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Young Disciples in Training to
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Learn about Christ and how he loves
us and walks with us throughout our
life.

1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:45am!

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November Sunday School Theme

**God desires to
communicate with us and it
is important for us to listen
to Him. Exodus 3:1-15**

**Memory Verse: My Help Comes from
the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and
earth. Psalm 121:2**

**November 12 Youth Mass
November 12 Youth Activity**

**November 19 Community Service—
Cold Weather Care Packages for the
Homeless**

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The foolish virgins in today’s parable lack the oil of charity. No one can give us their relationship with Jesus. We must respond to his offer of love, developing and deepening our own relationship with him.

In the parable the foolish virgins go off, away from the Lord, trying to replenish their oil stocks. In doing so, they miss the wedding feast of the Lamb. I wonder, as Fr. Sebastian White, O.P. notes, what would have happened if they had stayed put and honestly confessed that they had been imprudent and begged for mercy. Perhaps, Christ would have re-lit their lamps and filled their oil-stocks with his overwhelming charity.

I believe he would have. I think that the first lesson is to be prepared for encountering the Lord by accepting the grace of God’s divine life and living in the state of grace filled with his gift of charity. But another lesson is never to flee from an encounter with Christ, even if we feel or are unprepared, but to honestly stand before him confessing our weaknesses and sins, confident in his merciful love.

Our confidence in his merciful love should allow us to live our life free from fear and burning with his divine charity within us. Pax, SWS

November Black Catholic History Month
Saint Augustine was born in northern Africa in 354. Despite being raised by a devoted Christian mother, he was a difficult child, and grew to be an atheist. A highly intelligent scholar who had received the finest education, he founded a school of rhetoric in Rome in 383. However, dissatisfied with the city, he moved to Milan in a year’s time. It was there he met the bishop Saint Ambrose, who was a convincing orator with a formidable command of rhetoric. In contrast with his contemporaries, Ambrose was an orator with a commitment to truth, and did not indulge in subterfuge and flattery to acquire influence. This integrity had a particular impression on Augustine and was instrumental in his conversion. [Augustine’s mother, Monica](#), also prayed unyieldingly for his redemption, and in 387, her prayers were answered

Sunday Mass 11:00AM

- Msgr Stuart Swetland, *Pastor*
- Deacon Bill Scholl, *Parish Administrator*
- Ms. Barbara Bailey, *Pastoral Associate*
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Young Disciples In Training
9:30am Sundays

Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sundays



Don Wolf

Mission Statement

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church is a faith-filled, diverse, family community, devoted to fulfilling the Gospel and God’s commandment to love one another through worship, evangelization, and works of justice and charity.

Dear Friends,

As we draw close to the end of our liturgical year, the readings and prayers focus on the “end times” and the reality of “four last things”—death, judgment, hell, and heaven. I have found that anytime one mentions these four last things, people get nervous and some want to quickly change the subject. But avoiding talking or even thinking about these realities does not change the facts of their importance.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* places the discussion of death, judgment, heaven, and hell in their proper context, namely, our belief in eternal life. In the Apostles’ Creed, we proudly proclaim our faith which includes the statement, “I believe in...life everlasting.”

The *Catechism* challenges us to see death not as an end but as a step towards union with Jesus: “The Christian who unites his own death to that of Jesus views it as a step towards him and an entrance into everlasting life” (CCC 1020).

At our death, we enter into eternity and experience the particular judgment. Here is how the *Catechism* describes it:

Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven through a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation.

“At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love” (CCC 1022).

Note that we shall be judged on our love as St. John of the Cross taught.

This gives us a way of understanding today’s parable from Matthew 25. The oil in the lamps is a metaphor for our charity. We must keep the lamp of faith lit by the presence of charity in our souls.

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