



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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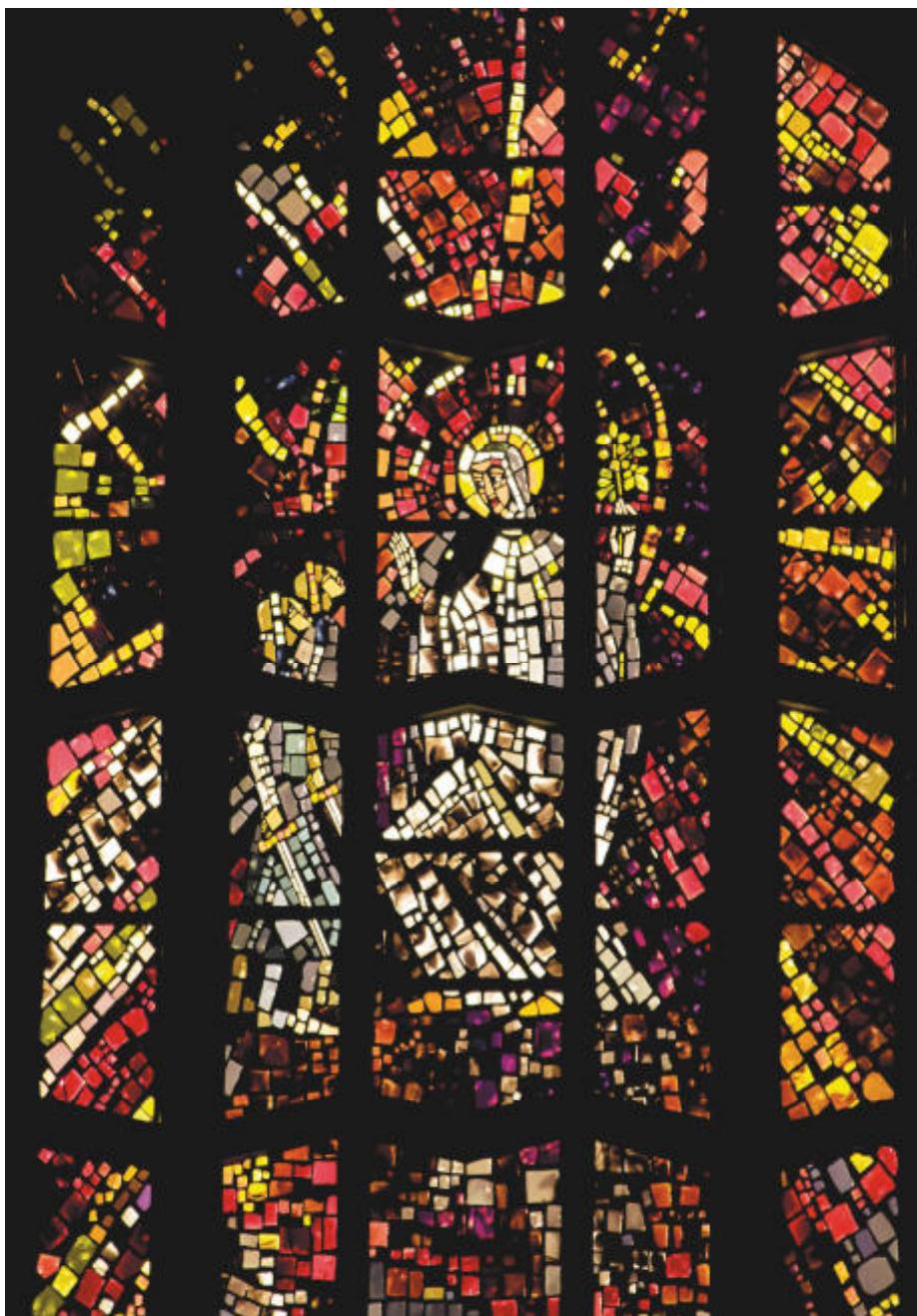
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



I will not be Silent

Isaiah boldly proclaims God's outburst of love streaming for the sake of those chosen, restored and forgiven. The attribute of human emotion is put on God's lips for the sake of those condemned early in Isaiah who are now declared close to God's heart. Perhaps this is why Isaiah is so dear to us that we also know we who walked in darkness are reclaimed as people of light.

