

# 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

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Natalie Mechura

## 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

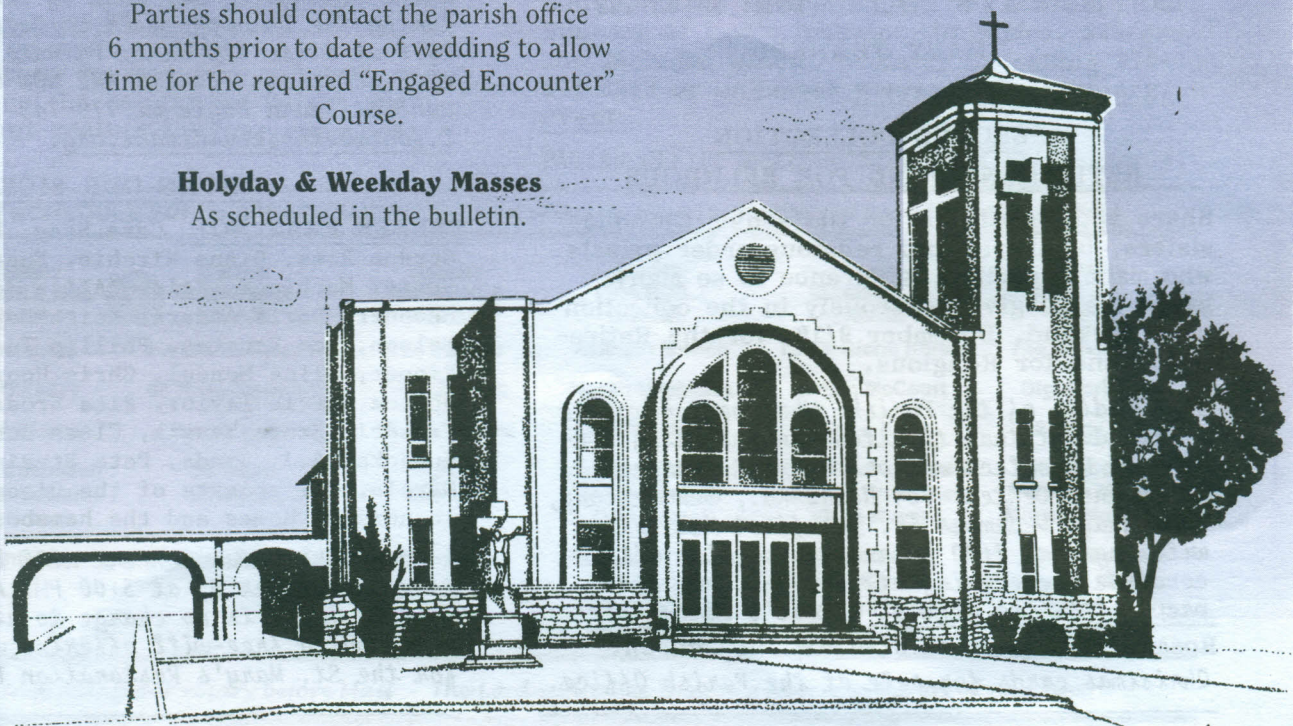
Monday – 5:00 p.m.

## 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.





What a pleasant picture the peaceful sleep of a child is! Look at those small round faces and tousled locks of hair, arms akimbo in the trusting abandonment of repose. Oh, how we long to reach that sweet time of refreshment ourselves. In truth, we long for that same sweetness and relaxation in our waking lives as well. Contentment, security and peace -- what a paradise our lives would be if we could just attain them.

BRRIIIIGGG! Hear that alarm clanging? Now isn't the time for us to be lulled into sleep by happy secure lives. God has assigned each of us work, hard work to do. And we must be awake, hungry, alert in order to accomplish it before His return. Contentment is appealing, but it also yields a sleepy disregard to the troubles around us. It's too easy to sit back with full tummies, in warm homes with well-protected families, while the sorrows of the world continue unabated around us. And even a short nap may find us dozing when the Lord returns.

Don't let it happen in your life! Set your alarm this week and wake up to the work God has for you.

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$6,027.82.

MANY THANKS!

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SECOND COLLECTION

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously in the collection next weekend, December 9/10, for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

*Dear Ladies of the Parish: What better way to start Advent than to attend an inspiring Evening of Recollection for Women at Featherock Conference Center, 934 Holub Rd., Schulenburg, on Monday, December 11. The first Meditation will begin at 7:00 PM and Benediction will conclude the evening at 9:00 PM. Come and prepare for the gift of Christ's birth!*

Rosary-Wednesday at 8:30 AM, in Church.  
Christmas cards for sale at the Parish Office.

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.

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

St. Rose Home & School Association invites everyone to its annual "Christmas Around the World" on Saturday, December 9, at the KC Hall in Schulenburg. All festivities will begin at 4:30 PM. A stew dinner will begin at 5:30 PM. Fresh baked goods, games for the kids, and an auction will be held. Come celebrate the beginning of a joyous holiday season.

