

St. Rita Catholic Church

1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Avenue

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January 9, 2022

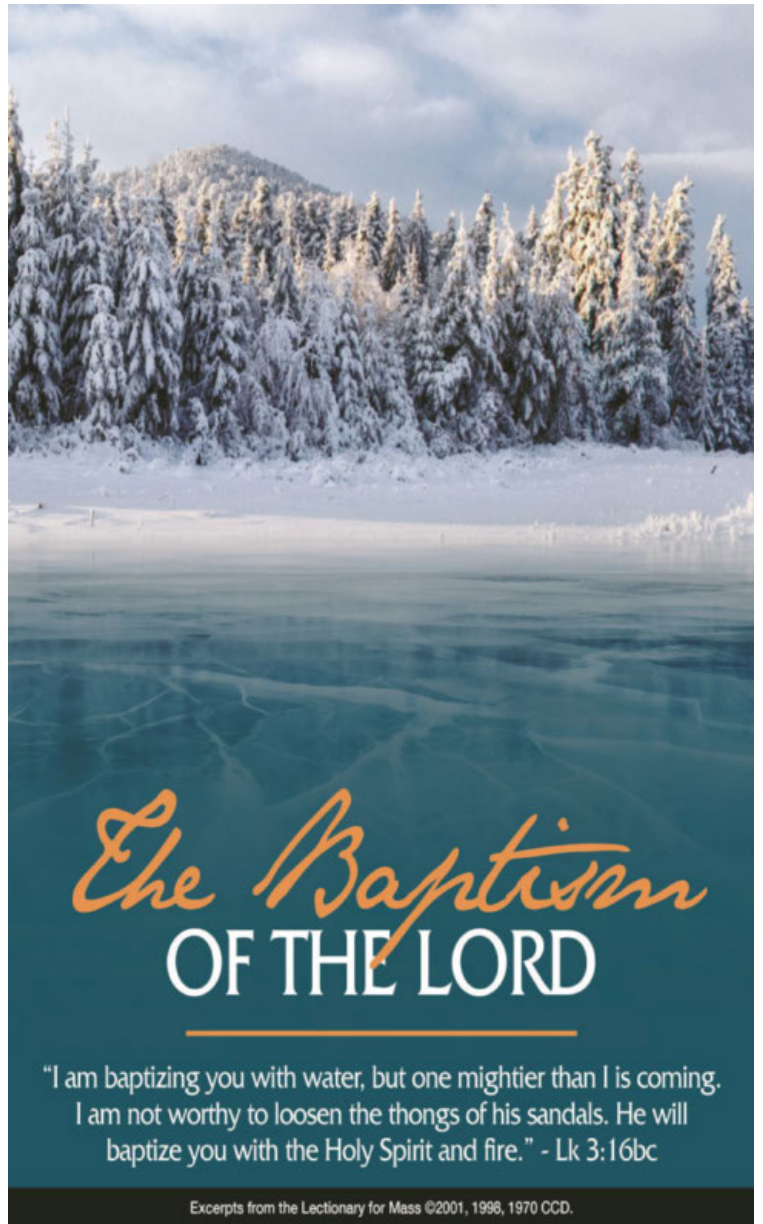
St. Rita Catholic Church Mission Statement

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: “Jesus gets in line with them and does the same thing they do. He does so with the attitude of the people, with the attitude of theirs [of the people] who, as a liturgical hymn says, approached “with bare soul and bare feet”. A bare soul, that is, without anything covered, like this, a sinner. This is the gesture Jesus makes, and he goes down into the river to immerse himself in the same condition we are in. Indeed, baptism actually means “immersion”.”

Baptism of the Lord

Make each feast day more than just a day. Jesus was immersed in the water for our sins. Pray over this blessing and think about how you can pass on the blessing. Who is in need in front of you? Is there a person in front of you being ostracized that you silently watch and do nothing to change the situation? How are you willing to put your reputation and good standing on the line by standing up for another? Is there a person who is talked about negatively among your peers and you participate in the same conversation? Can you immerse yourself in the blood Christ shed for us to not participate in such conversation, and interject a positive comment or have the courage to walk away?

When all are talking about what God can't do, do you have the courage to stand for God and share what He can do? Live as a sign your baptism made a difference in your life.

MASS INTENTIONS

11:00 am	Sunday	January	9
	Roxann Black/Healing		
	<i>Requested by: Liz Driver</i>		
No Mass	Monday	January	10
11:00 am	Tuesday	January	11
	+Maureen Hurley		
	<i>Requested by: Ruth Ranalletta</i>		
No Mass	Wednesday	January	12
11:00 am	Thursday	January	13
No Mass	Friday	January	14
6:00 pm	Saturday	January	15

For the People of St. Rita Church

PANDEMIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Presider	Father
Lector	Jane Cooley & Phyllis Carr
Cantor	Phyllis Walker/choir
Extraordinary Minister	Father & Deacon Jackson

NEWS

St. Rita 50/50 Raffle Winner:

The \$25.00 monthly December 2021 COVID 50-50 Raffle winner was Patricia Conwell. The Raffle committee thanks everyone for continuing to publicize this fundraiser, your efforts are yielding great results.

The Grand Prize winner was St. Rita Catholic Church .

