



Saint Rose of Lima

Roman Catholic Church

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Divine Mercy Parish Mission



Divine Mercy has been called "the greatest grassroots movement in the history of the Catholic Church" and has changed millions of lives. But what is it?

“Divine Mercy is when God's love meets us and helps us in the midst of our suffering and sin. In fact, because this side of eternity we're all sinners and because suffering is our lot in life, God's love for us here always takes the form of mercy. It's always the Lord stepping out in compassion to help us poor, weak, and broken sinners. From our perspective, then, every good we receive is an expression Divine Mercy.”

Fr. Chris Alar will be the featured speaker at an enlightening Saint Rose Parish Mission on December 2, 3, and 4. Join us to learn more about Divine Mercy.

Topics will include:

- ◆ The message and devotion of Divine Mercy
- ◆ Mary and Divine Mercy: What we learned at Fatima
- ◆ The importance of Marian Consecration
- ◆ The meaning of the Mass (plus things you never knew!)
- ◆ Why we need the Sacraments
- ◆ Answers to common questions about the Catholic Faith
- ◆ Why would a loving God allow such suffering?
- ◆ What do we need to do to get to heaven?
- ◆ Receive a blessing with the relic of St. Faustina

Father Chris is an international speaker and is a regular host and guest on EWTN. He also hosts the online “Divine Mercy Matters” series at DivineMercyMatters.org. Currently, he serves as “Fr. Joseph, MIC” the director of the Association of Marian Helpers and is head of the Marian Press, located on the grounds of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He is a member of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception.

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA
Roman Catholic Church
Invites and Welcomes you to our

ADVENT DIVINE MERCY
PARISH MISSION
Sunday, Dec. 2, Monday, Dec. 3,
Tuesday, December 4
6:45 PM

Following the evening Mass

With Fr. Chris M. Alar, MIC
“Father Joseph”,
Director of the
Association of Marian Helpers

*(Each evening presentation
will be about 90 minutes)*

ADMISSION IS FREE
*Fr. Chris will preach at all weekend
Masses; concelebrate at daily Masses
and be available for confessions.*

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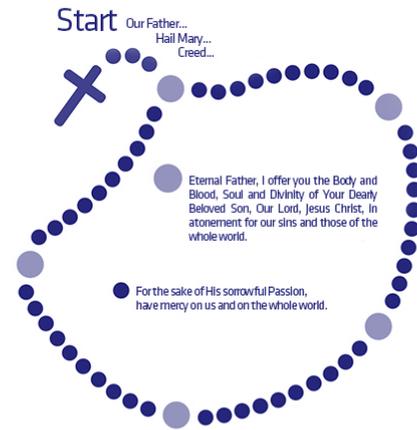
Now is the time of Mercy. During this blessed time, God wants to save the world by the power of Divine Mercy *through us*.

There is so much grace and beauty in Our Lord's Divine Mercy. Through our education, prayer, devotion and the profound assistance of Our Lady, we can realize this empowerment. Father Chris with his wit and wisdom will bring us inspiration and illumination to open our hearts to learn more about the Lord's Divine Mercy and our roles concerning His Mercy.

This message has the power to change lives. It is the consummate message of hope as well as the roadmap for daily living and preparation for the Lord's return.

Divine Mercy shows us in a most definitive way how the Holy Eucharist in the sacrifice of the Mass is the source and summit of all we do.

HOW TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



Conclude with 3x Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

As our Lord told St. Faustina, it has always been a part of the gospel message, but now it has been represented in a new engaging way to show us a deeper level of intimacy with our Lord and how we can become co-redeemers and missionaries of Divine Mercy. Our Lady continues to show us the way to her Son. She leads us and brings us to the source of grace, the Fountain of Mercy. This gives us so much HOPE. We can save the world!

Jesus told St. Faustina: "The world will not know peace until it turns to my mercy." But there are many people who do not know this message or have an understanding of Divine Mercy. Please join us and learn more about Our Lord's Divine Mercy. In this season of waiting and wonder, experience inspiration, illumination and peace as we grow together as a community. Learn more about His Divine Mercy, Our Lady's role in that Mercy and how God wants to save the world by the power of Divine Mercy *through us*.



Fr. Chris Alar

We are in a position to help save the world. In many ways, we are living in a time of unprecedented darkness and evil. It's for the very reason that God is giving us unprecedented grace. Now is the time of Mercy. Learn what His Mercy means for you.

