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## Saint Rose of Lima Annual Report July 2022 - June 2023



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# ONE

*Faith,  
Family,  
Parish*



Dear Parishioners, fellow disciples,

What a blessing you have been to me over the last year and a half. It has been a pleasure and a grace to see the growth of our parish family and the need for expansion of our campus.

My first goal was to continue fostering unity among the many diverse groups. We are blessed that our church, school, ministries, organizations and ethnic groups all walk together in discipleship - continually building the Kingdom of God in Rutherford and Cannon counties. This mindset was started by my predecessors, to whom I have a great deal of appreciation.

Our capital campaign is a great way to put discipleship into practice through the stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Reflecting on our own history and how God is leading us, our parish realizes that we must respond to the needs of our time. We do this with an apostolic passion and pastoral concern which comes from the heart of Jesus, our model. Our response to such challenges always needs to be focused on the Gospel, must never compromise our faith, and should always stay true to our mission: to be the place of encounter with the fullness of Christ in this community.

Every week we register new families, many relocating from different states and Latin American countries. With their arrival we are challenged to learn how to live, worship and serve alongside other cultures. Diversity comes with a price – to renew our minds to the reality that we are ONE in Christ (cf. Romans 12:2) and firmly acknowledge that through our baptism, we are all ONE (cf. Galatians 3:28-29).

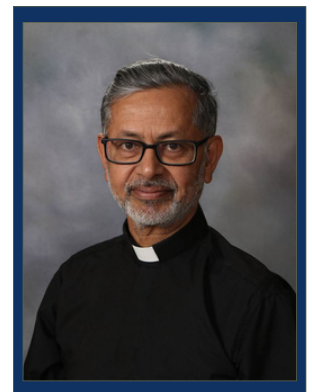
Stewardship is a consequence of discipleship. If we become closer to Christ in His love, we are able to accept His invitation to daily conversion sooner. This relationship enables us to see the material, spiritual, financial or existential needs around us. By the grace of God and our works of mercy we'll give answers that are appropriate and effective. It is my hope and prayer that our capital campaign will help us to provide solutions anchored in Christ Jesus. I also pray that together we remain ONE Faith, ONE Family, ONE Parish, and so fulfill Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in me and I in You, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that You sent me". (John 17:21).

Thank you for all that you do to build the Kingdom of God here. May "The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26). Amen!

God Bless,  
Fr. Chris Nunes



Fr. Alejandro Avelino



Fr. Cyriac Kurian



# NE Parish

## Welcoming New Clergy

*"When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus."*  
St. Rose of Lima

In June of 2022 Bishop J. Mark Spalding appointed Father Cristiano Nunes da Silva as Pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Father Cyriac Kurian and Father Alejandro Avelino were assigned to serve as Parochial Vicars at Saint Rose. On August 29, 2022, Bishop Spalding celebrated the Installation Mass of Father Cristiano Nunes da Silva at Saint Rose of Lima. Following Mass, the entire parish gathered to celebrate the Feast of Saint Rose with a parish picnic.



## By the Numbers

- 147,456 Website Users *18% increase*
- 3,408 Registered Households *July 2022 - June 2023*
- 394 Students enrolled Saint Rose School *May 2023*
- 390 Students enrolled Parish Religion School *May 2023*
- 150 First Communicants
- 146 Confirmands
- 94 Newly Baptized
- 78 Parish Employees *57 full-time and 21 part-time*
- 23 Sacraments of Marriage
- 21 Received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church
- 10 Clergy and Religious Sisters

## Pastoral Council

The Saint Rose of Lima Pastoral Council provides leadership, direction, formation, education, and resources in accordance with the mission of the parish, the diocese, and the Universal Church. It supports the pastor in his role, and together they establish goals and objectives based on the priorities for the parish. The council also develops new programs and expands existing programs to meet the changing needs of the parish.

Jeff Laney - Chairperson  
Paula Farmer - Secretary  
Cecilia Cortes  
Linda Edwards

Elaine Jones  
Carmen Martinez Rincon  
Laura Morales  
Dr. William C. Smith, II  
Moises Vasquez

### Ex-Officio Members (non-voting)

Fr. Chris Nunes  
Fr. Cyriac Kurian  
Fr. Alejandro Avelino  
Deacon John D'Amico  
Sister Catherine Marie, OP  
Amy Swartz  
Benjamin Smith, PhD.  
*Representative from Finance Committee*



# ONE Campaign

We kicked off our parish Capital Campaign in May of 2023. While upgrading the campus is a must, this campaign is also about our growing parish and school and expanding our reach to serve people most in need. It's about our trust in God and a desire to do all we can to build up His kingdom here in Murfreesboro and the communities we serve.

