

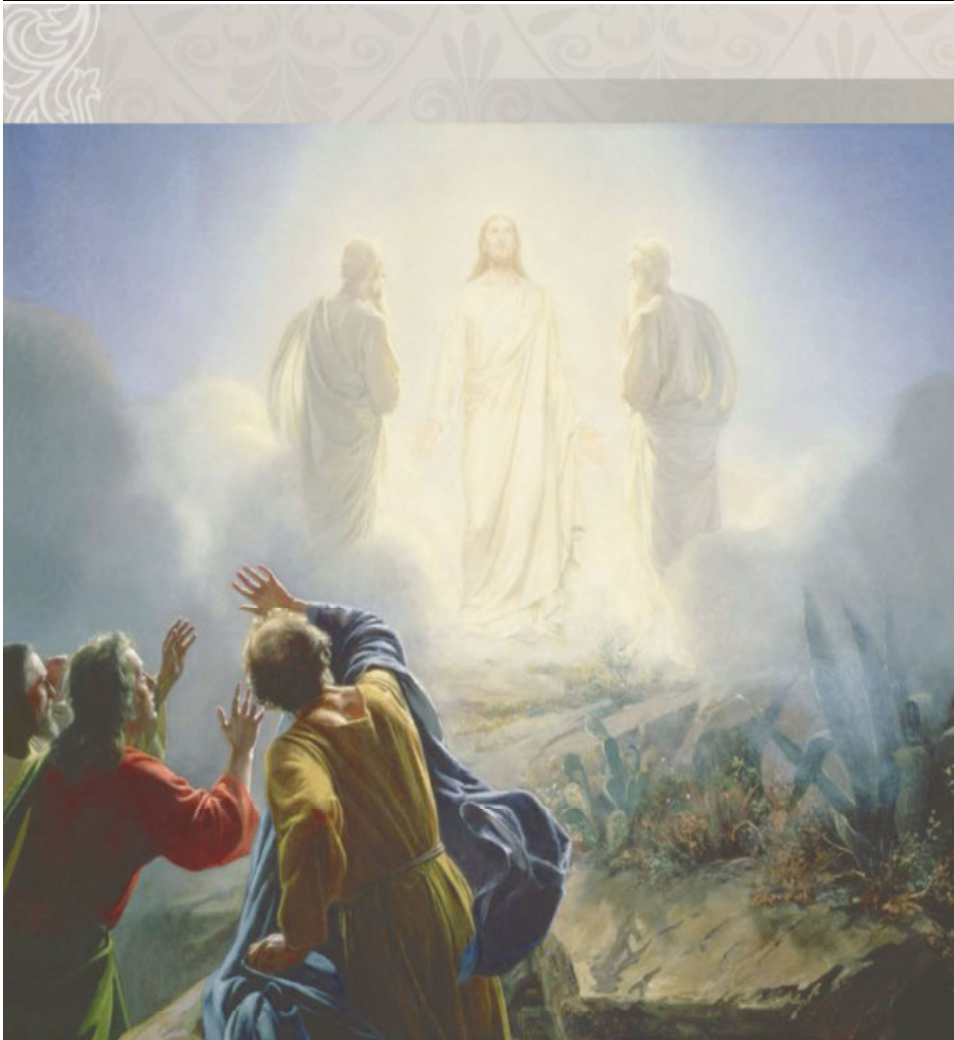
# St. Rita Reporter

## 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 12 & 13, 2022**



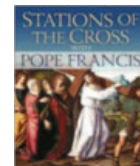
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*  
OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

### 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.*



### **Why Catholics Do What We Do!**

Join Fr. Dave at **6:00pm on Fridays** of Lent.

Informally he will talk about Church and Faith before Stations.

Stay for Stations if you choose!!

### **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.

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**Catechism**

Tuesday, March 15 Mass  
at 7:00pm  
Tuesday, March 22  
Class at 6:00pm



**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

CONFIRMATION

**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!**

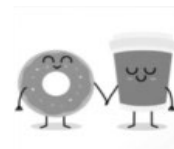
Every year our teens lead us in Stations of the Cross during Fridays in Lent. If you would like to volunteer to read: email: [stritaholyre@gmail.com](mailto:stritaholyre@gmail.com) **We are meeting at 4:30pm on March 13th.**

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

**Coffee and Donuts Check list:**

- Volunteers needed each week to begin to return to "normal".
- Call the Rectory to sign-up for a weekend.
- Masks to be worn by volunteers while serving
- We will have individual coffee carafes, sugar, creamer, and utensils at each table.
- Donations taken to support the St. Rita Food Pantry as usual.

