

## **WELCOME FROM FR. BING**

My Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Catholic Community. We are ***“A Welcoming and Joyful Community committed to making Disciples by igniting and strengthening Faith in Christ and the Celebration of God’s Grace.”***

We strive to live every day as faithful disciples of the Lord and good stewards of His gifts. Proclaiming the Gospel message is not just the task of the priests, deacons, or staff alone. It is a collaborative effort of everyone in the parish sharing their gifts, talents, and Christ-like love. We are blessed to have almost fifty opportunities to participate in Sacraments, Pastoral Care, Fellowship and Ministry activities that reflect God’s love and work. We’d love for you to join us as we work to bring the Good News to our neighborhoods and the world.

This booklet will give you an idea of many of the ways that St. Rose welcomes and evangelizes through the Sacraments, through Pastoral Care, through Fellowship and through Ministries. We invite you to join us in receiving, and giving, all these gifts. It’s organized around our Parish’s four seasons of Stewardship: Stewardship of Giving, Stewardship of Praying, Stewardship of Serving and Stewardship of Forming. In programs where parishioner’s assistance is required, we’ve highlighted these Ministry Opportunities by enclosing them in a box.

We believe that **God has something extraordinary planned for your life.** We just need to ‘allow God’. As St. Ignatius of Loyola said, *“Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly.”*

The Journey to God’s heart begins when we step out of our comfort zone, walk the extra mile, go into the deep (*‘duc in altum’*), and journey the road less traveled. Allow us to journey with you in faith; allow us to bring the joy of God’s presence into your family. And together, if ***we joyfully learn to leave everything in God’s hand, we will eventually discover God’s hand in everything.***

**Be in God,**  
Fr. Bing Colasito



## **Volunteer Requirements**

We are blessed to have many ministries that reflect God’s love and work. They provide the opportunity to serve adults and children in areas such as Liturgical, spiritual, social and special events ministries. Most of our ministries offer “on the job” training, and some, like our Liturgical ministries, have scheduled training dates periodically throughout the year so that volunteers can begin working in their chosen ministry immediately.

Besides the ability and willingness to give of your time (the most important “requirement” for serving and volunteering at our Parish), volunteers are also required to register with the Parish and the Diocese of Phoenix requires Parish volunteers to attend Safe Environment Training prior to serving in ministry.

## **Safe Environment Training**

The Diocese of Phoenix is committed to protecting children, youth, young and vulnerable adults. To ensure the safety and well-being of all parishioners and participants in our ministries and programs, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne complies with the following Diocese of Phoenix requirements for all volunteers who work with children:

- All clergy, employees, and volunteers working directly with children (supervisory / chaperone) are required to attend Safe Environment Training.
- All clergy, employees, and volunteers who provide ministerial service in private homes, work in food pantries and provide meal service are required to attend Safe Environment Training.
- All NEW volunteers will be required to take a Safe Environment Training Foundation Class prior to service. ALL volunteers are required to renew their Safe Environment Training ANNUALLY.

Safe Environment Training is offered periodically within our parish. For more information or available training class outside the parish and across the Diocese of Phoenix, please visit [safeenvironmenttraining.org](http://safeenvironmenttraining.org).

# GENERAL DIRECTORY

The table below provides a guide into the organization of this booklet. Our Sacraments, Pastoral Care, Fellowship and Ministry opportunities are grouped by the type of Stewardship they best align with.

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# SACRAMENTS, PASTORAL CARE, FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRIES

This booklet highlights how St Rose evangelizes and serves our parishioners through the Sacraments, Pastoral



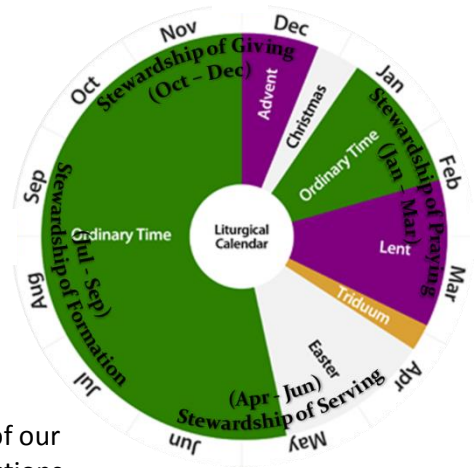
Care, Fellowship and Ministries. Where St Rose welcomes, or may even require, the support and assistance of our parishioner community, we've highlighted those volunteer opportunities with a box as shown below.

