



St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church

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Blessed is the one
**who takes no
offense at me**

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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 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School

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December 14, 2025 • Third Sunday of Advent

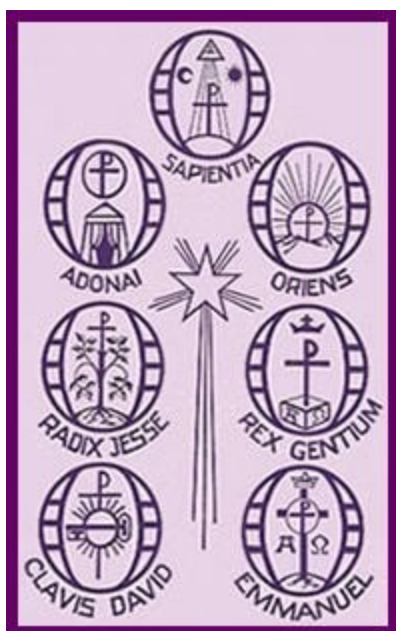
From the Pastor's Desk

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The term *Gaudete* refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

December 17 marks the beginning of the **O Antiphons**, the seven jewels of our liturgy, dating back to the fourth century, one for each day until Christmas Eve. These antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies and types of Christ. The Church in these following Golden Nights travels through the centuries recalling the longing for the Redeemer. December 17 begins with **O Wisdom (O Sapientia)**.

Father Dennis Di Benedetto



In And Around Our Parish

ADVENT GIVING TREES

The Ladies Altar & Rosary Sodality are sponsoring the Advent Giving Tree to benefit local charitable organizations. In addition, there will be a Giving Tree for the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem. **(See below for more information on the Holy Family Hospital)** Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated. The Giving Trees will be displayed in the Parish Hall lobby. Please deliver your donations to the hall before/after weekend Masses. Flyers are located in the back of church.

HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL

At Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem, every baby born is a testament to hope and love. This Christmas, you can be a part of their journey. Throughout Advent, our Giving Tree will have angel tags supporting Holy Family Hospital, a maternity hospital located just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ. Your gift provides life-saving medical care and brings hope to expectant mothers and newborns in a time of treat uncertainty. For more information, visit www.birthplaceofhope.org

CANDY & COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 20th from 9:00am-12:00pm
At the Parish Hall. Donations of candy & cookies will be appreciated. Please deliver your goodies on Friday or on Saturday morning by 8:30 am.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Celebrating with St. Louis Besancon and St. John's New Haven Altar & Rosary Sodalities. Saturday, December 20th from 1:00-4:00pm at St. Rose Parish Hall. Lunch provided. Optional gift to share \$5-\$10 limit. Bring unwrapped baby item for the Women's Care Center. RSVP to Judy Kill (260) 692-2682 (text or VM) by December 1st.

Events and Happenings

Parish Calendar

December 20 Altar & Rosary Sodality Events:
Cookie & Candy Walk—8 am-12pm
Christmas Party —1pm-4pm

St. Rose School Calendar

December 18 Christmas Program at School
December 24 Christmas Pageant at Church
Dec. 22-Jan. 5 Christmas Break

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 16

6:00 pm +David Castleman/JJC
Family of the Day • Andrew Castleman

Wednesday, December 17:

8:15 am +Leo & Donna Martin/BDR (SRS Chapel)
Family of the Day • Ann Castleman

Thursday, December 18:

6:00 pm +Jerry Jacobs/LPM
6:30 pm Adoration & Confessions (Until 7:30pm)
7:35 pm Rosary Walk
Family of the Day • Dan Castleman

Friday, December 19:

8:15 am +Julie Peters/JP (SRS Chapel)
Family of the Day • Dennis & Melinda Castleman

Saturday, December 20:

5:00 pm +Bob, Sharon & Jon Wenger/LC
Family of the Day • Diana Castleman

Sunday, December 21:

8:00 am +LaVon Ertel/JJM
10:00am Pro Populo
Family of the Day • Ed & Edna Castleman

HOLIDAY MAGIC BAKE SALE PROFITS

Thank you to all of the St. Rose bakers for the donations of delicious treats for the Holiday Magic bake sale. We had a profit of \$185.50.

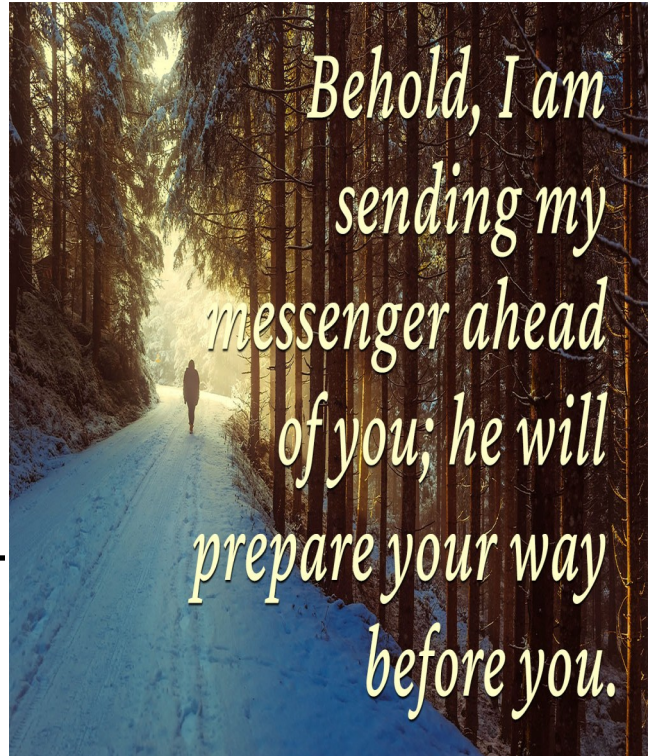
ST. ROSE COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL INCREASE

Beginning January 1, 2026, there will be a rental increase for the parish hall.

Registered parishioners: \$150. Weddings \$250

Non-parishioners: - \$200. Weddings \$250.

Damage Deposit remains \$100 (which will be returned based on the inspection after event)



An Accounting of Our Stewardship

December 7, 2025

Weekly Budgeted Amount Adults Collections \$2,884.61
Actual Adult Collections • 44/193 \$1,975.00
Loose \$223.00

Special Collections

School Support • 2/193 \$240.00
Building Maintenance • 22/193 \$1,707.00
St. Rose Endowment • 1/193 \$50.00

Other Collections

Votive Candles \$91.00
Christmas Offering • 4/193 \$50.00
Immaculate Conception • 7/193 \$85.00
Christmas Flowers • \$75.00

Diocesan Collections

Religious Retirement • 3/193 \$70.00
Catholic Charities • 3/193 \$80.00

GRAND TOTAL \$4,646.00

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL REPORT (As of 12/10/25)

Parish Goal: \$16,339.27
Total Pledged: \$26,538.28

Liturgical Ministers

December 20 & 21

Ushers

Saturday, 5:00 pm.... Gary Beauchot & Joe Schmidt
Sunday, 8:00 am Tim Berry & Don Scott
Sunday, 10:00 am Tim & Joyce Kimmel

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Joe Kohnen
Sunday, 8:00 am Linda Johnson
Sunday, 10:00 am Jaxon Feasby

Servers

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Bexley & Brady Parsons
Sunday, 8:00 am Dakota Brames, Emmet Riley
Sunday, 10:00 am Levi & Skylar Gerardot

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, 5:00 pm..... Oakly Spieth
Sunday, 8:00 am Brooke Hoffman
Sunday, 10:00 am Jaxon Feasby