**ONE** symbolizes the unity of our Faith, Family and Parish. We are building to accommodate the present and to secure the future in Christ for Murfreesboro and the Catholic community in Middle Tennessee.



## Timeline

- 2020: the parish embarked on a strategic process that culminated with a parish-wide assessment in November of 2022. This study clearly identified our goals and the path forward in a Master Plan.
- 2023 (May): we kicked off the capital campaign with a Cinco de Mayo celebration.



## Pathway to Progress

\$532,816.00	Reserve from Prior Campaign Effort
\$18,262.92	Cinco de Mayo Campaign Kickoff
\$13,915.00	Rodeo
\$11,068.51	International Festival
\$5,345.00	Tamale Sale
\$4,295.00	Easter Candle Sale
<b>\$3,896,917.92</b>	<b>Amount Pledged</b>
	<i>(May 23 - Dec 23)</i>



Use your smartphone to scan the QR code to find out more about The Capital Campaign.

# Capital Campaign

“This extraordinary effort is the fruit of years of prayer, conversations and planning.”



# ONE Faith

Saint Rose of Lima welcomes all parishioners to become an active part of our community. Parish ministry information can be found in the church bulletin or on our website: [www.saintrose.org](http://www.saintrose.org).

## Formation

These ministries encourage learning of our faith and provide ongoing instruction to aid in personal and spiritual growth. Groups provide opportunities to share faith among peers and throughout our community.

- Adult Study/Formation
- Adult Bible Study
- Baptismal Ministry
- Catholic Men's Faith Group
- Cursillo
- Homeschool Group

*Eucharistic Revival* is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our devotion to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

*Office of Faith Formation* develops and supports the formation of spiritual life, doctrines, values and service for the children, young people and adults of Saint Rose of Lima. Growth in these areas equips one to follow the universal call to holiness and serve the church, family, friends, and society. The Office of Faith Formation is staffed by five parish employees and countless volunteers that oversee nine formation programs within our parish.

- Adult Catechesis
- Fidelis
- Fraternalis
- Life Teen
- Parish School of Religion (PSR)
- Youth Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- UCAT ~ Middle Tennessee State University
- OCIA ~ Order of Christian Initiation for Adults





# ONE Faith

## Hospitality

*These ministries facilitate fellowship among parishioners through welcoming, consoling, or celebrating.*

*The Bereavement Committee* provides a meal for the family and friends of the deceased following the funeral. We had 27 deaths in our community this past year.

- Awesome Bakers
- Bocce Club
- Coffee & Donuts
- Hospitality ~ Welcoming

## Latin American

*These ministries organize and offer spiritual, educational, and service opportunities creating a united, vibrant and joyous community of faith for our Spanish-speaking parishioners.*

- Altar Servers
- Bible Study
- Charismatic Prayer Group
- Choir
- Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors
- Oracion y vida
- Baptism Preparation
- Pre-Matrimonies
- PSR Español
- Ushers and Greeters



*Faith and Charity Group* assists parishioners new to this country.

## Prayer

*These ministries encourage us to pray and spend time with the Lord. The result is a deepening of our personal relationship with Jesus.*

- Adoration
- Divine Mercy Cenacle

*Charismatic Renewal* of Saint Rose of Lima is a community committed to prayer, Scripture, and the praise God, providing support and growth in holiness.

*Legion of Mary* is an association of Catholic laity who serve the Church on a voluntary basis. We welcome men and women to come and learn about the Blessed Mother and the treasures of our faith in Christ and His Church.





# ONE Faith

## Service

The following groups minister to our parishioners' needs as well as to the community.

