

# First Sunday of Lent

## February 22, 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*

### First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 22

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

ROM 5:12-19

MT 4:1-11

### Monday, February 23

LV 19:1-2, 11-18

MT 25:31-46

### Tuesday, February 24

IS 55:10-11

MT 6:7-15

### Wednesday, February 25

JON 3:1-10

LK 11:29-32

### Thursday, February 26

EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25

MT 7:7-12

### Friday, February 27

EZ 18:21-28

MT 5:20-26

### Saturday, February 28

DT 26:16-19

MT 5:20-26

### Second Sunday of Lent, March 1

GN 12:1-4a

2 TM 1:8b-10

MT 17:1-9



### ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

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#### Mass Time

8:30 a.m. Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday, Thursday

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#### Mass Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday

9:00 a.m. Friday

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As we begin this sacred season of Lent, we turn our hearts toward You. In the wilderness of our lives, guide us with your light and strengthen us against temptation. Teach us to fast from selfishness, to feast on Your Word, and to give generously from the love You have placed with us.

May our prayer draw us closer to You, our fasting free us from what holds us back, and our almsgiving open our hearts to others.

# This Week's Masses & Intentions

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 24</b>	
8:00 am	Holy Trinity	<i>Chris Schultz+</i>
8:30 am	Holy Trinity	<b>Adoration</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 25</b>	
8:30 am	St. Rose of Lima	<i>John Siemek +</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 26</b>	
8:30 am	St Rose of Lima	<i>Charles Schultz</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 27</b>	
9:00 am	St Joseph	<i>Intentions of Sandy Rumstick</i>
10:00 am	Good Shepherd	<i>The People of the Parishes</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 28</b>	
4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	<i>Vincent &amp; Susie Speltz+</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 1</b>	
8:30 am	St. Rose of Lima	<i>Dick Kalmes+</i>
10:00 am	St Joseph	<i>Tom Hovde+</i>

**Adoration times:**

St Rose <b>First</b> Wednesday	8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Holy Trinity Tuesdays	7.00 am – 8.00 am
St Joseph <b>First</b> 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, Theresea Elliott, Bill Schultz, Fr. Bill Kulas, Ben Krussell, Ken Vogel, Kevin Ferden, Emersyn Maschka, Gina McRae, Ed Vaughn, Jill Hagg

**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 14, 2026**  
 Church Support..... \$ 1018.00

**Liturgical Ministry – February 28, 2026**

**Lector:** Morwen Gerson  
**EMHC:** Kristi Bonnie, Bonnie & Steve Kalmes  
**Cantor:** Tammy Schmit  
**Usher:** Terry Full, Louise Kalmes  
**Gifts:** Mary & Leo Speltz  
**Servers:** Charlie & Bernadette Lingen  
**Greeters:** Rebecca McCormick, Jodi Rivers

## St. Rose of Lima

**Giving, .....** **February 15, 2026**  
 Church Support..... \$ 2196.00

**Liturgical Ministry – March 1, 2026**

**Lector:** Eric Speltz  
**EMHC:** Kelly Dahl, Dean DePestel, Shelly DePestel  
**Servers:** Lydia Pilger, Leah Kurth, Shawn Kurth, Olivia Kurth  
**Ushers:** Ken Peterson, Karin Peterson  
 Joe Daley, Jayden Hansen

## St. Joseph

**Giving.....** **February 15, 2026**  
 Church Support..... \$ 6455.00

**Liturgical Ministry – March 1, 2026**

**Lector:** Marcie Hosch  
**Usher & Cross:** Jim Culhane, Gary Marcoux  
**Rosary:** Barb Mensink  
**Offertory:** Jim & Mary Reinhardt  
**EMHC:** Barb Mensink, Johnny Micheel, Coleen MCManimon  
**Sacristan:** Luanne Dvorak

**Diocesan Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, Giver of all good things, your Son told us to beg You to send workers into Your rich harvest, and so we have the confidence to ask You to raise up an abundance of priests in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Send us good and holy men to respond to Your call, to lay down their lives in service to Your people. We know that the Church comes from the Eucharist and the Eucharist comes from priests. Therefore, Gracious God, send us priests to build up Your Church, through Jesus who is High Priest and Lord forever and ever. Amen.

## Tri-Parish News and Notes

**Lenten Season began on February 18 with Ash Wednesday.** Easter will be on Sunday April 05. These are the programs during this Holy Season.

