

Catholic Community in Central Racine

January 30, 2022

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22



4° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Dijo: "Hoy mismo se ha cumplido este pasaje de Escritura que ustedes acaban de oír". Todos le daban su aprobación y admiraban la sabiduría de las palabras que salían de sus labios, y se preguntaban: "¿No es éste el hijo de José?" - Lc 4, 21-22

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Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
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Saturday/Sábado	4:00 pm	English
Sunday/Domingo	9:00 am	English
Sunday/Domingo	10:30 am	Español
Sunday/Domingo	12:00 pm	Español
Sunday/Domingo	6:00 pm	Español
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Masses

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Sunday	11:30 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am

Livestream Masses:

Sunday: 9:00 am English 10:30 am Español

Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 am English

St. Edward Parish



This Week:

Saturday, January 29
4:00 pm Mass at St. Edward

Sunday, January 30
9:00 am Mass at St. Edward

Tuesday, February 1
9:00 am Mass at St. Edward

Wednesday, February 2
9:00 am Mass (rosary) at St. Edward

Thursday, February 3
9:00 am Mass at St. Richard

Friday, February 4
9:00 am Mass at St. Richard

Saturday, February 5
4:00 pm Mass at St. Edward

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am †Lynn Ciaramita

Tuesday, February 1
9:00 am Special Intentions

Wednesday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord
9:00 am Special Intentions

Saturday, February 5, St. Agatha
4:00 pm Special Intentions

Sunday, February 6, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am For Living and deceased members of the Catholic Community of Central Racine



Please pray for the family of Nicolina Angelini who passed away last week. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, January 27.

OUR LADY OF GRACE ACADEMY
Racine, WI

ASIANA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**JOIN US FOR
CSW Open House**

Wednesday February 2nd
5pm-7pm

Join us for school tours
and other fun activities!

Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

Escuelas Católicas
Fe, Excelencia, Servicio.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Readers please pick up your new workbooks in the sacristy. New ministry volunteers are welcome, especially for 4:00 Mass. If interested, contact Bill Frayer or leave your name/contact info. with the Parish Office or an usher. We will begin signing up for March-May ministry schedule in the breezeway on Feb. 5th-20th.

SCRIP Program

Last year, St. Edward's received \$2725.28 in rebates from the SCRIP program. One person earned \$258, in rebates, just by using her grocery and drug store cards. Another earned \$278, in rebates by using grocery and gas cards. Another earned \$163 just by using his gas cards every month.

If 10 more people committed to using SCRIP consistently, for gas or groceries, St. Edward's could earn over \$6,000 in rebates!

Call Barb at 262-637-3376 to find out how easy it is to earn free money for St. Edward's.

SVdP 5th Sunday Collection

See the CCR page for the notice on aid to Afgan refugee families. Proceeds from our SVdP envelopes this weekend and a second collection Feb. 5-7 will be donated from St. Ed's to assist in this effort. Donations can also/ be dropped off/sent to the Parish Office in an envelope marked "St. Vincent DePaul:."

Thank you for generously donating!

Weekly Collections for January 22/23:

Weekly Envelopes.....	\$705.00
Save the Building.....	\$0.00
Offertory Collection.....	\$172.00
Votive Candles.....	\$16.00
Miscellaneous Collections.....	\$0.00
Total.....	\$893.00

Stewardship Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values, and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is, indeed, living gospel values.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist needy families, providing them food, and help for utility, rent and other bills, etc. Thank you! Your gift today will be part of our 5th Sunday collection for SVdP,

Knights of Columbus / St. Vincent de Paul

1. Assist the poor, strengthen your faith, build new friendships within the church.
2. Practice the virtues of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Participate in programming that builds faith, community, and parish, while strengthening family and the culture of life, including one of the nations top ranked insurance organizations.

Join Us

If either of these appeal to you, you should prayerfully and seriously consider joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society and/or Knights of Columbus. For more information, on the benefits of joining the organizations, contact Bill Frayer (262-633-7887), frayerfamily@yahoo.com or leave your name/contact info. with the Parish Office. For St. Vincent de Paul, you can also contact Don Mueller at (262-456-4345). For the Knights, visit kofc.org/joinus or www.wikofc.com.

