

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.



FEBRUARY 12 & 13, 2022

BLESSED ARE
ALL WHO HOPE
in the Lord.

PSALM 1



Adult Confirmation

If you have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, open yourself to the Holy Spirit and join in the short preparation so as to receive the Sacrament at **Easter Vigil**.

Contact us at the **Rectory Office**.
234-634-4841

What's HAPPENING?

St. Rita News

Always look to our **Website** and **Facebook** page for information about our Parish. Or call the Office at 248-634-4841 for upcoming programs, events, and details for sacramental preparation programs.



Catechism

Classes are in the Church Hall
Tuesday, February 15 6pm class

No class February 22nd
Mass, **Ash Wednesday**, March 2
at 7:00pm



RCIA classes have begun!!

RCIA classes are ongoing.
Please call the Rectory if
you are interested.

at 248-634-4841

or send us an email at:

stritahollyfaithform@gmail.com



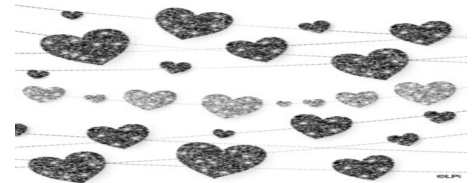
Baptism

Do you have
an infant? Has
your baby
been baptized?

You may start the process before the
baby is born. If you would like more
information on having your child bap-
tized contact Nicole at the Rectory
Office 248-634-4841.



Our next meeting is **February 13 at 4:30pm** in the church hall.
Bring your favorite board game and a friend!!!!



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 13, 2022
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it.

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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: _____
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, Kailee Gallagher, Bob & Louise Kendall, Don Elliott, Chris Brown, Gregg Golden, 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, Pat Houring, Gerrie Hoch, Carolyn Sawicki, Erma Boucher, Rafael Hernandez, Mick Smith, Carrol Rodenbo, Delbert & Debra Herrel, Jerry Deibis, Carl Borgstrom, Mary Crass, Sandy & Earl Sedam, Betty Gajewski, Louise Sargent, Michael Kollenberg, Donald Smith, Renee Charlick, Rita Dusseau, Kylie Ossege, Elsie Reilly, Suzie Cherney, Linda DeHetre, Dorothy Seelig & Joe McGowen. 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 #:



Website

Check it out for the latest and greatest information.
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Find us on Facebook

St Rita Parish of Holly, Michigan

2021 Contribution Statements

Please fill out the form and drop in the collection basket or call the Rectory at 248-634-4841 to request your 2021 contribution statement. Please allow a minimum of one week for processing.

Name _____

Envelope # _____

Current Address _____

Contact # _____

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 309 E. Maple St.
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 www.stritaholly.org

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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: 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, February 12

4:00pm Living Intention for Sherry Showers

Sunday, February 13

9:00am Sandra Hogan

11:00am Norm Raupp

6:00pm Jack, Rita & Cathy Marks

Monday, February 14

No Mass

Tuesday, February 15

7:00pm Sandra Young

Wednesday, February 16

7:00pm Milton Perry

Thursday, February 17

No Mass

Friday, February 18

No Mass

Saturday, February 19

4:00pm Carol Preisack

Sunday, February 20

9:00am James Taylor

11:00am Linda Tache

6:00pm Terence & Audrey Rosa

Snow Birds.....

We know many of our parishioners like to vacation in warmer climates during the winter and we rejoice with you, but we still count on your faithful commitment to St. Rita in remembering us in your prayers and financial support. So while you are away please keep connected to your home parish:

~~By updating us with your mailing address

~~Information on when you are leaving and returning

~~Please consider online giving with an E-giving account

1. Visit our church website 2. Click "Donate Now" my Eoffering link

3. Create an account and donate.

~~Please contact the Rectory Office or visit our website for more information.

~~Read the Parish Bulletins online

If you or a family member needs prayers... let us know so we can pray for them. Enjoy your time away and we look forward to your return.

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.



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

Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, tuna, canned chicken, canned fruits, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, elbow noodles, 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



Maryville and Mardi Gras

Join us for Mass and Breakfast with Father at Maryville, Tuesday, March 1st at 9:00am.

In keeping with CDC guidelines, it is recommended that you wear a mask at Mass and to breakfast until seated.

Due to limited seating, reservations are required..

Please call the rectory to make your reservation.

248-634-4841

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

PSALM:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

SECOND READING:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.
(1 Cor 15:16-17)

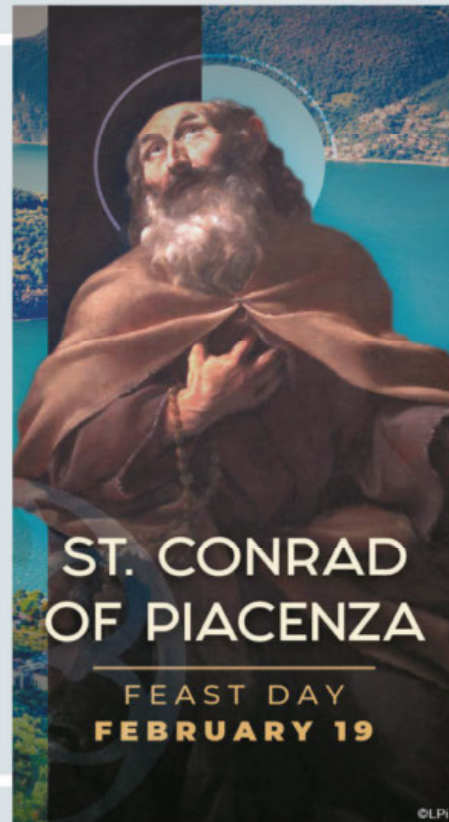
GOSPEL:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Monday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,
Bishop; Valentine's Day
Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order



Saint of the Week

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

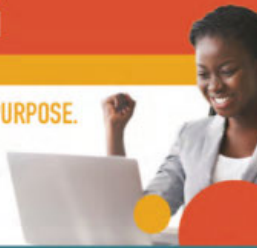
Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make res-titution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.

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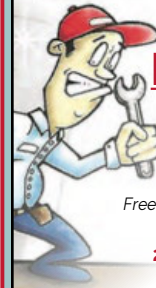
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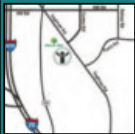
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