- 1) On Fridays of Lent praying Stations at St. Joe's after Mass.
- 2) On Wednesdays praying stations at St. Rose 6.30pm.
- 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

**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 throughout Lent.

Then just on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> after Stations we will be having a **prayer service hour** in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**CCW Meeting Today** after Mass in the Hall.

### 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!

**Church Painting:** The church painting will begin during the next week and may go on for two months. This is being taken up after 30 years, thanks to a 52% donation by a former alumnus. Memorial donations are invited towards cost of painting. During this time, we will have all the church services in HT Community Hall. Volunteers requested help setting up the hall. For info contact Mary Berg 507-410-2194.

**Message from Ben & Elle Tibor Family:** It's hard to believe that so much time has passed since that incredibly windy evening in May, when we experienced a fire at our place. We were very blessed that no one was hurt. We are also very grateful for the support offered by the Holy Trinity community and want to share our appreciation. Special thanks also to Theresa Speltz for all her coordination and care.

### St. Rose' News and Notes

**May they Rest in the Peace of Christ:** We pray for our beloved deceased **Gloria Burns** and **Donna Brown** whose funerals were during the past week. May their loved ones find comfort and reassurance in God, our Father. Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord.

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

**Save the Date:** Young Family Brunch Sunday March 1st after Mass. This is for families with children in 5th 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)

**The Kevin Matthews Story** February 22 at 1:30pm St Mary's University or 2-23-26 at 6pm in Aquinas - Lacrosse, WI see flyers.

**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.

### **“The Proving Ground of Life”**

In our world today, the most important roles, jobs, and professions involve a probationary period. People must prove themselves capable at each step of their advancement. There are special tests that must be passed – sometimes even endured – for many different positions. Thus, students must prepare for exams on every level - Probationary periods are necessary for law-enforcement officers - Being a journeyman is necessary before a master's license - Internship is required before full medical practice - And Q courses must be endured before becoming a Green Beret!

The Book of Genesis reveals that being a fully developed human being is no different. God created us to know, love, and serve Him in this life – and in the next. God created us for an eternal life of bliss and glory with Him in Heaven. However, our first parents had to prove themselves - And so must we. Sadly, they not only failed – but they lost everything in the process. Our original progenitors had no idea what could have been theirs. They didn't know that they were on probation and being tested.

Furthermore, they had no idea of the evil, the hatred, and the cunning of satan. Satan was a fallen angel. He was created to love and serve the Godhead. But satan refused to do so from the beginning - Because he wanted to be a god himself! Thus, satan became the ruler of all rebellion, darkness, and sin. Moreover, he sought to expand his kingdom of misery. He wanted others to experience something of his hell - his eternal pain, loss, and abandonment. And

he saw our first parents as suitable additions. Consequently, satan used his cunning and lies to tempt Adam and Eve.

In their sin and failure, the physical and spiritual DNAs of our first parents were changed. They became subject to suffering, to pain, and to physical death. Their minds were darkened – their wills were weakened - And after death, their souls lived on in a world of emptiness. But satan would not have the last word. God could not – and would not – be bested.

So God sent His Son into the world as Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was the perfect human being. He also had a perfect spiritual DNA. But Jesus had to live a normal human life. And Jesus did so by listening to – and responding to – the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the desert. There he would have to pass a severe test and prove himself. It is noteworthy that the Holy Spirit inspired Jesus to pray and fast to strengthen his soul. Consequently, Jesus was able to best satan at every turn. This was despite satan's cunning and deceit.

The temptations were about pleasure and satisfaction, adulation and praise, wealth and power. The answers of Jesus teach us that we cannot live a fully human life by feeding only our bodies. We must also nourish our souls with the spiritual gifts from God. Our egos will never be satisfied with all the praise, adulation, and notoriety that come with success and accomplishment. And all the wealth and power anyone can possess is worthless – unless we serve God with it and use it in Godly ways!

In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul sums up the dramatic difference between Adam and Jesus Christ who is the New Adam. The first Adam sinned and lost everything. He disobeyed God and brought condemnation and death to everyone after him. But Jesus, the New Adam, obeyed the Father in all things. And he brought forgiveness and eternal life. These were available to all those who could follow him – and live their lives according to his Gospel way.

And so, Brothers and Sisters, it's up to each of us to live that Gospel way of life. Our whole life here is a test. We live in the proving ground of that test. Grace can overpower the defects of our spiritual DNA. But we must choose to accept that grace. We must pray. We must deny ourselves. We must be willing to be led by the Holy Spirit every day. So let us continually pray that we are always up to that task! Amen.

*February 22, 2026 Msgr. Russell G. Terra*