



Saint Rose of Lima

Roman Catholic Church

Saint Rose Formation Office

We have created a team here in the Saint Rose office that is being named the Formation Office. Working with students has been an essential part of my priesthood and something that is very close to my heart. I believe we can learn so much from them and that they are a vital part of our Church. They are not simply the future of the Church; they are the young Church and are just as much a part of it as anyone else. Christ rebuked his disciples when they kept children from approaching him; in fact, he stated, “the Kingdom of God belongs to them” (Matthew 19:13-14).

In order for them to claim this great responsibility, they need to be formed! We are all in need of continuing formation, but the earlier we start this formation, the better chance we have of the students holding on to it for a lifetime. It must first be modeled at home, which the Church refers to as the Domestic Church. Once they enter into formal catechesis in a Catholic school or a Parish School of Religion (PSR) program, we should be reinforcing what their parents have already modeled. Saint Rose is very blessed to have a school in which our students receive a wonderful education and a PSR program that offers students who do not attend parochial school a full instruction in the faith.

Formation can look different from one place to another, however, there are certain things that it should include. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops put out a document in 1997 called *Renewing the Vision* that stresses what some of those things should be in Youth Programming. While it does not give an outline of how it should look, it allows us to see what elements should be included in an active program. These elements include advocacy, catechesis, community life, evangelization, service, leadership development, pastoral care, and prayer/worship. A good youth program involves learning and fun, being here at the parish and going out into the larger community, quiet reflection, and action; it is not an either-or, but a both-and! This is what our Formation Office will be doing and helping to provide our young people.



Sean White, Pastoral Assistant; Jenny Morris, Director of Youth Ministry; Michaela Miller, Director of Religious Education.

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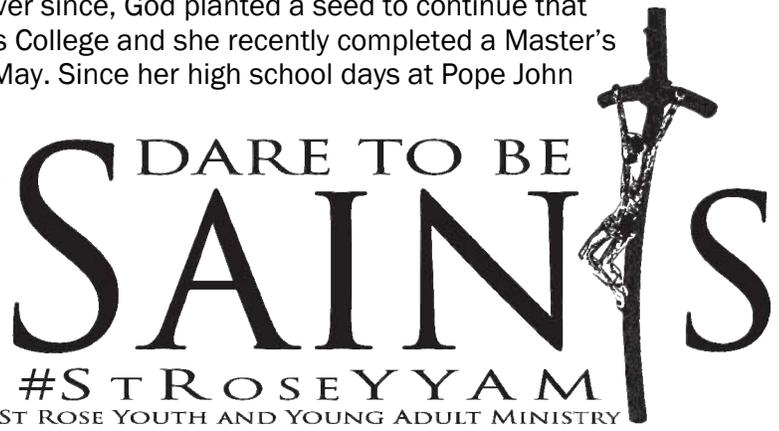
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The Formation Office will be made up of Michaela Miller (Director of Religious Education), Jennifer Morris (Director of Youth), and Sean White (Pastoral Assistant); they will be working closely with myself, the sisters in our school, volunteers, and of course our parents. They will be able to fill in for one another as well as supporting each other to create a program that will help our parents build strong, faithful, virtuous young men and women. Having a strong youth program is a resource for the whole parish, and they will be coordinating with other ministries to help Saint Rose to continue to be a strong faith community.

Michaela Miller has lived in the Diocese of Nashville since she was 6 years old. She is married to Bryan Miller and they have 4 children, Brianna (10), Makenna (6), Dominic (4), Kaiden (19mos), and Baby #5 due in September. Michaela has most recently worked as the Youth Ministry Coordinator of Catechesis at St. Philip Catholic Church. She comes to us with youth ministry experience, a BA from Aquinas College with a Major in Theology, training in all 3 levels of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, along with many other gifts and talents. Michaela is passionate about her faith and excited to be a part of the ministries here at Saint Rose.

Jenny Morris grew up involved and faith centered in the Diocese of Nashville. As a child, she grew up at St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Community. It was not until 7th grade when she entered her first Catholic School experience at Holy Rosary Academy and ever since, God planted a seed to continue that education with a Bachelors in Theology at Aquinas College and she recently completed a Master's Degree in Theology from Saint Meinrad this past May. Since her high school days at Pope John Paul II, she has been involved in the Search program, Youth Leadership Workshop, and volunteering for parish youth ministry programs in Middle Tennessee. During her college days at Aquinas, she also started a young adult, theology centered group in 2013 called The Synaxis of St. John the Divine, which is still thriving and growing today. Now, as a Saint Rose parishioner for 7 years, Jenny Morris is passionate about aligning her parish community, faith, and education toward the young church of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Her vision for youth ministry is centered upon the motto "Dare to be Saints" from the late Saint Pope John Paul II. This motto will help empower discipleship, create church community, and to show the youth to "Take Courage and to Not be Afraid" to "Cast their nets in the deep."



