

Saint Rose of Lima

Roman Catholic Church

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Altar Servers - Stewardship of time and talent

Saint Rose is very fortunate to have a skilled group of altar servers who are dedicated to serving God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our altar servers start in 6th grade and continue through senior year of high school. Their roles during Mass are completely unnecessary. That's right, the priest can still celebrate Mass without a single server. However, their roles are a vital part of each and every Mass.

As altar servers, these boys and girls of our parish are leaders, not just to their peers, but to everyone in the pews. While most people only notice when the server is actually up and assisting Father with the gifts, vessels, candles, or Missal, they are actually "working" throughout the entire Mass. The entire Mass is a prayer, and the altar servers are there to help the priest in leading the people in this prayer.

Before the Mass even starts, the altar servers process into the church with the priest. This procession is a very real procession to Calvary, the same way Jesus made his way into Jerusalem before the Last Supper. The server who carries the processional cross into the church is not just walking in to start Mass. He (or she) is not just carrying our Lord and Savior to Calvary, but is also carrying the cross each of us are called to carry and follow Jesus. The servers who are carrying the candles forward are not just carrying candlesticks, they carry to the

altar the Light of Christ. This is the Light that each of us received at our Baptisms, and because of this they carry each of us to the altar as well.

During the Mass the primary role of the altar server is to direct the people of the Church towards God. They do this through their body language. Everything from their posture to their slow, deliberate movements is designed to point to God. With their hands pressed

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Sign-up forms are available at
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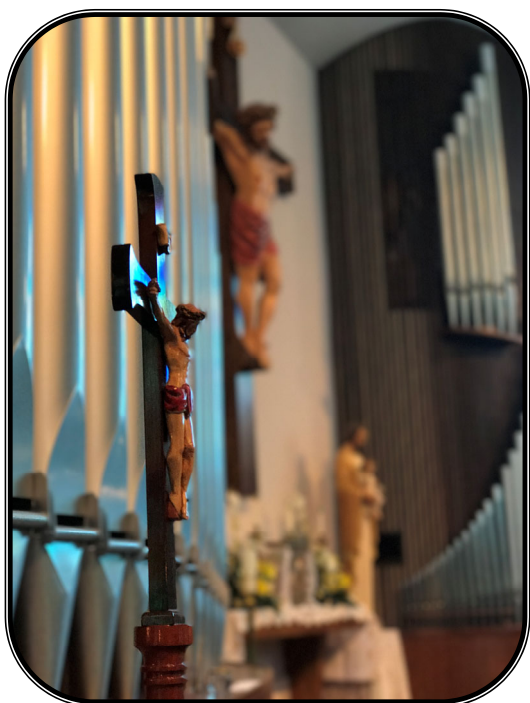


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together in prayer they point the way towards the altar. When the deacon comes forward to proclaim the Gospel, the candles are on either side of him as a reminder to us that in our Baptism we are called to bring light to the world. When the servers come down off the altar with the priest and deacon to receive the gifts, they are not just receiving gifts of bread and wine, but are also receiving the offering of our prayers. The Offering does not just consist of the bread, wine, and gifts from the offering, but the guardian angel of each person brings forward the personal offering of each person in attendance and places them on the altar. Throughout the Eucharistic Prayer, the altar servers continue to point the Church to God through their hands, posture, and attention. As the Mass ends, the servers gather again with the cross and the candles and take



the Light of Christ and the message of the Gospel, leading the people of God, and follow Jesus out into the world to spread His Word.



Our altar servers have different roles in the liturgy. They begin with carrying the candles and bearing the Light of Christ for the Church. After some time, they move to receiving the gifts and assisting the clergy at the altar. Once they have mastered the first two roles, they are then moved up to carrying the Cross and holding the Missal. However, the role of the altar servers is not just to carry the cross and candles, hold the Missal, and place things on the altar. Their role is to bring God's people to Calvary and to lead them out into the world.

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The Role of the Parent in Developing Faith

Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God.

The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents.

Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 2226



The Heart of Stewardship

Most people wonder why we have to tithe or give to the Church. Besides the simple day to day operations - paying utility bills, salaries, and providing for ministries; it is also Scriptural - "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord" (Leviticus 27:30). All the money goes to the Church and its ministries. Some are able to give more than others, but all are called to give from the heart. As followers of Christ, we model our life on His, just as He gave all He had for us, so we are called to give ourselves in turn. Everything we have is a gift given to us by the Lord, is it not right then to give it back in service to our Lord!

