



# 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

**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-5:50pm

***St. Rose of Lima Catholic School***

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June 29, 2025 • Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A blessed feast of Saints Peter and Paul to you!

I would like to address a concern that has been brought to me by a few of our older parishioners regarding the air-conditioning in church. It has been expressed to me that it is too cold. I want you to know that I understand and respect this opinion. It is certainly not my intention to deliberately make others feel uncomfortable in church. The feelings of my parishioners are important to me. Similarly, I hope the feelings of your priest are important to you. In any community of people, whether a church congregation or a family, it is normal to have differences of opinion regarding how high or low the thermostat should be set. It simply isn't possible to please all the people all the time.

Having heard what a few of our parishioners think I would be grateful for the opportunity to share with you what I think. Hopefully we can arrive at a compromise that we can all live with out of Christian charity for one another. The reason it is cold in church is because I am terribly hot at every Mass I offer. Wearing many layers of beautiful but heavy vestments and standing under the lights while doing a combination of public speaking, singing, genuflecting, and the choreographed rituals of the Mass is actually harder than it appears. Most priests work up quite a sweat (especially us overweight ones)! I understand that, for the vast majority of Catholics, church is a place of leisure where folks spend one hour each Sunday getting spiritually recharged. For the priest, church is not a place of relaxation but of work. We are in there not once a week but every day. It is quite literally our jobsite, not unlike how a farm, factory, or office might be another man's jobsite. That being said, OSHA recommends temperatures be set between 68-76 degrees. Our church will follow this recommendation. I consulted two other local priests with similar size churches and they both said they set their thermostats to 68. I will try not to go that low. The Mass is the highest and greatest spiritual good that we have. But it is also an hour-long physical task that needs to be successfully accomplished, preferably without the priest becoming physically ill. Despite being Italian I am not an overly dramatic person. That being said, there have been several occasions during Mass when I thought to myself, "Am I going to pass out from the heat? What happens if I do?" What *won't* happen in that case is the continuation of the Mass. I guess what I'm trying to say is, I consider the comfort of all parishioners to be important, but the comfort of the priest is also at least as important, because if I go down "the Mass is ended" and we won't "go in peace!"

All joking aside, there is also an issue of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. Even if I don't pass out from the heat the tremendous amount of sweat that you can see all over my face causes several problems. Because the rubrics of the Mass require the priest to bow several times over the Most Holy Eucharist there have been occasions in which my sweat has dripped onto the Sacred Host or into the Precious Blood. Aside from being unsanitary this is not respectful to Our Lord. Other times the sweat gets into my eyes, burns them, and I can't read the missal. You may have noticed I often adjust my glasses. This is because the sweat on my nose makes them slide down, again making it difficult to read. I'm not trying to be a complainer, but I would like folks to understand a little bit better why it is cold in church. There are factors beyond Father's mere preference. Since priests are not allowed to celebrate the Holy Mass in shorts and a T-shirt (as nice as that would feel) I ask in all charity that any parishioner who feels cold please do me the favor of wearing an extra layer of clothing (or at least long sleeves).

Men are encouraged to wear a suit jacket and perhaps even a tie. In addition to being a warmer way to dress this would also dignify the celebration of the Mass by showing others it is an important occasion worth dressing up for. Ladies who are too cold might consider wearing a sweater or shawl and perhaps a hat or chapel veil since most of our body heat is lost through the head. Again, head coverings for ladies, though optional, are another way of showing extra reverence for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I'm thinking if we all dressed up for Mass the way people did in "the old days" that would totally solve the problem of anyone being too cold.

