

# 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.



**APRIL 1 & 2, 2023**

PSALM 22

*My God,*  
why have You  
abandoned me?

## LENT BEGINS

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

### Stations of the Cross

Join us this Friday for Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross/ Communion Service at 12noon

### 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.



# 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

We are meeting today,  
April 2nd.  
There is no class April 9th.

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  
Changes your Life from Night to Light!*



## Liturgical Life

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

#### Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: *And you're not going to do anything about it?*

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

*Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

#### Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.



## 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

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

Spouse:

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Children & Birthdates

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*Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament*

Come pray before the Blessed Sacrament before Mass at 5:00pm  
*April 18*  
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.

**Holy Thursday Foot Washing**

**Question:**

What is the significance of foot washing on Holy Thursday?

**Answer:**

Foot washing is an ancient practice of hospitality. In Israel in Jesus' day, with its deserts and dusty roads, washing of feet was an act of honor on the part of the host. However, the host himself would not do the washing. That was the role of the servant. The Apostles would have been accustomed to this tradition. At the Last Supper, Jesus takes on the role of the servant, washing the feet of his followers and friends. He models the humble, loving service to which the Apostles would soon be called.

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper. We celebrate many things, including the institution of both the Eucharist and the priesthood – "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19B). When the priest washes the feet of his parishioners, he is modeling the service of Christ. While foot washing is no longer a common practice in our society, we too are invited to imitate Christ's sacrificial service to others. ©LPi

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 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

**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.



**Saturday, April 1**  
 4:00pm Richard Dembinski

**Sunday, April 2**  
 9:00am Living Intention for Larry Slaskiski  
 11:00am Amos Bradsher & Pauline Linder

6:00pm Betty Doyle

**Monday, April 3**  
 No Mass

**Tuesday, April 4**  
 7:00pm David Roos

**Wednesday, April 5**  
 9:00am

**Thursday, April 6**  
 7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper


**Friday, April 7**  
 12noon Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 8**  
 8:00pm The Newly Initiated

**Sunday, April 9**  
 9:00am Eleanor Ennis  
 11:00am Living Intention for Maddie Vovchuk

6:00pm NO MASS

**Kroger Rewards!**



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Questions: please contact Kristi Hosner at [hozboys@yahoo.com](mailto:hozboys@yahoo.com)

*Pray For...*

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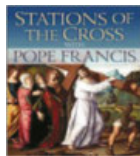
**Carpeting Campaign Continues!**

**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



### 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.  
 NO 6:00 p.m. mass

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