This giving back is done in many ways, through our sharing of our time, talent, and treasure. It is not the amount but the charity of heart with which we give. In the Gospel of Luke (21:2-4) we hear about the poor widow - "He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. And He said, 'Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them; for they all gave out of their surplus but she gave all she had.'" To give all means not to measure out what we have or to say, 'I did this/gave this, so I don't have to do/give that.' To give all means to see the needs of the community and give out of love for Christ in the community.

The Church desires that all her ministries succeed and uses the stewardship of the Parish to ensure that, working together, the resources are distributed accordingly. It is not my ministry or my idea, but it is our Church. The Church's primary goal is the salvation of souls! This goal is what all of our efforts go to. So often we can look at our own ministry or need, that we lose sight of

the bigger picture. It takes a lot to run a Church, especially one as large as ours; the good news is that we do not have to do it alone. Right now only about 15-20% of registered parishioners are giving; if the whole parish gave 5%, we could do so much for St. Rose and our surrounding community. Stewardship is not only money, but it is also the time we devote and the talents/gifts we place in service of the Church.



I challenge us all to seek out how we can support our St. Rose Parish, recognizing that we make up the Body of Christ and that the Church is here for us all. Let us model our hearts on the Hearts of Mary and Christ! The saints devoted themselves to God and He was their reward, this same reward is offered to each of us. Let us be good stewards of what we have received from our God and show the same generosity that Christ showed us by giving Himself to us. Let us commend ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary our Mother. God Bless.

In Christ,

Rev. Nicholas M. Allen

Pastor



Feeding the Hungry

A BLESSED WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY SAYS 'THANK YOU'!



To all of the Saint Rose Parishioners who have donated food items and time to the Weekend Backpack Food Ministry, my deepest appreciation for all the generosity extended to this Ministry. As the school year comes to an end, I am extremely pleased with our ability to feed these children well every week during this first year of participation in this Weekend Backpack Meals Program.

With your help, each week during the school year we were able to provide 25 children with two weekend breakfasts, at least 2 dinner meals, protein bars and fruit & grain bars, milk, fruit juice, 2

canned fruit items, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, raisins, Slim Jims, and snack cookies and/or gummy fruits as available. We were able to provide extra food items in a smaller sandwich bag for the days without school meals during fall break, Christmas break, and Spring break. We celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines, Saint Patrick's Day and Easter with stickers and a few small candy items for the children.

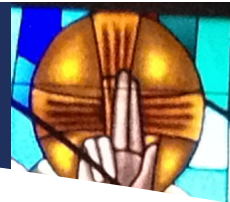
We used these times to feed their souls as we fed their bodies. It is indeed true that "when God brings you to something, He will bring you through it." God used all of you to help this Ministry feed these children!



Some Rutherford County Schools will continue to provide breakfast and lunch meals in their cafeterias for children from homes with insufficient food sources this summer. Saint Rose, along with other organizations and churches who have provided backpack food bags for children during the school year, have been asked to volunteer to provide backpack food bags to the various schools for a few weeks during the summer. I am working to begin a one-month summer program to meet those needs on behalf of Saint Rose.

Again, thanks to each and every one of you for your continued help in providing meals for these children. May God bless you and your families.

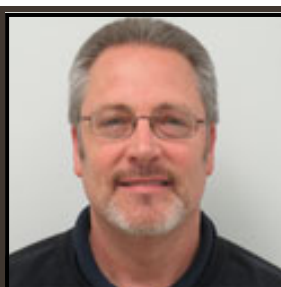
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Meet Your Parish Council



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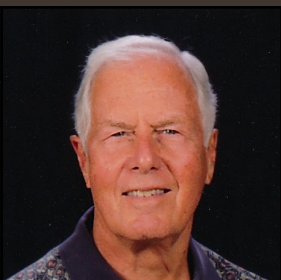
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Please see our website at www.saintrose.org/about-parish-council for more background information about your Parish Council Members.

Each of these people want to help our church to be a positive force in your life and the community.

Please feel free to give them your input!

Not pictured: Beth Dye, Family Life



Results of the 2017 Stewardship Renewal

We have over 2,600 households registered in our parish with only 118 of those returning commitment cards. We know that there are more people involved in our ministries than this number reflects.

Did you miss filling out your commitment card and would like to complete one now? They are still available online at <http://www.saintrose.org/uploads/docs/newsletters/newsletterjanfeb17.pdf> or you can go to our website, click on Bulletins then choose the Jan-Feb newsletter.

Email stewardship@saintrose.org with your commitments, ideas or questions.

Stewardship of Time

A total of 421 Prayer Commitments

Attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days, 104 commitments

Attend weekday Mass at least 1 time per week, 34 commitments

Attend Adoration for 1 hour, 23 commitments

Spend 15 minutes a day in personal prayer, 84 commitments

Pray together with my loved ones, 54 commitments

Pray the Rosary at least weekly, 48 commitments

Read the Bible for at least one hour a week, 33 commitments

Go to Reconciliation every other month, 27 commitments

Attend a Spiritual retreat, 14 commitments

Stewardship of Talent

There were a total of 363 talent commitments.

