



# St. Rita Clarklake Ministry Directory

10516 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. Donations of diapers, wipes, and socks are always needed. Please leave donations in Cornfield Hall. Contact Louanne at [LouaneAlber@Gmail.com](mailto:LouaneAlber@Gmail.com)



### 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

This fabulous group plants and takes care of the large flower pots at the church entrances, along with some by the Columbarium niches. Contact Shelly Wilbur at [shellywilbur@comcast.net](mailto:shellywilbur@comcast.net).

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights are men of faith and action who do charitable works for the good of the community and parish. Breakfasts are the second Sunday of each month after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. The Knights are also involved in the spectacular Lenten Fish Fry Fridays. This event brings together folks from all over to come and share a meal together. Over recent years, the St. Rita Knights of Columbus Fish Fry has become a popular Lenten staple.

The Knights of Columbus Council #7945 beneficiaries include: Jackson Center For Women, St. Rita Baby Love Project, St. Rita Youth Discipleship, Jackson Catholic Schools and parishioners in need. Contact Dan Bihn at 734-634-7448.



# Ministries

## Service Ministries (continued)

### Martha, Mary and Lazarus

For men and women looking to get involved in ministries such as greeting, sending cards to the homebound and assisting with funeral luncheons. Contact Ann and Ducky O'Neill at 517-740-1575.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry was established in 2009 to comfort the dying, the sick, and those who are sad or lonely. Contact Louanne Alber at LouanneAlber@gmail.com if you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl. Yarn or monetary donations welcome.

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

This worldwide conference of lay Catholics was founded in 1883 to serve the poor. Our conference provides food, clothing and household items to those in need. SVDP meets in the St. Vincent de Paul Room, see schedule on bulletin board. Contact Marge Maladecki at Maladeckimarge@gmail.com.

### Stephen Ministry

Ministers are members of our congregation who completed 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis. In your time of need, a Stephen Minister will meet with you to listen, encourage and support you. Contact Todd Carter at 734-323-7963.



## Liturgical Ministries

### Altar Servers

We encourage all those who have made their First Communion to serve. Assisting during Mass is an honor and teaches you a lot about the liturgy. Contact the parish office if you would like to serve.

# Ministries

## Liturgical Ministries (continued)

### Altar Society

Do you like to decorate? Join the Altar society! You'll work alongside other creative parishioners to bring beautiful sceneries and setups within the church to life! Contact Michelle Bellfy at MBellfy03@Gmail.com.

### Choir

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

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

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



### 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. Greeters are affiliated with Martha, Mary and Lazarus, please contact Ann O'Neill at 517-740-1575.

### 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. Contact the parish office.

### Sacristans

These trained individuals assist in preparing for Mass. Contact the office.

### Ushers

Our ushers are trained to help with the church offertory collection, seating and greeting, as well as emergency situations. Contact Jan Strait at Janstrait56@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 Friday morning 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 at [JudithShovels@frontier.com](mailto:JudithShovels@frontier.com).

### 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

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

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



### 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. Contact Abby Walraven.

### Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Held on the second Tuesday of each month, this program deepens your faith while surrounded by other parishioners doing the same. Contact Nancy Carter.



### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA is a process of conversion, turning our life toward Jesus and the Catholic Church and prepares a person for a lifelong commitment as a Catholic. The initiation of new members is celebrated each year at Easter Vigil. Contact Nancy Carter at [nancy.carter.dre.strita@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.carter.dre.strita@gmail.com)

### Men's Discipleship Group

Now joined with the St. Joe's Shrine Men's group. Contact them for more information.

### Quilts from the Heart

Non-denominational quilters meet the second Monday of each month in Cornfield Hall from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. A potluck lunch will be available. Contact Marilyn Troska at 517-902-5527 or Janice DeBaeke at 517-937-9816.

# Faith Formation

## Classes and Programs (Continued)



### Religious Education and Youth Discipleship

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. Our EDGE middle school group (grades 6-8) meets from 10-11 a.m., while Lifeteen, (grades 9-12) meets from 6-7:30 p.m.

We also have special events and activities throughout the year. For updated schedules please see the bulletin boards outside of the youth room or contact Abby Walraven at [Abigail.Walraven.Strita@gmail.com](mailto:Abigail.Walraven.Strita@gmail.com).

### Theology On Tap (ToT)

Held at a local bar or restaurant, this is an opportunity to ask questions about faith in an informal and relaxed environment. Watch for our next Theology on Tap!

### Yoga with Candy

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



# Councils and Committees

## St. Rita Councils and Committees

(by Appointment/Request of the Pastor)

### Building Committee

After significant renovation and expansion, this committee will be used as needed 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.

### Welcome Committee

This group of parishioners is in charge of reaching out to new parishioners and assembling welcome bags for those new people.



# Church Directory

10516 Hayes Road • Clarklake, Michigan 49234

## Parish Office

Phone ..... (517) 592-5470

Fax..... (517) 592-3779

### Office Hours:

Tue.-Thurs. 9 a.m. — 5 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Parish Email ..... [stritasclarklake@gmail.com](mailto:stritasclarklake@gmail.com)

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

## Livestream Mass Times

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

## Mass Times

**Tuesday-Friday:** 9 a.m.

**Saturday:** 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9 & 11 a.m.

**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

## 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**

Confession is available on **Saturdays from 4-5 p.m., Sundays from 8:15 a.m.— 8:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m. — 10:45 a.m.**, and by appointment.

### **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!