

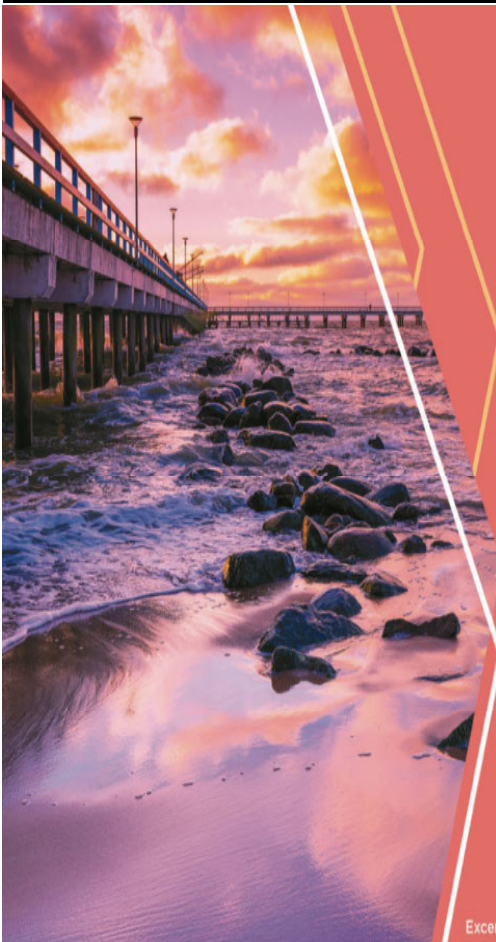
St. Rita Reporter

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 25 & 26, 2023



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am
the resurrection and
the life; whoever
believes in me, even
if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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LENT BEGINS

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

Stations of the Cross

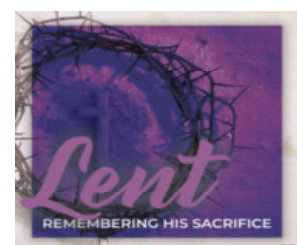
Join us Friday evenings for this
beautiful time of prayer 7:00p.m.

**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.

Mass of the Last Supper
Join us for the **Mass of the Last
Supper**, Holy Thursday night,
April 6 at 7:00p.m.



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.

FAITH FORMATION



High School Youth Ministry

Meeting in the Church Hall
Our next meeting is
is April 16th at 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m.



Religious Education Classes K-8th Grade

There is no classes on March 26.
Our next class is April 2nd.

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

Check your email for April's class
schedule

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



Our next meeting will be
April 19th at 6:00pm
*To Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit
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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Offerings

Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It's a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.

We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

But, often, I invite God into my suffering only to tell Him where I want Him to stand. I make an offering of suffering but expect God to do something very specific with it. *Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.*

The happy ending in today's Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn't alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected now, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn't work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence.

They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

"You are not in the flesh, on the contrary, you are in the spirit." — Romans 8:9

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.



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:
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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
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.



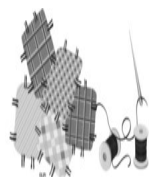
When writing checks, please make sure that they are made out to: St. Rita Food Pantry

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

Scripture, Prayer and Reflection with Fr. Dave

Join us Thursday evenings in June at 6:00 p.m. for Part Two.

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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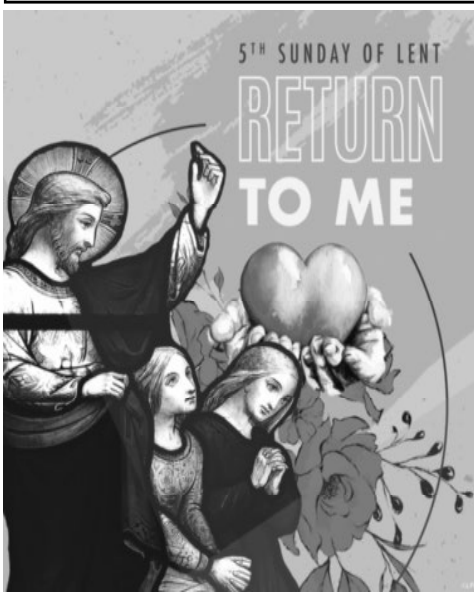
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 248-634-4841
 Email: stritahollyre@gmail.com
RCIA
 Contact Rectory 248-634-4841
Director of Music:
 Kellie Evans 248-634-4841
Masses:
 Weekdays: Tuesday 7:00pm & Wednesday at 9:00am
Weekend Masses:
 Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am and 6:00pm
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 25
 4:00pm George & Marjorie Wilits
Sunday, March 26
 9:00am Gerrie Buccellato
 11:00am Living Intention for All Health Care Providers
 6:00pm Michal Matysiak
Monday, March 27
 No Mass
Tuesday, March 28
 7:00pm Living Intention for Frank Maziarz
Wednesday, March 29
 9:00am Leo & Lillian Metz
Thursday, March 30
 No Mass
Friday, March 31
 No Mass
Saturday, April 1
 4:00pm Richard Dembinski
Sunday, April 2
 9:00am Living Intention for Larry Slasinski
 11:00am Amos Bradsher & Pauline Linder
 6:00pm Betty Doyle

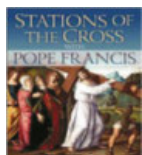
Pray For...
 Scott Flake, Nancy Davis, Beth Elliott, Kailee Gallagher, Bob & Louise Kendall, Don Elliott, Chris Brown, Gregg Golden, Ann Czmer, Cindy Schmidt, Vickie Grabowski, Pete Buccellato, Ron Tucker, Don & Rhonda Barron, Larry Slasinski, Loree Ciarkowski, Cheryl Molina, Mary Brown, Louie Loestael, 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 Koltenberg, 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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 Questions: please contact Kristi Hosner at hozboys@yahoo.com

Carpeting Campaign Continues!
Reaching Our Goal for Carpeting
We are close to reaching our goal. Make a Donation for our beautiful church!!
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.

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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