



ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS



APRIL 22-26

Monday:

- A. Turkey & Gravy
- B. Chicken Cordon Bleu

Tuesday:

- A. Soft Shell Taco
- B. Fish Nuggets

Wednesday:

- A. Italian Dunkers
- B. Corn Dog

Thursday:

- A. Chicken & Noodles
- B. Ham & Cheese Melt

Friday:

NO SCHOOL

St. Rose 100 Club Winners

April 14: \$50 - Marilyn Tramp
April 21: \$50 - Card# 210

Join us for Mass on
Wednesday and Thursday
mornings at 8:10am

GENERAL INFO

- Please notify your child's homeroom teacher as well as the school office when your child will be absent, coming late, or dismissing early from school. We also need to have the correct documentation on appointments, illnesses, etc. so we will be asking if the information is not provided.
- Reminder that your child must be fever free WITHOUT fever reducing meds for 24 hours before they can return to school. A fever is defined as 100 degrees or above. Also, if your child vomits they must stay home for 24 hours after the event.

STUDENT INFO

Dress code reminders! Only St. Rose sweatshirts and black or grey cardigans can be worn in the classroom. A polo must be worn under sweatshirts unless it is the LAST DAY of the school week (i.e. Friday Spirit Day). Shorts can now be worn!! Students will be outside for recess so use your best judgement on whether they should be worn or not.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

There are still spots open in our P2 preschool class (P3 and P5 is FULL) for the 2024-25 school year. If you would like to register your child, please fill out a registration form (on our website) and include your \$50 deposit. The form can be mailed to St. Rose School or dropped off at the school/parish office.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL BOARD

Thank you to the 4 candidates that ran for the 2024-25 St. Rose School Board. Congratulations to Chad Guenther and Tierney Mueller for filling the open positions. Also, thank you to Rob Jackson and Aliza Stout for their years on the school board and dedication to St. Rose School. New officers will be installed at the August meeting.

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WEEKLY

PLANNER

Saturday, April 20:

State History Day
JH Track @ Norfolk Catholic
10am

Monday, April 22:

JH Track @
Hartington/Newcastle 12pm
Preschool Roundup @ 7pm

Friday, April 26:

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 30:

JH Track @ Wayne 11am
4th Grade Field trip to Ashfalls

Thursday, May 2:

May Crowning at 8:10am Mass
Water Shed Festival - 7th
Grade

Friday, May 3:

JH Band practice @ 7:30am

Monday, May 6:

Aquafest - 5th Grade
JH Track @ Creighton 12pm

Tuesday, May 7:

JH Band practice @ 7:30am
St. Rose Spring Concert &
Raffle 7:00pm

ST. ROSE SPRING RAFFLE

Keep selling those tickets!! 318 tickets have been turned in thus far. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and friends of St. Rose School for donating to this great fundraiser. We have some wonderful prizes to offer this year!! Please utilize the 'Raffle return days' on Mondays. The final turn in date, to be counted in "top sellers", is Monday, May 6th. Drawing will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at our Spring Concert (tickets will still be accepted on that day, they just will not be counted towards the top sellers). If you need more tickets, please come to the office and we can get you more.

ST. ROSE SPRING CONCERT ATTIRE

For the concert this year, we are requesting students to wear NEON to the evening performance (matinee will be St. Rose School attire). Students do not have to wear their Sunday best, but they do need to keep the school dress code in mind. We will allow neon running shorts with leggings, students can wear a tank top, but need a jacket or cardigan over it. We still want our students to dress to impress and look respectable in their brightly colored outfits. Students can wear jeans, IF they are wearing a neon colored top to accompany their jeans. Jeans need to be free of holes and clean. If your child wants to wear their Sunday best, that is perfectly fine too. If you are questioning something you would like them to wear, please just ask.

2023-24 St. Rose School

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A GLIMPSE INTO OUR CLASSROOMS

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Preschool Stars

Mrs. Morrison

Happy Spring! Our classroom sure looks like spring with all of our fun artwork. A few of the things we have learned about these past months were, all of the new life that is born in the spring, and all of the wonderful things that will be happening outside when the weather turns warmer. In addition to those things we have learned about dinosaurs and earth day. In religion a few important topics we have learned about these past months were Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The preschoolers loved learning about one of the most special times in our church. Looking ahead we have preschool round up next week for new incoming preschool students. We are very excited to meet all of our new students. We are also preparing for our spring concert coming up in the month of May. The preschoolers have been working really hard at learning their songs. With the end of the year right around the corner we want to wish everyone a very happy and safe summer!

