

July 28, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Rita

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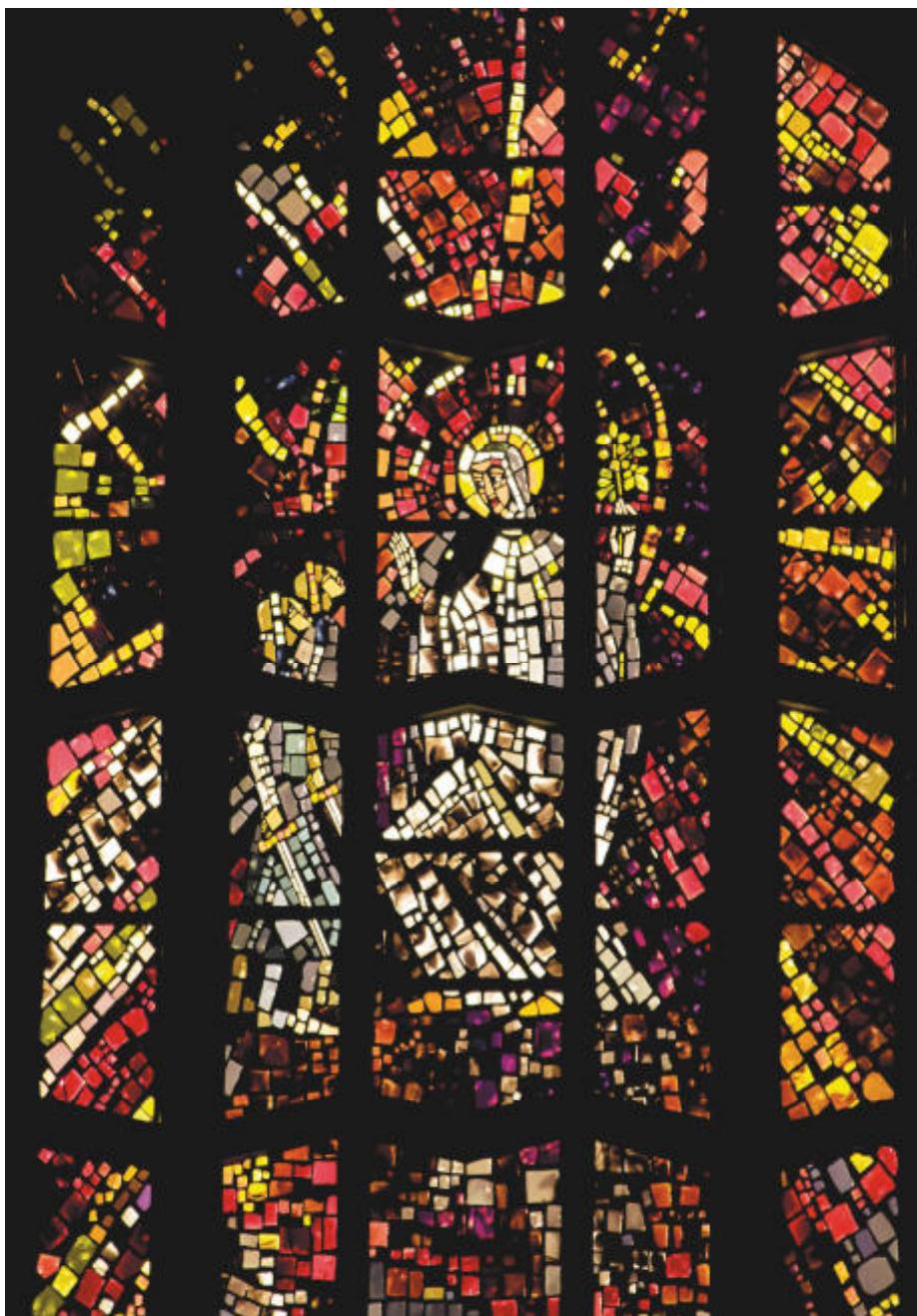
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



Thinking about Fall?

The summer months have been passing all too quickly. I would love to let this note pass for a bit yet; timing is everything! Every event and possibility that looms on the horizon must be anticipated or that too shall simply pass away!

Summer's Heat has been cruel when we consider the violence in our world, the painful witness of the violent deaths even of children, and the disregard for life. We need to be careful so as not to become "hot under the collar" lashing out ourselves, we also must not turn aside from the pain in our community caused by the rage and anger which contribute to such a violent world.