The top talent commitments were:

Women's Guild, 30 commitments

Food Pantry, 30 commitments

Extraordinary Minister, 24 commitments

Adoration, 23 commitments

Giving Tree, 22 commitments

Knights of Columbus, 22 commitments

Bereavement Committee, 22 commitments

Cursillo, 16 commitments

Saint Rose School, 15 commitments

Hospital/Homebound Ministry, 14 commitments

Haiti Mission Ministry, 14 commitments

Stewardship of Treasure

A total of 100 households made a Stewardship of Treasure commitment.

The average annual pledge was \$2,558.



DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Rose School excels in academics but there is something more.....

"Saint Rose Catholic School unites with the family to provide a quality Catholic education in a Christ-centered environment promoting learning, love, and service which prepares students for the future." As a high-performing school for students 2 years of age through 8th grade, Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School seeks to give all students the keys to education – in addition – their future.

Technology is found in every classroom, where certified teachers are passionate about providing a nurturing environment in which students are heard and educated based on their individual needs. The extensive selection of clubs and extracurricular activities allows the students to create a unique school experience.

With Jesus Christ at the center of everything they do, students learn what it means to be merciful and compassionate to those around them.

2016-2017 Year in Review



★ DUKE Talent Identification Program: 60% of 4th graders, 46% of 5th graders, 44% of 6th graders and 58% of our 7th graders qualified for this highly selective program.



★ 6th and 7th graders won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Tennessee History Poster and Essay Contest for the Colonel Hardy Murfree Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

★ Several art students' work was accepted into the 9th Annual Middle Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition at Belmont University. They received first place and two third places out of hundreds of entries.

★ Veterans of Foreign Wars awarded two first places and a third place to Saint Rose students for their essays.



★ Saint Rose student work was chosen for the Catholic Schools Office Christmas card.

★ Two fourth graders were accepted into MTVA's Elementary Honor Choir.

★ Saint Rose students won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the American History Essay Contest for the Hardy Murfree Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

★ Ten students qualified to participate in the Regional History Bee Contest. One of these placed in the top 8 and four students qualified for the National History Bee in Atlanta.



★ Forensics students placed 2nd in the Diocesan Championship tournament.

★ Saint Rose Science Olympiad team earned 2nd place at the Regional Tournament and 6th place at the State level competition.

★ Second graders collected over 31,000 pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

★ Students collected over \$2,000 during Lent for Haiti and the victims of the Tennessee Wildfires.



★ 7th and 8th grade Saint Rose undefeated soccer team.

Along with a solid academic and spiritual formation, Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School provides students the ability to strive for something more. Students develop character, leadership and good citizenship through serving others in the school, Church, and community.

Learning, love and service.... Saint Rose Catholic School helps students achieve!



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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

Spanish Mass

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7:30 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 pm

Saturdays, 4:00-5:15 pm

Or by appointment

Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8-12 and 1-4 pm

Friday 8-12 noon

Exceptions noted in the bulletin

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 51st WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

«Fear not, for I am with you» (Is 43:5): Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time



Access to the media – thanks to technological progress – makes it possible for countless people to share news instantly and spread it widely. That news may be good or bad, true or false. The early Christians compared the human mind to a constantly grinding millstone; it is up to the miller to determine what it will grind: good wheat or worthless weeds. Our minds are always “grinding”, but it is up to us to choose what to feed them (cf. SAINT JOHN CASSIAN, *Epistle to Leontius*).

I wish to address this message to all those who, whether in their professional work or personal relationships, are like that mill, daily “grinding out” information with the aim of providing rich fare for those with whom they communicate. I would like to encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster a culture of encounter, helping all of us to view the world around us with realism and trust.

I am convinced that we have to break the vicious circle of anxiety and stem the spiral of fear resulting from a constant focus on “bad news” (wars, terrorism, scandals and all sorts of human failure). This has nothing to do with spreading misinformation that would ignore the tragedy of human suffering, nor is it about a naive optimism blind to the scandal of evil. Rather, I propose that all of us work at overcoming that feeling of growing discontent and resignation that can at times generate apathy, fear or the idea that evil

has no limits. Moreover, in a communications industry which thinks that good news does not sell, and where the tragedy of human suffering and the mystery of evil easily turn into entertainment, there is always the temptation that our consciences can be dulled or slip into pessimism.

I would like, then, to contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourize evil but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach on the part of its recipients. I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart “good news”.

For the complete text of this communication go to: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20170124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html