

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 28 & 29, 2023

BLESSED ARE
THE POOR IN
spirit;
THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
IS THEIRS!

Psalms 146



FAITH FORMATION



High School Youth Ministry

Meeting in the Church Hall

Our next meeting is **February 5th**
from **12:30pm—1:30pm**

Save the date: **Ice Skating in Royal Oak February 12th**

All teens welcome. **RSVP by February 5th to stritchollyre@gmail.com**



Religious Education Classes K-8th Grade

Our class meetings in January are:

There is **NO** class on
January 29th.

Our next class will be class on
February 5th

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

Check your email for January and
February class schedule



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!*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words *Blessed are the peacemakers*, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.



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.



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

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Come pray before the Blessed Sacrament before Mass at 5:00pm
February 28
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!

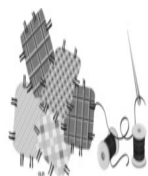
Stress, Loss, and Life Challenges in a Time of Trial

Scripture, Prayer and Reflection with 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.



Join the St. Rita Holy Week Choir!

Rehearsals begin February 15. Choir members sing at Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter

Sunday services. You do not have to commit to sing all Holy Week services, you can sing one or two (or all). Join this beautiful and rewarding ministry! See Kellie in the choir loft, or email her at kersongbird@yahoo.com

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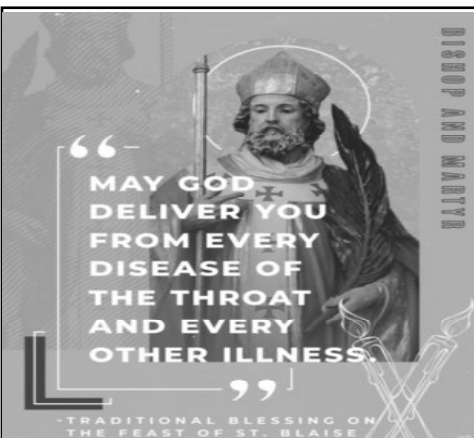
Masses:
 Weekdays: Tuesday 7:00pm & Wednesday at 9:00am
Weekend Masses:
 Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am and 6:00pm

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



Blessing of the Throats will be next weekend after the 4:00pm, 9:00am and 6:00pm Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28
 4:00pm Holly Runo

Sunday, January 29
 9:00am Barb Renusch
 11:00am Shirley Pankowski
 6:00pm Paul Robuck

Monday, January 30
 No Mass

Tuesday, January 31
 7:00pm Living Intention for Sherry Showers

Wednesday, February 1
 9:00am Joseph Trudeau

Thursday, February 2
 No Mass

Friday, February 3
 No Mass

Saturday, February 4
 4:00pm Richard Dembinski

Sunday, February 5
 9:00am Dr. Thalia Mulvihill
 11:00am Shirley Pankowski
 6:00pm William Strange

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

Pray For...

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Carpeting Campaign Continues!

Reaching Our Goal for Carpeting

We are on our way to the amount needed and are now at 74% 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*



GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to

see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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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

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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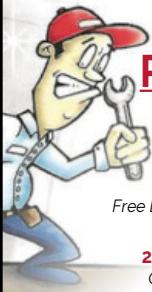
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