



St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church

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The heavens
being torn open
**AND THE SPIRIT
LIKE A DOVE**
descending
upon him

Matthew 3:16

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Sacraments

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 pm
Wednesday and Friday 8:15 am
First Saturday 8:15 am

Confession Times

Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
Thursday 6:30 pm --7:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 6:30 pm—7:30 pm
First Fridays 9:00am-6:00 pm

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January 11, 2026 • Baptism of the Lord

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called *Theophany* because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

—Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

Father Dennis Di Benedetto

In And Around Our Parish

CASINO NIGHT

St. Rose Casino Night is January 24th. 6:00pm - 11:00pm at the Park Pavilion. It's a fun filled night of Blackjack, Cash Hold'Em tables, Horse Racing game, Money Wheel, raffle items, tip boards and cash drawing of \$250. We will have Doc's pulled pork. Texas Hold'em Tournament is \$40 buy in - 80 player max - 80% payout. To pre-register for the Hold'em tournament please text Melissa Harris (260) 413-5205. We are seeking both monetary donations and or items for tip boards. You may mail or drop off any donations to St. Rose School or contact Melissa Harris. It's a great evening out having fun and supporting the school!

ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2026 meetings will be held every other month on the second Wednesday at 6:00 pm in parish hall. January 14, March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9, November 11.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle fundraiser for the purpose of meeting the needs of at-risk children and their families in our community. Bottles will be distributed after all Masses on January 17 & 18, 2026. Your spare change can make a difference!. For more information, visit: christchildsocetyfw.org.

ST. ROSE COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL INCREASE

As of January 2026, there will be a rental increase for the parish hall. Registered parishioners: \$150. Weddings \$250. Non-parishioners: - \$200. Weddings \$250. Damage Deposit remains \$100 (which will be returned based on the inspection after event). An additional \$95 Event Coverage is made payable to the Diocese of FW/SB. Please contact Cathy DeKoninck for reservations. (260) 438-4726

Events and Happenings

Parish Calendar

January 14 Altar & Rosary Sodality Meeting at 6:00 pm

February 18 Ash Wednesday

St. Rose School HASA Announcements:

January 24 Casino Night

March 14 Dinner, Dance & Auction Hawaiian Luau

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, January 13:

6:00 pm Carl Sorg/LLW
Family of the Day • *Duane & Rosie Doctor*

Wednesday, January 14: (SRS Chapel)

8:15 am +Linda Brames/JB
Family of the Day • *Jeanette Emenhiser*

Thursday, January 15:

6:00 pm John & Carole Johnson
Family of the Day • *Brad & Ricki Farnsworth*

Friday, January 16

8:15 am +Deceased Members of the Harvest House/MC(Chapel)
 9:00 am AdorationUntil 6:00 pm
Family of the Day • *Susan Feasby*

Saturday, January 17:

5:00 pm +Rosie Beauchot/LM
Family of the Day • *Paul & Michelle Fields*

Sunday, January 18:

8:00 am +David Castleman/EEC
 10:00am Pro Populo
Family of the Day • *Dan & Patty Foster*

An Accounting of Our Stewardship

December 28, 2025

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| Weekly Budgeted Amount Adults Collections | | \$2,884.61 |
| Actual Adult Collections • 48/193 | | \$1,930.00 |
| Loose | ..... | \$166.00 |
| Special Collections | | |
| School Support • 2/193 | ..... | \$1,250.00 |
| Building Maintenance • 3/193 | ..... | \$265.00 |
| Other Collections | | |
| Votive Candles | ..... | \$37.00 |
| First Offering • 1/193 | ..... | \$5.00 |
| Christmas Offering • 52/193 | ..... | \$3,345.00 |
| Christmas Offering Loose | ..... | \$377.00 |
| Christmas Flowers • 1/193 | ..... | \$10.00 |
| Altar & Rosary Sodality | ..... | \$5.00 |
| Diocesan Collections: | | |
| Religious Retirement • 1/193 | | \$25.00 |
| Catholic Charities • 7/193 | | \$208.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$7,623.00 |

January 4, 2026

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| Adult Collections • 49/193 | | \$3,985.00 |
| Loose | | \$423.00 |
| Special Collections | | |
| School Support • 5/193 | | \$225.00 |
| Building Maintenance • 18/193 | ..... | \$1,060.00 |
| Endowment Fund • | | |
| Other Collections | | |
| First Offering • 30/193 | ..... | \$200.00 |
| Christmas Offering • 1/193 | ..... | \$10.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary • 21/193 | ..... | \$515.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary Loose | ..... | \$80.00 |
| Altar & Rosary Sodality • 10/193 | ..... | \$50.00 |
| Diocesan Collections: | | |
| Religious Retirement • 1/193 | ..... | \$10.00 |
| Catholic Charities • 1/193 | | \$10.00 |
| Latin America • 5/193 | | \$95.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$6,788.00 |

DECEMBER SV ON-LINE GIVING

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| Adult | | \$2,232.00 |
| Building Maintenance | | \$2,053.00 |
| School Support | | \$ 328.00 |
| Grand Total | | \$4,613.00 |

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Fraternus is a Catholic mentoring and formation program for young men in grades 5–12. It brings boys together each week for faith-filled brotherhood, hands-on activities, sports, service, and guided discussions on virtue. Led by faithful adult men from our parish community, Fraternus provides a healthy, structured environment where young men can grow in confidence, character, leadership, and their relationship with Christ. Weekly meetings (“Frat Nights”) include prayer, a short lesson on virtue, and time for fun and fellowship. Once a month, the young men also participate in an excursion—such as hiking, service projects, or other activities—designed to build teamwork, resilience, and real-life skills. Fraternus also relies on the involvement of adult men. If you are an adult man of our parish (ages 18–80) and feel called to serve as a mentor and witness to the next generation, please contact Morgan Tippmann at morgan.tippman@sjnewhaven.org

ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

The Ecce Young Adult Choir is auditioning singers for the spring choir season! We are an acapella choir of Catholic young adults from all across Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio, dedicated to evangelization through the beauty of sacred music. February 1st is the last day to audition for our spring choir season! Interested singers should be practicing Catholics ages 18-33 and proficient at reading music, and must email Jessica Schuster, Director, to learn more and schedule an audition: jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com

Liturgical Ministers

January 17 & 18

Ushers

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Martin Family
 Sunday, 8:00 am Luddy Meyer & Tom Rennells
 Sunday, 10:00 am Neal Rothgeb & Jerome Kill

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Rose Jacobs
 Sunday, 8:00 am Linda Johnson
 Sunday, 10:00 am Joe Kohnen

Servers

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Bexley & Brady Parsons
 Sunday, 8:00 am Dakota Brames, Emmet Riley
 Sunday, 10:00 am Levi & Skylar Gerardot

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Oakly Spieth
 Sunday, 8:00 am Brooke Hoffman
 Sunday, 10:00 am Olivia Roussey