MAXIMILIAN: SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ

This is a moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of St. Luke Productions, and it will be presented at Holy Family Church in Victoria on Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30 PM. Experience firsthand the story of the heroic priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, who courageously fought the forces of evil, and offered his life for another man in Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission is free. For additional information, contact Holy Family Parish Office. 361-573-5304.

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).

AMONG OUR SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Cara Seay, Bruce Gillings, Gordon Ross, Diane Ritchie, Eugene Schimcek, Connor 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.

A Czech Christmas Concert will be held in Praha today, 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.



News from your Parish School  
**Make way for HOPE**

The Advent season is here and as we open our hearts and minds for the arrival of the Word Made Flesh, let us recall how important hope is for each one of us.

Hope is the means by which we continue to move forward, with the promise of better things to come. Faith is our stronghold for the greatest gift, eternal life. As Christmas approaches the students at St. Rose of Lima will begin their journey of hope with their eyes fixed on Bethlehem. Each week before the 8:10 a.m. Mass, 8th grade students will lead a weekly advent prayer service.



This time in prayer reinforces the daily lessons on advent occurring in the classroom and will prepare them for the spiritual gift of our Lord at Christmas. Join our school family each week as we prepare the way of the Lord and celebrate the ultimate gift of his precious body and blood each week at Mass.

*"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

—Isaiah 40:31

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ADVENT PRAYER

Loving God, help us to wait with patience and anticipation, to not be caught up in the rush of the season, but resting in your ever-present love. Amen.



**Intentions  
 Of The Week**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00 PM Herman & Lillie Demel & Emil & Olivia Christ

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:00 PM Henry R. Olsovsky - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5-6 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00 PM Richard Leaman

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 PM Larry St. Cyr

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8-Immaculate Conception

8:10 AM Clifford Besetsny

12:05 PM Eve Uphold

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 PM John Fietsam, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 AM Sharon Cernosek

10:00 AM Leon Langhamer

12:00 PM Alejandro Guerrero - Spanish

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GIFT BEARERS

DEC. 9 5:00 PM - John Fietsam Family

DEC. 10 7:30 AM - Joe Cernosek Family

10:00 AM - Leon Langhamer Family

GOD'S EMBRACE MINISTRIES

Advent Saturday Seminar: Waiting on God through the Holy Spirit - December 9, from 9 AM-1 PM, at the High Hill Conference Center of God's Embrace, 2911 FM 2872, Schulenburg. Presented by Dr. Michael Fonseca of God's Embrace Ministries. \$25/person includes lunch. Register by calling 979-561-8883 or online at [www.godsembrace.org/events](http://www.godsembrace.org/events).

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Fri., Dec. 8.

**ST. ROSE MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD** - Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Second Sunday of Advent

	Wednesday DECEMBER 7 VIGIL 7:00 P.M.	Thursday DECEMBER 8 8:10 A.M.	Thursday DECEMBER 8 12:05 p.m.	Saturday DECEMBER 9 5:00 P.M.	Sunday DECEMBER 10 7:30 A.M.	Sunday DECEMBER 10 10:00 A.M.
ROSARY	KC Members	Phyllis Venghaus	The Parmas	Kenneth Miksch	Ted & Gloria Kolek	The Kolenovskys
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Please join in praying our rosary before Mass - The Lord will make His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. John of the Cross

Raised by his mother after his father's death, St. John studied with the Jesuits in Spain. He entered the Carmelite Order in 1563. St. John led a much-needed reform of the Order, encouraging more prayer and simplicity. His reforms were not always popular. He was jailed in a tower for almost a year, yet some of his most beautiful spiritual writing came from this experience. He was a close friend of St. Teresa of Ávila.



**"I am with you always."**

Sometimes God can seem distant and silent. Yet, he promised to stay with us always (Matthew 28:20). The same God who came to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago still comes to us now to live in our churches and our hearts. Today, be mindful of God's loving presence. Ask him to help you grow closer to him.

*"Draw near to God and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).*



## A holy Advent leads to a joyful Christmas

During Advent, we wait for the gift of pure love. Taking time each day this season to create moments of watchful silence and thoughtful preparation will lead to real joy at Christmas.

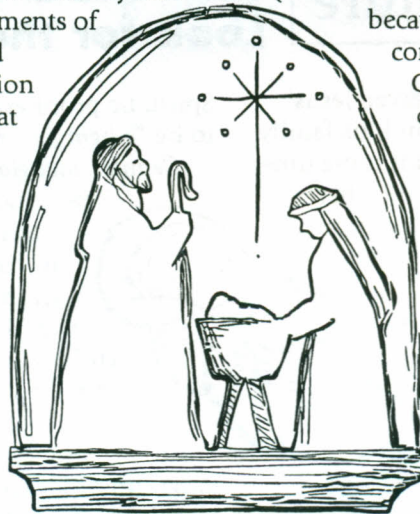
**Watchful silence.** *"For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him" (Psalm 62:5).* God does not shout. He speaks quietly and softly, in a *"still small voice"* (1 Kings 19:11-12). It isn't always heard in the rush of daily life but in the silence of our hearts. During Advent, slow down, quiet down and listen for the still small voice of God.

