

August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



# 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

Thursday 12:00 Noon

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

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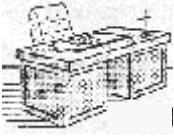
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## From the Desk of Fr. Andrzej

### **Presence - the Mystery of the Eucharist (Part 3)**

In the liturgy, all Christian prayer finds its source and goal. (CCC 1073)

In the sacraments - and especially in the Mass - we participate in Christ's own prayer addressed to the Father in Holy Spirit. (CCC 1073)

The Church's liturgical prayer joins us to the whole host of Heaven, led by Christ our High Priest in worship of the Father.

This public and communal prayer (the word "liturgy" comes from a Greek word meaning "public work") nourishes and strengthens our personal life of prayer, just as our personal life of prayer leads to a deeper and more fruitful participation in the liturgy of the Church.

The Catechism describes the life of prayer as the habit of being in the presence of thrice - holy God and in communion with him. (CCC 2565)

It is not just a list of requests or even a series of conversations - it is an encounter, a relationship that is vital to our Christian life.

This communion with the Blessed Trinity is a gift from God, and we can enter into it only when we recognize that "humility is the foundation of prayer". (CCC 2559)

There are many different forms of prayer.

- ~ Blessing and Adoration - responding to the blessings God has bestowed on us; worshipping him and glorifying him for his many gifts.
- ~ Petition - asking God to supply our every need; the first and most important prayer of petition is to ask forgiveness for our sins.
- ~ Intercession - petitioning on behalf of others.
- ~ Thanksgiving - giving thanks to God in all circumstances. The most perfect prayer of thanksgiving is the Eucharist
- ~ Praise - glorifying God for who he is (and not only what he has done for us)
- ~ The Eucharist contains and expresses all forms of prayer. (CCC 2643)

Prayer can be expressed in three different ways:

- ~ Vocal prayer - speaking to God in words, either mental or vocal; although it is the first and most accessible expression of prayer, it is essential to our life of prayer - both individually and in community.
- ~ Meditation - a quest for understanding; using our whole mind, including "thought, imagination, emotion, and desire" (CCC 2708) to come to a deeper knowledge of the love of God and therefore a closer union with him.
- ~ Contemplative prayer - resting in God's presence and surrounding to his love; contemplative prayer is a gift we dispose ourselves to receive, not something we can make happen on our own.

From the desk of  
the Pastoral Associate . . .

### Fill the Backpack "LAST CALL"

Tomorrow, August 16<sup>th</sup>, is your last chance to donate to our "Fill the Backpack" campaign to support Pathfinders. St. Rita's has always been a strong supporter of this organization, and this is no different!

We are still waiting to find out if we will be able to again supply a hot meal once a month . . . stay tuned for that.

Meanwhile, THANK YOU SO MUCH for your help in reaching our goal of 70 filled backpacks!!

### Farewell to COVID Celebration - LAST CALL!!

Noon, Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign up for our Farewell to COVID Celebration. Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> we will be serving lasagna, and Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be serving a Sunday brunch. We will supply coffee, water, milk on Saturday, and Sunday we will also offer juice. Please feel free to bring your own beer / wine.

We just need to know which day you will be joining us, your name, how many will be attending, and whether or not you need to eat gluten free.

### Register for Fall Religious Education Program

By now you should have received your registration materials for students in K - grade 11. If you have not, please call me at 414-541-7515, ext. 16 so we can get the info in the mail to you. Deadline to register is September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Orientation for K - grade 8 is Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. in Arnold Hall. First class is Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Orientation for high school is Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. in Arnold Hall. First class is Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings always,

*Barbara*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Saturday, August 14**

4:30 p.m. † James Segrin and Eric Segrin

**Sunday, August 15**

9:00 a.m. † Raymond Mecha

For the People of St. Rita Parish

**Wednesday, August 18**

12:00 p.m. For the Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council  
and Parish Trustees

**Thursday, August 19**

12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 21**

4:30 p.m. † Betty Grzybowski

For the People of St. Rita Parish

**Sunday, August 22**

9:00 a.m. † Miller and Mischczak Families

## Readings for the Week of August 15<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday:**

**Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7,  
9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/  
Lk 11:27-28

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

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,  
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/  
Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,  
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
Mt 23:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17,  
18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a,  
25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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## The Week Ahead

**Wednesday, August 18**

9:00 a.m. Earth Angels Convent

*Please call Janice (414-545-5259) for information.*

6:00 p.m. Finance Council Hospitality Room

**Saturday, August 21**

5:30 p.m. Farewell to COVID Celebration

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**Sunday, August 22**

10:30 a.m. Farewell to COVID Gathering

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## August Tabernacle Light

*In Loving Memory of:*

**Week 1:** Leo and Virginia Wichman

**Week 2:** John and Vivian Szymborski

**Week 3:** Raymond Mecha

**Week 4:** Richard and Helen Davis



Hello Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy  
Family, Friends, and Parish Communities-

I wanted to take a moment to update the Catholic  
community of West Allis about MQSCA as we  
are ramping up to the start of the new school year. We are  
excited to be fully open, with K3-8<sup>th</sup> Grade classrooms,  
before and after school, and after school clubs. We are  
actively recruiting for our K3, K4, and K5 classrooms that  
were the most affected by the pandemic, please spread the  
word that our parish school is offering these early education  
opportunities.

MQSCA is fully staffed and excited for our first day of  
school on August 23, 2021.

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, we had a meet and greet with myself and  
Fr. Matthew taking turns in a dunk tank. The West Allis  
Police and Fire Departments both came to the event. The  
West Allis Knights of Columbus Council cooked  
hamburgers and brats for the event, and also committed to  
making a \$10,000.00 donation to the school. A huge thank  
you to Rich Beres and the West Allis Knights of Columbus  
Council for generosity to our school.

I look forward to the new school year and working with  
the West Allis Parishes!

In Christ

Nicholas Lee

Principal, Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy



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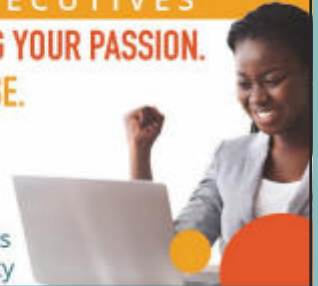
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