Souper Bowl 2022

St. Ed's "Souper Bowl" collection drive continues through Sun, Feb. 13. Purchase your cans of hearty, chunky soups and place them in back of church on the east side. Recipients will be HALO, The Hospitality Center and Veterans Outreach.



St. Patrick Parish/Parroquia de San Patricio

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de Misa

1/29	4:00 pm	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
1/30	9:00 am	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
	10:30 am	† Rafael Maldonado
	12:00 pm	† Estela Gallardo (aniversario luctuoso)
		† Evita Gallardo (aniversario luctuoso)
		† Jesús Lozano
		† José Rosario Ruiz
	6:00 pm	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
2/2	6:00 pm	† Gumercindo Ortiz
2/5	4:00 pm	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
2/6	9:00 am	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad
	10:30 am	† Rafael Maldonado
	12:00 pm	† Gumercindo Ortiz
	6:00 pm	Our Parishioners/Por la Comunidad

Weekly Schedule

- Sunday/domingo 1/30
- Monday/lunes 1/31
- Tuesday/martes 2/1
- Wednesday/miércoles 2/2
- Thursday/jueves 2/3
- Friday/Viernes 2/4
- Saturday/sábado 2/5
- Sunday/domingo 2/6

Próximos Eventos

Pensamientos del Padre Juan . .

Gracia y Paz a todos vosotros:

El fin de semana pasado celebramos el Domingo de la Palabra de Dios. En mi homilía propuse un reto para este año en el que estamos leyendo el evangelio de Lucas. El evangelio de Lucas y los Hechos de los Apóstoles fueron escritos por el mismo autor. Mi desafío era leer un capítulo del Evangelio y luego Hechos cada semana. Eso sería un desafío para 52 semanas en total. El evangelio de Lucas tiene 24 capítulos y el de Hechos tiene 28. Espero que acepten el desafío.

El martes 25 de enero celebramos la conversión de san Pablo. San Pablo es un gran ejemplo de persona audaz y tenaz que vivió su fe en plenitud. El mensaje de San Pablo que define como el "evangelio" es fascinante. Pablo se centró en explicar que las promesas de Dios al pueblo de Israel se cumplieron en la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo. Para Pablo, el creyente necesita adherirse a Cristo a través del bautismo. La adhesión a Cristo tiene grandes consecuencias para el creyente especialmente en su identidad, sus acciones y creencias. El creyente recibe en Cristo una nueva identidad que transforma todas las relaciones. El creyente también se une a los demás miembros del cuerpo de Cristo -comunidad- a través de la experiencia del Espíritu Santo. Los invito a reflexionar sobre nuestra propia identidad como cristianos, nuestras propias acciones y valores que establecemos para la familia. Espero que la audacia de San Pablo nos inspire a ser audaces en nuestras propias vidas.

En el evangelio de hoy escuchamos que las personas se sienten incómodas con el mensaje de Jesús de llegar a los oprimidos y excluidos. La gente en la sinagoga se frustró con Jesús porque no hizo lo que esperaban. Sus expectativas del hijo de José, el carpintero, era continuar manteniendo el estatus quo dentro de la fe. No querían ser desafiados a reconsiderar su compromiso con la palabra y los mandamientos de Dios. Muchos de nosotros, en nuestra fe o en nuestra propia comprensión de la fe, no queremos ser desafiados más allá de eso. Estamos contentos con nuestro propio estatus quo. Espero que el ejemplo de San Pablo y las Palabras de Jesús nos inspiren a todos a ser desafiados y trabajar

PARISH SUNDAY & HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS LAS COLECTAS PARA LOS DOMINGOS Y LOS DÍAS SAGRADOS