**Prepare.** *"Continue steadfastly in prayer,*

*being watchful in it with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2).* We fall into sin

because our hearts are not continuously turned to God. When we confidently turn to him each day, he will give us the protection and strength we need to withstand the darkness of sin. God does not expect us to be perfect but he does want us to be a little better today than the day before. Regular Confession is indispensable.

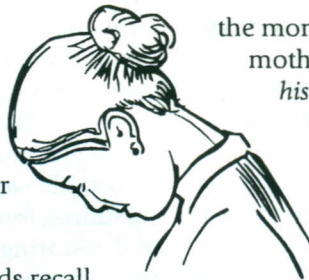
**Celebrate.** We were created to have a mutual, loving relationship with God. In fact, he loves us so much that he sent his Son to show us, tell us, and die for us. Celebrate our love story on Christmas with Mass and joy.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics bow during the Nicene Creed?

When we proclaim our belief that God's Son was "born of the Virgin Mary and became man," we bow out of reverence for the mystery that made our salvation possible (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #461). These words recall



the moment when Mary became the mother of Jesus, who would, *"save his people from their sins"* (Matthew 1:21).

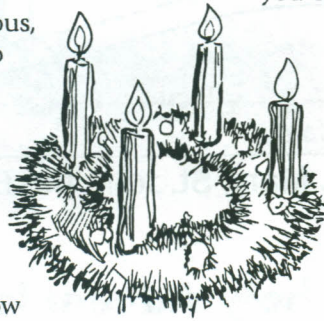
This is an amazing truth – out of love of us, God became man, died for our sins, and rose from the dead.

## Share the Christmas gift of love

At Christmas time, we are asked to reach into ourselves and bring out only what is kind, generous, and loving. To help, remember that Jesus came to us out of love and wants us to find ways to share his love with others. *"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you"* (John 15:12).

Ultimately, Christmas is about love.

**Comfort those who suffer.** This time of year highlights financial struggles and hardships. Offer the gift of love by calling your parish office or Catholic Charities (800-919-9338) to learn how



you can help others in need.

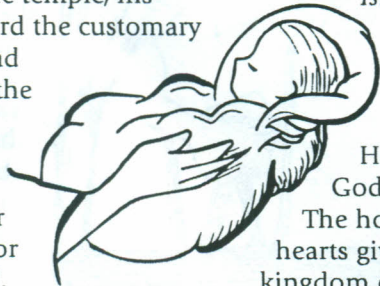
**Offer the gift of yourself.** The holidays can be sad for those who are alone. Spending time with someone else – especially when you don't have much to spare – is one of the most precious ways to show you care.

**Forgive.** There is no better time to offer forgiveness to someone who has wronged you or to ask it of someone you may have hurt. Forgiveness is a powerful form of love in action.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 2:22-40, Look for the Lord

To the uninformed observer, Jesus' birth was unremarkable and his family was quite ordinary. When it came time to present Jesus in the temple, his parents couldn't afford the customary offering of a lamb and gave two pigeons as the offering of the poor instead. As faithful Jews, they did what was required by their faith to thank God for the gift of their child.



Yet, when Joseph and Mary presented their new baby in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized him as the Messiah. Inspired by the Holy

Spirit, he prophesied that Jesus was to be *"a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel"* (Luke 2:32).

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord in the temple. Anna was also filled with the Holy Spirit. Her faith in God's promises gave her hope. The hope God places in our hearts gives us a desire for the kingdom of Heaven. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who want to know him, to receive him, and to be happy with him forever.

### Q & A How can I reduce stress this Christmas?

Christmas celebrates the amazing fact that God's Son became one of us to win us eternal life. It's not always easy to focus on the Good News while shopping, wrapping, baking, rushing, and entertaining. Try these tips for a more joyful Christmas holiday:

**Set limits.** Stick to your spending limits when buying gifts to avoid sticker shock after the holidays. Be choosy about which invitations to accept so that you aren't exhausted when Christmas arrives.

**Focus on prayer.** Whether it's praying a decade of the Rosary, reading Scripture, or spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in church, daily prayer is a necessity not a luxury.

**Prepare your heart.** Make an examination of conscience and go to Confession. Experience God's mercy as the priest absolves your sins.

**Make it last.** For Catholics, Christmas isn't just one day – the season lasts until January. Celebrate The Holy Family (December 31st), The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1st), The Epiphany (January 7th), and The Baptism of the Lord (January 8th).



### Feasts & Celebrations

**Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1854).** On this day, we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin. In addition to attending Mass, praying a joyful Rosary is a wonderful way to celebrate.

**Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531).** The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St. Juan Diego, also Native American. She asked that the bishop of Mexico build a chapel for her, and had him carry roses to the bishop as a sign. When the

roses were emptied from his tilma (cape), it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

**Dec. 16 – St. Adelaide (999).** A Burgundian princess, St. Adelaide had to escape from a murderous plot for the throne. She was rescued by the Holy Roman Emperor, King Otto of Germany. She married him and upon his death ruled for their young son, Otto II. As queen of Germany she was known for charitable works, including founding and restoring monasteries.



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