

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.



MARCH 11 & 12, 2023

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**I FEAR
NOTHING,
BECAUSE
OF THE
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OF HEAVEN.**

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- ST. PATRICK

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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.

Mass for All Health Care Providers

Sunday, March 26 at 11:00a.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 too small— every donation is shared.

Alms Donations for those in Need

Simply send a donation clearly marked by check or by e-giving.

FAITH FORMATION



High School Youth Ministry

Meeting in the Church Hall
Our next meeting is
is **March 19th at 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m.**



Religious Education Classes K-8th Grade

There are no classes on March 19 and 26.

All families and students asked to join us at Lent Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30pm

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

Check your email for Aprils class schedule

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



Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00pm
*To Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit
Changes your Life from Night to Light!*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Messiah Before You

If you would have asked me on the morning of my confirmation what the chances were of the Holy Spirit getting into my heart, I would have told you they were about the same as getting water from a stone.

My faith was fragile at this time in my life, primarily because I viewed it as exactly that — my faith. Something within my possession and subject to my own power. And I hadn't done the things I thought I needed to do in order to be the kind of Christian who knows the truth and lives it. I was waiting to be made stronger. I was waiting to be made more faithful. I was waiting for a transformation.

Little did I know, I was like the woman at the well, standing around talking about the coming of the Messiah, unaware that he was standing right in front of me. She wasn't ready; she was still living in her sin. She was caught so unawares that she left her water jar at the well, rushing out to tell what she had seen.

When I was anointed with the oil it no longer mattered that I wasn't strong enough to break open the stone that I was convinced encased my heart — God's grace gushed forth through the cracks. While I certainly didn't become a perfect Christian — and never will, in this life — I did learn that when God tells you to strike, it's probably best not to second-guess Him.

"We boast in the glory of God... and hope does not disappoint." Romans 5:2-5

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.



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
March 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:
Ramen, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned fruit, jelly and 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

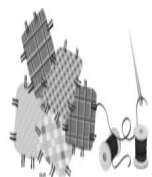


Stress, Loss, and Life Challenge in This Time of Trial

Scripture, Prayer and Reflection with Fr. Dave

Join us Thursday evenings in March 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.

Easter Basket Collection

We are collecting the following items for those in need of Easter Baskets this year:
Markers/crayons/colored pencils
Storybooks
Coloring Books
Playing Cards
Small toys/stuffed animals
Chalk
Bubbles
Please drop donations off in back of church or at the rectory office by Monday, March 27th.



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 309 E. Maple St.
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 248-634-4841 (Office)
 248-634-4858 (fax)
 Email: stritcholly@sbcglobal.net
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www.stritcholly.org

Office Staff

Nicole Hagle

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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

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, March 11

4:00pm Harry Borucki

Sunday, March 12

9:00am Nicholas LeMarbe

11:00am Marilyn Strauss

6:00pm Larry Zink

Monday, March 13

No Mass

Tuesday, March 14

7:00pm Living Intention for Barb Fenton

Wednesday, March 15

9:00am Jim Ignatowski

Thursday, March 16

No Mass

Friday, March 17

No Mass

Saturday, March 18

4:00pm Gayle Lilly

Sunday, March 19

9:00am Charlene Hernandez

11:00am Living intention for Chuck Almashy

6:00pm Bob Laube



Kroger Rewards!

Do you have a Kroger Rewards Card?

Do you have it linked to

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.

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



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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, Renee 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, Barb Fenton, Fran Mallie, Betty Doyle, Maddie Vovchuk. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.

Carpeting Campaign Continues!

Reaching Our Goal for Carpeting

We are close to reaching our goal. So join us and all of our friends in making a donation for NEW CARPETING!

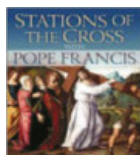
*God Bless,
 Father Dave*

IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS.

PSALM 95



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

Mass for All Health Care Providers

Sunday, March 26 at 11:00a.m.

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

Palm Sunday

Blessing and distribution of Palms at all masses



Holy Thursday

Mass of the Last Supper 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross/Communion Service

Beginning at 12noon

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 # _____

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:

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