Holy Angels 2022 Fundraiser:

We have the completed the drawings for this year. Thank you to everyone for making this fundraiser successful. Therefore, tickets can be purchased up to January 16th. Thanks for continuing to publicize this fundraiser, your efforts are yielding great results.

Hospitality Ministry Meeting:

Sunday, January 16, after the 11:00 Mass in the FBSFLC.

JANAURY BIRTHDAYS

7-Ira Hogan	27-Cephas Bandy
8-Deidre Guynn	28-Ernestine Taylor
8-Jamir Brown	
9-Wendy Russell	
11-Glorianne Messer	
13-William Guilshan	
16-Larry Keough	
22-Rosie Herbert	
24-Patricia Conwell	
24-Verline Stewart	
25-Bruce Ray	
26-Precious Olarewaju	

P.S. If your name was omitted, please contact the parish office.

FIRST FRUITS AND PARISH SUSTAINABILITY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY DECEMBER 25 & 26, 2021

National Collections:

Religious Retirement Fund Appeal	25.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	5.00
Peter's Pence	5.00
World Mission Sunday	25.00

Special Collections:

Tuck Pointing	510.00
Bell Tower	400.00

Church Budget Collections:

1st. Collection & Christmas Donation	2,997.00
Building & Maintenance	857.00
	20.00

TOTAL BUDGET COLLECTED: \$3,874.00

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$6,247.00

SHORTFALL/BUDGET: \$2,373.00

FIRST FRUITS AND PARISH SUSTAINABILITY

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

Special Collection: 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:

k. Women & Men's Ministry-Jan 9th.

l. Fundraising-Jan 16th.

Reflection from Sister Gail

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus, who was born without sin, had no need to be baptized. His baptism was pointing to what we must do to accept the resurrection Jesus would win for us. Baptism allows us to die to all that is not a part of the holy walk of God's children, so that we may rise with Jesus and accept new life.

The questioning of those listening to John the Baptist indicated they did not know what type of savior was coming. When Jesus arrived many still missed the type of savior Jesus was. This world looks at those with a gentle spirit as weak, those who forgive as naive, or those who choose to turn the other cheek by showing compassion to their enemies as foolish. God took the form of the meekest member of this earth; a baby. His example was to show us by personally putting aside His power and greatness to overcome all of the sin and evil that entered the world, that we too can be living examples of the power of good to transform the universe.

Access to the grace of godliness requires faith in the goodness of God. Access to the grace of holiness requires trust in the power of God's love. Access to the grace of love, requires dying to self-will to take on the eternal font of love. This love has to be chosen in every moment of adversity. It is not a feeling; it is an intentional choice that is backed up by changing every fiber of human existence to share the grace of this choice. What ensues is an ultimate feeling of total blessing, grace and overwhelming love. That is when the power of love is activated, when it is genuinely shared to help another feel the blessing power of God's love. This action requires profound care for the wellbeing of the other, not one's personal well-being, status, recognition, nor any form of acknowledgement. With eyes fixed on Jesus, the Holy Spirit guides those with a willing heart to God.

ST. RITA PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

Debra Sanders, 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 Keeylen, 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, Nikita 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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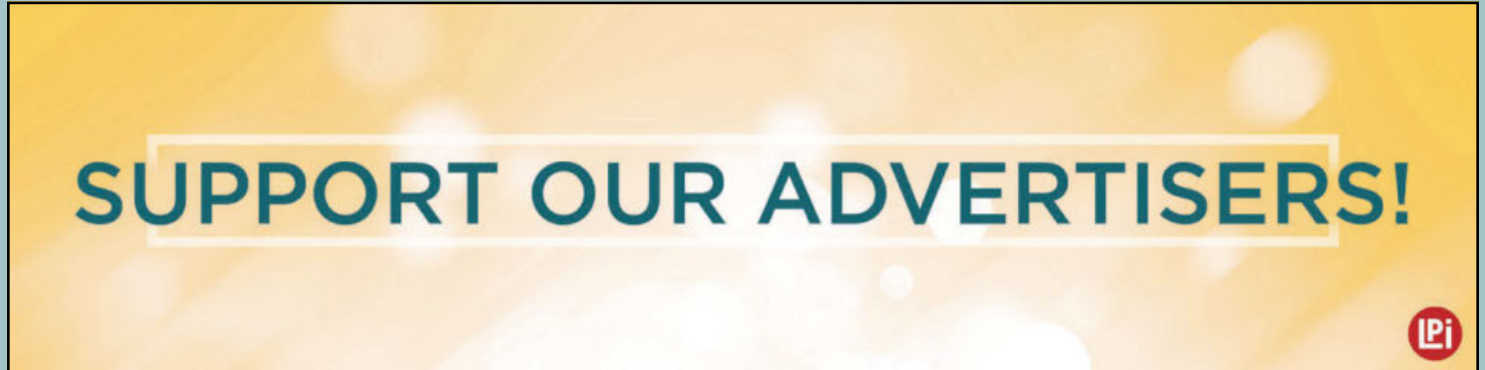
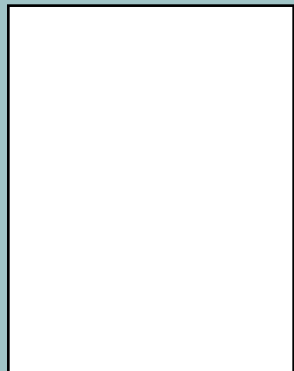



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