

# Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## February 15, 2026



### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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#### Mass Times

8:00 a.m. Tues

4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil

*Office Hours Mondays 10 -Noon*



### ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

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#### Mass Time

8:30 a.m. Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday, Thursday



### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Rushford, MN 55971

#### Mass Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday

9:00 a.m. Friday

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#### Sixth Sunday, February 15

SIR 15:15-20

1 COR 2:6-10

MT 5:17-37

#### Monday, February 16

JAS 1:1-11

MK 8:11-13

#### Tuesday, February 17

JAS 1:12-18

MK 8:14-21

#### Wednesday, February 18

##### *Ash Wednesday*

JL 2:12-18

2 COR 5:20-6:2

MT 6:1-6, 16-18

#### Thursday, February 19

DT 30:15-20

LK 9:22-25

#### Friday, February 20

IS 58:1-9a

MT 9:14-15

#### Saturday, February 21

IS 58:9b-14

LK 5:27-32

#### First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 22

GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7

ROM 5:12-19

MT 4:1-11

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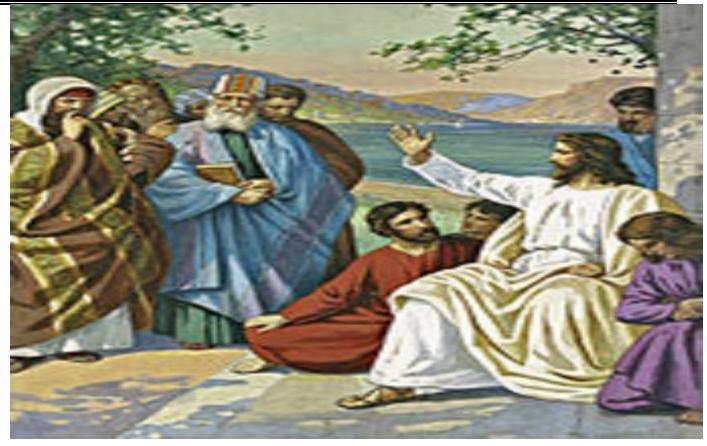
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He said to him, “see that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. Mark 1:44-45b



# This Week's Masses & Intentions

**Tuesday February 17**

8:00 am Holy Trinity  
8:30 am Holy Trinity

*Gary & JoAnn Galewski +  
Adoration*

**Wednesday February 18**

8:30 am Holy Trinity  
10:00 am St. Joseph  
6:30 pm St. Rose of Lima

*Mary Rowekamp +  
Diane Nikunen +  
Mary Finn +*

**Thursday February 19**

8:30 am St Rose of Lima

*Elmer Fabian +*

**Friday February 20**

9:00 am St Joseph

*Paul Dvorak +*

10:00 am Valley View

*The People of the Parishes*

**Saturday February 21**

4:30 pm Holy Trinity

*Gerald & Helen Speltz +*

**Sunday February 22**

8:30 am St. Rose of Lima

*People of the Parishes +*

10:00 am St Joseph

*Deceased member of the*

*Robert Mueller Families +*

## Adoration times:

St Rose First Wednesday

8:30 am – 8:30 pm

Holy Trinity Tuesdays

7:00 am – 8:00 am

St Joseph First Friday

9:30 am - 10:30 am

## Reconciliation times:

St Rose: Sunday and Wednesday

8.00 - 8:20 am

Holy Trinity: Saturday

4.00 - 4:20 pm

St Joseph: Friday

8:30 - 8:50 am

*Or by appointment.*

**New Parishioners** are invited to contact the Tri-Parish Office at 507-523-2428 or [office@st-rose.org](mailto:office@st-rose.org).

**Baptism:** Baptisms are regularly celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses or by appointment. Parents are asked to meet with Fr. Chinnappa before the baptism of their first child. Please call the Tri-parish office to set the date of the baptism.

**Marriage** - Instruction must begin at least six months in advance. Please contact Fr. Chinnappa to begin the preparation process. An Engaged Encounter or similar course is also required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The sacrament is available before or after Mass on request or arrangements can be made with Fr. Chinnappa for Hospital or Home Visits.

## Need Prayers?

Call Rosie Moger 507-429-5525 St Rose of Lima  
Barb Mensink 507-864-2183 St Joseph  
Paula at Office 507-689-2351 Holy Trinity  
Call with all requests or to join the group.

**Prayer Requests:** Chuck Woodford, Therese Elliott, Bill Schultz, Fr. Bill Kulas, Ben Krussell, Ken Vogel, Kevin Ferden, Emersyn Maschka, Gina McRae, Ed Vaughn, Jill Hagg, Ron Ruhoff

**Mass Intentions for your loved ones needed?** Please contact Tri-Parish office: 523-2428 or drop \$10 per intention in the offertory basket. Thank you.

