



St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON
BREAD ALONE.

MATTHEW 4:4

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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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February 22, 2026 • 1st Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor's Desk

The example of Christ fasting from food for forty days, should move even the coldest Christian heart to try to do something to make reparation for past negligence and sins. Christ had no sin to atone for; it was for our sins that he mortified himself. We all have much to atone for. If, because of the demands of our present way of life, we cannot fast rigorously as our grandparents did, we can find many other less noticeable, but maybe nonetheless difficult, ways of subduing our human worldly inclinations. Where there is a will there is a way; the willing Christian will find many ways of fasting.

The temptations, to which our Lord allowed himself to be submitted, are for us a source of encouragement and consolation. If our Lord and master underwent temptation, we cannot and must not expect to live a Christian life without experiencing similar tests and trials. The three temptations Satan put to our Lord were suggestions to forget his purpose in life--his messianic mission of redemption. He was urged to get all the bodily comforts of life, all the self-glory which men could give him, and all the possessions and power this world has to offer.

Our basic temptations in life are the same: bodily comforts and pleasure, the empty esteem of our fellowman, wealth and power. There are millions of men and women on earth today—many of them nominal Christians—who have given in to these temptations and are wasting their lives chasing after these unattainable shadows. But even should they manage to catch up with some of them, they soon find out that they are empty baubles. They will have to leave them so very soon.

Today, let each one of us look into his heart and honestly examine his reaction to these temptations. Do we imitate our Savior and leader, and say "begone Satan"? Our purpose in life is not to collect its treasures, its honors or its pleasures. We are here for a few short years, to merit the unending life which Christ has won for us. Would we be so foolish as to swap our inheritance for a mere mess of pottage (see Gen. 25:29-34)?

Lent is a golden opportunity to review our past and make sensible resolutions for our future.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Father Dennis Di Benedetto

In And Around Our Parish

COFFEE & DONUTS FEBRUARY 22nd

Coffee & Donuts will be served after the Sunday 8am Mass. Please join in fellowship.

LADIES ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 25 in the parish hall. This is the rescheduled meeting from January 14th. All ladies of our parish are encouraged to attend.

ST. ROSE DINNER, DANCE & AUCTION

The Dinner, Dance & Auction Hawaiian Luau is on March 14th at SRS Gymnasium. Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm. Dinner includes Broasted Chicken, Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad & Roll. Tickets are \$20. Silent & Live Auction, raffles, dinner and entertainment. New items and services are always needed to keep the auction going, year after year. If you would like to donate, you may drop off a donation to the school office or contact Melissa Harris at (260) 413-5205.

HALLOW SUBSCRIPTION

If you are interested in a complimentary one-year subscription to *Hallow*, please email Karen at strosemonroeville@outlook.com

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

Need two additional parishioner volunteers to count weekend contributions. Team rotations are every three weeks. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry for our parish. Contact the parish office at 623-3970 or email strosemonroeville@outlook.com.

LANDSCAPER MAINTENANCE NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to consider taking care of church and school landscaping maintenance. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Events and Happenings

Parish Calendar

Fridays during Lent	Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
February 24	Book Club 6:30 pm (Hall)
February 25	Altar & Rosary Sodality Mtg. 6pm
March 3	Book Club 6:30 pm (Hall)
March 10	The Light Is On For You
	Confessions 6:30-8:00pm
March 13	Student-Led Shadow Stations
March 18	Synod Consultation Meeting
March 23-25	Lenten Mission Speaker 7pm
March 31	Chrism Mass at Cathedral 7pm

St. Rose School HASA Announcements:

March 14	Dinner, Dance & Auction Hawaiian Luau (SRS Gym)
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Mass Schedule

Tuesday, February 24:

6:00 pm +Eleanor Van Horn/KJC
Family of the Day • Ann Hunter-Griebel

Wednesday, February 25:..... (SRS Chapel)

8:15 am +Mark Girgash/RR
Family of the Day • Jani Hunter

Thursday, February 26:

6:00 pm +Andy Heintzelman/MH
 6:30 pm Adoration & Confessions (Until 7:30pm)
 7:35 pm Rosary Walk
Family of the Day • Margaret Hunter

Friday, February 27:

8:15 am +Joe Beauchot/GJB (SRS Chapel)
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Family of the Day • Rose Jacobs

Saturday, February 28:

5:00 pm John & Carole Johnson/JN
Family of the Day • Helen Jacquay

Sunday, March 1:

8:00 am +Steve Swygart/MS
 10:00am Pro Populo
Family of the Day • Robert & Clara Johans

SYNOD CONSULTATION MEETING

Parishioners are invited to participate in the Diocese of FW/SB Synod Consultation for our parish. Discussion will be upon evangelization, catechesis, spiritual and liturgical life, vocations and outreach. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Please contact the parish office to RSVP at (260) 623-3970.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Teens in 9-12th grades are invited to a weekend retreat at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington on March 20-22. This retreat is being entirely planned by students, and many activities will be led by them. Join us for a weekend spent growing closer to the Lord and building stronger relationships with your friends and peers! More info: stcharlesfortwayne.org/thy-will

CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection in Central & Eastern Europe last week! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit: www.usccb.org/ccee.

ANNUAL NE INDIANA CATHOLIC MEDICAL RETREAT

One day retreat for ALL healthcare workers in the Fort Wayne/South Bend area. February 28th, 8:15am to 2:30pm at St. Vincent De Paul Church on Wallen Rd. Mass at 8:15 in main church followed by breakfast, talks and lunch in Spiritual Center A/B and ending with Eucharist Adoration and prayer. Cost is \$10. Students Free. **Must RSVP**, visit fortwayne.cathmed.org or call (260) 222-6978

MARCH CHURCH CLEANING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Jeff & Cathy DeKoninck & Diane Small

MARCH BREAD & WINE DONOR

Rose Jacobs In Memory of Jerry Jacobs

An Accounting of Our Stewardship

February 15, 2026

Weekly Budgeted Amount Adults Collections	\$2,884.61
Adult Collections • 51/193.....	\$2,165.00
Students (48).....	\$12.26
Loose.....	\$294.00
Special Collections	
School Support • 6/193	\$385.00
Building Maintenance • 4/193	\$350.00
Endowment Fund • 1/193.....	\$10.00
Other Collections	
Cemetery • 1/193.....	\$105.00
Diocesan Collections:	
Central Europe • 1/193	\$50.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,371.26

Liturgical Ministers

February 28th March 1st

Ushers

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Dennis Via & Larry Dawson
 Sunday, 8:00 am Tim Berry & Mark Riley
 Sunday, 10:00 am Jack Castleman & Jerome Kill

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Zach Vancall
 Sunday, 8:00 am Troy Robertson
 Sunday, 10:00 am Jaxon Feasby

Servers

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Bexley & Brady Parsons
 Sunday, 8:00 am Dakota Brames, Emmett Riley
 Sunday, 10:00 am . Elaina Renninger, Jakob Feasby

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Blane Ryan
 Sunday, 8:00 am Yvonne Wills
 Sunday, 10:00 am Jaxon Feasby