

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025



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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Twenty-first Sunday, August 24

IS 66:18-21
HEB 12:5-7, 11-13
LK 13:22-30

Monday, August 25

1 THES 1:1-5, 8b-10
MT 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 26

1 THES 2:1-8
MT 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 27

1 THES 2:9-13
MT 23:27-32

Thursday, August 28

1 THES 3:7-13
MT 24:42-51

Friday, August 29

1 THES 4:1-8
MK 6:17-29

Saturday, August 30

1 THES 4:9-11
MT 25:14-30

Twenty-Second Sunday, Aug. 31

SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
HEB 12:18-19, 22-24a
LK 14:1, 7-14

Tri-Parish Church cluster web site: st-rose.org

Pastor: Rev. Chinnappa Pothireddy – frchinnappa@htpm.us; 507-523-2428

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This Week's Masses & Intentions

Tuesday August 26

7:00 am Holy Trinity

8:00 am Holy Trinity

Wednesday August 27

8:30 am St Rose

Thursday August 28

8:30 am St. Rose

Friday August 29

9:00 am St. Joseph

10:00 am Good Shepherd

Saturday August 30

4:30 pm Holy Trinity

Sunday August 31

8:30 am St. Rose

10:00 am St Joseph

Adoration

Gary & JoAnn Galewski+

Helen Kreidermacher+

Kathy Duane+

Special Intention

People of the Parishes+

David Taylor+

People of the Parishes

Paul Dvorak+

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

Dorothy O'Donnell 507-864-2273 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, Bishop Harrington, Fr. Bill Kulas,

Ben Krussell, Ken Vogel, Kevin Ferden, Joan Hartert

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, August 16, 2025

Church Support.....\$866.00

Liturgical Ministry – August 30, 2025

Lector: Theresa Speltz

EMHC Bonnie & Steve Kalmes, Aden Nofsinger

Cantor: Tammy Schmit

Usher: Terry Full and Louise Kalmes

Server Savannah Russel & Melanie Nofsinger

Greeter Jeanette Borger & Louise Kalmes

St. Rose of Lima

Giving, August 17, 2025

Church Support \$1480.00

Liturgical Ministry – August 31, 2025

Lector: Ben Kuhn

EMHC: Mark Ernster, Suzanne Pilger, Ben Kuhn

Servers: Dylan Duncanson, Bridget Duncanson

Megan Kreidermacher, Brady Kreidermacher

Ushers Mark Ernster, Tim Hennessy

Cory Schmitz, Greg Bronk

St. Joseph

Giving..... August 17, 2025

Church Support..... \$790.00

Liturgical Ministry – August 31, 2025

Lector: Jacob Kramer

Usher & Cross: Jim Culhane & Steve Feldmeier

Rosary Barb Mensink

Offertory Bob & Anne Spartz

EMHC: Teresa Vesterse, Johnny Micheel, Jo Bingaman

Sacristan: Luanne Dvorak

Flower of Sanctity

O St. Rose, first flower of sanctity in the New World, let the fragrance of thy virtues diffuse itself in our lives. Grant that we may imitate thy holy purity; obtain for us courage in the practice of penance. Teach us, O St. Rose, to love Christ Crucified and Mary His Mother. Beseech Thy Divine Spouse, to bless all the Americas, which give thanks for thy glory to him, the Giver of all good gifts. Amen.

Tri-Parish News and Notes

Prayer for the Diocesan Synod

Most High and Gracious God, We implore you for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester as we embark on the Diocesan Synod for Evangelization and Vocations. We ask you to send us graces for wisdom and insight into how we can proclaim the Gospel and invite your sons and daughters into a right relationship with Your Son Jesus Christ. As we seek your graces to make you known and loved, we also beg you for the grace to invite each member of our Diocese to serve you with the gift of their lives in service to the Church especially in more vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Give us the gift of your Spirit for right discernment and clarity of approach so that we might faithfully carry out Your will in this Diocese and in each of our parishes. We pray in gratitude for every gift and blessing You bestow and put our full confidence in Your holy will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

St. Joseph News and Notes

Finance Council Meeting scheduled for August 28th at 7 pm.

Saint Joseph's Faith Formation registration has begun. Registration forms have been sent via email to all families who attended during the 2024-2025 school year. The first day of class for preschool through eighth grade is Sunday, September 21st. The first class for ninth and tenth grade is Wednesday, September 17th. If you know of anyone who has not received registration, or if you have children and are new to our parish, please contact Nancy Schollmeier at 507-251-0158 or anscholl@msn.com

St. Joseph church could use Mass intentions. The stipend of having a mass offered is \$10. If you'd like to request a mass for a loved one, please make a note of who the mass intention is for, and also if you have a certain date or day of the week, you'd like to have the mass offered, please include that information also. You can drop your envelope in the Sunday collection. If you have any questions, please reach out to Arlene at 608-406-1124.

St. Joseph CCW will be meeting on Sunday, August 31st following Mass. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

Holy Trinity News and Notes

Summary of HT Finance Council Meeting on August 19: 1. Annual reports and statement of accounts for June were reviewed. Painting of the church will be taken up being grateful as we received a donation of \$50,000. Hall rental rates and agreement revised after 12 years. The new rates will be in effect from October 1, 2025. The closure of the sale deed of old school will be in the next few days. Some unnecessary things in the hall will be listed for disposal. Some matters regarding maintenance of the grounds were reviewed.

Church Fest on September 7, 2025!!

