



St. Raphael

225 East High St., Springfield, OH 45505 | 937-323-7523

St. Bernard

910 Lagonda Ave., Springfield, OH 45503 | 937-322-5243

St. Charles Borromeo

31 S. Chillicothe St., South Charleston, OH 45368 | 937-323-7523

St. Joseph

819 Kenton St., Springfield, OH 45505 | 937-323-7523

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus

1827 N Limestone St., Springfield, OH 45503 | 937-342-8861

St. Rose Family Staff

Christopher Komoroski, Pastor

937-870-2865 | frkomoroski@strosefamily.org

Robert Hale, Parochial Vicar

937-565-5802 | frhale@strosefamily.org

 ${\bf Chelsea\ Martinez}, {\it Director\ of\ Administration}$

937-342-8861 | chelsea@strosefamily.org

Nic Kovatch, Director of Evangelization

937-323-7523 | nic@strosefamily.org

Orlando Martinez, Director of Hispanic Ministry

937-340-1127 | orlando@strosefamily.org

Jeff Miller, Facilities Manager

937-323-7523 | jeff@strosefamily.org

 ${\bf Paul\ Cooper}, {\it Communications\ Coordinator}$

937-342-8861 | paul@strosefamily.org

Brianna Beedy, Accountant

937-323-7523 | brianna@strosefamily.org

Celina Copeland, Accountant

937-342-8861 | celina@strosefamily.org

Tessa Cooper, Administrative Assistant

937-323-7523 | tessa@strosefamily.org

Martha Szczensy, Administrative Assistant

937-342-8861 | martha@strosefamily.org

John Herzog, Administrative Assistant

937-322-5243 | john@strosefamily.org

Ann Garrity, Pastoral Associate

937-322-5243 | ann@strosefamily.org

Mary Caputo, Pastoral Associate

mary@strosefamily.org

Lucianne Lilienthal, DRE

937-342-8861 | lucianne@strosefamily.org

Wayne & Trusie Woodruff, CemeterySextons

937-399-5209 | stbernardcemetery@strosefamily.org

stcharlescemetery@strosefamily.org

Bulletin Announcements

Must be submitted by Thursday of the week **prior to the date of the bulletin** to **Communications@strosefamily.org**. Please indicate "**bulletin**" in the subject line.

Note, all submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

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.

BAPTISN

Call a Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGES

Call Fr. Chris at 937-870-2865.

Arrangements must be made before you set your date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call Fr. Chris at 937-870-2865 or Fr. Hale at 937-565-5802.

COMMUNION TO THE ILL OR HOMEBOUND

St. Teresa St. Bernard 342-8861 322-5243

Pastor's Corner



From the Pastor, August 24, 2025
From the Pastor

Our celebration this weekend is great for our Family of Parishes because August 23 is the feast day of our patroness, St. Rose of Lima, the first canonized saint of the Americas. St. Rose is such a

great intercessor and model for us: intercessor, because she is one of the saints in heaven and therefore, can petition for powerful graces for us – and model, because she did in her life what we are trying to do: put Jesus at the center of our hearts, our lives, everything we do.

It is my hope that St. Rose will help us bring greater unity in our Family of Parishes. We no longer have the luxury of remaining in our separated camps and churches, maintaining a status quo. The status quo has been dreary for some time – so few young people in our churches, spending all the parish money on the maintenance of buildings which are very rarely used. Often, it happens that I, the pastor, am the youngest person at an event – we can all admit that this is not a vibrant church. We must pull together to make changes, putting Jesus at the center of everything. If we do that, then we have a hopeful future, trusting that God will give great growth. We ask St. Rose to petition our good God to help us dedicate our lives to serving God and our neighbor.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

Del Pastor, 24 Agosto 2025

Del Párro co

nuestra Familia de Parro quias, porque el 23 de agosto es la fiesta de nuestra patrona, Santa Rosa de Lima, la primera santa canonizada de las Américas. Santa Rosa es para nosotros una gran intercesora y modelo: intercesora, porque es una de los santos en el cielo y, por lo tanto, puede pedir gracias poderosas para nosotros; y modelo, porque en su vida hizo lo que nosotros intentamos hacer: poner a Jesús en el centro de nuestro corazón, de nuestra vida y de todo lo que hacemos.

