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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

Call a Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGES

Call Fr. Chris at 937-870-2865.

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Pastor's Corner



From the Pastor, September 7, 2025

Unconditional surrender. This is what Jesus demands in the Gospel for today (Luke 14:25-33). "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his

possessions cannot be my disciple." These are strong words – do we have the ears to hear them? As I have constantly said, it is so much easier not to be a Christian than to be a Christian, and this is one facet of it.

We live in a luxurious society and have many things. It is kind of like those bumper stickers that people sometimes have on their cars that imply that their dog or cat is in charge of their lives – do our possessions possess us? Do they own us, run our lives? This is a major obstacle for us if we are trying to be true and authentic Christians. As Jesus says in another place in the Gospel: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be." If the Lord God is our treasure, then we will end up with Him forever. If our treasure is something else, then we will not end up with Him forever. Let us accept the good God's loving invitation to us; let us follow Jesus Christ closely as His disciples.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

Del Párroco, 7 Septiembre 2025

Rendición incondicional. Esto es lo que Jesús demanda en el Evangelio para hoy (Lucas 14:25-33). "Cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todas sus posesiones no puede ser mi discípulo." Estas son palabras fuertes – ¿tenemos los oídos para escucharlas? Como he dicho constantemente, es mucho más fácil no ser cristiano que ser cristiano, y esta es una faceta de ello.

Vivimos en una sociedad lujosa y tenemos muchas cosas. Es un poco como esas calcomanías que la gente a veces tiene en sus autos que insinúan que su perro o gato está a cargo de sus vidas – ¿nuestras posesiones nos poseen? ¿Nos poseen, dirigen nuestras vidas? Este es un gran obstáculo para nosotros si estamos tratando de ser cristianos verdaderos y auténticos. Como Jesús dice en otro lugar en el Evangelio: "Donde esté tu tesoro, allí estará también tu corazón." Si el Señor Dios es nuestro tesoro, entonces terminaremos con Él para siempre. Si nuestro tesoro es otra cosa, entonces no terminaremos con Él para siempre. Aceptemos la amorosa invitación de nuestro buen Dios hacia nosotros, sigamos a Jesucristo de cerca como Sus discípulos.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, September 8 ... Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 Tuesday, September 9 Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 Wednesday, September 10 .. Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26 Thursday, September 11 ... Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 Friday, September 12 ... 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42 Saturday, September 13 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 Sunday, September 14 Numbers 21:4b-9; John 3:13-17

Mass Attend (English Masses only		August 23/24, 2025					
Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %				
St. Raphael	511	129/187	25%/36%				
St. Teresa	434	122/184	28%/42%				
St. Bernard	420	156/208	37%/49%				
St. Joseph	368	116	31%				
St. Charles	180	54	30%				

Mass Schedule and Intentions:

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Sunday, Sep	otember 7	111111							
8:00 a.m.	St. Charles	🕆 🕆 Tom Heintzman							
8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph	╬ Harriet Hohn,							
		骨 Doreen Bickers							
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	廿 Dave and Ruth Folz							
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	[†] Homer and Joanne Sanders							
10:30 a.m.	St. Raphael	☆ Bill Monaghan							
11:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜William Buddy Hackett							
2:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	† Manuel Matinez							
3:30 p.m.	St. Raphael	St. Rose Family Parishioners							
Monday, September 8									
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	Jacquelyn Juergens							
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	∜ Suzanne Lohrer							
Tuesday, Se	ptember 9								
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	Doan Family							
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	∜ Andy Murphy							
Wednesday, September 10									
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Marilyn Aldridge							
12:10 p.m.	St. Raphael	∜ Jane Flanigan							
2:30 p.m.	St. Teresa	∜Antonia Trejo							
Thursday, September 11									
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜Thomas Leo Herzog							
12:10 p.m.	St. Raphael	∜ Synthia Spencer							
Friday, Sept	tember 12								
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Mary Kleismit							
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	Jet Greene							
Saturday, S	eptember 13								
8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	∜ Linda J. O'Neill							
4:30 p.m.	St. Raphael	육 Barda Dunn							
4:30 p.m.	St. Bernard	骨 John, Marilyn,							
		Frannie Ahern							
		† Deceased							

