

St. Rita Catholic Church

1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Avenue

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December 26, 2021

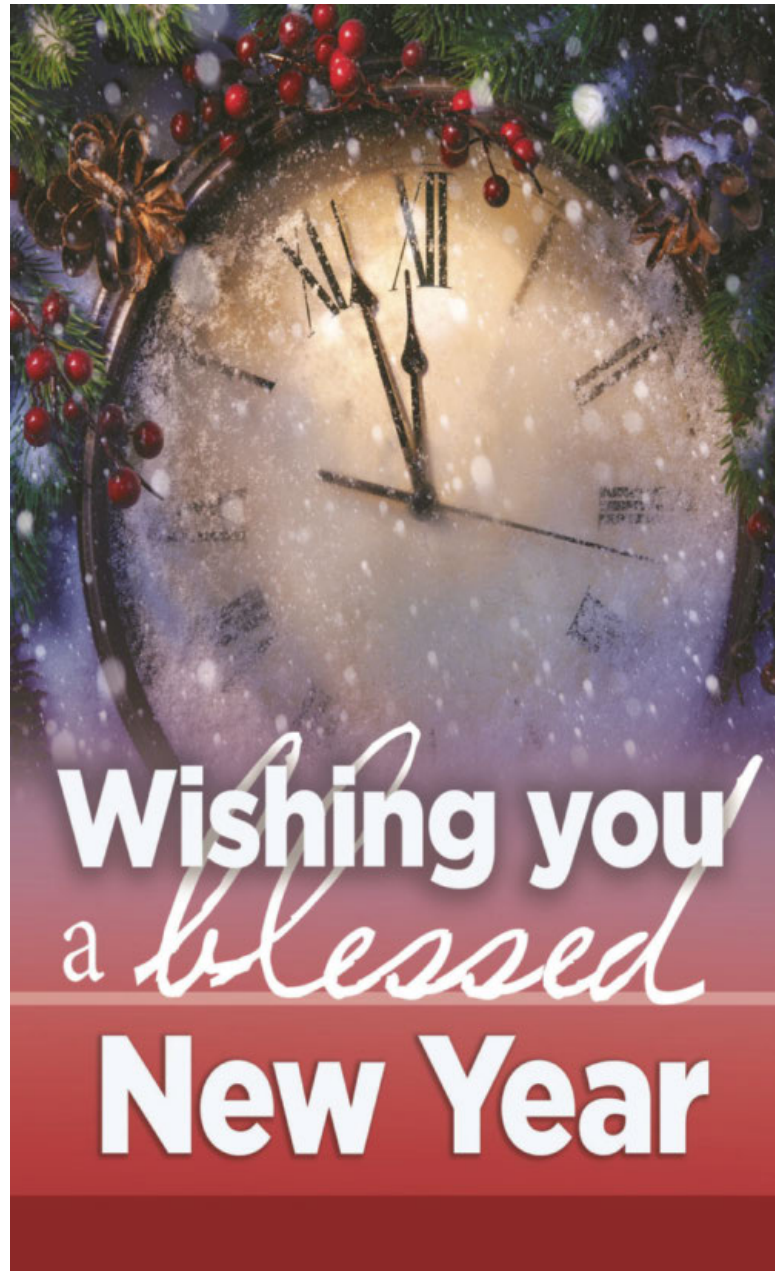
St. Rita Catholic Church Mission Statement

We the parish of St. Rita, a Catholic Community of Faith are called by the risen Lord to love God the Father We believe that Ministry is the Power of the Holy Spirit, therefore, we encourage, support and provide opportunities, so that everyone may participate in and be recipients of the Church's Mission Ministry. We aspire to deepen our understanding of Christ's Good News and to Serve our neighbor of the Gospel. We realize the necessity and accept the responsibility to work for justice and human dignity. We realize the necessity and accept the responsibility of supporting ourselves as a parish. We invite everyone to join in celebrating and witnessing the presence of the risen Lord among us.

Parish Office Hours	Mon-Thur 9:00am—4:30 pm
Rectory Telephone Number	317-632-9349
Parish Life Coordinator	Sister Gail Trippett, CSJ
Deacon	Deacon Oliver Jackson
DRE/ Youth Director	Anita Bardo
Administrative Assistant	Denise Gavia-Currin
Bookkeeper	Angela Guynn
Finance Council Chair	Sharon Edwards
Management Music Director	Phyllis Walker
Activity Coordinator	Vivian Hill
Parish Council Chair	Kerry Conwell
Building & Grounds Operations	Marty Ray

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm	Sunday 11:00 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 am	
Holy Day Masses will be announced	
Baptism by Appointment	
St. Rita Church Website	www.stritaindy.church
St. Rita Secretary Email	stritasecretary71@yahoo.com



We are the Hands of Christ through our Outreach Ministries

Keep Indiana Beautiful (KIB)

Tree planting in the neighborhood

Changing Lives Forever

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Next session TBA (18 sessions)

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Utility, furniture and food assistance

Special collection - Every 5th Sunday

ST. RITA CHURCH INFORMATION

Weddings

Engaged couples must contact the Parish Life Coordinator no later than six months prior to the actual wedding day: This Archdiocesan regulation is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament.

