

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 30 & 31, 2021

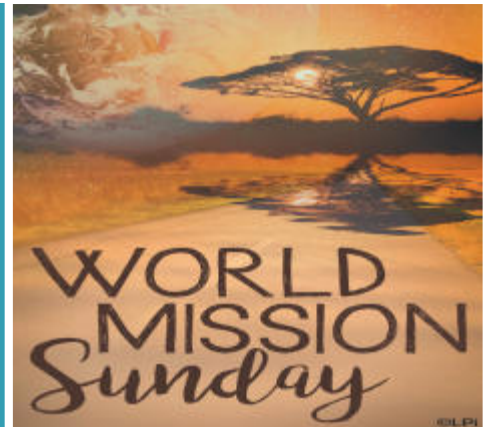


31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."
- Mk 12:32, 34ab

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CONFIRMATION

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

Fuel the Mission **Catholic Services Appeal** **2021** **We Are Almost There!**



CSA Update:
October 31, 2021
Goal: 43,569.00
Percent of Goal: 99%



Let's Reach Our Goal!
Who Will Put Us Over?

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!

All Souls

Question:

November is called the month of All Souls. More recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Can you tell us more about this feast and the remembrances of this month?

Answer:

November 2nd, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

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Religious Education

Our **First Religious Ed** welcome back **Gathering** is next **Tuesday, November 2nd**, beginning at **6:30pm** in the **Church Hall** and join together for the Mass of Remembrance at 7 pm. **Tuesday, November 9th**, we will have our first class **beginning at 6pm** in the **Church Hall**

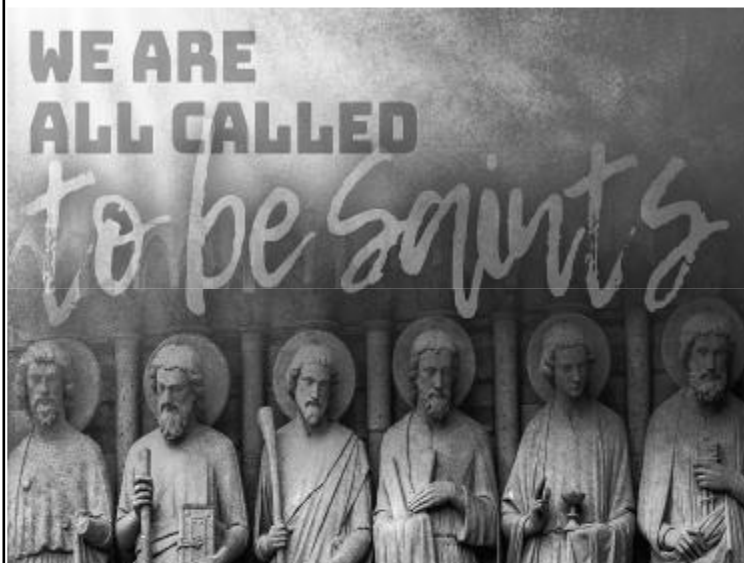
If your child is in **9th—12th grade** and in need of **Confirmation**, please contact the Rectory **ASAP**.

Parent/student meeting is November 8th at 6:30p.m. in the church.



Is God calling you to be a catechist?

All those interested in becoming a **catechist**, please contact the parish office, 248-634-4841. If you have any questions or need information call the office.



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: _____
Religion: _____ Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____
Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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 the
Third Tuesday
of every month**

- 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 #:

Pastor: Fr. David Blazek
 309 E. Maple St.
 Holly, MI 48442
 248-634-4841 (Office)
 248-634-4858 (fax)
 Email: stritaholly@sbcglobal.net
 Website:
 www.stritaholly.org

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

Email: stritahollyre@gmail.com

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 30

4:00pm: Fred Tokarz

Sunday, October 31

9:00am: Paul & Kathy Alfien
 25th wedding anniversary

11:00am: Bill Higgins

6:00pm: George Stephenson

Monday, November 1

No Mass

Tuesday, November 2

7:00pm : For All the Faithfully
 Departed

Wednesday, November 3

7:00pm John Tomaszewski

Thursday, November 4

No Mass

Friday, November 5

No Mass

Saturday, November 6

4:00pm: Fred Tokarz

Sunday, November 7

9:00am: Sandra Hogan

11:00pm: Mel Tormey

6:00pm: Harvey Kramer

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, saltine crackers, oyster 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?
 RCIA classes have begun!!**



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, jump in and join us.

All are Welcome!

For more information, please contact the

Rectory at 248-634-4841 or send us an email at:

stritahollyfaithform@gmail.com to get started!

Lector Workbooks

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

All Saints Day

According to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States, **Monday, November 1, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**



*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 in a seem-
 ingly dark world. The
 light shines in the dark-
 ness and the darkness
 has not overcome it."
 John 1, Bethlehem reflection*



THANKSGIVING BASKETS



will be done again little differently this year!
We are asking families to fill a basket at home and drop it off at Church ASAP.

This is an easy way for your family to pray together and help those less fortunate during these most difficult times this Thanksgiving Season.

Just send an email to stritcholly@sbcglobal.net or drop a note in the collection basket to let us know if you can help a family have Thanksgiving Dinner this year.

We will then send an itemized list for a family in need. Please indicate if you have a family size preference.

Can't fill a whole basket? You can still be involved by donating what you can.
All donations are appreciated.



Mass of Remembrance

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

*We will call the names of those
faithfully departed this year recorded
in the Book of Life
beginning at 6:45p.m.*

All Souls' Day

Mass of Remembrance
Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00pm

*If you would like your loved one's
name to be read before Mass please
write their name below or fill out a
card in the back of Church.*

**Please print clearly*

*Please place in the collection basket
or in the labeled basket at the back of
the church.*

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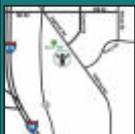
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