

## *Blessing of Mothers*

*During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:*

*God our heavenly Father,  
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.*

*Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love  
and bring forth life through their willingness  
to risk bringing new life into this world.*

*Help us to show them our gratitude  
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.*

*May our life-giving God continue to bless them  
and show them his unfailing love.*

*We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.*

*Amen.*

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God’s pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in someone who can lead us and form us. At day’s end, if we do not know how to find our way home, we will be truly lost.

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### St. Rita of Cascia Novena

The Novena starts  
on May 13<sup>th</sup>  
and ends on May 21<sup>st</sup>,  
the day before her  
Feast Day of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Copies of the novena are available in the  
narthex or can be found on our website:  
[www.st-ritas.org/st--rita-of-cascia-novena](http://www.st-ritas.org/st--rita-of-cascia-novena)

### Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers, are you looking for a unique program to make a difference? There are people with age-related challenges right here in our parish. Our Harmony Club provides respite care for both clients and caregivers. We rely on the dedication and support of volunteers like you to make this social day program a success! Volunteers spend their day with clients in conversation, enjoying entertainment, craft activities and playing bingo. We meet from 9:30 to 3:30pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please call Dawn at 262-880-5301 or Danielle at 254-319-2535 for more information.



## Ministers - May 14 & 15

### Lectors

4:45 PM Jean Weaver Peterson  
Dennis Collins

8:00 AM Ryan Bouck  
Matt Schmidt

10:30 AM Nino Martinez  
Maggie Larsen

### Eucharist

4:45 PM Mary Ann Collins  
**Edie Mahoney**  
Mary Simon

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

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

### Altar Servers

4:45 PM Javier Acosta-Arciles  
Fernando Acosta-Arciles

8:00 AM Daniel Bouck

10:30 AM Valencia McNeely  
Giselle McNeely

## THANK YOU!!!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!

### Weekend of May 1

Envelopes (80 donors)	\$6,351.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$694.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$7,045.00</b>

## Parish Activities

### MONDAY 5/9

6:00 PM Scouts - *Cascia Hall*

### TUESDAY 5/10

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

### WEDNESDAY 5/11

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Church*

### THURSDAY 5/12

### FRIDAY 5/13

### SATURDAY 5/14

3:30 PM Reconciliation - *Church*

### SUNDAY 5/15

6:00 PM 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Ed -  
*Meet in Church*

6:00 PM Catholic Social Teaching Speaker -  
*Church*

## Parish Staff Directory

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**Mass Intentions**

**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

**Monday 5/9**

No Mass

**Tuesday 5/10 St. Damien de Veuster, Priest**

8:00 AM † Don Hoaglund by Sandy & Dan Hoaglund

**Wednesday 5/11**

8:00 AM † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Arthur and Malea Bose  
by Yong and Sungsook Auh

**Thursday 5/12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;  
St. Pancras, Martyr**

8:30 AM † Jack Moore by the McDermott Family

**Friday 5/13 Our Lady of Fatima**

8:00 AM Judy Tomachek by her family

**Saturday 5/14 St. Matthias, Apostle**

*Vigil Mass: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

4:45 PM † Don Wilson  
by Phil and Annette and family

**Sunday 5/15 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM † Tom Catrine by Connie Kurhajec

**Pray for Our  
Parishioners**

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

LT CDR 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, Rita Hejny, Jack Hollow, Sylvia Hultman, Josephine Isaacson, 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, Andrew Mattes, Dolores Meza, Berneice Otis, Mark Quinn, Riley Rocque, Tom Scherr, Melissa Smith, Germane Suchla, Judi Tomachek, Nick Torzala, Kamala Venu, Don & Rose Veselik, Dorothy Waltenberger, Kathy Weber, Warner Williams, Lou Woodfill and Kathy Zambo

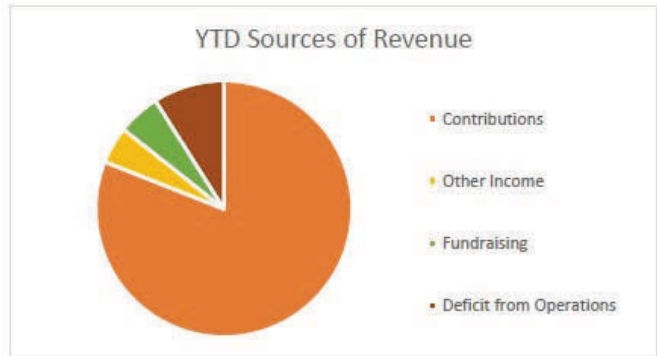
***Comfort & Peace  
for our Deceased &  
their loved ones***