1st Grade Stars

Mrs. Lusk

Spring has sprung which brings smiles to the first graders! It's nice to have warmer weather and wonderful to see the earth come alive with new birth! However, it also means that our year together is coming to a close and that makes this teacher pretty sentimental. It's always difficult to let students go on to the next grade when they have been yours for a whole school year. They are just too bright and full of potential to hold back! So we will finish strong, enjoying our last weeks learning together. We are reading up a storm, focusing a bit more on nonfiction books as we end the year. Every student has happily transitioned into chapter books and are well on their way to becoming lifelong readers! Life cycles is the focus in science and we are thrilled to be raising ladybugs! They came to us in the larval stage and looked nothing like a cute little ladybug, a bit creepy in fact! They spend most of their time crawling around and eating, preparing themselves for the pupal stage, only to emerge a few weeks later as pale little insects that have to wait for their bodies to harden, wings to dry and lengthen, and spots to darken before becoming a full-fledged ladybug. We learned that there are over 5,000 species of ladybugs and the most common one in our area is the 7-spotted ladybug. We will release our ladybugs when they become adults, to learn about and experience life on their own, as all good parents do! We've adopted the saying, "Ask not what God can do for you, but what you can do for God!" and are trying to practice ways to do just that!

2nd Grade Stars

Mrs. Steffen

We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song! How do you carry the light of Easter with you throughout the year? We have been discussing ways we can carry the joy of Christ's resurrection throughout the year by loving and caring for others, as well as being grateful and joyful for our many blessings! A favorite bible story has been 'The Road to Emmaus'. The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first, and when He explained things to them, all of the pieces fell into place. We don't always recognize what Jesus is doing in our lives, but one day things make sense and we know that Jesus is always walking with us! Furthermore, we recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread! On April 7th, the 2nd graders received Jesus in the Eucharist at their First Holy Communion! They are so happy to be invited to Jesus' Table and look forward to receiving communion with the rest of the student body at school Masses! Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco is the perfect literature unit for this time of year. Not only is this a great story for practicing reading skills, it also gave us the opportunity to learn about Pysanky Eggs, which are beautiful, decorated eggs which usually come from the Ukraine or Poland. There are many designs and symbols on Pysanky eggs. Many of them date back to early Christian times in the Ukraine. Even the colors have special meaning. We became Poets this month when we studied and wrote our very own Haiku Poems! The 2nd graders were very excited about their Signature Assignment... The Living Museum, which was held on April 18th. We chose a historical figure to research, learned lots about them, wrote a report, and presented our speeches at the Living Museum. It certainly is a fun time of year, where we get to showcase all of our learning!



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3rd Grade Stars

Mrs. Petersen

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over. Five weeks and it'll be SUMMER! My first year of teaching has gone better than I could imagine! I'm So thankful for my ten 3rd graders. These last few weeks we have been very busy. We are soaking in as much information as we can. This coming week we will go on our first field trip! We are heading to Bloomfield for Life on the Farm. In science, we have talked a lot about forces and magnets. The 3rd graders got to be engineers and design bridges. They used their own knowledge of forces to build strong bridges that supported as many as possible paper clips, using only paper. In math, we have spent some time on graphs, probability, and measurement. It has been exhilarating watching them grow and learn new things! In the remaining weeks, we will cover shapes, lines, and fractions. In reading, we just finished a unit on poems. Next week, we will start our unit on How to Eat Fried Worms. Together as a class, we will read the book. When finished with the book we will have a movie day with popcorn and drinks! We are all looking forward to that!! In Religion, (our favorite subject) we have spent some time learning how to be missionaries of Christ and spreading the Good News. The Holy Spirit guides us to be faith-filled Christians. We are gaining more knowledge on all the Saints and how to live our lives like them. The most recent Saint we learned about was Saint Dominic. He was the founder of The Rosary and taught us about how important Mother Mary is to us as Catholics. Finally, Social Studies! We have spent a lot of time talking about the early stages of the United States and the symbols that represent our freedom. We discussed the three branches of the government and the importance of each branch.

