

# Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Generosity, Humility, and Love for the Lord in the Eucharist

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The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FEBRUARY 27, 2022

### ■ PARISH STAFF

Fr. Alexander R. Anderson, Pastor  
Deacon Ed Boyer, Deacon & PSR Principal  
Deacon Terry Baldwin, Deacon & Coordinator of the RCIA & the Adoration Chapel  
Michael Talleur, St. Rose School Interim-Principal  
Corie Boyer, Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper  
Natalie Woodrum, SRLS School Secretary  
Pam Winckel, Assistant Parish Secretary  
Mike Merseal, Maintenance  
Carol Emmett, Parish Music Director

### ■ PHONE NUMBERS

Rectory: 636-337-2212  
St. Rose School: 636-337-7855

### ■ MASS SCHEDULE

Mon - Fri: 6:15 am  
Tues evening: 6:30 pm (followed by Perpetual Help Devotions)  
Sat: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm  
Sun: 7 am, 9 am, & 11 am

### ■ CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tue: 5:30 - 6:15 pm  
Sat: after 8 am Mass until 9 am; 4:00 - 4:45 pm

### ■ PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the lower level chapel on the Miller Street side of church

### ■ CALVARY CEMETERY INFO - 636-337-2150

### ■ PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY

- to register as a member of St. Rose Parish
- to have Holy Communion brought to the sick
- to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick
- to put someone on the sick list
- to arrange for a Baptism or Marriage
- to become a convert to the Catholic Church

*"Thou hast made us for thyself,  
O Lord, and our heart is restless  
until it finds its rest in thee."  
— Augustine of Hippo*



## Mass Readings for the Week

Mon Feb 28	I Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 111:1-2,5-6, 9-10; Mark 10:17-27
Tue Mar 1	I Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 98:1-4; Mark 10:28-31
Wed Mar 2	Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17; II Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6: 1-6,16-18
Thu Mar 3	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1: 1-4,6; Luke 9:22-25
Fri Mar 4	Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 51:3-6,18-19; Matthew 9:14-15
Sat Mar 5	Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 86:1-6; Luke 5:27-32
Sun Mar 6	Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91: 1-2,10-15; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4: 1-13



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON - February 28	6:15 AM	Purgatorial Society
TUES - March 1	6:15 AM 6:30 PM	Joseph Vermeulen Bev Seyfarth
WED - March 2	6:15 AM	Hans Kimm
Ash Wednesday	8:00 AM 6:30 PM	Derrill Missey Barbara Lewis
THUR - March 3	6:15 AM	Helen Thornton
St. Katherine Drexel		
FRI - March 4	6:15 AM	Jack/Lizzie Missey
First Friday	8:00 AM	Virginia Schutte
SAT - March 5	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Robert Mueller Shirley Reando
SUN - March 6	7:00 AM	Tracy Tolbert
The First Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Gus & Teresa Winckel Parishioners



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
SAINT ROSE OF LIMA PARISH  
IN YOUR WILL**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 5TH & MARCH 6TH

### LECTORS

<b>5:00 PM</b>	Mary Byers
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Todd Milner
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Debbie Boyer
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Larry Sansoucic

### SERVERS

<b>5:00 PM</b>	Tyler Milton & Austin Milton
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Carey Brothers
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Clayton Huck & Levi Huck
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Dakota Cobb & Dameon Cobb

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

<b>5:00 PM</b>	Deacon Terry Baldwin
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Ken Merseal
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Pam Winckel
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Elaine Siebert

### CANTORS

<b>5:00 PM</b>	Donna Ott
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Rita Ward
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Carol Emmett

### USHERS

**5:00 PM** Mike Merseal, Tony Vallo, Rudy Telscher, Connie Stromberg & Ron Schwer  
**7:00 AM** Ken Merseal, J. R. Merseal, Ed Pope & Harold Wickerham  
**9:00 AM** Jeff Draves, Robbie Winckel, Bob Winckel, & Lonnie Reando  
**11:00 AM** Fred Carr, Glenn Jones, Larry Sansoucic, Bruce Baisch, John Horn & John Sampson

"Priests have the privilege of holding the God of creation in their hands. Without Priests, there is no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, there is no Church."