## Mass Readings - Week of May 8, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

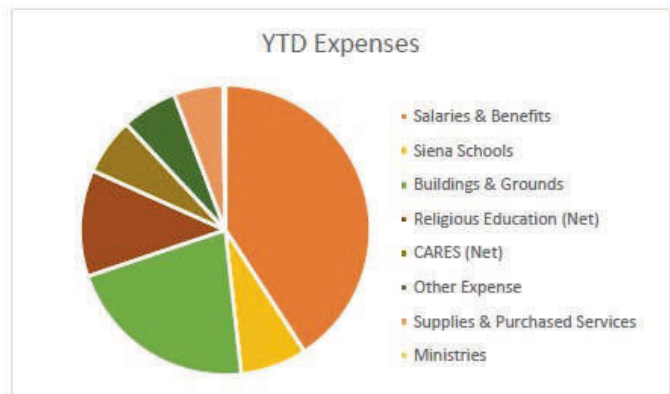
### St. Rita Parish Fiscal Year-to-Date Cash Flow Third Quarter/March 31, 2022

	YTD Sources of Revenue
Contributions	\$ 385,074.39
Other Income	\$ 22,211.53
Fundraising	\$ 25,438.53
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 432,724.45</b>
*Deficit from Operations	\$ 42,699.57
Funds needed to cover Expenses	<u>\$ 475,424.02</u>



\*Covid Relief Funds were received in November and December of 2021 totaling \$105,735.33. A portion has been used to offset the deficit.

	YTD Expenses
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 194,061.98
Siena Schools	\$ 35,252.35
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 102,662.28
Religious Education (Net)	\$ 56,494.47
CARES (Net)	\$ 30,118.76
Other Expense	\$ 29,529.75
Supplies & Purchased Services	\$ 26,100.47
Ministries	\$ 1,203.96
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 475,424.02</b>



Notes:  
 Religious Education (Net) shows the direct expense to the parish to run the program  
 CARES (Net) shows the expense to the parish as a result of the program  
 The CARES program closed 6/30/21; anticipated wrap up expenses will continue for the remainder of the fiscal year  
 Ministries expense includes Human Concerns, Stewardship, and Evangelization

Please contact Suzanne Kroes, Parish Business Manager, if you have any questions.  
[kroess@stritaracine.org](mailto:kroess@stritaracine.org) or 262-639-3223.

The St. Rita Human Concerns Commission  
is beginning a new speaker series

**Session 1:**

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING  
LIVING OUR FAITH

**When:** Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Where:** St. Rita Parish  
4339 Douglas Ave.  
Racine, WI 53402  
Meet in the new church at the end of the boulevard.

**Presenters:**

The Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Milwaukee

Mr. Robert Shelledy  
Director of Dignity of the Human Person  
Coordinator of Social Justice Ministry  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Come join us to learn about these principles that are deeply rooted in scripture and leave with examples of how to live them out in your life.

**Save the Date:**

Nov 6, 2022: Life and Dignity of the Human Person  
Dec 4, 2022: Call to Family, Community & Participation  
Feb 5, 2023: Rights and Responsibilities



**Catholic Social  
Justice Principles**

**Solidarity**

We are one human family. The Catholic social principle of solidarity is about recognizing others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good.

*If one member suffers, all suffer with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.*  
1 Corinthians 12:26

**Living It Out**

Pray a rosary for the common good of society. You could pray one decade each day if you have small children.

Have a discussion about global issues that impact our fellow human beings and which issues your family/parish committee feels called to address.

Use social media to share information about local or world organizations that are working to build solidarity among people.

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, asking for God's mercy on "the whole world".

**Local Ministries and Groups  
Putting this Principle into Action**

At St. Rita  
Prayer Network

Bereavement Ministry

Prayer Shawl/Comfort Quilt Ministry

In our Community  
Racine Interfaith Coalition (RIC)

The Hospitality Center in Racine

Volunteer Center of Racine

Info can be found on our web site at:  
<https://www.st-ritas.org/social-justice-principles>



# **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

Mail: St. Rita Parish, Attn: Kathi Manchester, 4339 Douglas Ave. Racine, WI 53402





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