

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

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Sunday Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. – Saturday Vigil • 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. – Sunday
12:00 p.m. – Sunday Spanish Mass

St. Rose School Office

Rosanne Gallia – Principal
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Pastoral Council

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Financial Advisory Council

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St. Rose CCD

Grades 1-8 - Nicole Michalke
Grades 9-11 - Lynne Machac

Sacrament of Confession

4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Parents must be registered members in the parish. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Parties should contact the parish office 6 months prior to date of wedding to allow time for the required "Engaged Encounter" Course.

Holyday & Weekday Masses

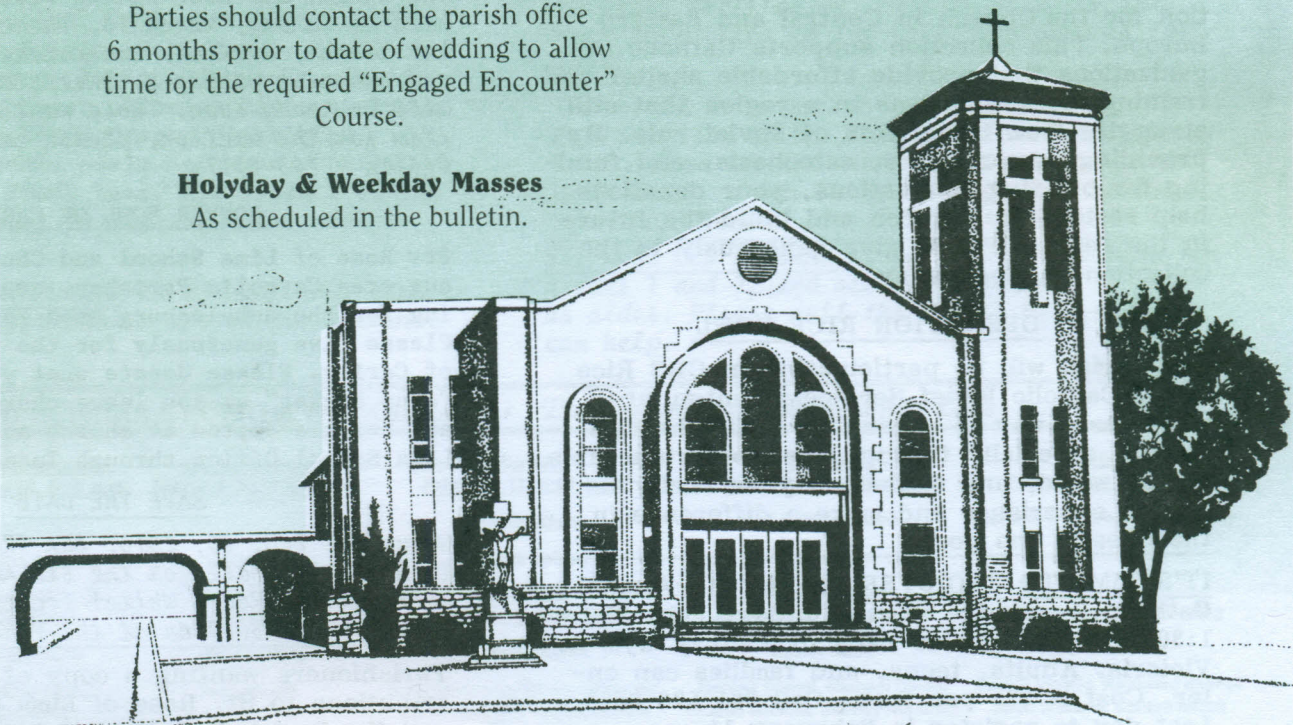
As scheduled in the bulletin.

Newcomers

Welcome to all new parishioners.
Please come by or call the parish office to register.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday – 5:00 p.m.



from the Pastors Desk.

At one time in our lives, we've all played a good game of catch. At other times, we may not be so sure that we want to "catch it" from the dean of discipline. No one wants to be caught in the act, much less caught red-handed. If we do get caught up into something bigger than ourselves, we must admit that we are not in charge, but are powerless.

