



# St. Rita Clarklake Ministry Directory

10615 Hayes Rd., Clarklake, MI 49234

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# Ministries

## Service Ministries

### Baby Love

This is a project started by Louanne Alber that helps families in need with items for their newborn-2T children. We always need diapers, wipes, shampoos, and socks as well as baby equipment (strollers, high-chairs, etc.) Please leave donations in Cornfield Hall.



### Center for Women and Jackson Right to Life

This local organization is committed to providing compassionate care by accurately informing each woman about her body and the choices she has. Services are free and consultations are 100% confidential.

### Garden Angels and Grounds Helpers

A fabulous group of individuals who plant and take care of the flowers and various plants around the parish grounds. There's large flower pots at the church entrances, along with some by the Columbarium niches. Contact Shelly Wilbur at 517-740-2777.

### Jackson Interfaith Shelter "Lunch Bunch"

The St. Rita "Lunch Bunch" prepares and serves over 90 meals at the Jackson Interfaith Shelter to local people in need. This is a semi-monthly service on the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of each month. If you'd like to get involved with this ministry, contact Dcn. Todd Dahlberg.

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are men of faith and action who participate in charitable works for the good of the community and parish. Breakfasts are the second Sunday of each month after 9 a.m. Mass. The Knights of Columbus Council #7945 beneficiaries include: Jackson St. Luke's Free Clinic, Jackson Center For Women, St. Rita Baby Love Project, Jackson Catholic Schools, Chelsea St. Louis Center and Parishioners in need. Contact Jim Stechschulte at 517-945-6091.





# Ministries

## Service Ministries (continued)

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry was established in 2009 to comfort the dying, the sick, and those who are sad or lonely. Let the office know if you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl.



### St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) —St. Rita Conference

This worldwide conference of lay Catholics was founded in 1883 to serve the poor and suffering. Our conference provides food, clothing, and household items as well as rent and utility assistance to those in need. SVDP meets the in the St. Vincent de Paul Room, see schedule on bulletin board.

### Stephen Ministry

Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to minister to people who are experiencing a crisis or a difficult time. In your time of need, a Stephen Minister will meet with you to listen, encourage, support and reflect on Christ's presence in your life. Contact Dcn. Chris Vida at [Chris.Vida413@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.Vida413@gmail.com)

## Liturgical Ministries



### Altar Servers

We encourage kids who have made their First Communion to serve. Assisting during Mass is an honor and teaches you a lot about the liturgy. Please contact the office if your child would like to learn how to altar serve.

### Altar Society

Do you like to decorate and organize? Join the Altar society! You'll work alongside other creative parishioners to bring beautiful sceneries and setups within the church to life! Contact the office if you're interested in helping.

# Ministries

## Liturgical Ministries (continued)

### Choir

If you like to sing in the car, you might want to consider enlarging your audience! Our choir gathers to sing at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. If you would like to join please contact our Director of Music, B.J. Hohnke at [StRitaChoir@gmail.com](mailto:StRitaChoir@gmail.com)

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

These are trained members of our parish who help distribute Holy Communion during Mass. We also have ministers who bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. Contact Dcn. Chris Vida.



### Greeters

Have you ever noticed the smiling faces in the gathering area? Our greeters have a very important job to welcome parishioners as they arrive for Mass and other events.

### Lectors

Proclaiming Sacred Scripture is an essential part of our weekend liturgies. Lectors are entrusted with this as well as announcing special intentions and intercessions.

### Sacristans

These are trained individuals who assist in preparing for Mass.

### Ushers

Our team of ushers are trained to help with the church offertory collection, seating and greeting, as well as any emergency situations. Contact Jan Strait at [Janstraight56@gmail.com](mailto:Janstraight56@gmail.com)



# Faith Formation

## Prayer Groups and Faith Formation Opportunities

### Cursillo

Over the course of a three-day retreat participants listen to fifteen different spiritual talks about the Christian life. The talks relate to real-life experiences, which become the basis for small-group discussions.

After a Cursillo event, participants are encouraged to take what they've learned that weekend and apply it to their daily lives. Participants are then invited to group reunions and larger gatherings called *Ultreya* ("to go further") and are frequently held here at St. Rita. Contact Deb Benedict at 517-250-4868 or Dan Wawiernia at 517-748-1670.



### Eucharistic Adoration

Each Thursday evening there is an hour of Adoration in the church during Mass when Jesus is exposed in the monstrance.

### Light of Life Intercessory Prayer

Join us for song, scripture reading, reflection and intercessory prayer each Tuesday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Classroom #4. Contact Marilyn Troska at 517-902-5527.



