

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 27 & 28, 2021

First Sunday of ADVENT



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

Advent Tea

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 seemingly dark world. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

John 1, Bethlehem reflection
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High School Youth Ministry

If your teen is interested in a St. Rita Youth Ministry hoodie, please send Jennie an email at: stritchollyre@gmail.com



If your child is in **9th—12th grade**, in need of **Confirmation** and you did not attend the mandatory parent meeting, please contact the Rectory Office ASAP. 248-634-4841

ADVENT
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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, 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 & Ruth Ann Guluska. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.



Advent Tea

Women of all ages are invited to join us for our Annual Advent Tea. This year we will have an Advent reflection given by Mary Wilkerson with a tea and treat to go!! 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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 Holly, MI 48442
 248-634-4841 (Office)
 248-634-4858 (fax)
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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

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 27

4:00pm: Living Intention of Joyce
 Miracle

Sunday, November 28

9:00am: Barbara Craig
 11:00am: Richard Hodgkin
 6:00pm: Harvey Kramer

Monday, November 29

No Mass

Tuesday, November 30

7:00pm : Barbara Carlson

Wednesday, December 1

7:00pm : Richard LeMarbe

Thursday, December 2

No Mass

Friday, December 3

No Mass

Saturday, December 4

4:00pm: Jackie Flanery

Sunday, December 5

9:00am: Don Rodgers
 11:00am: Loraine Byerly
 6:00pm: Scott Dudek

RCIA classes are on going!!

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
 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.



Thank You.

We would like to thank all who so generously contributed food/turkeys for our Thanksgiving Baskets.

Your contributions enabled us to help over 80 families with Thanksgiving dinner.

1st Sunday of Advent
 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Blessed first Sunday in Advent to each of you!

Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the church year. However, Advent is a season in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by "the birth of Christ in time"? Our four Sundays of Advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God.

In today's Gospel, for some this reading might strike fear into their hearts: "...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright." Even today, we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to him.

In the final lines of today's Gospel we are told to "be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

This first Sunday in the season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.



I would like to receive a Giving Tree Tag for

Toddler Girl	_____	Young Girl	_____
Toddler Boy	_____	Young Boy	_____
Teen Girl	_____	Teen Boy	_____
Senior Adult	_____	No Preference	_____

Name _____
 Your email _____
 Your Phone Number: _____

Cut this out and drop in the collection basket, or send an email to us at stritcholly@sbcglobal.net and we will send you your Giving Tree Tag!

St. Rita's Giving Tree

The parish of St. Rita celebrates Advent, the season of hope, by sponsoring a tree of giving. A place where we collect gifts for the families that have requested assistance for Christmas. Family tags and gifts need to be returned no later than December 12th. Please join in our celebration by committing to pray for peace and joy this season.



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