

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.



DECEMBER 31, 2022 & JANUARY 1, 2023

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**





FAITH FORMATION



High School Youth Ministry



We will have our **first class of the New Year, January 15th** in the Church Hall
12:30p.m.—1:30p.m.



Our Next Meeting Date:

January 14 at 11:00am
In the Church Hall

Confirmation for all teens 9th-12th grade seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation



Preparation has begun! Our second meeting will be **Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00pm.**

*To Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit
Changes your Life from Night to Light!*

First Communion

This is a sacrament year for students in the 2nd grade. Make sure your student is registered. If you are in 2nd-5th and have not made First Communion contact the rectory.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them." (Nm 6:27)

PSALM:

May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67)

SECOND READING:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)

GOSPEL:

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Lk 2:16)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

- Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day
- Monday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Thursday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Friday: St. André Bessette, Religious
- Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord



Saint of the Week

St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

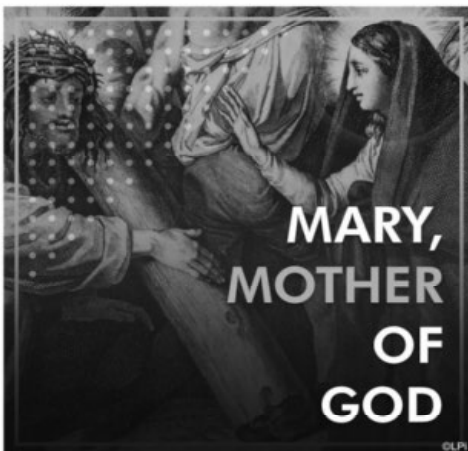
Prayer

Prayer for St. John Neumann's intercession

O St. John Neumann, your ardent desire of bringing all souls to Christ impelled you to leave home and country; teach us to live worthily in the spirit of our baptism which makes us all children of the one Heavenly Father and brothers of Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the family of God.

Obtain for us that complete dedication in the service of the needy, the weak, the afflicted, and the abandoned which so characterized your life. Help us to walk perseveringly in the difficult and at times painful paths of duty, strengthened by the Body and Blood of our Redeemer and under the watchful protection of Mary our Mother. May death still find us on the sure road to our Father's house, with the light of living faith in our hearts.

(Prayer Source: <https://stjohnneumann.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Prayers-to-St.-John-Neumann.pdf>)



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Religious Education Classes

Classes have begun.

Our class meetings in January are:

January 15th and 22nd.

There is NO class on January 29th.

Be checking your email for our first meeting in the New Year.

Religious education classes, for grades K—8th grade,

The classes will be at the Learning Center from 10:15am—11:30am.

It is not too late to register. Forms may be found in the back of the church.

MINISTRIES WE SERVE

January 1, 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph *at the moment they see the child in the manger*. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, **"When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."**

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "*Mangia? Mangia?*" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "*Mangia* means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir

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Clothes Closet & Food Pantry

Donations for the food pantry can be dropped off inside the doors of the Church or at the Rectory office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am—3pm.

We are in need of:

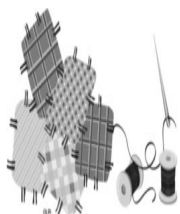
Pancake mix(add water only), syrup, rice, Canned chicken and hamburger helper NO frozen foods

Unopened/unexpired items only.

When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to:
St. Rita Food Pantry



Prayers and Squares



If you are in need of a quilt for your loved one, please call the office to request a quilt.

Thank you to all who share their time to this ministry.

Pastor: Fr. David Blazek
 309 E. Maple St.
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 248-634-4841(Office)
 248-634-4858 (fax)

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www.stritcholly.org

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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: stritchollyre@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, December 31

4:00pm Elizabeth Sarate

Sunday, January 1

9:00am Benjamin Kovacinski

11:00am Susan Todd

6:00pm NO MASS

Monday, January 2

No Mass

Tuesday, January 3

7:00pm Living Intention for Erin Sisty

Wednesday, January 4

9:00am James Thomas

Thursday, January 5

No Mass

Friday, January 6

No Mass

Saturday, January 7

4:00pm Richard Dembinski

Sunday, January 8

9:00am Nicholas LeMarbe

11:00am Gerald Slominski

6:00pm Holly Runo



Scott Flake, Nancy Davis, Beth Elliott, Kailee Gallagher, Bob & Louise Kendall, Don Elliott, Chris Brown, Gregg Golden, Ann Czmer, Cindy Schmidt, Vickie

Grabowski, Pete Buccellato, Ron Tucker, Don & Rhonda Barron, Larry Slasinski, Loree Ciarkowski, Cheryl Molina, Mary Brown, Louie Loestael, Catherine Corcoran, Bob Davis, 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 Chermey, Linda DeHetre, Dorothy Seelig, Kristin Komar, Ray Rogers, Joe McGowen, Bonnie Matti, Dorota Best, Paul Kruszewski, Carol Marshalek, John Renusch, Doris Holser, Peggy Dryer, Kathy Ronan, Dianne Parrish, Joan Tokarz, Cindy Anderson, Barbara O'Brien, Eileen Theisen, Adalia McClemons, Jerry Knepper, Andrew Hailo., Robert Linden, Ron Rinehart, Rebecca Johnson, Joanne Gerow, Patricia Pecho, Renne Laube, Chuck Almashy, Alfred Ventre, Robert & Luanne Fellows, Shannon, Kim Morrow, Betty Tormey, Sean MacInnes. And Leo Zimba. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.

