

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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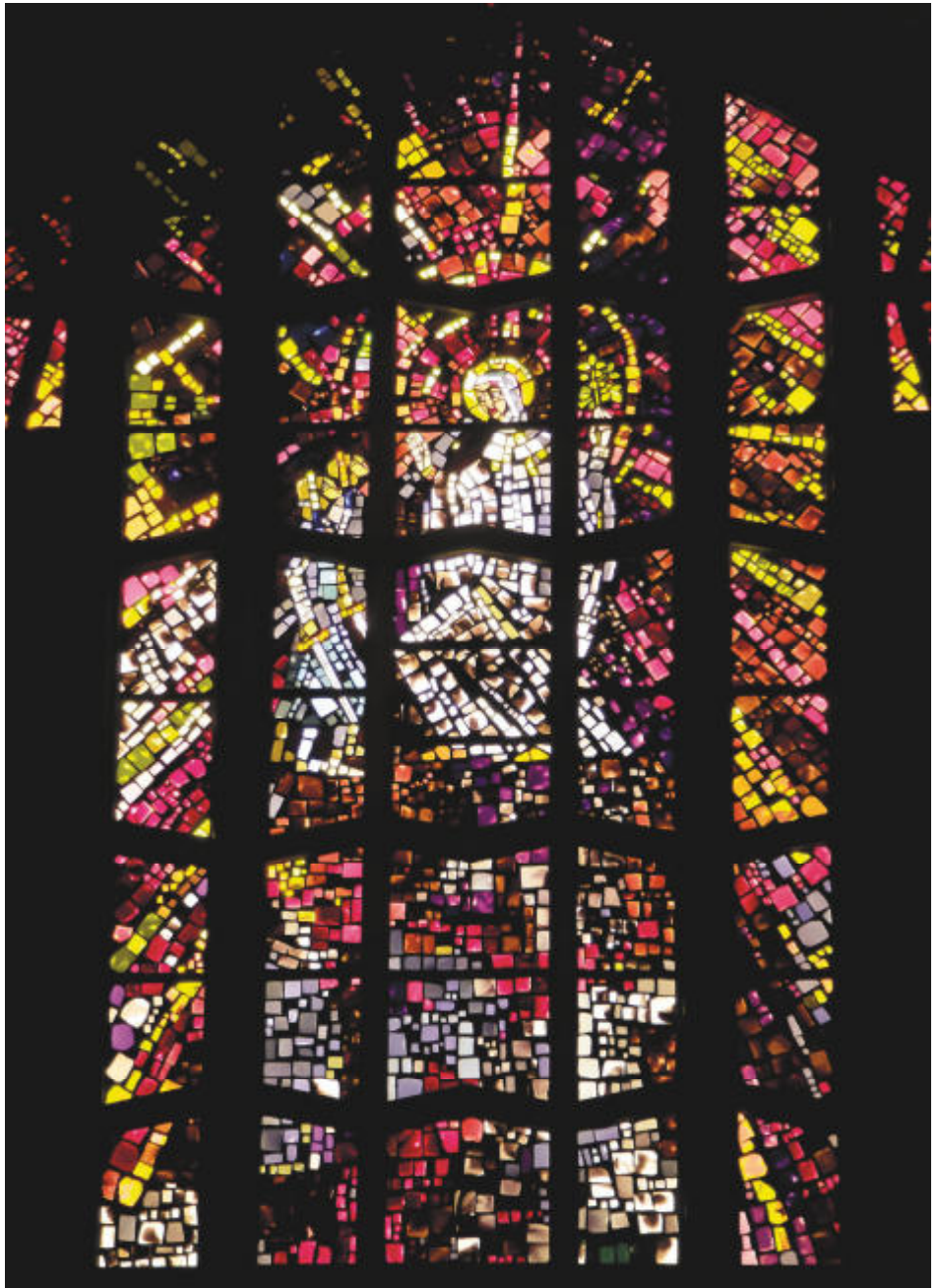
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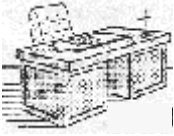
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From the Desk of Fr. Andrzej

Presence - the Mystery of the Eucharist (Part 4)

What is a sacrament?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the sacraments as "efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us". (CCC 1131)

This means that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the sacraments actually give us the grace that they represent.

