St. Rose School Trivia

**Browse through our interesting and informative Trivia Quiz and see how many you know about St. Rose School. As many of you know, we celebrated our school centennial with a special Mass in July, 2011, that brought former pastors, School Sisters, teachers and students together to honor our traditions, sacrifices and love of Catholic education at St. Rose Along with a reception after Mass, former Archdiocese of Omaha auxiliary Bishop, Anthony Milone, dedicated our new School sisters of St. Francis Memorial Prayer garden, located at the south side of the lower grade school building.**

**Our parish was also honored, because of the hard work of the alumni, teachers and our pastor, with a designation of both of our school buildings, along with our church, rectory and convent (religious education center) on the National Register of Historic Places. In fact, during the application process, one Nebraska Historical Society technician noted that St. Rose School (1911 building) and St. Rose Church are probably the most architecturally significant structures in Crofton. This is a resounding affirmation of the dedication of our parishioners and school families over our first 100 years.**

**We have a storied history of sacrifice, sweat, prayers and true faith in Christ’s generosity through hard times in the parish’s efforts to operate a Catholic school over our first century. Founded by the parish during the tenure of Father Anthony Alberts in 1911, at a time when immigrant Catholic across the country were being persecuted in public school systems, at a time when the Ku Klux Klan had infiltrated America with their message of hatred against Catholics, immigrants, African Americans and those of Jewish faith, the Vatican called on local parishes to build Catholic schools to pass on Catholic faith in a deep, meaningful way, but also to pass on Catholic culture and identity, prayers and devotions in every class, every day, just as St. Rose School still does today.**

**Thanks to the sacrifices of the School Sisters of St. Francis, our former pastors and administrators, and ultimately, our parish families, our school has stood the test of time, still fully operational with all eight grades, as so many other rural Catholic schools have been forced to close. Seven years ago, the school added a Preschool program, renovating the former convent building into a religious education center that now houses three sections of Preschool students, making this new program successful beyond our dreams. As you look through this information, keep in mind the generosity and vision of our forefathers and their devotion to the sacred mission of Catholic education at St. Rose Parish. Enjoy!**

Trivia

1. Who were the three School Sisters of St. Francis who served at St. Rose Parish and school’s first year of operation? Sister Luitgard Gubbels, Sister Edmunda Becker and Sister Agreda Selig
2. Who was the first principal at St. Rose School? Sister Edmunda
3. How many School Sisters of St. Francis have served at St. Rose Parish and School since 1911? 160
4. How many lay teachers have served at St. Rose School since 1968? 53
5. Who was the pastor of St. Rose when it was built? Father Anthony Alberts
6. How much did the parish spend on land when the school was built? $500
7. How many students were in the school when it began operation? 36
8. Where in the original building did the Sisters reside? On the upper level
9. What year did enrollment reach a point where the sisters needed to move out of the school building into a convent? 1916
10. Name three competitive academic activities where St. Rose students have excelled in recent decades with district and regional winners? National History Day, Modern Woodmen Speech, Catholic Daughters essay contest.
11. What is the name of the school mascot? St. Rose Stars
12. How many years have St. Rose 8th graders traveled to Lincoln for a citizenship trip? 46
13. Who was the school principal in 1968? Sister Veronica Wolff
14. What St. Rose alumni recalled that his Catholic education at St. Rose “becomes part of you and helps you make better decisions.” In a 2005 interview, this alumni remembered students being very close to each other, but he also remembered that students “Couldn’t get away with anything?” Dennis Bogner
15. What St. Rose alumni remembered fondly singing a solo in the sixth grade at their school play. In a 2005 interview, she noted that her favorite teacher was Sister Veronica? Hilda Schumacher
16. What year did the school implement the Legacy Drive to develop a savings account to assist in school operations and needs? 2002
17. How much has St. Rose Legacy Fund raised over the past years to benefit the school? $105,000
18. What pastor liked to wear “smiley face” shirts and pitch softball to the school children? Father Dan Galas ( Asst. Pastor 1964-66 & Pastor 1971-76)
19. Who was the pastor at St. Rose when the lower grade building was built in 1961? Msgr. Bernard Westerman (St. Rose Pastor 1945-62)
20. What year was the order of the School Sisters of St. Francis, who served at St. Rose School for many years, founded? 1874
21. Who was the contractor for the original school building in 1911? Henry F. Woerth
22. What year was the new parish center built? 1984
23. On what date was the original school building dedicated? Aug 30, 1911
24. What pastor saw the parish and school through the Great Depression and founded “God’s Acre” program in 1940? Fr. William Cappius (Pastor at St. Rose 1932-45)
25. In what year did Fr. Cappius send a request to the Archbishop for permission to hold Mass in the school building during the winter months, because it was easier to heat? 1934
26. In what year was the convent built? 1964
27. In what year were the first lay teachers hired to teach at St. Rose School? 1968
28. In the fall of which year did the St. Rose Preschool open? 2008
29. What are the St. Rose School colors? Blue and white
30. Name two patron saints of Catholic schools: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Thomas Acquinas
31. Name the American saint who organized the first parochial school system in the U.S: St. John Neumann, bishop of Philadelphia
32. What former St. Rose pastor who now serves parishes in the Cedar Rapids, NE was recently named a Monsignor? Msgr. Ralph Steffensmeir (St. Rose Pastor 1987-96)
33. Which items in our church at St. Rose were donated by St. Rose School students in the 1950s? The tabernacle and the Stations of the Cross, all still in use today
34. What special gift do current St. Rose students offer to the families of all parishioners who pass away? A spiritual bouquet where each student promises to pray specific prayers for the family
35. Roughly, how many volunteer hours will be offered to the parish, school and community by St. Rose School students this school year? Considering student volunteer hours at the school, for parish activities required volunteer activities throughout the community for our students as part of their instruction, it is estimated each St. Rose student will offer well over 3000 hours
36. How many students have graduated from St. Rose School since 1911? Approximately 2000 students
37. What is the St. Rose School prayer?

Dear Lord and Good Teacher, We thank you for the blessings you have bestowed upon our school, our school families and students, and our staff throughout the history of St. Rose parish. We thank you for the gifted educators who have graced our halls and we praise you for providing our parish with the means to support a school that imparts faith and values to our students. We humbly ask you to continue to bless us. Help us continue to provide a quality Catholic education to our students that has its foundation with you. Help us to continue to financially provide for the needs of our school and parish. Help us to band together, to work and strive together, for St. Rose School. We ask your blessing on our school, students, families, teachers, volunteers, boosters, and administrators. Give us the courage to stand up for our school and help us to continue our important mission in Catholic education for decades to come. We offer these prayers to you. Amen.