Espero que Santa Rosa nos ayude a alcanzar una mayor unidad en nuestra Familia de Parroquias. Ya no tenemos el lujo de permanecer en nuestros grupos y templos separados, manteniendo el status quo. El status quo ha sido apagado por algún tiempo: muy pocos jóvenes en nuestras iglesias y gran parte del dinero parroquial destinado al mantenimiento de edificios que rara vez se usan. A menudo sucede que yo, el párroco, soy la persona más joven en un evento; todos podemos reconocer que esto no es una iglesia vibrante. Debemos unirnos para realizar cambios, poniendo a Jesús en el centro de todo. Si hacemos eso, entonces tenemos un futuro esperanzador, confiando en que Dios dará un gran crecimiento. Pedimos a Santa Rosa que suplique a nuestro buen Dios que nos ayude a dedicar nuestra vida al servicio de Dios y del prójimo.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, August 25	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday, August 26	1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 27	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday, August 28	1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
Friday, August 29	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday, August 30	1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday, August 31	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Mass Attendance August 9/10, 2025 Attendance Church Capacity Utilization % Saturday/Sunday St. Raphael 511 131/176 25%/34% St. Teresa 434 135/155 31%/35% 130/204 St. Bernard 420 30%/48% St. Joseph 368 109 29% St. Charles 180 26%

Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Sunday, August 24

8:00 a.m. St. Charles & Mary Mansfield,

Phil & Anne Wisecup

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph & Orville Hohn

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa & Albert & Mary Anne Morgan,

☆ Amy Szczesny Weeks

9:00 a.m. *St. Bernard* † Jaqueline Cantara

10:30 a.m. St. Raphael & William "Bill' Monaghan

11:00 a.m. St. Teresa The Doan Family

2:00 p.m. *St. Teresa* St. Rose Family Parishioners 3:30 p.m. *St. Raphael* St. Rose Family Parishioners

Monday, August 25

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa & Betty A. Weisenbach

9:00 a.m. St. Bernard ♥ Sharon Bramble

Tuesday, August 26

9:00 a.m. St. Bernard ♥ Suzanne Lohrer

Wednesday, August 27

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa ‡ James Gibbs

12:10 p.m. *St. Raphael* [♣] Rosemary Infante

2:30 p.m. St. Teresa St. Rose Family Parishioners

Thursday, August 28

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa 🕆 Joan Marie Aldridge

12:10 p.m. St. Raphael [↑] Hobart Parker

Friday, August 29

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa Joann Wright

9:00 a.m. St. Bernard & Sharon Bramble

Saturday, August 30

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa The Doan Family

4:30 p.m. *St. Raphael* [↑] Mary Baehl 4:30 p.m. *St. Bernard* [↑] Sharon Bramble

∜ Deceased

The Beacons Are Lit

The New Schedule

The time has now come to announce the particulars of the new weekend Mass schedule. Remember that this was done with significant consultation with the Family Pastoral Council using the principles already set out in previous articles. It is my hope that this new Mass schedule will help our Family of Parishes grow through the celebration of more vibrant liturgies and that our liturgies would become a place where all can encounter the one true God through reverence and beauty.

The new Mass schedule, which will go into effect the weekend of October 4-5, 2025, is as follows:

Saturday – 4:30 p.m. at St. Bernard, 4:30 p.m. at St. Charles Sunday – 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph, 8:30 a.m. at St. Bernard, 10:30 a.m. at St. Raphael, 11:00 a.m. at St. Teresa

This constitutes a reduction of 8 English language Masses to 6. The hope is that each of these Masses will be above an average of 50% capacity, as stipulated by the Beacons of Light principles. The goal is to have the proper Mass schedule for this place and time, allowing for the mission of the Church to continue in Clark County. This is a hopeful opportunity for all of us to come together, to unite in our faith in Jesus Christ as a community, and commit ourselves to praying together and working together for the glorification of God and the salvation of souls.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

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

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.



Catholic Central Preschool Now Enrolling

Catholic Central Preschool is now accepting enrollment applications for the upcoming school year for PreK 3, PreK 4, and Junior Kindergarten (for children turning five by September 30).

PreK 3 meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays

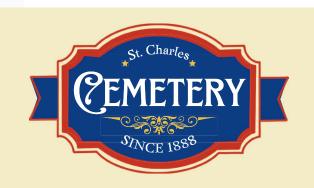
PreK 4 meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

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 playbased 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.



