

# 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

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## Sacrament of Confession

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

## Newcomers

*Welcome to all new parishioners.*

Please come by or call the parish office to register.

## Sacrament of Baptism

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

## Bulletin Deadline

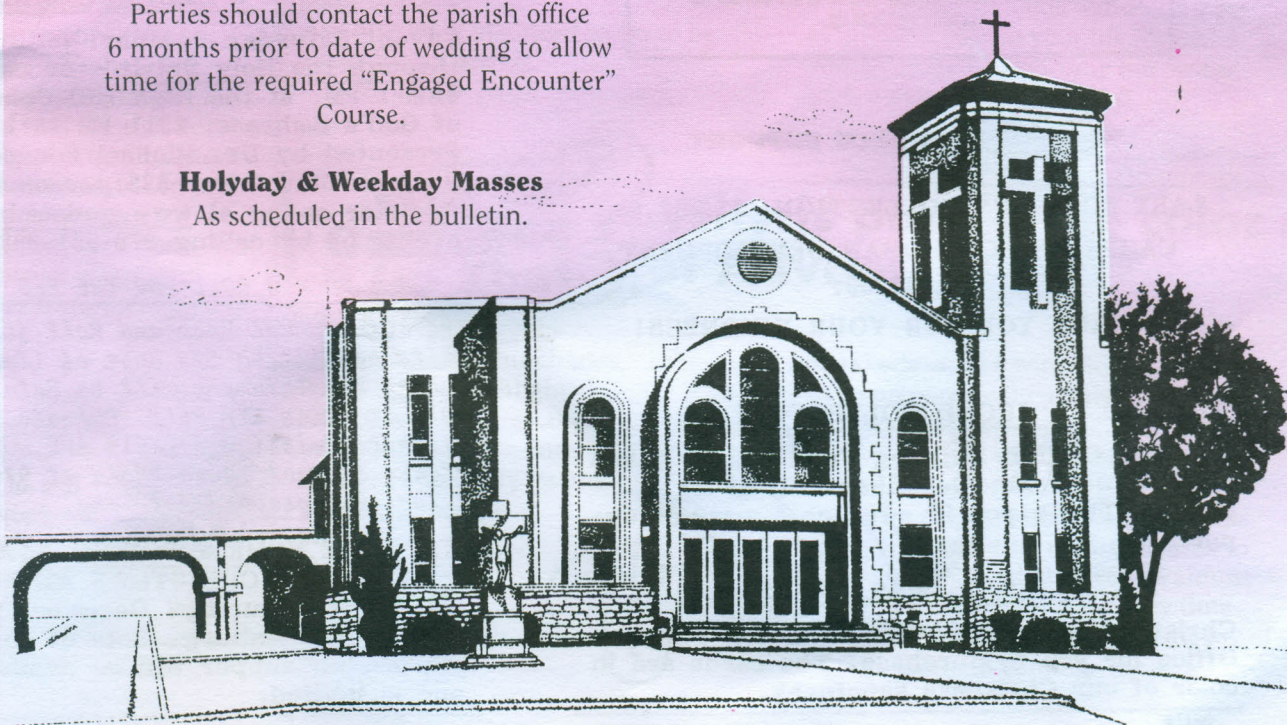
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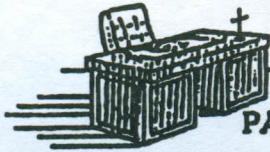
## Sacrament of Matrimony

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

## Holiday & Weekday Masses

As scheduled in the bulletin.





**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Ever hear a comment like this: "Oh I used to volunteer at the shelter but I don't agree with all the people they helped, some of them could have found a job." Or, "I used to donate to the church, but I want to know exactly where my dollars go." It's the latest trend, self-directed charity. We'll give, but only if we have final say in where our dollars or hours are spent. That's only reasonable, right?

Maybe not. It's easy to get so concerned over who could "undeservedly" benefit that we avoid giving altogether. Or we may delay giving to a pressing need because we're unsure about who is "really needy". In all this effort to be responsible we forget that it is God who receives every gift we give: every dollar we donate to relief funds, every sweater we give to the clothing drive, every hour we spend at the soup kitchen. Each hand that is filled with the gifts of our heart is the hand of God, reaching out to see that His children are cared for. He will bless each gift given from a pure heart whoever receives it. Jesus said "Whatever you did, you did for me."