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput



*Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood,  
especially among the young men of our  
Parish and of our Archdiocese!*

## ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH ?

If you are new to St. Rose, we extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. Please call the rectory to register, or fill out the following information and drop it into the mail or the Sunday collection. We'll be in touch with you right away.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_





With both the holy season of Lent and our annual School Auction looming on the horizon, there's lots to keep us busy these next few weeks! But a busy Parish is a happy Parish - that's what we're meant to be!

In the bulletin today you'll find our Lenten schedule, beginning with Ash Wednesday Masses this coming Wednesday. I encourage everyone to make a good Lent. You only get out of something what you put into it - no pain, no gain! You don't want Easter to arrive and find you wishing you had done more! Our faith is too important to take a back seat to everything else going on in our lives.

The Auction is sold out, we have an increased number of sponsors, lots and lots of auction items have been donated, and scores of raffle tickets have been turned in. All-in-all, it looks like it may be a most successful St. Rose School Auction! This time next week we'll know for sure. Keep its success in your prayers!

I can't thank everyone enough for your understanding and support in this difficult time of the abuse claims against me. Such situations can easily leave someone feeling alone and abandoned, so you can be sure how much I appreciate your loving concern. As I said at the Parish Council meeting this past week, I have every expectation that all of this will be resolved in my favor, but getting there may well be messy!

Between the articles in the *Post-Dispatch* and the *Leader* and the statement from the Archdiocese and what I've written here, you probably know as much as anyone else. There are no surprises waiting to be sprung on you. We've been through mediation and depositions are currently being taken in the John Doe case. Nothing is happening yet in the Christian Hornbeck case. I'll certainly keep you posted as much as I can.

In the meantime, please keep me in your prayers. I've put myself and the whole situation in God's hands - and what better place could it be?!

Today we have 2 interviews with prospective candidates for Principal of St. Rose School. While we still mourn the sudden and tragic loss of Kathy Compton, we're looking forward to having a new St. Rose Principal in place. Here, too, I'll keep you posted. Although the interviews are today, we won't necessarily make a final decision today.

When I put the Holy Week schedule in last week's bulletin, I put in the wrong time - the correct time for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday is 6:30 pm.

Have a wonderful week ahead and be sure of my appreciation, prayers, and good wishes always. And, as always, "Thanks!" for all you do to help make St. Rose Parish the wonderful place it is!



## "WELCOME!"

All of us at St. Rose extend a warm "Welcome!" to Owen Vincent Reams, the son of Logan Reams and Rachel Guzman who was baptized at St. Rose on Sunday, February 20th. May his newfound faith bring him and his family nothing but grace and peace!

## THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

*"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."*

St Mother Teresa



## Q&A

**Q:** "I know the Catholic Church is opposed to artificial birth control. But why is natural family planning acceptable?"

**A:** Men and women are made for procreation. That's not only from the Bible, that's from physiology and genetics as well. By the way we're put together, by our very body parts, men and women are constructed to procreate.

Last week's references to "the conjugal act", and the instruction that every conjugal act has to be open to procreation, reminds us that this act between a husband and wife is sacred and that it contributes to God's continued creation of the world.

Artificial birth control - be it surgical (vasectomies or tubal ligations), mechanical (prophylactics), or chemical/hormonal (contraceptive pills) - seeks to sterilize the conjugal act. To make this sacred act fruitless and empty makes it something God did not intend it to be. To make such a serious effort to circumvent God's will is sinful, whether it's successful or not.

The difference between natural family planning and artificial birth control is that one is natural - cooperating with the fertility cycle God has already implanted in men and women - and one is not. To cooperate with God is far different from trying to undo His plan for us.

