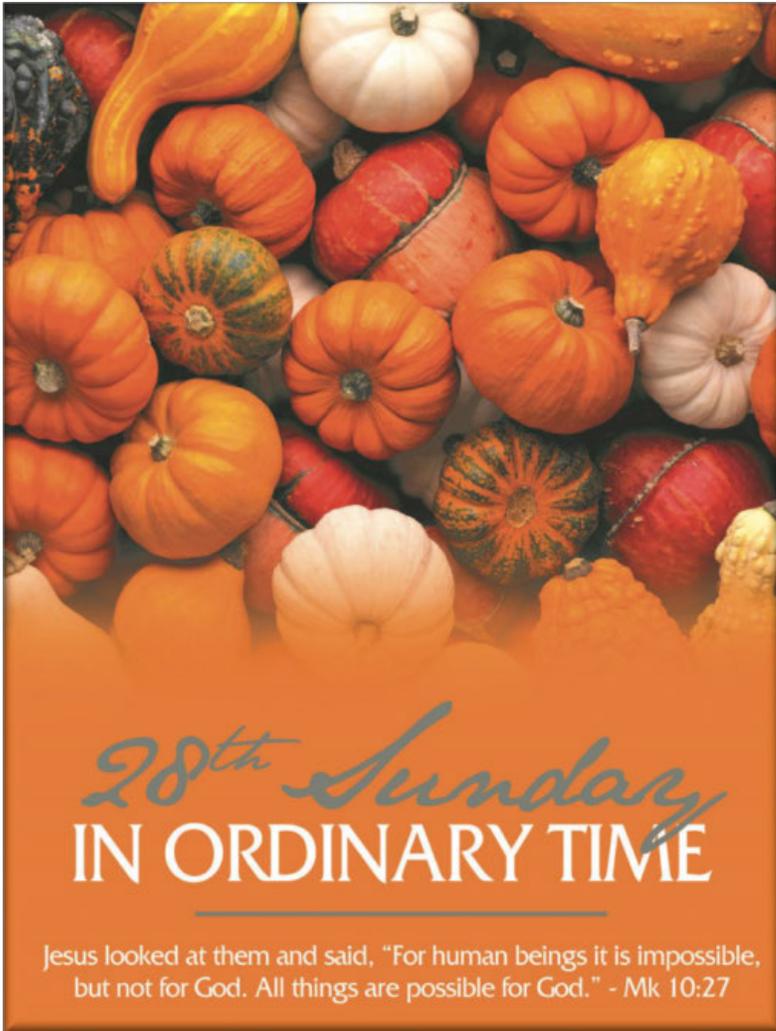




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28th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

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 Youth Ministry and Faith Formation
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 Pastoral Care Jack Nicklay

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 Donut Sunday Sharron Hoffman
 Community MealJack Nicklay
 Parish Nurse Mary Fran Koch

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

To my St Rita's Family,

Thank you for the many ways you all have supported, encouraged and prayed for me over the years. When I came to St Rita's in 2004, I was welcomed with great joy and hope by a group of amazing parents and volunteers who couldn't wait to see the young people of St Rita's experience God's great love and mercy, they helped me in a lot of crazy and creative and prayer-filled ways to build relationships and provide opportunities for our youth and families to encounter the Lord.

Every year, new parents and volunteers step forward to help continue passing on our faith and I have been blessed by each and everyone one of you. Over the past seventeen years together we built up a thriving faith formation program, helped our youth learn the works of mercy and engage in the life of the Church through Summer Stretch and other service opportunities, and helped make the connection of faith to everyday life for many families. And I trust that those many many loving servants will continue to share God's love with our youth and families in beautiful ways into the future.

