



# 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.  
Friday Closed

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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



## All in A Day's Work

Pope Leo XIII, over 100 years ago, wrote a significant encyclical on the value and nature of work. *Rerum Novarum* was written at a time when workers were hired with little or no consideration of their rights or dignity. Fascism was on the rise in southern Europe and it became apparent to the bishops of the world that social structures between workers and management did little or nothing to build up the community.

Many of us read "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair when we were in high school. I doubt if it is part of the bibliography today for students; I think it would do them good to read it. The content was about the issues stemming from the conditions of the meat packing companies in Chicago. The company came first and the workers and their families were often collateral damage tossed out with the waste of the slaughter.

Today we are aware that employment laws tend to favor the company over the individual. Some of us have seen the loss of savings and drastic cuts in benefits and pensions due to the buyouts of our former employers. In reality, we still have a good standard of living, social security and health care is there if we can pay or not.

The provisions of rights and dignity of the worker are, for the most part, protected among us. Yet, we know many countries in our hemisphere that are unable to secure the rights and necessary benefits for families due to the great struggles in the face of corruption and greed. Intimidation and threats in the night or the abduction of children into slavery are real for many nations. The desire to find those guarantees we celebrate of life, liberty and happiness are not secure south of our borders.

Look at the risk so many will take to find work, legally or illegally, yet I am also amazed at so many who do not seem to take work seriously. I see it in the lack of communication, hospitality, good judgement and irresponsibility toward co-workers. I say this not to criticize, but I would encourage all of us to praise the good worker who serves on our behalf and those whose lives they support.

*Fr. Charlie*

From the desk of  
the Pastoral Associate...

## FYI

In case you wanted to see what 78 filled backpacks looked like, please visit the Parish's website.

## Bible Study

We are again offering an 8 week Bible study on "Letters to the Romans & Galatians." Sessions will be held on Monday evenings; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., and repeated on Saturday mornings; 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Monday sessions begin on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Saturday sessions will begin on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. It is not every week, we will have a few "off" dates.

Cost of the book is \$13.00 and can be paid at the first session. To register, or if you have any questions, please give me a call.

## Religious Education Program

Orientation for K4 - Grade 8 is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Arnold Hall.

Orientation for High School is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Arnold Hall.

If you need additional information and / or registration materials, please call the Parish office.

## CHANGE TO RCIA SCHEDULE!!!!

Due to some scheduling conflicts with those who have already expressed an interest in participating in the RCIA process, please note, we have moved the sessions from Thursday evenings, to SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 a.m.! We will still meet two times a month.

So if this works better for you, and you would now like to join us, please give me call. We will begin Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

As our little ones and not so little ones head back to school, let's keep them in our prayers, and remember to share an encouraging word with them often.

Blessings,

*Barbara*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

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

Tuesday, September 3

8:00 a.m. For those seeking employment

Saturday, September 7

4:30 p.m. † Carol Dzikowski

Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m. † Joyce Winkler

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

## The Week Ahead

Monday, September 2

*Labor Day*

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Convent

Wednesday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Earth Angels Convent

6:30 p.m. Human Concerns Committee

Parish Office Complex

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

Thursday, September 5

6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal Church

Saturday, September 7

9:00 a.m. Catechist Retreat ChristPond

## September Tabernacle Light

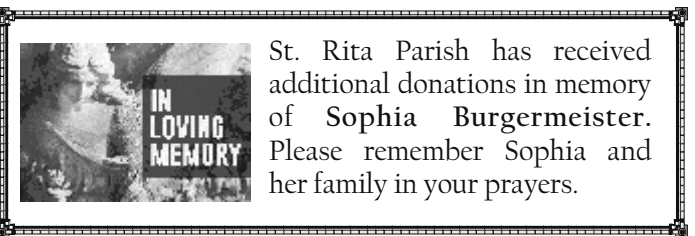
In Loving Remembrance

Week 1: Betty Blatter-Jaques

Week 2: Joyce Winkler

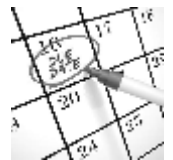
Week 3: Charles Wolf

Week 4: Owen and Charmaine Warns



## Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the September 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> bulletin is Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> no later than 10:00 a.m.



## Readings for the Week of September 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/  
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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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 25<sup>th</sup> (silver) or 50<sup>th</sup> (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](http://www.johnpaul2center.org/marriageministry) to print a flyer with registration form or to register online.

PLEASE REGISTER BY: September 25, 2019



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