

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 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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Lewiston, MN 55952

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Mass Time

8:30 a.m. Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday, Thursday



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

111 N. Mill St.
Rushford, MN 55971

Mass Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday

9:00 a.m. Friday

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Ascension of the Lord, May 17

ACTS 1:1-11

EPH 1:17-23

MT 28:16-20

Monday, May 18

ACTS 19:1-8

JN 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 19

ACTS 20:17-27

JN 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 20

ACTS 20:28-38

JN 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 21

ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11

JN 17:20-26

Friday, May 22

ACTS 25:13b-21

JN 21:15-19

Saturday, May 23

ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31

JN 21:20-25

Pentecost, May 24

ACTS 2:1-11

1 COR 12:3b-7, 12-13

JN 20:19-23

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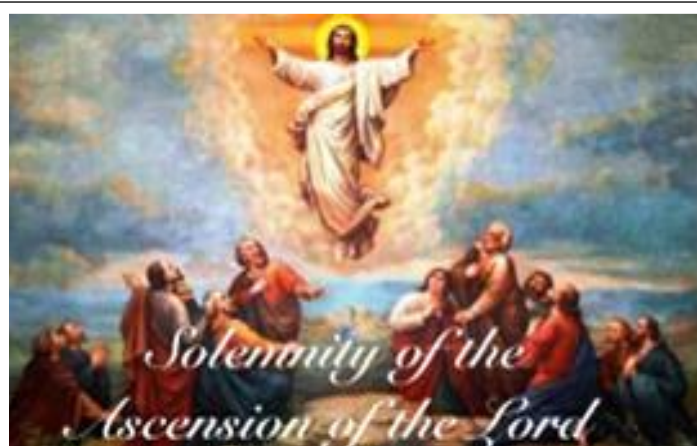
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Jesus ascended into
heaven, body and soul,
to take His place at the
right hand of
God the Father.

This Week's Masses & Intentions

Tuesday	May 19	
8:00 am	Holy Trinity	<i>Dick Hohensee+</i>
8:30 am	Holy Trinity	Adoration
Wednesday	May 20	
8:30 am	St. Rose of Lima	<i>Charles Schultz+</i>
Thursday	May 21	
8:30 am	St Rose of Lima	<i>Ted and Evelyn Thesing+</i>
Friday	May 22	
9:00 am	St Joseph	<i>Henry Becker+</i>
10:00 am	Good Shepard	<i>Elmer Fabian+</i>
Saturday	May 23	
4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	<i>Tom & Marlene Lehnertz+</i>
Sunday	May 24	
8:30 am	St. Rose of Lima	<i>Darlene Whetstone+</i>
10:00 am	St Joseph	<i>John & Shirley Micheel+</i>

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.

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.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Holy Trinity

Giving ,	May 9, 2026
Church Support.....	\$ 1426.00
Liturgical Ministry – May 23, 2026	
<u>Lector:</u>	Tina Lehnertz
<u>EMHC:</u>	Kayla Farley, Chris Klein, Maureen Speltz
<u>Cantor:</u>	Tammy Schmit
<u>Usher:</u>	Bonnie & Steve Kalmes
<u>Gifts:</u>	Hank & Sally Lettner
<u>Servers:</u>	Ashley & Natalie Hoffman
<u>Greeters:</u>	Jeanette Borger, Louise Kalmes

St. Rose of Lima

Giving ,	May 10, 2026
Church Support	\$2289.00
Liturgical Ministry – May 24, 2026	
<u>Lector:</u>	Rick Speltz
<u>EMHC:</u>	Jerry Hennessy, Dean and Shelly DePestel,
<u>Servers:</u>	Leah Kurth, Shawn Kurth Olivia Kurth, Emily Burt
<u>Ushers:</u>	Brian Daley, J R Cardwell, Patrick Kalmes, Phil Thesing

St. Joseph


Giving	May 10, 2026
Church Support.....	\$ 2080.00
Liturgical Ministry – May 24, 2026	
<u>Lector:</u>	David U'Ren
<u>Usher & Cross:</u>	Mike and Sandee Jeresek
<u>Rosary:</u>	Barb Mensink
<u>Offertory:</u>	Bob and Anne Spartz
<u>EMHC:</u>	Mary & Marcie Hoseh, Linda Atkinson
<u>Sacristan:</u>	Jacob Kramer

Prayer Requests: Chuck Woodford, Bill Schultz, Theresea Elliott, Ben Krussell, Kevin Ferden, Fr. Bill Kulas, Emersyn Maschka, Gina McRae, Ed Vaughn, Ron Rossin, Al & Rita Langen, Jill Hagg, Gerald Resehke, Leann Smith, Terry Schultz Elizabeth McManimon, Margaret McManimon.

The **Ascension:**

Where is Jesus?
 What is he doing?
 What happens
 when we die?

In my Father's house are many rooms... If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.
 John 14:2-3



Tri-Parish News and Notes

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord marks “the definitive entrance of Jesus’ humanity into God’s heavenly domain,He precedes us into the Father’s glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever...He intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit” CCC 665-7.

Reminder that the Holy Land Olive Art will be at the three churches on the weekend of May 23rd.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 has begun with the theme of: “I will make you fishers of men”. The Church exists to draw people into friendship with Jesus Christ. Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps advance that mission throughout Southern Minnesota. Every disciple has a part to play in the Church’s mission. Through CMA 2026, we can help bring the light of Christ to those in need. Each parish will receive 100% of every dollar raised over its goal. Parishes that do not meet their goal will be invoiced by the Diocese for the difference between the amount raised and the parish goal. All online gifts will be processed by GiveCentral, our online gift processor. Any gifts mailed in the giving envelopes will be processed by Letter Concepts, our gift vendor. Please be generous to meet our parish goal.

