



# 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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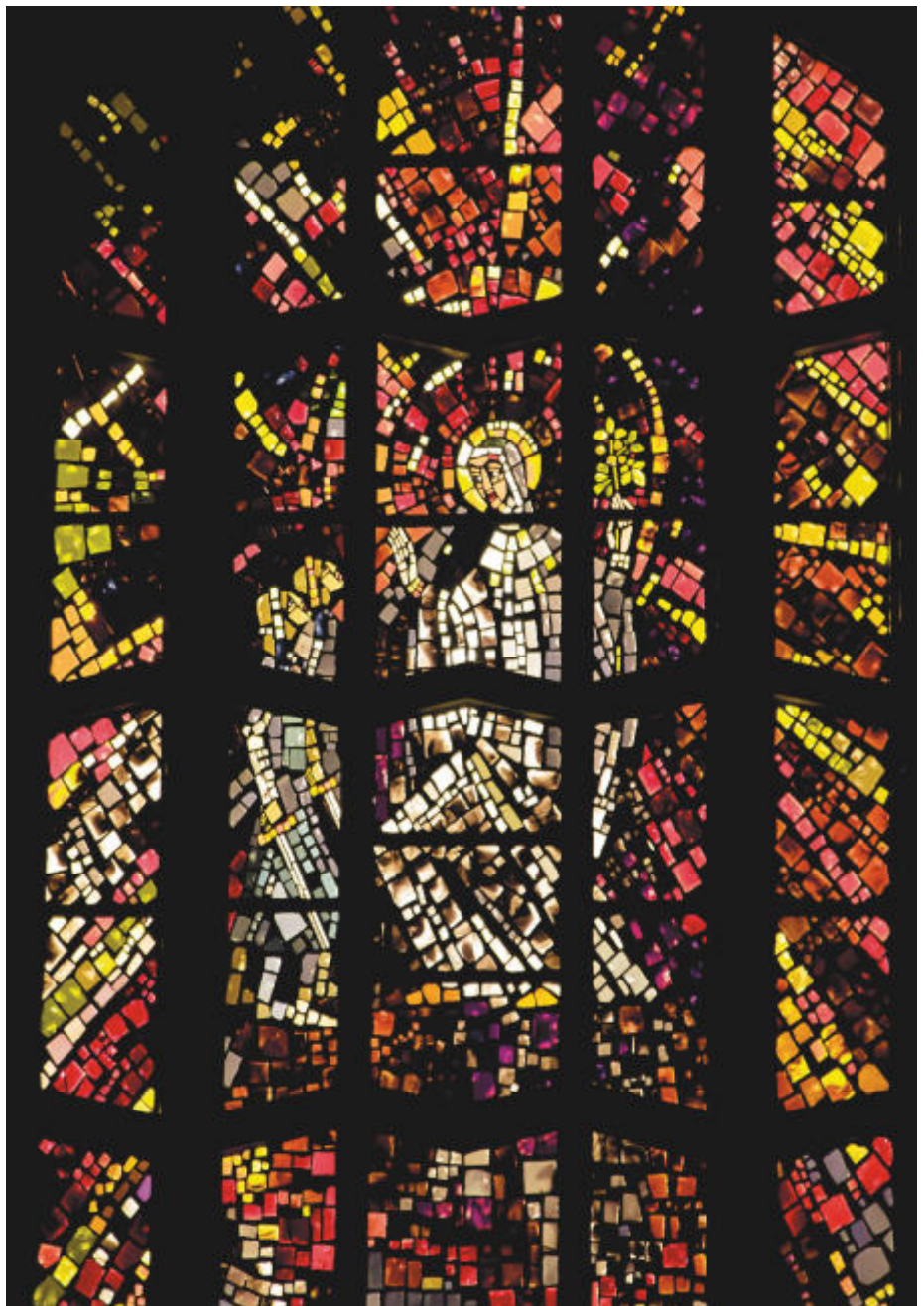
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



## Cabin Fever

At this hour the snows of January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> are tapering off heading east. The sky is gray while a chill in the air penetrates to the bone. I wonder how I so enjoyed the winters of my youth and today I could only hope for an early spring! Winter is difficult for us all who are feeling the effects of aging while the kids and young at heart are playing on the ice and down the slopes.

