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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 Jeannie Mican – Administrative Assistant

> **Pastoral Council** Royce Shimek, President

School Advisory Council Natalie Mechura

**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.

Financial Advisory Council Jack Klesel, President

**St. Rose CCD** Grades 1-8 - Nicole Michalke Grades 9-11 - Lynne Machac

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

> **Bulletin Deadline** Monday – 5:00 p.m.



Ever wonder why the stoplight was invented? Well, of course, everybody knows that--but do they? Somewhere along the line someone taught us about stoplights. We had to learn what green, red and yellow meant. And it was a while before our reactions became second nature. Our parents stated the obvious, again and again, reminding us to "Watch the signals, look both ways, be careful!"

When Jesus raised Lazarus He prayed to His Father. "<u>I know</u> that you always hear me, but because of the crowd here, I have said so that they may believe." The entire life and ministry of Jesus taught people the power of prayer, and faith in God. How many miracles did it take to make that point clear? But Jesus took the time to state the obvious because someone there needed to hear it.

We need to do the same thing today. We can't assume "everyone already knows". It's our job to share the good news with people we meet and those we already know, to tell them about God and His wonderful gifts.

Go ahead, state the obvious, maybe today the person who needs it is you.



LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$6,514.00. CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: \$1,273.00.

#### MANY THANKS!

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#### EASTER MEMORIAL ENVELOPE

An envelope was attached to your bulletin last weekend for our annual Easter Memorial. There will be no special collection for this special memorial envelope; merely place it in the regular collection or bring it to the Parish Office. Your loved one(s) will be remembered at Mass on Holy Saturday and on Easter Sunday.

#### PICNIC CHAIRMEN NEEDED

We are looking for a couple or two individuals to be chairpersons for our June picnic. If interested, please call the Parish Office --743-3117. The picnic is Sunday, June 11. <u>SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES</u> are also needed for

our annual parish picnic. If you are able to donate a prize, please call the Parish Office by Thursday, April 13.



Next Saturday, April 8, palms for Palm Sunday will be blessed. The blessing of palms will take place at 4:45 PM, in front of St. Rose of Lima School. If you are planning to come to the 5:00 PM Mass, please come 15 minutes earlier. Following the blessing of palms, we will go in procession to the church. There will be no blessing of palms before the Sunday Masses.

As a reminder, it is important that your old palms from last year <u>MAY NOT</u> merely be discarded in the trash. Since they are blessed (sacramentals), they are to be burnt and the ashes placed in the ground. (Other blessed objects not consumable by fire are to be buried when their usefulness expires). Or, if you prefer, we will take care of your old palms for you. Just bring them in the altar servers sacristy or bring them to the Parish Office.

#### PENANCE

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) will be held at St. Rose on the following days:

SAT., APRIL 84:00 to 4:30 PMMON., APRIL 105:00 to 6:00 PMTUE., APRIL 115:00 to 6:00 PMWED., APRIL 1211:30 AM to 12:30 PMTHU., APR. 1311:30 AM to 12:30 PMFRI., APR. 147:30 PM (2 priests)

NO CONFESSIONS on Holy Saturday morning, and before the Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Masses.

NOTE: Two priests will be hearing confessions on Friday evening.

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY --SAT., APRIL 8--4:45 PM Blessing of Palms/Mass SUN., APRIL 9--7:30 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM Spanish HOLY THURSDAY --THU., APRIL 13--6:00 PM Mass/Adoration until 12:00 Midnight GOOD FRIDAY --FRI., APRIL 14--2:00 PM Good Friday Services 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross HOLY SATURDAY --SAT., APRIL 15--6:00 PM Easter Vigil EASTER SUNDAY --SUN., APRIL 16--7:30 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM Spanish NOTE: Saturday Vigil Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

#### ROSARY

Everyone is invited to come and pray the Rosary on Wednesday morning at 8:30, in St. Rose of Lima Church.

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



## News from your Parish School

## Lenten Confessions



This Wednesday, the students and staff will have the opportunity to receive healing and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. This is part of our Lenten preparation as we get ready for Jesus' Resurrection at Easter.

