

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.



JANUARY 7 & 8, 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
**THE WISE
STILL SEEK HIM**





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:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body. (Eph 3:5-6)

GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his start at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
- Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the Week

Saving over 14,000 Korean refugees during the Korean war in what is still the largest marine rescue in the history of the world, Servant of God Leonard LaRue's bravery and love of the Lord inspired his cause for sainthood to be opened in 2021.

Prayer

Prayer for the Cause of Capt. LaRue/Brother Marinus, O.S.B.

God, our Father, Creator of the seas, Protector of refugees, and all those in need, You called Captain Leonard LaRue to recognize Your Son Jesus Christ in the faces of the Korean refugees, and led him as Brother Marinus to a life of prayer and service in the tradition of St. Benedict.

May his life be an inspiration to us and lead us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the people of the sea, welcoming those who are refugees from war, and deepening all the faithful in their prayer and work of service.

We humbly ask that You glorify Your servant Captain Leonard LaRue/ Brother Marinus, O.S.B. on earth according to the design of Your holy will, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <http://www.aos-usa.org/pdf/Capt-LaRue-Bro.-Marinus-O.S.B.-Prayer-for-the-Cause.pdf>)



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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

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: _____
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Spouse:
First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Birth date: _____
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Children & Birthdates

*Adoration
before the Blessed
Sacrament*



*Come pray before the
Blessed Sacrament
before Mass at 5:00pm*

*January 17
Come for a little while to pray ...*

Clothes Closet & Food Pantry

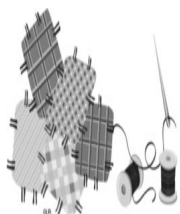
Donations for the food pantry can be dropped off inside the doors of the Church or at the Rectory office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am—3pm.

We are in need of:
**Pancake mix (add water only), syrup, rice,
canned chicken/tuna, 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.

2023 Calendars

You have not missed them, shipping has been delayed! The estimated time of arrival is mid to late January. We thank you for your patience! Please keep an eye out, we will have them available at the Church and Rectory as soon as the arrive.

Pastor: Fr. David Blazek
 309 E. Maple St.
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 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 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


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.



Saturday, January 7
 4:00pm Richard Dembinski

Sunday, January 8
 9:00am Nicholas LeMarbe
 11:00am Gerald Slominski
 6:00pm Holly Runo

Monday, January 9
 No Mass

Tuesday, January 10
 7:00pm Josephine Castiglione


Wednesday, January 11
 9:00am Claire White

Thursday, January 12
 No Mass

Friday, January 13
 No Mass

Saturday, January 14
 4:00pm Living Intention of Paul Aflen

Sunday, January 15
 9:00am Chris Salem
 11:00am Vicky Goodall
 6:00pm Scott Dudek



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 **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



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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.

Please include the following in the Mass Intentions:

*Requested by: _____

*Phone _____

*Required

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

Faith and Fear

When I was little, you could tell I believed in the destructive power of the monsters who lived beneath my bed because I would never let my ankles anywhere near the bottom of the mattress. (It's common knowledge that bare ankles are premium monster bait – ask any child you know).

You can often tell what a person believes by what they fear.

But here's the thing: belief isn't always enough. It's obvious that Herod believed in Christ's power because of how terrified he was by it and by the room he made in his life for the possible impact of the Messiah. In fact, if belief was the only measure of orthodoxy, you could stand most modern Christians next to Herod and he would tower above them.

Remember, there's something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am

guilty of that in a thousand small ways each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don't say because I am "too busy."

I believe in God, but I do not fear Him – mostly because my very modern understanding of the concept of "fear" would lump God in with those monsters beneath my bed.

But what if we understood fear in a more traditional sense – awe, reverence, and wonder? *"All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him."* – Psalm 72:11

When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but something. It moved him into action.

So, then, it should move us all.

We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage. – Matthew 2:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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*

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*

Mass Intentions

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. For that reason, all are encouraged to have Mass offered for loved ones who have died, or even for the living who have some need. This is an ancient Christian practice, and all are encouraged to take it up.

Guidelines for Mass Intentions

A Mass intention may be set for:

- A deceased loved one
- A living person who is sick or suffering
- A living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life

A Mass intention may **not** be set for:

- An unknown or "private" intention
- A prayer intention that contradicts Catholic moral doctrine

Donation

A donation to the church can be made for each mass. Checks are to be made payable to *St. Rita Catholic Church*.

Setting a Mass Intention

To set a Mass intention the request is to be made in person or over the phone during regular office hours. On page 3 of bulletin a Mass Request may be filled out and placed in the collection basket. IT MUST INCLUDE the person requesting and a contact number to be recorded. Only one intention may be set per Mass.

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