May these presentations bring you a memorable, peaceful, and joyful Advent season. All God's Blessings to you and yours.

Additionally, Father Chris will be bringing a wonderful selection of Divine Mercy religious articles and books that will be available for you to purchase following his presentations.

For More Information Contact the Saint Rose of Lima Parish Office at (615) 893-1843 or go to www.thedivinemercy.org/events



Dynamic Tension Between Roots and Branches



Roots and branches. As the new pastor of Saint Rose, the rich diversity in the mission of the parish immediately struck me. It would be impossible to mention all of the ways that the parishioners here seek to carry out the mandate of Jesus to proclaim the Good News to all nations. In this newsletter, there are articles about the vibrant Hispanic community in the parish, as well as the growing campus ministry at MTSU. We likewise celebrate this year the 20th anniversary of the re-founding of Saint Rose School. All sorts of other ministries are continuing to serve and to give witness to the love of Jesus Christ: everything from Bridge to home-bound visitation to RCIA to our youth programs. There are branches shooting out and growing everywhere!

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At the same time, we must tend to our roots. After all, roots feed the branches and provide stability in storms. Saint Rose parish is here to give glory to God in worship more than anything else. Our liturgies are nourished from the deep roots of Sacred Tradition leading all the way back to Jesus Christ and the deposit of faith entrusted by Him to the apostles. We are called on to give faithful witness to this unbroken Tradition and to pass it on to the next generation. We are conservators and stewards of Catholic Faith and Tradition.

On a human level, I have experienced this dynamic tension between roots and branches in my move to Murfreesboro. No one can come to this community and not be impressed by the growth going on everywhere. I am inspired by the challenge to help Saint Rose meet the needs of this growth. I want to be an evangelizing pastor of an evangelizing parish! Just from the Catholics who are already in our community, all of our Masses should be more than packed! Go out and bring them in! I am personally pushing myself to learn Spanish simply because of the pastoral need. At the same time, I have made the commitment to be more faithful to prayer, and it is working! Without that, all my busy-ness would be for nothing. So I call the parish to prayer and to the sacraments. We cannot give what we do not have.

Personally, I have deep roots in Murfreesboro. My parents are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, along with four generations of my family. Overall Creek is named for ancestors of mine. I have been told that the head of Overall Creek is a spring that wells up from the ground and is seemingly bottomless. The roots of the Catholic Faith are even more profound than that! And the harvest of the kingdom of God is even more urgent than the growth of Rutherford County! Let's get to work, but let's get on our knees first.

Faithfully,

Fr. John Sims Baker, Pastor



What it means to be One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

A wonderful event occurred Saturday, September 15th. Two communities came together to enjoy faith and feast. The Saint Rose 5:30 Mass parishioners were joined by the 7:30 Mass parishioners of the Hispanic community. The bilingual Mass invited us to come with open hearts with the determination to be wonderfully amazed by the similarities, not the differences. Conducted in both English and Spanish, the feeling of Community was embraced.



Many hours of careful planning started several

weeks prior to the event. Wednesday evening meetings included many people from both communities that culminated in the delivery of a well-planned event. If anyone felt language would be an issue, the worry quickly disappeared. The Holy Spirit bridged any language barriers.

The planning committee knew two things: there would be bilingual Liturgy and there would be a pig roast afterward. In my book, that was a pair already made in Heaven. All other planning branched out from there, like a large Oak tree! Let the celebration begin!

The bilingual liturgy was beautifully planned by the Clergy. There was extensive coordination between the two groups of liturgical



ministers. The planning and

coordination of bilingual texts for programs was a big task. Not an easy task, but, the results were worth the effort and appreciated by all of those in attendance. Music was prepared, arranged and delivered as if it had always been delivered in this manner. Amazing!

People arrived early, knowing the seating would become tight. The seating did get close and many had to stand around the perimeter of the nave. Between the beauty of the liturgy, the mesmerizing music and the smiles seen on the faces of families in attendance, the joy of everyone was evident.



The feeling of community is important. For us to all come together, there is sacrificial love. We must move a little out of our comfort zone to truly appreciate the unknown and discoverable love in our hearts. For one and one-half hours, we were able to partake in a united community.

