

May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord



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

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 12:00 Noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held every Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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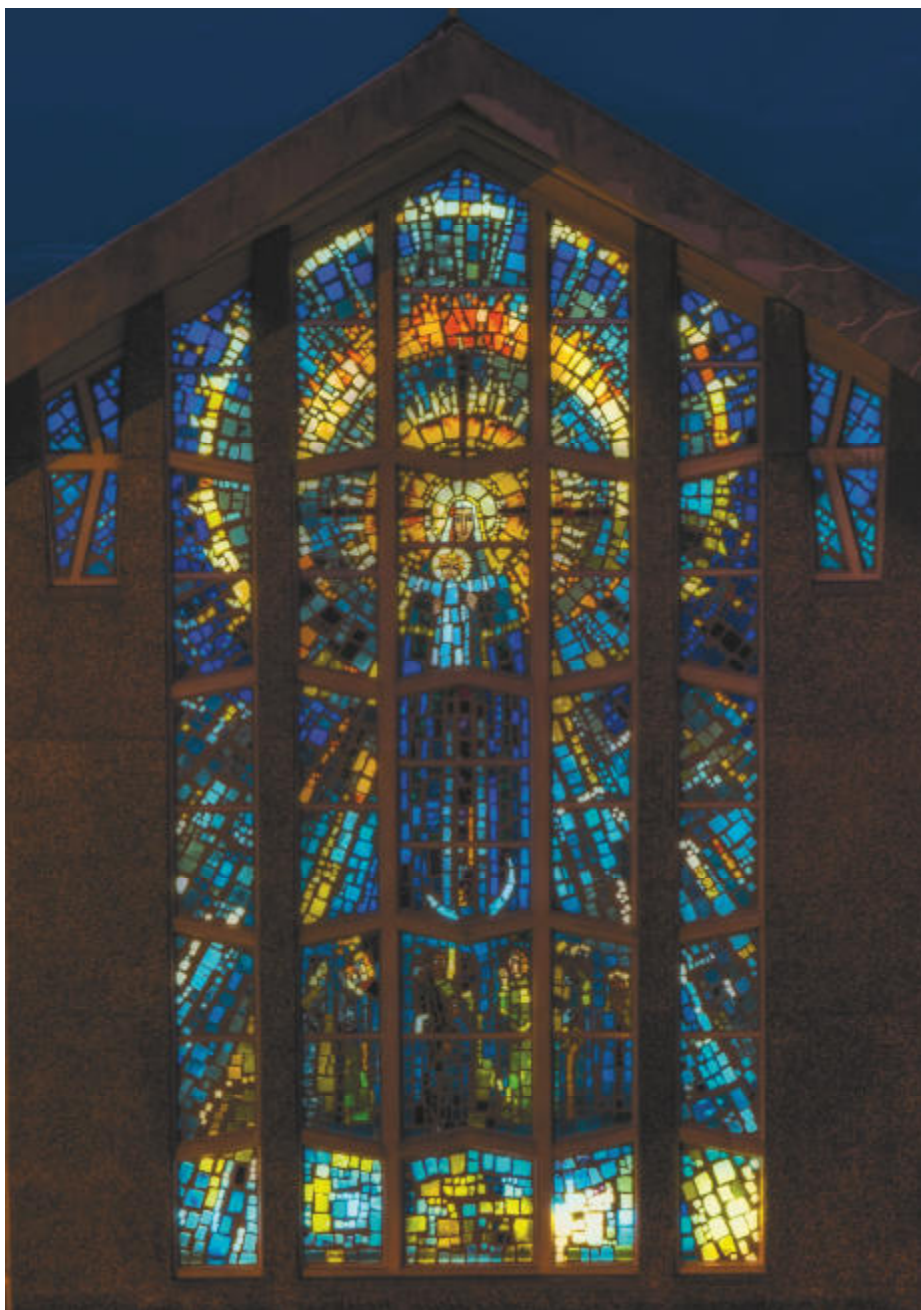
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Today's Gospel

This passage tells us something about the disciples of Jesus:

- * the disciple is given to Jesus by God. What does that mean? It means that the Spirit of God moves our hearts to respond to the appeal of Jesus;
- * through the disciple, glory has come to Jesus. The men who Jesus redeemed bring honor to him;
- * the disciple is the person who is commissioned to a task. As God sent out Jesus, so Jesus sends out his disciples. Note: Jesus begins by saying he does not pray for the world; and yet he came because God so loved the world . . . what? As we have seen in John's Gospel, the *world* stands for society organizing itself without God. What Jesus does for the world, is send out his disciples into it, in order to lead it back to God, and to make it aware of God.

