

**January 14, 2018**  
**2nd Sunday of**  
**Ordinary Time**



**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**  
**(interpreted)**

At Masses we  
remember:  
10 am:  
Sylvia Rutkowski

01/07/2018 collection:  
\$326.00  
Thank you for your support.

**Do you already know your  
schedule for next  
semester and looking to  
volunteer? Free after 3  
pm?**  
**Tiger Stripes Service  
Leadership is beginning to  
schedule for next  
semester.**  
**Hope Hall, Nativity Prep  
and St. John Neumann  
Schools are all looking for  
tutors late afternoons on  
weekdays. Talk to Kevin  
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Welcome back! It's not too early to  
think about Spring Break '18—  
St Francis Inn Service Learning  
Retreat! Think about it!

## RIT NATION

Christ always seeks the straw of the most desolate cribs  
to make his Bethlehem.”

~ Thomas Merton

For those you you reading this, welcome back to campus. We are glad you are here. As each of us prepare for a new semester, let us take a moment to take a deep breath and pause and reflect on who we are and how we can grow into the men and women God needs us to be for this world.

January continues to find our country divided in many ways with not much unity in sight. At times this mentality of "us against them" can be very discouraging. About a month ago, it occurred to me while quietly sipping my morning coffee that I can not change the world, but I can take my grocery cart back to the cart rack! And maybe, by “taking my grocery cart back” I am doing something to change the world. Maybe, just maybe, I offer hope and compassion to those around me. Maybe, by doing what I can do help the journey of others to be a bit more enjoyable or manageable, I am doing what God needs me to do here on earth.

We just celebrated the feast of Christmas...the belief that God indeed dwells among us. Jesus in our midst and comes to us over and over again. At times, Christ comes in the most unexpected places - in the darkest hours and longest days, in the people and events where we least expect to find God.

As we begin this new semester and new year, I'd invite each of us to pause and think about what it might be to “take your grocery cart back” in each of our lives. As a student, doing your part, this might look very different than what it might look like for me or one of our local community or a faculty member.

Believe, really believe right down to your toes that each of us is here to live and share God's goodness with others...maybe by taking our shopping cart back each and everyday.

Have a great week. We are here for you.

Peace and good,

Alice