



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.

Pope John Paul II Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace,
who are yourself our peace and reconciliation,
who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice,
and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.

Enlighten our rulers that they may
guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.

Amen

Message From the Principal

Today begins the first day of Lent, a Catholic liturgical season that consists of forty days of fasting, prayer, and repentance, beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the coming of our Lord in prayer, serve by almsgiving, and practice self-control through fasting.



Thank you to our 4th grade class for hosting our Ash Wednesday Mass!

Unfortunately, at this time, we are also seeing what is unfolding in Eastern Europe. I have been in touch with one of my former students (Basia Mierzwinski), who is studying medicine in Krakow, Poland, and she states that they are currently receiving lots of refugees from Ukraine. Basia spent time volunteering in Ukraine and says it is just heartbreaking seeing all of these people being displaced from their families and homes. If you or your children would like to write and pass on any letters or drawings of support to the Ukrainian refugees that are currently coming into Poland, Basia has volunteered to act as a point person in Krakow to distribute these. If interested, please feel free to drop off these letters at the school office no later than Friday, March 18. I will put these together and send them in bulk. Please keep the people of Eastern Europe in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Basia Mierzwinski volunteering at a Ukrainian boys and girls club.

By now, you all know, the CDPH has changed their guidance for masking in K - 12 school settings in California. The Diocese of Monterey has followed the CDPH guidance from the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic, and I firmly believe they will continue to do so. From what I understand, the next step in St. Rose Catholic School being able to follow the new guidance is SLO County Public Health adopting these guidelines (counties can be more strict than CDPH guidance but not less strict). When prompted, SLO County Public Health sent the following statement: *“SLO County is in alignment with the State and will not be enacting more stringent guidance. Effective March 1, statewide and in SLO County, masks are strongly recommended in all indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status. Effective March 12, masks will be strongly recommended in school and child care settings. Individual schools, child care settings, and businesses have the option to enact more stringent precautions based on local risk factors, such as transmission levels. Universal masking requirements will remain in place in healthcare facilities, homeless shelters, emergency shelters, corrections, long-term care facilities, and public transit. While there is reason for optimism, at this time Public Health continues to recommend universal masking in public indoor spaces, especially in crowded settings and among vulnerable persons, as SLO County vaccination rates remain lower than the State average, and transmission remains elevated.”* As I stated before, the Diocese of Monterey has and plans to follow CDPH guidance. As soon as I get the official statement from the Diocese of Monterey, I will communicate this with you.

Finally, please be on the lookout for our 2021 - 2022 Parent Satisfaction Survey in mid-March. This survey is an opportunity for feedback from families on various school programs.

Information gathered from this survey helps me better understand people's thoughts and feelings and helps to inform direction and decision-making for the upcoming school year.

New Items/Upcoming Events

“Thank You” from Kara Huggins: In January, one of our 8th-grade students, Kara Huggins, put together and sponsored a book drive for Lylah’s Love Kindness Project. Over the past few years, Lylah’s Love Kindness Project has reached hundreds of lives through random acts of kindness to individuals throughout communities across the US, community projects, donations to nonprofits, monetary assistance to communities in Haiti, Ethiopia, and the Philippines, and much more. Thank you all for your support. **Please see the “thank you” letter from Kara Huggins:**

Dear Saint Rose School Community,

I am overwhelmed with gratitude for your generous support and donation to Lylah’s Love Kindness Book Drive. Through your help, I was able to collect hundreds of children’s books which will be distributed to different local organizations that help give the gift of books and literacy to children in our community. Your goodwill helps honor Lylah Rose’s legacy of love, hope, and kindness.

Thank you so much.

- Kara Huggins



Kara Huggins with your donations of gently used books for Lylah’s Love Kindness Book Drive

Upcoming Social Media Student and Parent Assemblies: Earlier this week, I included a blurb about some upcoming assemblies that St. Rose Catholic School will be hosting regarding **internet safety and social media. I highly recommend that you take the time to attend the appropriate assembly (see schedule below).** We are seeing more and more cyber issues with children and hope to be able to educate both the children and the parents of the cyber world, including staying safe, monitoring children's online endeavors, and what a child should do if they come across what they know is "wrong". The schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, March 8 @ 6:00 - 7:30 in the Parish Hall: Parent class open to all parents with students in grades Pre-K - 8. (K - 6th-grade students whose parents attend will receive a free dress day.)**
- **Monday, March 21, time TBD during school hours: 1st - 3rd grade and 4th - 6th-grade age-appropriate student assemblies.**
- **Tuesday, March 22 @ 6:00 - 7:30 in the Parish Hall: 7th and 8th-grade student/parent class. (7th and 8th-grade students AND their parents who attend will receive a free dress day.)**

Eileen Calandro is running these assemblies. Eileen has been at St. Rose Catholic School previously, and we are welcoming her back. For more information on Eileen and her program, please visit her [website](#).



Talking with your kids about social media use and how to be good digital citizens is a crucial part of parenting.

These classes help parents understand the social media world and keep kids safe online. Parents are encouraged to share their questions and concerns about social media to help expand specific topics of discussion.