## Holy Trinity

**Giving, ..... February 7, 2026**  
Church Support..... \$ 1625.00

## Liturgical Ministry – February 21, 2026

Lector: Terry Full  
EMHC Brennan Farley, Leo Speltz, Maureen Speltz  
Cantor: Kevin O'Brein  
Usher: Steve & Bonnie Kalmes  
Gifts: Roger & Jane Maschka  
Server: Juniper & Basil Lingen  
Greeter: Rebecca McCormick, Jodi Rivers

## St. Rose of Lima

**Giving, ..... February 8, 2026**  
Church Support..... \$ 2275.00

## Liturgical Ministry – February 22, 2026

Lector: Rick Speltz  
EMHC: Shelly DePestel, Dean DePestel, Kelly Dahl  
Servers: Damian Gossen, Clara Gossen, Allyn Gossen, Lincoln Puetz  
Ushers: Kenneth Peterson, Karin Peterson Tim Hennessy, Cory Schmitz

## St. Joseph

**Giving..... February 8, 2026**  
Church Support..... \$ 2620.00

## Liturgical Ministry – February 22, 2026

Lector: Jacob Kramer  
Usher & Cross: Marv & Marcie Hosch  
Rosary: Gary Marcoux  
Offertory: Bob & Anne Spartz  
EMHC: Chris Hammell, Jo Bingaman, Steve Feldmeier  
Sacristan: Mike & Sandee Jerezek

## Create in Me a Pure Heart

This guide developed by the United States Catholic Bishops Committee on Family and Youth offers a robust vision to help people heal from the negative effects of pornography and to protect young people from its dangers. It gives those who struggle with pornography hope that freedom from its grip is possible.

Finally, it supports all people of goodwill working toward a culture of purity and authentic love that upholds the dignity of every human person. You may follow the link: <https://www.usccb.org/pureheart>

## Tri-Parish News and Notes

**Lenten Season begins soon on February 18 with Ash Wednesday.** Masses with blessing and distribution of ashes are at 8:30 am HT; 10:00 am SJ and 6:30 pm SR. It will be a Day of Abstinence & Fasting. Easter will be on Sunday April 05.

- 1) On Fridays of Lent praying Stations at St. Joseph's after Mass.
- 2) On Wednesdays praying stations at St. Rose 6:30 pm.
- 3) On Saturday's and Sundays before Mass Confessions and Divine Mercy Prayer.
- 4) On Fridays of Lent: Day of Abstinence.
- 5) Individual Reconciliation Available before Masses and on request.
- 6) Preparatory spiritual reading leaflets available at the Narthex.
- 7) Kids programs like Rice Bowl, giving during Mass, children's Mass.

**The Collection on February 18 Ash Wednesday** is meant to support the Church in **Central and Eastern Europe**. It helps the Church in Hungary and 27 other countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. More information about the collection and the range of projects it supports can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). Please be generous.

**Group Discussions on the Post-Synodal Exhortation of Bishop Barron during Lent:** All the three Parishes of the cluster are planning on having discussions for planning on what can be done in our parishes in the years ahead. Those interested may please sign up and participate and give your valued proposals for the Pastoral Council to finalize.

### St. Joseph News and Notes

**Stations of the Cross:** conducted Wednesday evening at 6 pm Starting **February 25** going all throw out Lent.

**First Reconciliation:** Prayers for Grant Boyum and Madelyn Laufenberg receiving their first one.

St. Joseph CCW is having a Valentine Bake Sale on Saturday, February 14th from 9AM until 1PM, or until items have been sold. Thank You for your support!

### Holy Trinity News and Notes

Holy Trinity will be offering Season 5 of **The Chosen** on **Thursdays beginning February 5th and every Thursday until March 26th** starting at 8:30 AM in the HTCC. Plan for up to two hours of viewing & discussion. Season Five has 8 episodes. Each episode begins with Jesus and His Disciples gathered for the Last Supper

with flash backs to events that occurred prior to them gathering and ending with the betrayal & arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Please join us as we begin preparing for and during the Lenten season. There will be a sign-up sheet in the HT Narthex, or you can contact Becky McCormick at 507-689-0398 to sign up/or get more information.

**Children's Giving:** As part of the Lenten season and continuing hereafter, we aim to encourage children to engage in almsgiving and service. Children's donation envelopes are available through Faith Formation and following Mass for families who wish to participate. During Mass, there will be a designated moment for children to approach the altar and place their envelopes or donations into a basket during the presentation of the gifts. We appreciate your involvement and commitment to instilling in your child the value and satisfaction of generosity.

**Holy Trinity Holiday Choir:** We are excited to announce that the **Holy Trinity Holiday Choir** will begin rehearsals on **March 8** at 7 pm! We will be practicing for our Good Friday service at 12 noon and our Easter Sunday Morning service at 10 am. All are welcome to join us and participate in making a joyful noise! If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Tammy Schmit at 507-689-2469. I look forward to seeing you there and making beautiful music together.

