

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 18 & 19, 2023

Kind and
merciful
is the
Lord

Psalm
103

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
is **February 24 at 7:00pm**
for Stations of the Cross



Religious Education Classes K-8th Grade

Our class meetings in February
are:

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, March 22 at 6:00pm.
*To Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit
Changes your Life from Night to Light!*

Patience in All Things

St. Francis De Sales said, "Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself." Life has a way of knocking us down or off the path we are traveling. If it is a path that God has called us to, then it will be easier to get back to the journey, but nevertheless, it is difficult. The hardest thing to bear is that too often what we blame on life is really about our own choices or shortcomings. The refrain of many a blues singer sounds something like, "Nobody to blame but me!"

What is the Good News? God's patience is far superior to our own. We do need to follow the words above and cultivate in ourselves a greater sense of patience in all things. However, we should take great comfort in knowing that God's patience will always be there as we struggle to grow and advance in our life as a disciple.

You're trying to live a stewardship way of life but keep falling onto the side of the road? God wants you to reach Him on the road but will wait for you. You want to be holier and more committed to your faith? God will take what you give Him. The danger is when you lose your patience and stop moving toward Him. You decide that it doesn't really matter and that what you can offer God doesn't amount to anything of worth. We must never cease our journey. You and I may get fed up, but our God never will.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.



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: _____
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:
Instant mashed potato mix, rice, mac & cheese, spaghetti noodles, any other variety of noodles, gravy, Spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned chili
NO frozen foods
Unopened/unexpired items only.



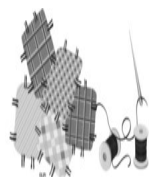
When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to: St. Rita Food Pantry

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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 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 18
 4:00pm Living Intention for Lynne Perry

Sunday, February 19
 9:00am John Roberts
 11:00am Nancy Joy Cook
 6:00pm Susan Banal

Monday, February 20
 No Mass

Tuesday, February 21
 9:00am Lynwood Buysee

Wednesday, February 22
 9:00am Living Intention for Claressa Borucki
 12noon Mel Tormey
 7:00pm George Himes

Thursday, February 23
 No Mass


Friday, February 24
 No Mass

Saturday, February 25
 4:00pm Michael Perry

Sunday, February 26
 9:00am Mary Cunningham
 11:00am Tony Karczewski
 6:00pm Larry Zink

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 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

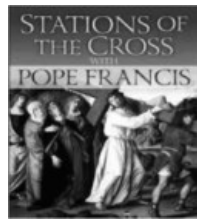
We are on our way to the amount needed and are now at 74% of our goal.

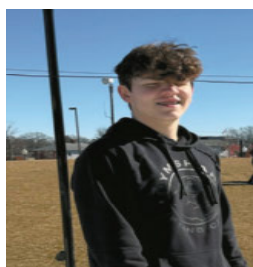
So join me and all of our friends in doing something now for St. Rita! Make a donation for NEW CARPETING!

*God Bless,
 Father Dave*

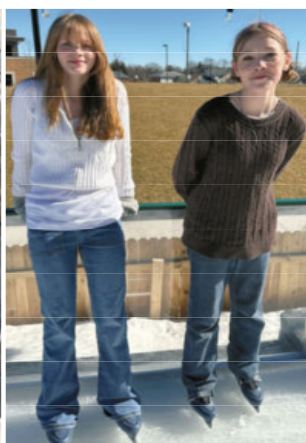
Stations of the Cross

Join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent starting at 7:00 p.m.





The Youth Group enjoying their ice skating outing last Sunday.



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

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.

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