Can He ever be "undeserving"?

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SECOND COLLECTION

St. Rose Church Building Fund will be taken up next weekend, December 2/3, at all Masses. Thank you in advance for your support.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are available at the Parish Office for you to purchase. The cards are in color of our Christmas sanctuary.

BISHOP CAHILL TO VISIT

On Thursday, November 30, Bishop Cahill will be at St. Rose to celebrate Mass for St. Rose School at 8:10 AM. Everyone is invited to attend.

CHRIST THE KING

Today's celebration in honor of Christ the King brings to completion another liturgical year. Together we have lived and celebrated the mystery of Christ, God's Word made flesh, His birth, the good news He proclaimed to both sinner and saint, the signs He worked to reveal the limitless love of God, and His final victory and the perfection of that love for all people of all times in His resurrection from the dead.

MAXIMILIAN: SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ

This is a moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, and it will be presented at Holy Family Church in Victoria on Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30 PM. Admission is free. For additional information, contact Holy Family Parish Office at 361-573-5304 or visit [www.hfccvic.org](http://www.hfccvic.org). Watch the gripping trailer and learn more at [www.StMaxDrama.com](http://www.StMaxDrama.com).

CZECH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Czech Christmas Concert will be held in Praha on Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 PM. A reception will follow. There is no charge to attend the Concert, but a free-will offering will be taken up for the St. Mary's Restoration Fund.

GOD'S EMBRACE MINISTRIES

Advent Saturday Seminar: Waiting on God through the Holy Spirit - December 9, from 9AM-1 PM, at the High Hill Conference Center of God's Embrace, 2911 FM 2672, Schulenburg. Presented by Dr. Michael Fonseca of God's Embrace Ministries. \$25/person includes lunch. Register online at [www.godsembrace.org/events](http://www.godsembrace.org/events) or by calling 979-561-8883.

ROCK & ROLL FOR THE RED & WHITE

The 10th annual Rock and Roll for the Red and White benefiting St. Rose of Lima School featuring the Triumphs will be Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 at Swiss Alp Hall. Private tables and general admission **TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE**. Please contact Laura Fogle at 979-743-3080 or [l.fogle@strosecardinals.org](mailto:l.fogle@strosecardinals.org).

**ST. ROSE HOME & SCHOOL** invites everyone to the annual **CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD** on Saturday, December 9, at the KC Hall in Schulenburg. Lots of entertainment, and a stew supper will be available. Everyone is invited.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Friday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 7: 7:00 PM Vigil

Friday, December 8: 8:10 AM & 12:05 Noon.

**AMONG OUR SICK**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Cara Seay, Bruce Gillings, Gordon Ross, Diane Ritchie, Eugene Schimcek, Conner Machicek, Nelson/Alice Jochen, Martha Huebner, Doris Anders, Keith Beyer, LeeRoy Nelson, Leo Ernstes, Phillip Tucker, Walter Ripper, Aline Mendel, Chris Hooper, Scott Spence, David Taylor, Rita Brossmann, Luke Friedel, Ernie Mensik, Clara Schindler, James Kubecka, A.J. Janda, Pete Stavinoha, Julia Garcia, ill priests of the Diocese, and those in nursing homes and the homebound.

**HELP SUPPORT ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL BY PURCHASING A \$5.00 raffle ticket for the Catholic Schools Sweepstakes.** Grand prize is a 2018 F-150 Truck or 2018 Ford Fusion Sedan or \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card. If you purchase a ticket from St. Rose, you could win a \$1,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card. Tickets may be purchased at the St. Rose Parish Office. The drawing will be held in January.

SILENT GUIDED DAY RETREAT: Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM in the Auditorium at the Convent, Victoria. Theme: "Silence: The Christmas Noise". Sister Rose Miriam Gansle, IWBS will be the director. One-Day Retreats include at least two presentations, liturgy or prayer service with ample time for personal prayer, walking and reflecting.

Pick up a free copy of Extension magazine at the church entrance.

Everyone is invited to come to the weekly rosary on Wednesday at 8:30 AM, in St. Rose Church.