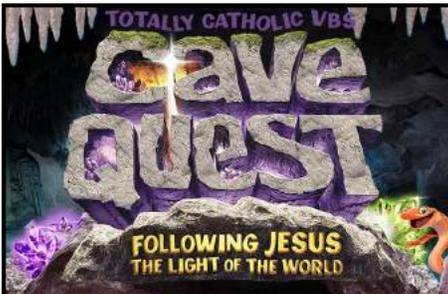
Sean White, was born and raised in Murfreesboro, and started attending Saint Rose in January of 2014. He has been very active with our Youth and Young Adult Ministry, the Parish's Knights of Columbus Council, and also helped to teach Confirmation in PSR before working for Saint Rose. Sean enlisted in the Army National Guard at 17, and has been serving for the last 10 years, including a deployment to Iraq in 2010. The young people of our church, and community, hold a very special place in his heart. As the new Pastoral Assistant, he says he looks forward to bringing new ideas to our parish that will help each of us not be afraid to be saints.

The Formation Office will cover the very young with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to adults wanting to grow in their knowledge of their faith and spirituality. I believe this will be a great opportunity for our parish; they will also be in the school helping out, as well as the PSR program. One of the things that will be of great use is the fact that they are a team and can work smoothly. My intent is to have our young people as well as our adults working with each of them so that we can build on the legacy of this parish and positively impact our surrounding community. May God bless the good work this parish has done and continue to 'give success to the work of our hands' (Psalm 90:17). May our Blessed Mother ever watch over us and lead us closer to her Son, and may we have the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

God Bless –
Rev. Nicholas M. Allen



2016 Vacation Bible School



The 19th annual Vacation Bible School (VBS), sponsored by the St. Rose Women's Guild, was held June 20-24. This year's theme was Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World. Each day the children learned about a virtue (hope, courage, direction, love, His Power) gifted by God. Each day they learned about a saint that exemplified that virtue.

Approximately 225 children, pre-school through rising fifth graders participated. Teens (rising sixth graders through high school) served as helpers to our approximately 40 adults. The teens and adults guided the children through the various stations, read Bible stories, taught songs and choreography, completed crafts, prepared snacks and played games relevant to the day's theme. The children also had the opportunity to tie-dye t-shirts to be worn to Mass on Friday.



VBS coordinator, Jennifer Hanket Held, shared her personal highlights of the week. "I loved watching the children dancing and singing of God's love. Hearing what they learned each day and sharing their excitement gives me a sense of purpose and lifts my heart and soul. Watching the interactions

between the teens and their younger charges, who adore their "big friends", is so heart warming to see. Seeing children so excited and so vested in our chosen service project each year, and helping them understand the great impact they will make in others' lives, is a very gratifying and humbling experience."



This year the service project benefited our new community outreach food ministry, the School Backpack Program. VBS participants gave over 2800 individual items that will go home with public school children identified as living in food-insecure households. This will give our program an excellent start this fall.

The parents and parishioners of Saint Rose thank Jennifer and the Women's Guild for all that went into the successful 19th annual VBS, "Cave Quest". Jennifer would like to specifically thank her team,

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“VBS would not have happened this year without a lot of support and encouragement. I had a great team of people who gave a lot of their own time, energy, and money to make this week happen. Kate Morris and Julie Menke were vital partners in completing the background work for VBS. Area chairs Sherry Scorby, Judy Hugh, Mary Anne Plondke, Sean White, Vanessa Askland and Esmeralda Askland were instrumental in planning and implementing the children’s activities. We had many volunteers who have contributed 15 or more years to VBS. Fathers Nick and Delly, Deacon Barker, and the entire church staff were instrumental in getting VBS off the ground. There would have been no VBS without our adult and teen volunteers, the children and their parents. Their trust, support, and participation is always greatly appreciated.”



