

# 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 25 & 26, 2023**

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PSALM 51



## LENT BEGINS

**A Time of Prayer, Fasting, and  
Almsgiving**

**A Time of Repentance and  
Renewal**

### Stations of the Cross

Join us Friday evenings for this beautiful time of prayer 7:00p.m.

### Thursdays Evening Retreats

Thursday evenings of March, Fr. Dave will lead an hour of reflection, support and prayer as we encounter **Stress, Loss and Challenge in this Time of Trial.**

### Donations to our Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

Food and clothing donations for the parish outreach can simply be brought to the church. No Donation is to small— every donation is shared.

### Alms Donations for those in Need

Simply send a donation clearly marked by check or by e-giving. All our donations together build one Kingdom of God.

# FAITH FORMATION



## High School Youth Ministry

Meeting in the Church Hall  
Our next meeting is  
is **March 5th at 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m.**



## Religious Education Classes K-8th Grade

Classes for March are:  
March 5 and 12th.

There are no classes on March 19  
and 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!*

## LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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## Religious Education:

Helps to build a strong foundation

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### Everyday Stewardship

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Head of House hold:

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Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse:

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Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Children & Birthdates

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*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.



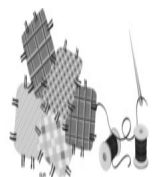
When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to: St. Rita Food Pantry

**Stress, Loss, and Life Challenge in This Time of Trial**

Scripture, Prayer and Reflection with Fr. Dave

Join us Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

**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](mailto:kersongbird@yahoo.com)

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**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: [stritchollyre@gmail.com](mailto: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 25**

4:00pm Michael Perry

**Sunday, February 26**

9:00am Mary Cunningham

11:00am Tony Karczewski

6:00pm Larry Zink

**Monday, February 27**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 28**

9:00am Frank Maziarz

**Wednesday, March 1**

9:00am Lorraine Phillips

**Thursday, March 2**

No Mass

**Friday, March 3**

No Mass

**Saturday, March 4**

4:00pm Richard Dembinski

**Sunday, March 5**

9:00am Laura Panka

11:00am Barb Agius

6:00pm Living Intention for

Teresa Bunk



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 Corco-  
 ran, Bob Davis, Melinda Kici O'Brian, Mary Ann  
 Skaja, Patricia Murphy, Mary Garren, Bill Hart-  
 well, Pat Houring, Gerrie Hoch, Carolyn  
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 Mick Smith, Delbert & Debra Herrel, Jerry  
 Deibis, Carl Borgstrom, Mary Crass, Sandy &  
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 Alfred Ventre, Robert & Luanne Fellows, Shan-  
 non, Kim Morrow, Betty Tormey, Sean Mac-  
 Innes, 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?

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**St. Rita Catholic Church?**

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**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](mailto:hozboys@yahoo.com)

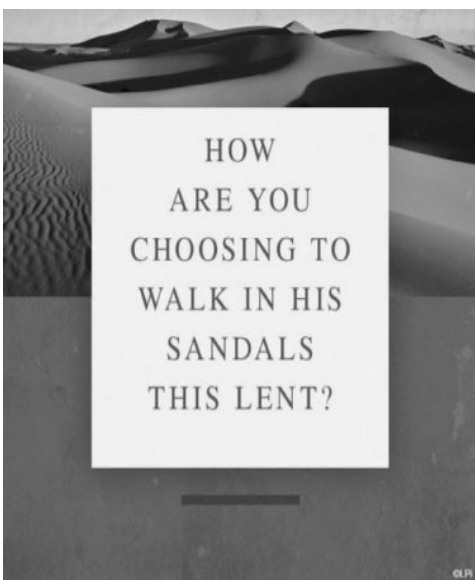
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**Reaching Our Goal for Carpeting**

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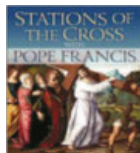
*So join me and all of our friends in doing something now for St. Rita! Make a donation for NEW CARPETING!*

*God Bless,  
 Father Dave*



HOW  
 ARE YOU  
 CHOOSING TO  
 WALK IN HIS  
 SANDALS  
 THIS LENT?

## 2023 Lent and Holy Week Schedule



**Stations of the Cross**  
every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

**Weekday masses**  
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

**Weekend masses**  
Saturday at 4:00 p.m. / Sunday at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

**Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confession  
(with four confessors)**  
Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
**No 7:00 p.m. mass**

**Palm Sunday**  
Blessing and distribution of Palms at all masses

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
After Tuesday 7:00 p.m. masses, *every mass presided by Fr. Dave* and  
by appointment, call Rectory office at 248-634-4841



**Holy Thursday**  
Mass of the Last Supper 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday**  
Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross/Communion Service

**Holy Saturday**  
12:00 noon Blessing of Food  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday**  
9:00 a.m./ 11:00 a.m.

### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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