

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.



FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2023

WORLD *Marriage* DAY



Envelopes Coming!

We have been informed by the Church-Budget Company that the mailing of the envelopes for February and March are NOT being sent.

If you did not receive replacement envelopes in the mail, please call the office. 248-634-4841

Thank you for your patience and help as we navigate this unusual situation.



*Ash Wednesday
Masses for Ash Wednesday,
February 22nd
are 9:00am; 12 noon;
and 7:00pm.*

Breakfast with Father at Maryville



Paczki at Maryville on Fat Tuesday, **February 21st** following the 9:00am Mass.

See **page 5** for further information and directions to Maryville.

FAITH FORMATION



High School Youth Ministry

Meeting in the Church Hall

Our next meeting is

February 12- Ice skating this weekend

Next meeting is February 24 at 7:00pm

for Stations of the Cross



Religious Education Classes
K-8th Grade

Our class meetings in February are:

February 12

NO CLASS February 19

February 22/Ash Wednesday

February 26

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!

Everyday Stewardship

I saw a slogan once for an Internet start-up: "There is one rule; there are no rules." In fact, when I searched for this slogan again online, I was surprised at all of the variations on the "no rules" sentiment. Apparently, even Justin Bieber has a documented quote: "I want my world to be fun. No parents, no rules, no nothing. Like, no one can stop me. No one can stop me." Wow. My own kids seldom read my reflections. If they are reading this one, don't get any ideas!

Of course, a society without laws or rules will not exist for very long. The laws of a society are there to protect us from perhaps our greatest enemy: ourselves. We can't just do whatever we feel like. We will eventually hurt others or ourselves. The laws of God and his Church have the same effect. Sinful and imperfect people need parameters. Christians who choose sin or their own will over God's commandments not only break the relationship they have with their God, but they hurt others and diminish the body of Christ.

A stewardship way of life asks of us to live in a certain manner. We sometimes think that our cultivation of gifts and giving them back with increase to God is for God's sake. God's commands do not benefit God, for God is complete and perfect without need for increase. But this way of life is for the benefit of his creation. There is no power struggle here between a God of rules and his children. The cross bears witness to that. Instead, God's "rules" prevent us from destroying ourselves, and give us a path so we may flourish. Whether you are an ordinary Joe or an ordinary Bieber, following God's commands will lead to the real satisfaction in this gift of life.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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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 _____

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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 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:

**Mashed potato mix, rice, spaghetti noodles
Spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned chili
NO frozen foods**

Unopened/unexpired items only.



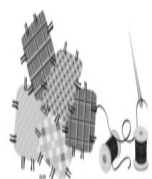
When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to: St. Rita Food Pantry

Beginning March 2

Stress, Loss, and Life Challenges in a Time of Trial
Scripture, Prayer and Reflection with Fr. Dave

We will meet 4 Thursday evenings at 6:00pm
March 2, 9, 16 and 23
Come in for an hour, Leave with Peace!

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 th choir loft, or email her at kersongbird@yahoo.com

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By phone

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The Learning Center

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248-634-4841

Email: stritchollyre@gmail.com

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

After every "Fr. Dave" mass and 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, February 11

4:00pm Kathy Alfien

Sunday, February 12

9:00am Loretta McGuire

11:00am Larry Zink

6:00pm Susan Banal

Monday, February 13

No Mass

Tuesday, February 14

7:00pm Milton Perry

Wednesday, February 15

9:00am Robert McCabe

Thursday, February 16

No Mass

Friday, February 17

No Mass

Saturday, February 18

4:00pm Living Intention for
Lynne Perry

Sunday, February 19

9:00am John Roberts

11:00am Nancy Joy Cook

6:00pm Bob Laube



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 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, Leo Zimba, George & Faith Skufca., Dianne Rogers, Felix Galuszka, Susan Phardel & Don Smith. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.



Kroger Rewards!

Do you have a Kroger Rewards Card?

Do you have it linked to

St. Rita Catholic Church?

If you don't, make sure to log in to your Kroger Rewards Account, choose St Rita Catholic Church or type our account number **BF918** as the community recipient and the St. Rita's will receive the community rewards by Kroger.

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

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*



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

The Seasons of Life

If you live in the northern part of our country, you see the signs all around. Leaves turn from green to yellow to orange or red, then fall and fade to brown. Birds slowly disappear for the south. Grass withers underfoot. "To everything there is a season," we read in Ecclesiastes. The natural world speaks spiritual truths, if only we have ears to hear. God invites each and every one of us into the seasonal progression of our own conversion. No matter who we are, each of us has something in our life that is ready to turn. Is it an area where we're weary? A good habit we've been putting off? A familial reconciliation that needs to happen? As the world passes from one season to another, where is God inviting you to turn toward Him?

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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 # _____

Breakfast at Maryville on Paczki Day!

Due to limited seating please call the office to reserve your seat. Maryville Retreat Center is at 18307 Taylor Lake Rd. a short 2.6 miles from St. Rita.

There will be **no evening mass at 7:00pm**, Tuesday, February 21st.



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.

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.

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