

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,

I had a spiritual director (who later was named a bishop) who used to always end our sessions (and many of his homilies) with the exclamation: "Jesus explains it all to me!" For my mentor, all mysteries of life and death, of ethics and morals, of truth and light, found their answer in the person and the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Jesus reveals the answers to life's most serious questions because Jesus *is* the answer to life's most serious questions. He truly is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). In him we discover our vocation and our very selves (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* 22).

A skeptic might ask, but how can this be? Jesus provides the answers and, in fact, is the answer *par excellence* because he is both God and man—like us in all things but sin" (cf. Hebrews 4:15). As such, he can be and symbolize multiple things at the same time.

For example, in the Easter Preface, you will hear today (Preface V for Easter), we will pray, "...in the reality of the Cross, and, by commending himself to you (Father) for our salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice." Jesus is all three—priest, altar, and the lamb of sacrifice.

Similarly in today's gospel (John 10:1-10), Jesus presents himself by multiple images. He is the gate by which the shepherd and sheep enter the fold. He is the gatekeeper who opens and shuts the gate, ensuring the safety of the sheep and keeping out both danger and those who do not belong. He is the good shepherd who leads and protects and saves the sheep.

In the conclusion to today's gospel, we hear:

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came [before me] are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:7-10).

I love this last line of Jesus in the passage (John 10:10b): "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Jesus is the author of our lives, the savior of our lives, and the model for our lives. He came so that our lives may be abundantly full. He is the gate to everlasting fulfillment, the gatekeeper who opens and pays the toll for us to everlasting life, and he is the shepherd who teaches, guides, models, and leads us to everlasting union with God and all others in God.

Indeed, Jesus explains it all to me!

Pax, SWS

Lectors for Sundays

April 26th – 4th Sunday of Easter - Loetta Johnson

May 3rd – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Adrian Smith

May 10th – Sixth Sunday of Easter – "Mother's Day"
Shanta Bailey

May 17th - Seventh Sunday of Easter – Monica Randle

May 24th – Pentecost Sunday
Anthony Marie Johnson

May 31st – The Most Holy Trinity Sunday –
Loretta Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers

April 5th thru April 26th
Marilyn Baker and Sr. Therese

May 3rd thru May 31st
Jeanna Thatcher and Tanya Selectman

OLSR needs you to be a Eucharistic Minister. Please contact Barbara at the church office or speak with Deacon Bill after Mass

WE NEED YOUR HELP Mobilizing Our People Power for JUSTICE

Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Helping Seniors stay in their Homes, these are the issues OLSR is working on as part of Churches United for Justice. We've got a smart plan, but the Unified Government is only going to do something if we show them the people are behind it.

We need volunteers to help us call parishioners and friends to get our people to attend the NEHEMIAH ACTION, which happens on Monday, April 27th at 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's in KCK. Last year we only brought 14, this year we've promised at least 40.

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Sunday Mass 11a

- Msgr Stuart Swetland, *Pastor*
- Deacon Bill Scholl, *Parish Administrator*
- Ms. Barbara Bailey, *Pastoral Associate*
- Patricia Goering and Anthony Marie Johnson *Religious Educ*
- Ms. Lorraine Long, *Dir. Of Music*
- Laleta Jones - *Pianist*

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Young Disciples In Training
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Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sundays

Please pray for the members and their families who are ill or unable to attend Mass. If you or a family member or friend request prayers for someone we will print them on our Prayer List. Please contact either church office to renew, add, or remove a name from the list.

