Lectors for Sundays
Ordinary Time Readings

September 6th – 23rd Sunday
Franchiel Nyakatura

September 13th – 24th Sunday
Loretta Johnson

September 20th – 25th Sunday
Anthony Marie Johnson

September 27th – 26th Sunday
Monica Randle

October 4th – 27th Sunday
Jason Niraula

Eucharistic Ministers

Sept 7th thru Sept 30th
Marilyn Baker & Tanya Selectman

October 5th – October 26th
Sr Therese Bangert & Jeanna Thatcher

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

UPCOMING REVIVAL AT OLSR - SAVE THE DATE
Deacon Arthur Miller
Sunday, September 20th at 11:00am & 7:00pm
Monday, September 21st at 7:00pm
Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00pm

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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 - Steve Cason
Darsie Clark - Linda Chaplin - Evalena Davidson
Bernice Ingram - Lila Johnson - Willetta Madison
Opal Murphy - Kathy Ness - Levita Ross
Beatrice Swoopes - Vicki Taylor-Hamilton

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church
2300 N. 8th St.
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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*
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Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sundays

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Sunday September 6, 2026

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.

Love Looks to Assume the Best

I was blessed one summer to work and pray at Prince of Peace Abbey under the direction of Brother Clement who oversaw the landscaping of the extensive grounds. He would have me weed, plant, and water, which brought us out to far reaches of the complex on a hill. One day brother noticed a young man riding his mini-motor bike on the back roads of the monastery. He decided this teen was up to no good. Was this kid casing the monks' home for what he could steal? Was he high and joy-riding? Like a dog with a stranger his yard he rushed off in the pickup to confront the "threat". I watched with concerned curiosity that turned to bewilderment when I say Brother Clement let the teen return to his riding. Brother returned chagrined. He was no longer angry but disappointed in himself. He said, "The guy was just fixing up this old bike for a friend and was trying to burn up all the old gas before cleaning the carbs. Well it just goes to show you, when you don't judge others charitably, 9 out of 10 times you are wrong." That is the day I learned one of the lessons from today's readings that as a Christian we must be careful not to assume the worst of others and give people the benefit of the doubt.

Jesus says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." We are to do this first, before taking any other steps. Many times, like Brother Clement we will learn that we don't have the whole picture and the other guy is not doing anything wrong. Of course, Jesus is not saying we don't confront sin at all because that will only enable it. He is saying we approach the problem with the courage of love by seeking maintenance and restoration of relationship as our primary aim.

What do we owe each other? St. Paul tells us today that we are to "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." It sounds so easy to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. That is until our neighbor does something we don't like or understand. In this broken world, we often act like beasts who handle all differences with a fight, flight of freeze response. Politically, be it in the office or at the polls, it is profitable to blame the stranger, the marginalized, the outsider for all the problems. Jesus teaches us that this approach, especially as a first option, doesn't make the problems go away, it makes them worse. It takes courage to welcome the stranger because, yes there is risk to being open.

There are many sins that Jesus wants us to not commit, but there is one sin above all the others that Jesus wants us not to do. That is the sin of self-righteous condemnation of others. It is perhaps one of the greatest tragedies of modern times that in the eyes of many non-believers, self-righteous condemnation is the brand-identity of Catholicism. We owe those who don't yet believe better than that. I think that is why Brother Clement was sad with himself because in his heart he had judged that young man so harshly. He knew that as Christians we owe others, even the stranger, love.

Deaon Bill Scholl

Join In And Sing

Devotional
BB NBR 456 – They'll Know We Are Christians

Processional Song:
BB NBR 217 – Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

First Reading:
BB–PG 198 –Ezekiel 33 vs 7-9
Responsorial
BB–PG 199– Psalm 95 vs 1-2,6-7,8-9
Seond Reading:
BB–PG 199– Romans 13 vs 8-10
Gospel Reading:
BB-PG 199 – Matthew 18 vs 15-20

Preparation Of The Gifts:
BB NBR 459 – Companions On The Journey

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

Communion:
BB NBR 595 –I Have Loved You

Recessional Song:
BB NBR 460 – In Christ There Is No East or West

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Every Sunday Morning 10:15am

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95:7-8))

Have you ever tried to mold a pot out of clay? Once it dries, clay is nearly impossible to work with. If you let it harden, you can't reshape it. Just as a potter needs soft clay, so our Lord needs soft hearts that he can shape into vessels of his grace and power.

Today the psalmist calls God's people to "kneel before the Lord who made us" (Psalm 95:6). Through his word, he wants to form his people into a beautiful dwelling for his Spirit. That's why he speaks through his prophets like Moses and Ezekiel, the "watchman" in our first reading (Ezekiel 33:7). He forms us through the Church and through our brothers and sisters in Christ. And he molds us through the voice of his Spirit in our hearts. That's why it's important to heed the psalmist and "harden not your hearts" (95:8)!

The problem is that sin tends to harden our hearts. It makes us less pliable and less responsive to God and limits his ability to mold and shape us. So he gave us his Holy Spirit to convict us of sin, so that we would turn back to him (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit softens our hearts and fills us with hope that we can change.

What does a pliable heart, open to the Spirit, look like? Above all, it is humble before God and wants to please him by becoming his instrument in the world. A pliable heart recognizes the destructive power of sin and longs to repent and be set free. A pliable heart is peaceful because it receives God's love and trusts that God will never hurt or abandon it.

Let's cooperate with the Holy Spirit today. Imagine that you are a piece of clay being shaped by God's loving hands. Picture him molding you; let him show you any rough spots that need extra attention. Yield to him, and let him smooth them out. You—and everyone around you—will be amazed at what God can do in you.

"Lord Jesus, give me a soft, pliable heart. Mold me into who you created me to be."
The Word Among Us

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church September 6, 2026

Weekly Stewardship 08/30/2026

Collected	**Collected Fiscal**
$ 1,320.00	$ 14,103.00
Collected Online	**Collected Online**
$ 225.00	$ 3,840.00
Needed Weekly	**Needed YTD**
$ 3,100.00	$ 27,900.00
Difference	**Difference YTD**
$- 1,555.00	$- 9,957.00

Capital Improvement YTD $ 20.00

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Prayer for Unity & Peace
Heavenly Father,
In times of noise and uncertainty,
We turn to You for peace.
Guide those who lead
In every place and position
With wisdom beyond their own.
Where there is division, bring calm;
Where there is anger, sow understanding;
Where there is haste, grant patience.
Let truth be spoken with care
And decisions made with humility
Seeking not power, but what is right.
Help all people live with respect
And walk together in dignity.
May peace begin in every heart
And rise to shape this world.
Amen

SHINE 2026 is just FIVE weeks away and this year marks a special milestone as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of SHINE!

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