The basic requirement for a good confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the "prodigal son" and to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before the priest. The Gospels show how important is the forgiveness of our sins. Lives of saints prove that the person who grows in holiness has a stronger sense of sin, sorrow for sins, and a need for the Sacrament of Penance or Confession.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ." 1 John 1:9

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#### AMONG OUR SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Cara Seay, Bruce Gillings, Gordon Ross, Diane Ritchie, Martin Ripper, Jr. Eugene Schimcek, Connor Machicek, Nelson/Alice Jochen, Alice Hollas, Jordon Okruhlik, Doris Anders, Elmarine Matus, Leo Ernstes, Martha Huebner, Keith Beyer, Ovella Stuchly, LeeRoy Nelson, Jo Lane Schwenke, Nate Boehl, Royce Shimek, Phillip Tucker, Walter Ripper, Frank Segura, Gary Quinton, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Aline Mendel, Chris Hooper, Blakeleigh Ripper, Scott Spence, Sharon Cernosek, Luke Friedel, Janet Machac, Rita Brossmann, David Taylor, Ernie Mensik, Johnnie Fowlkes, Damian Janacek, Clara Schindler, Melvin Kunz, ill priests of the Diocese, nursing homes and the homebound.



MONDAY, APRIL 3 6:00 PM Dennis Grahmann **TUESDAY, APRIL 4** 6:00 PM Leona Winkler - Altar Society Exposition of Bl. Sacrament 5-6 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 Rudolph & Ida Ohnheiser, 6:00 PM Mary Korenek & Ludwig Veselka THURSDAY, APRIL 6 8:10 AM Jack Hooper FRIDAY, APRIL 7 6:00 PM Charlie & Agnes Michna & Paul & Rosie Gansky - Stations & Benediction to follow SATURDAY, APRIL 8 4:45 PM Milton Hengst SUNDAY, APRIL 9 Herman & Donald Hartensteiner 7:30 AM 10:00 AM Virgil Smajstrla 12:00 PM Alejandro Guerrero-Spanish Mass ++++++++ GIFT BEARERS APRIL 8 4:45 PM - Lorene Hengst Family APRIL 9 7:30 AM - Vi Hartensteiner Family

10:00 AM - Janice Smajstrla Family + + + + + + + +

#### EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

Our annual Easter Flower Collection will be taken up next weekend, April 8/9, at all the Masses. An envelope is provided in your envelope packet for this collection.

ST. ROSE ALTAR SOCIETY FRIED CHICKEN DINNER - Next Sunday, April 9, at the KC Hall, with serving from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Dine-in or drive-thru. Adults \$9.00 and children under 12 \$4.50. Drive-thru adult plates only. Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Religious Articles Sale, and Sweepstakes drawings. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### ST. ROSE MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD SATURDAY **SUNDAY SUNDAY** MARCH 20 10:00 A.M. APRIL 9 4:45 P.M APRIL 10 7:30 A.M. Kenneth Miksch 4:20 **Ted & Gloria Kolek** Jerome & Charlene Kolenovsky **ROSARY LEADERS** LECTORS **Ann Florus, Phyllis Venghaus** Donna Kunz, Mike Bonner Dee Ann Hooper, Gigi Marburger **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER Kenneth Miksch Darren Kunz** Margie Mueller ALTAR **Elizabeth Edwards Ethan Steinhauser Julie Guentert** Wesley Liere, Shelby Liere SERVERS Blane Warnken, Blake Meyer Joseph Goodwyne, Bennet Barber USHERS Mark Besetzny, Harvey Schindler Marcus Demel, Lester Clark Jr. Darrell Vyvjala, Ernest Srubar Mark Surman, Douglas Behlen **Charlie Michna, Stanley Kubenka** John Wetuski, Jack Niesner



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

One Minute Meditations

St. Zita of Lucca

parents in

Born to poor, pious

Monsagrati, Italy,

St. Zita became

the servant of

family when she was

twelve. For her hard work,

and overburdened by her

and humility won over her

enemies, and she was given

Famous for helping the sick,

the poor, and the imprisoned,

she is the patroness of domestic

There is nothing wrong with "pestering" God (Matthew 7:7),

but think: if this were all we

did with our loved ones, what quality of relationship would

that be? Instead, God seeks a personal relationship with each of us — to converse with us heart-to-heart. Of course,

tell him what's on your heart,

but don't forget to listen to

charge of all household affairs.

piety, and generosity, she was

despised by her fellow servants

employers. Eventually, her love

the wealthy

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workers.

