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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m. Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &

6:45-7:15 p.m.



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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS
Holy Communion will be brought to the
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someone is ill and unable to come to
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ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. every month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.

Sunday August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat. August 9, 4:00 pm Deborah Mula

Dennis Estay
Peter Vallelungo
Gary Boihem
Earl Pezant, Sr.
Herman Abry
Billy Yochum
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Flick
Jessica Kister
Kent Wasmuth—healing
James Cormier, Sr.
Rose Ella Beham
JoAnn French—birthday

Sun. Aug. 10, 7:30 am Joey Sedita

9:30 am Ernest Livaudais

Monica Flick David Chapman
Keith Matherine Billie Roman
Otis Philip Guichet, Jr. Paul Wang, Sr.
Pat Jones Kathleen M. Cook

Mary Bragagnini—intentions Dayna Foreman—healing
Tim Power—healing Terry Conroy—healing

11:30 am Beth Orgeron—Special Intentions

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Aug. 11, 7:00 am June Barrette—intentions

8:30 am Donald F. Flores

Tues. Aug. 12, 7:00am Tom Hickey

8:30 am Glen A. Marsiglia

Wed. Aug. 13, 7:00 am Charles Ray Daunis, Jr.

8:30 am Cheryl Kjormoe

Thurs. Aug.14, 7:00 am

8:30 am Cheryl Kjormoe

6:00 pm Dr. Charles Ray Daunis

Fri Aug. 15, 7:00 am June Barrette—intentions

9:30 am E.F. Hickey

Helen & Lloyd Seither Andree MacDonald—intentions

Monica Flick Juan & Margo Hernandez—intentions

Noon Rick Payton
7:30 pm Parishioners
8:30 am Chris Sedita

Sat. Aug. 16, 8:30 am Chris Sedita



Sanctuary Lamp Jake & Virginia Carreca

Chapel Lamp Parishioners Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8 -19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-

27

Tuesday Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5,

10, 12-14

Wednesday Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt

18:21-19:1

Friday Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,

13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16;

1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk

12:49-53

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Gospel, Jesus says "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy."

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Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will indeed find "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven!"

Weekly Collection Totals

July 27

\$9,105.90

Aug. 3

\$11,194.90

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Thank You for your continued contributions

Sunday August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church office Hours : 9:00 am—4:00 pm Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm

Sun. Aug. 10 9:30 am Blessing of Backpacks

Mon. Aug. 11

Tues. Aug. 12 6:00 pm St. Vincent

Wed. Aug. 13 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thur. Aug.14 6:00 pm Vigil

7:00 pm Dads' club meeting

Fri. Aug. 15 Church office Closed

7:00am, 9:30 am, Noon, & 7:30 pm

Masses

10:00 am Legion of Mary

Sat. Aug. 16 8:30 am Knights of Columbus Mass

Calling all Juniors

This is your Confirmation Year

Informational Meeting – Teens & Parents
Join us on Monday, August 25th at 7:00 PM
in the Community Room

for an important informational meeting
You may register online or download the registration form at
www.stritaharhan.com. Please bring the completed form,
registration fees, and a copy of your baptismal certificate to the
meeting. Additional details will be shared at that time.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Gloria Krieger, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Suzanne Unger, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Leslie and Al Mendoza, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Paige Brock, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, Louella Lange, Theresa Arroyo, Philip Godbold, The Picou Family, Melissa Korn, Marilyn Pankratz, Stephen Parks, Frances Kemp, George & Greg Fay, Eric Rousselle, Steve Culotta, Joe Miceli, Sylvia Belile, Ronald Waguespack, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Carl Dolly, Esther Coy, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton, Sergio Morris, Dianne Smith, Jean Dietzway, Diana Parks Sean Nettles Sr., Gerry Gelpi, Patricia Touro, Ronald & Kathy Livaudais, Judith Cavalier, Nydia Pastor, John Hayes Theis, Travis Jacob, Harold Mayer

Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

Registration

2025-2026 Religious Education program is now open!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for your children to deepen their faith and become an active part of our loving community.

Parent and Information Meeting

Join us on **Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 10:30** am in the Community Room for an informational meeting. This is a great chance to learn more about the program and ask any questions you may have.

Classes Begin

Mark your calendars! Classes start on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 10:45 am.

Registration Deadline

Be sure to register by **September 21, 2025** to secure your child's spot.

How to Register

Find more information and registration forms on our website: www.stritaharahan.com.