This is an example of a ministry opportunity

We've organized the booklet to reflect St Rose's four Seasons of Stewardship. These seasons are followed like the Church's liturgical calendar; we focus on each season in turn, not ignoring the others, but to allow the parish an opportunity to focus on growing in one of the areas of stewardship. See the general directory on the next page for a summary listing.

Lastly, our parish is a vibrant and growing parish.

- This means that we welcome parishioner input and support in developing our community. If there is a ministry that is dear to your heart that you want to start, give our Discipleship Coordinator a call in the parish office.
- It also means that this booklet may not always be the most current view of our activities. Please contact the parish office or website if you have any questions.



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## STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

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### FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council serves as an advisory Council to the Pastor and assists the Parish staff in budgeting, monitoring and reviewing the Parish finances. In some cases, the Finance Council's approval is needed for large purchases or initiatives. The Council meets monthly and provides periodic reports to the Parish. All reports to the Diocese are prepared by the accountant and appropriate staff, and reviewed by the Pastor and Finance Council Chair before submission.

The Pastor appoints Finance Council members for fixed terms according to the Diocesan guidelines; the Finance Council Chairman also serves as the Treasurer of the Parish's corporate entity.

### OKTOBERFEST



Oktoberfest Coordinators are appointed several months before the event.

Oktoberfest is St Rose's annual Fall Festival. The intention of this three day event is to reach out to the community and invite them to see what our Catholic Community is about. It's an opportunity for St Rose to share good times with the Good News.

There are many volunteer opportunities, especially for those with organizational and event-planning talents. Hours of service vary by committee and all help is welcomed.



### PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a key advisory body to the Pastor regarding the spiritual life and health of the parish. Council members are asked to pray for the people and ministries of the Parish; promote biblical spirituality within the communities and parish families; help develop a pastoral plan for the growth and development of the parish community and meet monthly.

Council members usually serve a three-year term and the Pastoral Council Chairman serves as the Secretary of the Parish's corporate entity. When there are openings on the Council, nominations are accepted and reviewed by the Pastor and Council members.

Parish Pastoral Council members must be registered in the Parish, Catholics in good standing with the Church, attend Mass regularly, and be available for monthly meetings as well as other projects that the Council may undertake.

### STEWARDSHIP / DISCIPLESHIP COUNCIL

Parishioners at St Rose understand that all that we are, and all that we have, comes from God. We are grateful stewards of the gifts that God chose to bestow upon us. We are called to share the first fruits of our gifts with the Church and others for the purpose of building His kingdom on earth. We practice this through our four seasons of Stewardship: Giving, Praying, Serving and Forming.

If you'd like to help build and implement programs and processes that will help St Rose continue its journey towards intentional discipleship and stewardship please contact the Parish Discipleship Coordinator.

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYING



The Mass and Sacraments are central to our Faith, our Parish and the universal Church. For this reason they are listed first.

### MASS

The liturgy is the heart of our Parish and is offered every day.

Weekend Schedule	
Saturday	5pm
Sunday	8am, 11am & 4pm
Sunday (at the Mission)	9:30am
Weekday Schedule	
Monday – Saturday	7:30am
Wednesday	7pm



There are several opportunities for parishioners to serve in our liturgical ministries:

### ALTAR SERVERS

**St. Rose Leader: Bryan Hartlen, 623-465-9740 x101, bhartlen@stroseanthem.com**

**Good Shepherd Leader: Alex Bragg, 602-570-7974, azrocketrider@gmail.com**

To be qualified to serve as an altar server, one must be at least 10 years old (adults are encouraged to serve as well), have received First Communion and be trained as an altar server at St. Rose. You must attend at least one 45 minute training session before serving. Then, you serve as needed, usually one or two times a month. Time commitment is approximately 90 minutes for the Mass you are scheduled to serve.