January 23, 2022/16 de enero 2022
Received/recibido\$ 2,868.09

Lecturas para la semana del 30 de enero de 2022

Domingo:	Jr 1, 4-5. 17-19/Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15-17/1 Co 12,31-13,13 o 13, 4-13/Lc 4, 21-30
Lunes:	2 Sm 15, 13-14. 30; 16, 5-13/Sal 3, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 Mc 5, 1-20
Martes:	2 Sm 18, 9-10. 14. 24-25. 30-19, 3/Sal 85,1-2. 3-4. 5-6 Mc 5, 21-43
Miércoles:	Mal 3, 1-4/Sal 23, 7. 8. 9. 10/Heb 2, 14-18/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32
Jueves:	1 Kgs 2, 1-4. 10-12/1Cr 29,10. 11. 11-12. 12/Mc 6,7-13
Viernes:	Eclo 47, 2-11/Sal 17, 31. 47 y 50. 51/Mc 6, 14-29
Sábado:	1 Kgs 3, 4-13/Sal 118, 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14/Mc 6, 30-34
Domingo siguiente:	Is 6, 1-2. 3-8/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 7-8/1 Co 15, 1-11 o 15, 3-8. 11/Lc 5, 1-11

AYÚDENOS A ACTUALIZAR NUESTROS REGISTROS

Si usted ha tenido algún cambio en los miembros de la familia, número de teléfono, dirección, correo electrónico, etc., por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia (632-8808) para hacernos saber. Queremos tener registros correctos para ustedes.

INTENCIONES DE ORACIÓN DEL SANTO PADRE DE FEBRERO

Por mujeres religiosas y consagradas. Recemos por las mujeres religiosas y consagradas, agradeciéndoles su misión y valentía, para que sigan encontrando nuevas respuestas frente a los desafíos de nuestro tiempo. popesprayerusa.net



La Asociación de Cementerios Católicos de Racine

La Asociación de Cementerios Católicos de Racine es propiedad de la Parroquia de San Patricio y de todas las demás parroquias católicas de Racine. Hay cuatro cementerios: Calvary y Old Holy Cross en Kinzie Avenue en Racine, Holy Cross en Douglas Avenue en Caledonia y Holy Family en Highway 31 en Caledonia. **Nuestros cementerios son operados por las parroquias católicas para servir a las familias católicas.** ¡Ven a verlo tu mismo! (262) 639-1071

YO SOY DIÁCONO Y SOY UN MECÁNICO DE CONSTRUCCIÓN

El equipo de elevación aérea que el diácono Jorge repara trae a la gente más cerca de su trabajo. Como diácono, él ayuda a que las personas se acerquen más a Dios.

"Habla con Dios, él dice. "Deja que Él te guíe en el camino que quiere que camines."

Diácono Jorge Zúñiga
Parroquia San Roman



¿Estás llamado? Para aprender más sobre cómo ser un diácono visita archmil.org/ImaDeacon, o llame a Manuel Maldonado-Villalobos al 414-758-2207.

más duro en nuestro crecimiento espiritual para descubrir la belleza del reino de Dios que nos rodea.

Bendiciones,
Juan Camacho

St. Richard Parish



This Week in Our Parish

Wed.	Mass - 9:00 a.m.	In person @ St. Edward & Live Stream
Thur.	Mass - 9:00 a.m.	In person and Facebook Live Stream
Fri.	Mass - 9:00 a.m.	In person and Facebook Live Stream
Sat.	Mass - 3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
	Mass - 4:00 p.m.	In person
Sun.	Mass - 9:00 a.m.	In person and Facebook Live Stream
	Mass - 11:30 a.m.	In person

Stewardship Report

As Catholic stewards we are called to share, each of us in proportion to our ability. We are encouraged to think and pray about the ways God has blessed our life. We are also invited to consider how our life is enriched by St. Richard Parish, and about how we are making a difference for others through the support of parish ministries and programs.

Financial Stewardship for January 22 & 23

\$1,527 Envelopes

\$238 Anonymous Gifts to God

\$20 Building Fund

2022 Calendar Raffle Winners

1/26/22 Rachel Langenfeld Caledonia
1/30/22 Dan & Sandy Hoaglund Racine

SCRIP

SCRIP order forms will be collected next weekend following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 5 and the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 6. Kathy Garski or Terri Clarke will be collecting them. Forgot to pick up an order form at church?? You can now print the form from the St. Richard website. The link is on the homepage under the News/Event tab. Sheet one and sheet two will need to be printed to duplicate the preprinted form at church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank for your continued support to this great fundraiser!

