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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.

BAPTISM

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MARRIAGES

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Pastor's Corner



From the Pastor, August 31, 2025

Pride comes before the fall. This common phrase illustrates the insidiousness of that root of all sin, which is pride. It is pride that Jesus takes aim at in today's Gospel (Luke 14:1, 7-14), which He refers to as "exaltation of self." It is a vice which is very

easy to slide into. It appears even to have been the first sin – Adam and Eve, thinking that they knew better than God, transgressed the law of God, which was in fact not limiting them but brought them greater freedom. It was through pride, then, that we came to be in our predicament. Pride came before the Fall.

We must be vigilant to guard against pride. The weapon to use against it is humility, the virtue opposed to pride. Humility is defined simply as viewing things rightly - one author defined it as the virtue by which we recognize that "God is God and I'm not Him." A great resource to ask God for this grace is the Litany of Humility, which was written by Cardinal Merry del Val. We must humbly confess our sins and put all our trust in the good God.

> In Christ. Fr. Komoroski

Del Pastor, 31 Agosto 2025

El orgullo precede a la caída Este dicho común ilustra lo insidioso de la raíz de todo pecado: el orgullo. Es precisamente contra el orgullo que Jesús dirige su enseñanza en el Evangelio de hoy (Lucas 14:1,7-14), al que se refiere como la "exaltación de uno mismo". Es un vicio en el que es muy fácil caer. Incluso parece haber sido el primer pecado: Adán y Eva, pensando que sabían más que Dios, transgredieron la ley divina, la cual en realidad no los limitaba, sino que les otorgaba una libertad más grande. Fue por el orgullo, entonces, que llegamos a nuestra situación actual. El orgullo precedió a la caída.

Debemos estar vigilantes para guardarnos del orgullo. El arma para combatirlo es la humildad, la virtud opuesta al orgullo. La humildad se define sencillamente como ver las cosas correctamente; un autor la describió como la virtud por la cual reconocemos que "Dios es Dios y yo no lo soy". Un gran recurso para pedirle a Dios esta gracia es la Letanía de la Humildad, escrita por el Cardenal Merry del Val. Debemos confesar humildemente nuestros pecados y poner toda nuestra confianza en el buen Dios.

> En Cristo P. Komoroski

You restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy. - Psalm 68:10-11

Weekly Scripture Readings

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Wis 9:13-18b; Lk 14:25-33

Mass Attendance August 16/17, 2025 (English Masses only)								
Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %					
St. Raphael	511	129/181	25%/36%					
St. Teresa	434	129/184	29%/42%					
St. Bernard	420	122/200	29%/47%					
St. Joseph	368	109	29%					
St. Charles	180	55	30%					

Mass Sch	redule an	d Intentions:
Sunday, Au	gust 31	11777
8:00 a.m.	St. Charles	ិ tillian Hackett
8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph	骨Mary Bachman
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Nathaniel Hopper
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	† Homer Sanders
10:30 a.m.	St. Raphael	骨 Carol Pinson
11:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	Jim & Ann Horn
2:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Roberto Diaz
3:30 p.m.	St. Raphael	St. Rose Family Parishioners
Monday, Se	ptember 1	
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	The Doan Family
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	∜ Suzanne Lohrer
Tuesday, Se	ptember 2	
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	🕆 Pamela Theopolos Wells
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	骨 Lisa and Bob Shay
Wednesday	, September 3	
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Gustava Schissler
12:10 p.m.	St. Raphael	🕆 James Abend, Patrick Foley Sr.
2:30 p.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Rosenda Zuniga
Thursday, S	September 4	
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Jack Sweeney
12:10 p.m.	St. Raphael	Hobart Parker Jr.
Friday, Sep	tember 5	
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	🕆 Sophia V. Turnbull

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[⊕] Deceased

₱ Barbara Beard

† George Simons

† Molly Irene Carroll 骨 Barda Dunn

9:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 6

St. Bernard

St. Teresa

St. Raphael

St. Bernard

The Beacons Are Lit

How We Determined the New Schedule, Part 2

A significant part of our discussions in the Family Pastoral Council, as we were coming up with the new weekend Mass schedule which will go into effect this fall, was that a mental switch was needed. As you know, we are obligated to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. And our experience can feel just like that – an obligation. But what if we began to approach it differently – what if we began thinking about the Mass as an opportunity to encounter the living God, Jesus Christ, in the most real way that we can? What if we approached the Mass as a privilege?

Have you ever wondered - what place in the world has the best Mass attendance? Is there a place where all Catholics go to Mass every Sunday, if they are able? Yes there is! The country of Nigeria has some of the best Mass attendance in the world. 94% of Catholics attend Mass at least every Sunday. In comparison, the United States is about 24%. The interesting thing is – Mass is very easy to get to in the United States. Take, for example, where I grew up in Cincinnati. There are 70 Catholic churches in Hamilton County, Ohio. You couldn't spit without hitting a Catholic church (not that you should). In comparison, Mass is a lot harder to get to in Nigeria. And that doesn't even take into account the fact that, in Nigeria, it is very dangerous to be a Christian. There are militant Muslim groups who attack Christian churches and many times kill its members. A bomb could go off during Sunday Mass. And this is the place that has 94% of Catholics going to Mass every Sunday or more often than that.