### ART AND ENVIRONMENT

**St Rose Leader: Cheyenne Bosn, 623-297-5045, cheyboz1@gmail.com**

**Good Shepherd Leader: Barb Zvonek, 623-465-2727, prscttwo@aol.com**



The Art and Environment Ministry dresses the Sanctuary/Worship space with Liturgical and seasonal color changes to provide a visual experience for our Parishioners. Members assist with seasonal decorations, purchase and maintenance of live plants and flowers, arrangement and care of candles and floral decorations for the altar and shrines. Anyone over the age of 10 may participate. Time commitment is determined by each individual member. Emails are sent to request assistance with Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter being the largest projects requiring the most help.

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**St. Rose Leader: Tess Manzano, 623-826-6525, tatatess@cox.net**

**Good Shepherd Leader: Janet Jablonski, 623-465-4671, desertdweller6@q.com**

The role of the Extraordinary Minister (EM) is to assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion when other priests or deacons (the ordinary ministers) are not available or when numbers of the persons receiving Holy Communion necessitate more ministers for an orderly and reverent distribution of Holy Communion. EM qualifications: Men or women who are 16 years of age or older, are fully initiated and an active member of the Catholic Church and attendance at a St. Rose or Good Shepherd EM training session. A hands-on training including the importance of fulfilling commitments as scheduled is required. Time commitment is approximately 90 minutes for the Mass you are scheduled to serve.

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND (MINISTERS OF CARE)**

**Leader: Rhoda Bryce, 602-228-2579, rhodabryce@earthlink.net**

Ministers of Care, are Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMs), who bring the Eucharist to anyone who is absent from Church due to illness or incapacity. We bring support, care and prayers of the Catholic Community of St. Rose and Good Shepherd Mission to everyone we visit. Ministers of Care are trained as Eucharistic Ministers prior to making Communion visits. To inquire about receiving a visit from the Ministers of Care, please contact Rhoda.

#### **GREETERS**

**St Rose Leaders: Anna Shugars, 623-203-7224, annalyticalone@gmail.com; Lisa Wampler, wamplerlm@gmail.com, 623-551-1650**

**Good Shepherd Leader: Janet Jablonski, 623-465-4671, desertdweller6@q.com**

Greeters welcome our parishioners as they arrive for Mass. Children, teens and adults with a friendly spirit and welcoming smile are all welcome in this ministry. Couples and families are encouraged to serve in this

ministry together. Greeters need to arrive 20 minutes before Mass to welcome people as they arrive and offer them a song sheet. After Mass, Greeters distribute bulletins and thank people for coming to Mass. Ministers of the Word – Lectors

**St. Rose Leader: Mickey Wood, 602-509-9976, mjtcwood@gmail.com**

**Good Shepherd Leader: Sophia Bones, 623-465-9637, sofiabone85@gmail.com**

The minister or reader calls us to be servants of the Living Word of God. Lector qualifications: must be 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older, able to proclaim well in front of a large number of people and be trained as a Lector at St. Rose. Time commitment (including preparation) is approximately two hours the week of the scheduled Sunday.

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**St Rose Leader: Matt Ficarra, 623-465-9740 x106, mficarra@stroseanthem.com**

**Good Shepherd Leader: Barb Zvonek, 623-465-2727, prscttwo@aol.com**



Good Shepherd Choir members provide music for Mass and other events at Good Shepherd Mission. Anyone with a sense of rhythm and pitch is invited to join. Practice is held 30 minutes before Mass on Sunday and other events. St Rose Choir members and Instrumentalists assist the music director in leading the congregation in the sung prayer at Mass. They are at least 15yrs old or 9th grade, proficient in their skill, have a good sense of pitch and rhythm, have a servant's heart, and an understanding that the Mass is not a performance opportunity. Instrumentalists are required to be able to read lead sheets and being able to transpose on the spot would be

very helpful. Music Ministers are required to complete a successful informal audition and attend weekly rehearsals. Time commitment is a 1.5 hour weekly rehearsal, Weekly Mass and Holy Day attendance.