Heated Rhetoric is divisive and very troubling to endure. I recently overheard three "very Catholic couples" at the next table talking about being true to their religion while using racially charged comments about minorities. What has caught me off guard is the number of people who subscribe to and utter such judgmental and damning utterances harkening back to the 50's and 60's. My question is this: If they are such good 'Catholics' how can they participate in the ridicule and cursing of others? In 60 years of hearing homilies have they not heard the words of Jesus to "love one another as I have loved you"?

Hot Bats at the ole ball game! It has been years since I followed the Brewers. This year I have been listening to the games and I am inspired by what a team can offer a community like SE Wisconsin. These young, powerful, talented players draw people together in a spirit of pride, entertainment, community support and a joyous spirit of one purpose "cheering on the home team." I wish we could only harness the anticipation from before the game, raise our voices for what we believe like the roar of the crowd when Yelich comes to the plate, and mark up a few victories or resolutions of some of our local concerns . . . what a sign of hope that could be! Sports can bind a community together; hate divides and defeats.

Hot Ideas rise up from those which have long simmered. As Fall approaches, please consider an interest, talent, gift you might have in volunteering time and talent to the many organizations seeking a hand to help those who need you!

Fr. Charlie

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. The next scheduled Session is Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m. Please enter the Parish office door on 61st Street.

Please note, you must be a registered, regularly participating member for at least three months before the Baptism will be scheduled.

Pre-registration for the Session is required. To register, please call me at 414-541-7515, ext. 39.

Fill the Backpack Campaign

Perfect timing on those school sales! Our goal is to fill 70 backpacks. Here is what is needed:

- ✓ Backpack (adult)
- ✓ Loose leaf binder (1" or 1 1/2") 2 per
- ✓ Loose leaf paper 1 pack per
- ✓ Folders 3 per
- ✓ Notebooks 3 per
- ✓ Pencils 1 pack per
- ✓ Pens 1 pack per
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- ✓ Flash drive 1 per

Please drop off your donations on the tables in the back of Church. Extra supplies are always welcomed and appreciated. We will be collecting through Sunday, August 4th.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Religious Education

If you have not already registered your child / children, please do so ASAP. Registration materials were mailed back in May. If you are new to the Parish and / or Religious Education Program, please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to mail the info to you.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Were you raised in another faith tradition, and now wish to explore Catholicism? Were you Baptized as an infant, but never received any faith formation? Ever wonder why Catholics do some of the things they do? If you answered "yes," then the RCIA process might be for you.

The process is a great opportunity to study, reflect, discuss, pray and discern God's call in your life. We gather two Thursday evenings a month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. There is also a day long retreat as part of the process. I do have an incredible caring, faith filled "team" who works with me as we walk with you on this journey of faith.

Please carefully and prayerfully consider if this might be "your next step." Do not hesitate to call me at 414-541-7515, ext. 39 with any questions you might have. The Process begins Thursday, September 26th.

Look forward to walking with you.

Blessings,

Barbara

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 27

4:30 p.m. † James Grzegorek

Sunday, July 28

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

10:30 a.m. † Lorraine Fitzgerald

Tuesday, July 30

8:00 a.m. † Leo and Leona Blechacz

Saturday, August 3

4:30 p.m. † Brian Schaff

Sunday, August 4

8:00 a.m. † Owen and Charmaine Warns

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

July Tabernacle Light

In Loving Remembrance

Week 1: Charmaine Warns

Week 2: Sigmund Mischczak
and Flora Miller

Week 3: Theresa Mitchell

Week 4: Ruth Missiaen



Readings for the Week of July 28th

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,
10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4,
5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17/
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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The Week Ahead

No meetings scheduled this week.



Raffle winners:

Jeffrey Stanislawski	\$1500
Magdelene Summers	\$500
Joseph Opansky	\$250
Mary O'Neil	\$150
Carol Albrecht	\$100

~ Thank you ~

to all the wonderful,
hard working volunteers who made
our Parish Festival a great success.
We could not have done it without you!!



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 33rd 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.

In Loving Memory

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Geraldine Hell** who recently passed away. May her family find peace and joy in loving memories. May we as parishioners support them with our prayer.



God has also called home **Sophia Burgermeister**, may she rest in the peace of the Lord.

We commend to God **Carol Dzikowski**, may her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in eternal peace.



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