

Tri-Parish

St. Rose of Lima
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Lusk

September 14, 2025

Pastor— Rev. Ray Moss

Pastoral Associate— Rev. Mr. Rolland Raboin

"We are often preoccupied with teaching doctrine ... but we risk forgetting that our first task is to teach what it means to know Jesus Christ."

~ Pope Leo XIV



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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THE CROSS IS NOT NEGOTIABLE

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to *be tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering:

the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

St. Leo

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays	11:30am
First Fridays	12:00pm

St. Anthony

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	9/13	6:00p	For the Parish
Sun.	9/14	9:00a	Sheila Murphy
Mon.	9/15	Noon	Cristelli Family
Wed.	9/17	5:30p	Fr. Pete's Intention
Sat.	9/20	6:00p	For the Parish
Sun.	9/21	9:00a	Sheila Murphy
Mon.	9/22	Noon	For the Parish

Several days are currently available for Mass intention requests. Please contact Mercedes in the office at 532-5556.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday—5:00pm Monday 11:30—noon

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

ST. ANTHONY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Ushers	Eucharistic Minister
9/13	Penny Wells	Volunteers	Ron Parker
9/14	Julie Wilkes	Volunteers	Diana Griffith Jon Malcom
9/20	Marian Janas	Volunteers	Barbara Holiday
9/21	Joy Tissler	Volunteers	Tim & Shron Newton

If you can not be there, please call a substitute. If you are not included on the schedule, and would like to be, please contact Diana Griffith, 575-2033. The schedule can be found on the website. Jon Malcom will be a substitute lector if needed.

Happy Birthday

9/16—John Offe
9/18—Ron Hughes
9/19—Sharon Newton

9/23—Mike Cain
9/24—Doug Janas
Ron Parker
9/30—Barbara Holiday

CELEBRATE!



ST. ANTHONY PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to add someone to the St. Anthony Prayer Chain, please contact Tim Newton 307-331-4086 and/or Kay Walker 307-836-2928.

ST. ROSE PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a special prayer request, or would like to be included on the prayer chain as a volunteer to pray for others, please contact Mary Agnes Haagensen at: beacon117@yahoo.com or 308-247-9228.

St. Rose

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	9/13	8:30a	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	9/13	4:00p	Whitney Geroge
Sun.	9/14	7:00a	For the Parish
Sun.	9/14	9:00a	† Frank Weyrich
Mon.	9/15	8:30a	Fr. Clark Lenz
Tue.	9/16	8:30a	Sadie Chavez
Wed.	9/17	8:30a	† Nevada Moehr
Thu.	9/18	8:30a	† Abel, † Alice Santillanes
Fri.	9/19	8:30a	† Frank Weyrich
Sat.	9/20	8:30a	Leyne George
Sat.	9/20	4:00p	Tierney George
Sun.	9/21	7:00a	For the Parish
Sun.	9/21	9:00a	Connee Quinn

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard daily, 30 minutes before every Mass, and on Saturday from 11:30—12:30.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Saturday Sept. 13
St. John Chrysostom
7:30a Rosary
8:30a Mass
11:30a Confessions
4:00p Vigil Mass

Wednesday Sept. 17
St. Robert Bellarmine
Ignatius Book Fair
Priest's Institute
7:30a Rosary
8:30a Mass
6:00p CCD Open House & Dinner
6:30p CCD Parent Meeting

Sunday Sept. 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:00a Mass
9:00a Mass
4:00p KofC Meeting

Thursday Sept. 18
Ignatius Book Fair
Priest's Institute
7:30a Rosary
8:30a Mass
5:30p Bereavement Support Group

Monday Sept. 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
7:30a Rosary
8:30a Mass
6:30p K of C Bingo

Friday Sept. 19
Ignatius Book Fair
St. Januarius
7:30a Rosary
8:30a Mass
9:15a Eucharistic Adoration
5:30p Stations of the Cross

Tuesday Sept. 16
OFFICE CLOSED— Institute
Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
7:30a Rosary
8:30a Mass

Saturday Sept. 20
Ignatius Book Fair
7:30a Rosary
8:30a Mass
11:30a Confessions
4:00p Vigil Mass

By using this code you are able to donate electronically to:

† St. Rose
† St. Anthony
† St. Leo
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† CCD Food Fund
Thank you!





PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR SICK AND DECEASED

St. ANTHONY: Mary McBrier, Ron Parker, Penny Wells, †Emil Kreifels, Vicki Moss

St. LEO: Evelyn Carland, Prosper Etchemendy, Karen Jassman, Frances Tschacher, Richard Waldoek, Arlene Rapp, Bill & Patty Matthews, †Mary Freesha, †Barbara Rapp

St. ROSE: Lori Peterson, Roger Busskohl, Ron Cameron, Mary Jones, John Friedlan, Mary Aleman, Andrea Castro, Patricia Reyes, Elena Siqueiros, Teresa Rodriguez, Pablo Acevedo, Barb Pittsley, Toki Castro, Lazaro Deleon, Grayson Shields †Frank Weyrich, †Dorothy Zavorka, †Willa Fay Willadsen, †Gabriel Contreras Sr., †Regina Flores, †Nevada Moehr

To update this list, please call/text Tam at 307-286-9663 or call the St. Rose office, 532-5556.

LIVING AND GIVING 2025

	AMOUNT DUE	PAID SINCE LAST REPORT	TOTAL AMOUNT PAID
St. Rose	\$45,947.00	\$8,805.51	\$35,000.00
St. Anthony	\$12,687.00	Goal has been met	
St. Leo	\$6,713.00	Goal has been met	



God Bless You!

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Parish	Date	Amount
St. Rose	August 31	\$2,594.00
	Living and Giving	\$2,025.00
	September 7	\$4,232.00
	Living and Giving	\$1,861.00
St. Anthony	August 31	\$1,497.00
	September 7	\$709.00
St. Leo	August 31	\$489.00
	August 24	\$649.00

ALTAR FLOWERS MINISTRY

9/13	Mike & Carol Lessard
9/20	Correas
9/27	Mariana, Sienna, & Camila Sanchez
10/4	Jim & Carol Soeth

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

9/14	Richard & Holly Lara Terry McDowell Sue Schmidt
9/21	Mercedes Loya Rachel Martin Greg Rutar
9/28	Donna Charron Richard & Holly Lara Sue Schmidt

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 13 & 14

Mass	Reader	Greeter/Collection	Eucharistic Minister
4:00p	Mary Agnes Haagensen	Dr. Norma Cantu	Mary Anne Smith
		Gretchen Chord	Maureen Stull
7:00a	Larry Espelage	Kelly Greenwald	Greg Rutar
		Stan Speckner	Rachel Martin
9:00a	Sue Schmidt	Russ Stienmetz	Lance Lucas
		Kendra Stienmetz	Rich Lara
			Holly Lara

September 20 & 21

Mass	Reader	Greeter/Collection	Eucharistic Minister
4:00p	Jared Hofer	Maureen Baumgartner	Mary Krause
		Robert Baumgartner	Chris Krause
7:00a	Barb Becker	Jim Wagner	Mercedes Loya
		Greg Rutar	Lou Kuhnelt
9:00a	Kendra Stienmetz	Bill Schmidt	Rikki Sanchez
		Sue Schmidt	Dane Griggs
			Britt Marsh



WCCW CONVENTION

Wyoming Council of Catholic Women 71st annual Convention and Retreat September 19-21, 2025, in Lander. Registration and payment are due no later than Friday, August 29.

Registration is free for women ages 18-25, excluding meals, and they may attend any portion or all of the event. Registration forms are available in the parish office OR you may register by going to: <https://forms.gle/u7X7Jvg52aHHhc7R9> To learn more, go to: <https://wyomingccw.org/news>

Special Thanks

A special thank you was sent from St. Joseph's Children's Home for the donation that we made on the weekend of June 28-29. We collected \$870.00 for that collection. Thank you very much for your generosity. Fr. Ray

WELCOME

We hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. To register in one of our parishes, please visit the St. Rose office at 605 East 22nd Ave in Torrington or call 532-5556.

COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Additions to the bulletin are due by 7:00AM on Monday. Other forms of communication (website, Flocknote, Facebook) do not have a time constraint.

Contact triparish.bulletins@gmail.com,
or text/call Tam at 307-286-9663
with any announcement you may have.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Join us for a welcoming discernment retreat in Casper on September 21-22 at Our Lady of Fatima, designed for young men ages 16-30 exploring the possibility of priesthood. We'll gather Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and wrap up by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. It's a great first step for intentional discernment—hope to see you there!

VIRTUAL IGNATIUS BOOK FAIR

Looking for wholesome and engaging books for your kids or grandkids this school year? St. Rose is hosting a virtual Ignatius Book Fair September 17-23. You will have access to hundreds of religious and non religious books for ages preschool through high school. There is something for everyone with both fiction and nonfiction titles will available. All books purchased through the book fair will receive free shipping to St. Rose and may be picked up upon arrival. This is your chance to get quality reading material for all of the children in your lives (and don't forget about Christmas!). Be on the lookout the week before the book fair for information on accessing the book fair online. If you have any questions, please contact Mandy at (307) 575-9626.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE RETREAT



All are welcome to attend the fourth Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Saint Patrick Church, Casper, beginning at 9 am, and closing with Mass at 5 pm. The retreat focuses on hope for peace in the world and migrants. This theme coincides with Spes Non Confundit, paragraphs 8 and 13. Bishop Steven will open the retreat by discussing hope and the sources of hope: Word of God, Holy Spirit, Paschal Mystery, and Saints of Hope. Participants will join in Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, and engage in the Spiritual Conversation and a Mercy Hour. This will be a bilingual retreat, and lunch will be provided.