Office: 27 W. Home Rd.
Springfield

PHONE: (937)399-5209



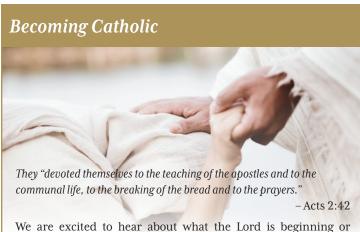
Mausoleum & Columbarium

27 W. Home Rd. Springfield

FOR INFORMATION, CALL 937-399-5209

Our Gifts to the Lord										
	St. Raphael		St. Bernard		St. Teresa		St. Joseph		St. Charles	
Collection for August 10	\$	11,523.98	\$	11,865.34	\$	5,694.00	\$	8,382.12	\$	778.77

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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.

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.

Rest in Pace:

Carole J. Shartran Knapp Blecher



Saints-in-Training:Formerly CCD

I imagine that the last column might have unsettled some of you. To quote Batman, Bruce Wayne said in Batman Begins "people need dramatic things to shake them out of apathy." Too often, we can remain in the status quo. But we cannot stay there if we accept His call to become the saints God is calling us to be. Believe it or not, I know that every one of you has the potential to be a saint. I am prepared to be thought foolish by trusting that the Holy Spirit is going to do something great here in Springfield. Through our efforts with forming these youths, we will help raise the next generation of saints.

In an effort to better serve our Family of Parishes, the CCD programming will be focusing on lesser, but better CCD programming, as well as highlighting things that make us Catholic, the Sacraments. The Sacraments are the high point of our Catholic life, since this is where we get to experience heaven (Jesus Himself). These are His touch points in our life. So to reflect this great truth, we will robustly prepare for the Sacraments received in 2nd and 7th/8th grade.

Lastly, I wanted to explain my thoughts as to location, and communicate the schedule and how to sign up. Location has been a hard thing to discern because all of you love your particular place of worship, and I get that. But as is said in the Gospel of John, "Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem." Jesus does a radical thing here, pulls worship away from the beloved Jerusalem. We cannot be so tied to a place that we forget the goal is not the building, but falling in love with Jesus, and His Church (aka the People of God, not a building).

That being said, we will discern which space is best to use from year to year (I will trust the Holy Spirit to reveal what is best going to serve the Family of St. Rose).

The schedule this year, along with location can be found on the website here at https://strosefamily.org/sit.

Thanks for Your Service

John and Monica Lippolis wanted to take some space and thank the kitchen workers, servers, musicians, and other volunteers for their work with the cookout at St. Joseph parish center. They served 190 people, the highest it had ever been in its eleven years. We look forward to seeing everyone for the Thanksgiving luncheon on November 22nd. If you would like to volunteer or donate to the luncheon, or if you have any questions, please feel free to call at 937-244-5618.



Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Video Bible Study

Ages 18 & up 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 7:00-9:00 p.m.

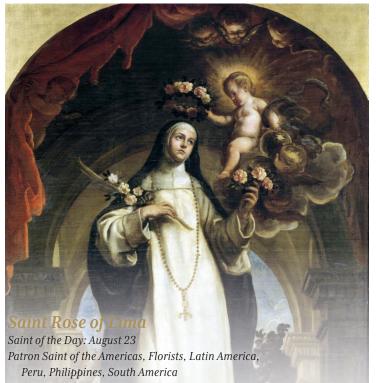
For more information, email Nic Kovatch at nic@strosefamily.org.



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.



The first canonized saint of the New World has one characteristic of all saints – the suffering of opposition – and another characteristic which is more for admiration than for imitation – excessive practice of mortification.

She was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, in spite of the objections and ridicule of parents and friends.

The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns.

When her parents fell into financial trouble, she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. Ten years of struggle against her parents began when they tried to make Rose marry. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude.

During the last few years of her life, Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace.

What might have been a merely eccentric life was transfigured from the inside. If we remember some unusual penances, we should also remember the greatest thing about Rose: a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule from without, violent temptation, and lengthy periods of sickness. When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin.

Read the full article: "Saint Rose of Lima" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-rose-of-lima/ (Accessed August 19, 2025).



K.K. Tool Co.