Please join us for the **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner** to be held Thursday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 to 7 p.m.— Adults tickets are \$12.00, children 4-10 years of age, \$6.00 and 3 and under eat free. Dine in or carry out! Tickets are available through Faith Formation families and a few businesses in town. \*\* There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for cookies if you are able. If not, no worries. Thank you in advance for your support. Can't wait to see you all there!

### St. Rose' News and Notes

**Mission Supper** Coming soon **March 12**. Turkey and all the trimmings. Prepare to help, give and serve at the supper.

**Save the Date:** Young Family Brunch Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> after mass. This is for families with children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.

### Community News and Notes

**IHM Seminary will host "Come and See" on March 14-16.** This is an excellent opportunity for young men thinking about a vocation to priesthood to experience seminary life. To register contact the Vocations Director: [bmulligan@dowr.org](mailto:bmulligan@dowr.org)

**Lent is more than a countdown to Easter:** Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season

with intention. Tune in on **970 AM in Austin/Rochester** or listen online at [RealPresenceRadio.com](http://RealPresenceRadio.com)

**St Paul's Potluck:** All are invited to a community gathering at St. Paul's Church in Minnesota City, Sunday, February 22 at 1:00. It will be potluck - bring a dish to share. Coffee and milk will be provided.

### **Day of Prayer and Action with FSPA**

Saturday March 28th. 9:30-3:00 Young adults and people discerning their vocation are welcome to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, Wisconsin for a day to experience Franciscan prayer and service to those on the margins. Meals and snacks provided. Email [vocations@fspa.org](mailto:vocations@fspa.org) or call 608-782-5610 ext 550 to register and learn more. Register by March 20th.

## **"The Only Way to God"**

We live in a world of duplicity. It is a world of double standards and selfishness. And while there are countless good people around us – the honest and sincere ones have a very difficult time.

Many people do only the minimum. They cut corners wherever they can. Others are very angry in their relationships – and with life itself. They are always on the verge of exploding. Still others, seek only to satisfy themselves. They have no concern for the harm they do to others.

Nevertheless, why do some people refuse to succumb to the ways of the culture and the world? How is it that some never compromise on the important choices? Today's scriptures have much to teach us regarding what we have considered thus far.

Sirach reveals that keeping God's Commandments is the only way to salvation. God's Commandments are only an outline for how He expects us to live and behave. However, we all have free will. We can choose to abide by those Commandments or not! If we keep them, we will possess the water of life now and in the future. If we do not, then the fury of fire will always sear our souls and our lives!

Unfortunately, we come into the world with damaged DNA. This is due to the Original Sin of our first parents. They chose the easy way, the attractive way, the pleasurable way, the selfish way. And they lost so much in doing so. Unfortunately, we continue to pay the same price whenever we sin in even the smallest way.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches us that God's Commandments have great depth and nuance. We must be better than the scribes and Pharisees of his time. Most of them lived lives of

duplicity. They kept every legality - But their minds, hearts, and lives were lacking in love, care, and concern for others.

Consequently, Jesus reminds us that murder is wrong. But so are other things we do that hurt others and bring pain to them. Demeaning others, calling them names, harboring hatred and animosity are just some examples. Yet, all these sins of our heart and mind are known to God! Because Sirach also said – God knows and sees all things – even those never spoken or acted upon.

Jesus also teaches us that adultery is always wrong. But so are the thoughts, desires, and behaviors that compromise the procreative act in any way. Thus, pornography and all LGBTQ+ lifestyles are forbidden – for they destroy our souls!

Furthermore, we must cut ourselves off from all other enticements as if they were an eye, or a hand, figuratively speaking. Thus, the choices are before us: the easy way now or the hard way of self-denial that leads to eternal life!

It's tragic that divorce is so prevalent in our Western world today. True marriage can never be a contract as most suppose it to be. Contracts can be broken – hence, the high divorce rate. Authentic marriage is a covenant. It is like what God has with us. It can't be broken. It continues to exist no matter what the other party believes or does! However, covenants require maturity and self-integration. Marriages fail because these essentials were absent.

Finally, Jesus urges us to never use subterfuge or insincerity when we speak. Our word must be our bond. "Yes" or "No" are words that no one should be afraid to say!

Brothers and Sisters, the Gospel way of Jesus is never easy. Nevertheless, St. Paul gives us great encouragement and hope. The Wisdom behind God's plan is not the wisdom of the world. God's Wisdom is mysterious. It is filled with wonderful, hidden realities. It surpasses even the wildest dreams that we can imagine. For "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it even entered into our hearts what God has prepared for those who love Him"!

So, let us strive always to do God's will - When we fail with our sins, let us repent and change - Let us sever any ties that impede our journey - And may God continue to bless us in His Mysterious Ways! Amen.