

# Catholic Community in Central Racine

September 24, 2023

## 25° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¿O vas a tenerme rencor porque yo soy bueno?' De igual manera, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos".  
- Mt 20, 15-16



## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."  
- Mt 20:15-16

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#### Masses

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	9:00 am

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#### Masses/Misas

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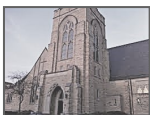
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Sunday	11:30 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am

**Livestream Masses:**

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

**Wednesday-Friday:** 9:00 am English

## St. Edward Parish



### **This Week in our Parish:**

**Sunday, September 24,**

9:00 am Mass  
Scrip Orders Due

**Tuesday, September 26,**

9:00 am Mass & Livestream

**Wednesday, September 27,**

9:00 am Mass & Livestream (Rosary)

**Saturday, September 30,**

3:00 to 3:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 1,**

9:00 am Mass

### **Mass Intentions:**

**Sunday, September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am: † Matthew Rivest

**Tuesday, September 26, Weekday**

9:00 am: Special Intentions

**Wednesday, September 27, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

9:00 am: Special Intentions

**Saturday, September 30, Saint Jerome, Priest**

4:00 pm: † Robert J. Noll

**Sunday, October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am: † Dennis Rybarik

### **Weekly Collections for September 16 & 17:**

Weekly Envelopes.....	\$3,443.59
Offertory.....	\$381.09
Building Fund.....	\$175.00
Votive Candles.....	\$4.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,003.68</b>

### **KC**

**Knights of Columbus Punt, Pass & Kick Contest**, open to all students ages 8-12, Saturday, September 30, 9 AM-Noon at Horlick High School, 2119 Rapids Dr. in Racine. Only takes 15-20 minutes to compete.

### **SVDP Sponsored Meal**

This weekend we are having the sign-up for the Saint Vincent de Paul sponsored meal which will be held Tuesday, October 3 at North Pointe Methodist Church. Due to a large increase in the number of guests we serve, we really need your help and support. We are in need of casseroles, bread, wrapped granola bars, applesauce cups and fresh fruit. Workers that night are also needed. Please contact Lynn Abler at 262-634-0439 for any information or to sign up. We can't do this without your help and support..

### **Fr. Juan's Installation**

Plan to be here at 9:00 a.m. Mass on October 15th, for the formal installation of Fr. Juan Manuel as Pastor of St. Ed's. Following Mass, there will be a pancake breakfast and reception in Schaefer Hall. There will be volunteer signup sheets in back of church. The KC St. Ed's Roundtable and Racine Council 697 will help to staff and coordinate the breakfast. Hope to see you there.

### **Religious Appreciation Dinner**

Racine Knights of Columbus Council 697 and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 1207 will be hosting the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Racine area Religious Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday evening, October 10 at Roma Lodge in Racine. The honoree this year is Fr. Michael Petersen, Pastor of St. Rita of Cascia Parish in Racine.

We know that you will want to be there that evening to honor him and our outstanding priests, deacons and sisters of the Racine area. Mark your calendars now and we'll see you there. Tickets are \$30.00 each or a table of 10 for \$250 and are available now from the Parish Office, or Bill Frayer(262-633-7887) or Steve Jansta (262-554-6376).

### **Pack the Truck**

Sept. 23rd & 24th, St. Edward's is sponsoring a SVDP AWARENESS and PACK THE TRUCK Event. After all masses there will be SVDP volunteers to provide information and ways to Volunteer. The SVDP truck will be in the Parking lot Sept 23rd, 3:30-4:15 & Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 - 4:15 to accept your unwanted, usable, and clean items. Wanted items: Clothing (especially Winter items), Toys, Games, Puzzles, Home & Fall Decor, Housewares and Flatware. For Pick-Ups (if unable to drop off) call Joan 252-632-9197 or Barb 262-637-3376.

### **SVDP**

On September 27, the church celebrates the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul who knew that 'God had sent him to bring Good News to the Poor.' Together with your gifts and donations, the members of your SVDP Conference continue his work and mission at St. Ed's. This weekend, help us with your donations, and prayerfully consider joining us as a member of SVDP. We need you!

