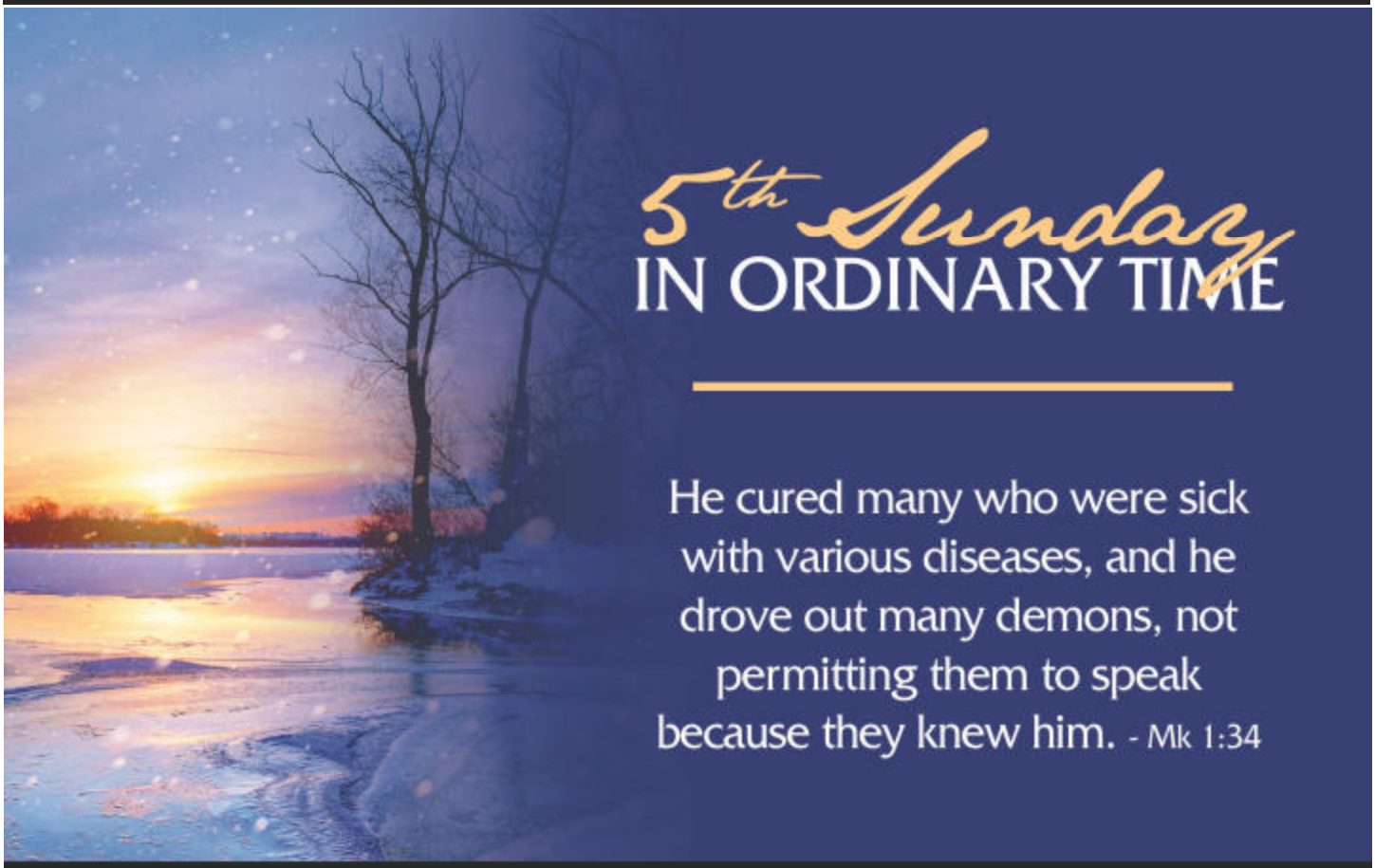
St. Rita Reporter

MISSION STATEMENT of ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

We, the people of St. Rita Catholic Parish, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are dedicated to serving the community in which we live by proclaiming, teaching, and living the Word of the Gospel so that Christ's love, respect, peace, and justice for all will prevail.

FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2021



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We want to remind everyone that safety guidelines are still in effect. Face coverings must be worn over the mouth and nose while inside the Church. When you receive the Holy Eucharist, step to the side to consume then place your face covering back over the mouth and nose. As a Parish, we wish to keep everyone safe and comfortable.

Thank you!

Mass Times for Winter

Tuesday: 7:00pm
Wednesday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am & 12:00noon

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time "B"

Opening Hymn

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
Come to Him and bless His name.
Mercy He has shown us, His love is forever,
Faithful to the end of days.
Come then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise Him with your music,
Worship Him and bless His name.

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Closing Hymn

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

My life flows on in endless song.
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow at the following words up to and including: became man.