Since a picture is worth a thousand words, please enjoy the photos. No amount of words can express the happiness and love you see on the faces of Saint Rose parishioners.

Thank you to all those whose hard work made this a success. God Bless everyone and their families who participated in this wonderful celebration.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon John and Brenda D'Amico



MTSU Catholic

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

MTSU's St. John Paul II Catholic Student Center has successfully kicked off the Fall 2018 semester. Our school year started by playing soccer with the Saint Rose sisters on campus in front of the MTSU Student Union. Many students joined in and were excited about the opportunity to play soccer with Catholic Sisters. The next week we hosted a Kickoff Cookout at the CSC for all interested students with the Saint Rose Knights of Columbus generously providing burgers and hot dogs. We ate good food, played some games, and met new faces. After the cookout, the CSC resumed normal hours of operation with social nights after the 5pm Mass on Sundays, fellowship on Tuesday evenings, and spiritual nights on Thursdays. We live up to the phrase "play hard, pray



hard" by doing game nights and volleyball tournaments as well as participating in Saint Rose YYAM's Theology on Tap, Catholic Faith Q&As at the CSC, and having Adoration and Confession at Saint Rose on Thursdays.



The St. JP II Catholic Student Center aims to provide a home away from home for local college students and a comfortable environment to grow in faith and friendship. Attending Mass together, having family-style dinners, and keeping close relationships with all of our members are some of the many ways we try to foster this environment. This is an exciting time for our ministry as we have more than doubled our members since Spring 2018 and continue to see growth weekly. This growth has only happened with massive amounts of help from the St. Rose priests, sisters, ministries, and members, as well as MTSU faculty, all to whom we are incredibly grateful. We look to continue growing our ministry base so that we can provide faith formation and community opportunities for as many college students as we can reach.



SHE IS TRUE BLUE: St. John Paul II had a special devotion to our Blessed Mother and MTSU Catholic tries to emulate our patron saint especially in that way. "She is True Blue" creates a connection between Mary and Middle Tennessee State University. The color blue is a symbol of Mary's faithfulness and queenship as well as one of the spirit colors of MTSU. We are proud of our school and home but also realize that Mary's mantle is where we will find the most belonging. She is the perfect example of living MTSU's True Blue values: Honesty, integrity, respect, community, and love.

SHE IS TRUE BLUE



Saint Rose School Celebrates



Bishop Edward Kmiec at the 1999 Opening Ceremony

Each new school year brings with it a sense of anticipation. At Saint Rose School, this year has arrived with an extra layer of excitement as we prepare to celebrate “20 Years of Excellence” in commemoration of the school’s reopening in 1999. Much has changed over the last two decades; however, the heart of the school remains the same. A great deal of dedication and passion for Catholic education are the ideals that brought Saint Rose’s reopening to fruition, and they continue to sustain this community both now, as well as into the future.

During the past 20 years, there have been many achievements for which Saint Rose is quite proud. First of all, it has grown in size from 80 to a student body of 375, from 2-year olds to 8th grade. It boasts of 414 graduates; many of whom remain active alumni. They come back for school fundraisers like the annual 5K, or as volunteers on field day. They serve as mentors to our 8th grade students, work in the school’s extended care program, and act as teachers in Saint Rose’s religious education program. Many come back in December for our “Home for the Holidays” alumni gathering, but it is also not unusual for former students to stop in just to visit their former teachers and share with them how well they are doing. It is always a blessing for our teachers to hear of their students’ successes after they leave Saint Rose.



Our first Principal, Sr. Mary Reginald



Mary Glover, Ph.D.

There are so many accomplishments to highlight in the lives of our Saint Rose alumni. For example, ninety-five percent went on to attend college. Some of these same students have gone on to participate in collegiate sports such as football, track, golf, soccer and swimming. We are thrilled to have our first Ph.D. recipient, Dr. Mary Glover, class of 2004, who is the daughter of our very own art teacher, Mrs. Ruthie Glover. Our alumni have achieved great success in their high school careers as well. They have taken part in IB programs, earned AP credits, been chosen Valedictorians and Salutatorians, been National Merit Finalists, held offices in student government, earned roles in theatrical performances, traveled the world in marching bands, dedicated themselves to service work, received appointments to military academies, and served their country bravely in the armed services.