You can also pick up a form in the back of the church or at the church office.

We look forward to welcoming your family to our program! May this school year be a time of grace and growth

<u>Knighs of Columbus</u> membership drive

The Knights of Columbus is an International Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council St. Rita #3854 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of August 16 & 17. Weather you become an individual members or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/join and enter council # 3854.

REFLECTIONS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are You Talking to Me?

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about being prepared, using the parable of the servants waiting for their master's return from a wedding. Parables usually have a surprise twist and this one is no exception. Jesus pictures the master coming back at a late hour and finding the servants ready for him. The master is so pleased that he begins to wait on the servants—he serves them a meal. (I can almost hear the disciples saying, "No way!")

Perhaps Peter was thinking, "Surely we will be prepared when Jesus comes again. He must be talking about the rest of the people." To answer Peter's question, Jesus warns that the servant who knew his duties would be punished more than one who was ignorant of those expectations. Peter and the disciples should have seen themselves as the servants who knew what was expected.

That warning is one for us to hear also. We may look down on non-Christians or wonder if they will get to heaven. But the Lord doesn't expect as much from those who don't know God. Instead of judging them, we would be better off looking at ourselves. Am I serious about my faith, serious enough to show it in my actions? Has my good example ever brought a non-believer to the Church?

There are examples of this even in your own parish. If you have been in the parish for many years, you could be expected to notice a newcomer more readily. How do you welcome them? "So how much does Jesus expect of me?" The answer could be in how well you know Jesus. Tom Schmidt

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Death Has no Power Over Her

Have you ever wondered about how Mary's family and friends would have reacted to her passing? Have you ever thought about how the early Christians would have noticed right away that there was no tomb for the Mother of their Lord and Savior? The final resting place of one who had given birth to the Son of God would have been highly venerated, and would be a frequented pilgrimage site to this day. Yet it does not exist. There is no tomb, no headstone, no sign marking the place where her body is buried in the Holy Land.

Today we celebrate the Blessed Mother's passing from this earthy life to the heavenly one, yet without passing through death. God surely would have wanted to call her to Himself in a most gentle and loving way. Just like she held Him in her arms as a sleeping babe, He now held her close as he carried her into eternity.

This feast reminds us once again that death is the result of sin. If the fall of man would not have happened, we would most likely all still be basking in the Garden of Eden. What sorrow it brings to have to wait for all the beauty, joy and peace that awaits us on the other side! What a tragedy that because of our sin we first must die!

May we ask for Mary's intercession in a special way on her special day today. May we invoke her name to help us flee from sin and run into the arms of our loving Savior. Amen.

Tami Urcia

Sunday August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

—James Field



So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everuthina for the aloru of God." I Corinthians 10:3



St. Rita CYO is committed to the reality that young people are an important and integral part of our parish community. We seek to draw our young people into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, catechesis, social gathering and service.

Please consider sharing the gift of hospitality with our youth by providing a meal for Sunday evening CYO.

Contact Katie Almon at katiebirdnola@gmail.com

Sunday August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are ready for a great year ahead in CYO! High school students (Grades 8-12) are invited to the following events:

Sunday, August 17 **CYO Night** 5:30-7pm in the Community Room

Sunday, August 24 **CYO Night** 5:30-7pm in the Community Room

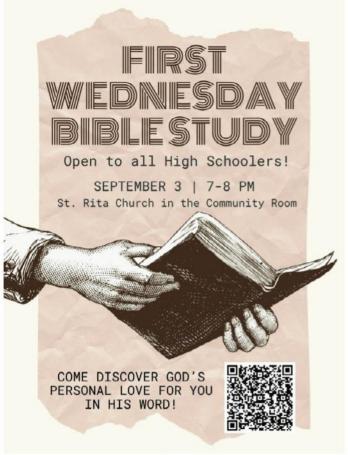
September 3 First Wednesday of the Month Bible Study 7-8pm in the Community Room. We will be reading Bible Basics for Catholics by Dr. John Bergsma.

September 7 CYO Night 5:30-7pm in the Community
Room

September 9 **ACTIVATE** for High school Seniors! A gathering of Confirmed Catholics invited to "activate" in their schools, parishes and campus communities.

We are grateful for the generous support of St. Rita families and parishioners. If you are interested in volunteering with CYO or providing a meal for our youth, please contact Katie Almon (Youth Minister) at katiebirdnola@gmail.com





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