#### SACRISTANS

**St. Rose Leader: Bryan Hartlen, 623-465-9740 x101, bhartlen@stroseanthem.com**

**Good Shepherd Leader: Teresa Hendrix, (623) 465-8930, teresahendrix02@q.com**

Sacristans oversee all elements of preparing for Liturgy. They must be 18 years or old, fully initiated and active member of the Catholic Church and trained as an EM and Sacristan at St. Rose. Time commitment is approximately 90 minutes the week of the scheduled Sunday.



#### USHERS

**St. Rose Leader: Bryan Hartlen, 623-465-9740 x101, bhartlen@stroseanthem.com**

**Good Shepherd Leader: Travis Hendrix, 623-465-8930, teresahendrix02@q.com**

Ushers help parishioners find seats, answer questions about the parish, take up the collection and create an atmosphere of hospitality at Mass. Usher qualifications: must be 15 years or older (children of ushers are welcome to help under the parent's supervision), must be friendly and hospitable, able to give directions and be trained as an Usher at St. Rose. Time commitment is approximately 30 minutes the week of the scheduled Sunday.



#### SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments rejuvenate and sustain us as individuals and a parish.

##### Eucharist:

At Mass  
Or by request through our  
Ministers of Care

##### Reconciliation:

Monday – Friday @ 7am  
Saturdays @ 4pm  
Or by appointment

##### Anointing of the Sick

First Friday Masses  
Or by appointment



#### SACRAMENT PREPARATION

**Leader: Renee Hunsaker, Coordinator of Religious Education, 623-465-9740 x105 rhunsaker@stroseanthem.com**

Our Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation sacrament programs for children are integrated into our Religious Education classes. They are family-based, which means their goals are the reclaiming of our

Catholic tradition and to recognize the rightful role of the parents as the primary catechist of their child(ren).

We do this in the belief that by motivating and empowering the family to become real partners in the preparation of their children, sacramental preparation truly becomes a significant moment for ongoing faith, not just for the children, but of the family and Parish community as well.

We also offer Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation sacraments to adults through our RCIA programs.

There are opportunities for our parishioners to participate in these ministries as follows:

#### **BAPTISM TEAM**

**Leaders: Mark & Mary Bilsborough, 760-447-0236, baptism@stroseanthem.com**

Members of the Baptism Team help provide Sacramental preparation for parents and godparents seeking baptism for their infants and children under seven. Team members also assist with scheduling and arranging Baptism-related details for families at Mass on the day of the child's Baptism. Baptism Team volunteers are required to give three to four hours a month of their time.

#### **FIRST EUCHARIST, FIRST RECONCILIATION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

Is integrated into our Religious Education and RCIA programs which are listed in the Stewardship of Formation section.



## **PRAYING & SPIRITUALITY**

### **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

**Leaders: Ken and Maria Goracke, 623-465-2604, penfriend@msn.com**

The St. Rose Prayer group builds the body of Christ through the workings of the Holy Spirit and equips the faithful for ministry and evangelization to spread the "Good News" of the Gospel.

Everyone is welcome to participate. The meeting a weekly gathering of Christian fellowship, to praise, worship, and honor God through singing, teachings and prayer as the Holy Spirit leads. Meetings are every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm in the Spirituality Center.

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Leader: Nancy Boll, 602-616-4917, adoreHIM@cox.net**



The Eucharistic Adoration Ministry promotes and obtains worshippers for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Rose. Our goal is to be able to support perpetual adoration in our chapel.

Anyone can join-men, women and teens. The time commitment is a scheduled hour, once per week. If you are unable to make a weekly time commitment but would be willing to substitute when available, there is also a need for backup adorers.

### **HOME BLESSINGS**

Moving into a new home provides a special opportunity to mark the joyful event and to thank God, from whom all blessings come, for the gift of a new home. Contact the office if you'd like your home blessed.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

It is a longstanding tradition in the Church that parishioners can request that the Priest offer a Mass for a specific intention; in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a

birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. The faithful offer a stipend in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention. Contact the office for scheduling.

#### **NOVENA PRAYER GROUP**

**Leader: Frances DeJesus, 805-404-2042, efrdejesus@gmail.com**

The Novena Prayer Group meets weekly to pray the Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary and other Novenas. Contact the office for dates and times.

#### **PRAYER CHAIN**

**Leader: Carol Stelter, (623) 551-3648, steltrac@gmail.com**

Do you need prayers for yourself, friends or loved ones? Let our prayer warriors join you in lifting up your intercessions.

