

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 14 & 15, 2023



Happy New Year and Holy Epiphany Beginnings!

So much to give thanks for! For the beautiful and wonderful gifts and donations to our parish! For the great ministry and efforts of many volunteers to bring Christmas Joy to many hearts! For all this, and more, may God bless you this year!

Fr. Dave

FAITH FORMATION



High School Youth Ministry

Meeting in the Church Hall
January 15th 12:30-1:30pm
January 22nd 12:30-1:30pm



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



Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00pm.
*To Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit
Changes your Life from Night to Light!*

Religious Education Classes K-8th Grade

Our class meetings in January are:
January 15th and 22nd.
There is NO class on
January 29th.

Classes are held at the Learning
Center from
10:15am—11:30am.

Check your email for January and
February class schedule

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I will make you a light to the nations;
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
(Is 49:6)

PSALM:

Here am I, Lord; come to do your will. (Ps 40)

SECOND READING:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

GOSPEL:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world." (Jn 1:29)

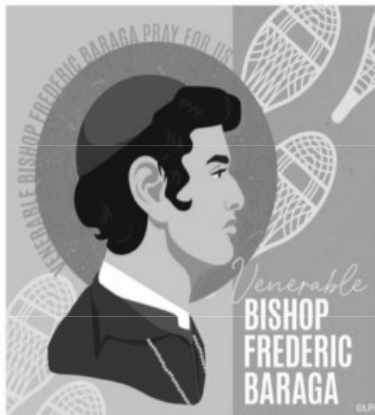
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Martin Luther King Day
- Tuesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
- Wednesday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Friday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Saturday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint of the Week

Known as the Snowshoe Priest, Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, was a lifelong missionary to the Native American people of the upper Midwest. He loved the people he served, knew their languages, and even published the first Ojibwe-English dictionary!

Prayer

O God, thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Frederic Baraga.

I pray you will honor him by the title of Saint. He dedicated himself completely to missionary activity to make you known, loved, and served by the people who you love. As a man of peace and love, Baraga brought peace and love wherever he traveled.

Lord, grant Venerable Bishop Baraga the grace of beatification.

We ask this in Christ name.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://bishopbaraga.org/cause/>)



Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation

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. Please watch the bulletin and check your emails for 1st Communion classes starting soon

Baptism

Do you have an infant?
Has your baby been baptized?
You may start the process before the baby is born. If you would like more information on having your child baptized contact the Rectory Office
248-634-4841.



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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:
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Holly, MI 48442

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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: _____
Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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 ...

Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.
-Pope Francis



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

Coming Soon!

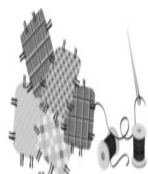
Stress, Loss, and Life Challenges in a time of Trial

Scripture, prayer and reflection by Fr. Dave
Details coming soon!

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 they arrive.

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RCIA
 Contact Rectory 248-634-4841
Director of Music:
 Kellie Evans 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



Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected the 264th successor of St. Peter and chose the name Benedict XVI. His papacy testifies to both a scholarly churchman, having expensively studied theology and philosophy. He attended the first World Youth Day in Germany. He became the first pope in almost 600 years to resign from the papacy.
 May he rest in Peace.
 December 31, 2022



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

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

Monday, January 16
No Mass

Tuesday, January 17
7:00pm Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI


Wednesday, January 18
9:00am Jim Ignatowski

Thursday, January 19
No Mass

Friday, January 20
No Mass

Saturday, January 21
4:00pm Charles & Elaine Cardinal

Sunday, January 22
9:00am Charles Kittle
11:00am James Crass
6:00pm Bob Laube



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

Pray For...
 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 Lostael, 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 Cherney, 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.

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*

LITURGICAL LIFE

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Showing Up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do."

So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

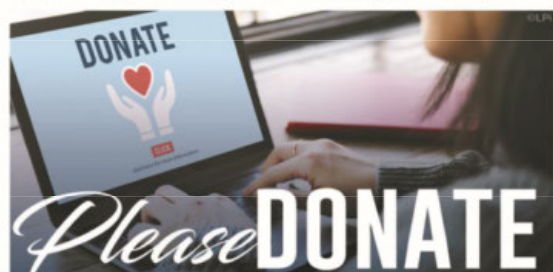
What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. — Psalm 40

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

2022 Contribution Statements

Please fill out the form and drop in the collection basket or by email or call the Rectory at 248-634-4841 to request your 2022 contribution statement. Please allow a minimum of one week for processing.

Name _____

Envelope # _____

Current Address _____

Contact # _____

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

©LPI SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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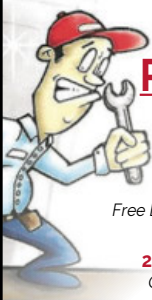
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