July / August 2016



2016 Vacation Bible School





Dignity of the Human Person



“It is the duty of every man to uphold the dignity of every woman, and the duty of every woman to uphold the dignity of every man.” This quote from St. John Paul II sums up what this article is about. We are all made in the image and

likeness of God (Genesis 1:27), which means there is an inherent dignity in each person. It does not matter the race, creed, color, gender, or even political party; we are all made in the likeness of God and are called to uphold the dignity of each person that comes from that likeness. In response to Cain’s question in Genesis 4:9, yes, we are our brother’s keeper! What does this mean for today, however? How do we do it?

In our consumerist world, we tend to look at things and people and see what we can get out of them. We do not see them as an end in and of themselves, but often as a means to an end. The human person is an end in and of themselves and the way we reverence them is by living out St. John Paul’s quote. Once we start seeing people as a means to an end, we devalue the person and they go from being a child of God to an object to be used. In his ministry Christ often used the example of those in society that were marginalized, children, widows, lepers, and sinners; our Lord found good in

them, and we are called to do the same. We cannot live in a world that allows one person to use another for his or her own personal gain. It is easy to look down on others, but we are to remember God has given us everything we have. We are called to use the resources we have been blessed with to help towards the common good. We have to look at our brothers and sisters through the eyes of Christ and see the beauty of who they are, even if they cannot do anything for us. When Jesus was asked who is my neighbor, he used the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) as the answer. Let us recall that neighbor goes far beyond created borders.

The Evil One often masquerades as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14) and enjoys taking what is beautiful in us and turning it against us. Physical beauty is important to all of us, but we can sometimes let that beauty become an idol. When we spend more time in the mirror than we do before our Lord, we must ask ourselves, what are we worshipping? Now St. Paul tells us that we are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in us (1 Cor. 3:16). It is important to care for those temples and to present them in such a manner that is helping our brothers and sister to focus on our whole self, and not just an outward show. I will refrain from the “modest is hottest” tagline here, but it is true! Physical beauty is wonderful, but it is also temporary. In order to care for the dignity of

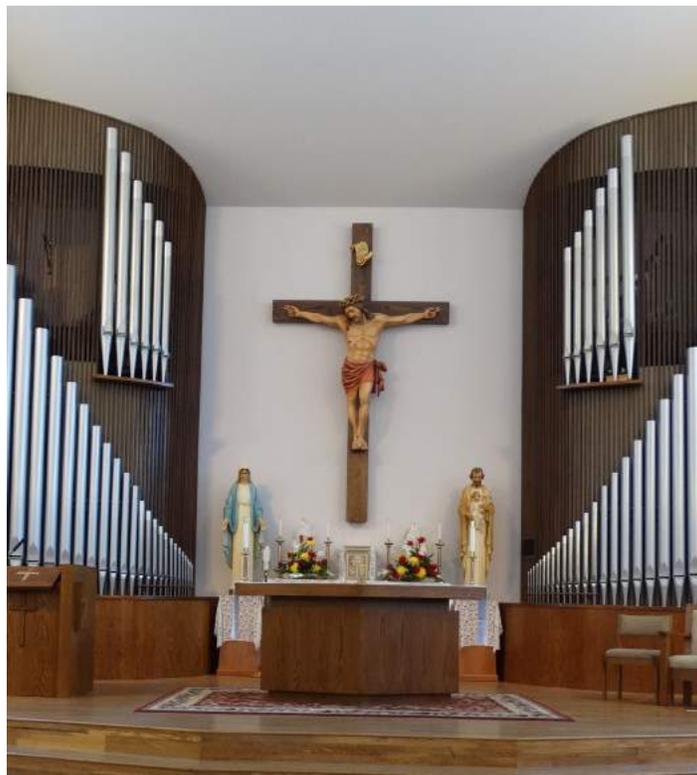
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others, we must also respect our own dignity. This does not mean we have to cover every inch of skin, but that we also are asking ourselves – what is my motive in choosing this outfit? During the summer season, this can be especially difficult; often we wear less but at the same time expose ourselves to be looked upon as objects. This is true for both men and women. We are called to wear clothes that are modest and do not cause undue attention to ourselves. In coming to Church, this is even more important since we are coming to worship our Lord and not to call others to be distracted by our choice of clothing. Our dress, words, and behavior should lift others up, not lead them into temptation.