In Luke 5:1-11, Peter became unhinged (so to speak) upon his miraculous catch of fish. He could not believe it. The event made him



admit that he was a sinful man and that Jesus should leave him. Because of his admission, Jesus chose him and singled him out.

We must offer our own gifts, and go out into deeper water, trusting that He will keep us afloat and bring us to safe harbor.

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$5,353.15.

THANK YOU!

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

On Ash Wednesday we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection on Wednesday.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world, and to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER for the 9th Annual Catholic Knowledge Bowl--Sunday, Feb. 21, 1:30-4:30 PM, at Our Lady of Victory Gym in Victoria. Adults, teens, and families can enter. Cost is \$25 per team. Call 361-573-0828. Last day to register is February 11.



Wednesday, February 10, marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. A good way to begin the Lenten Season is with Mass and the reception of Holy Communion. For your convenience, there will be three Masses on Ash Wednesday, along with the reception of Holy (blessed) Ashes, distributed during each Mass. Masses will be celebrated at 8:10 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish Mass), and 7:00 PM. Please make a sincere effort to attend Mass.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence. In the United States the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

The law of abstinence obliges those 14 years of age and older not to eat meat. The law of fast obliges all those from ages 18 through 59 to refrain from eating between meals and to limit their eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for the day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday during Lent we will have an evening Mass at 6:00; followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. What a wonderful and beautiful way to embrace the Lenten Season - to recall His passion and death through the Stations and to worship Him through adoration in Benediction.

ST. ROSE PARISH SPRING FESTIVAL

The annual St. Rose Spring Festival will be held on Sunday, March 13. There will be a turkey dinner, auction, sweepstakes, cake walk, and surprise packages. Sweepstakes tickets will be ready soon. Those wanting to donate an item for the auction, please call the Parish Office - 743-3117.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

St. Rose of Lima School and Church, along with our area Catholic Parishes, are again collecting for the Schulenburg Area Food Pantry. Please give generously for the 2016 Souper Bowl of Caring. Please donate what you can in the "soup bucket" as you leave church. Donations are being accepted at church and St. Rose of Lima School Office through Tuesday, Feb. 9.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016, the TRIUMPHS return to Swiss Alp Hall for the 8th Annual Rock-N-Roll for the Red & White! Tickets are on sale now--979-743-3080 or at the Parish Office.

Parishioners wanting a copy of their 2015 contributions to St. Rose of Lima Church, please call the Parish Office - 743-3117.



News from your Parish School

THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Third grade students have been preparing for Ash Wednesday services scheduled for 8:10 a.m. on Feb. 10.

This day marks the start of the liturgical season of lent. It is a time meant for us to draw nearer to God. Often the season is marked by penance or sacrifice. Traditionally people like to "give up" something for lent. At St. Rose School students are challenged to give up something to the extent that it can create more space for serving God. Some

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalm 51.10

examples: give up video games and replace with reading the bible or praying, give up candy or a favorite treat and donate the money to charity. These sacrifices then turn into ways that we are drawn into relationship with God. *What will you make space for this lent?*

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Masses of the Week

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8
6:00 PM Hugo, Ann & Edward Beyer
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
7:00 AM Barbara Quinn
6:00 PM Melvin Kalich & Dec. Family --
Exposition of Bl. Sac. 5-6 PM
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10-ASH WEDNESDAY
8:10 AM Bennie Pavlas
5:00 PM Jesus Moreno - Spanish Mass
7:00 PM Royce & Lois Brauner
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
8:10 AM Wilbert & Marie Skarke
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
6:00 PM William, Anna & George Herzik --
Stations & Benediction to follow
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
5:00 PM Harry & Doris Rektorik
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7:30 AM Harlan Wagner
10:00 AM George & Emma Vornsand
12:00 PM Alejandro Herrera - Spanish Mass

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GIFT BEARERS

- FEB. 13 5:00 PM - Harry Rektorik Family
FEB. 14 7:30 AM - Harlan Wagner Family
10:00 AM - George Vornsand Family

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Flowers on the altar today are given by Mrs. Claudine Franz in memory of her parents, Bruno & Hattie Leita.

