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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.  
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we would be happy to welcome you  
into our parish community.*

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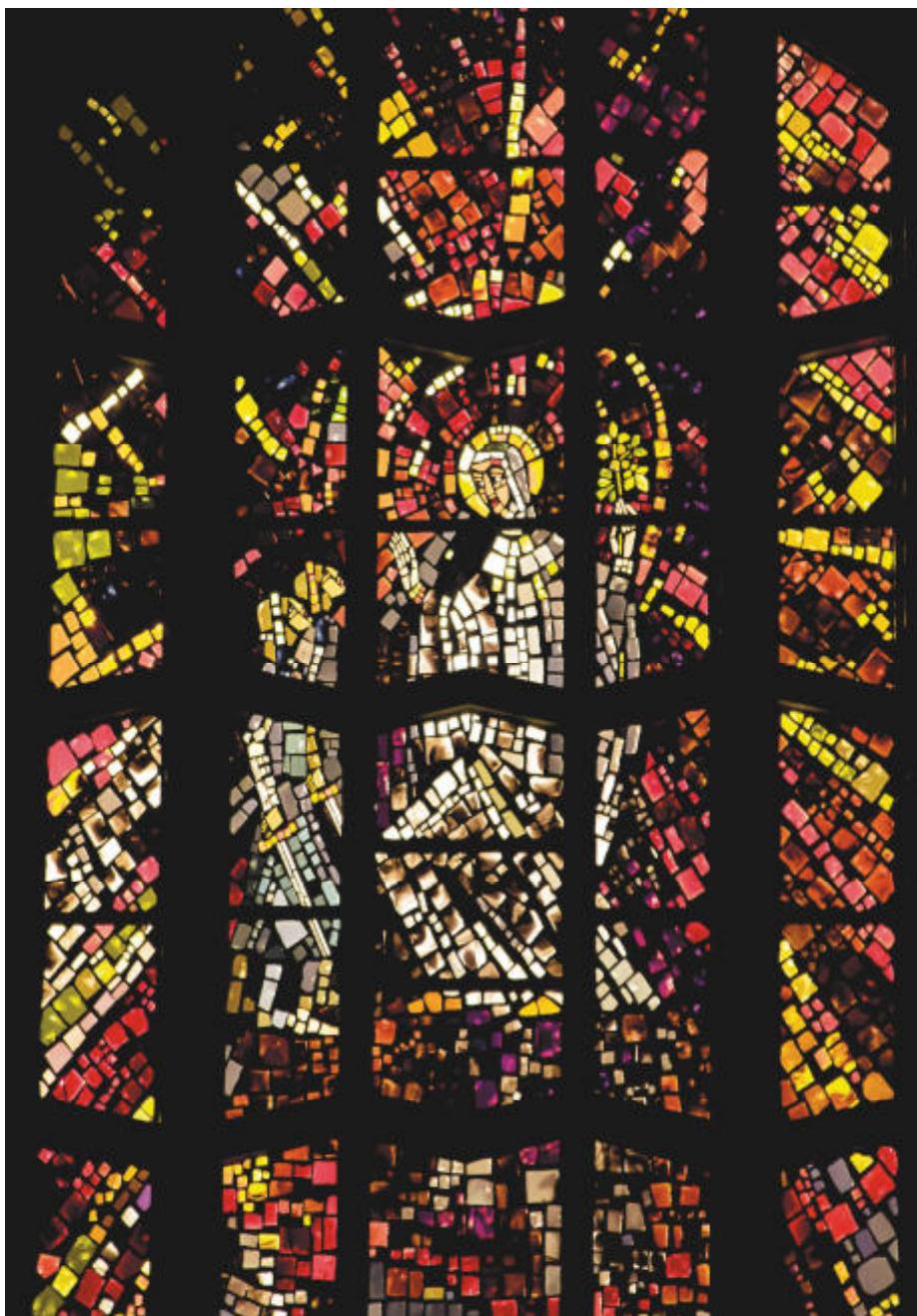
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



## Life is Complicated

I like to take inventory of the meditations, ponderings and questions that come to mind in my life. I also make a mental inventory of the events of life that present themselves to the church and my ministry. I have come to the definite conclusion that life is complex.

What might seem to be a wholesome relationship may be chaos behind closed doors. In every life there is pain and stress, yet in the lives of many there are issues which are held privately, surfacing from time to time. The level of anxiety varies from temperament to personality type; this too reveals a cause of pain.