Masses For The Week

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**  
6:00 PM Alvin & Anastasia Gerbermann

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
6:00 PM Holy Souls Remembrance (8)  
Exposition of Bl. Sacrament 5-6

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
6:00 PM A.J. Kalich & Dec. Fam. Members

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
8:10 AM John C. Harris

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
6:00 PM Holy Souls Remembrance (9)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
5:00 PM James Ohnheiser

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
7:30 AM Special Intention of Joe & Debbie Neskora  
10:00 AM Parish Family  
12:00 PM Julia Paz Reyes - Spanish Mass

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**GIFT BEARERS**

DEC. 2 5:00 PM - James Ohnheiser Family  
DEC. 3 7:30 AM - Joe & Debbie Neskora  
10:00 AM - Shane Hollas Family

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Flowers on the altar today are given by Ted and Wanda Stanzel in memory of Edward and Stephanie Stanzel.

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS - Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday, December 3, at the KC Hall, Schulenburg. Please contact any hostess for reservations by November 29. Hostesses: Carmen Stoner, Phyllis Sternadel, Susan Tackett, Laurie Trench, Jeanette Treybig, Jeanette Vaculik, Phyllis Valchar, Henrietta Veselka, Linda Veselka, Melissa Zapalac.

**ST. ROSE MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND AHEAD - 1st Sunday of Advent**



	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 2 5 p.m</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 3 7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 3 10 a.m.</b>
ROSARY	James & Rose Parma	Kenneth & Louise Berger	Jim & Adela Luksovsky
LECTORS	Ann Florus	Kenneth Berger	Jeannie Mican
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## One Minute Meditations

### Why Advent?

Advent is a time of warning, a time of preparation, a time of urgency.



It is when the Church wants us to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?" We know Jesus will come at our death and he will come at the end of time. The season of Advent encourages us to make the necessary preparations so we can joyfully greet Jesus whenever we meet him next.

### Grow in prayer

Our prayer life can mature and grow when we pray for intentions that are outside ourselves. For example, we can pray for the victims of war, the sick, for the people who don't believe in God, and for those in jails and prisons, whether we know them or not. The best kind of prayer is the kind that comes from the heart.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



## Advent is preparing for something wonderful

Advent is a gift from the Catholic Church to let us know something wonderful is going to happen at Christmas. Yet in our impatience to get to that something wonderful, we can forget that the wait can be wonderful, too. Try taking it one week at a time and wait, hope, prepare, and rejoice at the miracle of Christ's wonderful birth ...

**Week One - Wait.** Whenever you find yourself waiting for something this week, think of the fact that you are also waiting for Jesus to come. Ask him what you need to do to be ready for his arrival.

**Week Two - Hope.** This week

remember that God keeps his promises in ways more glorious than we can imagine. "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

**Week Three - Prepare.** Look for ways to prepare your heart for Christmas. Go to Confession to ready your soul for God's grace. Reconcile with anyone you need to in order to increase your peace.

**Week Four - Rejoice.** Sing "O Come, O Come Emanuel" at the top of your voice. Pray with enthusiasm at Mass. Spend time with family and friends. Write out a list of all the things in your life for which you are grateful. Welcome our Savior with a peaceful, joyful heart.



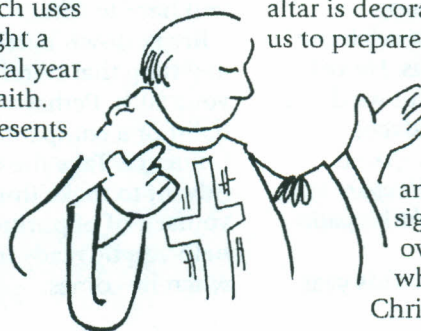
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why is purple the color of Advent?

The Catholic Church uses visual aids to highlight a season of the liturgical year or a mystery of the faith. Purple - violet - represents a time of penance and preparation. During the weeks of Advent, the priest wears violet vestments and the

altar is decorated with violet to remind us to prepare penitentially for Christ's coming.

On the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), rose vestments and altar cloths are used to signal that Advent is almost over. This is a happy time when we anticipate the joy of Christ's coming.