23RD. ANNUAL FRIED CHICKEN DINNER will be held next Sunday, February 21, KC Hall, with serving beginning at 11:00 AM. Dine in or drive thru. Other activities in the hall. Everyone is invited.

There will be a presentation on Sunday, February 14, at the 7:30 and 10:00 AM Masses at St. Rose for the Nativity Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which Father George will be the Spiritual Director.

ST. ROSE CCD PROGRAM is in need of teachers for grades 1 and 7, and also high school, as well as aides. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.

ST. ROSE MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD - *The Beginning of the Season of Lent*

	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> February 10 8:10 a.m.	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> February 10 7:00 p.m.	<u>Saturday</u> February 13 5:00 p.m.	<u>Sunday</u> February 14 7:30 a.m.	<u>Sunday</u> February 14 10:00 a.m.
ROSARY			Kenneth Miksch	Ted & Gloria Kolek	Jerome & Charlene Kolenovsky
LECTORS	St. Rose Students	Ann Florus	Douglas Behlen	Rosa Gallpp	Jeannie Mican
ALTAR SERVERS	St. Rose School Students	Collin Bost Camden Bost	Selah Waltz Wesley Liers, Wyatt Fogle	Becca Wagner Ashley Pesl, Taylor Demel	Will Hooper Julie Guentert, Julia Oeding
EMHC-BREAD	Donna Kunz	Becky Perez	Kenneth Miksch	Lester Clark	David Machac
USHERS	St. Rose School Students	volunteers	Mark Besetzny, Harvey Schindler Mark Surman, Douglas Behlen	Marcus Demel, Michael Demel Charlie Michna, Stanley Kubenka	Darrell Vyvjala, Raymond Shimek John Wetuski, Clinton Mican



Lent 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>			<p>10 Ash Wednesday Attend an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes all day.</p>	<p>11 Choose Lenten offerings of prayer, penance, and almsgiving.</p>	<p>12 Abstain from eating meat today, and make your meals truly penitential.</p>	<p>13 Pick a saint to learn about and imitate. Ask for his or her special help and protection during Lent.</p>
<p>14 After Mass, decide what you need to change in your life in order to truly experience Jesus' love during Lent.</p>	<p>15 Raise the level of your prayer today and really think about the meaning of the words you are saying.</p>	<p>16 Put a cross, crucifix, or other image of Jesus in each room of your home to help keep you focused on him.</p>	<p>17 As an extra Lenten offering, give up something you enjoy -- just for today.</p>	<p>18 Resolve to say only positive things about yourself and others today.</p>	<p>19 Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.</p>	<p>20 Make a list of the ways you can support the poor, and resolve to do one activity each week.</p>
<p>21 Choose someone who has passed away or someone who needs extra help as your Mass intention today.</p>	<p>22 Pray an extra Rosary today and every day this week.</p>	<p>23 Forgive someone who has hurt you.</p>	<p>24 Ask Jesus to heal whatever keeps you from feeling God's bountiful love.</p>	<p>25 Read the Ten Commandments (<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i>) and resolve to live them.</p>	<p>26 Share a meatless meal with friends and tell them why you are abstaining.</p>	<p>27 Visit a nursing home and read to a resident, take one for a walk, or pay someone some attention.</p>
<p>28 Take one idea from today's Gospel reading or homily to implement during the coming week.</p>	<p>29 At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Pick one change to make.</p>	<p>1 March Look for evidence of God at work in your life today.</p>	<p>2 Deal with anyone in your life who may be interfering with your relationship with God.</p>	<p>3 Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel at one sitting. (Hint: St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest.)</p>	<p>4 Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.</p>	<p>5 Attend a parish Reconciliation Service or go to Confession on your own.</p>
<p>6 Laetare Sunday Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.</p>	<p>7 Go to a private room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.</p>	<p>8 Ask God for a new grace today that will bring you closer to him.</p>	<p>9 Resolve to go the entire day without judging or criticizing anyone.</p>	<p>10 Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</p>	<p>11 Figure out how much money you saved by abstaining from meat and give that money to the poor.</p>	<p>12 Trim down your possessions and give what you don't need to the poor.</p>
<p>13 Look around your neighborhood today for signs of new life.</p>	<p>14 Get up an extra 15 minutes early each day for the next two weeks and spend that time in prayer.</p>	<p>15 Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help.</p>	<p>16 Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</p>	<p>17 Today, pray for someone you don't like.</p>	<p>18 Eat a pretzel as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.</p>	<p>19 Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</p>
<p>20 Place palms around each image of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.</p>	<p>21 Recite the Profession of Faith or the Apostle's Creed each day this week.</p>	<p>22 Notice someone who may be hungry for love or attention and satisfy that hunger.</p>	<p>23 Forgive an offense you may have suffered and let God be the final judge.</p>	<p>24 Look for someone who is poor or homeless and share your food.</p>	<p>25 Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.</p>	<p>26 Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus. Ask his pardon.</p>