For planning purposes, the diocese requests that those who wish to attend should RSVP no later than September 15, 2025, by scanning the QR Code, or calling 307-638-1530, Ext. 102.

To read the Papal Bull, access the retreat agenda, learn about indulgences, and learn more about the Year of Jubilee, go to: <https://dcwy.org/jubilee2025-pilgrimsofhope>.

REMEMBER TO **PRAY** to End Abortion

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION



- Right. Preeminent among the Greek philosophers were Plato and Aristotle, who used reason to demonstrate that God exists.
- Although many of the Fathers of the Church—the earliest Christian writers—argued in favor of God's existence and his attributes, they hardly were the first to do so. The earlier Greeks got there before them, even if they worked under the disadvantage of not having Christian revelation to aid in their considerations.
- Thomas Aquinas is famous for giving five arguments for God's existence, but he lived in the 13th century and so could not have been the first to demonstrate that God's existence can be established through reason apart from revelation.
- Faith is not required to establish God's existence. This is why it is possible for those without the virtue of faith to prove that God exists. They use reason alone, which is sufficient.
- The first answer is the right answer.

HELP feed the KIDS

CCD Snacks

On Wednesday afternoon, there are 35 hungry kiddos who arrive at CCD. Would you like to sign up to feed them? Bring 35 snack and drinks at the parish kitchen by 3:30pm. Sign up



CCD Afternoon Snack Signups

CCD Meals

Dining together every Wednesday as a CCD family has blessed our program in more ways than can be counted. Would you like to sign up? Each sign-up would include dinner and dessert for 100 people; paper products are provided by the parish.



CCD Meal Signups

Megan will send a reminder when the time comes. Thank you for your generosity.

OR

Would you prefer to donate money electronically instead of buying the food? Here's your code.



Donate money to feed our children



If you would prefer to donate money the good old-fashioned way, please put it in the basket or take it to the office with a memo indicating its purpose.

ST. ROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration is open to all PreK through Senior students! Children must be four years old by September 1, 2025 to attend. Follow the QR code now to update your family information and register!

- **Preschool—2nd Grade:** 4:30—5:30 PM. Snacks served from 3:50—4:30PM
- **3rd Grade—Confirmation:** 6:30-7:30PM. Dinner served from 6:00—6:30PM
- **Youth Group:** 6:30—7:30 PM: Dinner served from 6:00—6:30PM



Religious Ed Registration

IMPORTANT DATES

September 17: Family Dinner at 6pm and Mandatory Meeting at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

September 24: CCD & Youth Group begin

MAIN STREET MARKET RECEIPTS

We would love your help supporting our Religious Education program! Please save all of your Main Street Market receipts. You can find boxes for collecting them in the back of the church, the parish office, and the religious education building. Thank you so much for your support!



TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Who were the first to establish that the existence of God can be known through reason alone, apart from revelation?

- Ancient Greek (pagan) philosophers
- The Fathers of the church (first through fourth centuries AD)
- Thomas Aquinas and other medieval theologians
- It is not true that God's existence can be known by reason alone; faith also is necessary.
- None of the above.

Volunteer needed

Are you looking for a fulfilling way to get involved in our community? We're on the hunt for an enthusiastic volunteer to join our team! You'll have the

exciting opportunity to manage the weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, and our online presence through our website, Flocknote, and Facebook.

This role is not just a commitment; it's a fun, challenging, and truly rewarding experience!

Could this be your chance to shine? We invite you to pray about it and consider joining us!

If you have any questions or want to learn more, please reach out to Fr. Ray at 532-5556 or Tam McAnelly at 286-9663. We can't wait to hear from you!



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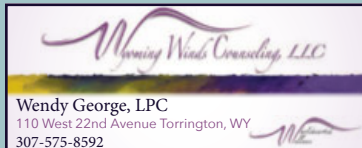
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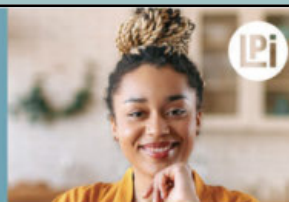
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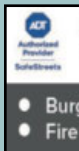
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