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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30 p.m. St. Raphael - 4:30 p.m. St. Bernard

Sunday

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph – 8:00 a.m. St. Teresa – 8:00 a.m. St. Charles 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard – 10:30 a.m. St. Raphael – 11:00 a.m. St. Teresa 2:00 p.m. St. Teresa (Spanish) – 3:30 p.m. St. Raphael (Haitian Creole)

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa

Monday-Tuesday-Friday

9:00 a.m. St. Bernard

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Rosary St. Teresa (Spanish) – 6:30 p.m. St. Teresa (Spanish)

Wednesday-Thursday

12:10 p.m. St. Raphael

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Teresa:

Confession and Adoration every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00-Noon

Holy Mass and Adoration 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

First Saturday Holy Rosary and Mass 6:00 a.m. (Spanish)

St. Bernard:

First Sunday from 10:00 a.m.-Noon

St. Raphael:

Every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

St. Teresa

Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Bernard

Mon/Tue/Fri, after 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

St. Raphael

Tuesday, 5:00-5:45 p.m. Wed/Thurs, 11:30 a.m.-Noon Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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Pastor's Corner



From the Pastor, August 17, 2025

Fr. Hale, Fr. Carlos, and I all recently attended the priest convocation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, an event which brings together all of the active priests and some of the retired priests of the Archdiocese for a few days of prayer, fraternity, and some work. We attended some conferences from another bishop in Ohio which were very

good. One interesting comment that he made, however, was that we always think of Jesus as gentle and peaceful and easygoing and all these good and warm and comfortable things. We priests remarked that the reality of Jesus in the Gospel is more complex than this. Many different episodes came to mind – and one of those was the Gospel for today (Luke 12:49-53). "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No…"

We may even ask the question as to whether Jesus desires peace? Yes, He does – but we need to understand it properly. We think that He wants to establish a peaceful kingdom here on this earth – but that isn't true, He wants us to be in His peaceful kingdom in heaven. Does Jesus' coming cause division? Yes, but Jesus is not the "efficient cause," to use Aristotle's terms, of this division – the Devil is the source of the division. Jesus' coming stirs the pot, so to speak.

As we find ourselves significantly divided, especially in our Family of Parishes, we must strive to be united to Jesus, because He will be our source of unity. Our affiliation with a church building or a passing community or a particular Mass time cannot be our only attachment to the Catholic faith – we must be attached to Jesus.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

Del Pastor, 17 Agosto 2025

El Verdadero Causa de Nuestra Unidad

El P. Hale, el P. Carlos y yo asistimos recientemente a la convocatoria sacerdotal de la Arquidiócesis de Cincinnati, un evento que reúne a todos los sacerdotes activos y a algunos sacerdotes retirados de la Arquidiócesis para unos días de oración, fraternidad y trabajo. Recibimos varias conferencias de otro obispo de Ohio que fueron muy edificantes. Una observación interesante que hizo fue que siempre tendemos a pensar en Jesús como alguien suave, pacífico, tranquilo y lleno de calidez y consuelo. Nosotros, como sacerdotes, comentamos que la realidad de Jesús en el Evangelio es mucho más compleja. Vinieron a la mente muchos episodios distintos —y uno de ellos fue precisamente el Evangelio de hoy (Lucas 12, 49-53): *"¿Piensan que he venido a traer la paz a la tierra? No...*"

Podríamos incluso preguntarnos: ¿quiere Jesús la paz? La respuesta es sí, pero debemos entender bien qué tipo de paz. Pensamos que quiere establecer un reino pacífico aquí en la tierra —pero no es así. Él quiere que estemos en Su Reino de paz en el cielo. ¿La venida de Jesús causa división? Sí. Pero Jesús no es la causa eficiente, como diría Aristóteles, de esa división —el Diablo es el autor de la división. La venida de Jesús agita las aguas, por decirlo así.

En medio de nuestras propias divisiones —especialmente en nuestra Familia de Parroquias— debemos esforzarnos por estar unidos a Jesús, porque Él es nuestra verdadera fuente de unidad. Nuestra afiliación a un edificio parroquial, a una comunidad pasajera o a un horario específico de Misa no puede ser nuestra única conexión con la fe católica—nuestra verdadera conexión debe ser con Jesucristo.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

Weekly Scripture Readings

Mass Attenda (English Masses only)	nce	August 2/3, 2025					
Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %				
St. Raphael	511	141/163	27%/31%				
St. Teresa	434	133/175	30%/40%				
St. Bernard	420	165/169	39%/40%				
St. Joseph	368	112	30%				
St. Charles	180	38	21%				

Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Sunday, Au	gust 17	The state of the s
8:00 a.m.	St. Charles	Robert Cooper, Jr.
8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph	∜ Martha & Joseph Kunkel
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	♥ Albert and Mary Ann Morgan
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	† Lawrence &
		Carmelita Stephenson
10:30 a.m.	St. Raphael	† James Gibbs
11:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	Davis and Clemens Family

11:00 a.m. St. Teresa P Davis and Clemens Family 2:00 p.m. St. Teresa St. Rose Family Parishioners 3:30 p.m. St. Raphael St. Rose Family Parishioners

Monday, August 18

8:00 a.m. *St. Teresa* ⊕ Dan Geron 9:00 a.m. *St. Bernard* McKenna Family

Tuesday, August 19

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa & George & Bette 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard & Tom Schuh

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa & Dorothy M. Smith, Andela Koetters

12:10 p.m. *St. Raphael* [♣] Martha Rucker

6:30 p.m. St. Teresa St. Rose Family Parishioners

Thursday, August 21

12:10 p.m. St. Raphael [↑] Dan Tayloe & Fr. Bill Kramer

Friday, August 22

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa ♥ Doan Family

9:00 a.m. St. Bernard & John, Pauline & Dennis Fogarty

Saturday, August 23

4:30 p.m. *St. Bernard* [⊕] Jamie Rape Whitacre,

Michael & Sherry Whitacre

⊕ Deceased

The Beacons Are Lit

How We Determined the New Schedule, Part 1

As we continue our exploration into the why and how of the new weekend Mass schedule which will go into effect in the fall, we cannot lose sight of the one main thing: that we want a vibrant Catholic community here in our Family of Parishes. We need to have fewer Masses on a weekend in English because we have low Mass attendance and low utilization of our churches, not enough priests to maintain a schedule designed for a previous time, and a more spaced schedule to keep priests sane.

The way that I decided to go about formulating the new schedule was to formulate principles to follow and then work intensely with the Family Pastoral Council to concoct the best schedule we could. I invited an outside consultant to facilitate our discussions. Our principles are as follows: 1. We follow the law - universal canon law and particular (diocesan) law. This means two Masses maximum per priest per day and no retired priests on regular schedule. 2. Provide time for priests to say Mass well and have time to meet people after Mass. This is decided to be 2.5 hours between start times. 3. Work hard so that every church gets an obligation (Saturday evening or Sunday) Mass. This was the recommendation of the Family Pastoral Council, not a hard and fast rule. There is no requirement that there be an obligation Mass at a parish church. 4. Disrupt the fewest number of souls. People vote with where they go - we must take that choice into consideration when we make our decisions. 5. Follow the data. Using data helps us to evaluate not based on emotion or anecdotes or loyalties but upon fact.

We met three times (May, June, and July of 2025) and finally came up with the best schedule, which was recommended to me and I approved that schedule with no changes. Each member of the Family Pastoral Council was committed to, not only the good of the whole Family of Parishes, but also representing the parish of which they are a part. And above all, they were committed to the vision: forming a vibrant Catholic community in our Family of Parishes.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

Las Antorchas están Encendidas

Cómo Determinamos el Nuevo Horario - Parte 1

A medida que continuamos profundizando en el por qué y el cómo del nuevo horario de Misas dominicales que entrará en vigor este otoño, no podemos perder de vista lo más importante: queremos una comunidad católica vibrante en nuestra Familia de Parroquias. Necesitamos tener menos Misas en inglés los fines de semana porque tenemos una baja asistencia, poca utilización de nuestras iglesias, no contamos con suficientes sacerdotes para mantener un horario pensado para tiempos pasados, y necesitamos más espacio entre Misas para cuidar la salud mental y espiritual de nuestros sacerdotes.

La manera en que decidí abordar la creación del nuevo horario fue establecer primero una serie de principios rectores, y luego trabajar intensamente con el Consejo Pastoral Familiar para elaborar el mejor horario posible. Para facilitar nuestras discusiones, invité a un consultor externo. Nuestros principios fueron los siguientes: Cumplir con la ley-tanto la ley canónica universal como la ley particular (diocesana). Esto significa un máximo de dos Misas por sacerdote por día y no incluir sacerdotes retirados en el horario regular. Dar tiempo a los sacerdotes para celebrar bien la Misa y tener oportunidad de saludar a los fieles después. Se decidió que debían transcurrir 2.5 horas entre los horarios de inicio de Misa. Trabajar para que cada iglesia tenga una Misa de obligación (sábado por la tarde o domingo). Esta fue una recomendación del Consejo Pastoral Familiar, no una regla estricta. No hay ningún requisito que obligue a que cada parroquia tenga una Misa de obligación. Afectar al menor número de fieles posible. Las personas "votan" con su presencia – debemos tomar esa realidad en cuenta al tomar decisiones. Basarnos en los datos. Usar datos nos permite evaluar no en base a emociones, anécdotas o lealtades, sino sobre hechos concretos.

