

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.



DECEMBER 4 & 5, 2021

second 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 tradition!



Reconciliation

Communal reconciliation services will be **December**

15th at 6:30p.m. There will be 4 confessors available.
There will be **NO 7:00p.m. mass** on that evening.

Christmas Masses

**December 24th: 4:00p.m.
6:00p.m.
11:00p.m.**

**December 25th: 9:00a.m.
11:00a.m.
No 6:00p.m. Mass**

**December 26th: 9:00a.m.
11:00a.m.
No 6:00p.m. Mass**



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High School Youth Ministry

Our next meeting is December 19 from 4:30pm—5:30pm. We will be meeting in the church hall for a Christmas party.

Religious Education Schedule

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 6pm—7:40pm
Class and Mass

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Mass: 7pm 7:40pm

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 Break
Tuesday, December 28, 2021 Break

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

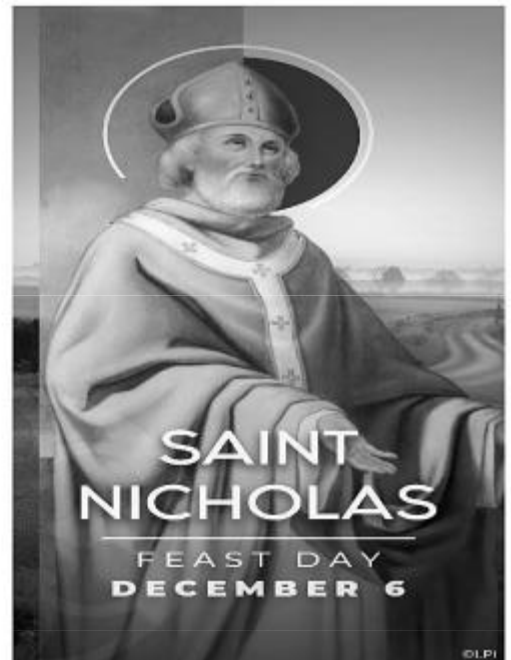
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Tuesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Friday: Our Lady of Loreto
Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 - December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

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

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 #:



Solemnity of Mary
Friday, December 31st
Mass is at 5:00p.m.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1st
Mass is at 4:00p.m.
The Sunday reading will be on Saturday.

Sunday, January 2nd
Masses are at
9:00a.m.
11:00a.m.
6:00p.m.

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 309 E. Maple St.
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 248-634-4841 (Office)
 248-634-4858 (fax)
 Email: stritcholly@sbcglobal.net
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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

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, December 4

4:00pm: Jackie Flanery

Sunday, December 5

9:00am: Don Rodgers

11:00am: Loraine Byerly

6:00pm: Scott Dudek

Monday, December 6

No Mass

Tuesday, December 7

7:00pm : Elinor Perry

Wednesday, December 8

7:00pm : Living Intention of Joyce
Miracle

Thursday, December 9

No Mass

Friday, December 10

No Mass

Saturday, December 11

4:00pm: Holly Runo

Sunday, December 12

9:00am: Sandra Hogan

11:00am: Johanna Swartz

6:00pm: Donald Kortez

RCIA classes have begun!!

For more information, please contact the

Rectory at 248-634-4841 or send us

an email at:

[stritchollyfaith-](mailto:stritchollyfaith-form@gmail.com)

[form@gmail.com](mailto:stritchollyfaith-form@gmail.com)

to get started!



Join us for Adoration
next in January!



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:

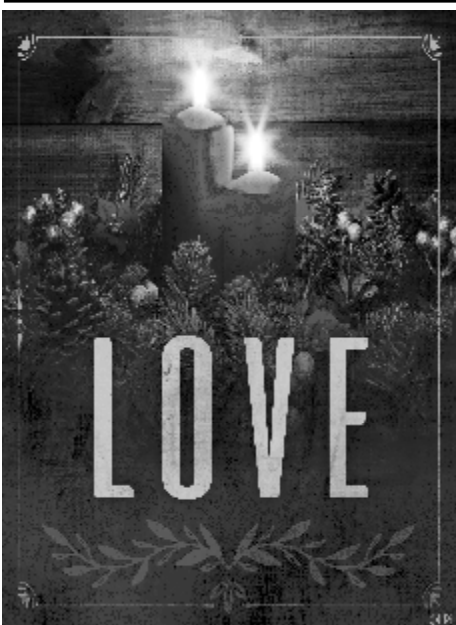
St. Rita Food Pantry



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.



2nd Sunday of Advent
 Luke 3:1-6

Blessed Advent to you all!

Today we continue the "joyful expectation" of the birth of Christ in history, the present, and the future. Today we hear the words of John the Baptist calling people of his time to repentance. Now, this baptism that John was calling people to is not the same baptism that we Christians celebrate. However, John's baptism is at the root of our Christian baptism. John's baptism had its roots in the "oblation washing" of the Jewish people before undertaking anything of great importance.

Christian baptism is a sacrament to wash away original sin so as to enter sinless into the Christian community. It is the one sacrament that is celebrated by all Christians, even those Christians who are not in communion with Rome.

Johns enjoins us to "prepare the way of the Lord." His call is to be taken in the widest sense. This preparation is a personal preparation, and is also a communal preparation. We are called to make sure we are ready to meet the Lord, and this means that we need to make a difference in the world to make it better, to make it more peaceful, and to make it more just. We are called to protect each other's dignity and share of our abundance with others so that each may live a life that is centered on helping others.

Prepare the way!



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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