

SAINT ROSE CHURCH

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For the Week of Sunday, December 18, 2022

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.

THERE WILL BE NO 7:00 P.M. MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24TH & 25TH

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. Lector: Marion Mulligan Extraordinary Minister: Deacon Coulter & 2 Volunteers

8:00 p.m. Lector: Volunteer Extraordinary Minister: Volunteer

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th

8:00 a.m. Lector: Volunteer Extraordinary Minister: Ruth Ann Osbourne

11:00 a.m. Lector: Sam Montgomery Extraordinary Minister: Sue Kidwell Clements

MASS INTENTIONS: Monday, December 19th through Sunday, December 25th

Mon. 8:30 AM Adeline Osborne

Sat. 4:00 PM Intention of Celebrant

Tues. 8:30 AM Ezekiel Michael Smith

8:00 PM Intention of Celebrant

Wed. 5:30 PM James & Pauline O'Daniel

Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of the Celebrant

Thurs. 8:30 AM Menke Boone

11:00 AM Intention of the Celebrant

Fri. 8:30 AM James A. "Tony" Smith

7:00 PM NO MASS

Sat. 8:30 AM Bryan Kelty

SUNDAY COLLECTION: for December 10th & 11th was \$5,916.00.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS: for December 10th & 11th was \$868.00.

ST. ROSE LEGACY FUND: Donations from December 10th & 11th were \$830.00. Total \$372,530.36.

PICNIC FUND/ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: July 1st through December 31st. Donations from December 10th & 11th were \$200.00. Total \$15,425.00.

ONLINE GIVING: Just a reminder that you can give to St. Rose online. Just go to

<https://www.archlou.org/parish-giving/> and select the correct parish, using your credit or debit card.

2022 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: Bringing Christ to Others Our Parish Goal \$11,600.00.

As of Friday, December 9th we have received pledges in the amount of \$6,960.00 (60% of our goal) from 52 households. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift. Gifts may be made through the parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA.

PASTOR'S CORNER: 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!'

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: We will decorate the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 22nd immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

ADVENT HOLY HOURS: this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. We hope this will be a time when you can enter into some silence before the Lord's Presence and use the season of Advent as a true time of 'waiting on the Lord' in the last few days before Christmas. Confessions will also be heard during the Holy Hour.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: for St. Rose & Holy Rosary, Springfield Parishes:
ST. ROSE - Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. - Christmas Day: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
HOLY ROSARY, SPRINGFIELD - 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. - Christmas Day: 11:00 a.m.

2022 COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Our parish will conduct the annual collection for Catholic Charities of Louisville next weekend, December 24th & 25th. 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 refugees, Afghan evacuees, and asylum seekers, The Bakhita Empowerment Initiative combatting human trafficking, The Ombudsmen who serve thousands of residents in long term care homes, Community gardeners with Common Earth Gardens and those seeking job skills and employment assistance through Common Table. Thank you for your generous response.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fr. Kevin McGrath, Bert Spalding, Ken & Carol Kinsey, Todd Crawford, Kerry Hale, Owen Smith, Joshua & Victoria Hayes, Jordan Thomas, Jared McKinney, Richard Mudd, Joe Taylor, Don Triplett, Frank Clements, Leo Hamilton, Harold Gootee, Ricky Carrico, Keith Edelen, Lisa Whitener, Jeff "Jelly" Spalding, Gray Turner, Joey Young, Brian Kelty, Russell Norris, Ken Medley, Special Intention, Ron Carey, Maurice Coppock, Ann McAdams, David Noe, Jay Holt, Tina Cecil, Corbin Noel, Tom Glasscock, Sr. Marilyn King, Rhonda Coleman, Ruby Osborne, Deborah Lee, Margaret Ann Lanham, Brady Lawson, Marilyn Noel, Susan Spalding, Morgan Mattingly, Jerry Taylor, Mary Helen Smith, Nancy Wimsatt, and Special Intention. Please call the Parish Office to add or remove someone to the prayer list.