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Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School

April 2017 Alumni E-Newsletter



Happy Easter to all!

I hope this letter finds you doing well. It's the time of year where we celebrate the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. One of the most wonderful things I get to do every day at Saint Rose is celebrate with our students and staff the amazing faith we all share. It truly is a joy to be able to say to all Happy Easter. This time of year also brings all types of new excitement for our students and staff. As the temperatures change and the sun rises a little earlier and sets a little later, the energy level is strong. We spend the spring celebrating our wonderful school with so many great events happening each and every day, and our students are ready for the next steps in their educational and faith journey. The excitement (even some fear or sadness) of our eighth graders who will graduate in a little over four weeks is palatable. I have only had the opportunity to know them for a short amount of time, but they truly represent the best of Saint Rose. We bless them on their journey in life.

Finally, I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us in our Faithful Beginnings to Faithful Graduates initiative. I am so proud to be the principal at a school that is supported by not only its parents and parishioners, but by past staff members, alumni, grandparents, friends, relatives and religious people. Without you we would not be able to meet our school's mission. With that I am extremely happy to say we raised over \$68,000 and with the CSCOE grant of \$50,000 puts us at a grand total of \$118,000 and counting! The money raised will be used to help truly meet the mission of our school and in turn bring more students to know Jesus.

Peace,

WE DID IT!



Thanks to you, we reached our
\$50,000 CSCOE Challenge Grant
goal, earning a grand total of
over **\$100,000** for our school!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

BIG NEWS FOR 2017-2018! **WE'VE CUT THE OUT-OF-PARISH TUITION RATE!**

We are pleased to announce our new one rate tuition!
Multi-student discount program available for qualifying families.

NEW FAMILIES enrolling students in **Grades 1 through 8**
for the 2017-2018 school year will be offered a
ONE-TIME 50% TUITION REDUCTION.



NOTE: This reduced tuition applies to families who have never before enrolled a child at Saint Rose, and only for Grades 1 through 8.

Spotlight - John Barrett

My wife, Amy Gennaro, and I grew up here in Roseville, attending Corpus Christi school. We had a very strong faith and our relationship revolved around the school and church. After we got married, we had three boys, Anthony, Matthew,

The Show

Must Go On!

The school play production has been a strong tradition at Saint Rose for many, many years. So many talented staff and volunteers have shared



and Nathan. We felt it was important to give them the best schooling possible - we welcomed a faith-based school - and since Corpus Christi no longer had a functioning Catholic school, we enrolled them in Saint Rose.

We became involved in many aspects of Saint Rose, from the sports and scouting, to fundraisers and festivals. When Anthony started eighth grade we attended the parent meeting at the start of the school year. They were looking to continue the tradition of the play, but needed a volunteer to undertake it. Being a theater arts major, I figured this was God's way of showing me why He led me to that major in the first place. I said I would write and direct it if one of the parents could coordinate the scheduling. Mrs. Mottaz stepped forward and we worked together on the format that we would use to this date, including the impressive play programs, and ways to generate money, rather than spend money.

Now in the 11th year of production (with the help of my sister, Sue Valois), my theater experiences have been memorable and rewarding. They have also been educational. For example, the first year we had 42 students in our rendition of Peter Pan, and I gave most of them swords, sling shots, clubs, bow and arrows, and knives. Over the years, I have learned not to "arm the villagers". The second year, our lead had 182 lines, and got food poisoning the night before the performance. The show must go on. Every year, there are many memorable episodes from the rehearsal or the performance. That

their creative talents in writing, producing, or directing the play. The personal growth, self-confidence, and team building opportunities that the entire process provides is second-to-none.

For the past eleven years in a row, Mr. John Barrett has taken the lead role as the writer and director. Here is a list of his original play titles. This is quite an amazing feat!

- 2007 - Peter Pan
- 2008 - Operation Moondrop
- 2009 - Charlie and the Carob Factory
- 2010 - CSI Fairytales
- 2011 - Cirque de So Lame
- 2012 - Saint Rose of GLEEmA
- 2013 - The Ultimate Toy
- 2014 - Ocean's Zero
- 2015 - Starfish Wars
- 2016 - A Time For Change
- 2017 - The CodFather

Please join us for this year's performance on April 28 and April 29 at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Admission is just \$5 at the door. **A special shout out to all alumni who were student thespians of Mr. Barrett's to join us on Saturday evening for a special performance. Please wear your play t-shirt if you still have it!**

