

**Religious Education
2020-2021
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
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A Parent's Prayer

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you.

Thank you for the gift of our children

Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you
the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help them grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
your son and our Lord. Amen.

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St. Rose of Lima Faith Formation Commission

Mission Statement

The Saint Rose of Lima Faith Formation Commission, a ministry of St. Rose of Lima Parish, proclaims the gospel of Jesus and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, by providing ongoing programs of religious education and life-long faith formation. This ministry

of the *WORD* is extended to all members of the parish family and the surrounding faith community.

We are committed to integrating the Catholic vision of Word, Worship, and Service with sound catechetical principles in order to foster faith formation, instill moral values, and develop the God given abilities of ALL.

Dear Religious Education Families,

As we begin the 2020-21 school year; during this pandemic, we are reminded of how much we truly need God in our lives. This has been a challenging time and I pray all our St. Rose families are well. I was saddened that we couldn't finish out last school year but am excited to start another program year even though we have to have many precautions in place.

When your child attends religious education classes, please know that we are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the corona virus. While no ordinary measures can prevent contagion 100%, we are confident that our safety procedures including, social distancing, wearing face coverings, hand sanitizing, and our cleaning protocols which includes fogging the whole building with sanitizer each Friday evening, will go a long way toward making our parish a safe place to grow in the Faith. Together we can help our precious children be physically and spiritually healthy.

You as parents are the primary religious educators of your children; our RE staff of volunteers want to partner with you on this faith journey. Together we will guide our children and youth as they grow in their Catholic faith and embrace the life God wants for them; spreading his love, serving others, and creating a lasting legacy for future generations. Let's get started!

It is our prayer that our St. Rose families; parents and children, will become involved in our Religious Education Program. Parents are encouraged to join the Religious Education Support Team (REST) which meets about once a month to help with the many programs we have throughout the year. It is a great way to meet new friends and become an active part of your St. Rose Family! When parents get involved, children want to be involved! Let us hear from you!

This booklet is filled with important information about our program. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the information. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me.

Finally, I want to thank our dedicated catechists! These volunteers are very special people who take time out of their busy schedules to share their faith with our children and youth. Please remember to thank them throughout the year. May God bless our Religious Education Program as we begin a new school year.

Let's make it a great year!
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*"Continuing the Mission of Jesus By Walking the Way of Jesus:
Listening to The Lord, Sharing the Gospel Message, Walking Our Talk, Inviting,
Welcoming and Serving God and All Creation!"*

Dear Parents and Parishioners of St. Rose,

As we begin our Faith Formation Program (RE) in this year of the pandemic, I want to invite your personal support and involvement in helping your children to understand their importance in continuing the work of Jesus. Covid 19 has reminded us of the fragility of life and its preciousness. To make sense of this they need to draw ever closer to God. And so I invite you to find concrete ways on a daily basis to pray with your children. Do this according to the directive of Jesus in Matthew 6:9; where he says, *"This is how you are to pray; 'Our Father in heaven....'"* Find time each week to read with your children the Sunday readings. Talk about how you can live the message of the readings in your home. Through word and example help your children to walk the Gospel way of Jesus!

Through RE we hope to deepen and broaden the faith formation that you have already begun with your children. I know that I speak for all the staff when I thank you for entrusting your youth with us and for your enthused support in the year ahead.

May God Bless Our Youth, Our Families, and All the People of St. Rose!

Fr. Steve

HANDING ON THE FAITH

What Is Religious Education or Catechesis?

“Catechesis is an *education in the faith* of children, young people, and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life.” #8 Catechism of the Catholic Church

What Are the Criteria for Teaching Doctrine?

1. *Authentic*: in harmony with Catholic tradition and magisterium
2. *Complete*: gradual, balanced presentation of interrelated parts of the whole of doctrine
3. *Incarnate and dynamic*: related to experiences of life, “signs of the times,” biblical, liturgical, and ecclesial signs
4. *Holistic and progressive*: moves toward maturity of faith and life-long conversion
5. *Respectful of hierarchy of truths*: recognizes some teachings as more central and important than others
6. *Respectful of the learner’s situation*: sensitive to the learner’s developmental stages and to the circumstances of the local church community
7. *Incarnated in cultures*: appreciates the diversity and cultural dimensions of the Catholic faith experience
8. *Fosters unity and community*: provides common experiences and a shared language of faith
9. *Fosters Catholic identity*: so that believers will hear, live, and share the Gospel message as Catholics

What Are the Principal Elements of Catholic Doctrine?

