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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.

Parish Office Hours

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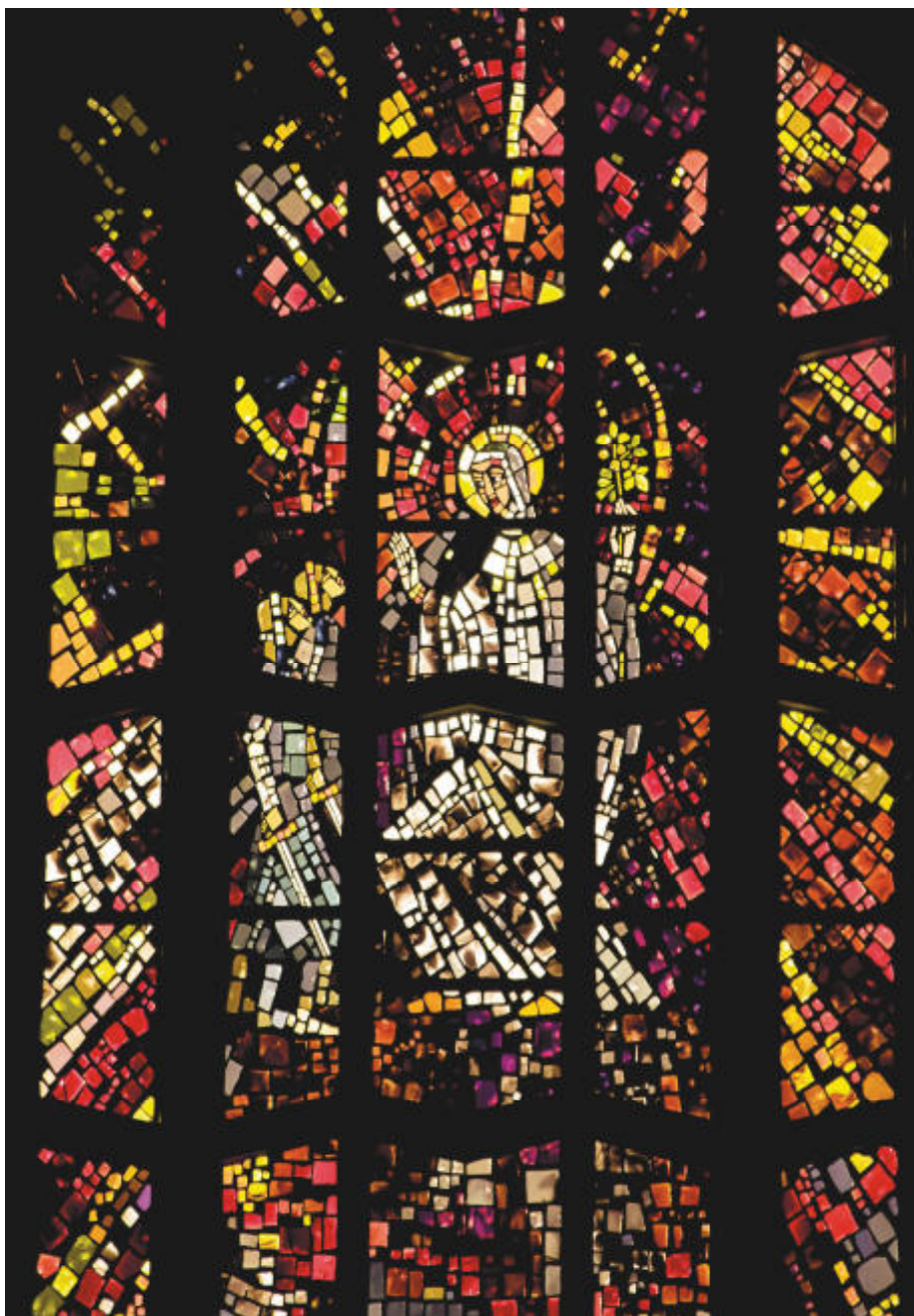
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



Breaking News

"Extra! Extra! Read all about it!" We must ask ourselves, is everything urgent? Are all events of the world a top priority? Is every news item "Breaking News?" I think not. Yet the raising of everything to a point of urgency and crisis tends to distort the view of reality it reports.