**Delories Broussard
Lawrence Brooks - Darsie Clark
Linda Chaplin - Evalena Davidson
Bernice Ingram - Lila Johnson
Willetta Madison - Kathy Ness
Levita Ross - Frances Smith**

Join In And Sing**Devotional:**

LMGM PG 303 – Because He Lives

Processional Song:

BB NBR 198 – Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

The Liturgy Of The Word:**First Reading:**

BB-PG 145 – Acts 2 vs 14a,36-41

Responsorial

BB-PG 146 Psalm 23 vs 1-3,4,5,6

Second Reading:

BB-PG 146 – 1 Peter 2 vs 20-25

Gospel Reading:

BB-PG 147 – John 10 vs 1-10

Preparation Of The Gifts:

BB NBR 502 – Jesus, Meek and Humble

Holy, Holy, Holy: Celtic**Memorial Accla.:** Celtic**Lord's Prayer:** Celtic**Amen** Celtic**Lamb Of God:** Celtic**Communion:**

BB NBR 549 – In Chris Alone

Meditation:**Recessional Song:**

BB NBR 380 – Celtic Alleluia

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Sunday Morning 10:15am

They were cut to the heart. (Acts 2:37)

Peter's preaching about Jesus on Pentecost powerfully affected the people who heard his message. They were "cut to the heart," and three thousand of them turned to the Lord that day (Acts 2:37).

The Greek word used here for "cut" is *katanussó*, which literally means "to pierce" or "to prick." Peter's words acted as a sword, piercing the hearts of the people with the truth that they had sinned in rejecting Jesus and calling for him to be crucified. Imagine their pain and sorrow when they realized this—and the joy they must have felt when they repented and were baptized in his name! Washed clean and filled with his love, they began to live in an entirely new way.

You might say that the people in Jerusalem that day were like the sheep Jesus spoke about in the Gospel. He is the Good Shepherd who called them "by name" and beckoned them to follow him (John 10:3). "Cut to the heart," they decided to give their hearts to him. What an appropriate story for Good Shepherd Sunday!

However we first came to follow Jesus, we have all been cut to the heart at one time or another by the truths of the gospel—especially when we've been convicted of our sins. But we aren't the only ones who have experienced the pain and sorrow that sin causes. Jesus, our Shepherd, laid down his life for us to save us from our sin (John 10:11). Even now, his heart is pierced because so many of his sheep are missing out on the mercy he has to offer them. That's why he will leave the ninety-nine to go after the one (Matthew 18:12). He longs for everyone to know him and follow him.

Today, thank Jesus for piercing your heart and filling you with his love. Rejoice that the good news of his salvation has the power to change hearts even now. Then pray for all the people you know who have yet to follow Jesus. Pray that they will be "cut to the heart" and find in that sorrow the greatest joy they could ever know.

***"Good Shepherd, I want to follow you
all the days of my life!"***

The Word Among Us

Weekly Stewardship 04/19/2026

Collected	Collected Fiscal
\$ 820.00	\$ 64,873.00
Collected Online	Collected Online
\$ 255.00	\$ 18,192.00
Needed Weekly	Needed YTD
\$ 3,100.00	\$ 120,900.00
Difference	Difference YTD
\$- 2,025.00	\$- 37,580.00

Capital Improvement YTD \$ 705.65

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Origin of Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic social teaching has a long and rich history. It is both old, in that it **presents timeless values**, and new, as it constantly **reflects the world around us – as it is**. Catholic social teaching **emerged in the late nineteenth century** when the world was in trouble. Radical changes were taking place in politics, economics and society. The Industrial Revolution was at its height. Major dislocations of pastoral people to squalid industrial centers disrupted the way of life millions had known for generations. Mass migrations from Europe were splitting families. The writings of Karl Marx had taken root in widespread communist movements. "A traditional society was passing away and another beginning to be formed – one which brought the hope of new freedoms but also the threat of new forms of injustice and servitude." (*Pope St. John Paul II, 4*)

Catholic social teaching explores the three key principles (Human Dignity, Solidarity, Subsidiarity) underlying evaluation of all political, economic and cultural issues. Knowledge of these principles, **in combination with our faith, provides the foundation to address current social questions.**

CAPP-USA, the United States affiliate of the Vatican-based *Fondazione Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice*, introduces Catholic Social Teaching—its foundations in Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium; its core principles of human dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity; and its application to modern social and economic life.

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