



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.

Catholic Prayer for Lent

Let us pray that as we begin the season of lent we embrace the opportunity to:

- Fast from hurting words and saying kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill our hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so we can listen.

We pray that our only desire and our one choice is to choose what better leads to the deepening of God's life in us. We ask the Lord to guide our decisions and to bless the St. Rose Catholic School community with His peace, His joy, His love.

Amen

Message From the Principal

Believe it or not, we are two-thirds of the way through the school year, and I'm working on staffing, amongst other plans for next year. I understand that around registration time, there are often questions about what teachers and staff are or are not returning. As it stands right now, we anticipate very little turnover, which is beneficial to everyone, from the children to the families to the faculty and staff.

The one certainty is that **I will be hiring for the [first-grade position](#) for the 2025 - 2026 school year and that after many years as a student and then a preschool teacher, Ms. Emily Ezzo will be moving on.** While I will be hiring for the first-grade position, it is too early to

determine if we will hire a new preschool staff member or reallocate hours amongst our current staff. This potential for growth and change is exciting, and I anticipate some minor juggling of schedules and positions as I allocate hours for the upcoming school year.

With registration for returning students and siblings of current students wrapping up on February 28, we will be opening registration to those children and families who are not currently involved with the school on March 3, 2025. The early deadline is to ensure we can plan for the upcoming school year effectively. That said, I anticipate that kindergarten and fourth grade will be full for next year. If you are a current family member and have not yet registered for either of those classes, I can no longer guarantee a spot for your child after tomorrow.

Returning to this school year, **I'd like to welcome families who would like to attend our Lenten Mass on Wednesday March 19. Bishop Danny has set the day aside to host Mass at St. Rose Catholic School with our students and families.** Please remember to enter the church through the side door closest to the school. It is always nice to have our Bishop on campus to celebrate Mass with us and spend some time on campus. We would love to have you attend the Mass as well!



Our 6th graders having a great time on their NatureBridge Golden Gate three day two night field trip!

New Items/Upcoming Events

2025 - 2026 School Calendar: I have set the beginning and end dates for school on the 2025 - 2026 school calendar. **The first day of school is Monday, August 18, 2025, and Friday, June 5, the last day of school.** Additionally, all of the holiday and school recess dates have been set. As we did this year, the Diocese of Monterey will continue with multiple Elementary Diocesan Professional Development noon dismissal days. K - 8 minimum days are listed on the calendar

and will be limited to parent/teacher conference weeks, days leading into major holiday recesses, and these professional development days.

Art/Raquel Ryther: After working at St. Rose Catholic School for 14 years, Ms. Demeter is now in the process of moving with her family. While I cannot express my gratitude for Ms. Demeter's time, dedication, and love given to the art program and the students of St. Rose Catholic School, I am excited to see where the art program goes under the direction of Ms. Ryther. A word from Ms. Ryther:

Hello! I am excited to be your art teacher here at Saint Rose Catholic School. In our classroom, we'll explore different techniques, experiment with materials, and have fun while learning! Along with discovering new ways to express our creativity, we will also have the opportunity to occasionally create beautiful faith-based Catholic art, reflecting our values and beliefs. Given my background in graphic design I'm also happy to introduce the amazing projects we can create digitally! I believe every student has a unique artistic voice, and I can't wait to see more of the wonderful work we will create together. Let's make this year full of color, imagination, and growth!



Elementary Basketball: In the Fall 2024, we proudly launched our first elementary interscholastic sports season with Cross Country, which was a resounding success, with over 20 3rd - 5th grade students participating. **This Spring, we are thrilled to offer elementary basketball to our 4th and 5th-grade boys and girls.** Whether the team is coed or separate boys and girls teams is TBD based upon sign ups. If your child has expressed interest to Coach Kellie, they will receive a packet today. If you or your child is interested in learning more about playing on a St. Rose Catholic School elementary basketball team, please get in touch with Coach Kellie at school or at her email at kburbank@saintrosecatholicschool.org.

Dinner Auction Last Call! Our annual St. Rose Catholic School Dinner Auction is less than three weeks away! This fun event, our largest fundraiser, will be held on **Saturday, March 15, at the Rava Event Center.** The evening will include a delicious dinner, exciting auction items, and entertainment. **Tickets can be purchased by clicking [here](#).** Get your tickets now for the community event that benefits the students of St. Rose Catholic School. **Can't attend the auction but are interested in winning a chance to Cabo San Lucas for a five-night, six-day trip for up to six people? If you are, click [here](#) for your chance to be entered into this drawing!**

Monday, March 17: To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, students may wear their regular school bottoms or jeans on March 17 along with a green or St. Patrick's Day themed top. I'd love nothing more than to have the whole school be decked out in green tops for the day!



8th grade basketball team before a Saints vs. Priests basketball game on Monday!

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

- 2: Family Mass @ 10:00
- 3: Pre-K through 8th Grade Open Registration Begins, Drama Club @ 3:00
- 5: Ash Wednesday Mass @ 10:00, PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00
- 10: Drama Club @ 3:00
- 11: PTO General Meeting @ 3:00
- 12: Lenten Mass @ 10:00, 3rd Grade Retreat
- 13: Middle School Coed Soccer @ Shandon @ 3:45
- 14: No School/Diocesan Professional Development
- 15: St. Rose Catholic School Annual Dinner Auction
- 17: Drama Club @ 3:00, Jeans and St. Patrick Day Theme Top Dress
- 18: Middle School Coed Soccer Home Game @ 3:45
- 19: Lenten School Mass W/Bishop Danny @ 10:00, Preschool Noon Release

20: 8th Grade Free Dress, Middle School Coed Soccer @ Wishing Well @ 3:45, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30

21: End of Quarter 3, 5th Grade Hearst Castle Field Trip @ 9:00, CVPL Elementary Basketball Home Game @ 3:15

25: Middle School Coed Soccer @ Almond Acres @ 3:45

26: Lenten School Mass @ 10:00

27: Middle School Coed Soccer Home Game @ 3:45

28: Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit/Stampede Shirts

31: Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal: Parent Teacher Conferences

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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