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Pictorial Directory photography sessions begin on March 2 and will continue as the schedule fills.

Sign-up sheets will be available after Mass in the back of Church for the next two weeks.

We look forward to having you be a part of our Parish history.

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February 2016

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Fr. Timothy Kosler, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Josephine Bahkita

Born in Darfur, Sudan around 1869, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Her captors gave her the name Bahkita, which means "fortunate." After several years of serving under cruel masters, she was bought by Augusto Michieli. The Michielis sent Bahkita with their daughter to Italy, where Bahkita encountered Catholicism. Overjoyed, she was baptized and took the name Josephine. In 1893, instead of returning to Africa with the Michielis, she decided to enter the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa.



Forgiveness

The advice, "forgive and forget" isn't easy to follow. Forgiveness means letting go of your anger so you are free to heal. Do you need to forgive anyone? Pray for the grace to forgive as God forgives you: freely, totally, and quickly.

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart."

St. Faustina



A heartfelt conversion leads to Christ

During Lent, the Church invites us to purify our souls so we can begin again at Easter. We do this in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by converting our hearts, our goods, and our time to God's purposes.

Convert heart. Jesus sparks renewal in a contrite heart, one that acknowledges its weaknesses and sins and is prepared to change. True conversion is demonstrated when we put new heart into our work or study and in the way we care for our family or friends. When we make life more pleasant for those around us and make our work more effective, we strengthen our conversion.

Convert goods. Earthly goods are

not bad in themselves, but we can't focus on acquiring goods and still be dedicated to holiness. Christ can't fill a heart bogged down with earthly distractions.

Instead, convert your possessions into instruments for God's purposes. What God can't use, give away.

Convert time. Picture

Lent as a time when Christ is calling each of us to draw closer to him again.

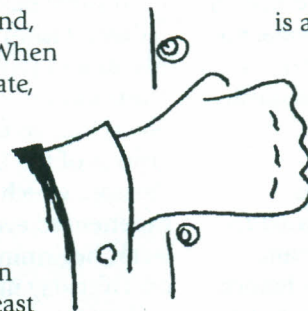
If we stay close to Christ, we will always find the strength to overcome the weaknesses and defects in ourselves that we can't conquer on our own. Use whatever free time you may have this season to pray, meditate, and read about Christ to learn and love him better.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics gesture during the Confiteor?

Prayers involve the mind, heart, voice, and body. When our bodies also participate, we tend to pray with greater attention. For this reason, during the Confiteor, we strike our breasts at the words, "through my own fault." Striking one's breast

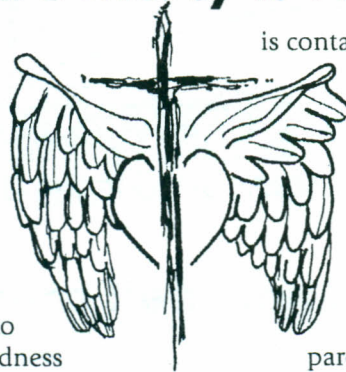


is an ancient symbol of repentance and sorrow. In the Confiteor, we recognize and profess sorrow for our sins by word and deed. This helps prepare us for a more holy participation in the sacred Eucharistic celebration that itself can affect reparation for sins.

