

Top ten ways you can help...

10) NEW ST. ROSE SCHOOL "BOOK IT" FUND: Because a private donation for textbooks that has been helping us in previous years is set to expire, we have begun a new "Book It" fund, to allow individuals and families as well as estate memorials to contribute to textbooks, workbooks, educational materials and classroom supplies. If you are interested in helping, just **complete the form on the last page of this mailing** and send it to the parish office with a donation.

9) SUNDAY GIVING: The most important method of supporting not just St. Rose School, but the parish ministries as a whole is regular weekly support at weekend Mass. This money is used to pay the day-to-day operations of the parish and school. Sunday collections have decreased over the past few years, perhaps because of a volatile farm economy, among other factors. We ask parishioners to dig just a little deeper to help us out with operating expenses. If 100 families gave just \$5 more per week (that's less than a dollar a day); it would raise an additional \$26,000. A little bit goes a long way when we work together.

8) TITHING: This practice goes back to the early days of the Church. The idea of giving a portion of your regular weekly or monthly income to support local ministries, including St. Rose School, helps immensely. If you budget for this, just like you would other regular expenses, you don't even miss the payments. **God's Acre/God's Workday** programs fall into this category.

7) SUPPORT PARISH AND SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS: Even those who live in other parishes or school alumni who want to help us can participate by coming home for the parish bazaar, Unity Supper or Fish Fry. They can help by donating an item for the Unity Supper auction to promote their businesses or give a sponsorship donation to the St. Rose fall Golf Tournament to help us pay for food or prizes. You can contact the school for more ideas about how you can support our fundraisers, even if you live somewhere else.

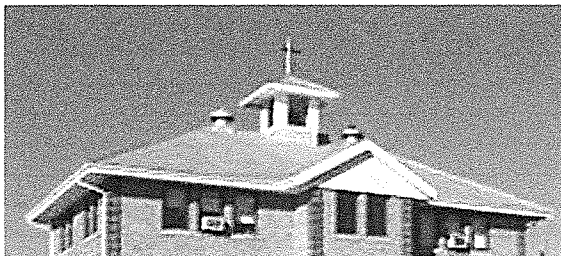
6) LEGACY FUND: Obviously, the Legacy Fund continues to be a main source of funding reliability for the long term health of our school and operations of all 8 grades and the Preschool. As we continue to grow our enrollment, improve our technology and campus facilities and strive to pay a just wage to our talented staff, this Fund becomes that much more important.

5) LEGACY FUND FAMILY CHALLENGE: In honor of what would have been the 100th wedding anniversary of John and Caroline Arens, their descendants have established a special memorial fund to honor their marriage and large family, as well as all the living and deceased descendants of the Arens family through a special memorial fund within the Legacy Fund. The Arens family invites friends, relatives and school supporters to contribute to the Legacy Fund through this memorial. They also challenge other families to honor their faith-filled ancestors by establishing similar memorial funds and promoting them within their families, to help celebrate the legacy of faith and the sacrifices our ancestors made for their faith ministries, parish and school.

4) ESTATE MEMORIALS AND CONTRIBUTIONS: Visit with your estate planning experts to see how you can leave your own legacy in a gift to St. Rose parish and school. Planning ahead of time is the key to such donations. Over the years, our school and our students have reaped tremendous benefits from memorials. Please consider such generosity in your estate plans.

3) VOLUNTEER: We are always in need of volunteers, from office help to assistance with fundraising. Just call the school office and ask where your talents can be best utilized.

2) SCHOOL BOOSTERS: You can help us continue to reorganize our efforts to promote and fund St. Rose School through our School Boosters. Get all the latest information by following the **St. Rose School Boosters Facebook** page. We are currently working to reorganize our Boosters to not only help with traditional fundraising and promotions, but to assist us in coming up with new ways to improve our school. Boosters hope to take a stronger role in the future in partnering with the School Board, Parish Council and Finance Committee to insure the long term financial health and quality educational environment at St. Rose School.



1) PRAY: As Fr. Mike always liked to tell us, "Pray, pray, pray." This is perhaps the **BEST thing you can do** to support and assist St. Rose School as we look to the future. Please keep our students and their families, our pastor, our dedicated staff and parishioners in your constant prayers.