Souper Bowl XI

St. Richard Human Concerns Committee hopes to score a touchdown against hunger. After our first quarter (Sunday) of collecting, the score is **St. Richard 188, Hunger 0**. If everyone attending Mass brings just one can of chunky soup each weekend through February 13, we will score a touchdown against hunger. Please contact Mary Beth Pruitt at 497-8839 if you have any questions. Let's win the game against hunger!

COVID-19 Safety

With the rise in COVID-19 cases, extra precautions should be considered. Please remember to wear a mask to Mass, social distance at Mass and if you are feeling sick or have health complications stay at home. If you are taking care of someone who is sick or has a compromised immune system watch Sunday worship on the many Masses broadcast on TV and livestreamed on social media. Remember the CCCR livestreams Mass every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Thanks for all you do to keep people safe.

Parish Office Hours

As stated in October, 2021, the parish office at St. Richard is no longer open on Fridays. Beginning this week, office hrs. will be further reduced from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday thru Thursday and will remain closed on Fridays. Please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned on the next business day. If you have an emergency, such as an anointing, after office hrs. please call St. Patrick. Thank you for your patience!

Many Hands, One Vision

Next weekend, February 5 & 6, is the kickoff weekend for the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal, Many Hands, One Vision. The Catholic Stewardship Appeal provides a unique opportunity to share your blessings with others. Although diverse in age, race, and culture, we are one in faith. When you support the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, you extend Christ's presence to all. Thank you for giving today! www.catholicappeal.org

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, National Catholic Schools Week

9:00 a.m. † Bill Celeste

† Jerome Maller

11:30 a.m. † Patricia and Alex Quiroz

Monday, January 31, St. John Bosco, Priest & Religious Founder

Wednesday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

Thursday, February 3, St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

9:00 a.m. † Bill Celeste

Friday, February 4

9:00 a.m. † John and Mary Orr

Saturday, February 5, St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

4:00 p.m. † Albert T. Marini

Sunday, February 6, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Consuelo Lugo Hernandez

11:30 a.m. † Mary Ann Lojeski

Teach Us to Pray—Praying for Patience

Many of Jesus' parables are about slow growth. The tiny mustard seed that gradually turns into a large shrub. The farmer who plants his seeds and trusts they will sprout. The small amount of leaven that slowly raises the dough. In these parables, Jesus stresses not only God's ability to make something large out of something small but also the importance of waiting. And the importance of patience.

This is not a virtue that many of us have! Even when I'm waiting for a subway train a few minutes down the track, I find myself checking my watch. Why the hurry? It will come. A few more minutes on the platform won't hurt me.

Some of our rebellion against waiting may be a reluctance to admit we are not in control. We can't make the seed grow any faster than it is meant—nor can we make it sprout. But instead of seeing it as something we cannot do, why not see it as something God *can* do? God can create things that are better, fuller, and greater than we could ever imagine. But it takes time. And dwelling in that time takes patience.

What happens when you find yourself unable to dwell in that time? This is yet another occasion where prayer can be so helpful. "Give me patience, Lord," is one of my favorite prayers. Or as a friend once joked to me, "Give me patience, Lord...right away!" *Give Us This Day, Fr. James Martin*

Blessed Among Us—St. John Bosco

John Bosco was born to a peasant family in Piedmont. Following his father's death he was raised by his mother, an especially devout woman. The seeds of John's vocation were evident in early life. At the age of nine he had a dream in which he managed to tame a crowd of unruly boys after receiving encouragement from a mysterious lady. "Softly, softly," she told him. "If you wish to win them! Take your shepherd's staff and lead them to pasture." Gradually, even as an adolescent, he discerned his calling: to care for poor boys, to help them with their religious instruction, and inspire them to lead healthy, moral lives.

After pursuing ordination, John set about to implement his mission. He established an oratory to house hundreds of homeless boys. He organized workshops to impart practical skills and employment. His dedication drew wide admiration and support and, in time, a band of dedicated assistants. With them he formed a new religious congregation named after St. Francis de Sales.