As I move into my next steps in life I want you all to know of my continued prayers and gratitude for you all. You have each in your own way blessed my life through our interactions and it's very difficult to leave this beautiful parish family. Early in September, I was recruited by several parishes, and though I wasn't planning on leaving this role, I felt the Holy Spirit encouraging me to be open to change. Through much, much prayer I know that this next step is something the Lord is asking of me and am trying to trust His plan. Please pray for me as I make this transition and know that I will be praying for you all. As I trust this the Will of the Spirit, I know the Lord will send the right someone to continue teaching and encouraging the youth and families I love so much, trust His timing and be open to their new ideas and energy. Be patient as the Lord works.

Thank you especially to the staff, catechists, youth ministry team and my CORE Peer Ministry Team over the years for all the ways you lifted me up, laughed with me, prayed with and for me and love our young people and families - you are the light of the world - keep shining brightly.

Bless Bless ~ Amy

**In an effort to honor Amy's request, she did not want a farewell reception.*

Senior Singles

Join us for dinner at 5 pm on
Wed., Oct. 13th at Obbs on Burns Ave..

Those planning to attend are asked to arrive at St. Rita's parking lot for car pooling. We will leave promptly at 4:30 pm.

New members, men and women are always welcome!

Come and share suggestions for future activities. Invite your friends!

Church Cleanup



Deep Cleaning of Church

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 22nd at 9:00 am** to help with a deep cleaning of the church, oiling the pews, and cleaning the sacristy in preparation for the Advent and Christmas services.

Please bring your buckets, rags & gloves. Both men & women are encouraged to come.

Coffee and treats will be available in Seton Hall.



From
The
Deacon

The readings we heard two weeks ago used parts of the body to consider how we are living. The hand grasps and holds: what are we reaching for? The leg carries us places: where are we going? The eye gazes: what are we looking for and looking at? And then we were encouraged to rid our selves of them if we aren't reaching for the Lord, moving toward the Lord: looking for the Lord. The underlying question was: what are you willing to give up if it troubles your relationship with the Lord.

The readings we hear today bring balance. The gospel emphasizes, once again, the need to take stock and then give up what is interfering with our spiritual growth. However, both the gospel and the first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, add another element: don't just give up something, choose something far better! The world around us can be alluring, promising riches and power. It can also be confusing and distracting. It is good to abandon the distractions and let go of the false security of possessions and riches. It is even better to see, with clarity, the splendor of the Lord and trust him when he tells us that we are not losing anything when we choose him. Rather we are gaining the treasure of heaven.



Blessing of the Pets was last Saturday, 10/2.

There were 22 dogs and one cat who came to receive a blessing on Saturday. Thank you to all who brought their beloved pets and thank you to Deacon Jack for blessing them.



What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

Read the full version at [respectlife.org/l-o-v-e](https://www.respectlife.org/l-o-v-e).

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her. Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.

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Deaths

For those who have died ~ we pray



Pat Kellerman
Heather Evans
Bob Branchaud
Rose Chavez
Jerry Dudzinski
Cleora Tembreull

May they rest in you Lord

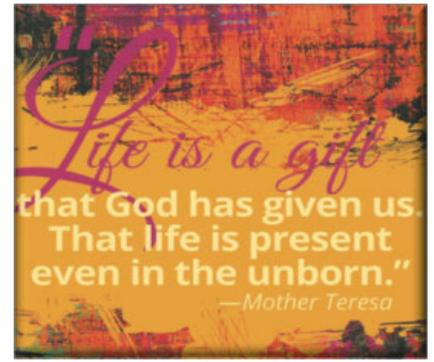
Prayer Requests



Pray for the sick of our parish

Jim Jansen
Audrey Kasper

Heal them with your touch Lord



Mission Outreach Fall Craft Fair Saturday, November 6th, 2021.

Our Craft Fair will be here before we know it!

**Get those sewing machines humming, knitting needles clicking, and hot glue gun heating!
Donate your crafts items as well as baked goods, homemade jams, house plants, etc.**

*Craft Fair information sheet available on the table outside the parish office.
Help make our Craft Fair a huge success!*

**Proceeds support the St. Rita's Mission Outreach and the St. Rita's building fund.
*This will not a be vendor sale.***



The Saint Ritas community meal will be held on Oct. 15th and will be held every third Friday of the month after that.....**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Doors open at 5PM with the meal serving at 6PM. There is no cost but a free will offering is appreciated. Please tell your friends.