Sick Calls

Anytime - notify the priest. In case of hospital emergency, ask a nurse to call the chaplain or St. Rita Parish at 317-632-9349.

Death Funerals

Please contact the Parish Life Coordinator, Sister Gail Trippett CSJ, immediately to arrange services.

Religious Education

Please call the Rectory or Anita Bardo

New Parishioners

Kindly register at the Rectory upon arrival.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 9:00 a.m (1) week prior to publication.

Send email to: stritasecretary71@yahoo.com

Pope Francis Quote: “The beauty of Christmas shines through in the sharing of small gestures of concrete love. It is not alienating; it is not superficial or escapist. On the contrary, it broadens the heart, opens it to gratuitousness, to the gift of self, and can also generate cultural, social and educational dynamics.”

How do we honor this month dedicated to Mary’s Immaculate Conception?

1. Find at least one person to bless per day through word, deed or forgiveness
 2. Spend at least an hour in prayer per week
 3. Make joining the Eucharistic celebration a priority each week
 4. Count the ways you share your gifts within the St. Rita Community of Faith
- Forgive easily, love unconditionally and speak the language used in heaven

Merry Christmas!



MASS INTENTIONS

11:00 am	Sunday	December 26	Father Nick
For the People of St. Rita Church			
No Mass	Monday	December 27	
11:00 am	Tuesday	December 28	Father Nick
No Mass	Wednesday	December 29	
11:00 am	Thursday	December 30	Father Nick
+Horatio L. Brown			
Requested by: Joe Parker			
5:30 pm	Friday	December 31	
6:00 pm	Saturday	January 1	Father Jim
Happy New Years			

PANDEMIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Presider	Father Nick
Lector	Anita Bardo & Judi Johnson
Cantor	Phyllis Walker/choir
Extraordinary Minister	Father Nick & Deacon Jackson

NEWS

St. Rita 50/50 Raffle Winner:

Shirley Hamler is the November 28, 2021 COVID Monthly 50-50 Raffle winner.

(Please, see Phyllis Carr, Kerry Conwell, Lisa Saunders, Denise Morrow, Linda Johnson, Anita Bardo, Jane Cooley, Georgia Clark, and Toni Hatcher for tickets.

Holy Angels Calendar Raffle Winners:

We have the completed the drawings for this year. Thank you to everyone for making this fundraiser successful. Tickets can be purchased for the 2022 year through Dec. 31st. See Denise Gavia-Currin

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2-JaJuan Sanders	19-Norma Patterson
3-Mary Gavia-Locke	20-Raymond Montgomery III
4-Rufus Hill Jr.	21-Wanda White
4-George Evans	23-Betty Edwards
5-Cynthia Wilson-Tyler	27-Jordan Tyler
8-William Wills	30-Adrian Johnson
12-Mynais Collins	31-Beverly Jackson
12-Deacon Oliver Jackson	
12-James Combs	
13-Nydia Collins	
14-Denise Ferguson	
19-Delorse Clark	
19-Kevin Haskins	

FIRST FRUITS AND PARISH SUSTAINABILITY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2021

National Collections:

Campaign for Human Development	21.00
Religious Retirement Fund Appeal	20.00
World Mission Sunday	20.00

Special Collections:

Youth Ministry	200.00
Tuck Pointing	160.00
Bell Tower	205.00
Heating & Cooling	10.00

Church Budget Collections:

1st. Collection, Immaculate Conception, Christmas Donation	1,677.00
Building & Maintenance	813.00
	50.00

TOTAL BUDGET COLLECTED:	\$2,565.00
WEEKLY BUDGET:	\$6,247.00
SHORTFALL/BUDGET:	\$3,682.00

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Support our Parish: Smile.Amazon.com-Select St. Rita as your charity of choice.

Special Collection: December 12th Retirement for Religious January 23rd. Church in Latin America

Call our Prayer line and leave the names for those in the hospital, sick, or names of those who have returned to the Lord.

Please let the office know if there are names to be deleted due to healing or transitioning to new life.

PARISH CALL

Acknowledging Pope Francis' call to live out the missionary aspect of our baptism, we will be commissioning/blessing all of our ministers as we begin this new year of service.

Please see the December/January blessing schedule:

- j. Spiritual Life/Arts & Environment–Jan.2nd
- k. Women & Men's Ministry-Jan 9th.
- l. Fundraising-Jan 16th.