The Salesians grew in number, and eventually their communities spread throughout Italy and across the world. John Bosco died on January 31, 1888. He was canonized in 1934.

"I have promised God that until my last breath, I shall have lived for my poor young people. I study for you, I work for you, I am also ready to give my life for you. Take note that whatever I am, I have been so entirely for you." St. John Bosco

Give Us This Day

Catholic Community in Central Racine / Comunidad Católica en el Centro de Racine

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3,4-5,6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2,3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 & 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

For religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times. popesprayerusa.net

APOSTLESHIP
OF PRAYER

Depolarizing Within

Saturday, February 5, 2022, via Zoom 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

There is a lot of stress these days among family members and friends who are divided about many of the critical issues or our times and the current polarized public conversation doesn't help. In this workshop, Cameron Swallow, Braver Angels Moderator will help us be more aware of our own "inner polarizer", strengthen our ability to be critical without demonizing, dismissing, or stereotyping, and learn strategies for intervening constructively in difficult conversations. To register for the event go to www.racinedominicans.org/dcjrl/. This workshop is the first event in the *Opening Our Hearts and Minds to End Racism 2022 Series* on Polarization. For more information, contact S. Ann Pratt, OP, Event Coordinator, Dominican Center for Justice Resources, 262 898 4094. Free Will Offerings can be made at registration.



St. Vincent de Paul Society
At the Heart of Giving

St. Vincent de Paul Aid for Afghan Refugees

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.

In Racine County, the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is preparing to **assist Afghan families**, in co-operation 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 asking that you consider giving additionally to Saint Vincent de Paul so that we can help these families, as well as continue our daily outreach within the community.

St. Richard will be designating the SVDP collection on **January 29th** as an "extra giving" Sunday for SVDP Afghan Refugee Relief.

St. Patrick's second collection on February 5th and 6th will also be for SVDP Afghan Relief.

Thank you so much in advance for your continued generosity and support of our neighbors.

Thoughts from Father Juan . . .

Grace and Peace to all of you:

Last weekend we celebrated the **Word of God Sunday**. I proposed in my homily a challenge for this year, in which we are reading the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles were written by the same author. My challenge was to read a chapter of the Gospel and Acts every week. That would be a challenge for 52 weeks all total. The Gospel of Luke has 24 chapters and Acts has 28. Hopefully, you take me up on the challenge; that will be great.

On Tuesday, January 25 we celebrated the conversion of Saint Paul. I love Saint Paul as a great example of a bold and tenacious person who lived his faith to the fullest. Saint Paul's message, which he defines as the "gospel" is fascinating. Paul knew that the promises of God were fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For Paul, the believer needed to adhere himself/herself to Christ through baptism. The adherence to Christ had consequences for the believer in **his identity, his actions** and **his beliefs**. Then, the believer receives in Christ a new identity, one which transforms all relationships. The believer also is united to other members of the Body of Christ -community- through the experience of the Holy Spirit. I invite you to reflect on your own identity as a Christian, your own actions, and the values that you set for your family. I hope the boldness of Saint Paul inspires us to be bold in our own lives.

In today's Gospel we hear that people got uncomfortable with Jesus' message to reach out to those oppressed and excluded. People at the synagogue got frustrated with Jesus because he didn't do what they expected. Their expectation for the son of Joseph the carpenter was to continue keeping the status quo within the faith. They didn't want to be challenged to reconsider their commitment to God's word and commandments. Many of us, in our faith or in our own understanding of faith, do not want to be challenged beyond that. We are happy with our own status quo. I hope the example of Saint Paul and the words of Jesus inspire all of us to be challenged and work harder in our spiritual growth to uncover the beauty of God's kingdom around us.

Blessings,

Juan M Camacho



Catholic Cemetery Association of Racine

The Catholic Cemetery Association of Racine is owned by St. Edward, St. Patrick, St. Richard, and every other Racine Catholic parish. **Our four cemeteries**—Calvary and Old Holy Cross on Kinzie Avenue in Racine, Holy Cross on Douglas Avenue in Caledonia, and Holy Family on Highway 31 in Caledonia—**exist to serve Racine Catholic families**. To learn more, or to arrange a visit, please call (262) 639-1071.

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