



Pastorate of the Holy Cross

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2026

God's Grace is Eternal

A long time ago, Jim Croce wrote a song about capturing time in a bottle. It was a popular song, and most folks in my generation remember the song. One of the lyrics that always caught my attention was this: "I'd like to spend everyday till eternity passes away just to be able to spend them with you."

I'm not sure what Jim Croce meant by that lyric, but it sums up how I feel about wanting to be with God forever. When I die, I want to have lived a life doing good things and avoiding temptations, so that I can be with the Lord forever. Unfortunately, I'm not always so good at doing these things in my life. The important thing is we keep on trying.

Truth is, I think most of us feel that way. Unfortunately, we can't capture time in a bottle, and we don't just automatically do the will of God in our lives so that we are grace-filled and prepared to be with the Lord forever in Heaven. Living a good life is hard work, and it demands that we abandon being selfish and self-centered and living the life of Christ every day. That's not always easy to do, but with God's help, we can do it. We can abandon our "no" and turn it into a "Yes." Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

In the Gospel today we hear the story of the two sons whom the father had asked to go out into the field and work. One tells the father that he will go but doesn't show up to do the work of the day. The other son tells the father that he won't go, he's too busy doing his own thing. But, in the end, he thinks better of his decision and goes out to do the work that the father had asked him to do. Christ tells those listening to this parable that, despite his original refusal, he experienced a conversion, and he went out to do what the father asked him to do. In other words, he thought better of his decision to be sinful and complied with what his father wanted from him. He was justified because he did the will of the father.

In a way, every time we do the good, obey the Lord, do the will of God, we are doing what the Lord asks of us. We are storing up grace in the "bottle" of our soul, so that when we die, we can truly say to God when He calls our name — "Here I am, Lord — I did your Will here on earth, please bring me home to Heaven with you."

It would be nice if everything would happen simply. It doesn't. Doing God's Will can be hard work, but with His grace anything is possible for us. Maybe we said "No" to the Lord initially, but through His grace, we can change our response and do the hard work of doing His Will. In a way, it is kind of like storing up graced time in the bottle of our lives. It isn't easy to do, and sometimes we fail to do it, but if we keep plugging along, doing the next right thing that comes our way, God will be there to throw us a safety lifeline to help us tow ourselves closer to Him. Have a good and blessed week, trusting in the God whose eternal love is there for each and every one of us.

-Fr. O'Dell

SERVICE	SCHEDULE	
	OCTOBER 3	OCTOBER 4
SERVERS	Casen Smith, Wyatt Howe	Irvine
GREETERS	Howe	Greer
GIFTS	Schwebach	Long
EX. MINISTER	Volunteers	Volunteers
LECTOR	Michelle Rozeboom	Karen Hudson
ROSARY		Knights of Columbus
USHER	Tom & Julie Coburn	Mark & Karen Hudson
COFFEE		Craig & Kim Fitzgerald, Tad & Brenda Fiegen

Announcements:

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Donation: Collection \$1730.00 Online \$560.00

Online Giving: <https://osvhub.com/strosegarretson/giving/funds>

Dates to Remember

Monday, September 28 - Fr. O'Dell Talk, 6:30pm.

Friday, October 2 - Altar Society Meeting, 8:30am. St. Catherine Serves.

Sunday, October 4 - Life Chain, 2:00-3:00pm

Wednesday, October 7 - Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00-7:00pm.

Sunday, September 18 & Monday, September 19

- Pastorate Mission, Risen Savior, 6:00-7:00pm.

Sunday, October 25 - Fall Festival.

PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 9:15am

Daily Mon.-Sat.: 8:00am

SACRAMENTS

Matrimony: Please call the Pastor at least 6 months before the wedding date.

Baptism: Please call the Pastor.