All we have to do is turn on the TV or computer to see that our world is full of temptations and lack of care for this dignity of the person. We can also see the detriment that this has on our society – failing relationships, pornography, focus on self rather than others, and sense of entitlement to do as we please without consequence. This is not without hope, however, Christ tells us he will be with us through til the end (Matthew 28:20). We must turn away from the lie that we will find peace, love, or fulfillment in this misuse of the person and begin to uphold the

dignity that we received at the moment we were created. In doing this, we also contribute to the building up of the Kingdom of God here on earth. Let us give praise to our God and give thanks that he offers us the opportunity to amend our lives, as



Isaiah states in Chapter 1:16-18 - “Wash yourselves clean! Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil and learn to do the good. Make justice your aim; redress the wronged, hear the orphan’s plea, defend the widow. Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool.” Our God

is good and desires us to see the beauty in which he made us, let us then recognize the dignity we have and help others to see it as well. May our Blessed Mother ever watch over and intercede for us, and through her Immaculate Heart, may we be united to the Divine Sacred Heart of her Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

God Bless –

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Nicholas M. Allen".

Rev. Nicholas M. Allen



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Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:30 pm Vigil

Sunday, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Daily Mass (school in session)

Monday-Thursday, 7:00 am

Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Friday and Saturday, 8:15 am

Daily Mass (school not in session)

Monday-Saturday, 8:15 am

Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Hispanic Mass

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7:30 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 pm

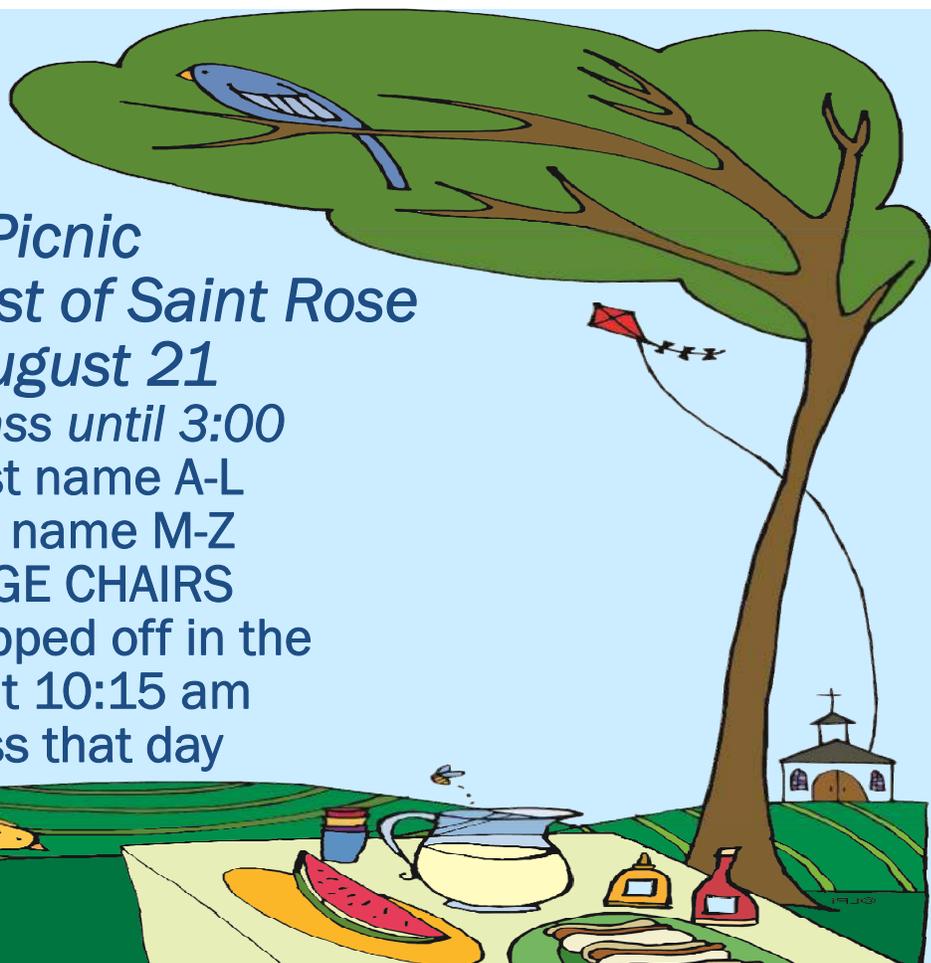
Saturdays, 4:00-5:15 pm

Or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Closed 12:00 pm-1:00 pm for lunch



Parish Picnic Celebrate the Feast of Saint Rose Sunday, August 21

after the 11 Mass until 3:00

Side dish - last name A-L

Dessert - last name M-Z

BRING LOUNGE CHAIRS

Food can be dropped off in the
gym starting at 10:15 am

No 5:00 Mass that day