St. Joseph News and Notes

Baccalaureate Sunday, today, May 17th. Be sure to pray for and congratulate the following High School Seniors as they prepare to graduate. Zachary Baker, Cadence Koehler, Kayla Magin, Edy Schwendinger.

Fathers farewell is June 7th after Church.

Mass of Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, May 17th during Mass. Those who are sick and going through surgeries may come forward for the anointing. It is the Church’s sacrament for healing and wholeness.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 has begun and the goal for the Parish is \$8,723.00. Please plan on donations to reach the goal.



First Communion:
On April 26th First Holy Communion during 10.00 am Mass for **Grant Boyum and Madelyn Laufenberg.**

Some of our fellow Rushford residents are putting out some feelers to see if there can be some church groups who have people **interested in helping** out once a week at Featherstone Farm either as volunteer tutors in conjunction with their English as a Second Language classes, or in providing a meal for the students prior to the classes. The plan is to start classes mid-May on

Holy Trinity News and Notes

Our Lady of Guadalupe Update: We are looking at a mid-to-late August date for our trip to the Shrine. I have not secured a date yet but will let you know well in advance so you can plan as well. This will use the trip as the kickoff to our Faith Formation program this fall. Thanks for your patience. Any questions, please contact Tina Lehnertz

Save the Date! Holy Trinity will host a going away potluck on June 6th, after the 4:30 Mass. Please join us as we wish Father Chinnappa well, as he leaves our Tri-Parish, to return to his native India. A card box and note cards will be available to write him a thank you note or a special Memory you have of him in our parish family! Please join us; all are welcome!

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who cleaned and setup for our first Mass in the newly painted church. We could not have done it without you. It is a beautiful thing when people come together with their efforts for our church community.

The Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, at 6:30pm.

TV Masses taping on Thursday, May 21 at 10, 11, 1, 2.

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Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 has begun and the goal for the Parish is \$7,971.00. Please plan on donations to reach the goal.

St. Rose’ News and Notes

Welcome to **Percie Marie Klar** being baptised into God’s life: Daughter of Tanner and Ashley Klar. 05-23-2026.

Save the date: Fathers farewell with a brunch June 14th at St Rose of Lima. We were blessed to have Father.

Save the Date. Vacation Bible School at St Rose will be August 10-14. It's open to all preschool through 6th grade students in the cluster. There are lots of opportunities for high school and adult volunteers as well. Watch for registration to begin in the next few weeks.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 has begun and the goal for the Parish is \$15,028.00. Please plan on donations to reach the goal.



Lord Hear my Prayers.

“Ascended, Yet Still Present”

Change is always hard. Life-long habits are hard to break. Ways of thinking are conditioned by family, culture, and society. Sometimes, what needs to be changed spans generations or even centuries. It took many centuries for people to recognize the evil of slavery. Then, even when slavery was abolished, racial prejudice persisted and still continues on many fronts. The color of a person's skin can still determine their inherent worth - And strangers of a different race are viewed with suspicion.

Unfortunately, it's doubly hard when we must give up thinking, conditioning, and habits which require a moral change. This also includes any change that will affect every aspect of our life in the future.

The scriptures for today tell us how the disciples of Jesus struggled with what we have considered thus far. They had willingly left their nets to follow Jesus. The Rabbi from Nazareth spoke wonderful words- He performed marvelous deeds - He touched people's hearts, souls, and bodies in countless healing ways.

Surely, Jesus was the Messiah, promised by God. Undoubtedly, he would deliver Israel from Roman domination! Furthermore, now that he had risen from the dead, all of their ambitious hopes and dreams would be realized! But generations of misguided belief and expectation continued to hamper them. Jesus had come for a much more wonderful purpose. Moreover, they had been chosen to do something that they never thought or expected.

Jesus was leaving them with his physical presence. Nevertheless, he would still be with them spiritually. Their immediate task was to stay in Jerusalem and wait. Then they would be enlightened, energized, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. And they would bring the life-changing message of Jesus to the world!

However, the disciples were powerless. They were to be patient with the obedience of faith. They were to wait until something that Jesus promised would happen. But they had no idea of what it would or could be!

We are, indeed, fortunate that Jesus continues to keep his promises. He is able to do so because he has ascended from our material, Earthly Realm. He has entered the Heavenly Realm of the Father. In that realm, Jesus Christ is the Lord of the entire cosmos.

St. Paul elaborates upon this in his Letter to the Ephesians. Paul reveals that Jesus is at the right hand of the Father. He is above the angels - He is far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion. Furthermore, the Risen Christ is one with the Church. He is one with all true believers and disciples. And he empowers each of us with the grace of God!

Consequently, we are infused with wisdom and revelation. We have knowledge of Jesus himself. And we can bring him with us to every person we meet - and in every situation in which we find ourselves.

And so, Brothers and Sisters, let us never fear change when it is inspired by God. Let us never fear moral change, especially. We can break with sinful habits - We can resist sinful tendencies - We can reject what our bankrupt culture tries to foist upon us - Moreover, this is something we must do every day.

And, if we fail, we can know that the power of Christ is always there. Jesus will forgive us as long as we are sorry. Jesus will guide us with his Holy Spirit - For he continues to be with us spiritually until the end of the Age! At that moment, Jesus will return as he ascended long ago. But this Final Coming will be with infinite Glory and Power!

Let us pray, today, that we remain obedient and steadfast until we meet him at our own death, if not before! Amen.

May 17, 2026, Msgr. Russell G. Terra.