4th Grade Stars

Mrs. Volwiler

There is excitement in the air from the 4th graders being trained to serve. All of the 4th graders have served during school Mass and will soon transition to Sunday Masses. They are all so very proud to be doing their part during the school Mass. The 4th graders are getting prepared for 5th grade and looking forward to moving up to the other building. They are developing the skills that will make them successful. Two of the 4th graders have reached 100 AR points from reading books and on Epic. We are still working very hard in all subjects Math, Reading, Grammar, Cursive handwriting, Mystery Science, Social Studies, Religion, and Art. They have also enjoyed the weekly priest visits. We are completing testing this month as well. We will be going to Ash Falls for our field trip at the end of April. The students are very excited to be going. I am looking forward to spending time with them outside of the classroom. The days are getting longer and that means more sunshine and fun outside. I have sidewalk chalk for them to draw outside with. They all enjoy coloring and drawing. They are such a great group and I have enjoyed every minute with them.

5th Grade Stars

Mrs. Heithold

We are so close to the end of the school year! It is hard to believe that we are close to another year coming to an end! We have been very busy in the classroom lately! We have just wrapped up learning about how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals. They have quickly realized how much different each operation is when you are dealing with decimals and fractions. Not each operation has the same steps to solving it! We will be finishing up the year learning about some geometric concepts in math. In Religion we have been discussing the Lord's Prayer and how it is the most perfect of all prayers and have started talking about forgiveness and how none of us are perfect and that is okay, but we need to look at those parts of us that are not perfect and try our hardest to make them better so we can be closer to God. We are wrapping up our Science unit in Astronomy. We have been talking a lot about our Solar System and Planets. This aligned very well with the big Solar Eclipse that we have just a few short weeks ago. We were prepared to see it with our glasses, but due to the cloudy day it made it very hard to spot. We did watch several places online though encounter the totality of darkness, and it was fun to just watch those. Hopefully the next time it won't be as cloudy and we will be able to see it for ourselves. Before the end of the year, we plan on going on one more field trip to Wayne State College for their Aqua Days festivities for the students. The fifth graders are looking forward to having a field trip day and going back to where Mrs. Heithold went to college! The end of the year will be here before we know it and the glimmers of summer tell us it is close, but until then we will continue to learn new things everyday!



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6th Grade Stars

Mrs. Schieffer

Happy Easter! We will have the opportunity to enjoy the entire 50 days of the Easter season here at school this year, celebrating Pentecost Sunday just before summer vacation. Thanks to snowfall and wind, we had just one day of school during Holy Week, so that's when the 6th graders participated in the traditional Seder meal. This meal recalls the Passover meal using many symbolic foods such as unleavened bread, wine (cranberry grape juice), bitter herbs (radish) greens (celery), and haroset (an apple, walnut, cinnamon, and honey mixture). The meal was enjoyed at a fancy table here in our classroom, complete with a white tablecloth, candles, flowers, and plastic wine glasses. The 6th graders are nearing the end of watching the epic miniseries, "The Bible," viewing, timely enough during Holy Week, the crucifixion. During the Lenten season, each of the upper grades took a turn leading the Stations of the Cross, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes spent quiet time in Adoration, and we were grateful for the opportunities for Confession with Fr. Jim and Fr. Dan. What a special time leading up to the glory of Easter! Nine 7th and 8th graders will be representing St. Rose at the State History Day competition in Lincoln on April 20. We have a documentary, a historical paper, two performances, and three exhibits competing this year. Good luck, Stars! We pray for a strong, diligent finish to our school year, along with a safe planting season and timely moisture for our soil. Happy Spring! Alleluia!

7th Grade Stars

Ms. McDonald

It's the final countdown! I can't believe that we are almost to the end of the year. Time sure has gone fast. Every year around this time I start to get a little sad because soon the 8th graders I have had for multiple years will not be joining me again next year, but I also get a little excited for the new year to come. As always, we have been staying busy in math and science. We started off the month of March with MARCH MAMMAL MADNESS! Students learned about different animals and then chose winners for different competitions. There is always heartbreak in tournament situations, and there were some major upsets, but the Great White Shark came out as the overall victor. The students had a great time with this project. In 8th grade science, we have been studying how Earth looks today and the theory of plate tectonics. In 7th grade science, students are finishing up their chapter on principles of ecology. We investigated survival of the fittest with a beak lab and we created butterflies that were later hunted by predators (Mrs. Arens and Mrs. Fiscus). In 6th grade science, we talked all about matter and why it matters (excuse the poor pun). We played with monster muck (ooblek) and determined that it is neither a solid or liquid but a colloid! It sure was a lot of fun! Now on to math. All three classes have started their geometry unit. In 8th grade, we have used the Pythagorean Theorem to solve for missing side lengths of triangles. In 7th grade, students are learning about congruent and similar polygons. Finally, in 6th grade, students are currently working on finding areas of different figures, but we are moving towards finding volumes and surface area as well. The rest of the year will continue to move quickly but we still have a lot to learn. I can't wait to see what else these students have in store for me!

