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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.

BAPTISM

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MARRIAGES

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Pastor's Corner



From the Pastor, September 21, 2025

Who do you serve? This is the fundamental question which Jesus asks in the Gospel today (Luke 16:1-13). It may seem an odd question, but it gets to the core of the Christian calling. We always serve someone.

When Satan told God, "Non serviam – I will not serve," he didn't swear off serving at all, he simply decided to serve himself instead of God. We always serve someone.

But we can't serve multiple masters, as Jesus says. "He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other." The challenge of this life is to love the one master, the one true God, and to set aside all other masters. This is not an easy task—there is no time in this life where we can say that I've "done enough" or I've "made it." It is a continual growth which has no upper limit. We have been adopted as beloved sons and daughters of the Father and our whole lives should be lived with this as our first identity.

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

Del Párroco,

21 Septiembre 2025

¿A quién sirves? Esta es la pregunta fundamental que Jesús plantea en el Evangelio de hoy (Lucas 16, 1-13). Puede parecer una pregunta extraña, pero llega al corazón mismo de la vocación cristiana. Siempre servimos a alguien. Cuando Satanás le dijo a Dios: "Non serviam – No serviré," no renunció a servir por completo; simplemente decidió servirse a sí mismo en lugar de a Dios. Siempre servimos a alguien.

Pero no podemos servir a múltiples señores, como dice Jesús: "Odiará a uno y amará al otro, o se entregará a uno y despreciará al otro." El desafío de esta vida es amar al único Señor, al único Dios verdadero, y dejar de lado a todos los demás amos. Esta no es una tarea fácil: no existe un momento en esta vida en el que podamos decir "ya hice suficiente" o "ya lo logré." Es un crecimiento continuo que no tiene límite superior. Hemos sido adoptados como hijos e hijas amados del Padre, y toda nuestra vida debe vivirse con esta como nuestra primera identidad.

En Cristo, P. Komoroski

Weekly Scripture Readings Monday, September 22 Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18 Tuesday, September 23 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,14-20; Lk 8:19-21 Wednesday, September 24 Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6 Thursday, September 25 Hag 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9 Friday, September 26 Hag 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22 Saturday, September 27 Zech 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45 Sunday, September 28 Am 6:1a, 4-7; Lk 16:19-31

Mass Atten (English Masses only		September 6/7, 2025				
Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %			
St. Raphael	511	119/185	23%/36%			
St. Teresa	434	118/218	27%50%			
St. Bernard	420	139/162	33%38%			
St. Joseph	368	116	31%			
St. Charles	180	57	31%			

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8:00 am	St. Teresa	∜Albert and				
		∜ Mary Ann Morgan				
9:00 am	St. Bernard	George Belcher				
10:30 am	St. Raphael	∜ Bill Monaghan				
11:00 am	St. Teresa	🕆 Deacon Phil Kenzora				
2:00 pm	St. Teresa	∜ Alfonso Baron				
3:30 pm	St. Raphael	St. Rose Family Parishioners				
Monday, Sej	ptember 22					
8:00 am	St. Teresa	Don Geron				
9:00 am	St. Bernard	∜ Mary Kay Foley				
Tuesday, Se	ntember 23					
8:00 am	St. Teresa	∜ Mary Ann McGuff				
9:00 am	St. Bernard	∜ Howard Griggs				
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8:00 am	St. Teresa	† Howard Stahl				
9:00 am	St. Bernard	† Charles & Alameda Nelson/				
		∜Harold & Helen Logsdon				
Saturday, Se	-					
8:00 am	St. Teresa	St. Rose Family Parishioners				
4:30 pm	St. Raphael	∜Stan & Estelle Sikorski				
4.00	Ct. D.	Doug Brandle II				
4:30 pm	St. Bernard	∜ Tony Cavanaugh				
		Deceased				

The Beacons Are Lit

Addressing Fears, Part 3

In changing Mass times, we recognize either explicitly or implicitly that things will not be the same. One thing that can hamper us is pining longingly for a vibrant Catholic past. So many have told me all about the history of our churches in Clark County, which I have been absolutely fascinated to hear. There used to be so many priests, so many full churches, so many full schools, so many people, so many activities.

We do not live in that time any longer. We live in the present. I think of that very powerful scene in the Lord of the Rings when Frodo, who has just taken on the heavy burden of taking the Ring of Power to be destroyed, says, "I wish the Ring had never come to me. I wish none of this had happened." To which Gandalf replies, "So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."

We live in the present, hopeful for a vibrant future. I invite each of you to do your part in helping to build this vibrant future. Things will not be the same as they have been – they can be better. Communities will shift – let's move into the future with great hope!

