

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.



MARCH 5 & 6, 2022

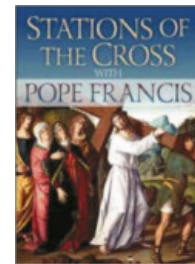
1st Sunday
OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

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Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed Fridays during Lent beginning at 7:00pm. Join us as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, April, 6 at 6:30pm with individual Confession with four confessors.

After **Tuesday 7:00pm Masses** and by appointment by calling the Rectory Office at 248-634-4841.





Catechism

Tuesday, March 8 class
at 6:00pm
Tuesday, March 15
Mass 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



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** 248-634-4841



Calling All Teens!

Every year our teens lead us in Stations of the Cross during Fridays in Lent. If you would like to volunteer to read: email: stritaholyre@gmail.com **We are meeting at 4:30pm on March 6th.**

For those making their Confirmation, this is an excellent leadership opportunity

March 6, 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the "path of least resistance." The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a "pet" one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

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Coffee and Donuts Check list:

- 2 volunteers needed each week to begin to return to "normal".
- Call the Rectory to sign-up for a weekend. (1 kitchen server & 1 Floor aide)
- Masks to be worn by volunteers while serving and encouraged by attendees when not seated at the table of your choosing.
- We will have individual coffee carafes, sugar, creamer, and utensils at each table.
- Donations taken to support the St. Rita Food Pantry as usual.

We will be offering coffee and donuts Sunday, **March 13**, after the **9:00am**.



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal. Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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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, Annette Butts, Ray Rogers & Joe McGowen. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.



Website

Check it out for the latest and greatest information.
www.stritaholly.org

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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 # _____

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, March 5

4:00pm Jerrod Nutt

Sunday, March 6

9:00am Deceased Members of the
 Wilbur & Devota Taylor Families

11:00am Gordon, Marie, Tim
 & Carol Mills

6:00pm John Remaly

Monday, March 7

No Mass

Tuesday, March 8

7:00pm Elinor Perry

Wednesday, March 9

9:00am Milton Perry

Thursday, March 10

No Mass

Friday, March 11

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

4:00pm Living Intention
 Sherry Showers

Sunday, March 6

9:00am Nick LeMarbe

11:00am Marilyn Strauss

6:00pm Carrol Rodenbo

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, tomato 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



Don't Forget to



Spring Ahead!

Sunday, March 13th is Daylight Savings Time.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

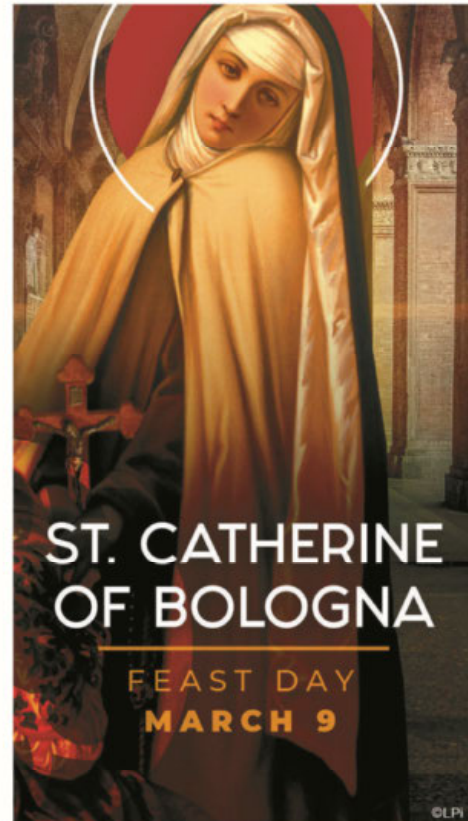
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

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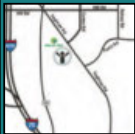
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