Finally, I offer a word of hope for the future. Recently the church restoration committee and I were looking at what needs to be done as we get closer to beginning work on restoring our beautiful St. Rose. We realized that the only vent for air-conditioning is in the back of church. There are no vents at all in the sacristy or the sanctuary. So, I fully understand how folks are too cold and I am too hot when the only air is coming from the choir loft and there is zero airflow where I am standing. We will be looking at more efficient ways to heat and cool our historic church. After our restoration is complete, I expect to be able to regulate the temperature in church in a much better way that will keep all of us healthy and comfortable. Until then, please do bear with me through these summer months. Believe me, I am not eager to cool the church any longer or lower than is absolutely necessary. I am very mindful of the bills, and I strive to be a good steward of our limited funds. If we can all continue dressing up for Mass during the winter months, we will be able to recover some of the costs that were lost in the summer on air-conditioning by not heating the church quite so hot in the winter. I think if we can just remember that church is a cooler place that might require a little extra clothing we can get through this together. I realize that is not the answer that everybody would like to hear but it is the best I can do for the time being. As with all uncomfortable things in life, we can offer them up to Jesus on the cross as a small sacrifice for the Poor Souls in Purgatory (another place that I have heard is quite hot in which I expect to spend a lot of time)!

**Father Dennis Di Benedetto**

# Mass Schedule

## Tuesday, July 1:

6:00 pm +Dale & Marjorie Anderson/MS  
Family of the Day • Joe & Carol Kohnen

## Wednesday, July 2:

8:15 am +Richard Howe, Jr. /DD  
Family of the Day • Rhiannon Lake

## Thursday, July 3:

6:00 pm +Leo & Donna Martin/MS  
6:30 pm Adoration & Confessions (Until 7:30pm)  
Family of the Day • Judy Lashure

## First Friday, July 4: (Adoration rescheduled to July 18)

9:00 am +Linda Brames/JB  
Family of the Day • Jason Lay

## First Saturday, July 5:

8:15 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory  
5:00 pm +Andy Heintzelman/MH  
Family of the Day • Kristina Lay

## Sunday, July 6:

8:00 am +Ronald & Patricia Bosley & Donna Beers/TLR  
10:00am Pro Populo  
Family of the Day • Sheryl Lay

# In & Around Our Parish

## FOURTH OF JULY MASS

Mass time will be 9:00 am. There will not be Adoration. It is rescheduled for July 18th.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—COUNCIL 10444

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

## YOUTH GROUP

Vacation Bible School, July 13-18  
Meeting July 23rd, 7-8:45pm at St. Louis Besancon.

## PARISH PICTORIAL UPDATE

The Parish Pictorials books are expected to be delivered to the parish office early to mid July. If you had your photo taken or submitted, your pictorial will be free. Extra pictorials will be available for purchase.

## ST HENRY MINISTRIES

Trader Joe's will be passed out on Wed., July 16th at 5:30 pm at St. Rose Church south parking lot.

## JULY BREAD & WINE DONOR

Susie Axson In Memory of John Axson

# An Accounting of Our Stewardship

## June 22, 2025

Weekly Budgeted Amount Adults Collections..... \$2,884.61  
Actual Adult Collections • 49/193..... \$2,062.00  
Loose..... \$350.00

## Special Collections

School Support • 7/193 ..... \$150.00  
Building Maintenance • 8/193..... \$100.00

## Other Collections:

Votive Candles..... \$43.50

## Diocesan Collections

Pentecost Seminar Education • 2/193 ..... \$70.00

**GRAND TOTAL** ..... **\$2,775.50**

# Events and Happenings

## Parish Calendar

**July 2** .....K of C Meeting 7:00 pm  
**July 13-18** .....Totus Tuus VBS  
St. Louis Besancon  
**July 18** .....First Friday Adoration  
..... Rescheduled  
**July 26/27** .....Food Bank Collection

# Liturgical Ministers

July 5th & 6th

## Ushers

Saturday, 5:00 pm ... Larry Castleman & Dennis Via  
Sunday, 8:00 am ..... Tom Rennels & Mike Hoffman  
Sunday, 10:00 am ..... Tim & Joyce Kimmel

## Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 pm .....Blane Ryan  
Sunday, 8:00 am .....Jim Cadoret  
Sunday, 10:00 am ..... Joe Kohnen

## Servers

Saturday, 5:00 pm ..... Maelyn Harris, Volunteer  
Sunday, 8:00 am ..... Levi Gerardot, Nobe Jones  
Lillie Minnick  
Sunday, 10:00 am ..... Caleb Taylor, Madeline Witte

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, 5:00 pm ..... Karen Baumert  
Sunday, 8:00 am ..... TBD  
Sunday, 10:00 am ..... Lucas Taylor