Nos reunimos tres veces (en mayo, junio y julio de 2025) y finalmente acordamos el mejor horario posible, el cual fue recomendado y aprobado por mí sin modificaciones. Cada miembro del Consejo Pastoral Familiar estuvo comprometido no solo con el bien común de toda la Familia de Parroquias, sino también con representar a su propia parroquia. Y, sobre todo, estuvieron comprometidos con la visión: formar una comunidad católica vibrante en nuestra Familia de Parroquias.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

Becoming Catholic:

They "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

-Acts 2:42

We are excited to hear about what the Lord is beginning or continuing to do in your life. The process of becoming Catholic is called OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is designed to help us unpack the teaching of the Apostles so that we can burn with the same desire for Jesus as they did. Not sure where your journey fits into this? No worries. Reach out to our Director of

Evangelization at nic@strosefamily.org. He would love to walk you through the process, and answer any questions you might have.

Or are you ready to jump in with both feet and come to the first session of OCIA?

It will be Thursday, September 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Raphael.

Are you Catholic already and have a friend that through your witness is open to becoming Catholic? Have them get in touch with Nic at nic@strosefamily.org.

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Thank you for your continued generosity!

Saints-in-Training: News about CCD

Things this fall will look different for CCD and Sacramental Preparation (1st Communion/Reconciliation & Confirmation). To prepare you for the changes, I wanted to talk about the "why" in my decisions. The point of any of our programs here is to fall in love with Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to become the saints He is calling us to be. Everyone, and I mean everyone, has that call, because "The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself." (CCC 27)

In this desire to be a saint, we have to ask, what is the path that Our Lord has laid before us. To start, through His Church, He has established that "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children." (CCC 2223) With that in mind, I and the staff (and volunteers) here will assist you in this great task in raising the next generation of saints, and assisting you in the same saintly call. You have a responsibility, but you are not alone!



Job Posting

Associate Director of Evangelization

The St. Rose Family of Parishes is joyfully seeking a faithful, mission-driven Catholic to serve as our Associate Director of Evangelization. Rooted in the heart of the Church, this pastoral role focuses on guiding children, youth, and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through evangelization, catechesis, and sacramental preparation. Working closely with the Director of Evangelization, this servant-leader will help families encounter the transforming love of Christ, especially through the Eucharist and the Sacraments. If you are a prayerful disciple with a heart for

forming the next generation in the fullness of our Catholic faith, we invite you to discern this call with us. You can apply at https://www.strosefamily.org/jobs or scan the QR code.



Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Video Bible Study

Ages 18 & up 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 7:00-9:00 p.m. For more information, email Nic Kovatch at

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Young Adult Game Night

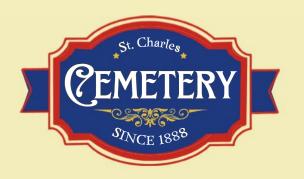
Ages 18 & up

2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 6:00-9:00 p.m. Meeting at the St. Raphael Parish Office, 225 E. High Street

Come enjoy fun, food, and fellowship! You don't need to sign up, just contact Nic Kovatch at nic@strosefamily.org if you have any questions.

Prayer and Study Opportunities

- Rosary Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. (during the school year) at Catholic Central Chapel, back entrance.
- Catholic Men's Prayer and Study group. Every first and third Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Bernard's Metzdorf Hall.
- Bible study every Sunday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Church Basement at St. Teresa.
- Rosary at St. Bernard after the Weekday Mass. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and before the weekend Masses.



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PreK 4 meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Junior Kindergarten meets Monday through Friday

All classes run from 8:00–11:30 a.m., with early drop-off at 7:30 a.m. and after care available until 3:00 p.m.

Our Junior Kindergarten program is ideal for children who may benefit from an extra year before starting Kindergarten. It introduces early reading, writing, math, and plenty of play-based learning in a supportive group setting.

For more information or to request an application, please contact Dawn Clemens, Director, at 937-399-5451, ext. 206 or dclemens@ccirish.org.



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Saint of the Day: August 20 Patron Saint of Cistercians, Beekeepers and Candlemakers

In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with

Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.

His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions, he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know.

Shortly thereafter it was Bernard who intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the antipope.

The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster.

Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came August 20, 1153.

> Read the full article: "Saint Bernard of Clairvaux" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernard-of-clairvaux/ (Accessed July 24, 2025).



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