Oakland H.S. Valedictorians Sydney & Wesley O'Donald

Looking back on the last 20 years has given our Saint Rose community the opportunity not only to see how much we’ve grown, but also to recognize the beautiful future that we have ahead of us as well. Saint Rose has always been a blessing in the lives of its families. There’s no doubt it will continue to be a beacon of Christ’s love for years to come.





20 Years of Excellence



Saint Rose School has many exciting events planned for this very special year. We had an amazing kick-off at *The Alley on Main* in September and are looking forward to the 5K and Fun Run on October 27. Our school's annual Veterans Day ceremony will be held on November 12th at 9:00 am. This year it will also take a 20th anniversary spin as we bury a time capsule. In addition, we will honor World War II veteran and POW survivor Mr. Jack Sant Amour. Starry Night is moving from its usual time in the fall to February 23, 2019 at the Stones River Country Club and will celebrate 20 years of excellence. Lastly, our very popular golf tournament, Stars and Pars, will take place this spring. We'd love all parishioners to join us for these spectacular events.

Our current students also have much to look forward to this school year. We will all be sporting our blue spirit shirts on the 20th of every month. Additionally, a surprise has been planned for each of those days. So far students had a Popsicle "emergency" on a very hot day and painted kindness rocks to hide as a part of #SaintRoseRocks. There are many more surprises to come!



Bishop Mark Spalding and 2018 students

When a person steps into Saint Rose School, they often say that it feels like a special place. It can be difficult to put a finger on exactly what is that unique feeling. Those lucky enough to spend time here soon realize that what sets this school apart from others is the fact that every aspect of its mission puts Jesus Christ at its center. It can be seen at morning prayer, Friday Mass, our Day of Adoration and every big or small blessing in between.

Mark your Calendars!

**Run with the Stars
5K and Fun Run**

Saturday, Oct. 27
7:00 am

**Veterans Day Flag
Ceremony**

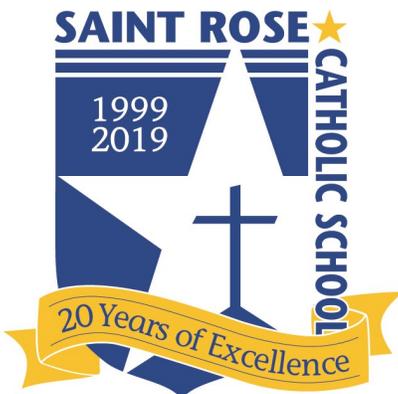
Monday, Nov. 12
9:00 am

Starry Night

Saturday, Feb. 23,
2019

**Stars and Pars Golf
Tournament**

Spring 2019



Happy 20th Anniversary Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School. Here's to many more years of excellence.

Mrs. Mary Beth McLain
Junior High Language Arts Teacher

Saint Rose School Mission Statement

Saint Rose Catholic School unites with the family to provide a quality Catholic education in a Christ-centered environment, promoting learning, love and service, which prepares students for the future.

*"May your kindness, Lord, be upon us;
as we place our hope in you." Psalms 33:22*



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Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:30 pm Vigil

Sunday, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Daily Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 7:00 am

Friday 7:00 am & 8:15 am, Sat. 8:15 am

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 6:00 pm

Spanish Mass

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7:30 pm

Reconciliation

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 5:00-5:45 pm

Saturdays, 4:00-5:15 pm

Sundays, 30 minutes before each Mass

Or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8-12 and 1-4

Exceptions noted in the bulletin

Please call 615-893-1843 with address corrections or if you would like to be removed from our list.

Upcoming Events

All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, November 1

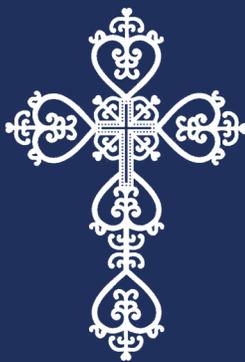
Masses at 7, 8:15 am, 6 pm

Divine Mercy Parish Mission

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

December 2, 3, 4 at 6:45 pm

Join us for 6 pm Mass and
stay for the Mission



All Souls Day

Friday, Nov. 2

English Mass at 7, 8:15 am

Spanish Mass at 7:30 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, Dec. 15

Bilingual Mass at 5:30 pm

Festival 6:30-10 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24 Masses at 5 pm, 8 pm, Midnight

Tuesday, December 25 at 10 am

Spanish Mass December 25 at 1:00 pm