

August 25, 2019

Twenty First 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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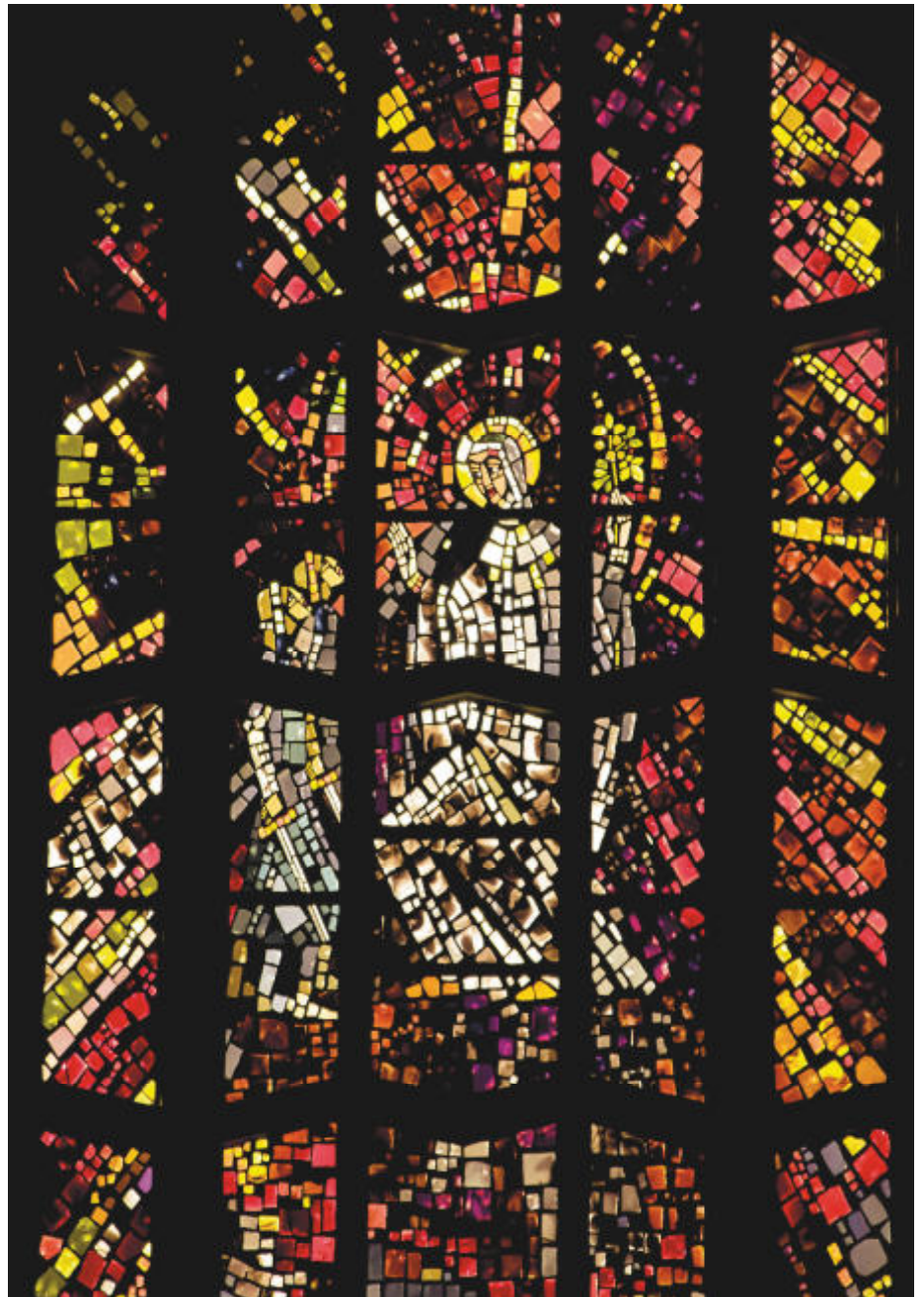
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



Ever been to a green supper? I was invited to one. I got to the home of friends and nothing was cooking, utensils and plates on the table. What was I in for? Suddenly, the family gathered in the kitchen and “Dad” announced it was “Green Supper Night” and everyone went running out the back door!