God's mercy is real

Pope Francis recently said, "Mercy is real. It is the first attribute of God." How can we experience God's mercy ourselves in a powerful and personal way?

Practice it. Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." In order to receive mercy, we must offer it ourselves. Release your debtors, whether it is a material, emotional, spiritual, or psychological debt they owe to you. Then learn to ask for mercy from others. You will find that kindness



is contagious and God's mercy will flow through you.

Open the door to it. The door of your parish church is the door to the path of salvation. Use it at least weekly to attend Sunday Mass.

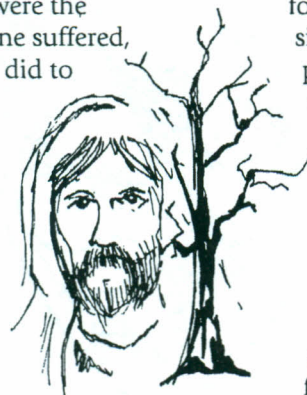
Ask for it. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the offer of mercy God never withdraws. We may be afraid to ask. To return to the embrace of our Father, all we need do is recognize our wrongs, ask his pardon, and to seek his love in the Sacrament.

from Scripture

Luke 13:1-9, Sin is a tragedy

In Jesus's time, it was thought that physical suffering and death were the punishment for sin. If someone suffered, neighbors wondered what he did to deserve his ill fate. Jesus explained that tragedy and death are part of life and he referred to two senseless tragedies to illustrate.

In the first, Pilate's soldiers killed Jews offering sacrifices. The second tragedy was a collapsed tower. Jesus explained that not every tragedy signifies a sin. The real tragedy, Jesus pointed out, would be if the people had died without repenting for their sins. Life is temporary. Heaven is eternal.



God is always ready to offer forgiveness to repentant sinners. Jesus told a parable about a barren fig tree. A tree without fruit should be cut down but it was given more time at the gardener's request. Jesus said that God, like the merciful gardener, wants to give us more time to repent and follow him more faithfully. The tree may still respond to care. While God's love, grace, and mercy are freely given to us, they should not be taken for granted.

Q & A Does following the Beatitudes mean I have to be miserable to be happy?

The Beatitudes can seem contradictory or confusing. Yet Jesus meant them as foolproof ways to obtain happiness here and in Heaven.



When he created us, God put the desire for happiness in our hearts (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1718*).

Knowing how to read the Beatitude blueprint is the key to that happiness.

For example, Jesus said, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven*" (Matthew 5:3). That doesn't mean we should be unhappy in order to get to Heaven. Rather, it means that instead of trying to go through life on our own, we can surrender to our dependence on God and he will lead us to Heaven.

Jesus demonstrated how to live the Beatitudes. When he saw suffering, he mourned, and didn't give in to his desire to "feel good." He was pure of heart and lived by God's laws. When he was insulted, he refused to react in violence. He showed mercy by forgiving his tormentors, returning good for evil.

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 2 - Presentation of the Lord.

Today, we celebrate when, in accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the prescribed offering forty days after his birth. Simeon tells Mary of the anguish she would experience at Jesus' crucifixion.

Feb. 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). A heavenly "lady" appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor and sickly girl from a small village in France. Soon after the first vision, a spring with miraculous, healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. The "lady" revealed

herself as the "Immaculate Conception" - the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pilgrims still flock to Lourdes today.

Feb. 13 - St. Catherine of Ricci (1590). Baptized Alessandra Ramoala, St. Catherine was born in 1522 to a prominent banker. Against her father's wishes, Alessandra joined the Dominicans in 1535. She is known for the visions of the Lord's Passion, which she experienced every week, beginning on Thursday night and ending on Friday afternoon for several years.



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