed fabric and yarn to our project. It is greatly appreciated. However, we have more than we can ever use, so please do not bring any more for the project.

One place that uses a lot of fabric and some yarn is Toy for Tots. They use it for doll clothes and decorating doll houses.

God Bless all of you who help to make this project a success.

We will have blessing of shawls/quilts on May 1.



### Ministers - May 7 & 8

Deacon Greg will be assisting at all masses.

#### Lectors

- 4:45 PM Diana Lerro  
Debbie Wollert
- 8:00 AM Doug Noe  
Rosemary VanTreck
- 10:30 AM Myra Fox  
Frank Pauc

#### Eucharist

- 4:45 PM Jane Hardy  
**Nancy Mayer**
- 8:00 AM Lisa Olesen  
**Barb Schmitz**
- 10:30 AM **Sharon Gierahn**  
Kevin McCabe  
Cathy Ramage

#### Altar Servers

- 4:45 PM Fernando Acosta-Arciles  
Javier Acosta-Arciles
- 8:00 AM Max Lynott  
Ava Lynott
- 10:30 AM John Nguyen  
Lily Nguyen

### THANK YOU!!!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!

#### Weekend of April 17

Envelopes (112 donors)	\$7,955.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$1,340.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$9,295.00</b>

#### Weekend of April 24

Envelopes (66 donors)	\$10,404.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$499.26
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$10,903.26</b>

### Parish Activities

#### MONDAY 5/2

6:00 PM Scouts - Cascia Hall

#### TUESDAY 5/3

#### WEDNESDAY 5/4

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church

#### THURSDAY 5/5

#### FRIDAY 5/6

#### SATURDAY 5/7

3:30 PM Reconciliation - Church

#### SUNDAY 5/8

11:30 AM May Crowning after 10:30 AM Mass

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 4/30** *St. Pius V, Pope*

*Vigil Mass: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
4:45 PM † Wesley & Veronica Rosenberg  
by their children

**Sunday 5/1** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM † Mitchell Dziekonski by Marta Kopij

**Monday 5/2** *St. Athanasius,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
No Mass

**Tuesday 5/3** *Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*  
No Mass

**Wednesday 5/4**  
No Mass

**Thursday 5/5**  
8:30 AM † Frank Brittelle by Eva Brittelle

**Friday 5/6**  
8:00 AM Vocations to the priesthood,  
diaconate and religious life

**Saturday 5/7**  
*Vigil Mass: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
4:45 PM † Hugo & Florence Lorenzini by Tom

**Sunday 5/8** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners  
10:30 AM † Bonnie Bresciano by Marion Rollo

**Pray for Our  
Parishioners**

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

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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***

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



**Mass Readings - Week of May 1, 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**Marian Day Retreat**

Lectures and Reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Benedict Abbey Retreat Center, Benet Lake, WI On Wednesday, May 4th from 9:15 am to 3:00 pm. Presenters are Br. Matthew Marie, OSB and Fr. Macario Martinez, OSB.

Participants must register. Call and reserve your spot today! Fee \$10 per person. 262-396-4311, ext. 105

Registration closes Monday morning, May 2nd!



**A Parish Pastoral Council is Collaborative**

The PPC challenges itself and others in the parish to work together – within the parish and beyond. The demands of the future stretch our resources, but the PPC, through responsible stewardship, looks for ways to meet needs creatively and effectively. PPC members are servant leaders who determine how all the gifts present in the parish and given by God can be utilized for the benefit of everyone. The annual selection of PPC members is approaching. The process is a call to service, not a race or a contest. Please pray for one another, so that as a parish family we call forth leaders who build a true community under the Spirit.

**Nomination Sunday**

Today is Nomination Sunday for Parish Pastoral Council. This is an important time in our parish life. It is when we as a Parish nominate parishioners to share their talents in a leadership capacity through these ministries.

Nominees must be a registered member of St. Rita Parish; be a baptized, practicing Catholic; be a participant in the parish worship life, especially Mass and the sacraments; and be at least 18 years of age.

Nominations will be accepted up through May 8th by contacting the Parish Office. All nominees for PPC will be contacted and will have the opportunity to discern whether they are being called to serve in this ministry. The nominees will gather and discern which 3 of them will begin the 3-year term that will begin in June.

**Religious Ed News**

High School Classes

Sunday, May 1 at 6:00 pm  
 Sunday, May 15 at 6:00 pm

*Note: May 15 is the last class for High School.*

Contact Rachel at kroesR@stritaracine.org if you have questions about our program.





August 19, 20, and 21

## St. Rita 2022 Parish Festival

### Available Sponsorship Packages

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#### Beer Barrel Sponsorships

Signs are placed on beer caddies in the Entertainment Tent with donors' names.

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St. Rita Parish will gratefully accept individual and anonymous cash donations for any amount in support of the Festival. Donations of products and materials for operations can be coordinated with the parish office for a list of needed items. Please contact the parish office (262-639-3223) for more information.

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*Terms and conditions:* Sponsor will receive Banner and Sign Business name placement with room for button-sized logo drop-in. Packages with ads (i.e., tickets, brochures) allow for custom designs. For bookkeeping records, the EIN of St. Rita Parish is 39-1017054. Payment in full to be provided by Sponsor within 30 days, with check payable to St. Rita Parish and mailed to: St. Rita Parish, 4339 Douglas Avenue, Racine WI 53402, Attn: Suzanne Kroes. Phone is (262) 639-3223.

Form can also be found on our website at: <https://www.st-ritas.org/festival>



# **St. Rita Parish**

## **Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council**

### **Mission Statement**

We, the People of St. Rita Parish, strive to encounter Christ in one another, become disciples, and proclaim Him to others.

The St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council and Commissions are comprised of dynamic and committed members who serve to make a positive contribution to the success of our various parish, ministries and outreach. In the past, you have had the opportunity to reflect on some of the characteristics of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and you have been asked to prayerfully consider yourself or another as a candidate for this Council.

### **Membership**

Any baptized Catholic who is a registered adult member of our parish (i.e. 18 years of age or older), and who participates in the sacramental and liturgical life of our faith community is eligible for consideration and nomination to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Those nominated will be advised of the makeup of the Council's membership, the term of office (commitment), and any pertinent information pertaining to membership.

### **Nominations**

Please list the name or names of those you wish to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

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(all nominees will be notified that their name has been submitted)

Please submit your nomination no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>  
via email, US mail or drop off in the basket in the Narthex.

Email: [manchesterk@stritaracine.org](mailto:manchesterk@stritaracine.org) Kathi Manchester – St. Rita Church

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