



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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July 19, 2026 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.

By acting thus, we will not only be helping a weak brother on the rugged road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Father Dennis Di Benedetto

In And Around Our Parish

IN APPRECIATION

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have stepped up and are volunteering their time & talent in maintaining church, school and cemetery grounds.

FEAST OF ST. ROSE CELEBRATION

Please save the date, Sunday, August 23rd. We are celebrating the Feast of St. Rose of Lima. Bishop Kevin Rhoades will be celebrating the 10:00 am Mass. Following the Mass, we will have a celebration at the parish hall with food and activities for the family. More details will be forthcoming in next bulletin.

APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Each year, the Mission Office of our diocese invites a missionary group to every parish to share about their mission work. This weekend, July 18-19, we will have this annual mission appeal. Foundation for Children in Need is a Catholic lay organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. Jo Anne Mullen-Muhr, longtime friend and supporter of FCN, is very happy to visit us and share all about the mission work of FCN. FCN sponsors 1500 children and college students to continue their education. 2200 children born with cleft lip and cleft palate have been helped with free corrective surgeries in the past twelve years. They help people suffering with muscular dystrophy with care and family support. They shelter and care for the elderly. They provide free medical check-ups and medicine to thousands of needy adults and children. FCN works in the interior villages of South India. We welcome Jo Anne, and encourage you to generously support this mission work. There will be a second collection taken up this weekend. To learn more about the work of FCN, please visit: www.fcn-usa.org.

Events and Happenings

Parish Calendar

July 25 & 26	Food Bank Collection
August 5	Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm
August 6-8	Harvest Fest Sausage Tent
August 12	First Day of School
August 23	Feast of St. Rose Lima Celebration with guest Bishop Kevin Rhoades
September 10-11	Fall Rummage Sale

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, July 21:

6:00 pm † Lois Dolezal/RJ
Family of the Day • Chris & Kelly Whelan

Wednesday, July 22:

8:15 am † Jack Harris/MH
Family of the Day • Angie Whitaker

Thursday, July 23:

6:00 pm † Rita Gerardot/HCG
6:30 pm Adoration & Confessions (Until 7:30pm)
7:35 pm Rosary Walk
Family of the Day • Gary & Yvonne Wills

Friday, July 24:

8:15 am † Randy Ternet/MS
Family of the Day • Don & Kelsey Witte

Saturday, July 25:

4:40 pm Rosary
5:00 pm † Alpha Kennedy/MH
Family of the Day • Vic Wurm

Sunday, July 26:

7:40 am Rosary
8:00 am † Susie Darras/RJ
9:40 am Rosary
10:00am Pro Populo
Family of the Day • Abigail Zelt



NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Join us for ENFLAME! Hosted by Kingdom Builders. October 3, 2026, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Food, Live Music, Shopping. Three phenomenal speakers. For more information: BUILDNGTHROUGHHIM.COM/CONFERENCE

An Accounting of Our Stewardship

July 12, 2026

Adult Collections • 39/193 \$1,637.00
Loose \$295.25

Special Collections

School Support • 6/193 \$195.00
Building Maintenance • 5/193 \$445.00

Other Collections

Votive Candles \$54.00

Diocesan Collections

Pentecost Seminary Education • 1/193 \$500.00
Venezuela Collection \$710.00

GRAND TOTAL **\$3,836.75**

ONLINE GIVING

Go to our website, www.strosedelima.org. Click on Parish Life to go to Online to create an account.

Liturgical Ministers

July 25th & 26th

Ushers

Saturday, 5:00 pm Martin Family
Sunday, 8:00 am Luddy Meyer & Mark Riley
Sunday, 10:00 pm Tim Kimmel & Neal Rothgeb

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 pm Sam Hetler
Sunday, 8:00 am Jim Cadoret
Sunday, 10:00 am Zach Vandall

Servers

Saturday, 5:00 pm Maddie Baumert, Tinley Evans
Sunday, 8:00 am Gavin & Maddox Taylor
Sunday, 10:00 am Caleb Taylor, Blaise Albrecht

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, 5:00 pm Sam Hetler
Sunday, 8:00 am Brooke Hoffman
Sunday, 10:00 am Lucas Taylor

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Prayerfully consider becoming a part of the liturgical ministry at St. Rose. We are currently in need for additional Lectors, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers. Please contact the parish office by email: strosemmonroeville@outlook.com or call (260) 623-6439.