

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.



APRIL 23 & 24, 2022



“Jesus, I trust in you”



Catechism

Our last class is this Tuesday,
April 26th at 6:00p.m.



Be watching for information
regarding Vacation Bible School in
future bulletins.



**An Appeal for the
Church in Ukraine**

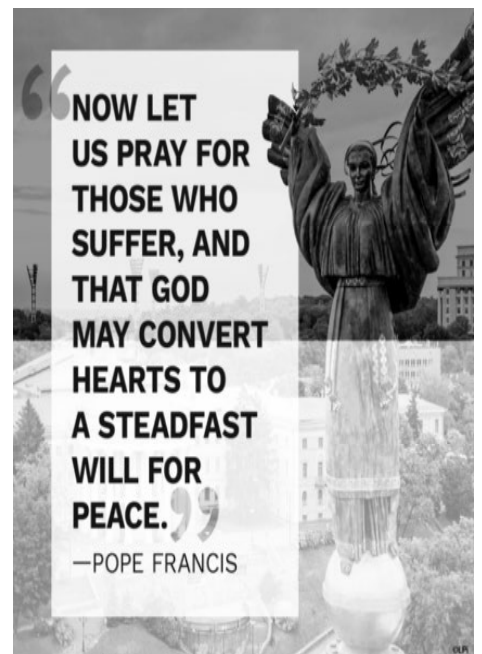
The Most Reverend
Jeffrey M. Monforton,
of The United States
Conference of Catholic

Bishops (USCCB), has shared an urgent
call to action.

In response to the crisis in Ukraine, the
USCCB is appealing for support of the Spe-
cial Collection to Aid the Church in Central
and Eastern Europe. This Special Collec-
tion empowers the faithful to provide vital
assistance to the victims of war in Ukraine
and support other projects in the region.

Your generous donation will help the
Church in the United States continue to be
a strong partner in the rebuilding and re-
storing of the Church in Central and East-
ern Europe, and to give critical and timely
humanitarian aid now for Ukraine.

Let us ask Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to
bring a swift end to the violence.



April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and de-
termined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is
heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is
good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so
skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear.
Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to
prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protec-
tion is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not
even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially
when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word.
When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a dif-
ferent way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and
stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God
cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we
cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe
that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also
have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are
many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking
the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the
simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith,
those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even
in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our
friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are
convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us
with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other
ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us
from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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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 _____

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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: _____
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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, 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, 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, Suzie Cherney, Linda DeHetre, Dorothy Seelig, Annette Butts, Ray Rogers, Joe McGowen, Terry Showers, Bonnie Matti, Dorota Best, Paul Kruszewski, & Carol Marshalek. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.



Website

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St Rita Parish of Holly, Michigan

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 #:

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

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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 7:00pm & Wednesday at 9:00am

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, April 23

4:00pm Kenny Methaney

Sunday, April 24

9:00am Barb Rodgers

11:00am Sally Martin

6:00pm Living Intention for Dorota Best

Monday, April 25

No Mass

Tuesday, April 26

7:00pm Living Intention for Dorota Best

Wednesday, April 27

9:00am Kathy Jozwiak

Thursday, April 28

No Mass

Friday, April 29

No Mass

Saturday, April 30

4:00pm Sally Tellish

Sunday, May 1

9:00am Richard LeMarbe

11:00am Bob Suski

6:00pm Kay Phillips

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

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

~~Read the Parish Bulletins online
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When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. *"Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest... Carry no money... Eat what is set before you... Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand... Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."*

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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FOOD PANTRY

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, canned chicken, canned fruits & vegetables, 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**, syrup, rice, Chili beans, chili packets, Chef Boyardee, hearty soups (examples: vegetable, chicken, chili, etc.), gluten free foods, canned corn, green beans and diced tomatoes

Please check dates for expiration.



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.

Please be aware, that due to our **limited space**, we are only able to accept donations of food and clothing.

Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated during this trying time.

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