

SAINT ROSE CHURCH

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For the Week of Sunday, December 19, 2021

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard each Saturday in the Parish Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS: December 20th through December 26th

		CHRISTMAS DAY
Mon. 8:30 AM	Joanie Mudd	
Tues. 8:30 AM	Wheatley - Mudd Family Liv. & Dec.	8:00 AM Intention of the Celebrant
Wed 5:30 PM	Woody, Sharon, & Marsha (Daugherty) Dean	10:00 AM Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs. 8:30 AM	Preston & Amy Lockett & Family	Sat. 4:00 PM NO MASS
Fri. 8:30 AM	Bryan Kelty 11:00 AM Terry Mattingly	Sun. 8:00 AM Lisa Hill 11:00 AM For the People 7:00 PM Special Intention

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM Intention of the Celebrant
7:00 PM Intention of the Celebrant

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: for St. Rose & Holy Rosary, Springfield Parishes:

ST. ROSE - Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Day: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

HOLY ROSARY, SPRINGFIELD - Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. - Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

WEEKEND OBLIGATION SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 25TH & 26TH:

ST. ROSE - NO 4:00 P.M. Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25th. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 26th at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

HOLY ROSARY, SPRINGFIELD - NO 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25th. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 26th at 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 11th - December 17th was \$5,381.00.

ST. ROSE LEGACY FUND: Donations from Dec. 11th - Dec. 17th were \$700.00 .. Total \$345,928.36.

PICNIC FUND/ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: July 1st through December 31st. Donations from December 11th - December 17th were \$200.00. Total \$18,755.00.

2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL - *Bringing Christ to Others* ... Our Parish Goal: \$11,200.00.

As of Friday, December 17th we have received pledges totaling \$11,180.00, which is 99% of our goal. Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift. Gifts may be made through our parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA.

PASTOR'S CORNER: 1) Mary, Woman of Advent Faith - The song *Mary, Did You Know?* has become a modern Christmas classic. Theologians have debated the answer to that question - what did Mary know and when did she know it? - for centuries. But an ancient feast day which falls on December 18, gives us some insight into Mary's anticipation of her son - the Feast of the Expectation of the Virgin Mary. Advent has always been a season closely connected with Mary, since the first 'Advent' was something only she and Joseph experienced. What Mary knew from the facts around her was that she was 'heavy with child,' that she was 'expecting' a baby boy. What she knew by faith - what the angel Gabriel had told her - was that this child would be the Messiah, the Savior of her people, Israel, and Lord of the Nations, that she was 'expecting' the Lord. Though spared the effects of original sin, it is hard to imagine how that knowledge would have impressed itself upon this young woman. As a woman of faith, she would have been very familiar with God's promise through the prophets of a savior, who would 'bring down the mighty, and lift up the lowly.' In the end, what Mary knew would have been a mix of great flashes of light with greater periods of murkiness. Much the way we live our life of faith (though the flashes of light might not be so great for us as they were for Mary). Even before God announced to her that she would bear a son, Mary was in expectation of the Savior, because she was a woman of faith. Advent is very much a season of

faith, when we are called to go forward joyfully, even through the murkiness of life, letting those occasional flashes of light guide us along the way, reassuring us of God's fidelity to us. In these last days of Advent, let us live in expectation of the birth of the Savior in our hearts and minds that we may proclaim what we know about Jesus, who walked on water, who came to make us new, who is heaven's perfect Lamb, and the great 'I AM! **2) Special Thanks** - Everyone contributes to our parish in many different ways but I want to especially acknowledge Susan Smith, whom we buried just this Saturday. I especially think of her hard work for the Turkey Supper, her detailed memory of almost every aspect of it, her work to decorate the church on Christmas and Easter, working with the religious education program, and many other things she did for her parish. usually behind the scenes. She never waited to be asked, but always stepped forward and asked 'How can I help?' I just want to express my gratitude for all Susan did over many years at St. Rose and pray that she may rest in peace at the church she loved so much.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: on Thursday, December 23rd after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & CONFESSIONS: Thurs. Dec. 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

2021 COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Our parish will conduct the annual collection for Catholic Charities of Louisville next weekend December 26th. Your generosity helps to fund many vital ministries and social services, including: The Sister Visitor Center and Father Jack Jones Food Pantries, Migration and Refugee Services, which will assist hundreds of Afghan evacuees and other refugees this year, The Bakhita Empowerment Initiative combatting human trafficking, The Ombudsmen who serve thousands of residents in long term care homes, and Community gardeners with Common Earth Gardens and those seeking job skills and employment assistance through Common Table. Thank you for your gifts to this collection for Catholic Charities of Louisville.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fr. Kevin McGrath, Joe & Lucille Spalding, Maurice Coppock, Ken Fenwick, Rita Mann, Jim Logsdon, Doris Coulter, Sports Hamilton, Kevin Durling, Billy Parrott, Kevin Boone, Pamela Clements, Johnny Osbourn - Madisonville, Ky, Naomi Goodin, Sr. Marilyn King, Sr. Gen Durcan, Lucy Hamilton, Tom Miller, Perry Carrico, Morgan Mattingly, Jerry Taylor, Mike Mackin, Joey Young, Frank Wilkerson, Mary Helen Smith, Louise Lanham, Jeff "Jelly" Spalding, Benny Humphress, Susan Neel Weber, Joe Wimsatt, Margaret Fay Martin, Margaret Ann Lanham, JT Osbourne, Isabell Foster, Mary Beth Spalding, Mary Margie Smith, and Corbin Noel. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE SOMEONE FROM THE SICK LIST.