However, the use of natural family planning is not absolute. The instruction about the use of natural family planning has this caution: *The Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC #2368] states: "A particular aspect of this responsibility concerns the regulation of births. For just reasons, spouses may wish to space the births of their children. It is their duty to make certain that their desire is not motivated by selfishness but is in conformity with the generosity appropriate to responsible parenthood."*

... to be continued.



## GUIDE BOOK PUBLISHING

The company publishing our guidebooks sent us this bulletin article:

*Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book & Directory. It should be arriving in the coming week. The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. If you are interested in advertising next year, contact [amandavogt@guidebookpublishing.com](mailto:amandavogt@guidebookpublishing.com) for more information.*

## FIRST RECONCILIATION



## "CONGRATULATIONS on Your First Penance!"

This coming Saturday, March 5th, our Parish Second Graders, both from PSR and SRLS, will, for the first time, receive absolution in the Sacrament of Penance. Bella Allen, Byron Bequette, Lola Byrd, Nicholas Carey, Luke Govero, Maysen Gunnett, Connor Guzman, Sienna Guzman, Joseph Heine, Dominic Johnson, Kegan Johnson, Ava Karsch, Abel King, Auggie Lambert, Emalee Milton, Camden Moore, Zane Morton, Levi Pinson, Stella Price, Camden Thompson, Cruz Vega, Chloe Winckel, & Mason Wren. Special "Thanks!" to their parents and teachers for bringing them to this important moment in their young lives. And may they be a good example to us of the importance of coming before the Lord and asking Him for His mercy and forgiveness. This is their final preparation prior to their First Holy Communion which will take place on the Sunday after Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24th.



## "CONGRATULATIONS!"

All of us at St. Rose extend our heartfelt good wishes to Alex Jeffrey Wickerham and Britny Nicole Dane who were married at St. Rose on Saturday, February 19th. May their new life together in Christ bring them nothing but happiness and peace!



At any time, feel free to add to our bulletin list of those in the military. The whole Parish will keep them in our prayers.

Maj. Lucas Frank; Col. Seth Frank; John W. Long - U.S. Navy; Katie Boyer - Air Force; Tommy Fambrough - Air Force; Janetta Zehrbach - Air Force; Craig Zehrbach - Air Force; Airmen Dalton Miller - Air Force; Alex Haverstick; Cpt. Neal Grossheider - Air Force; Cpt. Garrett Huck - Air Force; Hanna Jackson - Navy; Cpt. Dennis Boyer - Navy; Lt. Mike Boyer - Navy; James O'Harver - National Guard; Sergeant Ashley Johnson - National Guard; Sgt. First Class - Jacob Coleman; Sgt. Whiteny Brauch; Senior Chief Jon Cox - Navy; Maj. Dan Thebeau - Army; LCPL Cole Franklin; LCPL Sebastian Michaels; Noah Boyer - Army; Christian King - Navy; Ryan Cook - Navy; SSG Kenneth Kleinschrodt - National Guard; Daniel Schumer - Army; Emily Faulkner - Air Force; Connor Biermann - Marine; Dakota McKinney - Army; Dalton Daugherty - U.S. Marine; Ryan Tillman - National Guard; Colby Davis - Marines; Tyler Daugherty - Army; Garrett Hardin - Army Reserves; Andrew Dean - Navy; Lt. Nathaniel Fambrough - Air Force.



## LENT at ST. ROSE

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Masses and the distribution of blessed ashes will take place here at St. Rose of Lima on March 2nd at 6:15 am, 8:00 am, 9:00 am (with the school children), and 6:30 pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

**DAILY MASS:** During the holy season of Lent our morning Mass schedule is expanded to 6:15 am Monday through Friday and 8:00 am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday

**STATIONS of the CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday afternoon during Lent at 2:15 in church with the faculty and students of St. Rose School.

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions are heard each Tuesday from 5:30 - 6:15 pm (just prior to 6:30 pm Mass) and on Saturdays from 8:30 - 9:00 am (just after the 8:00 am Mass) and from 4:00 - 4:45 pm (just prior to the 5:00 pm Mass). Additional Confession times will be added during Holy Week.