Proudly celebrating over 40 years in the Springfield manufacturing community

THE JOHN KOEHLER FAMILY



115 S. Center St. Springfield, Ohio

937-325-1373

Visit us at www.kktool.net

In Loving Memory

Jerry Asebrook Phillip Bobay Dennis, Fr. Donald & David Brugger Gene Burgstaller William Carter Sr. Daniel & Beverly Chiricosta Jim Clark Robert Cottrell & Barbara Lanum Frank & Elizabeth Di Gregorio Louis & Ethel Di Gregorio Van Eancheff Sr. Iim Eidemiller Dick & Nicia Esterline John & Pauline Fogarty Sr. Chuck Foster Fave Garrity Patricia Garrity

John & Jean Glendening

Dick Groeber Les Heckman Robert Hill Ir. Walt & Edna Horstman The Kalinos Family Chris & Bertha Klenke & Family Clarence & Mary Krupp Iulie Krupp John R. & Barbara Linkenhoker Patricia Jane Maharry Kent Massie Iim McHenry Frank & Tom McLean Julie Meyers Jayne Moorman Christopher Joseph Morman Murphy & Day Families Marvin Osment

Roy William Page Christopher Powell Marco & Annie Rasicci Dale Ritter Richard A. Sample **Larry Schuler** Pauline Mosie Smith Bill & Gloria Speaks John F. Torsell Sharon R. Whitacre & Jamie Whitacre Rape Deceased Members of the St. Bernard Choir Deceased Members of Companions of Jesus the Good Shepherd Deceased Members of the Chiricosta Family

ST. BERNARD CEMETERY MAUSOLEUM & COLUMBARIUM

27 W. HOME RD.

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

399-5209

See why millions trust us for Home & Auto.

Bruce Fuller, Agent
1209 W First Street
Springfield, OH 45504
937-322-8853
www.brucefullerinsurance.com CALL M

I'm here to help life go right™, by saving you time and money when you combine your home and auto insurance. CALL ME TODAY.

State Farm

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, State Farm Indemnity Company, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, State Farm General Insurance 1601486 Company, Bloomington, IL

CALVARY CEMETERY Managed by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

3155 E. Possum Road • Springfield, Ohio 45502

Pre-Plan Your Final Arrangements – *An Incredible Gift For Your Family*For an appointment with a professional Family Services Advisor call **937-323-7474**





HOMEOWNERS | AUTO | LIFE | HEALTH | BUSINESS

www.wtins.com

30 Warder St. Suite 200 Springfield, OH 45504 **937-324-8492** 113 Scioto St. Urbana, OH 43078 **937-652-8492**

6 0

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABL
ADVERTISE! CONNECT! SUPPORT!







DIOCESAN

Catholic Life

Reserve your bulletin space today!

CONTACT PAT SHROYER • 614.718.2988 PSHROYER@DIOCESAN.COM





100 W. North Street 937-325-1726

Netts Floral Company S

JULIE NETTS QUINONES 1017 Pine St. 937-323-4101 www.nettsfloral.com



Proudly supporting the Springfield community

Joseph Morman, MD | Chief Clinical Officer MercyHealth-Springfield Regional Medical Center





Locally Owned & Family Operated Since 1919 Kyle Conroy - Owner/Director Bryce Conroy - Owner/Director 1660 E. High St. • (937) 324-4973 conroyfh@gmail.com



937-323-2591

ohiopeanutshoppe.com ohiopeanutshoppe@gmail.com Now Selling Woebers

Mustard Products Matt Luther, Owner | 1576 E. Main St., Springfield

Fellows Terrace **Senior Apts.**

屮

700 E. McCreight Ave.

937-629-0840

CASON ROOFING

410 Power St. **Springfield**

937-324-0144



1601 Sheridan Ave.

937-325-4361

www.springfieldohd.com



Get this bulletin emailed to you every week.

Simply go to www.DM.CHURCH/2247



%DISCOVERMASS

Jim Williams Home Remodeling

Complete Remodeling Home Repairs & More!



Over 40 Years of Experience

399-5411

YOU'RE **WELCOME!**



AM 820 CATHOLIC RADIO

purchase of two lunch or dinner items at regular price

YOUR

Tuesdays at 3:00pm **Dayton** Springfield

103.3 FM







ADVERTISE

Promote your Business AND support your Parish.

Pat Shroyer ~ 614-718-2988 pshroyer@diocesan.com



1815

E. Main St.

324-2066

www.mymariachis.com

- BEN DAY - BRIAN DAY
- 937-322-1459 PHONE • FAX
- **NEW HOMES ADDITIONS RENOVATIONS** LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED



700 East High Street | Springfield, OH 45505

Woeber's MUSTARD Manufacturing Company **ESTABLISHED** 1905

Manufacturers of Specialty Food Products 1966 Commerce Circle

The Businesses listed above make this bulletin possible. Please support them when you can.

Sign up to get our bulletin in your email each week. Go to DiscoverMass.com/subscribe