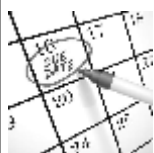
The wedding feast at Cana is a reminder to believers that we are called to love. We do our best as with any human commitment to relationship; it takes two! I am sure that those who cannot be faithful to themselves cannot be faithful to a lover or their God. Wine is a symbol of the fullness of life, life containing spirit within it! Any and every relationship can fall into dryness as if to say "we have no more wine; nor spirit to share from the same goblet in life." This we know from our own reflection on our family of origin, our chosen friendships, our dedicated relationships such as peers, and those with whom we covenant in fidelity.

We just spent time with family, friends and peers in holiday celebrations. Soon we will "religiously" celebrate the Hallmark and FTD festival of Valentine's Day. We get caught up in the rituals of these days to varying degrees from cute to the intimate professing love for one another. All this may be fine but how does it compare to what God proclaims about the chosen, restored and forgiven?

God gave us a voice that we should not remain silent! God's spirit prompts us to speak with action and words to affirm and celebrate the dignity of all people. We know that candy and roses speak of love to those close to our hearts, yet we are also responsible for our brothers and sisters oppressed and forgotten.

We must remain informed and broad minded about our world and not merely prejudiced in favor of those close to us. Let us act with informed compassion not merely opinionated judgment for the sake of all whom God loves. Let us with pen and ballots dare to speak in God's voice. For the sake of justice and peace how can we not speak for those whose voice is muffled by injustice?

Fr. Charlie



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the February 2nd / 3rd bulletin is Thursday, January 24th no later than 10:00 a.m.

From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate...

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

Don't forget to sign up! Sat., January 26th; 5:30 p.m!
CHILI! CHILI DOGS!! CHILI FRIES!!! See a pattern?
It's the "chilly" time of year.

We will supply the chili, hot dogs, buns, fries and all the fixings - - - - just asking you to bring a dessert to share. Also, feel free to bring your own beer and / or wine. Plan on hanging around for Cabin Fever Family Feud . . . and of course there will be prizes!!!!

Sign-up sheets are at all Church entrances, or call the office or email the office. Look forward to seeing you there!

Human Trafficking - Teen Session

Thanks to Tricia Lewis from Pathfinders for working with our teens. Her knowledge, commitment and experience really helped to open some eyes as to how wide spread it is, and how easily our teens can be exploited.

Parent, Guardians, Adults . . . Please take an interest in the lives of the teens you know. Let them know they are valued and loved for WHO they ARE - - - - it can make all the difference!!!!

Blessings,

Barbara

Women's Support Center Respect Life Banquet
Saturday, February 2nd at the Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee
Cocktail hour - 5:00 p.m., dinner and speaker to follow.

Tickets are \$60 per person.

Call the Women's Support Center at 414-934-8888 to
make your reservations or visit them at
wscmil.org to register online.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 19

4:30 p.m. † Harold Thome

Sunday, January 20

8:00 a.m. † Leo and Virginia Wichman
For the People of St. Rita Parish

10:30 a.m. † Kevin Soczka

Tuesday, January 22

8:00 a.m. † Ronald Miresse

Saturday, January 26

4:30 p.m. † Cliff Moore

Sunday, January 27

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

10:30 a.m. † Jeane Schmidt

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 20 *Hospitality Weekend*

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

Monday, January 21

6:30 p.m. Bible Study Chapel

Tuesday, January 22

10:30 a.m. Bible Study Chapel

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council
Parish Office Complex

Wednesday, January 23

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

Thursday, January 24

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

Friday, January 25

Southside Meal Program

Saturday, January 26

5:30 p.m. Cabin Fever Reliever Arnold Hall

Sunday, January 27

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

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

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 20th

Sunday: *Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11*

Monday: *Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22*

Tuesday: *Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/
Mk 2:23-28*

Wednesday: *Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6*

Thursday: *Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/
Mk 3:7-12*

Friday: *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18*

Saturday: *2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a,
10/Mk 3:20-21*

Next Sunday: *Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

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A big thank you to all the fantastic people who helped to make our church beautiful for Christmas! We could never get everything done without all of our awesome volunteers!

May God bless all of you throughout the coming year!

Art and Environment

Southside Meal Program

Friday, January 25th is our Friday to provide for the Southside Meal Program. Remember to bring your food to the server's entrance off the parking lot. If you have questions, please call Sarah Walendowski at 414-837-6193 or Chris Crowbridge at 414-327-3932.



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