Please call or text (507)828-6411 to submit a request to the St. Rose Prayer Chain.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Sept. 26	4:00pm	People of Our Pastorate
Sun. Sept. 27	9:15am	+Jeff Gilbert
Mon. Sept. 28	8:00am	+Charles Causey
Tues. Sept. 29	8:00am	Pastorate Confirmation Students
Wed. Sept. 30	9:00am	Clara Fink
Thurs. Oct. 1	8:00am	+LaMoyne Edmundson
Fri. Oct. 2	8:00am	Altar Society Volunteers
Sat. Oct. 3	8:00am	Pastorate CGS Team
	4:00pm	People of Our Pastorate
Sun. Oct. 4	9:15am	+Jim Whetham

**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES LOCATED
IN THE BASKET BY THE STEPS**

oux Falls Life Chain

**STAND FOR LIFE
FOR THE UNBORN**

Oct. 4 • 2-3 pm

**JOIN US FOR ONE HOUR
OF SILENT PRAYER**

Prayer location: North sidewalk
in front of or the west side of
Sleep Number.

**Avoid Tires Plus, Skechers,
and Empire Oil parking spaces.**

**Signs can be picked up and
returned to the parking lot
of O'Gorman High School
201 S. Kiwanis Ave**



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 27 - October 3

Sun: Ezekiel 18:25-28/

Philippians 2:1-11/Matthew 21:28-32

Mon: Job 1:6-22/Luke 9:46-50

Tues: Sts. Michael, Gabriel &
Raphael/Dan. 7:9-14/John 1:47-51

Wed: St. Jerome

Job 9:1-16/Luke 9:57-62

Thurs: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Job 19:21-27/Luke 10:1-12

Fri: Guardian Angels

Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5/Matt. 18:1-5,10

Sat: Job 42:1-6,12-17/Luke 10:17-24

Char's Crafts and Creations
CREATE ♥ GATHER ♥ HAVE FUN
DOORMATS ♥ PORCH BOARDS ♥ STAINED GLASS ♥ AND MORE!

OCTOBER 4
Blue Dragon Academy
♥ @ 1PM ♥

OCTOBER 25
@ ST. ROSE OF LIMA
♥ 2PM ♥

Faux Stained Glass Window Painting \$30

4' PORCH BOARD \$35

6' PORCH BOARD \$40

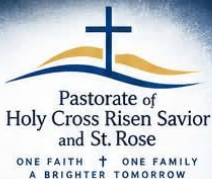
PORCH RUG \$35

Register Here:
OR USE THIS LINK:
<https://form.jetform.com/262578433038058>

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Everyone is Welcome!

Fun Projects Great Company Take Home Something Amazing!



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HOLY CROSS RISEN SAVIOR
AND ST. ROSE**

at the
**STAMPEDE
HOME OPENER!**

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FRIDAY
OCTOBER 3RD
2026-27 SEASON HOME OPENER



6:05 PM
DENNY SANFORD
PREMIER CENTER

FOR EVERY TICKET PURCHASED THROUGH THIS FUNDRAISER,
\$5 WILL BE DONATED TO PASTORATE OF HOLY CROSS RISEN SAVIOR AND ST. ROSE.

HOME OPENER HIGHLIGHTS



CLARK CUP CHAMPIONSHIP CEREMONY

Help us celebrate the Stampede's historic championship run as we raise the 2025-26 Clark Cup Championship banner and recognize the team before the game.



FREE STAMPEDE REPLICA JERSEY

The first 1,000 kids ages 12 and under will receive a FREE Stampede replica jersey.



CONCOURSE ACTIVITIES

Enjoy fun for the whole family from 5:00-7:00 PM, including Mr. Twister, face painting, a photo booth, and more!



PRE-GAME TAILGATE

Join us at the Birdcage for a pre-game tailgate starting at 3:30 PM.



POST-GAME SKATE

Bring your skates and hit the ice after the game for a special post-game skating party with Stampede players!

DOORS OPEN AT 4:45 PM, SO COME EARLY AND ENJOY ALL OF THE HOME OPENER FESTIVITIES!



TICKET INFORMATION

After completing your purchase, your tickets will be sent to you via email. If you don't already have a Stampede ticket account, you'll be prompted to create one to access your tickets.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! >

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Pastorateholyc2>



Questions or purchasing
for a group of 10 or more?

Contact the Stampede office at
(605) 271-1118 or
adam@sfstampede.com.

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Investing
Today
in a Stronger
Tomorrow