



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.

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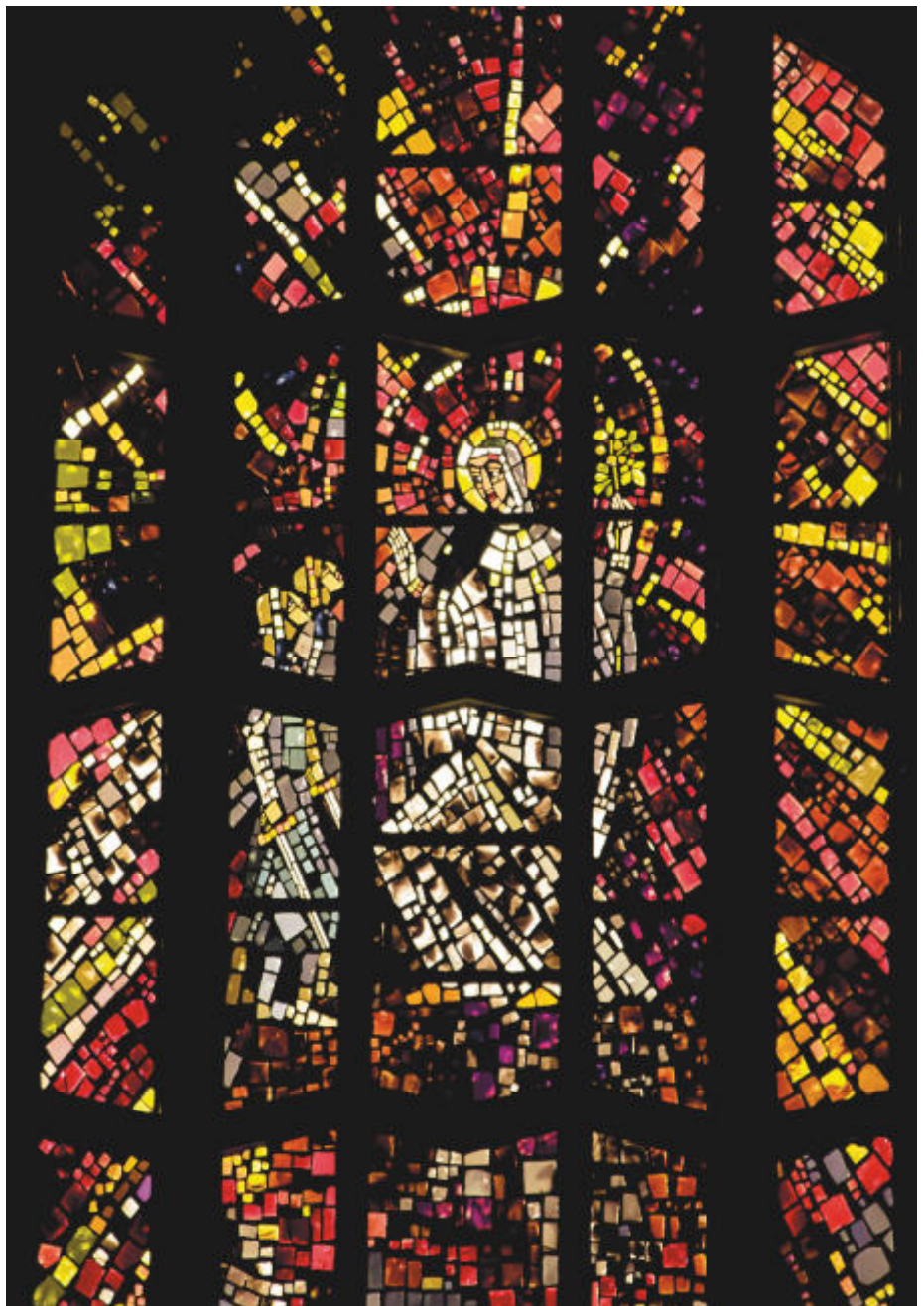
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



Epiphany of the Lord

Advent prayer and meditation on the "Promise of God to save" is today extended to all "people and nations." The Good News: God lives in all. The blessings of redemption for the human race are meant for everyone. We often dismiss this as we assume Catholicism is an exclusive association. While that is partly true by way of intuitional life as a denomination, the tenants of Christianity are universal in every time, place and culture. Thus the Promise of God as given in Genesis is now acknowledged to be the ultimate truth and enduring truth for all creation! God indeed makes all things new!

