



St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church

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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

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School

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March 1, 2026 • 2nd Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor's Desk

This momentary vision of Christ, in his glory, was given in order to strengthen the three principal Apostles to face the trials to their faith, which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved master would bring on them. For the very same reason it is retold to us today, in the early part of Lent, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten mortification. It reminds us that, very soon, the Easter bells will be ringing out their message of joy once more. If we are sharers with Christ in his sufferings, we shall be sharers with him in his glory as St. Paul reminds us.

This is a truth we all too easily forget, namely, that we cannot and do not get to heaven in a limousine. Our spell on earth is the chance given us by our heavenly Father to earn an eternal reward. This reward surpasses even the wildest imagination of man. We could never earn it, but God accepts the little we can do and provides the balance of his infinite mercy. And yet there are many, far too many, who refuse even that little bit that is asked of them, and are thus running the risk of not partaking in God's scheme for their eternal happiness.

And are they any happier during their few years on this earth by acting thus towards the God of mercy? Can they, by ignoring God and their duties towards him, remove all pain, all sorrow, all sufferings, from their daily lives? Death, which means a total separation from all we possessed and cherished in this world, is waiting around the corner for all of us. Who can face it more calmly and confidently—he the man who is firmly convinced that it is the gateway to a new life, and who has done his best to earn admission through that gateway, or the man who has acted all his life as if death did not exist for him, and who has done everything to have the gate to the new life shut forever in his face?

Illnesses and troubles and disappointments are the lot of all men. They respect neither wealth, nor power, nor position. The man who knows his purpose in life, and is ever striving to reach the goal God's goodness has planned for him, can and will see in these trials of life the hand of a kind father who is preparing him for greater things. His sufferings become understandable and more bearable because of his attitude to life and its meaning. The man who ignores God and tries to close the eyes of his mind to the real facts of life has nothing to uphold him or console him in his hours of sorrow and pain. Yet, sorrow and pain will dog his footsteps, strive as he will to avoid them, and he can see no value, no divine purpose in these, for him, misfortunes.

Christ has asked us to follow him, carrying our daily cross, and the end of our journey is not Calvary but resurrection, the entrance to a life of glory with our risen Savior. The Christian who grasps his cross closely and willingly, knowing its value for his real life, will find it becomes lighter and often not a burden but a pleasure. The man who tries to shuffle off his cross, and who curses and rebels against him who sent it, will find it doubles its weight and loses all the value it was intended to have for his true welfare.

Let the thought of the Transfiguration encourage each one of us today, to do the little God demands of us, so that when we pass out of this life we may be assured of seeing Christ in his glory, ready to welcome us into his everlasting, glorious kingdom.

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

Father Dennis Di Benedetto

In And Around Our Parish

IN SYMPATHY

May God give comfort and peace to the family of Paul Cagnet who passed away on February 17th. May he rest in eternal peace.

ST. ROSE DINNER, DANCE & AUCTION LUAU

If you've been meaning to grab your tickets, now is the time! For \$20 ticket, you'll enjoy:

- * An adults-only tropical night out
 - * Dinner
 - * Incredible silent & live auction items
 - * Music and island fun
 - * A chance to make a real impact for our school
- You can also buy a table (8 seats) for \$150 and get a bucket of beer or wine at the event. Throw on a Hawaiian shirt. Come ready to sip, bid, and celebrate. Don't wait—get your tickets now! We can't wait to see you on the island. For tickets, Contact Melissa Harris at (260) 413-5205.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

St. Rose Spring Rummage Sale is April 16 & 17. Set up is Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15. All items will be moved from the garage on Monday, April 13 or Saturday, April 11 if the hall is available. Volunteers are needed to move and sort all donations. Please consider giving a block of your time for this fundraiser. As we spiritually "clean" for Easter, physically clean the attic, basement, closets and dressers for good, slightly used items. The garage is full, so please hold onto your donations until the set-up days.

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.

Events and Happenings

Parish Calendar

Fridays during Lent	Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
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
April 16-17	Spring Rummage Sale

St. Rose School HASA Announcements:

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

Tuesday, March 3:

6:00 pm +Phyllis Van Horn/AC
Family of the Day • Gary & Linda Johnson

Wednesday, March 4: (SRS Chapel)

8:15 am +David Castleman/JMC
Family of the Day • John & Carole Johnson

Thursday, March 5:

6:00 pm +Leo Martin/CM
 6:30 pm Adoration & Confessions (Until 7:30pm)
 7:35 pm Rosary Walk
Family of the Day • Sondra Johnston

First Friday, March 6:

8:15 am +Sharon Wenger/GJB..... (SRS Chapel)
 9:00 am Adoration..... (Until 6:00 pm)
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Family of the Day • Rachel Jones

First Saturday, March 7:

8:15 am Pro Populo
 5:00 pm +Max Meyer/NBR
Family of the Day • Jerome & Sheryl Kill

Sunday, March 8:

8:00 am +Tom Jacquay/JK
 10:00am Pro Populo
Family of the Day • Judy Kill

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.

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



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 22, 2026

Weekly Budgeted Amount Adults Collections	\$2,884.61
Adult Collections • 51/193.....	\$1,560.00
Students (48).....	\$39.11
Loose.....	\$476.01

Special Collections

School Support • 3/193	\$65.00
Building Maintenance • 2/193	\$220.00

Other Collections

Easter Flowers • 1/193.....	\$20.00
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Diocesan Collections:

Central & Eastern Europe • 8/193.....	\$148.00
Central & Eastern Europe • Loose Collection.....	\$632.00
Black & Indian • 10/193	\$245.00

GRAND TOTAL **\$3,405.12**

Liturgical Ministers

March 7th & 8th

Ushers

Saturday, 5:00 pm..	Larry Castleman & Joe Schmidt
Sunday, 8:00 am	Don Scott & Greg Smith
Sunday, 10:00 am	Tim & Joyce Kimmel

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 pm.....	Blane Ryan
Sunday, 8:00 am	Troy Robertson
Sunday, 10:00 am	Jaxon Feasby

Servers

Saturday, 5:00 pm.....	Maelyn Harris, Volunteer
Sunday, 8:00 am	Nobe Jones, Lillie Minnick
Sunday, 10:00 am .	Elaina Renninger, Jakob Feasby

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, 5:00 pm.....	Anessa Spieth
Sunday, 8:00 am	Joan Bultemeier
Sunday, 10:00 am	Jaxon Feasby