LISTENING HOUSE NEEDS

Thank you for your past generosity in sharing with the poor. Right now we are looking for some special requested items, and with the cold weather drawing near, we will also be looking for winter weather clothing in the near future. Clothing and outerwear needs to be in good repair and clean.

Suggested items:

Shampoo medium size (Dollar Store), bar soap, deodorant, Laundry detergent (S/M liquid), dish soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes

You can make a difference!

Thank you from the Mission Outreach Committee

Word of God - DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, October 10	Wisdom 7:7-11	Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)	Hebrews 4:12-13	Mark 10:17-30
MON., OCT 11	TUES., OCT 12	WED., OCT 13	THURS., OCT 14	FRI., OCT 15
Romans 1:1-7	Romans 1:16-25	Romans 2:1-11	Romans 3:21-30	Romans 4:1-8
Luke 11:29-32	Luke 11:37-41	Luke 11:42-46	Luke 11:47-54	Luke 12:1-7
SAT., OCT 16	Romans 4:13, 16-18	Luke 12:8-12		
Sunday, October 17	Isaiah 53:10-11	Psalm 33:4-5,18-19, 20, 22	Hebrews 4:14-16	Mark 10:35-45

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Office Hours
Monday through Thursday 8:00—4:30 pm
Friday 8:00 AM to Noon
The Parish Office is closed on weekends.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 8:30am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:00pm, or call the Parish Office for appt.

Baptism

Baptisms are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at noon. Baptism preparation class is held on 1st Tuesday of each month. Attendance at baptism preparation class is required before scheduling a baptism date. Call as soon as possible to register for baptism preparation class.

RCIA

Contact Deacon Jack Nicklay at 651-459-4596

Marriage

Call the Parish Office to inquire. Please allow six months for marriage preparation.

Home visits

If you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or have a confession heard, or would like a visit from Fr. Mark, please call the parish office at 651-459-4596.

Hospitalization

We would love to visit you if you are hospitalized. Please have a family member contact us. Confidentiality laws do not allow hospitals to notify churches.

Parish Registration

You may register at the Parish Office during office hours. Forms are also available on our web site.

Anyone wishing to serve as a volunteer in any parish event or function, who may come in contact with youth or vulnerable adults, must first complete the "Essential Three" components required by the Archdiocese: Virtus training, a background check, and a signed code of conduct. Call the parish office for more information.

Victim Assistance Hotline: 651-291-4497

If you or anyone you know has been the victim of abuse by clergy or any employee of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, your first call should be to local law enforcement authori-

Mass Intentions for week of Oct 10, 2021

Sunday, Oct 10

Linda Burbach †
 The Parish

Tuesday, Oct 12

Don Gschlecht †

Wednesday, Oct 13

Shari Woida †

Thursday, Oct 14

Ted Hoffman †

Friday, Oct 15

Joan Mahoney †

Saturday, Oct 16

Rita & Bernie Rieman

Sunday, Oct 17

George Carlson †

The Parish



Eucharistic Adoration

This is a precious opportunity to spend quiet personal time with the "Real Presence" of Jesus. Our Adoration community is in need of a second person for the 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. hour and for the 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. hour.

We will be happy to answer any questions. Contact the parish office at 651-459-4596.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Financial Giving

Year to Date as of 9/30/2021

***YTD Actual will be updated on a monthly basis.**

Actual 2021-22 YTD.....\$198,654.52
 Budget 2021-22 YTD.....(\$197,650.00)
 Difference.....\$1004.52

MORTGAGE UPDATE

Balance as of 8/1/2021 \$695,436.36
 Monthly Payment \$5,695.92

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	5:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	Communion Service 8 am Adoration 8:30 am—5:00 pm followed by 5:00 pm Mass
Friday	8:30 am Mass
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	8:30 am & 10:30 am

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