### **St. Ed's Ministry Volunteers**

The signup sheets are still in the back of the church for Oct 7-8 to Jan. 6-7. Please stop back there and sign up for dates you can help or leave a note for dates you cannot be here. Hard copies of the schedule for the next 2 weeks are also there.



## St. Patrick Parish/Parroquia de San Patricio

### Mass Intentions/Intenciones de Misa

9/23	4:00 pm	† Emma Gale
9/24	9:00 am	Por la Comunidad/Our Parishioners
	10:30 am	Por la Comunidad/Our Parishioners
	12:00 pm	† Amparo de la Torre Maldonado
	6:00 pm	† César Miramontes
9/27	6:00 pm	† Amparo de la Torre Maldonado
9/30	4:00 pm	† John & † Helen Dziobkowski
10/1	9:00 am	† Lee Kaboski
	10:30 am	Por la Comunidad/Our Parishioners
	12:00 pm	† Jesús y † Consuelo Gonzalez
	6:00 pm	Por la Comunidad/Our Parishioners

### Pensamientos del Padre Juan . . .

Gracia y Paz, mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, Las lecturas de este fin de semana reflejan el inmenso amor de Dios para con su pueblo. Isaías invita al pueblo de Israel a volver a Dios, que es misericordioso y generoso en el perdón. Alienta al pueblo de Israel, que ha perdido el rumbo, a encontrar el camino de regreso al Señor, que es todo amor. Un mensaje clave de Isaías es que los caminos del Señor son más altos que nuestros caminos y sus pensamientos más altos que nuestros pensamientos. Esto se refleja también en la parábola del Evangelio. Los jornaleros fueron contratados para trabajar para el dueño de la viña, que en este caso es Dios, y cuando llega el momento del pago todos reciben el mismo pago. Unos cuantos estaban enojados con el dueño porque trabajaron más y pensaban que merecían más. Para Dios, que es justo y sus pensamientos son más elevados que los nuestros, todos merecemos por igual su generosidad. Todos trabajamos por la misma recompensa: la vida eterna en la presencia de Dios.

Me gustaría que consideráramos los siguientes tres pensamientos de las lecturas de este fin de semana. El primero es: **el escándalo del amor de Dios**. Su amor es tan inmenso que somos incapaces de comprenderlo. Como nos recuerda Isaías y, vemos en el Evangelio cuando el dueño de la viña paga por igual a todos los trabajadores. Para Dios todos estamos trabajando por la misma recompensa sin importar cuándo empezamos a trabajar en ella. Nuestra recompensa es la vida eterna en la presencia de Dios. Él está listo para compartir su presencia y amor con todos nosotros, sin excepciones. Este amor abundante es un escándalo para nosotros. Es tan escandaloso el amor de Dios que su propio Hijo murió en la cruz por nosotros. Dios pasó por todo eso sólo por su amor hacia nosotros.

La segunda es: **Dios responde a nuestras necesidades no a nuestros méritos**. Los trabajadores acordaron recibir un denario, que era el salario diario. Era lo que una persona necesitaba para mantener alimentada a su familia durante el día. Todos los trabajadores recibirán lo que necesitaban para mantener a sus familias. El escándalo del amor de Dios para los que llegaron antes a trabajar es que los que llegaron últimos recibieron lo mismo. Los trabajadores que llegaron temprano pensaron que recibirían más por trabajar más, pero todos reciben la misma recompensa. Reciben lo que se les prometió. Dios siempre está dispuesto a atender nuestras necesidades basándose en su amor por nosotros y no en nuestros propios méritos. Comprender esto requiere un arduo trabajo espiritual. Nuestra lógica humana siempre se basa en los méritos. Elogiamos a quienes lo hacen bien y a veces nos olvidamos de elogiar a quienes necesitan elogios en ese momento. Amamos a quienes merecen nuestro amor. El último trabajador que vino a trabajar recibe mucha generosidad. Recibió lo que necesitaba para llevar comida a la mesa de su familia. Imagínese que después de todo el día esperando y deseando, finalmente tiene la oportunidad de tener lo que necesitaba. ¡Qué momento tan alegre!

