

# St. Rose Catholic School Mission Statement

Saint Rose Catholic School partners with parents to provide a high-quality Catholic education with academic excellence in a faith-filled community for children in preschool through eighth grade.

## <u>Christmas Prayer</u>

My precious Lord, Jesus,I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth. Your love for us is unfathomable, it is glorious, transforming, awe-inspiring, and deeply personal. You chose to come and dwell among us, being born into poverty, rejection and humility. Yet Your mother knew whom she bore, Her heart was filled with the tenderest love as she adored her Child and her God.

Help me, dear Lord, to come to love You with the heart of Your mother. Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds. Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself. I love You, dear Lord Jesus. Help me to love You with all my heart. Newborn Savior of the World, I trust in You.

Mother Mary and St. Joseph, Pray for me and for all.

Amen

### Message From the Principal

In this Advent season, the faculty and staff of St. Rose Catholic School are focused on preparing our students' hearts and minds for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. One of the many joys of working at a parochial school is our ability to discuss faith and celebrate various liturgical events throughout the school year. Our Christmas pageant is typically one of the highlights of the season.

I am excited to announce this year's Christmas pageant, a joyful celebration of the season. The pageant will feature **two identical performances held on Thursday, December 19, 2024, in**  the Parish Hall. The daytime show will start at 10:30 AM, and the evening show will begin at 6:00 PM. All students will participate in both performances. Here are some essential details:

Tickets:

- There is no charge for tickets; however, we need to manage the number of guests in the hall. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to attend, families will initially be limited to four tickets each. We believe this is a fair way to distribute tickets and allow as many families as possible to join us for this special event. We will have 200 tickets available for the daytime performance and 400 for the evening performance.
- Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis from Monday, December 9, through Friday, December 13. Red tickets will grant entry to the daytime performance, while blue tickets will grant entry to the evening performance.
- Families may sign up in the office for additional tickets if they want more than their initial four tickets. If any tickets remain, on Monday, December 16, Paula Iacomini will contact families in the order they signed up to offer these additional tickets.

Logistics:

- For the 10:30 AM show, all students, except some preschoolers, should already be on campus. Ms. Chamberlain requests that preschool students who do not typically attend on Thursdays be brought to their classroom by 10:00 AM.
- For the 6:00 PM show, we request that all students be dropped off in their homeroom classrooms by 5:45 PM (grades K-8) and 5:30 PM (Preschool).
  - Please note that students will attend the daytime performance in its entirety. Faculty and staff will stage students in their classrooms, and teachers will escort them to the Parish Hall at a predetermined time and then they will return to their classrooms until the play is completed.
- Once the pageant has started, we kindly ask that guests remain in the Parish Hall for the duration of the performance. Moving in and out during the show can distract the performers and other guests. After the performance, guests will be asked to pick up their children from their classrooms. I appreciate your cooperation!

Attire:

• Please look for communication from your children's homeroom teacher regarding appropriate attire.

# New Items/Upcoming Events

**St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament: A big thank you to Laura Orradre and Joe Pechota for chairing the 7th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament!** October 20 was a beautiful day at Hunter Ranch Golf Course, with nearly 100 participants joining this "fun-raiser." Everyone I spoke with that day had a wonderful time enjoying the tournament and the food. Additionally, the event raised an impressive \$26,948.39, which will go directly to supporting St. Rose Catholic School. Thank you to our chairs, sponsors, and everyone who participated! **2024 - 2025 Crab Feed:** The 2025 Crab Feed is just around the corner! This year's St. Rose Catholic School Crab Feed will take place on the evening of **Friday, February 7, in the Parish Hall.** For those new to the community, this event is hosted by the 7th-grade students and their families as a fundraiser for their class trips in 7th and 8th grades. Keep an eye out for ticket and pricing information coming soon.

**Art Teacher Opening:** We are still looking for a new Art teacher to replace Ms. Demeter when she moves this winter. I have contacted a few individuals and posted the position on Edjoin, a national teacher job board, but I have not secured anyone yet. If you know anyone who is interested, please direct them to the job listing on Edjoin.

**2025-2026 Registration:** I will soon begin planning for registration for the 2025-2026 school year. Look for more information after the start of the new year. Registration will begin in February, with priority given to returning students, siblings of returning students, and new families to the school community. I will share additional details in January.

PTO Polar Express Movie Event: Don't miss out on this fun PTO event. In conjunction with Park Cinemas, PTO will host two morning Polar Express showings. Tickets are still available for this movie event on Sunday, December 8. Purchase tickets at: <a href="https://www.parkcinemas.com/movie/st-rose-catholic-school-pto-fundraiser">https://www.parkcinemas.com/movie/st-rose-catholic-school-pto-fundraiser</a>. Feeling merry and needing service hours? <u>POLAR EXPRESS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP</u> If you are interested in some chocolates for Christmas, remember to purchase some through See's Candy. This sale, which benefits St. Rose Catholic School, will end on Friday, December 6. Browse gift ideas on our <u>SAINT ROSE STOREFRONT</u>

### **December Dates to Remember**

Please remember that these dates or times may have to change between the writing of this newsletter and the time of the event. Always be sure to check out our up-to-date calendar located on our <u>website</u>.

#### **December**

- 1: Family Mass @ 10:00
- 3: Progress Notification for Students With C- or Below
- 4: PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00, School Mass @ 10:00
- 8: PTO Holiday Movie/Santa @ Park Cinemas
- 9: School Mass @ 10:00, Christmas Pageant Tickets Available
- 10: PTO General Meeting @ 3:00
- 12: Spanish Class Our Lady of Guadalupe Skit @ 2:15 in the Church
- 13: Last Day for Christmas Pageant Tickets
- 16: Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal @ 9:00
- 18: Buck a Jeans, Advent Reconciliation @ 9:30, Preschool Noon Release
- 19: SRS Christmas Pageant @ 10:30 and 6:00

20: Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Extended Care Closed, Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Jeans and Christmas Theme Top Dress Day December 21 - January 5: Christmas Recess

Thank you again for your support and efforts in making the St. Rose Catholic School community such a great place for my staff to educate your children! I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season!

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