**HOLY WEEK:** The distribution of blessed palms and Masses on Palm Sunday will follow our regular Sunday schedule. On **Holy Thursday** the Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at 6:30 pm; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose will continue until 9:00 pm. On **Good Friday** the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will take place at 6:30 pm. On **Holy Saturday**, the Easter Vigil will take place at 6:30 pm. On **Easter Sunday**, Masses will be at our regular times of 7:00 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

**TRE ORE:** On Good Friday afternoon, from 12 noon until 3 pm, Tre Ore will take place with the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at 12:30 pm, the Reading of the Passion at 1:30 pm, and Stations of the Cross at 2:30 pm. Confessions will be heard in-between the Tre Ore devotions.

Note: There are no 8:00 am morning Mass or Confessions on Holy Saturday morning or 5:00 pm afternoon Mass or Confession on Holy Saturday afternoon.



**USED PALMS**  
from last Palm Sunday  
are being collected  
in the main vestibule  
of church.



PARISH

COUNCIL

**SRLS PRINCIPAL SEARCH** - This coming Sunday we'll interview the 2 applicants we have for the Principal position at St. Rose of Lima School. 2 other prospective applicants withdrew themselves from consideration. Although the interviews will be held on Sunday, there is no commitment to hire a new principal on Sunday. At the same time, we need to make sure we have a principal in place by the end of the current school year.

**"ALL THINGS NEW"** - The "All Things New" program continues to unfold. The next effort will be a survey open to all parishioners of all the parishes of the Archdiocese. You'll find information about it in Sunday's bulletin. Fr. Anderson encourages everyone to take the survey. The initial plans for reorganization of the Archdiocese are due by Pentecost - June 2022.

**MASS** - We discussed whether we should change any of the current Mass practices. We have adapted singing, sign of peace, etc. for the pandemic. It seems people like the changes and there seems to be no enthusiasm for changing any of what we're currently doing. It is hoped that this Parish Council discussion will prompt comments from parishioners about whether they want to go back to any of the things which have been adapted to the pandemic.

**AUCTION** - With the Auction so close, it's helpful that everything seems to be falling into place. The fact that the # of sponsorships is up and the fact that the Auction is sold out give us hope that the Auction will be as successful as we need it to be.

**LENT** - The coming season of Lent will find St. Rose following its usual Lenten schedule. The full Lenten schedule will be included in Sunday's bulletin. First Penance for our 23 PSR and SRLS Second Graders will be held on the Saturday after Ash Wednesday.

**NEW CAFETERIA REFRIGERATOR** - The U. S. Government has dramatically increased its funding of its hot lunch program. However, the increased funding must be used for the cafeteria. Accordingly, we're replacing the cafeteria refrigerator and we're looking into putting stainless steel over the butcher block in our cafeteria kitchen. Since the government money won't be available until the end of the school year, we'll pay for the improvements from our maintenance fund and then reimburse the maintenance fund from the cafeteria fund once the funds become available.

**CHRISTIAN HORNBECK** - The pending charge against Fr. Anderson puts all of us in an awkward situation. There will be an article in this week's *Leader*. As he stated in the Sunday bulletin, Fr. Anderson regrets the less-than-positive publicity this situation will generate. Fr. Anderson has every hope for a favorable resolution of these charges, but getting there will not be comfortable. He also appreciates all the support and encouragement he has received.

**AVAILABLE FUNDS REPORT** - Our Maintenance Fund stands at \$106,380; our School Reserve fund stands at \$191,166; cash on hand is \$153,107.



**Where will your children  
go to school next year?**

**REGISTRATION at ST.**

**ROSE of LIMA SCHOOL IS NOW OPEN!**

Call or stop by St. Rose School (337-7855) for a registration form or to set up a tour. Your children deserve a fine Catholic School like St. Rose!



The Office of the Archbishop of St. Louis  
February 2022

## LENTEN OBSERVANCE AND RESOURCES - ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation and while there is no requirement for the clergy and faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is rightly observed as a celebration of high importance and many will surely wish to safely participate even in spite of the current situation.