- Altar Care Society
- Altar Servers
- Boy Scouts
- Facilities and Grounds
- Food Pantry
- Giving Tree
- Lector Ministry
- Respect Life (KofC)
- Respect Life/Pro-Life Ministry
- Saint Rose Ladies' Guild
- Saint Rose Women's Ministry
- Saint Rose Radio
- Troops of Saint George
- Ushers
- VA Hospital Volunteers
- Wedding Ministry



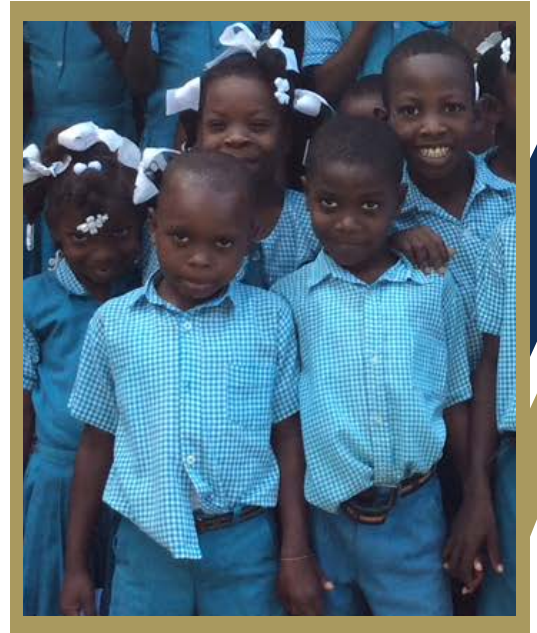
*Backpack Ministry* In partnership with Murfreesboro City Schools, this ministry's goal is to provide meals for children facing food insecurity on weekends and holidays.

*Bridge Ministry* offers a supportive setting for individuals to come and address their financial needs and other difficulties they may be having. Through attentive listening, volunteers look for additional needs and provide direction for the appropriate resources. The hope is to offer a "bridge" to get people to a better place. This includes assistance with resumes and job search skills to assist the unemployed and underemployed.

*Haiti Mission* provides opportunities to support our Haitian brothers and sisters at Notre Dame de la Merci in Haiti. We encourage those who are called to be missionaries to go to Haiti and share our faith.

*Homebound Visitation* takes Our Lord in the Eucharist to those who are physically, mentally, or emotionally incapacitated and unable to attend Mass. In addition to sharing with them the Blessed Sacrament, this ministry keeps our parishioners connected to Saint Rose and assures them that they are not forgotten.

*Saint Rose Radio* In conjunction with EWTN, Saint Rose Radio brings solid Catholic programming 24/7 to Murfreesboro as an evangelization outreach to Catholics and non-Catholics.







# ONE Faith

## Service

*Knights of Columbus* are dedicated to living lives of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism as Men of the Cross. Marion Council #4563 supports our parish, school, and the community of Middle Tennessee through various projects, fundraisers, scholarships and donations.

### 2022-2023 Activities at a Glance

- Habitat for Humanity Cooking to Build Fundraiser
- Youth Basketball & Soccer Challenges
- Community Care of Rutherford County (CCRC) Christmas Party
- Saint Rose Convent Clean-up
- Food Pantry Drive
- Lenten Fish Fry
- Super Bowl Smoked Ribs Fundraiser
- Soup & Chili Cook Off Fundraiser



*Women's Ministry* unites women of the parish through service and fellowship with a commitment to women, children and families of Saint Rose Church and School. The Women's Ministry hosts the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas PJ Party for our parish children as well as quarterly Parish Meet and Greets, which introduces new parishioners to all of the wonderful ministries of our parish.

