



SAINT ROSE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Pursuing excellence in faith, knowledge, and virtue.

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.

Christmas Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are.

Amen

Message From the Principal

In this season of Advent, the faculty and staff of St. Rose Catholic School have been focusing on preparing the students' hearts and minds for the anniversary of Jesus' birth on Christmas. One of the many things I enjoy about working at a parochial school is that we can talk about faith and celebrate various liturgical events throughout the school year. Typically, our pageant is one of the highlights of the Christmas season.

I have received plenty of questions and feedback regarding the format of this event and wanted to clarify this as briefly as possible:

- There will be two identical shows:
 - Wednesday, December 20 @ 6:00 PM
 - Thursday, December 21 @ 10:30
- All students will be participating in both shows. Students will be staged in the classrooms and escorted to the Parish Hall by their teachers at a predetermined time.
 - For the December 20 show, we ask that all students be dropped off in their homeroom classrooms by 5:45

- For the December 21 show, all students, except perhaps some preschool students, will already be on campus as this show is during the regular school day.
- Parents can pick up tickets in the school office for one of the two shows (limit of 6 tickets per family).

I request that once the pageant has started, guests stay in the Parish Hall for the entirety of the performance. When guests are moving in and out of the Parish Hall, it is distracting for the performers and the other guests trying to watch the performance. At the end of the performance, guests will be asked to go to their children's classrooms to pick up their students.

94.59% of 74 respondents on the 2022 - 2023 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agreed or agreed with the questions "how satisfied are you with the progress made during the 2022 - 2023 school year of the diversification of teaching styles and differentiation of teaching" to better meet the needs of all students.

New Items/Upcoming Events

St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament: A massive shout-out goes to Laura Orradre and Joe Pechota for chairing the 2023 St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament. October 22 was a beautiful day at Hunter Ranch Golf Course, with nearly 100 entrants participating in this "funraiser." Everyone I talked to that day enjoyed the tournament the food, and had a great time. Additionally, this event netted a whopping \$37,574.07, which comes back to support St. Rose Catholic School. Thank you to our chairs, our sponsors, and all who came out to participate in the event!

2023 St. Rose Catholic School Christmas Pageant: As mentioned, this year, we will host two identical Christmas Pageants: one at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 20, and one at 10:30 AM on Thursday, December 21. For many of you, this may be the first time that we have run two programs during your time at St. Rose Catholic School. Years ago, when our enrollment was 250 plus (which it is once again), we ran two shows to accommodate everyone and keep the Parish Hall around capacity.

Beginning Monday, December 11, families can stop by the office to pick up their tickets. We are allocating six tickets per family for one of the two showings. If families plan on using only some of their tickets, they may leave the extras in the office or pass them along to another family wanting more tickets. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Crab Feed: Before you know it, the 2024 Crab Feed will be here. This year's St. Rose Catholic School Crab feed with the theme "It's Tiki Time" will be on Friday, January 26, starting at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Early bird tickets (\$75.00/ticket through December 20, 2023, for all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad, bread, and drinks) for this event can be purchased by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code on the attached flyer. After December 20, tickets will increase to \$85.00/ticket. We will sell only 250 tickets; this event was sold out within three weeks last year. If you want to attend, buy your tickets ASAP before they are all gone. We cannot increase ticket sales even for high demand as we are already committed to a specific crab allocation.



St. Rose Catholic School Choir: We are again offering a school choir as we now have a new choir director, Thomas Grandoli. If you have any questions regarding the school choir, please get in touch with Mr. Grandoli at tgrandoli@saintrosecatholicsschool.org.

Drama Club: Please be on the lookout for information coming home about a new Drama Club that we will be hosting. This club, which will be run by current Mission College Prep and St. Rose Catholic School Alumni Greer Wilson, will begin in mid January. More information will follow.

99.16% of 119 respondents on the 2022 - 2023 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agreed or agreed with the statement, "I believe that there are ample parental involvement opportunities available" at St. Rose Catholic School.

Did You Know: COVID Notifications

During the peak years of COVID, very specific protocols were in place to notify families of cases of COVID 19 within our community. Additionally, there was a stringent policy for "close contacts" of people who had COVID 19 (siblings, those who sat within a certain proximity to a COVID positive individual, etc.). While our numbers of COVID positive community members have dropped significantly from those times, there are still occasional cases that pop up. Currently, we have three active cases in our community and I wanted to pass along the current protocols for your information.

COVID positive individuals: For those who are COVID positive: they must remain home until all of the following has happened:

- Minimum of five days away from school
- A negative test on day 5 or after of symptoms appearing
- Fever free for more than 24 hours without the aid of medication
- Symptom free

Close contacts of COVID positive individuals: testing is recommended but not required. Close contacts may attend school as long as they are not testing positive.

Class of COVID positive individual: the class will get a courtesy email notifying you of a case of a COVID positive individual in the class.

School notification: schoolwide notifications are no longer necessary.

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 [website](#).

December

- 3 Family Mass @ 10:00
- 4 Choir Meeting @ 3:00
- 5 PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00
- 6 St. Nicholas School Mass @ 10:00, Early Dismissal @ 2:00
- 8 Immaculate Conception School Mass @ 10:00
- 12 Our Lady Of Guadalupe Play @ 2:15, PTO General Meeting @ 3:00
- 13 Advent Reconciliation @ 9:30, Buck A Jeans Day, Early Dismissal @ 2:00
- 15 Gospel Awards @ 8:30
- 19 8th Grade Free Dress
- 20 Pre-K Noon Dismissal, Early Release @ 2:00, SRS Christmas Pageant @ 6:00
- 21 Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, No Extended Care, Christmas Pageant @ 10:30, Jeans and Christmas Theme Top Dress
- 22 - 1/7: 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!

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Annual Crab Feed

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM • DINNER SERVED 6:30 PM

EARLY BIRD PRICE!

\$75.00

PER PERSON

ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB, PASTA, SALAD,
BREAD, DESSERT...BEER & WINE!

It's **Tiki** *Time!*

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