The Beacons Are Lit

Addressing Fears, Part 1

The biggest fear with a change in weekend Mass times seems to be that a church is closing. But, as you can see, from the schedule, every church has a weekend Mass. Many think that not having a weekend Mass is the closing of a church, but that is actually not the case. It may lead to it, but is not closing in itself. To say it plainly right now: no churches are closing. Even though we will become one parish soon, no churches are closing right now.

However, that is not to say that, sometime, possibly in the near future, we will decide to stop using some of our churches or properties and ask the Archbishop to close them. I spend a lot of time doing administration, as I hope you know, working hard to run this whole situation we call a Family of Parishes. And in running the numbers, I estimate that we probably have enough money to run 2 churches really well (hot take: we could actually all fit into one of our churches in Springfield) – or 5 churches in the way we have been running them. And, as we have already seen, the way things have always been done has not been working – our churches have been in steady and precipitous decline.

What if we envision a different future? What if we made sacrifices for the good of the whole, especially for the good of our young, who are no longer engaged in the church? What I envision is a real effort of religious outreach or evangelization which can transform not only our Catholic church in Clark County but also the whole of the county. This is possible, through the grace of God. All things are possible for God.

In Christ, Fr. 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? 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 who, through your witness, is open to becoming Catholic? Have them get in touch with Nic at nic@ strosefamily.org.

Las Antorchas están Encendidas

Afrontando los miedos, Parte 1

El mayor miedo con un cambio en los horarios de Misa de fin de semana parece ser que una iglesia se está cerrando. Pero, como pueden ver en el horario, cada iglesia tiene una Misa de fin de semana. Muchos piensan que no tener una Misa de fin de semana es el cierre de una iglesia, pero en realidad no es así. Puede llevar a eso, pero no es en sí mismo un cierre. Para decirlo claramente ahora mismo: ninguna iglesia se está cerrando. Aunque pronto nos convertiremos en una sola parroquia, ninguna iglesia se está cerrando ahora mismo.

Sin embargo, eso no quiere decir que, en algún momento, posiblemente en un futuro cercano, decidamos dejar de usar algunas de nuestras iglesias o propiedades y pidamos al Arzobispo que las cierre. Paso mucho tiempo haciendo administración, como espero que sepan, trabajando duro para manejar toda esta situación que llamamos una Familia de Parroquias. Y al revisar los números, estimo que probablemente tengamos suficiente dinero para manejar 2 iglesias realmente bien (dato contundente: en realidad todos podríamos caber en una de nuestras iglesias en Springfield) – o 5 iglesias de la manera en que las hemos estado manejando. Y, como ya hemos visto, la forma en que siempre se han hecho las cosas no ha estado funcionando – nuestras iglesias han estado en un declive constante y precipitado.

¿Qué pasaría si visualizamos un futuro diferente? ¿Qué pasaría si hiciéramos sacrificios por el bien del conjunto, especialmente por el bien de nuestros jóvenes, que ya no participan en la iglesia? Lo que yo imagino es un verdadero esfuerzo de alcance religioso o evangelización que pueda transformar no solo nuestra iglesia católica en el Condado de Clark sino también todo el condado. Esto es posible, por la gracia de Dios. Todas las cosas son posibles para Dios.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski



Dear Ladies,

In Mary's Name Sodality's July meeting was such a hit, we decided to host another Bunco Party.

Place: St. Teresa's (has elevator and card tables).

Date: Thursday, October 9th

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Bring a snack to share and consider bringing a friend along, Water and soft drinks will be provided

RSVP is a must. Call or text Marilyn Linton at 937-215-3137 to RSVP. If you need a ride, please let Marilyn know when you RSVP. Freewill offering accepted but not mandatory.