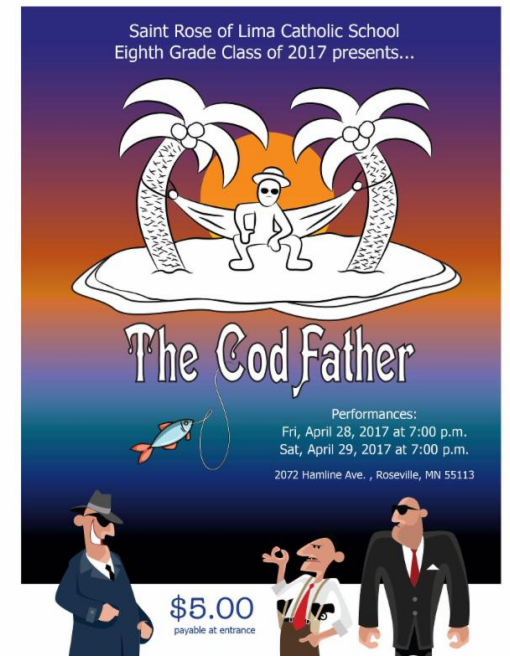
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is one of the best parts of the theater process.

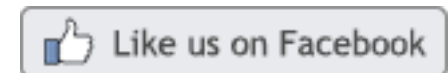
Even though my youngest son is now a senior in high school, I want to continue as the artist-in-residence to make sure that the kids at Saint Rose get to experience the process of theater, the joy of bonding with their classmates, and the thrill of putting together a huge project that is deserving of the applause of their friends and families. My high school theater teachers (Dann Peterson and Marsha Landgraf) were awesome, and made sure the process was both fun and educational. I was not any great addition to the high school theater program, but quickly learned to love theater. Now, I want to share that experience with these students.

For our family, Saint Rose has been a fantastic partner in raising and educating our children. They went off to high school so much better prepared than many of their public school classmates. Our kids also got an additional bit of education attending Power Play. My third grader was pointing out the various cloud formations and identifying the cloud types, which he learned after school. My kids can still quote the chemical description of sugar (although they have to YELL it), and even 10 years after graduating, our oldest son still seeks out time with his Saint Rose classmates when he is back in town. For me, in addition to meeting all the great kids that have come through the theater program, I have enjoyed getting to know the wonderful parents and teachers who were instrumental in making these kids so great.

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Attention Alumni Parents...

We need your help to get connected with our alumni! If your children are not receiving this newsletter, please forward and ask them to provide their contact information on our website. We love hearing about the wonderful things our former students are doing! We appreciate your help!

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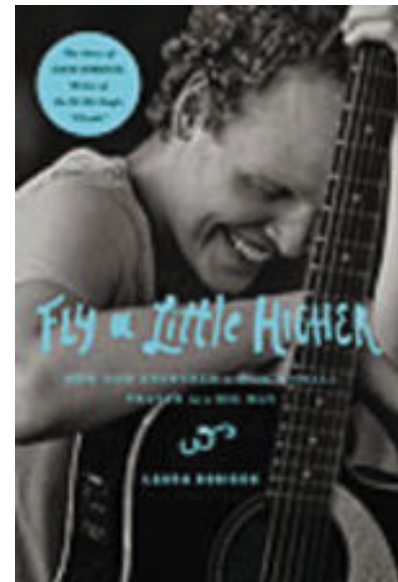
Saint Rose has been sending great kids out into the world for many, many years. Many of my best friends in high school turned out to be from Saint Rose (the well-documented arch-rivals of Corpus Christi). The community benefits greatly from the school. The impact of sending so many scholars, scouts, athletes, and achievers out into the community cannot be overlooked.

The Redhawk

Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter, *The Redhawk*, via email? If so, please send your request to Stefanie Wetzel at swetzel@mysaintrose.net and see what's happening at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School!

Thanks to Our Home & School Association, Laura Sobiech Inspires Saint Rose Community

Laura Sobiech's story of faith, love, life, and death is truly an inspiration. Her son Zach was a wonderful young man and represents so much of what it means to live a life of faith. Theirs is truly an inspiring story that reinforces the value of cherishing every minute of life. If you haven't had a chance to read Laura's book about their journey, [Fly a Little Higher](#), we highly recommend it. You can enjoy a video about Zach [here](#) and listen to his song, "[Clouds](#)." You'll be glad you did. Our thanks to the Home & School Association for sponsoring this very meaningful event!



MISSION STATEMENT

FAITH FORMATION + ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE + LIFE LONG LEARNERS

The mission of Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School is to provide quality academic education, religious education and faith formation for our students. It is our goal to prepare our children as lifelong learners who will grow spiritually and intellectually as responsible Christians and citizens of our global community.

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