

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.

A Christmas Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we thank You for the gift of salvation and the light that entered our world through Him. Fill our hearts with joy and wonder at the miracle of His birth. May the love of Christ dwell richly in our homes and bring peace to every heart. Let this Christmas renew our faith, deepen our gratitude, and inspire us to share Your love with others.

Amen.

Principal's Message

As we journey through Advent, our St. Rose Catholic School community is joyfully preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth. One of our traditions is the annual **Christmas Pageant with two performances held on December 17, 2025**, and we are pleased to welcome our Diocese of Monterey Superintendent of Schools, **Mr. Dan Anderson**, to the evening performance.

As seating is limited, families will be able to come into the office beginning on Monday, December 8 to pick up their free tickets (morning or evening tickets or a combination of both). Tickets will be limited to five per family with a total of 400 available for each performance. If you would like additional tickets beyond the allotted five per family, we will have a waiting list and will release any unclaimed tickets on Monday, December 15. Please see below for the specifics of the performances:

Daytime Performance – 10:00 AM

 K–8 students will already be on campus. (Pre-K families will receive details from Ms. Lori.)

- Parish hall doors open at 9:30 AM for guests with BLUE tickets.
- Seating is first-come, first-seated; no reserving seats ahead of time.
- Approximate duration: 1 hour.

Evening Performance – 6:00 PM

- Pre-K-7th grade drop-off: **5:30–5:45 PM** in homerooms.
- 8th grade arrival information will come from Ms. Uribe.
- Parish hall doors open at 5:30 PM for guests with RED tickets.
- Approximate duration: 1 hour.

Pick-Up (Evening): Students return to classrooms after performing and must remain until the pageant concludes. **Guests are asked to stay seated for the entire program so as to not interfere with the performance or spectators views.** Students must be checked out by a parent or an approved adult from their FACTS emergency contact list.

Attire:

• Evening: "Best of Christmas" attire

• Daytime: Christmas-themed top with jeans

Please be on the lookout for any grade level specific information coming before the show.

Speaking of Christmas, I know for many of us giving can be incredibly rewarding. My family and I have always taken advantage of sponsoring a child or children in need with gifts for the holidays. If you are interested in helping children in need, I encourage you to donate through Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Monterey Christmas Angels program. It is easy and takes the work out of your hands. If interested, you can follow this <u>link</u>.

New Items/Upcoming Events

St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament: A big thank you to Laura Orradre chairing the 7th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament! October 19 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 \$24,309.27, which will go directly to supporting St. Rose Catholic School. Thank you to our chairs, sponsors, and everyone who participated! This was Laura's 7th tournament that she has chaired and she will be stepping down from the duty. I am on the search for a new chair to take over for the October 2026 tournament. If you are interested, please reach out to me and I can go over the specifics.

2025 - 2026 Crab Feed: The 2026 Crab Feed is just around the corner! This year's St. Rose Catholic School Crab Feed will take place on a **Friday evening in January (TBD this week)** 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.

Stampede to Race and Read Wrap Up: Thank you to all that came out to support the kids in the 2025 St. Rose Catholic School Stampede to Race and Read. The weather held out (we always hope for not too warm of temperatures) and the lunch catered by Orale was excellent. The day was a success both from the fun standpoint and the "funraising" standpoint as the event netted **\$68,866.40!**

PTO Holiday Movie Event: Last year this was a huge hit and it's sure to be one once again. PTO will be putting on a showing of ELF at Park cinemas. Please see the information below on how to attend:

Holiday Movie – Elf at Park Cinemas

Join us for a cozy morning at the movies with friends and classmates!

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2025 Showtimes: 9:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Doors Open: 8:30 AM

Location: Park Cinemas - Paso Robles

Ticket Options:

• \$15 – Includes movie ticket, cocoa & donut holes

• \$20 – Includes movie ticket, cocoa & donut holes, plus a kids tray

Seating is limited and we'd love to fill the theater with Saint Rose families and our community friends.

GET TICKETS: https://www.parkcinemas.com/movie/st-rose-fundraiser

Did You Know?: Veterans Day Breakfast and Recognition

Hats off to Ms. Glunz and Ms. Ortiz for putting together a Veterans Day Breakfast to honor local veterans in our school, parish, and Paso Robles Community. This was an incredibly moving event which was hosted by our middle school students and I truly hope that all of the veterans and their families present were moved and felt welcomed and recognized by the St. Rose Catholic School community. Looking back on the event, I believe this will be one of the highlights of the school year and a great "hands on" service for our middle school students. I received some great feedback from those in attendance and wanted to share an email sent in from veteran and school parent, Leif Brekke:

The Veteran's Day Breakfast was, in my estimation, a success. The decorations were beautifully crafted by the students. The music by the student band was phenomenal. The breakfast itself was delicious.

Having the upper-grade students mingle and query with the veterans was, I think, the highlight of the event. I very much enjoyed discussing the various aspects of military life that the students were curious about, and it provided a marvelous opportunity to inform and influence these youth in a meaningful way.

Hearing the biographies read was also interesting and made for way to get to know other veterans that I did not know beforehand. Ms. Addis' presence and speech were an honor to

experience, and the certificates of appreciation were well-received.

The most poignant part was sharing the experience with my 6-year-old daughter, Seraphina, who has the opportunity at Saint Rose to further experience what faith in God looks like walked out in the flesh. This event helped shape what public respect looks like, what respect for our nation looks like, and how our faith in and respect for God shapes our responses to one another in all the various ways we interact.

Please, give my kindest thanks to all involved in putting this event together. I felt honored, appreciated, and involved in the process.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. Former Navy Journalist Petty Officer 2nd Class, Leif A. Brekke

You can click here to view a write up about the event in the Paso Robles Daily News.

December Dates to Remember

12/1: M.S. Boys Basketball Practice Begins

12/2: PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00

12/3: K - 8 Early Release, School Mass @ 10:00, 7th Grade Crab Feed Mtg. Rm 6 @ 2:15

12/4: M.S. Field Trip to Frozen, 6th Grade NatureBridge Golden Gate Mtg. Rm 6 @ 3:00

12/7: Family Mass @ 10:00, PTO Holiday Movie Showing of Elf @ 9:00 / 10:00

12/8: School Mass @ 10:00

12/9: PTO General Meeting @ 3:00

12/10: K - 8 Early Release

12/12: OLG Skit and Prayer Service @ 2:00, MS. Boys Basketball @ Georgia Brown @ 3:45

12/15: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal @ 10:30

12/17: K - 8 Early Release, Preschool Minimum Day / Noon Dismissal, Christmas Pageant @

10:00 and 6:00

12/18: SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30

12/19: Minimum Day / Noon Dismissal, Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Jeans and Christmas Theme Top

Dress Day, No Extended Care

12/20 - 1/4: Christmas Recess

Don't forget to follow St. Rose Catholic School on Instagram @strosecatholicschool for pictures, videos, and news about upcoming events!

Thank you

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