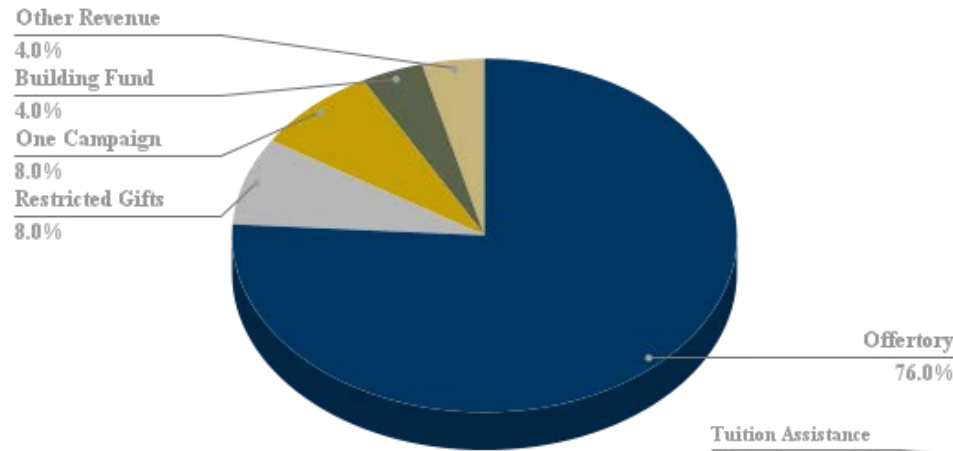


## Community Impact

\$51,625.96	Given out in financial assistance to 467 families from the Bridge Ministry
\$76,951	Donated to our sister parish in Haiti
\$6,500	Collected to support Portico Pregnancy Center
1,500	Meals served during Lenten Fish Fry season
1,178	Families benefiting from our Food Pantry in a year
800	Hours of service logged by the Boy Scouts from our parish
360	Hours spent preparing and serving 8 meals a year at the Journey Home
82	Families who received Christmas gifts from the Giving Tree
80	Homebound visits on average per week from 35 Homebound ministers
85	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
102	Ushers
74	Lectors
53	Altar servers
27	Students received food assistance for 38 weeks through the Backpack Ministry
6	Service projects completed by our 2nd grade Girl Scouts
6	Female Cursillo participants

# Parish Financials

## Parish Revenue \$2,682,250.00



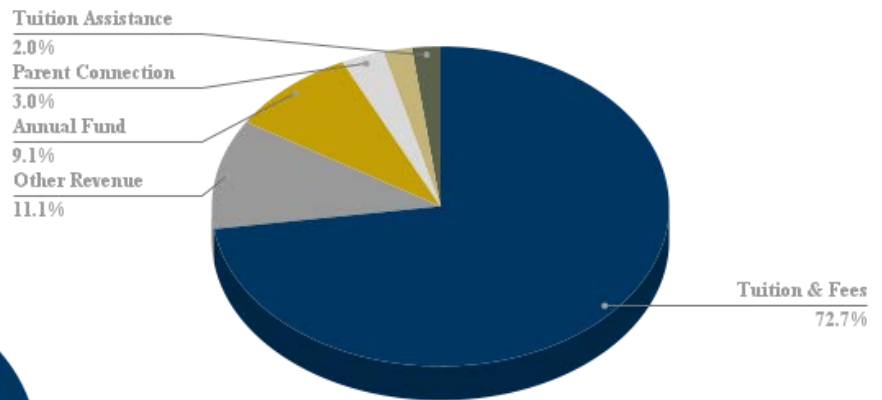
### Parish Finance Committee

- Deacon John DiAmico
- Jay Quinby
- Larry Farmer
- Theresa Cole

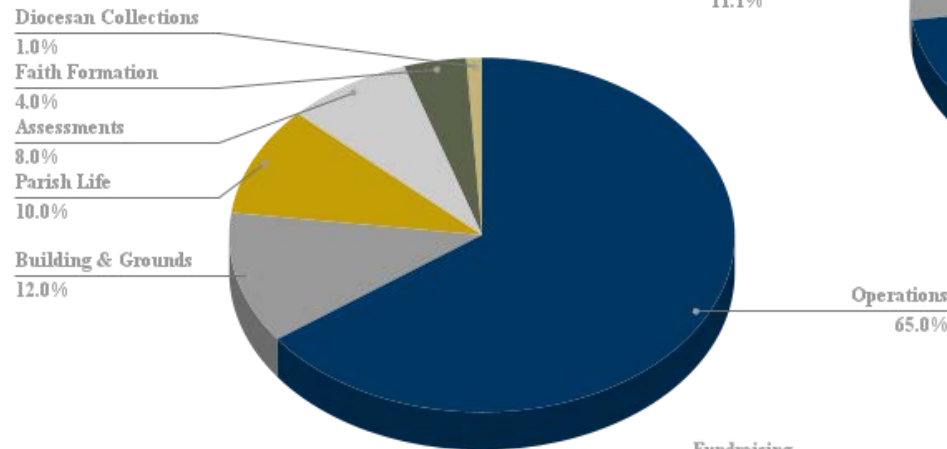
### Ex-Officio Members

- Father Chris Nunes
- Father Alejandro Avelino
- Father Cyriac Kurian
- Lori Heil