Finalmente, **deja que Dios sea Dios**. En la vida muchas veces queremos mantener a Dios en nuestros propios términos. Isaías nos recuerda que los caminos de Dios son más altos que los nuestros, y los pensamientos de Dios son más altos que nuestros pensamientos. El dueño del viñedo tiene valores más nobles que los trabajadores. Quiere pagar justamente a todos por lo que necesitan. No ve méritos, pero por generosidad da a todos por igual. Esto es difícil de entender para todos nosotros porque muchas veces queremos que Dios actúe de acuerdo

### Weekly Schedule

Sunday/domingo 9/24  
Monday/lunes 9/25  
Tuesday/martes 9/26  
Wednesday/miércoles 9/27  
Thursday/jueves 9/28  
Friday/viernes 9/29  
Saturday/sábado 9/30  
Sunday/domingo 10/1

### Próximos Eventos

### Lecturas para la semana del 24 de septiembre 2023

Domingo: Is 55, 6-9/Sal 144, 2-3. 8-9. 17-18/Flp 1, 20-24. 27 Mt 20, 1-16  
Lunes: Esd 1, 1-6/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/Lc 8, 16-18  
Martes: Esd 6, 7-8. 12. 14-20/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Lc 8, 19-21  
Miércoles: Esd 9, 5-9/Tob 13, 2. 3-4. 4. 7-8/Lc 9, 1-6  
Jueves: Ag 1, 1-8/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/Lc 9, 7-9  
Viernes: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5 Jn 1, 47-51  
Sábado: Zac 2, 5-9. 14-15/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Lc 9, 43-45  
Domingo siguiente: Ez 18, 25-28/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Flp 2, 1-11 o 2, 1-5 Mt 21, 28-32

**PARISH SUNDAY & HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS**  
**LAS COLECTAS PARA LOS DOMINGOS Y LOS DÍAS SAGRADOS**  
**September 17, 2023/17 de septiembre 2023**  
**Received/recibido .....\$ 3,635.29**

**Encuentro DE JOVENES HISPANOS**  
con el Arzobispo Listekci  
**LA FE MUEVE MONTAÑAS**

**SÁBADO 14 DE OCTUBRE**  
8:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.  
San Patricio  
1100 Erie St., Racine, WI 53402  
Costo: \$20  
El encuentro es para estudiantes en la secundaria y preparatoria

CONFERENCISTA:  
PAUL J. KIM

ARQUIDIOCESIS DE MILWAUKEE  
**OFICINA DEL Ministerio Hispano**

REGISTRAR:

### Projector Operators / Operadores de Proyector

We are seeking volunteers from each mass to operate the projector. You only need to volunteer once a month, if that's all you would like to do. Full training is provided, basic computer skills needed. Please contact Liz Villalobos at 262-900-1850 for more information. Estamos reclutando en cada misa voluntarios para operar el proyector. Solo tienes que operar el proyector una vez al mes, si así lo deseas. Ofrecemos entrenamiento completo, solo tienes que tener conocimiento básico de computadoras. Comunícate con Liz Villalobos al 262-900-1850 para más información.

**INSTALACIÓN DEL PADRE JUAN MANUEL CAMACHO**  
**COMO PÁRROCO DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN PATRICIO**  
**12:00 MISA, DOMINGO, 8 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023**  
**OBISPO JAMES T. SCHUERMAN, PRESIDENTE**

**INSTALLATION OF FATHER JUAN MANUEL CAMACHO**  
**AS PASTOR OF ST. PATRICK PARISH**  
**12:00 MASS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**  
**BISHOP JAMES T. SCHUERMAN, PRESIDING**

con nuestro parecer. Cuando encerramos a Dios en nuestras propias ideas sobre Dios, no logramos ver el inmenso amor y la compasión de Dios.  
Paz,  
**Juan M. Camacho.**