I watched in amazement then was called to “get into the act!” I began to put it all together in a few seconds! I was invited to rush the garden to pick ripe foods including summer squash, zucchini, beets, carrots, the beefsteak tomatoes and, of course, sweet corn. We dashed into the kitchen and washed the veggies, sliced the squash and zucchini and tomatoes, diced carrots and prepped the corn. Yup, we raided the garden of plenty and sat down to a feast.

There was no meat from the grill, but who needed it. We had a festival of flavors from the harvest as a result of “Dad’s” project of a back-yard garden. That was 40 years ago, but I can still remember it in great detail. Good friends, simple produce of the field and a communion of God’s blessing upon us all.

Summer activities are winding down; Fall activities are starting up already. I want to have more of the relaxed summer afternoons and evenings, relaxed get togethers with friends and a chance to appreciate the good things that make living in Wisconsin so special. As I ponder my resistance to the impending Fall with its shorter days and cooler temps, I also realize that each season has character of its own. This year I have noticed the lush greenery, the vibrant colors of flowering trees, plantings and gardens. Fall will offer other unique arrangements of natural beauty and seasonal opportunities to relax in different ways.

Life seems to pass all too quickly. We can be victims of the expectations we place on ourselves or let others demand of us. Yet, if we are a people of gratitude for the world around us; we must take the time, make the time, to appreciate every day as a joy when we harvest the blessings each day offers us in simplicity.

Fr. Charlie

Bulletin Deadline



The deadline for the August 31st / September 1st bulletin is Thursday, August 22nd no later than 10:00 a.m.

From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate...

From Pathfinders

"Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of filled backpacks. Your generosity helps Pathfinders continue to work alongside nearly 7,000 youth each year. Every day youth experiencing trauma come to Pathfinders seeking shelter, housing, basic needs. They are seeking stability, safety, hope and healing.

Thank you so much for continuing to work with us together to make our community safer, stronger and filled with promise for all young people. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

*Jake Spence,
Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager"*

Pathfinders Dinners

In addition to the dinners that our high school youth provide, the Parish will again sponsor several dinners this coming school year.

The first date for a Parish dinner is Wednesday, September 18th. Looking for 2 - 3 individuals / families who are willing to work together to plan, prepare and either drop off the dinner or stay and serve. Please plan on feeding 25 people. Anything containing nuts and / or shellfish MUST be clearly marked. For more info, give me a call.

Religious Education Program

Just a reminder

Orientation for K4 - Grade 8 is Sunday, September 15th at 9:00 a.m. in Arnold Hall

Orientation for High School is Sunday, September 29th at 9:00 a.m. in Arnold Hall

Not much time left to register!

Blessings,

Barbara

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 24

4:30 p.m. † Walter Usarek

Sunday, August 25

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

10:30 a.m. † Joseph and Marie Burgarino

Tuesday, August 27

8:00 a.m. † Miller and Mischczak Families

Saturday, August 31

4:30 p.m. † Sophia Burgermeister

Sunday, September 1

8:00 a.m. † Leo and Virginia Wichman

10:30 a.m. † Charles Wolf

For the People of St. Rita Parish

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, August 27

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council

Parish Office Complex

Wednesday, August 28

6:30 p.m. Formation Committee

Parish Office Complex

Monday, September 2

Labor Day

Parish Office Closed



God has called home **Karla Hackbarth**. May she rest in the peace of the Lord and may her family find peace and joy in loving memories.

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



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 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.

Readings for the Week of August 25th

Sunday: *Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30*

Monday: *1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Mt 23:13-22*

Tuesday: *1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26*

Wednesday: *1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/
Mt 23:27-32*

Thursday: *1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Mk 6:17-29*

Friday: *1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/
Mt 25:1-13*

Saturday: *1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30*

Next Sunday: *Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14*

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Jubilee Celebration for Married Couples

The annual Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 3501 South Lake Drive, St. Francis. This Mass honors those married in 1994 or 1969, celebrating their 25th (silver) or 50th (golden) wedding anniversaries. Couples married over 50 years are also welcome to attend this celebration. A reception will follow the Liturgy. The cost is \$40.00 per couple and includes a commemorative certificate and a professional photo. For more information, please call 414-758-2201. To register visit www.johnpaul2center.org/marriageministry to print a flyer with registration form or to register online.

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