St. Rose Catholic School Parish Hall

Instructor: Eileen Calandro of Calandro Consulting

Two Class Sessions:

Tuesdays, March 8 and 22: 6:00-7:30pm

*****Tuesday, March 22 is a parent/student class session for 7th and 8th grade students and families*****



About Eileen Calandro of Calandro Consulting

Eileen taught first grade for four years, stayed at home with her three sons for ten years, then worked in social media for a leading international social media marketing agency for six years. She combines her knowledge of social media and passion for teaching to help parents create an important dialogue for their families. Eileen teaches her classes all over the country and loves teaching and learning from each session. Learn more about her at www.calandroconsulting.com

26th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Dinner Auction: Thank you to all who supported our 26th Annual Dinner Auction! We appreciate all involved, from those who put the event together to those who purchase tickets to support the school. While a virtual auction is not the “ideal” it went very well, and I know many families made the best out of an unusual situation. While I do not have the final numbers yet, I know it was successful, and I will report them to you when they become available.

Fish Taco Friday: Lent is nearly upon us. With Lent also comes the return of Fish Tacos. **The Parish hosts Fish Taco Friday evenings from 3:00 - 7:00, beginning on Friday, March 4 and lasting through Lent.** Dine-in and take out orders are available. You may call in take-home orders in advance by calling the following numbers: 805-391-3164 or 805-391-6253.

Old Items/Reminders

PTO General Meetings: What is the PTO, you might ask? How do I get involved with the PTO? These are questions I hear from time to time. I’ll do my best to answer some of these questions right now.

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is an independent organization for parents and teachers with its operating budget. The PTO aims to benefit the education and development of all students and staff and foster communication with families, and host community-oriented events. All families are already members of the PTO; however, if you want to get more involved with PTO, you may reach out to Irene Huggins (PTO President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at jnnfr5746@yahoo.com.

Until the time feels right to have PTO General Meetings in person, we will be hosting them on Zoom at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3527193171?pwd=ZHZtY0ZCOXVjSTQ3cG1HOVMrZWlWQT09>

Meeting ID: 352 719 3171

Passcode: 8052380304

Our next PTO General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15 @ 6:00.

Household “Items” Brought to School: Please remember that if students bring items from the household to school, there is always the risk that that item may be lost, broken, etc. I know that many children like to bring items from home, but I hate to see when these good intentions go south. Recently, the popular item we’ve been seeing amongst our lower grade children is Pokemon trading cards. While I know they love to share, talk about, and trade them, we’ve seen some go missing or be torn over the past few weeks. Due to this, I’m going to ask that students leave their Pokemon cards at home.

Meet the Staff

Once again, thank you to our Leadership Class for spearheading the effort to introduce all our school staff to the larger St. Rose Catholic School community!

Myrna Maya: Meet Ms. Myrna, St. Rose's extended care administrator! This is Ms. Myrna's second year teaching at St. Rose, but she served as a catechist through the church before joining the SRS school community. She loves getting to see all of the amazing kids and families that go through St. Rose. Ms. Myrna's favorite color is purple, and she dreams of visiting France, Amsterdam, or Italy. She also attends Cuesta College and studies Criminal Justice, hoping to go to Cal State Los Angeles or Hawaii Pacific University. She is also the oldest daughter in her family. Something you may not know about Ms. Myrna is that she is a make-up artist, a DJ and a choreographer!



Trevor Knable: Meet Mr. Knable, aka Mr. K, St. Rose's Principal! In the 25 years that Mr. K has worked at St. Rose, he has served as the Middle School Social Studies teacher, PE teacher, Athletic Director, Vice Principal, and Extended Care administrator. He loves St. Rose because of the sense of community between the students, families, and staff. Mr. K's daughter, Maddie, who went to St. Rose K-8th grade, is now a junior at Mission College Prep. His wife, Meghan, works for the SLO County Office of Education. Mr. K likes to fly fish, go horseback riding, and spend time with his family in his spare time. He loves visiting Bass Lake, the Caribbean, and Alaska. Mr. K says that if he weren't a teacher, he would work at a National Park, be involved with community service, serve in law enforcement or firefighting.



March 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](#).

March:

- 3: CVPL Girls and Boys Basketball Finals, time and location TBA
- 4: No School/Staff Development Day, K - 8 Registration for Siblings of Returning Students ends
- 6: Family Mass @ 10:00
- 7: Early "Open" Registration Begins, PTO Board Meeting @ 8:15
- 8: Pre K - 8th Grade "Parenting Children on Social Media" Workshop 6:00 - 7:30
- 9: 4th Grade Mission San Luis Obispo Field Trip
- 11: Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Lenten Mass @ 8:30 (Grades Pre-K, K, 2, 4, 5), Faculty Meeting @ 1:00
- 15: PTO General Meeting @ 6:00
- 16 - 18: WCEA Accreditation Visit
- 16: Buck A Jeans Day

- 17: St. Patrick's Day Jeans and Green Top Dress (or school uniform if not dressing up), SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 18: 8th Grade Free Dress, Middle School Dance @ 6:00, Lenten Mass @ 8:30 (Grades 1,2,6,7,8)
- 21: 1st - 6th Grade Internet Safety Assemblies
- 22: 7/8th Grade Student and Parent Internet and Social Media Safety Workshop @ 6:00 - 7:30
- 23: Principal For the Day: Bonelli Girls
- 24: Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit Shirts
- 25: Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Faculty Cluster Meeting @ 1:00, End of Qtr. 3, Lenten Mass (Grades K, 2, 4, 5)
- 30: 4th Grade Parkfield/Van Horn Ranch Field Trip

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!

Trevor



Congratulations to our February Gospel Awards recipients!