## St. Richard Parish

### This Week in Our Parish

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass - 9:00 a.m. In person@ St. Edward and Live Stream St. Vincent de Paul Community Meal
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass - 9:00 a.m. In person @ St. Edward and Live Stream
<b>Thursday</b>	Mass-9:00 a.m. In person and Live Stream Our Harmony Club - 9:00 a.m. Vogel Hall
<b>Friday</b>	Mass-9:00 a.m. In person and Live Stream Ministry Fair Set-up
<b>Saturday</b>	Reconciliation- 3:00 p.m. Mass - 4:00 p.m. In person <b>Mission to Serve Ministry Fair/VH</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass - 9:00 a.m. In person Mass - 11:30 a.m. In person <b>Mission to Serve Ministry Fair/VH</b>

### *The time has come!*

Join us Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1 in Vogel Hall, where St. Richard's will have each of its ministries displayed and ready to get you signed up! Come see where you can use your spiritual gifts. Each ministry table will have its own special appetizer or refreshments. You don't want to miss it! You can also have a chance to enter into a special raffle. Come visit us in Vogel Hall as we proceed on our mission to serve our community!!



### Financial Stewardship for the week of : September 16th & 17th

\$5052.00 Weekly Envelopes  
\$308.00 Offertory  
\$38.00 Candles  
\$130.00 Building Fund  
\$105.00 Siena School Fund

St. Richard's will sponsor the St. Vincent de Paul Community Meal on Tuesday, September 26. Please contact Ann Wirtz for information on volunteering or donating food. Thank you for supporting our community.



## Community Meal

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 24, Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. †Lillian Worden

11:30 a.m. †Lillian Worden

**Thursday, September 28, Saint Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions**

9:00 a.m. †Albert, Grace Kosterman & children

**Friday, September 29, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, September 30, Saint Jerome**

4:00 p.m. †Joann Zlevor

**Sunday, October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. †Joann Zlevor

†Bill Kinney

11:30 a.m.

### Calendar Raffle Winners

9/17/2023 Doug & Sheila Wroblewski Mt. Pleasant, WI  
9/20/2023 Meghan Alton Racine, WI

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Senior Social

Please join us, Senior Social will begin on Tuesday, October 3, at noon in Vogel Hall. All are welcome to come and enjoy lunch, games, and great company!

#### Blood Drive

Please mark your calendar. St. Richard's will sponsor a Blood Drive Wednesday, October 11, from 1:30p.m. to 6:30p.m.



#### The Catholic Schools Walk

This is St. Rita School's biggest fundraiser of the year. Please join this group of parents, teachers, and staff reach their goal by registering to walk on Saturday, October 14, beginning at 9a.m. To register for this event or to donate visit this link <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SCHOOLSWALK/team/StRita>

This year's **Knights of Columbus Religious Appreciation Dinner** will be held at Roma Lodge on Tuesday, October 10 – Mass at 5 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, program to follow. This year's honoree is Fr. Michael Petersen ( St. Rita's Parish). Get your tickets now! They are available here at the Parish office.

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

### JUBILEE celebration

FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING  
THEIR 25<sup>TH</sup> (SILVER) ANNIVERSARY,  
50<sup>TH</sup> (GOLDEN) ANNIVERSARY  
AND THOSE MARRIED OVER 50 YEARS

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 28, 2023  
10 A.M.**

Mass celebrated by Bishop Schuerman  
Photo opportunity & celebration to follow  
St. Mary's Visitation Catholic Parish  
1260 Church Street | Elm Grove, WI 53122

Questions? Call or email Jennifer at 414-758-2240  
or murphyjc@archmil.org



Register by Friday, October 13:  
archmil.regfox.com/jubilee-celebration-2023

Please join the Xaverian Fathers and friends on Saturday, October 28, 2023, for their 60th Annual Mission Banquet and Auction. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel – Milwaukee Airport. The evening features:

- Beer, wine and soda followed by dinner and dessert.
- A raffle, where 6 people will win \$500 each, and other fun raffles and games, as well as a great silent auction



The cost is \$100 per ticket, which includes complimentary beer, wine, and soda; dinner and dessert; and entry into the main (money) raffle. Proceeds directly benefit the Xaverian Missionaries in their projects to help the poorest of the poor, here in the U.S., as well as overseas. If you would like to join us or would like further information, please contact Linda at the Xaverian Mission office: 414-421-0831.