The truth as I understand the heightening of every item in the news tends to lower the reporting to its lowest common denominator. That is, look at this! The reality is that we are becoming numb to the barrage of repeated news cycles that the 24-hour news programming uses to fill their time. The public begins to either get excited about everything and, in the end, is impacted by almost nothing.

A second factor I have been reflecting upon is the frequency of reporting on similar items. Does the extensive reporting on every detail of the mass shootings need to be raised to the national level from every location? Are we losing the impact of the event by dissecting every development in every event of a mass shooting as an item to compare to the last event; something to look for in anticipation of the next such event?

The Power of the Press and the Influence of the Media Services can certainly impact our society for good in raising consciences and causing action to be taken in response for the common good through law and social awareness. However, the constant reporting also brings to the surface those so inclined to repeat, copycat or, by similar means, bring attention to their manifestoes of anger, hate, insecurity or desire for self-destruction and suicide by cop. But, at what expense and sorrow of others?

Let us be mindful of the sources of the news media we consult, the voices we listen to and impact this has on our lives that we might be informed by the news and not distressed in a negative fashion.

It is good for all people to be informed broadly from various sources that we might find our responses well based, wise and just in our troubled world.

Fr. Charlie

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the September 14th / 15th bulletin is Thursday, September 5th no later than 10:00 a.m.

From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate...

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 6th.

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.

Bible Study

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

Monday sessions begin Monday, September 23rd and Saturday sessions begin Saturday, September 28th. 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

Last chance to register for K4 - grade 8 is next Sunday, September 15th. Parent and student orientation for K4 - grade 8 is Sunday, Sept. 15th at 9:00 a.m. in Arnold Hall.

Registration materials will be available at the Orientation for any family still needing to register. Classes for K4 - grade 8 begin Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Orientation for high school classes, as well as last chance to register, is Sunday, Sept. 29th at 9:00 a.m. in Arnold Hall.

Any questions before that, please call the parish office at 414-541-7515.

Morning of Reflection

Just a reminder, the Morning of Reflection for the Formation, Human Concerns and Parish Life Committees, is Saturday, September 21st; 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and does include lunch. RSVP is requested. RSVP to Barbara at barb.strita@wi.rr.com, or by calling 414-541-7515, ext. 39.

Catechist Retreat

Saturday, September 7th, the catechists for the Religious Education Program are on retreat. Each year, I take them away for a day to renew, refresh, support and nurture them so we are all ready to support and nurture the faith of the children / youth entrusted to us.

Please keep these dedicated men and women in your prayers.

Blessings, *Barbara*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 a.m. † Alvin Dompke

Saturday, September 14

4:30 p.m. † Losik Family

Sunday, September 15

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

10:30 a.m. † Mary Sadowski

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



Readings for the Week of September 8th

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

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,
11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/
1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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The Week Ahead

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal Church

Sunday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Grade School Religious Education
Orientation Arnold Hall

Simply Said Automated Contribution System

St. Rita Parish has an online contribution system called Simply Said. This system allows parishioners to automate recurring and / or one-time contributions to St. Rita. Once you set up an account, you can have your contribution taken from a checking or savings account at a predetermined date and amount. *You control the amount, frequency, and start and stop dates.*

You can sign up for the Simply Said system at any time. There are two ways available to sign up: an online set-up or a paper enrollment form. Parishioners who do not have internet access can call the Parish Office for a form to fill out. Those with internet access are able to enter everything themselves by accessing the link to Simply Said from the St. Rita (Electronic Contributions). If you have any questions please call the parish office. We'd be happy to help.

St. Vincent de Paul

Friends of the Poor Walk

When: Saturday, September 28th
8:00 a.m. Check-in time
9:00 a.m. Walk begins

Where: St. Alphonsus Church
6060 West Loomis Road, Greendale

Cost: \$25 - adult / \$10 - ages 5-17

This walk is to benefit the two meal sites of the SVdP Meal Program. The walk begins at St. Alphonsus Church and then follows a path along the serene lake of Scout Lake Park. This is a family fun and pet friendly event! You can **pre-register** at: <http://svdpmilw.org>. For more information contact the walk coordinator:

mwelz@svdpmilw.org or 414-462-7837, ext. 109.





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