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| -- <i>The Mystery of One God</i> | -- <i>The Sacraments</i> |
| -- <i>Creation</i> | -- <i>The Life of Grace</i> |
| -- <i>Jesus Christ</i> | -- <i>The Moral Life</i> |
| -- <i>The Holy Spirit</i> | -- <i>Mary and the Saints</i> |
| -- <i>The Church</i> | -- <i>Death, Judgment,</i>
<i>Eternity</i> |

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ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATECHISTS 2020-2021

Preschool (Combined 3 & 4 yrs old)	Katie Leugers - (317-626-9626) Sammie Pinnick – (317-421-9635) Amelia Shirley – (317-412-3043)
Kindergarten-	Pam Kidwell - (317-736-4893) Elizabeth Landis - (317-869-7858)
First Grade-	Karen Gross - (317-540-9285) Mikayla Adkins - (317-869-7858)
Second Grade-	Peggy McCracken - (513-252-7369) Angie Shirley – (317-412-3043)
Third Grade-	Barb Baker - (317-435-2454) Penny Peterson - (317-319-3558)
4 th & 5 th Grade-	Carol Chappel – (317-736-1242) Rose Mroccka – (317-479-6336)
Sixth Grade-	Brad Williams - (317-557-4433) Jennifer Clark - (317-502-4805)
Seventh & Eighth Grade-	Don Burgener - (317-833-2913) Jack Pain – (317-490-2724) Jill Shamon Cole - (317-627-3752)
High School - 9 th - 12 th	Alberto Berrones - (317-308-9799) Yo Burgener - (317-679-5151) Julie Tennell – (317-739-7167)

CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021
ST. ROSE OF LIMA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2020

- Sept. 13- First Rel. Ed. Class (9:15 - 10:45AM)
20- Class / Catechetical Sunday /RE Parent Mtg 9:30AM / REST Mtg 10AM
20- Confirmation Lesson in PLC 1:00 – 4:00PM
27- Class / First Comm. Parent Mtg. 9:30AM in Church / REST Mtg. 9:30AM
- Oct. 3- Confirmation Retreat 9:30AM – 4PM in the PLC
4- Class/ Respect Life Sunday / MCA Walk 9:30 AM
11- NO CLASS / FALL BREAK / Greenery Sale begins
18- NO CLASS / FALL BREAK
25- Class / REST Team 9:30AM
28- Confirmation Mass at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral @ 7PM
- Nov. 1- Class / Greenery Orders Due
5- First Communion Family Night 6:30PM in Parish Life Center
8- Class
15- Class / First Comm. Rosary Making Day 9:30AM
22- Class /Thanksgiving Baskets delivered
29- NO CLASS / Happy Thanksgiving! / Advent Begins
- Dec 3- First Communion Family Night 6:30PM in Parish Life Center
6- Class / Greenery Pick up 9-11:00AM / REST Team Mtg. 9:30AM
13- RE / Christmas “Gifts for Jesus” Presented
20- NO CLASS / CHRISTMAS BREAK! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
27- NO CLASS / HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2021

- Jan. 3 - NO CLASS
10 - Class
17 - Class / REST Team Mtg. 9:30AM / ACRE Assessment
24 - Class
31 - Class / REST Team Mtg. 9:30AM
- Feb. 7- Class / REST Team Mtg. 9:30AM
13 - Set up for Mardi Gras 9AM – 2PM in PLC
14 - Parish Mardi Gras 9-11AM in PLC to benefit MCA
21 - Class / MCA Challenge begins
28 - Class / First Communion Rite of Enrollment @ 11AM Mass
- March 6- First Communion Retreat and Reconciliation Service 9:00AM – Noon
7- Class / REST Team Mtg. 9:30AM
14 - Class / Catechist Appreciation Breakfast 9-10AM (RE classes’ start late)
18- Explanation Mass 6:30PM in church / First Communion class takes part
21- Class
28- NO CLASS / Spring Break / Palm Sunday
- April 4- NO CLASS / Happy Easter!
11- Class / MCA Challenge ends
18- Class
22 - First Communion Preparation Practice @ 6:30 PM in the church
25- Class /First Communion Preparation Practice 9:30AM / REST Mtg.
29- First Communion Preparation @ 6:30 PM in the church
- May 1- First Holy Communion Mass 1PM / Reception to follow in PLC
2- Last RE Class/ May Crowning/Living Rosary/ Ice Cream Social

Note: All classes begin at 9:15AM. Preschool class will be dismissed at 10:30AM, the other classes will be dismissed at 10:45AM.

HOLY DAYS and FEAST DAYS

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| November | 1 | All Saints Day |
| November | 29 | Advent Begins |
| December | 8 | Immaculate Conception |
| December | 25 | Christmas |
| February | 17 | Ash Wednesday |
| April | 4 | Easter Sunday |
| August | 15 | Assumption of Mary |
| August | 23 | St. Rose of Lima |

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 1:00 PM with students in grade two. Both Religious Education and St. Rose School children will make this sacrament together. Preparation will be ongoing throughout the second grade year. *First Reconciliation* will be part of the *First Eucharist* program. Parents are expected to take a major role in the sacramental life of their children through regular attendance at Mass and sharing of their own faith. A parent meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 27th at 9:30AM in the church to go over the details of our program.

Sacramental preparation will be provided for children outside of grade two as needed. Parents should contact Julie Haney for details.