### Saturday Morning Women's Group

Are you interested in learning more about the readings we hear each week at Mass, with other women from the four parishes of the Catholic Community in Central Racine? If so, please consider joining our Saturday Morning Women's Group. We meet via Zoom each Saturday from 8 to 9 AM. This is a very welcoming and supportive group, with no pressure to attend every week. We enjoy these opportunities to help us grow in our faith and prepare for the Mass. We understand and appreciate the readings and the homily more, having read and discussed them ahead of time. If you are interested, please contact Kathy at 262-498-1426 or Mary at 262-498-4406.

### Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a  
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 Jn 1:47-51  
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32



### St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Needs Our Help

Please bring food and hygiene donations for the  
**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**, especially:

saltine crackers, boxed potatoes, bagged potatoes,  
canned spaghetti sauce, boxed pasta (penne, bows, rotini)  
canned fruit, instant oatmeal (boxed variety). and toilet paper

### St. Vincent de Paul Society is Hiring . . .

Looking for a talented candidate who will excel in  
customer service at the Racine Store, 2118 Rapids Drive

1st Shift Paid Holidays Sundays Off

Paid Time Off Employee Discount Great Staff

Find us on Indeed or get application at store



### Thoughts from Father Juan . .

Grace and Peace, my brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend's readings reflect the **immense love of God** for his people. Isaiah invites the people to turn back to God, who is merciful and generous in forgiving. He encourages the people of Israel, who have lost their way, to find a path back to the Lord, who is all love. A key message from Isaiah is that the ways of the Lord are higher than our ways and his thoughts higher than our thoughts. This is reflected in the parable of the Gospel too. The laborers were contracted to work for the owner of the vineyard, who is God in this case, and when pay time comes all receive the same payment. There were a few who were angry with the owner because they worked longer and thought they deserved more. For God, who is just, and whose thoughts are higher than ours, we all deserve equally from his generosity. We are all working for the same reward: **eternal life in the presence of God.**

I would like us to consider the following three thoughts from the readings for this weekend. The first one is: **the scandal of God's love.** His love is so immense that we are unable to comprehend it, as Isaiah reminds us and as we see in the Gospel, when the owner of the vineyard pays all the laborers equally. To God, we are all working for the same reward no matter when we start working on it. Our reward is eternal life in the presence of God. He is ready to share his presence and love with all of us without exception. This abundant love is a scandal for us. God's love is so scandalous that his own Son died on a cross for us. God went through all that just for his love toward us.

The second one is: **God responds to our needs, not to our merits.** The laborers agreed to receive a denarius, which was the daily wage. It was what a person needed to keep his family fed for the day. So, the workers all would receive what they needed to keep their families safe and fed. The scandal of God's love for those who came to work earlier is that the ones who came last received the same. The workers who came early thought they would receive more for working more, but all received the same reward. They received what was promised to them. God is always ready to tend to our needs, based on his love for us and not on our merits. Understanding this requires hard spiritual work. Our human logic is always based on merits. We give prizes on people's merits. We praise those who do well and sometimes forget to praise those who need praise at that moment. We love those who deserve our love. The last laborer who came to work received great love from the landowner. He received what he needed to bring food to the table for his family. Imagine after the whole day waiting and wanting, he finally gets the opportunity to have what he needs. What a joyful moment.

Finally, **let God be God.** In life many times we want to keep God on our own terms. Isaiah reminds us that God's ways are higher than our ways, and God's thoughts higher than our thoughts. The owner of the vineyard has higher values than the workers. He wants to pay justly to all for what they need. He does not see merit, but out of his grace gives to all equally. This is hard for all of us to understand because many times we want God to act according to our own set of values. We want God to act according to our own merits. When we box God in our own ideas of God, we fail to see God's immense love and compassion for us all.

Peace,

**Juan M Camacho**

**St. Lucy Parish is offering "Living Through Loss,"** an eight-week grief program. **Classes will meet on Tuesday evenings, 5:30pm until 7pm, from September 19th to November 14th** (no class on October 31st.) Park in the small lot on the south side of the church. Wheelchair accessible. "Living Through Loss" lets people know that they are not alone and gives an opportunity to join others going through this grief. To register, please call the parish office at 262-554-1801, x601 with your contact information and the relationship of your loss.