



St. Rose of Lima Elementary School

STUDENTS PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE

St. Rose of Lima Elementary School, rooted in Catholic values, strives to achieve educational excellence by facilitating the intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth of each child and promoting a community of faith, hope, love and service.

Parent Weekly Update

October 26, 2025 through November 1, 2025

Important Dates at a Glance

Sunday, October 26, 2025 - Children's Mass at 9:30 AM

Monday, October 27, 2025 - Student Council until 3:45 PM

Monday, October 27, 2025 - Cross Country Practice until 4:30 PM

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - School Picture Day - **all students in winter uniform**

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - Ice Cream for sale for \$1.00 at both lunches

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - Band practice and lessons

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - Dance Club until 3:45 PM

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 - Soccer Club until 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 30, 2025 - Mission Dress Down Day - see guidelines below

Friday, October 31, 2025 - School Mass at 8:30 AM - Virtue Awards

School Picture Day

On Tuesday, October 28, 2025 all students will have their school pictures taken for our yearbook. All students are required to wear their winter uniform. This includes the sweater /vest with the uniform. Forms for purchasing pictures were sent home earlier this week. If you have any questions, please call the School Office and speak with Mrs. Raetz. We look forward to seeing everyone's bright smile on Tuesday!

Mission Dress Down Day

On Thursday, October 30, 2025, our students and staff will participate in a Mission Dress Down Day. Students may wear fall colors or halloween colors. The cost is \$1.00 per child and all donations will go to support Detective Baker's designated mission of the YWCA shelter for women and families.

Sixth Grade York Catholic Shadow Day

On Wednesday, November 19, our sixth grade students will spend the day at York Catholic for a shadow day. Parents should have received information from York Catholic about this exciting day.

Dressing Warmly

As the weather begins to change, please make sure your child has the appropriate outerwear for recess. Students should bring jackets with them to school. Additionally, remember that sweatshirts may only be worn with the gym uniform. **Students must wear the royal blue St. Rose sweater with their daily winter/spring school uniform.**

Labeling Children's Belongings

As the weather begins to change and students begin wearing sweaters and sweatshirts, our Lost and Found box begins to fill up. The Lost and Found box is also filling up with lunchboxes and water bottles. We ask that you please label your children's belongings so that we are able to identify items left behind and get them back to their rightful owners.

Weis 4 School

Do you shop at Weis Markets? If you do, you can help our school by linking your Weis card to our school. This is an easy way to help our school earn money that can be used for a variety of things here at St Rose of Lima. Just log onto www.Weis4School.com, link your Weis Rewards Card and then start shopping at Weis Markets! We thank you for your support!

The St Rose of Lima Gala Returns!

The 8th annual St Rose Gala will take place on Saturday February 7, 2026 at the Yorktowne Hotel. Additional volunteers and helpers are always needed. Anyone who would like to help out with the gala committee can contact Neal Liptak at 717-676-7853. Tickets will be available for purchase soon.

Friday Masses

Please remember that only parents/grandparents of current students may attend Friday masses. All visitors must sign in at the School Office. Parents/Grandparents must sit in the back three rows of the church. It is the policy of St Rose of Lima Elementary that students must sit with their classes during school masses, not with their families.

Virtue of the Month

During the month of October, students are learning about the virtue of reverence. Reverence is having a deep respect for God. Our students have learned about St Hyacinth, St Tarcisius, and St Margaret Clitherow and how they lived their lives demonstrating reverence.

Children are able to demonstrate reverence in their daily lives through respectful actions, like quiet behavior and mindful listening during religious services, and by showing respect for God's

creation and for others. This includes physical cues such as folding hands and bowing their heads in prayer, as well as a respectful attitude of gratitude and humility in their daily lives and in sacred spaces.

Counselor's Corner

Our Guidance lessons are in full swing now, and we are covering a variety of topics across the grades. Kindergarten students read the story [A Bug and a Wish](#) to give the students kind words they can use to help them respectfully solve problems. We also read [Spookley the Square Pumpkin](#) and talked about bullying. In first grade, we read [Chester Raccoon and the Big Bad Bully](#) and the students completed a writing and drawing activity. We have also had a lesson to review how to use “a bug and a wish” as a problem solving strategy. Second grade also reviewed and practiced using a “Bug and a Wish” as a respectful problem solving strategy. Mrs. Smith’s class had a lesson about bullying and completed a ‘Bully-Free Island’ poster, and a lesson about [Empathy](#) and why it’s important to practice understanding other people’s feelings in order to show kindness and build stronger relationships with others. Fourth grade students had a follow-up activity to their Upstander lesson where they practiced coming up with phrases they can say to someone who is being mean or showing bullying behaviors. Fifth grade watched [What is Bullying](#) and [What to do about Bullying](#) and discussed how they can help someone who is being bullied. Sixth grade is continuing to work on study and homework strategies to give them more tools for academic success for 6th grade and beyond.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about our class lessons, or any activities coming home from our lessons, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm happy to provide clarification.

Here are some resources for parents related to our lesson topics:

[What parents should know about bullying](#)

[Rude vs. Mean vs. Bullying](#)

[Strategies to make homework go more smoothly](#)

Regards,

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