At the pastor's discretion, ashes can either be applied in the traditional way (on the forehead) or they may be sprinkled on the head of the faithful. This option was allowed last year and the same option may be used this year. In either case, I ask that they follow the blessing ritual as prescribed by the USCCB and Rome. If ashes are to be placed on the forehead, it will be done without saying the formula to those who come forward.

The Blessing of Ashes should take place within the celebration of the Mass or a scheduled service consisting of at least an appointed Scripture reading and a brief homily stressing the meaning of the ashes as a symbol of penance and self-denial. Please refer to the Book of Blessing for additional information that will be of assistance to you in this matter. The Blessing of the Ashes is reserved to the priest or deacon, and priests and deacons should participate in the distribution of the ashes, whenever possible. They are the primary ministers of the ritual. In the case of genuine pastoral necessity, Archbishop Rozanski has given permission for lay ministers (for example, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) to assist the priest and deacon in the distribution of the blessed ashes.

May the Lord strengthen you as you continue to share this message with your parishioners. Be assured of my prayers for both you and the people in your parish throughout this Lenten Season. Together we can make "All Things New" and grow in greater communion as the Body of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski*

Archbishop of St. Louis

# DeSOTO

# FOOD PANTRY



## NEXT COLLECTION

## MARCH 5/6

## CANNED TUNA

"For I was hungry and you gave me food!"



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



+ Jim Akers + Dalton Benoist + Rita Boevig +  
+ Scott Boyer + Cheryl Campagna + Wendy Cook +  
+ Adam Culley + Yvonne Davis + Jonie DeClue +  
+ Heather Emily + Donna Fambrough + Rita Fechner +  
+ Frankie Hawkins + Susan Hunter +  
+ James Kennedy, Sr. + Judy Lucas + Hana Maue +  
+ David McAnally + Vicki McAnally + Ellie McCarthy +  
+ Connie Merseal + Brandon O'Harver +  
+ Keegan Reynolds + Theresa Rodrigue +  
+ Frankie Ruch + Joseph Ruoff + Florence Sacco +  
+ Dennis Sampson + Tim Selsor + Michael Statler +  
+ Roy Staffelbach + Una Telsher +  
+ Barret "Bear" Tiefenauer + Erin Trombly +  
+ Robert Vilmer + Barbara Williams + Bruce Winckel +  
+ Jordan Winckel + Amanda Woodring +

**Our policy is to remove a name after 6 weeks. Please call the Rectory (337-2212) to add a name to our sick list.**

## Ash Wednesday & Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17) The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life.

Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 15, 2022) are days of abstinence (refraining from meat) for all Catholics from age 14 onwards. On these two days, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18-59. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance. Following are several resources that can aid in finding different forms of prayer and penance.

### ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCES

There are many excellent resources for the Season of Lent you might wish to use or share with your parishioners. Following are also a list of some resources available for Lent this year: · Augustine Institute Formed: <https://formed.org/> · Best Lent Ever daily reflections: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever> · Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections: <https://www.lentreflections.com/> Lent is a Season of reflection, penance, fasting, and service.



## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$7,302.00
ON-LINE GIVING	\$1,005.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 20.00
VOTIVE CANDLES	\$ 80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,407.00</b>

*"Thank you" so much for your generosity to St. Rose!"*





## ALL THINGS NEW

### Disciple Maker Index

Every parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be participating in the archdiocesan-wide Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey between Ash Wednesday, March 2 and April 4, 2022. This nationally-recognized survey has been administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013. The results from the survey will not only be used for information and planning for parishes, but will also be included in the national results which track trends, growth and Church-related opportunities nationwide. *About the Disciple Maker Index*

The Disciple Maker Index was developed by Catholic Leadership Institute in 2013 with the guidance and input of bishops and priests nationwide, and the expertise of professional survey teams to be an instrument that is statistically sound while at the same time focusing on important aspects of our Catholic Faith.