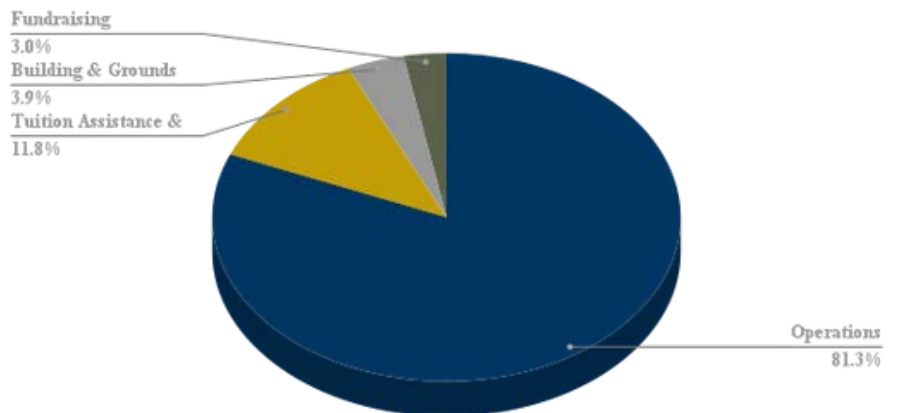
## School Revenue \$3,711,171.00



## Parish Expenses \$2,264,614.00



## School Expenses \$3,508,395.00



- Personnel Cost is \$1,078,474.00 of Parish Operation Expenses
- Personnel Cost is \$2,437,187.00 of School Operations Expenses



*“It’s not how much we give,  
but how much love  
we put into giving.”*  
St. Teresa of Calcutta



# Giving

is a spiritual act, which allows Saint Rose of Lima to continue serving not only its parishioners but the extended community while promoting the mission of the Catholic Church. The giving of Time, Talent, and Treasure is a way of thanking God for all of His blessings.

*“Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent, and treasure.”*

*-Pope Benedict XVI*

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## Parish Giving



## Time & Talent

is needed to fulfill and support our mission as Christians. There are many opportunities to be stewards of both in our parish. Please reference the many ministries of Saint Rose listed on pages 6-9.

## Treasure

is vital to Saint Rose of Lima to support our Mission, achieved through our ministries, our school, our staff and our facilities.

- **Online Giving** can be accessed at [saintrose.org](http://saintrose.org) or [school.saintrose.org](http://school.saintrose.org) or by scanning the QR code. This system gives you the flexibility to set up regular automated payments or one-time gifts. You may change them easily at any time.
- **Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)** is available on our website or at the church office. This will draft directly from the bank account that you designate.
- **Church Envelopes** may be obtained through the office. Using these helps to track cash donations. You may also write a check. It is helpful if your registration number is on the memo line. Call the church office for your registration number.

## Types of Monetary Giving

- Parish Operations
- Planned Giving
- Endowments
- Bishop’s Annual Appeal
- School Annual Fund
- Tuition Assistance
- Scholarships

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# ONE Teaching



Dear Friends in Christ,  
This past year has truly been blessed with growth and a deepening of God’s grace. During this time we have been able to strengthen our curricular offerings, enliven our school with new faculty and expand our use of technology to support what we do so well. We have also made significant additions to bring our school security. All of this and more has been through the support and expertise of our parents and parishioners.

We have an all-time high enrollment, with a curriculum that is challenging and students who are engaged. What gratifies me the most is that our graduates have been successful in high school and beyond.

We welcomed 88 new families to our school and they have become an integral part of a warm and dynamic community that is united in an effort to provide our children with all that they need for this life and the life to come.

I am truly grateful to all of our parishioners as well as our past and present parents who have contributed to our day to day operations. We have exciting days ahead as we move closer to seeing the Master Plan become a reality.

With grateful prayers,  
Sr. Catherine Marie, O.P.  
Principal



## 22-23 School Highlights

### October 10, 2022

#### Stars & Pars Golf Scramble

- \$13,700 raised
- Our 9th annual golf tournament had a record number of golfers.
- Funded classroom support and equipment

### November 11, 2022

#### Boosterthon Fun Run

- \$43,000 raised
- funded classroom supplies and equipment
- excess funds went to security enhancements

### April 14, 2023

#### Day of Adoration

The class of 2023 planned and implemented a beautiful day of worship for the students, faculty, and the parents of our school.