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Readings and Responses

First Reading: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying:
Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?
Are not his days those of hirelings?
He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages.
So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me.
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;
they come to an end without hope.
Remember that my life is like the wind;
I shall not see happiness again.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters:
If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!
If I do so willingly, I have a recompense,
but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.
What then is my recompense?
That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge
so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.
Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all
so as to win over as many as possible.
To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak.
I have become all things to all, to save at least some.
All this I do for the sake of the gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it.

Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue
Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.
Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her.
He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.
Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset,
they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.
The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him
and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."
He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages
that I may preach there also.
For this purpose have I come."
So he went into their synagogues,
preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Got Church?

St. Rita Catholic Church
Registration Form
If you are not already registered and would like to be, please fill out and drop in the collection basket or mail to:
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Are you called to the priesthood?

The Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Priestly Vocations offers resources for any young men discerning the priesthood. Our new website has information on applying to seminary, frequently asked questions, and how to get in touch with vocation director.

Learn more at
www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com

2020 Contribution Statements

Please fill out the form and drop in the collection basket or call the Rectory at 248-634-4841 to request your 2020 contribution statement. Please allow a minimum of one week for processing.

Name_____

Envelope # _____

Current Address_____
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Contact #_____

Statements mailed upon request.

Lesson 3 is ready! You can pick up before or after mass this weekend.

2021 Calendars

The 2021 Church calendars are available in both the back and front of the Church for you to take.

Bob & Julie Kendall ,Terry Showers, Pete Pierce Junior, Fred Tokarz, Ann Czmer, Cindy Schmidt, Vickie Grabowski, Pete Buccellato, Dean Johnson and Company, Ron Tucker, Emma Jean Reid, Kim Simmons, John Kramer, Doug Moorhead, Larry Slasinski, Milton Bradley, Hellen Fellows, Tom O'Niel and John Carlson. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.

Please **add/remove** the following name to/ from the prayer list:
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May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.
Requested by & Contact #:
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Mass Intention Requests

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office or call 248-634-4841 ext. 0. They will help you with the dates and times which are available. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

Please Include the following in the Mass Intentions:
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*Requested by:_____
*Phone _____
*Required

THE AUDACITY OF HOLINESS

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IS IT EVER OK TO LEAVE MASS BEFORE IT ENDS?

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

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Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 12noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By Appointment
Sacrament of Baptism
Parents must register at the Parish office to attend one class prior to Baptism.
Sacrament of Marriage
Contact parish office
Holly Nursing Home Ministry
Angie LaValle 248-634-3352

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6
4:00pm: Living Intention of Joyce Miracle
Sunday, February 7
10:00am: Sally Martin
12noon: Living Intention of Annette Betts
Monday, February 8
No Mass
Tuesday, February 9
7:00pm: Living Intention of Helen Fellows
Wednesday, February 10
7:00pm: Linda Urban
Thursday, February 11
No Mass
Friday, February 12
No Mass
Saturday, February 13
4:00pm: Holly Runo
Sunday, February 14
10:00am: Gordon, Marie, Tim and Carol Mills
12noon: Penny Scrafano

Sacrament preparation is beginning soon.

If your child is in 2nd & 9th grade, this is a sacrament year.

1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion prep dates are coming out soon. If you have not registered call the Rectory or email us at stritahollyre@gmail.com

Want to learn to crochet or knit? Already know these skills? You do not need the appropriate materials to join out **Craft N' Chat** Ministry. To receive the Zoom link, by emailing stritahollyre@gmail.com or by contacting the Rectory.

Let God guide you into a life changing ministry during this challenging time.

Clothes Closet & Food Pantry

Even though the physical building is closed, ministry is ongoing. If you are in need of assistance or know someone in need, call the Rectory and leave a message. Voicemails are checked throughout the day and someone will get in touch with you. We are still accepting donations. You may drop them off at the front door of the Rectory. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated during this trying time.

Food Pantry's Needs
Jelly and Jams, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Oatmeal, Mac & Cheese

NO frozen foods
Unopened/unexpired items only
When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to:
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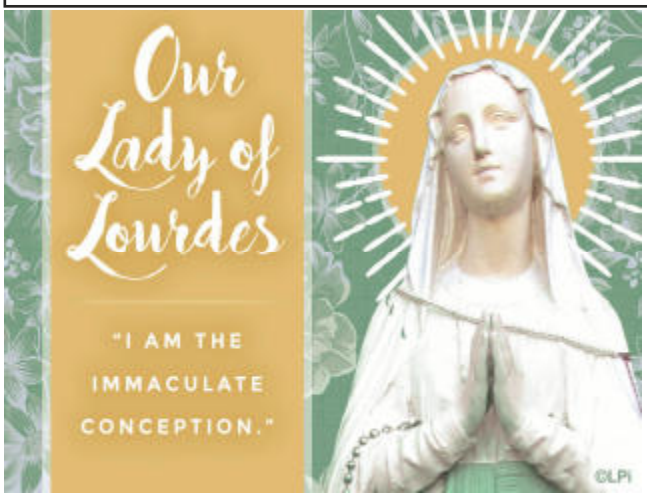

Join us on February 11th at 6pm to pray the Rosary for the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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