### Rosary Group

Pray the Rosary with others on Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Contact Judy Shovels.

### Walking With Purpose

Our ladies at St. Rita have been participating in Walking with Purpose bible studies for the last 5 years and regularly have two sessions running. One session is in the morning and one is offered in the evenings, typically. Contact Nancy Carter at [Nancy.Carter.Dre.Strita@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.Carter.Dre.Strita@gmail.com)

# Faith Formation

## Classes and Programs

### Alpha

Alpha is a series of sessions over 6-weeks, including a day or weekend away. Each session starts with a meal, followed by a talk and then a discussion in small groups. The talks range in topics and cover the beliefs of our faith as Christians and the culture surrounding it. Contact Dcn. Todd Dahlberg.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Held in the Atrium, CGS is a Montessori based program for young children.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday mornings during the 9:00 a.m. Mass kids will hear the word of the Lord and do an activity.

### Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Held on the second Tuesday of each month, this is a follow up for the Rescued Program by Fr. John Riccardo. This program is designed to go deeper into your faith while surrounded by other parishioners doing the same. Contact Nancy Carter.

### Quilts from the Heart

Quilters of all skill levels meet the second Monday of each month in Cornfield Hall from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. A potluck lunch will be available. Bring a dish to pass if you wish. Contact Marilyn Troska at 517-902-5527.

### Religious Education

Classes start in September and run until the first week of May. Grades K - 8 meet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays until 11:00 a.m. Contact Nancy Carter.





# Faith Formation



## Classes and Programs (Continued)

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process of conversion, turning our life toward Jesus and the Catholic Church. It is the process of making disciples of Jesus and prepares a person for a lifelong commitment as a Catholic. The initiation of new members is celebrated each year, ordinarily at the Easter Vigil, the night before Easter. Contact Dcn. Chris Vida.

### Yoga with Candy

Yoga combines physical postures with breathing techniques that can help build endurance, physical strength and flexibility. On Thursday mornings in the summertime chair yoga is at 9 a.m. and yoga flow is at 10. Donations are welcome! Contact Candy Shay at [CanJer2287@hotmail.com](mailto:CanJer2287@hotmail.com)

### Youth Ministry

Our EDGE middle school group (grades 6-8) meets at 10-11 a.m., while Lifeteen, (grades 9-12) meets from 6-7:30 p.m. For updated schedules please see the bulletin boards outside of the youth room or contact Abby Walraven.





# Councils and Committees

## St. Rita Councils and Committees

### Building Committee

After significant renovation and expansion, this committee continues to plan and visualize ideal use of our property and facilities.



### Finance Committee

We count on those skilled in this area to oversee and advise our financial resources. Meets quarterly.

### Pastoral Council

This council serves to give input to our pastor regarding our mission and vision. The council meets every other month on a Saturday morning.



### Welcome Committee

This group of parishioners is in charge of reaching out to new parishioners and assembling welcome bags for those new people. Contact Chrissy Losey at 517-416-3462 for more information.



# Church Directory

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## Parish Office

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Parish Website ..... [www.StRitaCatholicParish.com](http://www.StRitaCatholicParish.com)

## Livestream Mass Times

Sunday ..... 9:00 a.m.



All previous and future Live Masses are available under the 'videos' tab on Facebook. Scan the code to the right with a smartphone camera to access the Facebook Live Mass

## Parish Staff

**Pastor** ..... **Rev. Thomas Helfrich, O.S.F.S.**  
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**Church Maintenance** ..... **Aaron Huff**  
(517) 592-5470 ext. 18

## Sacramental Life

### Anointing of the Sick

Every 3 months after weekend liturgies. Contact the office to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick and / or communion whenever anyone is ill or having surgery.

### Baptism

Please contact the office to arrange Baptism class and to schedule the date.

### Matrimony

Congratulations! Couples, contact the office as soon as you're engaged to begin the preparation process for this great sacrament.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Confessions are on **Saturdays at 3:30 p.m., (4:30 during the Summer)** and always by appointment. Please call the office to speak with Fr. Tom.

## Parish Vision Statement

We strive to be confident in our faith, comfortable in sharing that faith, dynamic in celebrating it and generous because of it!

# Stay Connected!

## Mass Times

Monday, Tuesday, Wed., Friday: 9 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. with Adoration

Saturday: 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. (Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. First Sunday of the Month

Website: [StRitaCatholicParish.com](http://StRitaCatholicParish.com)

Facebook: St. Rita Catholic Parish

MyParish App: Text the word APP to the number 55321

YouTube: St. Rita Parish Clarklake, MI