

ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC PARISH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

Welcome to St. Richard Parish

1509 Grand Ave., Racine, WI 53403
Parish Office Phone: 637-8374
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass of Anticipation 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. • or by appointment

BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation for parents is held monthly.
Pre-registration for the class is required. Please
contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Parish membership is required. Arrangements need
to be made a minimum of six months prior to the
wedding date. Please contact Fr. Allen.

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Pastoral Team

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Team Talk

By

Chris Koleske and
Ann Wehnert



Team Talk on Funeral Choir Ministry

Recently, a family member of mine passed away, and I attended the Mass of Christian Burial at a church in Kenosha. As a parish musician, I am usually the one playing for funerals, so it was interesting being on the other side. This particular church had a funeral choir, and the music they played and sang was glorious. It truly was comforting to our family, and all those who attended the funeral.

But it really made me realize what a gift we have at St. Richard's. Most of you know that we have a funeral choir, called the Resurrection Choir. This choir consists of many retired folks, but there are also some people who have flexible schedules where they can attend a funeral during the day if need be. When the choir gets the call from our caller, Faith Wirtz, they are told when the funeral will be, and if they are available, they come to the funeral. Often times we have at least ten members, but sometimes we can have a full choir of twenty members. What a wonderful representation of our parish. Although we often know the family, since the person who has passed is a parish member, sometimes we do not. Sometimes the parishioners have no family that live in town, and so we never get to meet the families until they come to bury their beloved. What a great welcome to those family members when they see members of the choir (strangers to them) singing for their loved one's funeral. It really is something special to St. Richard's.

About a year ago, I received a phone call from a man who had lost his father. His father was a strong Christian man, and belonged to a Baptist church in town here. His father loved the choir, but unfortunately, the church he belonged to no longer had a choir. The son googled "funeral choir Racine", and St. Richard's was the first search that came up. I received a call from him and he asked if the St. Richard's Funeral choir would sing at his father's funeral at the Baptist Church. I had to check with Fr. Allen to make sure that it was okay that we sang at the Baptist Church, and Father said it was a great Ecumenical outreach. That day, we had ten members of our choir that came and sang for his father's funeral. The son was so thankful to us, and I was so happy we were able to be there for him.

I hope you all realize what a gift we have at St. Richard's. There are not many funeral choirs anymore, and it is a wonderful ministry to those who have lost their loved ones. We also share this ministry with St. Edward's, as we continue to collaborate our ministries, and look forward to opening it up to St. Patrick's in the future. If you are interested in joining the Resurrection Choir, please contact Ann Wehnert at: awehnert@gotasec.com or 262-598-8777. I hope you will consider this thoughtful ministry.

Lifelong Learning

Our next Lifelong Learning will take place on Sunday, 3 February after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The topic is A Short Introduction to Judaism presented by Rabbi Michael Remson.

Save the Date

Our next blood drive will be on Monday, 8 April from 2:30-6:30 p.m. in Vogel Hall. Every two seconds someone needs blood. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

This Week in Our Parish

Tues. Lectio Divina Prayer Group - 1:30 p.m. PC
Wed. Mass - 8:00 a.m.
Prayer & Worship - 5:30 p.m. VH
Adult Choir - 6:30 p.m.
Fri. Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Report

Today, we hear the Psalm about "God's words are spirit and life..." (Psalm 19). That message has been taught to us through our priests, religious, deacons, parents, family, and teachers. Please remember Catholic schools. Pray for and support their mission during this Catholic Schools Week. We do not know the blueprints God has for us. If we knew, that would be really boring, to say the least.

Financial Stewardship for the week of 19-20 January

\$2,563 Envelopes (34 entries)
\$341 Anonymous gifts to God
\$135 Building Fund
\$60 Siena School Fund
\$1,335 WeShare™ E-giving (12 entries)

As the new year has begun, please consider St. Richard Parish in your will. It is easy to do and will help to keep St. Richard parish vibrant through its many ministries.

Souper Bowl 2019

The Human Concerns Committee hopes to score a touchdown against hunger by collecting over 1500 cans of soup. After the second quarter (Sunday) of collecting, the score is **St. Richard 652, St. Edward 489**. Our average can collection over the past seven years is 1418 cans each year. We still have 766 cans to go to catch our average! Keep on bringing in the hearty soups for our final week to beat Hunger! Please place your cans of soup in the baskets located in the south entrance of church.

Faces of Jesus

International speed painter Rob Surette will preform the "Faces of Jesus" on Tuesday, 29 January at 7:00 p.m. at St. Catherine High School. This amazing, touching, and inspiring show is free as part of celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Auditorium doors will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information on Rob and his talents visit AMAZINGHEROART.COM. For additional information on the show contact St. Catherine's High School at 632-2785.