Heart to heart

April 2017

### St. Rose, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, and St. Wenceslaus Churches Fr. Timothy Kosler, Pastor

# Healthy habits for happy hearts

Human beings are creatures of habits – we love our comfortable routines. Healthy diet and exercise practices make our bodies strong. The same is true of spiritual habits. They can strengthen our souls. The key to living a happy life is to develop healthy habits of the heart.

Humility. Humility is closely tied to gratitude and is the appropriate response to contemplating the greatness of God. Regularly meditating on God's immense acts – creating the universe out of nothing, sacrificing himself to save us –

is a sure way to appreciate his love and generosity.

**Prayer.** Happy Catholics use prayer to connect to God and gain distance from

worldly preoccupations that can weigh heavily. Develop a prayer routine that helps you "pray constantly." For example, start with a morning offering, recite the Angelus at noon, pray a daily Rosary, perform a brief

examination of conscience at night, and sit in silent prayer for at least 15 minutes.

> Trust. No one asks for discomfort but we get into trouble when we go out of our way to avoid it. In so doing, we can put ourselves before God and others. Healthy

Catholics know that there is no avoiding suffering and it can even be meaningful. Trusting that God loves us dearly and will use our suffering for good makes the suffering easier to bear.



We believe that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist because we have it on divine authority. Referring to the Eucharist, Jesus told his disciples, "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). Jesus makes this

# Why do Catholics believe in the "Real Presence"?



promise to us every time we receive the Eucharist at Mass. When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the bread and wine, Jesus becomes really and truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

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him, too.

"Draw near to

God, and he will

draw near to you"

(James 4:8).

## Growing in Faith™

# Take an antidote for a deadly sin

Some sins are considered especially deadly because they lead to other sins. Fortunately, the "Capital" or "Deadly" sins such as envy, pride and lust have antidotes. For example:

**Envy** is wanting what someone else has. Heavy doses of gratitude will help. Our peace is restored when we remember that all good gifts come from God and are glad for others' good fortune and grateful for our own.

**Pride** is seeking attention and honor that belong to God. Pride makes us focused on ourselves,



Jesus was so close to Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, he could have tripped them. Yet neither man

recognized him. Jesus even gave clues to his identity that he quoted from Scripture. The men were too caught up in the pain and disappointment of the crucifixion. Only when

he broke bread with them did / they see Jesus for who he was. Then he was gone from their sight.

Both Cleopas and his friend had formed such clear ideas of what they wanted Jesus to be that they failed to see him for who he was. They expected a



April 1 – St. Hugh of Grenoble (1132). St. Hugh was the bishop of Grenoble, France, and as bishop, he worked hard to reform his diocese of corruption. St. Hugh was also the friend and patron of St. Bruno, giving him the land where the Grand Chartreuse was built. With his help, St. Bruno founded the Carthusian order.

April 9 – Palm Sunday. The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday and recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering,

## Luke 24:13-35, Jesus hides in plain sight

warrior king and almost missed the universal savior. Aren't we like that, too? Don't we have such expectations of what we want God to be that we

miss who he really is? Christ's presence in our lives isn't revealed so much by the song of angels as the whisper of a

prayer. Taking the time to be alone with God, to read Scripture, and seek him in the people around us will help us uncover Christ's presence everywhere.

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). It marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith. He was martyred by an angry mob.

concerned about how we appear to others. Humility is a counter. Purposely draw attention to others, rather than yourself. Praise and thank God daily for your gifts.

Lust is focusing on sexual self-gratification rather than glorifying God. Sexuality is a gift from God and not inherently impure. Lust, however, is misuse of that gift, straying from God's intentions for us. Love, willing the good of the other, is at the heart of what it means to be human. Love for God and each other is the antidote.

# Why are there religious orders?

Historically, religious orders were founded in response to a need within the Church. Each order receives a special



grace from the Holy Spirit, called a charism, which helps to build up the Church. For example, the charism of the Sisters of Life is to

protect human life in all its stages.

There are two "kinds" of religious orders: contemplative and active. Members of contemplative orders live apart from the world in closed-off communities. They devote themselves entirely to prayer. Members of the active orders do their work in the world, though there is often a contemplative element to their life as well.

Religious life is "a permanent state of life recognized by the Church, entered freely in response to the call of Christ to perfection...characterized by the profession of...[vows]" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). All religious orders have the mission to spread the Gospel by how they live. They vow to live in poverty, chastity, and obedience so they can dedicate their lives, hearts, and minds completely to God's service.

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