This passage also tells us that Jesus offered his disciples two things:

1. He offered them his *joy*. All he was saying to them was designed to bring them joy;
2. He also offered them *warning*. He told them they were different from the world, and that they could not expect anything else but hatred from it.

We "hear" of the things for which Jesus prayed for his disciples:

- * Jesus did not pray that his disciples should be taken out of this world. He never prayed that they would find escape, he prayed that they might find victory;
- * Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples. Where there are divisions, where there is exclusiveness, where there is competition between churches, the cause of Christianity is harmed and the prayer of Jesus is frustrated.

We must always remember that God has chosen us and dedicated us for His special service. That special service is that we should love and obey Him, and work to bring others to Him. God has not left us to carry out that task in our own strength, but out of His grace He fits us for the task, if we place our lives in His hands.

Barbara

In Remembrance

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Joseph Galati, Sr.** who recently passed away. May his family find peace and joy in loving memories. May we as parishioners support them with our prayer.

From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate . . .

First Communion

Today, Saturday, May 15th, Justin Sharrard will be joining us at the Lord's Table for the first time. Please keep Justin in your prayers.

Congrats Justin!

Baptism Preparation

Any parishioner wishing to have his / her child Baptized, must be a registered, regularly participating member for three months before the Baptism will be scheduled. One parent must also attend the Parent Preparation Session.

Because of Covid, the preparation session has not been done in person. If you would like to set up a Session, please call me at 414-541-7515, ext. 16, and either Fr. Andrzej or I will set up a Session.

Baptisms are usually scheduled for whichever Mass the parent(s) attend.

Hospitality

Hospitality today is sponsored by the Prayer & Worship Committee. Don't worry, you don't have to sing for your "goodie bag."

Also, if you are interested in joining the Parish, there will be people in the back of Church who can help you with that.

Since it has been awhile . . .

This is from my 6 year old granddaughter, Bailey.

Q: What do you call a camel without humps?

A: Humphrey!

(Admit it, you smiled!!!)

Blessings always,

Barbara


In Loving Memory

St. Rita Parish has received donations in memory of **Roger Stanislawski**. Please remember Roger and his family in your prayers.

We have also received donations in memory of **Verna O'Connell** and **Frank and Beverly Chaplock**. Please keep their families in your prayers as well.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 15

4:30 p.m. † Roger Stanislawski

Sunday, May 16

9:00 a.m. † Charles Wolf

For the People of St. Rita Parish

Wednesday, May 19 *Word & Communion Service*

12:00 p.m. † Agnes Scidlecki

Saturday, May 22

4:30 p.m. † Vivian Szymborski

For the People of St. Rita Parish

Sunday, May 23

9:00 a.m. † Ann Strow and Henry Strow

The Week Ahead

Wednesday, May 19

9:00 a.m.	Earth Angels	Convent
6:30 p.m.	Parish Life Committee	Zoom Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	Church

Thursday, May 20

6:30 p.m.	Vocal Choir Rehearsal	Church
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May Tabernacle Light

In Loving Memory of:

Week 1:	Gordon Murphy
Week 2:	Raymond Mecha
Week 3:	Jerry and Dorothy Perlongo
Week 4:	Verna O'Connell



Readings for the Week of May 16th

Sunday:

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter:

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a,
35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5,
7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/
Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil:

Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55,
56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

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Attention!!!

On May 29th / 30th and June 5th /6th we will have nominations for Pastoral Council members and Trustee Secretary.

For Pastoral Council members, he / she must be a Baptized, practicing Catholic, registered member of the Parish, participate in the Parish life, especially Mass and the Sacraments, at least 18 years of age, and be willing to serve on one of the Committees of the Parish.

For Trustee Secretary, he / she must be Baptized, practicing Catholic, registered member of the Parish, and at least 25 years of age.

Please carefully and prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate. Perhaps yourself?

Your Parish needs YOU!!!!



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Open

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be open for pickup service on May 22nd, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the church parking lot. This is only for food pick-up, no delivery. You must call to reserve a food box. Call 414-541-9371 and leave your name and contact information and someone will call to confirm your information.



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