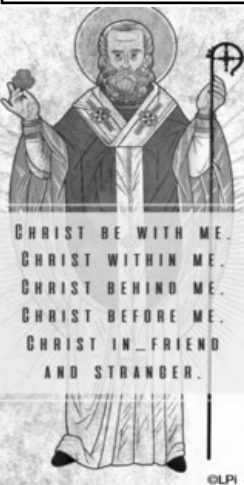
We will be offering coffee and donuts Sunday, **March 20**, after the **9:00am**.



**Filling the Basket This Lent**

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day. Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or "giving something up" for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, "and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits? If you're struggling with ideas for how to "fill your basket," it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you. What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once. What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering? What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed? What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away? What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**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.

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:  
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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, 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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include the following in the Mass Intentions:

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\*Required

Please **add/remove** the following name to/from the prayer list:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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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**Office Staff**

Nicole Hagle

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**Rectory Office Hours:**

By phone

**Religious Formation**

The Learning Center

211 Washington St. Holly, MI 48442

248-634-4841

Email: [stritahollyre@gmail.com](mailto: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 12**

4:00pm Living Intention  
 Sherry Showers

**Sunday, March 13**

9:00am Nick LeMarbe  
 11:00am Marilyn Strauss  
 6:00pm Carrol Rodenbo

**Monday, March 14**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 15**

7:00pm James Derek Untol

**Wednesday, March 16**

9:00am William Strange

**Thursday, March 17**

No Mass

**Friday, March 18**

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 19**

4:00pm Carol Preisack

**Sunday, March 20**

9:00am Sandra Hogan  
 11:00am Charlene Hernandez  
 6:00pm Gayle Lilly

**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
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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.

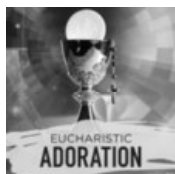
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**Unopened/unexpired items only**  
**When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to:**

**St. Rita Food Pantry**



**Adoration with Intercessory Prayer**



Join us this

**Tuesday, March 15**

**5:00pm** Adoration begins with silent prayer

**5:30pm** Intercessory Prayer

**6:00pm** Adoration with silent prayer continues

**7:00pm** Mass



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

### PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

### SECOND READING:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

### GOSPEL:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

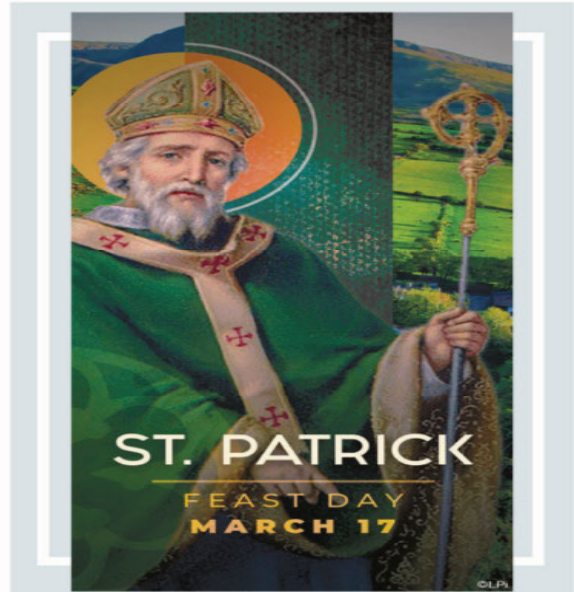
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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins  
 Thursday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day  
 Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT ©LPI



## Saint of the Week

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

## LENTEN ALMSGIVING

We have had an increase in food distribution from our FOOD PANTRY to people in our community and from the surrounding areas. Below are key items we are in need of:

Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, tuna, canned chicken, canned fruits, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, elbow noodles, instant potatoes, easy mac, stuffing, juice, Hamburger Helper, **pancake and/or waffle mixes that only require water**, rice, Chef Boyardee, hearty soups ( examples: vegetable, chicken, chili, etc.)

**Please check dates for expiration.**



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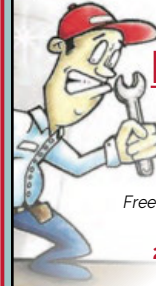
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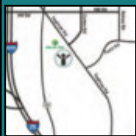
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