Members of this email list receive notifications of those asking for prayers, for any reason. Then, we pray for those in need. Anyone and everyone can join. The time commitment is however long you choose to pray. There are no meetings, or other activities. We just pray, in our own time, and our own way, for all who ask for our prayers.

#### **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

**Leaders: Peggy Finley (623) 587-4888; Pat Berglund (623) 581-0210**

The prayer shawl group gathers bi-monthly for fellowship and to knit or crochet prayer shawls that are donated to parishioners who are ill and/or homebound.

#### **SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE**

**Leaders: Tess Manzano, 623-826-6525, tatatess@cox.net; Kelly Pignato, 623-780-7517, klrpignato@aol.com**

The Spirituality Committee helps promote lifelong learning and spiritual growth in the parish by assisting the staff members with planning the parish Advent and Lenten missions, devotions and other liturgical celebrations.

Anyone can join. The Spirituality Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month, September through May.

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## **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING**

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#### **BOY SCOUTS & VENTURES (CUB SCOUTS COMING SOON)**

**Scout Master: Chris Bosn 623-297-5042, chrisbosn1@gmail.com;**

**Troop Committee Chair: Rebecca Case 623-551-1228, rebeccadcase@gmail.com;**

Troop 432 (and soon Pack 432) are chartered by St Rose. Venture 2009 is chartered by the



Diocese. All are aligned with our youth ministry. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The aims of scouting are character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness.

#### **CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

**Leader: Pat Ferreira, 623-444-4804, pkferr@cox.net; Diann Muzyka, 623-551-0231, rosesrtm@yahoo.com**

Many of us care for someone with chronic or acute illness, age-related debility or other situations. We have questions about our role as caregivers, resources or how to care of ourselves while caring for a loved one. The Caregivers Support group provides a safe caring environment to explore these issues with others in the same situation.

#### **FUNERAL MINISTRY**

**St Rose Leader: Jean Renn, 623-521-0553;**

**Good Shepherd Leader: Barb Zvonek, 623-465-2727;**

**FuneralMinistry@stroseanthem.com**

Members of the Funeral Ministry support and provide guidance regarding funeral preparation and selection of readings. They support the family of the deceased during the funeral service

by being on hand to greet family and friends, give out liturgy aids and assist with the placement of flowers and/or mementos. The Martha's Circle team will also provide a luncheon reception after the funeral liturgy, if requested to do so.

The Ministry welcomes anyone who can provide support and comfort to families during this difficult time, and those who are willing or able to provide food or beverages for the luncheon reception or can assist in preparing the worship space and service for this occasion.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Council Grand Knight: Fred Green, 623-466-6201, fredgreen1037@aol.com**



A Knight of Columbus is a Catholic man who offers his time to a local Council of the Knights to promote spiritual growth, fraternity and service to the Parish. Knights offer their support to pro-life activities, ministries to the disabled, and the continuing spiritual growth of men and their families. In addition to our service activities, our local Council of the Knights of Columbus meets for one hour once a month.

If you are interested in joining please contact our Grand Knight or approach any Knight wearing a Knights of Columbus badge or shirt.

### ST. ROSE BISTRO

**Leaders: John & Jewell Jakob, 812-207-6743**

St Rose Bistro is offered once a month after St Rose Masses. It's an opportunity for fellowship with all parishioners. Coffee, donuts and pastries are offered for a goodwill offering.

Volunteers willing to "run" the Bistro after a Mass or for a weekend are always welcomed. On the job training will be provided and the time

commitment is approximately two hours per Mass.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & JUNIOR VINCENTIANS

**SVdP Leaders: Ally Geinosky and Cindy Sparks, 623-465-9694**

**Junior Vincentians Leader: Vinnie Notolie, 623-551-2107, vnottoli@cox.net**



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is affiliated with the Diocesan Council of Phoenix St. Vincent de Paul. We provide emergency food and financial assistance to individuals and families in crisis situations. Our service area includes Anthem, New River, Desert Hills, and the area north of the Carefree Highway. If you require assistance please call the **St. Vincent de Paul Help and Contact line (623) 465-9694.**

The conference is open to all adult parishioners. The conference meets twice a month in the parish office. The average time commitment is approximately 10 hours a month, including meetings. There is also a **Junior Vincentian** program for middle and high school aged youth.