We are very privileged that we have so many opportunities to go to Mass. This fact will not change with the new weekend Mass schedule. Instead, it is my fervent hope that we will grow in our love for the Mass and will become a vibrant Catholic community.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

Las Antorchas están Encendidas

Cómo Determinamos el Nuevo Horario, Parte 2

Una parte significativa de nuestras discusiones en el Consejo Pastoral Familiar, mientras elaborábamos el nuevo horario de Misas de fin de semana que entrará en vigor este otoño, fue que se necesitaba un cambio de mentalidad. Como saben, estamos obligados a asistir a Misa todos los domingos y días de precepto. Y nuestra experiencia puede sentirse precisamente así: una obligación. Pero, ¿qué pasaría si comenzáramos a verlo de otra manera? ¿Qué tal si empezamos a pensar en la Misa como una oportunidad de encontrarnos con el Dios vivo, Jesucristo, de la forma más real posible? ¿Qué tal si nos acercamos a la Misa como un privilegio?

¿Alguna vez se han preguntado: cuál es el lugar en el mundo con la mejor asistencia a Misa? ¿Existe un lugar donde todos los católicos van a Misa cada domingo, si pueden? ¡Sí, existe! El país de Nigeria tiene una de las mejores asistencias a Misa del mundo. El 94% de los católicos asisten a Misa al menos cada domingo. En comparación, en Estados Unidos la cifra es de aproximadamente 24%. Lo interesante es que en Estados Unidos es muy fácil asistir a Misa. Por ejemplo, en mi ciudad natal, Cincinnati, hay 70 iglesias católicas solo en el condado de Hamilton, Ohio. No se podía caminar mucho sin encontrarse con una iglesia católica. En comparación, en Nigeria es mucho más difícil llegar a Misa. Y eso sin contar que en Nigeria es muy peligroso ser cristiano. Existen grupos musulmanes extremistas que atacan las iglesias cristianas y muchas veces asesinan a sus miembros. Una bomba podría explotar durante la Misa dominical. Y, sin embargo, este es el lugar donde el 94% de los católicos asisten a Misa todos los domingos o incluso con más frecuencia.

Somos muy privilegiados de tener tantas oportunidades para asistir a Misa. Este hecho no cambiará con el nuevo horario de Misas de fin de semana. Más bien, es mi ferviente esperanza que crezcamos en nuestro amor por la Misa y que lleguemos a ser una comunidad católica vibrante.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

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.
- Fishers of Faith men's group meeting in the St. Teresa church basement following Adoration every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Fishers of Faith

On September 14th, a new prayer and study group called Fishers of Faith will be holding a Community Lunch following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Bernard. From 10:00-11:00 a.m., Fishers of Faith will be serving bacon and egg sandwiches in Metzdorf Hall. This is a special opportunity for the St. Rose Family Parishes community to unite in Christ and fellowship. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

CLC Meeting for September

Catholic Ladies of Columbia will meet for lunch and meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025 at noon in Fr. Collins Hall located in the basement of St. Teresa Church. Please bring your own lunch; drinks will be provided. Our guest speaker will be our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Robert Hale. Please plan to attend this special meeting to welcome Fr. Hale to our community of parishes.

Our Gifts to the Lord										
	St. Raphael		St. Bernard	nard St. Teresa		St. Joseph		St. Charles		
Collection for August 17	\$	3,973.00	\$	9,830.21	\$	12,297.00	\$	2,291.00	\$	1,409.00

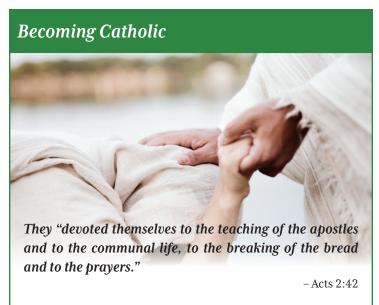
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Latino Festival Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Latino Festival will not be held this year. This special event is a time for us to come together in joy, culture, and community, and we look forward to celebrating with you again in 2026. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Confirmation and First Communion

Classes start September 15th. There will be a mass email sent out this weekend. All the information on these classes will be up this weekend or so on the website strosefamily.org.



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 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.



Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Video Bible Study

 $\label{eq:Ages 18 & up} Ages 18 \& up \\ 1st \& 3rd Wednesdays | 7:00-9:00 p.m.$

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



Ages 18 & up 2nd Wednesday | 7:00-9:00 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.



Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Saint of the Day: September 5 Patron Saint of World Youth Day and The Missionaries of Charity

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. In public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong

interest in the foreign missions. At 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin and was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India, where she chose the name Teresa. She was assigned to a high school in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy, but he could not escape the reality of the the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people around her. In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call...I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them."

She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. In a white sari and sandals – the ordinary dress of an Indian woman – she began getting to know her neighbors and their needs through visits to the poor and sick.

In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people.

For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. She crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

Read the full article: "Saint Teresa of Calcutta" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-teresa-of-calcutta/ (Accessed July 24, 2025)

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September: 8, 15, 22, 30 October: 13, 20, 27 November: 10 December: 1, 15 January: 19, 26 February: 2, 9, 16, 23 March: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 20: Practice

☆ Holy Days of Obligation

December 8: Immaculate Conception
December 25: Christmas
January 1: Mary, Mother of God

O Confirmation Mass

Tuesday, April 28 · 6:30 PM

St. Raphael Church



Like roses in bloom, may your faith grow ever deeper and more radiant.



The St. Bernard Conference SVdP 5th Sunday 2nd Collection is scheduled for the weekend of August 30 and 31. A personal hygiene items drive for the SVdP District Council Food Pantry will be held the weekend of September 13 and 14 in the parking lot at

St. Bernard. Top requested items include: regular size toothpaste, single pack toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, disposable razors and manual can openers. Your generosity is a gift of hope that shows God's love to our neighbors experiencing a difficult time in their lives. Thank You.



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