Thank you , Alicia DeWitt

Our Gifts to the Lord											
	St. Raphael		St. Bernard			St. Teresa		St. Joseph		St. Charles	
Collection for August 24	\$	5,179.00	\$	8,818.30	\$	6,987.00	\$	4,157.00	\$	821.00	

Thank you for your continued generosity!

A Celebration of Our Patroness – St. Rose of Lima



What a beautiful and grace-filled celebration we shared together as a parish family in honor of our Patroness, St. Rose of Lima. This celebration was a resounding success—made possible not simply by planning or effort alone, but by the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us as one family of faith. Your presence, your generosity, and your joy bore witness to the love of Christ alive in our community.

On behalf of our parish, I extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talents, and prayers to make this day such a beautiful tribute to our heavenly Patroness.

May this celebration inspire us to continue living as St. Rose did—with humility, courage, and an unshakable faith in God's love. Let us go forward renewed, on fire with the Holy Spirit, and ready to serve Christ in one another.

St. Teresa Church Coir.

Choir is starting September 7, with practice beginning at 10:00 a.m. $\,$

We would love to expand our musical offerings with the addition of voices!

Any age, experience or vocal range is welcome to join this vibrant choir. Let your voice praise our Lord and be part of a gift that keeps on giving.

A Thank-you From Fr. Elijah

I finally got through all the cards from my going away party, so I wanted to say thank you to everyone who made it possible. Firstly, I need to say thank you to all the staff and committee members that planned the event. It was a wonderful opportunity to say farewell to everyone, and I appreciate the effort you all made to make it possible. Thanks also to the band for the entertainment, and to Carmae for the food, both very important for a party!

A big thanks to everyone for coming out to show your appreciation and say farewell. My family was VERY impressed with how many people were there. It really meant a lot to them, and of course even more so to me. Thank you all as well for all the cards. Needless to say, I was shocked with how many there were, part of the reason it has taken this long, (though definitely not the only reason). Equally shocking were all the generous gifts included in them, and similarly touching the kind words written. It was heartwarming getting to read them all and be reminded of the support I have back in Springfield and South Charleston.

Thanks as well for all the prayers as I begin my new assignment. It has been a great experience so far in West Chester, Sharonville, and Glendale. We will soon be taking the name St. Carlo Acutis for our family of parishes, as soon as he is canonized this month. Praying it is not delayed again. Praying also for all of you in the St. Rose Family, especially Fr. Hale as he goes through similar challenges as me entering a new parish, and of course Fr. Chris with the challenges as a pastor. God Bless you all, and follow our Lord Jesus courageously!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Elijah Puthoff

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 a.m. to 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.

Meijer Simply Give Campaign – Support St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

The Springfield Meijer store has chosen our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry as its partner for the Fall *Simply Give* campaign, running now through the end of September.

During this time, \$10.00 *Simply Give* donation cards may be purchased at the Springfield Meijer. Meijer will turn all donations into food-only gift cards for our pantry to purchase groceries, baby formula, diapers, and other essentials for families in need.

Special Giving Day: On *Saturday, September 13, 2025*, Meijer will *double match* every \$10.00 donation—turning it into \$30.00 for our pantry!

Thank you for your generous support in helping feed hungry families in our community.

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.
- 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.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Video Bible Study

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

Meeting at St. Raphael Parish Office, 225 E. High Street. For more information, email Nic 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 and fellowship! You don't need to sign up, just contact Nic at nic@strosefamily.org if you have any questions.





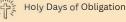
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Attendance at Mass on Holy Days is an important part of our Catholic faith and preparation for the Sacraments. Please remember to attend with your family. These fall within our preparation period.

December 8 - Immaculate Conception December 25 - Christmas

January 1 - Mary, Mother of God



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