## WELCOME RECEPTIONS

**Leaders: Paula Brown, 623-551-5128;**  
**Cindy Follensbee, 623-249-4180;**  
**Welcome@stroseanthem.com**



St Rose holds welcome luncheons five times a year after the 11am Mass. It's an opportunity for newly registered parishioners to meet other parishioners, members of our various ministries and office staff. Once you've registered, one of our ministry's volunteers will call you to invite you to the next welcome reception.

If you like meeting new people - - this ministry is for YOU. The primary duties involved are: set up, welcoming, providing food and beverages and clean up for the receptions and occasionally assistance in assembling the Welcome Folders and with phone calls.

## WOMEN OF ST. ROSE

**Leaders: Kirsten Wadsworth, 623-594-1542,**  
**kdjwadsworth@gmail.com; Ellen Coleman, 623-**  
**551-2900, ecoleman50@aol.com**

The Women of St. Rose serves to unite the women of our parish community in spiritual, social and service endeavors. All women from St. Rose and The Mission of Good Shepherd are encouraged to join. Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month in the parish office from 9:30-11:30.

## STEWARDSHIP OF FORMING

### BIBLE STUDIES

**Leaders: Rebecca Case, 623-551-1228,**  
**rebeccadcase@gmail.com; Jack & Karen Henz,**  
**720-840-1602, jfhenz@cox.net**

St. Rose offers a number of opportunities and programs for scripture studies or spiritual enrichment. Adult Bible Studies are formed and held in the parish rooms or in the homes of parishioners throughout the year. If you can't find one that excites you, we encourage and can provide resources and support for new studies.



### CATECHIST TRAINING

**Leaders: Jack & Karen Henz, 720-840-1602,**  
**jfhenz@cox.net**

The Dioceses of Phoenix offers a catechist certification program designed to assist parish and school catechists, as well as any adult Catholic, to know and follow Jesus more deeply. This training is offered at St Rose by our certified trainers. Contact the office for dates and times of the next session.

### FORMED.ORG

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St Rose encourages all parishioners to use the resources found on Formed.org to continue their personal growth in the love and understanding of the richness of the Catholic faith and church. All parishioners are invited to enjoy the Catholic streaming content, including movies, e-books,

podcasts and Bible studies, offered by Formed.org for free. Register at [stroseanthem.formed.org](http://stroseanthem.formed.org) and call the parish office if you have any questions.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) & SACRAMENT**

### **PREPARATION**

St Rose has programs designed for children, youth and adults. Consult the Parish website or contact the Parish Office for information on dates, times and registrations.

### **PRE-K TO GRADE 5 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

**Leader: Renee Hunsaker, Coordinator of Religious Education, 623-465-9740 x105**  
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St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Catholic Church offers quality religious education (RE) programs for grades Pre-S to Grade 5. We provide a systematic faith formation program taught to the children at an age-appropriate level. It is expanded upon each year as they develop their ability to comprehend and practice their faith. We offer Sacrament preparation through our RE programs. Our program is divided into three groups:

**PreSchool – PreK (ages 3 - 5):** This program is Christ-Centered and Child-Focused and is anchored with Child/Family Activity Sheets that are simply and easily connected to real life. The emphasis is on building a relationship with God and one another and an understanding God's great love for us.

**Kindergarten – 4th Grade:** This program invites the children to hear God's invitation to a personal relationship through His Word, helps them to discover and learn the Church's teaching, and teaches them how to live as Catholic disciples. We emphasize our relationship with one another through church community life. We also help parents form their children in areas of moral development, prayer life and liturgical formation and practice.

**Grade 5:** Our 5th grade program brings the Catholic Faith to life in words and images, and provides a complete review of the Catechism of the Catholic Church for students. At the heart of every lesson is a clear and consistent focus on Scripture and Tradition, connected to the students' lives through prayer, reflections,

activities, and stories of faith lived in the example of saints and other holy people.