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.

Please include the following in the Mass Intentions:

*Requested by: _____

*Phone _____

*Required



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A couple of things to remember:

**This program does NOT affect your fuel points.

**It does not cost you anything, Kroger donates a percentage of spending directly to St. Rita.

***All you have to do, is link your Kroger Card to St Rita Catholic Church and show your card each time you shop. By doing this, you support St. Rita Catholic Church.

Questions: please contact Kristi Hosner at hozboys@yahoo.com

Parish Information

Please update your address and phone number for the parish office, if you have moved or have a new phone number.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

May be dropped in the collection basket.

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.

Carpeting Campaign Continues!

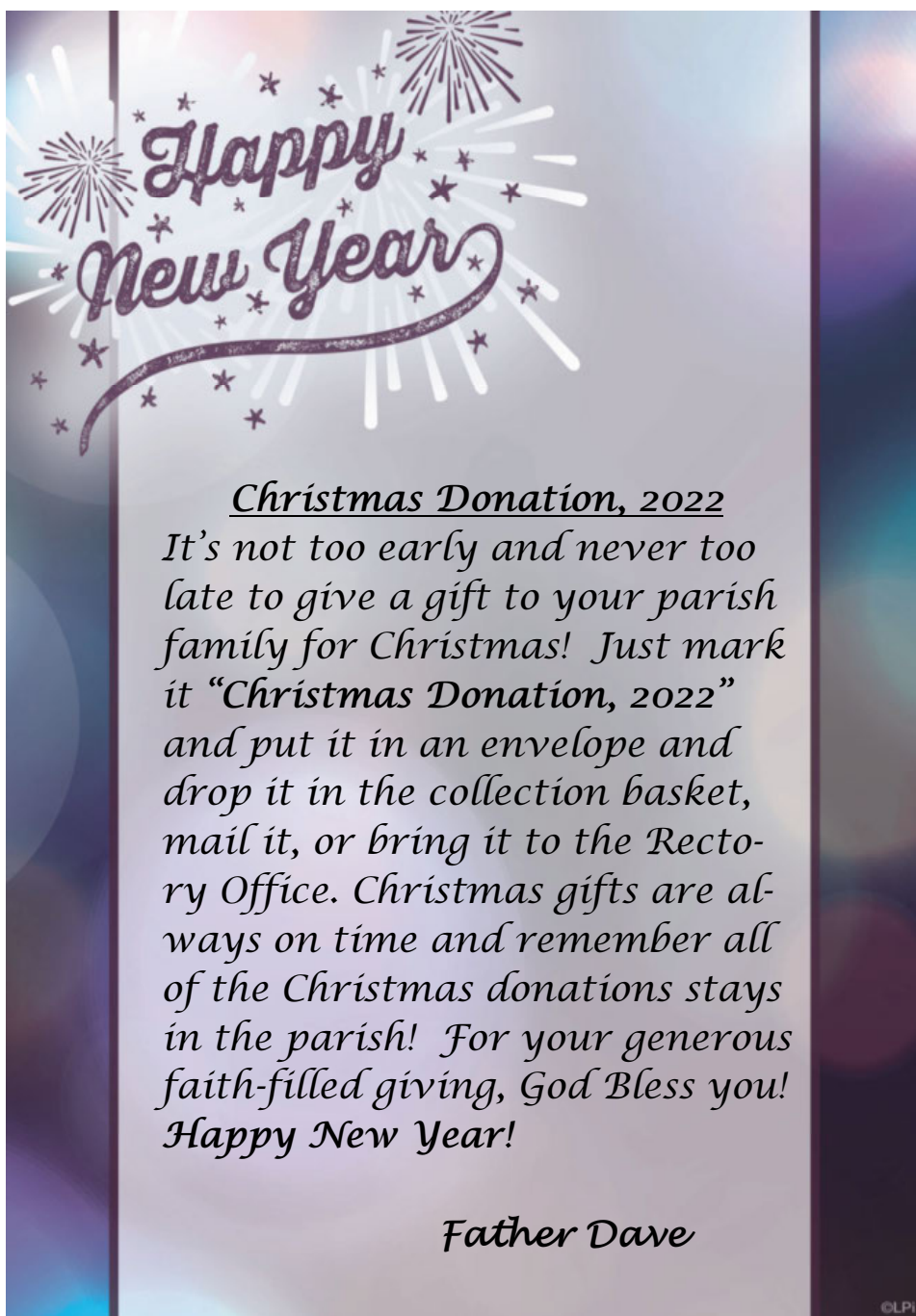
Reaching Our Goal for Carpeting

We are on our way to the amount needed and are now at 73% of our goal.

So join me and all of our friends in doing something now for St. Rita!

*Make a donation for
NEW CARPETING!*

*God Bless,
Father Dave*



Christmas Donation, 2022

It's not too early and never too late to give a gift to your parish family for Christmas! Just mark it "Christmas Donation, 2022" and put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket, mail it, or bring it to the Rectory Office. Christmas gifts are always on time and remember all of the Christmas donations stays in the parish! For your generous faith-filled giving, God Bless you! Happy New Year!

Father Dave

*Thank
You*

We would like to thank all those who took a tag from the Giving Tree and generously gave of their time and donation to make Christmas special for families in the community.



The office will reopen Tuesday, January 3 at 9:00am.



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