

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.



OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2021

CONFIRMATION

There is a **mandatory** parent and student meeting for Confirmation, Monday, **November 8th** at **6:30p.m.** in the church.

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Fuel the Mission Catholic Services Appeal 2021



CSA Update:
October 17, 2021
Goal: 43,569.00
Percent of Goal: 90%



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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High School Youth Ministry

November 7: 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

We will be meeting in the Church Hall!
Join us for lock-in planning and designing t-shirts for the year. Bring all your ideas!

Religious Education Registration

Pre-K through 8th grade and **High School Youth Ministry** registration forms may be found in the back of church, online or in your email.

If your child is in **9th—12th grade** and in need of **Confirmation**, please contact the Rectory **ASAP**.
Parent/student meeting is November 8th at 6:30p.m. in the church.

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Is God calling you to be a catechist?

All those interested in becoming a **catechist**, please contact Nicole at the parish office, 248-634-4841.

If you have any questions or need information call the office.



Mass of Remembrance

*In Loving Remembrance,
on Tuesday, November 2 at
7:00pm;
there will be a Mass for all de-
ceased parishioners.*

*We will call the names recorded
in the Book of Life
beginning at 6:45p.m.*

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:
309 E. Maple
Holly, MI 48442

Family Name _____ Date _____
Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Contact Number _____ How long at this address? _____ Previous Parish _____

Head of House hold:
First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Birth date: _____
Religion: _____ Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____
Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Spouse:
First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Birth date: _____
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Children & Birthdates

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.



Scott Flake, Nancy Davis, Beth Elliott, Marty Johnson, Kail-ee Gallagher, Bob & Louise Kendall, Don Elliott, Chris Brown, Gregg Golden, Terry Showers, Pete Pierce Jr., Ann Czmer, Cindy Schmidt, Vickie Grabowski, Pete Buccellato, Ron Tucker, Kim Simmons, Don & Rhonda Barron, Larry Slasinski, Loree Ciarkowski, Michael Latrow, Cheryl Molina, Mary Brown, Louie Loestael, Catherine Corcoran, Jesse Hoorelbeke, Melinda Kici O'Brian, Mary Ann Skaja, Patricia Murphy, Mary Garren, Bill Hartwell, Norm Raupp, Pat Houring, Gerrie Hoch, Carolyn Sawicki, Erma Boucher, Rafael Hernandez, Mick Smith, Gail Ward, Dan Rice, Delbert & Debra Herrel, Jerry Deibis, Carl Borgstrom, Mary Crass, Sandy & Earl Sedam, Betty Gajewski, Louise Sargent and Michael Kollenberg. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.

Adoration with Intercessory Prayer



**Join us
Tuesday, October 19**

- 5:00pm** Adoration begins with silent Prayer
- 5:30pm** Intercessory Prayer
- 6:00pm** Adoration with silent prayer continues
- 7:00pm** Mass

All are Welcome!

Please Include the following in the Mass Intentions:

*Requested by: _____

*Phone _____

*Required

Please **add/remove** the following name to/from the prayer list:

May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.

Requested by & Contact #:

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 www.stritaholly.org
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Office Staff

Nicole Hagle

Business Manager

Fred Metz

Rectory Office Hours:

By phone

Religious Formation

The Learning Center
 211 Washington St. Holly, MI 48442
 248-634-4841 ext. 0

Email: stritaholly@sbcglobal.net

RCIA

Contact Rectory 248-634-4841

Director of Music:

Kellie Rao 248-634-4841

Masses:

Weekdays: Tuesday & Wednesday at 7:00pm

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am and 6:00pm

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



Saturday, October 16

4:00pm: Sherry Showers, Living Intention

Sunday, October 17

9:00am: Sandra Hogan
 11:00am: Dennis DeHetre
 6:00pm: John & Pauline Mehal

Monday, October 18

No Mass

Tuesday, October 19

7:00pm Judy Fisher

Wednesday, October 20

7:00pm Paul & Deborah Seehaver
 Living Intention

Thursday, October 21

No Mass

Friday, October 22

No Mass

Saturday, October 23

4:00pm: Holly Runo

Sunday, October 24

9:00am: Pat Schuh
 11:00pm: Steve Granter
 6:00pm: Larry Petz & Cheryl Duquette

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

Toilet paper, paper towel, tooth paste, tooth brushes, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, juice, oatmeal, crackers, instant potatoes and easy mac.

NO frozen foods

Unopened/unexpired items only

When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to:

St. Rita.



Are you, or someone you know... Seeking answers about the Faith?



Been away for awhile and wondering how to return to the Church?
 Searching for a group with the same questions and concerns as yourself?

Yearning to become a full member of the Catholic Church?
 Looking to become involved in the Catholic Community at St. Rita?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above,
 Then look no further.

The door to discovering the Catholic Faith for adults will be opening soon. Join us, take the leap and step inside!
 All are Welcome!

For more information, please contact the Rectory at 248-634-4841 or send us an email at stritahollyfaith-form@gmail.com to get started!

Our RCIA group will be meeting October 23, at 11:00a.m.

Lector Workbooks

The workbooks are available and may be picked up in the Sacristy.



Advent Tea
 Save the date:
 December 2, 2021
 6:00p.m.

Mary Wilkerson will be our guest speaker. The theme for Advent Tea is: "The Dark Shattering Light". "Hope is a seemingly dark world. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1, Bethlehem reflection



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Tuesday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Friday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Saturday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

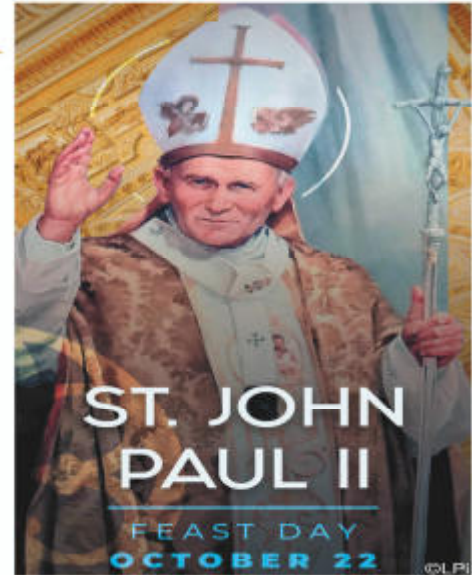
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Inspiration for the week

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.



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