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is an anonymous survey of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching and other aspects of parish life.

The data results are visualized for parish and archdiocesan views, and include benchmark information based on all parishes in the national database. The benchmark of parishes of similar size or in similar environments provides a national perspective to local results. The survey and results were designed so that parishes can repeat the Disciple Maker Index every two to three years to see changes over time through longitudinal data comparison.

### Catholic Trends in St. Louis

From the trending data that the Archdiocese of St. Louis has been collecting over the past 80 years, there has been significant declines in many of the major data points that require a better use of our Archdiocesan resources to change the trends. There resources include our human resources (clergy and lay leaders), financial resources, physical structures, and parish locations across the Archdiocese.

### Number of Catholics

Since 2000, despite having more baptisms than funerals and welcoming about 1,000 people into the Church through RCIA annually, the Catholic population has been declining at the rate of approximately 2,000 Catholic per year, meaning a large number of Catholics are leaving the Church each year. The Catholic population is calculated by adding the number of Catholics registered in our parishes with the estimated number of Catholics who do not register in our parishes but who live in the greater St. Louis area.

### Baptisms and Catholic Marriages

Mirroring the decline in the number of Catholics, there has been a significant decrease in the number of baptisms and marriages each year.

### Catholic Elementary School and PSR Enrollment

Additionally, the Archdiocese has experienced a decrease in enrollment in our Catholic school system and Parish School of Religion (PSR) programs. The costs associated with providing quality Catholic education have continued to outpace tuition revenue, causing challenges to provide Catholic education at an affordable cost.

### Mass Counts

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sunday Mass attendance has been declining about 0.5% per year since 2011 (the first year the Archdiocese measured Mass attendance in each parish.) The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated this decline and it has not been able to rebound to pre-COVID-19 levels.

### Number of Diocesan Priests

All of these trends are occurring as the number of our diocesan priests continues to decline impacting our ability to support our parish communities.

### Diocesan Priests and Parishes

Even though six priests were ordained in 2021 and two priests are scheduled to be ordained in May of 2022, fewer priests will be ordained over the foreseeable future than the archdiocese will lose each year due to retirements, leaving parish ministry, or death. Within the next few years, the number of active diocesan priests in parish ministry will dip below the number of parishes that need to be served by priests.

## THIS WEEK'S **Pro Life** POINT

### Couple Refused Doctors' Suggestion to Abort One Twin to Save the Other. Both Are Now Great!

An English couple, who refused to abort one of their children to save the other, have shared their joy as the twin brothers are still going strong 17 months later.

Ashley and Kate Butcher were offered an abortion after a 12-week ultrasound revealed their twin sons' umbilical cords were tangled and they were sharing a placenta.

The twins, Arlen and Eivin, were born 7 weeks early, by caesarean section in August 2020, and weighed 4lbs 7oz and 4lbs 11oz respectively. At the 12-week scan, Ashley and Kate were advised that the twisted cords could cut off oxygen and blood supply to each baby.

Ashley said: "[there was] a 30-40 per cent chance that one or both of them wouldn't make it [but] there was no way that we were going to choose one of our babies over the other".

The couple, who are both Scout leaders, shared how the knot between both boys' cords reminded them of the 'friendship' knot (a knot used to hold a scout necker together), symbolic of the "special bond they had in the womb".

Whilst Arlen initially needed resuscitation, he and Eivin have since become stronger with every passing day, and were even able to meet their great grandmother in May of last year. Ashley told of the boys "close bond" and how they "get up to all sorts of mischief together", describing them as "a real tag team".

In England and Wales, 65 'selective termination' abortions were performed in 2020, where a twin, triplet or more were aborted in the womb. Outside the United Kingdom, some women have spoken publicly about having a selective-reduction abortion, with one woman recounting her story to the New York Times.

The woman described how she was grateful that her sonographer had turned off the overhead screen as she did not want to see the two shadows floating inside her. She spoke of how she tried not to think about them, but that she could often think of little else.