In this world of diminished self-respect there is a corresponding decreased respect for the other. This can be seen in so many ways: the way people dress, the posture or manner in which they speak, the impersonal digital text when a voice communication would be expected or necessary. Common courtesy seems to have gone by the wayside and politeness seems to be a thing of the past.

From the days of Dr. Spock through Jerry Springer and Oprah we have come to live in a "tell all" society.

In recent months I have encountered people feeling left out, disconnected and feeling like they just don't belong. There are those who seek to live in a social community where people are recognized, not only by what they appear to be, but by what they really are! As for you and me, who we are!

I hope St. Rita will continue to foster a check on reality, stay in touch and respond to the needs of those who call upon us. Yes, we provide for those who need food, clothing, assistance in education, counseling in good times and bad. Are we touching the emptiness that exists in hearts and souls?

Consider reaching out to someone or a family at church and simply invite them for coffee, a walk, a beer or a BBQ this summer. Here is the catch; would you welcome someone from church to simply celebrate life and maybe gain a friendship? I do this often and for it I am rewarded. It keeps things real!

*Fr. Charlie*

From the desk of  
the Pastoral Associate...

## Fill the Backpack

I would love to give you an update, but unfortunately I cannot because things are still being dropped off and cash donations are still coming in while I am writing this... GREAT "issue" to have.

I promise to give you a full count in next week's bulletin as I will have final numbers on Thursday when Pathfinders comes to pick up.

## Are You Thinking . . . ????

Are you starting to think that with the new school year coming, maybe it is time to do something for yourself? Maybe time to try something new? Realizing that you have some great ideas, and no one to listen to them?

Well, look no farther . . . here are a couple of suggestions:

- ◆ Seeing the backpack campaign – maybe getting involved in Human Concerns might be worth a try;
- ◆ New Member Brunches, Potlucks, PARTIES sound like fun? Maybe Parish Life is worth a try;
- ◆ Wanting to learn more about your faith? Maybe Formation is worth a try . . . or perhaps our fall Bible study is worth a try.

Human Concerns will meet on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Life will meet on Thurs., Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Formation Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

All three of these groups will gather for a morning of reflection on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>; 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and includes lunch . . . still plenty of time to join us!

Any questions? You know where to find me!

Blessings,

*Barbara*

## Baptism Preparation

Any parishioner wishing to have their child Baptized, must first attend the Parent Preparation Session. The next Session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 p.m. The Session will be held in the Parish Office complex, please enter the Parish Office on 61<sup>st</sup> Street. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. To register, please call Barb in the Parish Office.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Saturday, August 10**

4:30 p.m. † Allison May Olesinski

**Sunday, August 11**

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

10:30 a.m. † Leo and Leona Blechacz

**Tuesday, August 13**

8:00 a.m. † Guillermo Esparza

**Thursday, August 15**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 a.m. † Dorothy Wolf

**Saturday, August 17**

4:30 p.m. † Karen von Stockhausen  
For the People of St. Rita Parish

**Sunday, August 18**

8:00 a.m. † Gilbert, Virginia, Joseph Meier  
10:30 a.m. † Annabelle Wozny

## August Tabernacle Light

In Loving Remembrance

**Week 1:** Allison May Olesinski

**Week 2:** Richard Davis

**Week 3:** Karen von Stockhausen

**Week 4:** Clement, Lorraine, Jim Fitzgerald



## Readings for the Week of August 11<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/  
Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/  
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/  
Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/  
Mt 19:13-15

**Next Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/  
Lk 12:49-53

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## The Week Ahead

**Monday, August 12**

6:30 p.m. Festival Committee Arnold Hall

**Tuesday, August 13**

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

**Wednesday, August 14**

6:30 p.m. Prayer and Worship Committee  
Parish Office Complex

## Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the August 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> bulletin is Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> no later than 10:00 a.m.



I am Lloyd Hoepfer, an adult leader with St. Rita Scout Troop 595. I have a son and daughter in the troop.

I recently attended a Boy Scouts of America adult education program called Wood Badge. The program includes post course service to our troop and our community.

My community service project is to collect new and gently used shoes to be sent to needy students in Africa. Collection boxes will be in place and I will be available to discuss the project further on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

Lloyd Hoepfer

\*\* The collection ends on Sunday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> \*\*



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