8th Grade Stars

Mrs. Arens

It's hard to believe that it is coming to an end of another school year! The students have been very busy throughout the fourth quarter. In 8th grade reading, the students finished the book *Animal Farm* by George Orwell and watched a movie based on the book. For English classes, the students finished writing an informative essay and chapters on capital letters, punctuation, and a chapter on sentence diagramming. Our annual Lincoln field trip was a fun time had by all! Thank you to Erin Foxhoven and Aliza Stout for driving. For 7th grade reading, the students read the book *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton and then enjoyed watching the movie. In English the students work on an informative essay, and chapters involving capitalization, punctuation, and sentence diagramming. The 6th grade English classes spent time on the use of pronouns, descriptive adjectives, demonstrative adjectives, demonstrative pronouns, colons, semicolons, and articles. For reading skills, the students learned about summarizing, theme, point of view, alliteration, assonance, homographs, free-verse fiction, and figurative language. The students in 6th grade are working toward a free ride pass for the Knox County Fair. They must have 100 points by May 1. All students in grades 6-8 have a goal of 25 A.R. points per quarter. If they do not earn those points per quarter, they will receive a grade based on the points they have achieved.

****UPDATED** 2024 Spring Raffle Prize List**

- **Quilt – In memory of Joan Hegge
- **\$50 Gift Card to Gavin’s Point Feed & Vet – Ashton & Cassie Arens family
- **\$50 Cash – Ryan & Janel Loecker
- **\$25 Gift Card to The Shop on 2nd – Jeff & Melinda Burbach
- **\$50 Cash – Chris & Michelle Thoene
- **\$50 Gift Card to People’s Grocery – Jeremy & Ashley Dicks
- **100 Cash – Jeremy & Theresa Buschkamp family
- **\$50 Cash – Rob & Linda Jackson family
- **\$25 Gift Card to The Shop on 2nd – Braelynn & Jaden Barger
- **\$50 CCC Bucks – Andy & Erin Dennis
- **\$100 Cash – Curt & Donna Arens
- **\$30 Gift Card to T&R Butcher Block – Anonymous KA
- **\$50 Cash – Nick & Aliza Stout
- **\$40 Cash – Seth & Grace Pokorny family
- **\$100 Cash – Chris Wortmann family
- **\$25 Gift Card to The Shop on 2nd – Braelynn & Jaden Barger
- **\$40 Cash – Nick & Kelsey Buschkamp
- **\$50 Cash – Ryan Schieffer family
- **GoTrax Children’s Electric Scooter \$179 value – Gavins Point Recreational Center
- **\$50 Cash – Shane & Wendy Wieseler family
- **\$25 Gift Card to The Shop on 2nd – Dillion & DeeDee Wilking family
- **Manicure – Araya Nielsen
- **\$30 Gift Card to People’s Grocery – Anonymous
- **\$50 Cash – Chad & Amy Reifenrath family
- **\$25 Cash – AJ & Cindy Petersen
- **\$50 Cash – Seth & Ana Schurman family
- **\$25 Gift Card to The Shop on 2nd – Jeff & Melinda Burbach
- **\$50 Cash – Joe & Kelly Wiebelhaus family
- **\$100 Cash – Justin & Erin Foxhoven family
- **\$50 Cash – Tony & Kim Guenther family
- **100 Cash – Jeremy & Theresa Buschkamp family
- **\$50 Cash – Anonymous
- **\$50 Cash – Jay & Deanna Poppe family
- **\$100 Cash – Dan & Lorraine Arens family
- **\$50 Cash – Jesse & Cindy Jansen Family

****GRAND PRIZE****

\$500 Cash – Anonymous

*****This list will be updated, if more items are received, and posted on our St. Rose Facebook Page for anyone that may ask*****