

# St. Rita

## CATHOLIC CHURCH WEST ALLIS, WI

### *Welcome to St. Rita*

*We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be happy to welcome you into our parish community.*

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
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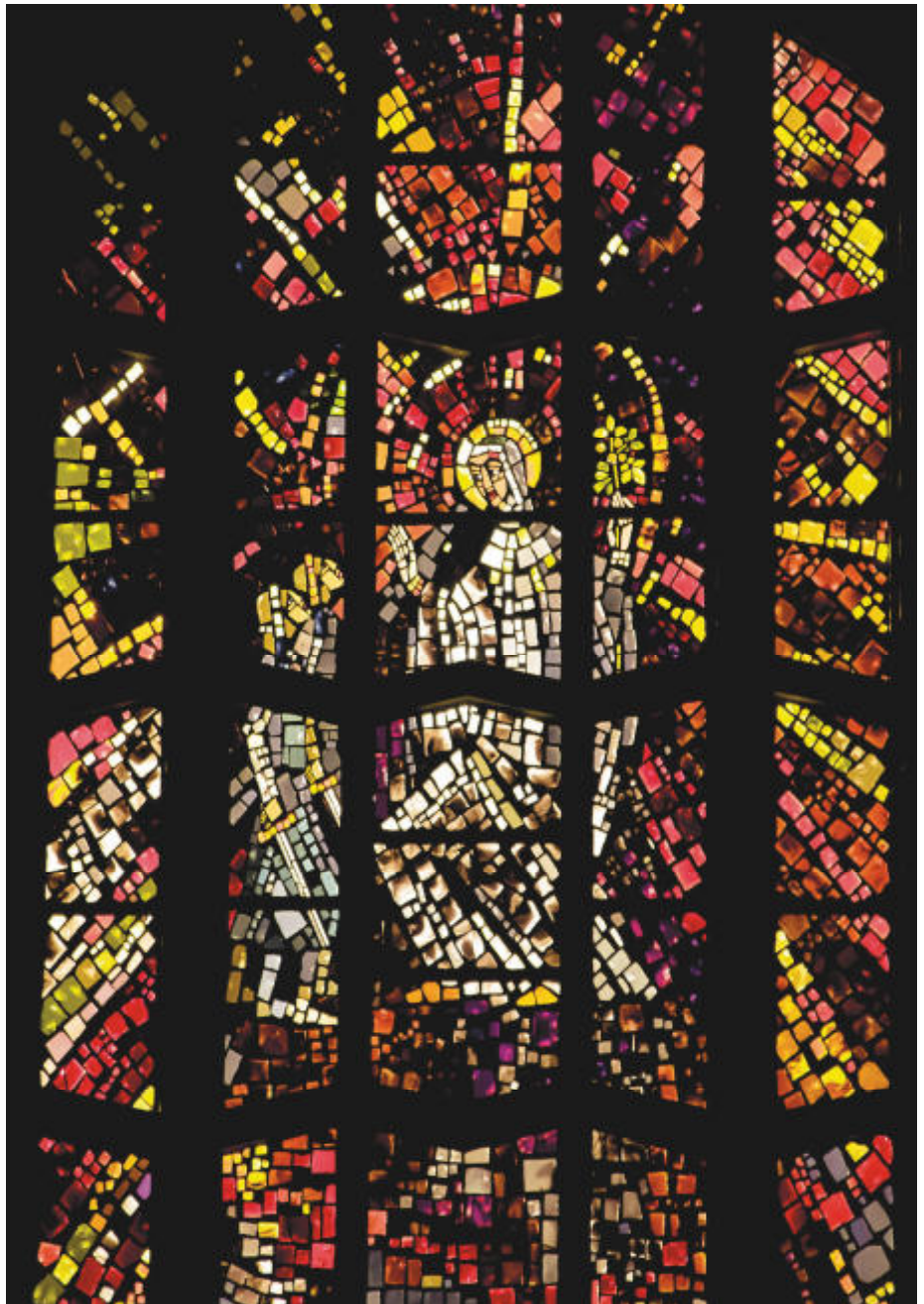
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



## Third Sunday of Advent

"Something is happening here" . . . often leads to expression of observations. Something has caught our eye, tapped into our comfort zone, disturbed us and / or might have stimulated our interest with enthusiasm. We have these moments in life and express surprise, caution, tears of joy or sadness, felt attraction to another and see shifts about to happen in those areas of life important to us.

Israel had suffered from being nomadic shepherds who colonized in villages and towns. They were often invaded and exiled or put into slavery at the whim of others. Yet, they also knew the hope that one day they would be delivered from every trial by the intervention of a loving and faithful God. It was often at their lowest times that their hope and expectation of God's intervention was the greatest.

