



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives.

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WE NEED FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!

**St. Rita Parish Festival and Rummage sale depends
on volunteers to make our annual event a success.**

To sign up for one of the many volunteer opportunities, please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054da9a623a31-strita2>

or access on the parish website at:

<https://www.st-ritas.org/festival>



Ministers - July 2 & 3

Lectors

4:45 PM Dennis Collins
 8:00 AM Myra Fox
 Doug Noe
 10:30 AM Maggie Larsen

Eucharist

4:45 PM Mary Ann Collins
 Ruth Adamczyk
Mary Simon
 8:00 AM **David Eberle**
 Joseph Fojtik
 Sharon Gierahn
 10:30 AM **Katie DeGroot**
 Kevin McCabe
 Ray Pawlak
 Joyce Sinkula

Altar Servers

4:45 PM Madison Young
 Henley Hansen
 8:00 AM Daniel Bouck
 10:30 AM Mona Prideaux
 Dominic Povkovich

THANK YOU!!!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!

Weekend of June 19

Envelopes (66 donors)	\$7,807.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$559.00
Total Contributions	\$8,366.00

Parish Activities

MONDAY 6/27

6:00 PM Scouts - *Cascia Hall*

TUESDAY 6/28

WEDNESDAY 6/29

THURSDAY 6/30

FRIDAY 7/1

SATURDAY 7/2

3:30 PM Reconciliation - *Church*

SUNDAY 7/3

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 6/25 *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Vigil Mass: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45 PM For our living and deceased parishioners

Sunday 6/26 *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM † Salvatore Seidita
by Matt & Bobbie Schmidt

10:30 AM † Jim Wunsch
by his wife Bonnie and family

Monday 6/27 *St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

No Mass

Tuesday 6/28

8:00 AM † Carson & Edna Rohde
by John & Mary Rohde

Wednesday 6/29 *Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles*

8:00 AM † Pablo Castaneda
by Jim & Helen Castaneda

Thursday 6/30 *The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

8:30 AM Rob Shelledy in appreciation
from the Human Concerns Commission

Friday 7/1 *St. Junipero Serra, Priest*

8:00 AM Vocations to the priesthood,
diaconate and religious life

Saturday 7/2

Vigil Mass: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45 PM For our living and deceased parishioners

Sunday 7/3 *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM † Belvina Pioro & Estelle & Russ Jewett
by David Pioro

10:30 AM † Randy Knierim by his children

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 Brittelle, 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, Chuck Majeski, Sarah Marquardt, Gabrielle Lee Martinez, Andrew Mattes, Dolores Meza, Berneice Otis, Mark Quinn, Riley Rocque, Tom Scherr, Melissa Smith, Germane Suchla, 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 June 26, 2022

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday	Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Sharing Sunday July 3

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, Rice sides, Saltine crackers,**
- Progreso soup, Tuna, Ramen noodles,**
- Instant Potatoes, canned meats,**
- Shampoo & Conditioner, Deodorant,**
- Shaving Cream, Body Wash, Bar Soap,**
- Toothpaste, Laundry soap, Dish soap**
- Vaseline, Hand Lotion,**
- Feminine hygiene products small pkgs.**

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

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July 24-29, 2022

<https://tinyurl.com/pyx729j7>



First Saturday for Life

Join us for a "First Saturday for Life" prayer service at St. Joseph Church (1532 N Wisconsin St, Racine, WI 53402) at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning, July 2nd.

We will have Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, and Benediction. Deacon Doug will lead this service in coordination with the Respect Life Ministry of the Archdiocese as the first such "First Saturday" service that will rotate monthly among parishes across all 10 counties in the Archdiocese.

St. Vincent de Paul Donation Door

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Our store Donation Door will start to take donations Wednesday June 15th.

The door will only be open
9am-3pm WED--FRI and 9am-2pm SAT

The Lasalle location will NO LONGER
be accepting donations.

Our store itself is set to open mid July.

Thank you for your inquiries,
and continued support

Archdiocese of Milwaukee's policy on Gender Theory

To provide a comprehensive explanation to the Catholic Faithful of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's policy on Gender Theory, Fr. Javier Bustos has written a column for the May 19th edition of the Catholic Herald. "*Gender Theory: Does a Secular Response have to be the Only Response?*" includes statements of support from clergy and individuals in education and healthcare.

This article can be found on our parish website at:
<https://www.st-ritas.org/>.

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<https://archmil.regfox.com/devoted-august-2022>



Join us at our St. Rita Parish Festival

August 19th, 20th & 21st, 2022

St. Rita Parish Festival has established itself as one of the community's favorite summer entertainment destinations. Five top area bands have been signed for this year's event. The Entertainment stage is in a 9,000 square foot tent with full seating, dance floor, and a full-service beer and wine bar.

Midway rides, games, and favorite festival foods are offered, as well as our Meat and Basket Raffles. Our Friday Fish Fry and Sunday Chicken dinners offer sit-down or to-go dining. Super Raffle tickets, with a top prize of \$1500, can be purchased at the festival or in advance from parish members.

FRIDAY AUG 19

THE CHEAP SHOTS

7:00 – 10:30 PM



Fish Fry (\$12) 5 PM – 7 PM,
School Gym

SATURDAY AUG 20

ALMIGHTY VINYL

7:00 – 10:30 PM



Second Band
WEIRD SCIENCE
2:30 – 5:30 PM



Mass 4:45 PM, Church

SUNDAY AUG 21

MT. OLIVE

3:30 - 7:30 PM



Second Band
FULL FLAVOR
12:00 – 2:15 PM



Chicken Dinner (\$12) Noon – 3 PM,
School Gym

Super Raffle drawing – 7:30 PM



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