Reflection from Sister Gail

We are in the Christmas season. Spend time reflecting on the word we have heard every year since we were able to reason. Christmas means "Christ's Mass." Reflecting on the two words, Christ, which means the anointed one, and Mass which means "to be sent," the combination can take a lifetime to receive the full depth of understanding. Jesus was the anointed one who was sent to redeem the world.

Each of us has a calling on our lives. Our job or title does not reflect that calling. What reflects our calling is how we are called to be God's presence in the world. That presence can bless when we are digging ditches for a living to cleaning toilets. The power of grace is not bound to status. The power of grace is bound to our choice to allow God's divinity to take center place in our lives, and to be applied to everyday choices, situations and conversations.

Jesus' legacy changed the course of history for generations. God's love inside of us can change the course of history for generations as well. Our choice is, "Will history be changed for the better or the worst?" Each day we have the opportunity to be a blessing to all we meet. That blessing begins with how we think.

Our gospel reminds us to be kind, patient and loving to one another. It did not add a caveat. It doesn't say be kind in these situations or patient in others. It says unequivocally, be kind to one another, with no escape clause. How many passes do you give yourself for being the opposite? Jesus entrance into the world was to give those who put a period behind the call to be kind, patient and to love; a chance to spend eternity with God. Understand the power that kindness has to change the world for the better. Understand the grace that patience has and commit to being the face of God through love of all neighbors.

ST. RITA PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

Kathy Parrott, Rita Curry, Renee Flynn, Darrell Holland, Norma Freeman, Daniel & Amy Herbertz, Robert Endicott, Shirley Brannon, Agnes Teeters, Shaun Currin, Gary Franklin, Samson Olarewaju, Dewayne Keeysten, Kerry Conwell, Mya Davis, Makayla Owens, Baby D.J. Matthews, Angela Jones, Sallie Fields, Hazel Beard, Jhana Hayes, Frank Ray, Goldene Carter, Maria Amos, Carol & Carman Dearman, Niikita Liggins, Fr. Andy Syberg, Msgr. Tony Volz, Fr. Joe Moriarty & family, Martha Riley, Tina Barber & family, Joann Combs, Bruce Ray, Eddie Carr, Rosemary Lee, Glorianne Messer, Benjamin & Erma Hidalgo, Ann Ray, Rosemary Wade, Debra Hardin, David Boone, Linda Johnson, Gwen White, Rita Williams, Mary Agnes Brown

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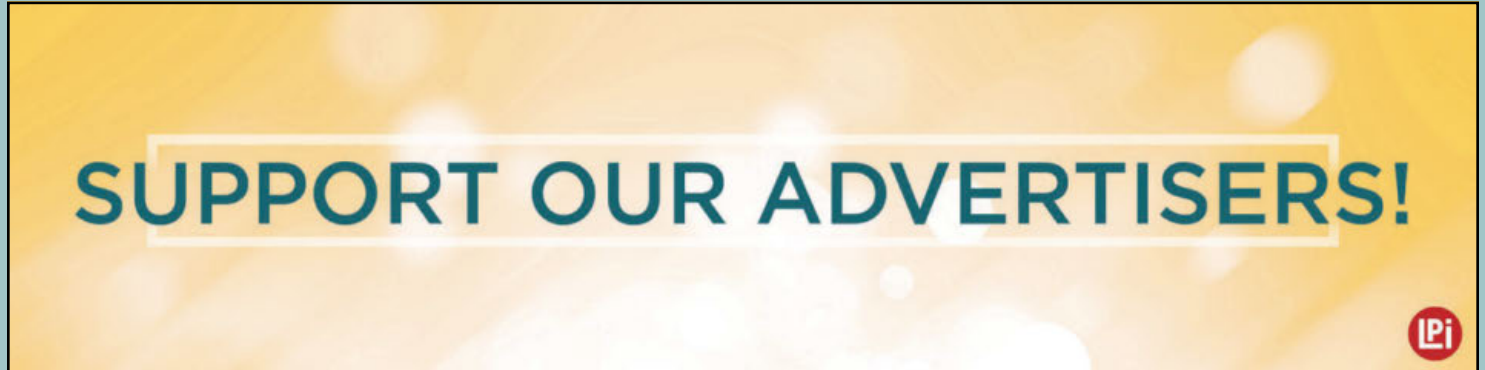




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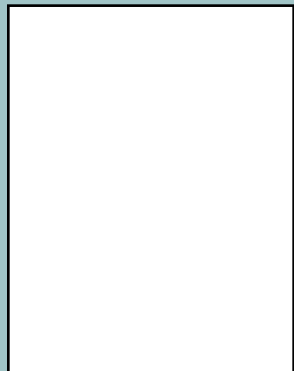
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