The Prophets never let them forget God's faithfulness and Covenants made with their ancestors and renewed in every generation. This was the sustaining nature of their religion, tried but not defeated, tested but not destroyed. Yes, whenever the hope of deliverance was near at hand the excitement welled up within the hearts and the dynamics of the faith that led them on.

Today there are great struggles in the world as witnessed on the global views of those who, like the ancient Hebrews, were in exile; refugees, slaves of the evil injustices in the world. We, too, are often caught up with issues of concern in the immediacy of our life. While not as overwhelming as those who flee to other lands for safety and protection, we too can live in a world of frustration. Yet, is there not hope or deliverance, escape, liberations and freedom from our threats both self-imposed and those which have captured us by life's uncertainty?

We have more reason to rejoice and expect change because God has made it so! However, we must be open to the dynamics of change. If we honestly learn to engage the hope that is offered to us by God's grace then we will find the power and determination to not only expect change for the better, but the opportunity by our optimism to make it happen. Rejoice, again I say, Rejoice! Hope in the Lord.

*Fr. Charlie*



## Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the January 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> bulletin is Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> no later than 10:00 a.m.

From the desk of  
the Pastoral Associate...

## Bible Study is Back!!!

Our Bible study will return for an 8 week series beginning Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. As in the past, the session will repeat Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Both sessions will be held in the chapel, so please park on 61<sup>st</sup> Street.

We will be studying Acts of the Apostles. The cost of the book is \$13.00 and can be paid at the first session. Please call me and let me know you'd like to join us.

## Quad Parish Religious Education

REMINDER: There are No Classes Sundays, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

K4 / K5 - grade 8 - classes resume Sun., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Grades 9 & 10 - classes resume Sun., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 11 - class resumes Sun., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Retreat -

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sponsors arrive at 3:00 p.m. Sponsors and Candidates attend 4:30 p.m. Mass and then have dinner together.

\*\* Human Sex Trafficking Session for Teens:

Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Church. \*\*

(This session is required for all high school teens.)

## Do You Like to Have Fun?

### Do You Eat Food?

### Do You Like Parties?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions then "we" have been looking for YOU!!! The Parish Life Committee (you know, the "fun people,") would like you to join us as we continue to plan some new things.

Our next "event" is Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>; 5:30 p.m., our Cabin Fever Reliever." So, please join us on **Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** as we finalize our planning. New ideas ALWAYS WELCOME. What a great New Year's Resolution - get involved in something new, something different.

We meet in the Parish office complex. Please enter the Parish office door on 61<sup>st</sup> Street.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Any questions? Please call me at 414-541-7515, ext. 39.

Blessings,

*Barbara*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, December 15

4:30 p.m. † Ken and Kristine Miller

Sunday, December 16

8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Rita Parish

10:30 a.m. † John Chmielewski

Tuesday, December 18

8:00 a.m. † Frances Hassman

Saturday, December 22

4:30 p.m. † Jane Page

Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m. † Victor Mikecz

10:30 a.m. For the People of St. Rita Parish

## December Tabernacle Light

In Loving Remembrance

Week 1: Sigmund Mischczak

Week 2: Reverend Marvin Lazarski

Week 3: Joan Bakke

Week 4: Ken and Kristine Miller



## Readings for the Week of December 16<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: *Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Phil 4:4-7/  
Lk 3:10-18*

Monday: *Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/  
Mt 1:1-17*

Tuesday: *Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25*

Wednesday: *Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/  
Lk 1:5-25*

Thursday: *Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38*

Friday: *Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,  
20-21/Lk 1:39-45*

Saturday: *1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/  
Lk 1:46-56*

Next Sunday: *Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/  
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45*

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## The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Grade School Religious Education  
Classes Day School

9:00 a.m. High School Religious Education  
Classes Parish Office Complex

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, December 18

6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Convent

Wednesday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Earth Angels Convent

6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday, December 20

6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal Church

Sunday, December 23

NO Religious Education Classes

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Prelude - 4:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Eve Mass - 4:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Prelude - 8:30 a.m.*

*Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.*

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

*New Year's Eve Mass - 4:30 p.m.*

(There will be no Mass on Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.)

## Decorating help for Christmas

On Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, poinsettias are being delivered and we are asking for help at 6:00 p.m. to arrange and string lights on the trees, hang garland and wreaths, arrange poinsettias and pine branches, decorate the Advent wreath, create arrangements for the vestibules and help out with other miscellaneous tasks. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be served. If you have any questions, please call Lenore at 414-305-1397. Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated!

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