

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 30—MAY 1, 2022



*Above are those that we welcomed into the Catholic Church
Easter Vigil Night.
Congratulations!!*



Is God calling you to share your faith?

We are in need of **catechists** the **2022-23** school year. This is your opportunity to share with the children your love of God and your Catholic faith. Call the church office at 248-634-4841 and let Nicole know your interest in serving God and St. Rita's.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and ego-centric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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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 Special Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Special Collection 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 restoring of the Church in Central and Eastern 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.



Website

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St Rita Parish of Holly, Michigan

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.

Pray For...
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., & John Rensch. *May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.*

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.

We are in need of:
Jelly, dry milk and Chef Boyardee

NO frozen foods
Unopened/unexpired items only
When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to:
St. Rita Food Pantry



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
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 Holly, MI 48442
 248-634-4841 (Office)
 248-634-4858 (fax)

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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 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 30

4:00pm Sally Tello

Sunday, May 1

9:00am Richard LeMarbe

11:00am Bob Suski

6:00pm Kay Phillips

Monday, May 2

No Mass

Tuesday, May 3

7:00pm For those struggling with anxiety and depression

Wednesday, May 4

9:00am Pamela Caspazi

Thursday, May 5

No Mass

Friday, May 6

No Mass

Saturday, May 7

4:00pm Jim Flannery

Sunday, May 8

9:00am Sandra Hogan

11:00am Gerrie Buccellato

6:00pm Marcells Fahlgren

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.

May Crowning

*Join us for the
 May Crowning, on
 Mother's Day
 Sunday, May 8 at the
 11:00 a.m. Mass.*



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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32)

PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." (Rev 5:12)

GOSPEL:

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. (Jn 21:13)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
Monday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Thursday: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day



Saint of the Week

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.



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