SCRIP Update

Thank you to everyone who purchased SCRIP cards for their holiday shopping and gift giving. St. Richard's received just over \$753 from your orders. Please consider using SCRIP cards for your every day purchases.

Senior Social

Please join the seniors of the parish on Tuesday, 5 February at noon in Vogel Hall for lunch and cards. Please bring a dish to pass or a \$5 donation.



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the St. Richard Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Celebration on Saturday, 2 March from 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy food, fun, and drinks! Details coming soon!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 27

9:00 a.m. † Rose Ricchio

11:30 a.m. † Lynn Vosselman

Monday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Wednesday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Siena Catholic Schools

Thursday, January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward

Friday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Siena Catholic Schools

Saturday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord;

World Day for Consecrated Life

4:00 p.m. † Nancy Kanter

† Jeanne Driver

Sunday, February 3 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Albert Marini

11:30 a.m. Living and deceased members of St. Richard
and St. Edward

New Member Registration

Would you or someone you know like to become a member of St. Richard? Next weekend is new member registration. A parish representative will be near the ramp at the front of church after all the Masses with information you need to become a parishioner. Welcome!

SCRIP

SCRIP gift cards will be sold after all Masses next weekend. Please help support this very important fundraiser.

A.C.T.S. Youth Group News

Alive in You and Steubenville- There is still time to register for the 2019 Mission Trip to Knoxville, TN taking place from 30 June-6 July and the Steubenville Conference taking place from 26-28 July. There is a final registration meeting taking place on Monday, 28 January at 6:30 p.m. in Vogel Hall. This will be the last opportunity to sign up. For more information please feel free to contact the Ministry Office at 898-5666 or visit the website: www.actseyouthministry.org.

School Spirit Tastes Great - Make dinner a selfless act by joining a fundraiser to support Our Lady of Grace Academy. Visit the Chipotle at 5729 Washington Ave. in Mt Pleasant on Monday, 28 January between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Show this bulletin, the bulletin on your smartphone or tell your server you are supporting the cause. Our Lady of Grace will receive a 33% donation of all proceeds. Our Lady of Grace is part of our Cluster Community which supports A.C.T.S. Youth Ministry.

BROKEN—The 2019 Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally

Attention middle and high school youth! Join A.C.T.S. for the 2019 Wisconsin Youth Rally taking place on Saturday, 16 March for high school youth and on Sunday, 17 March for middle school youth at Carroll University. A bus has been chartered for the event.

This is a great opportunity to reflect and discern spiritual growth with other teens from across the state. Dynamic speakers, reflections, prayerful worship, reconciliations, and relevant breakout sessions are all part of this retreat. Permission slips are available in the south entrance or online at www.actseyouthministry.org. For more information contact Eloy at 898-5666.

Morning of Refreshment for Those Who Help Others

Are you a person who helps others? A good person who steps up and reaches out to others through a service organization, non-profit, or a church; as a family, a neighbor or as part of a community; whether a professional, a public servant, or a volunteer; whether by choice or by circumstance...then the Morning of Refreshment is for you. It is a chance to join others to notice and be recognized for the special gifts you bring to your help of others. With group input and reflection around this theme, the challenges and satisfactions of service will be led by two experienced guests, Mary Rath and Marybeth Zuhlke. Join them and others at Siena Center on Saturday, 2 February from 9:00 a.m.—noon. There is no charge for program but registration is requested at retreats@racinedominicans.org or 898-2590 or online at www.SienaRetreatCenter.org.

Altar Society

The Altar Society invites all women of the parish to join them at their meeting on Sunday, 10 February in Vogel Hall immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Come and learn about the society's planning for upcoming events and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

2019 Calendar Raffle

- 01-20-19 \$50 - Matthew and Sally Jarosz - Madison
- 01-21-19 \$25 - Kenneth Michel, Jr. - Franklin
- 01-22-19 \$25 - Mary Schutz - Racine
- 01-23-19 \$25 - Denise Pollack - Plano, TX
- 01-24-19 \$25 - Kathy Garski - Racine
- 01-25-19 \$50 - Pauline Miller - Racine
- 01-26-19 \$25 - Dave Kuhns - Racine

Readings for the week of January 27, 2019

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22-32

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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2019 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Next weekend, 2 and 3 February, is the kick off for the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Amazing Grace is the theme for this year's appeal and reminds us to be grateful for how the wonder of God's infinite grace affects and changes our lives and us. These graces help deepen our faith, make us a more loving, caring people and, most importantly, better servants to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ's name. Share the power of God's grace through ministries that change half a million lives across southeastern Wisconsin. Prayerfully consider your gift. Thank you!