I should like to comment on the use of the word "epiphany." Recently, CBS television programs had a theme in prime time. I caught several characters saying they had an "epiphany." Reflecting on this: was their epiphany related in any way to the spiritual awareness we have come to know ultimately as the Epiphany of the Lord? I am amazed at the capacity of people to arrive at an awareness of thought and given to expression of insights gleaned from issues they face. Often the response might arise in what appears to be a spontaneous reaction. But is it? I contend that the promise of the Lord is an ever present gift, its revelation on going; its articulation comes to us when we are mindful or not. Yes, we have all caught ourselves making some statement or taking some action and then saying, "I don't know where that came from." Does it not come from within?

We who believe God continually reveals truth to us by the prompting action of the Holy Spirit ought to know and celebrate the joy that flows from within. As friends and lovers prompt us to say that which is most appropriate when we are at a loss for words, so too the Spirit is prompting our response.

May the leaders of nations, may all those joined in common purpose or cause, find within the efforts of leadership and service joy in faithfulness and blessings in the task of sharing the renewal of dignity which is God's ultimate revelation to all. May the Light and truth of the Epiphany bring lasting peace to the world.

Fr. Charlie



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the January 19th / 20th bulletin is Thursday, January 10th 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 eight week series beginning Monday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. As in the past, the session will repeat on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Both sessions will be held in the chapel, so please park on 61st 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.

Baptism Preparation

Any parishioner wishing to have his / her child Baptized, must first attend the Parent Preparation Session. In addition to attending the Session, you must be a registered member of the Parish, attending regularly for three months before the Baptism will be scheduled.

The next Parent Session is Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. The Session will be held in the Parish Office complex. Please enter Parish Office door on 61st Street. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call me at 414-541-7515.

Cabin Fever Reliever

Mark your calendar NOW for SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th; 5:30 p.m.

As this bulletin was printed before January 3rd, I do not have new details to report. Please listen for an announcement this weekend.

High School Religious Education

First, thanks to the teens who helped create the beautiful environment for our Christmas and new year's celebrations. Many hands do make light work, as well as give you a "behind the scenes" look into what it takes to make our worship space look amazing!

Second, just a reminder, our 11th graders will be participating in their Confirmation Retreat next Saturday, January 12th; 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. This Retreat does include the Sponsors as well. Please keep our teens and their sponsors in your prayers.

Third, a reminder, our Human Sex Trafficking Session for teens is next Sunday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. This session will be held in Church.

Blessings,

Barbara

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 5

4:30 p.m. † Ceranowski Family

Sunday, January 6

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

10:30 a.m. † Charmaine Warns

Tuesday, January 8

8:00 a.m. † Victor Mikecz

Saturday, January 12

4:30 p.m. † Mark Schneck
For the People of St. Rita Parish

Sunday, January 13

8:00 a.m. † Henry and Ann Strow
10:30 a.m. † Charles Wolf

January Tabernacle Light

In Loving Remembrance

Week 1: Ronald Miresse

Week 2: Charmaine Warns

Week 3: Charles Wolf

Week 4: Cliff Moore



Readings for the Week of January 6th

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/
Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,
29-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Grade School (1st - 8th Grade) Religious
Education Classes Day School

Wednesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 10

6:30 p.m. RCIA Parish Office Complex
6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal Church

Saturday, January 12

9:30 a.m. Confirmation Retreat Church
Parish Office Complex, Arnold Hall, Church

Sunday, January 13

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

9:00 a.m. 9th and 10th Grade Religious Education
Classes Parish Office Complex

6:00 p.m. Teen Session on Human Trafficking
Church

A Beautiful Season

*Advent - Nativity - Epiphany celebrates faith
in the "Promise of Salvation" for all.*

*We at St. Rita have shared a
Season of Prayerful Hope
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thoughtful homilies.*

*The staff, ministers, musicians,
along with Prayer & Worship Committee,
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God has blessed us again!

Fr. Charlie



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