# Five ways to keep the season peaceful

Without our really knowing or intending it, the joy of Christmas can get lost in the wrappings and trappings of a hectic holiday. That's why the Church created Advent as the season for quiet and joyful preparation. Here are some ways to help savor the spirit of the season.

**Plan ahead.** Try to anticipate and avert the usual holiday problems. Sit feuding relatives at opposite ends of the Christmas dinner table. Plan how to handle guests who smoke.

**Stay within your budget.** Try postponing shopping as long as you can. You won't have the luxury of time to overbuy.

**Stockpile gifts.** Afraid of getting a gift without having one to give in return? Wrap and set aside a few extra batches of Christmas cookies just in case.

**Make time for personal prayer.** Throughout the season, make time for peaceful meditation and prayer – even if it's only a few minutes a day. Not only will it help defuse the tension, you'll be less frazzled when Christmas arrives.

**When in doubt, sing.** If you find your patience and good cheer running out, sing your favorite Christmas carol – the louder, the better. A little silliness might be the best antidote to holiday stress.

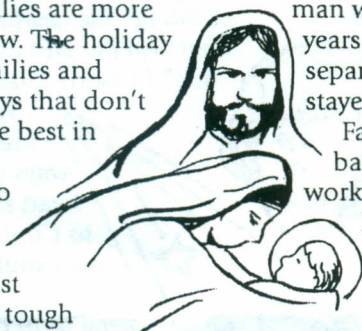


## from Scripture

### Luke 2:41-52, Families aren't always holy.

Perhaps there is no time during the year when our families are more challenged than now. The holiday brings together families and their baggage in ways that don't always bring out the best in us.

Perhaps it helps to remember that the Holy Family was a real family just like ours. They had tough times, too. There was talk of divorce when Joseph found out Mary was pregnant. Then they had trouble finding a place for Mary to give birth. Immediately afterwards, the family



fled to a strange land because a mad man wanted Jesus killed. Twelve years later, he and his parents were separated for three days when he stayed behind at the temple.

Families have good times and bad, and it takes every member working together to make a healthy family. One gift that strengthened the Holy Family was their cooperation with grace - the gift of God's divine life. How does that look in our own families? For a start, try for harmony in your family this year, and love them as a Holy Family, even if not everyone is singing along.

## Q & A Why do we light wreaths during Advent?

Advent wreaths are a time-honored tradition and are rich in symbolism. The wreath is an ancient symbol of victory, in this case, paying tribute to Christ's victory over sin. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us that God is eternal; he – like his everlasting love for us – has no beginning and no end. The wreath is usually made of evergreen branches, symbolizing everlasting life.



Traditionally, the four candles (three violet, one rose) represent the four thousand years between the fall of Adam and Eve and the birth of Christ. Each week an additional candle is lit, accompanied by Scriptural meditations and prayers. The three violet candles stand for the prayers, penances, and good works we do to prepare for Christ's coming. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent as a reminder to rejoice, because it tells us the season is almost over. Finally, the progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the light of Jesus' arrival, which brought us out of the darkness of sin.

## Use Advent well

Many of us look forward to Christmas all year but let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy, and the excitement of Christmas. Instead, why not use this year's season of Advent to prepare for Christmas? Look beyond what your eyes can see to focus on your inner preparations.

**Keep watch.** Jesus is coming.

We know this because we celebrate his coming every Christmas. He will also come again in glory but we don't know when that will be. Advent reminds us to always be prepared for the coming of Christ. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths (Matthew 3:3)."

**Give the gift of yourself.** This year

prepare the one gift for Jesus that he truly wants: YOU. Jesus thought each of us was worth love and his life. To him, we are a gift from the Father (John 17:24). Prepare yourself during Advent so that when he unwraps your gift on Christmas morning, it is the very best you have to offer — your love.

**Break down barriers.** Let go of anything that stands between you and your faith. Perhaps you have a bad habit or a companion who is a poor influence. Take the opportunity during Advent to make things right. Ridding yourself of opportunities for sin will help you be ready to greet the Savior when he comes.



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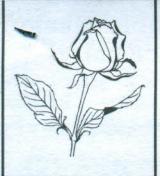
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