The sacraments are visible, tangible signs that make present to us the invisible, supernatural actions of Christ. God desires that we intimately know his love and presence and power of his grace, so these sacramental signs allow us to experience in a real and human way God's gift of divine love and grace.

Grace is a totally free and unmerited gift from God that gives us a participation in his own divine life.

The graces imparted by the Church through the sacraments are called sacramental graces. The effects of these graces are both personal and ecclesial: communion with God and with the Church. They bear fruit in daily life through fidelity to the demands of Christian life and active participation in the Church's mission.

The Catechism also tells us that it is actually Jesus who is at work in the sacraments. Although we see and hear the priest speaking the words and performing the actions, it is really Jesus who is working through the sacraments to offer us the grace he won for us through his sacrifice on the Cross. (CCC 1084-85)

*Divine Savior,
we come to your sacred table to nourish ourselves,
not with bread but yourself, true Bread of eternal life.
Help us daily to make a good and perfect meal of this divine food.
Let us be continually refreshed by the perfume of your kindness
and goodness.
May the Holy Spirit fill us with his love.
Meanwhile, let us prepare a place for this holy food
by emptying our hearts. Amen.*

St. Francis de Sales

From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate . . .

Parish Life Committee

The Parish Life Committee, (you know, the group that plans and hosts all the fun events) will be meeting this Wednesday, August 25th at 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the Hospitality Room, so please enter Church doors on 61st Street.

It's not too late to join us. There is still lots of fun events coming up. Would love to have your input, ideas and suggestions. If you are interested in building community, meeting new people and having fun, then the Parish Life Committee is for you!

Any questions? Please call me at 414-541-7515, ext. 16.

Religious Ed Program

Don't forget to return your registration for the fall Program. Deadline to register is September 5th.

Our catechists will be on retreat next Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as we prepare for another year of prayer, faith sharing, education, service and outreach.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or perhaps you were Baptized as an infant / child, but have not had any formation, then the RCIA process might be for you. We meet twice a month, Sunday mornings from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m., spending time in prayer, discussion, and discerning God's call in your life.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please call me at the number above.

Upcoming:

- * Bible study, Book of Revelation. Sessions Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., repeated Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Cost of the book: \$14.00. Begins October 4th / 9th;
- * Morning of Reflection for members of the Formation, Parish Life and Social Justice Committees, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd; 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Includes lunch;
- * Hospitality returns in September;
- * New Member Brunches / Dinners return!

Blessings always,

Barbara

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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 Miszczak Families

Wednesday, August 25

12:00 p.m. † Ginny Rekoske

Thursday, August 26

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 28

4:30 p.m. † Walter Melcher Family

Sunday, August 29

9:00 a.m. † Virginia M. Gorski
For the People of St. Rita Parish

Readings for the Week of August 22nd

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*

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

Tuesday: *Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51*

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/Mt 24:42-51*

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: *Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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The Week Ahead

Tuesday, August 24

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Hospitality Room

Wednesday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Earth Angels Convent
Please call Janice (414-545-5259) for information.

6:30 p.m. Parish Life Committee Hospitality Room

Saturday, August 28

9:00 a.m. Catechist Retreat ChristPond
9:00 a.m. Earth Angels Convent
Please call Janice (414-545-5259) for information.

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



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Open



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is open for pickup service on August 28th, 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.

Bulletin Deadline



The deadline for the September 4th / 5th bulletin is Wednesday, August 25th no later than 10:00 a.m.



We welcome our newest member to Christ's family through baptism, Noah Matthew Matecki, child of Matthew and Aleksandra, who was baptized at St. Rita Parish on Sunday, August 1st.



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