



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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Principal • Mr. Travis Heckber

August 10, 2025 • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

As some of you have noticed, recent storms have taken shingles off the roof of our church. The roofers we brought in to repair the damage have informed us that we can expect to continue to see this same problem re-occurring in the future until we replace the roof entirely. "But Father! How can that be possible? We just replaced the roof of the church not that long ago!" That may be true, but it is my sad duty to inform you that, according to what we have been told, that previous roofer from Ohio did not use the correct materials and performed the job very hastily and at the wrong time of year. We tried to track that roofer down to make him correct his work, but he has since (perhaps unsurprisingly) gone bankrupt. After consultation with the finance council, the church restoration committee, and several parishioners who are in the trades and familiar with this issue, the decision has been made to replace our current roof with a metal one and be done with these types of issues once and for all. Pending diocesan approval this project will cost \$51,000. Believe me, it is not my desire to spend the parish's money unnecessarily, and nobody would be happier than me if this job had been done correctly the first time so that I wouldn't have to worry about it now.

As you heard me mention last weekend, the air-conditioning system in the school is also not working. Mr. Heckber and I are trying to figure out both temporary and long-term solutions for that problem. Suffice it to say this is a time for our parish to pull together and deal with these unexpected and major expenses. As Murphy's Law would have it, these problems came to our attention right around the same time we had our architect and potential general contractor visit our church to really get our long-awaited restoration project going.

I would be very grateful if every parishioner would pray about their sacrificial giving to our parish. I don't like to ask for money, but the sad reality is our parish needs quite a bit of it if we want to preserve, beautify, and cool our buildings. I don't have to tell you that things are more expensive today than they were many years ago. I could be wrong, but I think that most people decide at some point what they will give to the Church, whether a dollar amount or a percentage, and then never revisit the issue of tithing or sacrificial giving again. I encourage you to reconsider if it is possible to give more for the work of your parish. (And it truly is YOUR parish. I am only a temporary steward. But I truly would like to complete these projects because you all deserve a restored church and a school that doesn't feel like a sauna). Unlike many other churches we Catholics are not required to tithe ten percent of our income (though anybody is more than welcome to do that). What we ARE required to do, by Our Lord Himself, is to give to the point that it hurts a little bit. Consider the widow who gave two small coins to the Temple treasury compared to the rich people who gave a much greater amount. Jesus said she gave more than the rest because they contributed from their surplus wealth but she from her need. I ask the same of you. If you "have always" given 5% of your income to the Church, is it possible to increase that to 6% or 7%? If you "have always" given \$50 to the weekly collection, is it possible to increase that to \$60 or even \$75?

Please allow me to share with you my own story of tithing (yes, priests don't only ask for money but are also under the same obligation as all Catholics to support the Church). I have found it to be true that God is never outdone in generosity. That is to say, it is impossible that we will ever give Him more than He gives us. When I hear of a good cause I give to it, even if I can't afford to, because giving brings me joy and it is simply the right thing to do. (And I know that if I hang on to the extra money, I'll simply spend it on books I don't need). Whenever the balance of my account has gotten low as a result of giving a bit more than I can afford, inevitably somebody will come up to me and hand me cash, sometimes for no reason. Other times I'll receive a card from a relative with a check in it. God has never allowed me to suffer as a result of no longer having the money I gave to Him. I am confident He will treat you the same way if you trust Him. When we begin to prioritize the things of the Lord and joyfully give without counting the cost, then God will reward us abundantly. This isn't the "health and wealth" gospel. This is simply trusting that if we go the extra mile for the Lord He will go more than the extra mile for us. Your parish needs you, and unfortunately things break, and they cost money to fix.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to this beautiful parish that your ancestors sacrificed so much to build. They had even less money than us and much harder lives, yet they built a beautiful church that is now a historic landmark. Let us do now for our descendants what our forefathers did back then to benefit us today.

Father Dennis Di Benedetto

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, August 12: NO MASS

Wednesday, August 13:

8:15 am Jerome Rockenhaus(Church)
Family of the Day • Jordan & Emaly Brinkman

Thursday, August 14:

Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 pm +Jim Beauchot/LM
 6:30 pm Adoration & Confessions (Until 7:30pm)
Family of the Day • Gale Powelson

Friday, August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation).....(Church)

8:15 am +Clarence & Elizabeth Beauchot/GJB
 6:00 pm Pro Populo
 8:00 pm Men's Rosary Walk
Family of the Day • Ryan & Angela Purk

Saturday, August 16:

5:00 pm +Max Meyer/BCB
Family of the Day • Randy & Pam Redding

Sunday, August 17:

8:00 am Pro Populo
 10:00am +Jordan Miller/SM
Family of the Day • Jim & Mary Rennels

In & Around Our Parish

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

There will no Mass on Tuesday, August 12, Holy Day of Obligation—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15. See Mass schedule above.

SAUSAGE PATTIES

HASA is selling frozen sausage patties. \$30 for 24 patties. If you would like to buy some please contact Melissa Harris 260-413-5205.

ST HENRY MINISTRIES UPDATE

Produce from Trader Joe's will be passed out every Thursday evening at 5:30 pm at St. Rose Church south parking lot.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Rummage Sale is September 4th & 5th.
Need volunteers: Moving donations from garage to hall on Mon. Sept 1st (Labor Day). Time TBD. Set up will be Tues. and Wed. September. 2nd & 3rd.

AVE MARIA PRAYER & CONCERT

Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary
 September 7th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St. New Haven, IN. Join us! Free and open to all.

ACCOUNTING OF OUR STEWARDSHIP WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

Events and Happenings

Parish Calendar

August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
September 4 & 5 Fall Rummage Sale

School Calendar

August 11 1st Day of Preschool
August 28 & 29 No School
 Teacher In-Service
September 1 No School. Labor Day

Liturgical Ministers

August 14th & 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ushers

Thursday, 6:00 pm Tim & Joyce Kimmel
 Friday, 8:15 am SRS Students
 Friday, 6:00 pm Larry Dawson & Volunteer

Lectors

Thursday 6:00 pm Rose Jacobs
 Friday, 8:15 am SRS Students
 Friday, 6:00 pm Blane Ryan

Servers

Thursday 6:00 pm Volunteer
 Friday, 8:15 am SRS Students
 Friday, 6:00 pm Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday 6:00 pm Tim Kimmel
 Friday, 8:15 am Starr Harless
 Friday, 6:00 pm Blane Ryan

August 16th & 17th

Ushers

Saturday, 5:00 pm Larry Dawson & Dan Scott
 Sunday, 8:00 am Luddy Meyer & Don Scott
 Sunday, 10:00 am Jack Castleman & Jerome Kill

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 pm Karen Castleman
 Sunday, 8:00 am Troy Robertson
 Sunday, 10:00 am Jim Cadoret

Servers

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, 5:00 pm Oakly Spieth
 Sunday, 8:00 am Brooke Hoffman