### **Elementary RE Lead & Substitute Teachers and Class Assistants:**

Under the direction of, and with the assistance of, the Coordinator of Religious Education, Lead Religious Education teachers prepare and conduct lessons for children from preschool age through fifth grade. A Catechism of the Catholic Church, teacher's manual, syllabus, and other resources are provided to aid in lesson planning.

Substitute Teachers fill in for Lead Teachers or Class Assistants who cannot be present for a particular class day. Pre-planned lesson materials are provided. Class Assistants help to implement the lessons, take attendance, and manage paperwork and may also work with children on activities designed to help them understand the content of the lesson.

Teachers and assistants must be 16 years or older. They are persons of Faith who love the Lord and have a desire to hand on the Faith to children. Throughout the year, teachers and assistants work with students in approximately sixteen 1 ¼ hour classes, and participate in catechetical formation training sessions. RE classes are held weekly from September through May and there are also catechetical formation and planning sessions.

### **YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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**EDGE (Middle School Program Grades 6-8):** Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

Weekly sessions include games, activities, small group discussions and prayer- all centered on a theme for the semester. There are also overnight and day retreats scheduled throughout the year.

The goal at St Rose EDGE is to provide an opportunity for our Middle School youth to navigate this time in their lives in a community

that uplifts and supports them through the gift that is our Catholic faith.

**Life Teen (High School Program Grades 9-12):**

The mission of the Life Teen program is to bring teens closer to Christ. Here at St Rose, our Life Teen program offers a diverse program with Catechetical nights, socials, service projects, and community building prayer nights. Teens also look forward to weekend retreats and our summer Steubenville Conference trip.

St Rose Life Teen exists to build a community of teens who are seeking the truth of our faith. It seeks to bring joy and life into the Church by bringing out the joy and life in our teens.

**Youth Core Team Member (EDGE and Life Teen)**

A Core Team Member assists in providing an engaging program of catechesis for our youth through EDGE for middle school youth and Life Teen for high school teens. The Core Team member facilitates small group discussions and other activities related to the topic of the evening, and may offer personal witness or teachings on a topic to which they are called. The Core Team is asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled session to help set up and participate in the team meeting. Core Team members also take part in various team meetings, facilitate retreats, and chaperone outings.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. The RCIA is a communal process



of formation moving toward the Easter Vigil. At this time, the adult becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church.

The entire RCIA process usually takes several months and involves transitioning through four stages. Unbaptized adults undertaking this journey of initiation are called "catechumens." They are preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Because the RCIA is such a rich process, it also includes people already baptized in other Christian faiths who want to become Catholic. These adults are called "candidates for full communion."

**(RCIA) Team Member**

The RCIA Team Member is part of the formation team that journeys with RCIA candidates and catechumens. RCIA brings adults and young people into the Sacramental life of the Church. To be a member of the RCIA team, you will have received all your sacraments, and you are a faithful, joyful, practicing Catholic who is flexible, attentive, and open to learning. You'll assist the Coordinator of Religious Education in delivering the RCIA program content (teachings, discussions, etc.) weekly from August through May. During this time you'll share the encounter of Christ with the program's candidates and catechumens as they journey through the Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification, Initiation and Mystagogy phases.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a ministry outreach program that focuses on increasing the spirituality of our youth through incorporated

themed activities that entertain kids and allow them to learn about God. Our program is offered one week during summer, usually in June, for kids in PreK to rising 5th graders. Our groups consist of approximately 12-15 children, and are led by Adult Leaders. Contact the Parish Office to register your child(ren) for our program.

**Vacation Bible School Volunteers:** There are many volunteer opportunities for Adults and Teens within our program: Group Leaders, Craft Leader, Design & Set Leader, Snack Leader, Praise and Worship Leader, and Games/Recreation Leader.

Vacation Bible School is in need of creative people who can design and create the environment that complements the annual theme. Planning sessions and training take place between February and June.

#### **SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**

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St Rose is transforming itself into a community of communities through basic ecclesial communities, or Small Christian Communities (SCC). Located throughout our parish neighborhoods, we come together to read the Gospel, share our faith and fellowship.

All parishioners are welcomed and strongly encouraged to join an SCC. Contact the office for details on the community closest to your home.