

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 18 & 19, 2023

Liturgical Life



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38

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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Easter Flowers

Contributions for Easter flowers may be made in memory of or in honor of and placed in the Sunday envelopes marked: Easter Flowers.



Please indicate on the envelope who the flowers are for.

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.

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

Not As Man Sees

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

"Not as man sees does God see." — 1 Samuel 16:7

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.



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: _____
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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

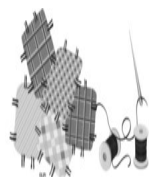


Stress, Loss, and Life Challenge in This Time of Trial

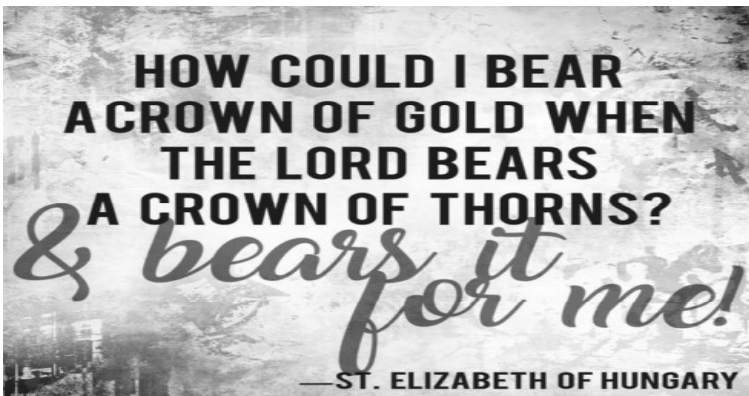
Scripture, Prayer and Reflection with Fr. Dave

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.



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 248-634-4858 (fax)
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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 18

4:00pm Gayle Lilly

Sunday, March 19

9:00am Charlene Hernandez

11:00am Living Intention for Chuck Almashy

6:00pm Bob Laube

Monday, March 20

No Mass

Tuesday, March 21

7:00pm Larry Lilly

Wednesday, March 22

9:00am Karen Hagle

Thursday, March 23

No Mass

Friday, March 24

No Mass

Saturday, March 25

4:00pm George & Marjorie Willits

Sunday, March 26

9:00am Gerrie Buccellato

11:00am Living Intention for All Health Care Providers

6:00pm Michal Matysiak



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, 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, Ambrose Aflen, Joan Cylkowski, & Maddie Vovchuk. May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.



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***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!

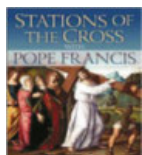
Reaching Our Goal for Carpeting

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

God Bless, Father Dave



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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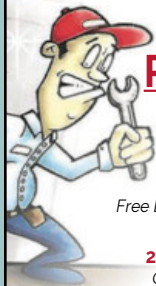



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