- The Big Tickets are in the narthex. Please pick them up. If you can deliver tickets to a friend or neighbor, please do so.
- If you would like to donate toward expenses, call Bonnie or Steve, 507-459-6378. If you would like to donate a theme basket, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex of the church or contact Maureen Speltz - 507-689-4162.
- Mass will be held at the usual Vigil time, 4:30 Saturday. There will be on Sunday morning Mass.
- Please say "yes" if someone calls to ask you to volunteer. It takes many willing hearts to make this festival successful.
- We need 14 helpers for the kitchen chicken dinner area. We need 4 for the 10:45 - 12:30 shift and 10 for the 12:30- 2 pm shift. We find that as parishioners are changing their phone numbers, the church listing has not been updated. The result is not being able to contact parishioners to help with the festival. Please contact Becky McCormick at 507-689-0398 if you can help on the day of the festival. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help.

St. Rose' News and Notes

Faith Fest Sept 21. Mark your calendar - September 21st! It's Basket Time again! With Faith Fest right around the corner we are in need of baskets for the silent auction. So let the fun begin and start thinking about what kind of basket you would like to make! Watch for basket sign up in the coming weeks. This year we will have the Mystery Jar again. If you would like to donate items (gift cards, trinkets, etc) please do so by September 7th. Please contact Jenny Kurth 507-450-2220 if you have questions. Faith Fest will be after the 8:30 a.m. mass in the St. Rose Hall. Come join us for brunch, fellowship, basket bidding, and games all in support of our youth and faith formation programs. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event so be sure to plan ahead and join in the fun

all while lending a hand within your church community. God Bless!

Finance Council Meeting Scheduled for August 28th at 5:30 pm

Community News and Notes

Mass for Peace will be offered by Bishop Barron at Pax Christi Church in Rochester on Tuesday, September 2 at 5:30 pm. All are invited to attend this Mass to pray for our world, nation and communities.

Marriage Anniversary Mass at St Rose of Lima in Lewiston, MN 09/06/2025 at 10 am. Presided by Bishop Robert Barron.

Pilgrimage to England & Scotland: Come along April 20-30, 2026, as we visit some of the most beautiful and historical places in all of Europe. We will visit the prehistoric Stonehenge, Stratford, the home of William Shakespeare, Edinburgh and its famous Scottish Castle, Big Ben in London, Buckingham Palace and so much more! We will have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$5,169 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa 51347 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

The 1700 Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea will be remembered by a Meeting of our Bishop Robert Barron and a Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Church in Rochester at Ss. Kosmas and Damianos Church (703 W. Center St.) on August 27th 7:00 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

“The Narrow Gate”

It is truly amazing how much “stuff” most of us have. Americans are noted for their many possessions. We have so many things, that we use our garages for storage. We park our vehicles on the street because there is no room in our stuffed garage. Some have even accumulated so much that they must rent a storage unit. Sometimes special storage areas are necessary. A person’s work might require a place for necessary tools or equipment. Nevertheless, most of us hang on to things we will never use again. And the unfortunate thing is that someone else will, certainly, have a real use for them.

However, there is a similar – but truly tragic fact. We are attached to behaviors that we refuse to give up or change. We like to think that we live a good and Christian life – But there are always things in our heart and soul that impede us and weigh us down, spiritually. It takes discipline to sort out – and wisely dispose of – our material possessions. Yet, it takes even more real discipline to rid our spiritual selves from the sins of our ungodly attachments.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus urges us to “strive to enter through the narrow gate”! Most people in our bankrupt culture want to enter through a wide gate. They think that they can live lives of compromise and still be admitted into the Kingdom. But Jesus insists that the narrow gate is the only entry to eternal life with God. We must pass through that gate stripped of everything – except our good thoughts, words, and behavior!

Furthermore, having eaten and drunk with Jesus at Mass is never enough – Hearing the words of the Gospel is never enough – We must implement Gospel values in our life. We must approach the Eucharist with a heart wide open to God’s will and to God’s ways!

Jesus goes on to say that those excluded will be surprised over the others who do gain entry into God’s Kingdom. Foreigners, people of every race and color – and from every corner of the globe – will be admitted. Anyone who has truly embraced the Gospel and lived by God’s ways will be there.

Today’s passage from Isaiah foresaw and foretold how this would come about. The Chosen People would, eventually, be delivered from Babylon – They would be restored to Jerusalem. However, a hidden message is that Jesus would be God’s Divine Prophet. He would call people to the New Jerusalem of Heaven.

Moreover, the first Apostles and disciples would become fugitives. They would flee their persecution in the old Jerusalem. And they would carry the truth of Jesus – and the message of his Gospel far and wide – to the ends of the Earth. Even the new priesthood of Jesus Christ would be shared with countless others who were not descendants of Abraham.

Finally, the Letter to the Hebrews teaches us that God will find ways to strip us of our attachments. Every hardship we experience – Every pain, suffering, or deprivation we endure – Can be part of God’s discipline. Moreover, God treats us in this way because He loves us!

Brothers and Sisters, whether we – or God – divest ourselves of our attachments – it will be painful. But if we keep our faith, our hope, and our love for God alive – we will be blessed. If we don’t see this now – we will certainly know it after we pass through the narrow gate – and into God’s Eternal Kingdom!

So, let us be grateful that we have such an infinite God of Love – And may we always remember that we were created for infinitely more than this world – or this life! Amen.

August 24, 2025, Msgr. Russell G. Terra.