

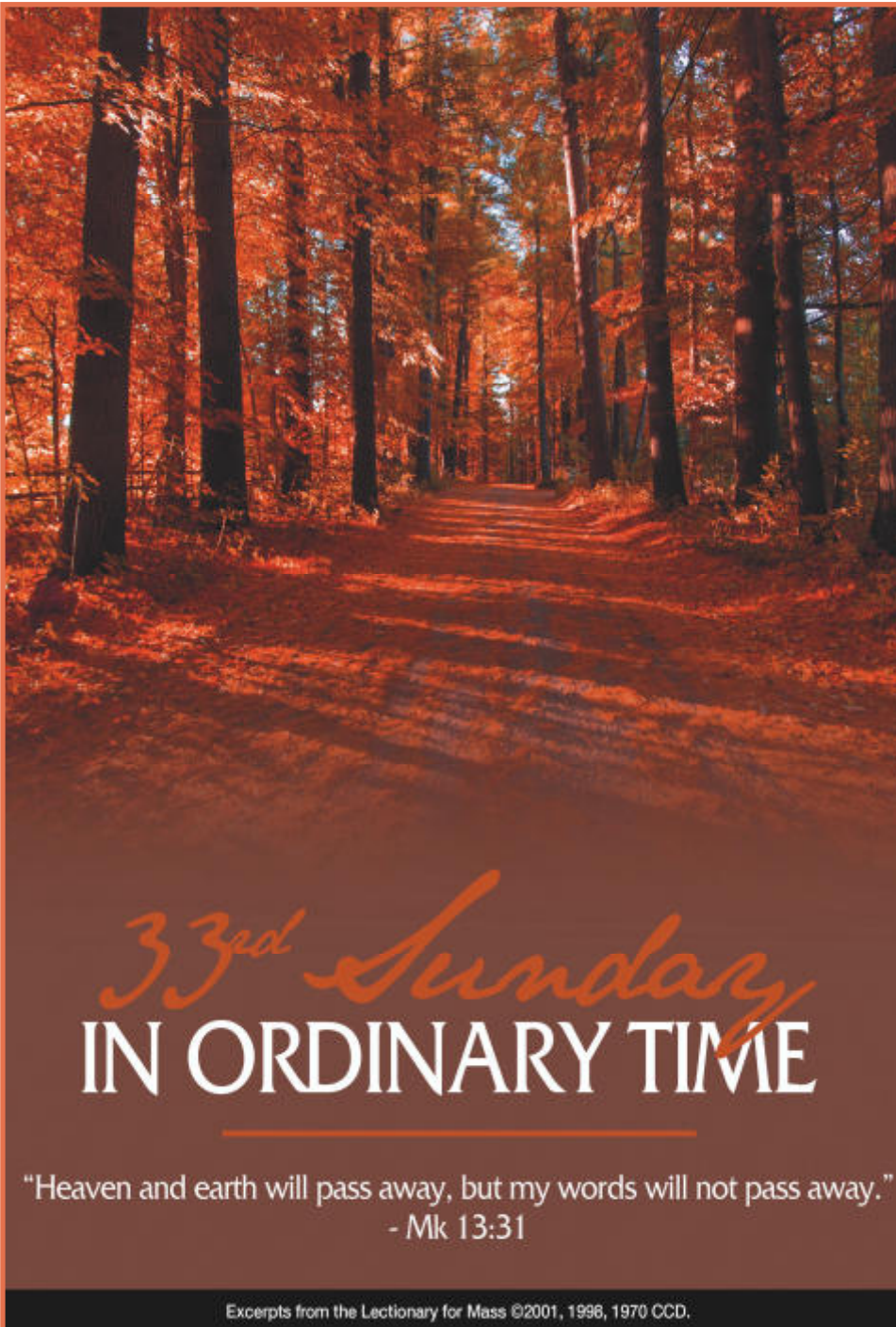
# St. Rita Reporter

## 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.



NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2021



*33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."  
- Mk 13:31

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### Mark Your Calendars

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols  
Presented by the St. Rita Choir  
Sunday, December 12, 4:00pm

Take a break from the holiday rush to enjoy this beautiful and peaceful annual tradition!



Information regarding the Giving Tree will be in next week's bulletin.

### **Fuel the Mission** **Catholic Services Appeal** **2021** **We've Reached Our Goal!**



CSA Update:  
November 7, 2021  
Goal: 43,569.00  
Percent of Goal: 101%



If you haven't made your pledge, please do so!  
Our "over-age" goes to the Parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
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High School Youth Ministry

November 21: 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

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. Parents/students, you are invited to Mass at 7:00pm, November 16th.