Confirmation will be celebrated at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on October 28, 2020. Preparation was ongoing for high school youth throughout the spring and summer months of 2020. Confirmation is celebrated every other year at St. Rose. Youth should be enrolled in the religious education program.

PROGRAM NOTES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS TIMES-

Classes will begin at 9:15AM on Sunday mornings. Our preschool children will be let out at 10:30AM to a parent or older sibling; all other classes let out at 10:45AM.

TEXTBOOKS-

We use the textbook series entitled; "*Finding God*" for grades first through eighth; published by Loyola Press with the goal to foster a lifelong relationship with God. Our preschool class uses the "*I Am Special*" series and our kindergarten class uses the "*Blest Are We*" program. All are in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION --

We help to support the work of the Catholic Missions by collecting weekly donations from the children and youth of St. Rose of Lima Church. Envelopes for students in preschool through fifth grade will be handed out at the beginning of the school year. The upper grades will have one large envelope in their classroom to collect donations each week. On Sunday, October 4th, we will hold our annual MCA Walk to raise funds for the Missionary Childhood Association. The students will be asked to collect donations from family and friends to help poor children in need. We will walk around the church property at 9:30AM. We will then return to St. Rose and enjoy refreshments. It will be a fun-filled morning. Everyone is invited!

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION-- Our annual Mardi Gras Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, February 14, 2021. This year we may need to do something different due to the pandemic. Families will be notified as to what we decide closer to the date. We hope to still have our huge raffle that morning which is so much fun! All money raised goes to the Missionary Childhood Association!

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER -- Parents should provide the Religious Education Office with an emergency telephone number, if they will be away from St. Rose during class time.

PROGRESS REPORTS -- Progress reports will be sent home twice each program year, during January and May.

CLASS CANCELLATION -- In the event of severe weather, please call the Religious Education Office at (317-736-6754) for a recorded message.

DISCIPLINE -- Religious Education time must be used for the good of all the children. A continuously disruptive child will be asked to leave the classroom and spend the remaining class time in the Religious Education Office. If a child is sent to the office a second time, parents will be contacted to discuss the situation with the catechist and the CRE.

ATTENDANCE -- Regular attendance at religious education is **very important**. Please inform the catechist, if your child will be absent for more than one class session.

STUDENT RECORDS -- Please help us to keep our records current by reporting changes (address, phone, email address, etc.) to the Religious Education Office.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT-- We always encourage parents to get involved in our religious education program. An RE Parent Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th at 9:30AM in the PLC. We will go over our plans for this school year and answer any questions you may have. If classes are canceled due to the coronavirus, we will send lessons home for you to work on with your children; along with guidance from our religious education teachers. There may be opportunities for you to help in your child's classroom or with our many programs throughout the year. If you would like to get involved, please call Julie at 317-736-6754!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUPPORT TEAM—

REST is a RE parent group that helps with the many projects and activities we have planned throughout the year. This group meets about once a month during RE class time, in the Parish Life Center. In October we will be planning the MCA Walk to raise donations for the MCA, which helps poor children and a Christmas Greenery Sale to raise funds to buy resources for our Religious Education Library. REST also organizes the Catechist Appreciation Breakfast each year to thank our fine RE teachers! REST is not only an opportunity to help our parish RE program, but you will also meet new friends! Don't miss out on the fun! Call Julie if you are interested in helping or just show up at one of the meetings! Hope to you will join us!

THANKSGIVING BLESSING BASKETS-

In November the RE classes will be putting together "Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets" for needy families in our community. These baskets contain a full Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. The baskets will be delivered on November 22nd in time for Thanksgiving. More information will be sent home this fall.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND GIFTS FOR JESUS –

Our annual Christmas Program may have to be canceled this year due to the Coronavirus. We hope to still work on our "Gifts for Jesus" in the classrooms and possibly do a family activity. We will keep you updated as to what we are allowed to do in December.



The St. Rose Youth Group is for any youth in grades 6-12. We will meet each month for fellowship, fun and outreach opportunities while maintaining safe distancing guidelines. We hope to see many new faces this year at our gatherings. You can come to any or all of our gatherings and friends are always welcome!

At the moment there is not a set calendar for the youth group. Instead the dates for gatherings will be determined month to month as youth are able to meet. We are doing this to accommodate schedules so that more youth are able to participate. To find out when the youth group will be gathering, listen to the announcements at mass, check the parish bulletin, check the church website at www.saintrose.net and sign up for REMIND to get the latest news through emails and texts.

If you have any questions about our program, or are interested in helping out with any of our youth group events, please call Yolanda Burgener in the RE/Youth Office at 317-736-6754 or email her at yburgener@stroselions.net.

"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe." 1 Timothy 4:12

The St. Rose Youth Group relies on the kindness and generosity of parents and volunteers. Without these amazing people, the group could not function as it does. They provide food for gatherings, chaperone events and even get a little wet during carwashes, but they know it's for the good of our youth.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in helping the youth group, please call or email Yolanda. It's always fun to have parishioners and family joining the festivities!