She was pregnant at 45, after six years of fertility treatment in the pursuit of having a baby - yet, as the article recounts "here she was, 14 weeks into her pregnancy, choosing to extinguish one of two healthy fetuses, almost as if having half an abortion".

She later said: "If I had conceived these twins naturally, I wouldn't have reduced this pregnancy, because you feel like if there's a natural order, then you don't want to disturb it. But we created this child in such an artificial manner - in a test tube, choosing an egg donor, having the embryo placed in me - and somehow, making a decision about how many to carry seemed to be just another choice. The pregnancy was all so consumerish to begin with, and this became yet another thing we could control".

*Right To Life* UK spokesperson, Catherine Robinson, said: "It is so great to hear Arlen and Eivin's story, their parents' choice to protect both of their lives and their amazing recovery and good health since then. Sadly, this is not the reality for some babies as shown by 2020's harrowing statistics".

"Selective-reduction abortions are a particularly disturbing occurrence, with the notion of having to choose one baby over another being hard for most to comprehend. These forms of abortion are also alarming due to their obvious links to able-ism and eugenics, where babies with disabilities are often selected to be aborted".  
[from *LifeNews*]



**February 20th - March 5th**



# St. Rose Parish Calendar

**Weekend Masses:** Sat 8am; Sat 5pm; Sun 7am, 9am & 11am

**Weekday Masses:** Mon - Fri 6:15am; Wed. & Fri 8am (when school is in session); Tuesday evening 6:30pm

**Confessions:** Sat 8:30am - 9am; Sat 4pm - 4:45pm; Tuesday 5:30pm - 6:15pm

**Perpetual Help Devotions:** Tuesday after 6:30pm Mass

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Feb. 27</b>	<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 3</b>	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 5</b>
	<u>AA</u> 7:00 PM Marian Room	<u>Al-Anon</u> 2:00 PM Marian Room  <u>AA</u> 7:00 PM Marian Room  <u>D of I Mtg.</u> 7:15 PM Cafeteria	<u>"Ash Wednesday"</u>  <u>Bingo</u> 6:00 PM KC Hall	<u>Quilters</u> 9 AM Marian Room  <u>Auction Set-Up</u> KC Hall	<u>Church Cleaners</u> 9:00 AM  <u>Auction Set-Up</u> KC Hall  <u>Stations of the Cross</u> 2:15 PM Church  <u>Fish Fry</u> 4 - 6:30 PM Upper KC Hall	 <u>First Confession</u> 11 AM - Church   <u>SRLS Auction</u> KC Hall
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 6</b>	<b>March 7</b>	<b>March 8</b>	<b>March 9</b>	<b>March 10</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 12</b>
	<u>AA</u> 7:00 PM Marian Room	<u>Al-Anon</u> 2:00 PM Marian Room  <u>AA</u> 7:00 PM Marian Room	<u>Bingo</u> 6:00 PM KC Hall	<u>Quilters</u> 9 AM Marian Room  <u>Knights of Columbus Mtg.</u> 7:30 PM KC Hall	<u>Church Cleaners</u> 9:00 AM  <u>Stations of the Cross</u> 2:15 PM Church  <u>Fish Fry</u> 4 - 6:30 PM KC Hall	

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THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE AVAILABLE ALONE OR WITH ANOTHER PERSON.

**SUNDAY:** 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 6 AM, 7 AM, 3 PM & 4 PM

**MONDAY:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 3 AM & NOON

**TUESDAY:** 3 AM, 5 AM & 7 AM

**WEDNESDAY:** 4 AM, 10 PM & 11 PM

**THURSDAY:** 12 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 2 AM, 5 PM & 11 PM

**FRIDAY:** 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 8 AM & 7 PM

**SATURDAY:** 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, NOON, 1 PM, 2 PM, 5 PM, & 7 PM

ANYONE WILLING TO FILL ONE OF THESE HOURS OR TO SUBSTITUTE, PLEASE CALL: **COORDINATOR: TERRY BALDWIN: 314-803-5305**