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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  
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Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Children & Birthdates

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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.



Scott Flake, Nancy Davis, Beth Elliott, Kailee 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, Michael Kollenberg, Sue Diebel & Donald Smith. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.

**Adoration with Intercessory Prayer**



**Join us this  
Tuesday, November 16**

- 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:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\*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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 309 E. Maple St.  
 Holly, MI 48442  
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 248-634-4858 (fax)  
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[www.stritcholly.org](http://www.stritcholly.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: [stritchollyre@gmail.com](mailto:stritchollyre@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, November 13**

4:00pm: Holly Runo

**Sunday, November 14**

9:00am: Christopher Ayotte

11:00am: Fred Tokarz

6:00pm: David Coy

**Monday, November 15**

No Mass

**Tuesday, November 16**

7:00pm : Christina Dowd

**Wednesday, November 17**

7:00pm : Bernice Alexander

**Thursday, November 18**

No Mass

**Friday, November 19**

No Mass

**Saturday, November 20**

4:00pm: Living Intention of Sherry Showers

**Sunday, November 21**

9:00am: Martin Marberger

11:00pm: Fred Tokarz

6:00pm: Rick Anderson

**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: [stritchollyfaithform@gmail.com](mailto:stritchollyfaithform@gmail.com) to get started!

**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 Food Pantry**



**Clothes Closet & Food Pantry**

Please be aware, that due to our **limited space**, we are only able to accept donations of food and clothing.

If you have **large household items** you wish to donate **please call the rectory office** to see if we may have someone in need of your item.



*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*





**Angel Haven Update**

**It's Angel Haven Christmas Shoebox Time!!!**

Bring the Joy of Christmas to someone in need this year!

It's easy, just fill an empty shoebox—any size

Wrap the box and lid separately

Suggestions for gifts:

Diapers-needed and Good Start Formula-purple can

Toys– small cars, dolls, stuffed animals, etc.

School supplies

Sweaters, slippers, ball caps, t-shirts, gloves, small clothing items

We will be building, wrapping, boxing and loading shoeboxes over Thanksgiving weekend at the **Maryville Center on Fish Lake Rd.** We could use some strong people for heavy lifting!

Sorting will begin **Monday, November 8th.** If you would like to help, call Shirley Roos at 248-634-7483.

Filled boxes are due **Sunday, November 21st.** They may be dropped off at St. Rita Church anytime.

Thank you and God Bless you for your help!

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**FIRST READING:**

"But the wise shall shine brightly  
like the splendor of the firmament,  
and those who lead the many to justice  
shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:3)

**PSALM:**

You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

**SECOND READING:**

For by one offering  
he has made perfect forever those who are being  
consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

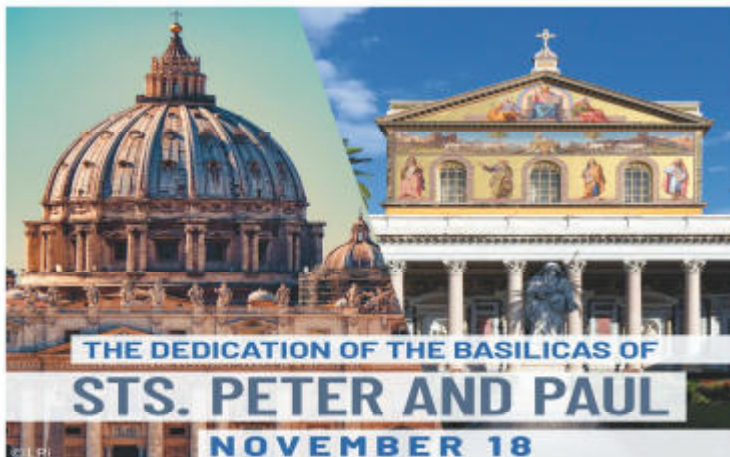
**GOSPEL:**

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds'  
with great power and glory,  
and then he will send out the angels  
and gather his elect from the four winds,  
from the end of the earth to the end of the sky."  
(Mk 13:26-27)

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**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021**

- Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
- Wednesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
- Saturday: BVM
- Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



**Saint of the Week**

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the "commoners" she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

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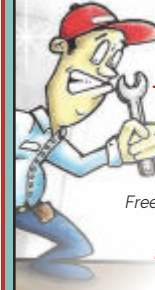
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