### May 19, 2023

#### Field Day

The chilly day did not stop our students from enjoying water slides, games, and our annual class tug of war competition.

### April 22, 2023 Starry, Starry Night ~ Dinner, Dance & Auction

\$267,102.60 raised

It was a roaring good time as the campus was transformed for a night of *Roaring 20's* fun. Parents, grandparents, and friends of Saint Rose dined, danced and raised a record amount of funds for our school.

Money raised at Starry Night supports our Annual Fund which supplements our school operations budget enabling us to offer competitive teacher wages, maintain our facilities, and offer tuition assistance to families.



### School Advisory Board

- Jeff Laney
  - Dawn Terrell
  - Katherine Wright
  - Bri Bland
  - Lance Alexis
  - Katie Carney
  - Bill Wright
  - Julian Yang, MD
  - Melly Vega
  - Deacon John D’Amico
- Ex-Officio Members*
- Sister Catherine Marie
  - Father Chris Nunes

## Additional School Funding Sources

### GEER Grant

In April of 2023 Saint Rose School applied for and received \$609,122 from the State of Tennessee's GEER Non-Public Schools Grant. The school purchased:

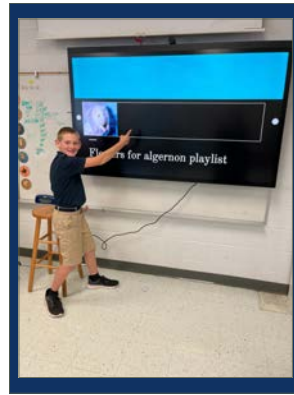
- classroom and outside lighting
- desks and chairs for the Junior High
- professional development
- curriculum training
- computers
- smart boards
- textbooks
- HVAC unit
- funding for the 23-24 school year for Support Services Department
- funding for the 23-24 school year for Spanish program

### Scholarships

- Joanna Gilbert Memorial Scholarship
- Wilson Family Scholarship
- Knights of Columbus Scholarship
- St. Luke Knights of Columbus Scholarship
- Michael Semich Memorial Scholarship

### Additional Tuition Assistance Funding

- George & Mary Kremer Foundation Grant
- Advancement of Catholic Education Grant



## Michael Semich Memorial Scholarship

After the sudden and unexpected death of our oldest son, Michael, in 2014, my wife Alice and I struggled to find a way to honor Michael and somehow continue a legacy of his life. His brother and his wife had recently welcomed a baby to their lives and we felt that we could do something to benefit the Saint Rose of Lima School and the students who might need some financial help. We decided to designate the proceeds of my newly developed hot sauce to establish the Michael Semich Memorial Scholarship with the intent to help families who are in need.

As members of our parish heard about the scholarship they wanted to make cash donations as well. Almost every year we have been able to increase the amount of financial support and also increase the number of students receiving the scholarship.

Alice and I dearly love our Saint Rose family. Throughout the years and all the ups and downs of life, our church family has been there to help, support and pray for us. One of the greatest blessings we receive is watching the children (some of whom I baptized) at Saint Rose receive the sacraments of our faith, gain an excellent Catholic education, and grow up to be valued members of our community.

"If Michael's scholarship helps those students and their families in their time of need, then the purpose and blessing that his scholarship was intended to do, is fulfilled."

Deacon Pete Semich

Use your smartphone to scan the QR code to donate to the Semich Scholarship



# Faces of our Parish







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# Save the Dates:

## **February 12**

Dr. Ray Guarendi presents: Parenting with a Purpose

## **February 24**

The Hispanic community hosts the 2nd Annual Couple's Gala

## **February 16, 23 and March 1, 8, 15, 22**

Knights of Columbus Parish Fish Fry

## **March 27**

Saint Rose School's Class of 2024 presents *The Passion Play*

## **March 31**

Women's Ministry Easter Egg Hunt

## **April 13**

Starry, Starry Night ~ Dinner, Dance and Auction benefiting Saint Rose School

## **June 25-26**

St. Juan Diego Route National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage ~ Murfreesboro to Nashville

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