On January 16<sup>th</sup> I moved my residence to Germantown. My plans to move toward western Waukesha never developed. So I found a ranch condo just east of Hwy. 41 / 45 and Mequon Road. The property is directly across the street from Germantown High School. It is a quiet, well-planned property.

As I have moved I've been hearing about Marie Condo who has a philosophy, book and Netflix show on decluttering our lives. I thought my life was really uncluttered. After too many trips to the dumpster, St. Vincent and Salvation Army I must confess I amassed more than I care to admit.

I live in a new city, new neighborhood and barely settled in. I am also feeling the effects of "Cabin Fever" amid my new isolation. I am grateful to those who have reached out to welcome me to the neighborhood. I am still the president of the New Berlin Condo Association, until I sell that property. In addition, January has been filled with meetings and appointments here at the parish. All is good, yet the impact has been overwhelming to say the least.

I write to encourage you to look around your neighborhood. Are some folks isolated in winter due to health or age? Any new people who are not yet welcomed or introduced? Are you someone experiencing the impact of January chill with its loneliness?

I can only encourage you to join me in reaching out to those in need of support and companionship in these days. And of course, do not be afraid to seek companionship when isolation and loneliness is a greater chill than that declared by the weather reporters. We all need to get through winter together until, in spring, we can be good neighbors over the fence once again!

*Fr. Charlie*

From the desk of  
the Pastoral Associate...

## Acts of the Apostles - Bible Study

Our Bible study sessions have been going very well. I do have a couple of extra books if anyone would still like to join us.

We meet either Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Both sessions are held in the daily Chapel, so please park on 61<sup>st</sup> Street.

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

## Cabin Fever Reliever

When we first started talking about our Cabin Fever Reliever, many of you were laughing at us because the weather had been so mild . . . bet you're not laughing now!

Watch next week's bulletin for a recap, and to see who the winners of Cabin Fever Family Feud are.

## Quad Parish Religious Education

Reminder - there are NO CLASSES for anyone on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be taking our "winter break."

Upcoming:

- Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 p.m. - First Eucharist Meeting
- Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>; 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - High School students at Center for Deaf / Blind Persons
- Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 p.m. - Confirmation Candidate / Sponsor Session

Blessings,

*Barbara*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**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

**Tuesday, January 29**

8:00 a.m. † Evelyn Jaeger

**Saturday, February 2**

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

**Sunday, February 3**

8:00 a.m. † Anthony D'Amato

10:30 a.m. † Richard and Daniel Revall

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>

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

**Monday:** *Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Mk 3:22-30*

**Tuesday:** *Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/  
Mk 3:31-35*

**Wednesday:** *Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20*

**Thursday:** *Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
Mk 4:21-25*

**Friday:** *Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/  
Mk 4:26-34*

**Saturday:** *Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19/Heb 2:14-18/  
Lk 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22-32*

**Next Sunday:** *Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/  
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30*

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## The Week Ahead

**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

**Monday, January 28**

6:30 p.m. Bible Study Chapel

**Tuesday, January 29**

10:30 a.m. Bible Study Chapel

6:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation Class  
Parish Office Complex

**Wednesday, January 30**

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

**Thursday, January 31**

6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal Church

**Sunday, February 3**

No Religious Education Classes

## Just a Friendly Reminder

The first full weekend of each month there is a basket in front of the altar. For the past 35+ years, St. Rita Parish has been helping our sister Parish, St. Rose, located at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Michigan. The money collected helps to support their food pantry and their ministry. So, please, bring an extra dollar or two. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated and much needed.

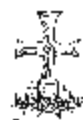


## Southside Meal Program

The Southside Meal Program needs to update our volunteer list. We are looking for a couple of tuna casserole bakers, a driver for every other month and a couple of servers for monthly help. We work on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at the SVDP site at 9<sup>th</sup> & Madison. If you are interested, please call your coordinators Sarah Walendowski (414-837-6193) or Chris Crowbridge (414-327-3932). Thank you!

## In Loving Memory

God has called home Marie Burgarino, may she rest in the peace of the Lord.







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