In Christ, Fr. Komoroski

Las Antorchas están Encendidas

Abordando los Temores, Parte 3

Al cambiar los horarios de Misa, reconocemos, explícita o implícitamente, que las cosas no serán las mismas. Una de las cosas que puede frenarnos es añorar con nostalgia un pasado católico vibrante. Muchos me han contado toda la historia de nuestras iglesias en el Condado de Clark, y me ha fascinado escucharla. Había tantos sacerdotes, tantas iglesias llenas, tantas escuelas llenas, tantas personas, tantas actividades.

Ya no vivimos en ese tiempo. Vivimos en el presente. Pienso en esa escena tan poderosa de El Señor de los Anillos cuando Frodo, que acaba de asumir la pesada carga de llevar el Anillo de Poder para ser destruido, dice: "Ojalá el Anillo nunca hubiera llegado a mí. Ojalá nada de esto hubiera pasado." A lo que Gandalf responde: "Así piensan todos los que viven tiempos como estos, pero eso no les corresponde decidir. Lo único que tenemos que decidir es qué hacer con el tiempo que se nos ha dado."

Vivimos en el presente, esperanzados en un futuro vibrante. Los invito a cada uno de ustedes a poner de su parte para ayudar a construir este futuro vibrante. Las cosas no serán como antes: pueden ser mejores. Las comunidades cambiarán: avancemos hacia el futuro con gran esperanza.

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

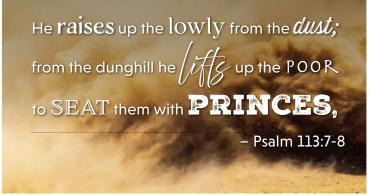
We are excited to hear about what the Lord is beginning or continuing to do in your life. The process of becoming Catholic is called OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is designed to help us unpack the teaching of the Apostles so that we can burn with the same desire for Jesus as they 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? 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.





Our Gifts to the Lord									
	St. Raphael		St. Bernard	rnard St. Teresa		St. Joseph		St. Charles	
Collection for September 7	\$	\$2,859.00	N/A	\$	6,646.00	\$	3,982.00	\$	2,743.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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

Deepening Group

...we're back!!!



Tuesday, October 14, 2025 7:00-8:00 p.m. St. Raphael Narthex

Deepening is a small prayer group resting in repetitive sacred music. We listen to and sing with a CD. The experience allows deep concentration through repetition and the elimination of distraction.

Each person who chooses to do so, will name a prayer intention that will then be the focus of our group throughout one song. This allows for deep, prayerful concentration a concern, supported by the music.

Please join with us in singing, praying and opening our hearts to God!...Honest, no music ability needed!!

Take every opportunity to sing the Psalms in your heart and understand them in your mind.

-St. Romauld

Do your loved ones know your wishes for your final resting place? Here are Two Opportunities

Gate of Heaven Cemetery Open House October 11-12

- Understanding: Catholic Teaching on End of Life, Wills and Estate Planning, and Hospice Care
- Learn more at gateofheaven.org

Pre-Planning Seminars

October 21, November 25 Schedule for 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM, or 6:00 PM

Call (513) 489-0300 to plan today with a Family Service Advisor



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.



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.
- Monday Evening Bible Study, St. Joseph Parish Center, September 22-November 17, 2025, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Choir Time

"Make a joyful sound..." - Psalm 100

The choirs of the St. Rose Family of Parishes are now resuming their ministry of music.

The **Adult Choir of** *St. Bernard* rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Bernard Church. The choir's first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 25, and will begin singing for the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass on October 5. The *St. Bernard* **Guitar Group** sings on the last Saturday of the month at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, rehearsing 45 minutes before Mass. The *St. Bernard* **Youth / Young Adult Choir** sings on the first Saturday of the month at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, rehearsing on the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 3:30-4:30pm. The **Funeral Choir** joins to sing for scheduled funerals as members are able, with no advance rehearsal.

The **Choir of** *St. Joseph* rehearses on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the choir loft at St. Joseph Church. The choir resumed rehearsals on September 9, and sings for the Sunday 8:00am Mass, with a brief warm-up 10 to 15 minutes before Mass.

The **Choir of** *St. Raphael* rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft at St. Raphael Church. The choir's first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 24, and will begin singing for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass on September 28. The choir gathers to warm-up/rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. The **Choir of** *St. Teresa* resumed singing for the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass on September 7. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:40 a.m., before Mass

The choir season generally runs through Pentecost (May 26, 2026), and possibly through the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 7, 2026). The style of music used in our liturgies ranges from traditional and classical to contemporary. This is a commitment on the part of choir members that is greatly appreciated. There is a possibility for part-time choir members to participate during the Advent/Christmas and/or Lent/Easter seasons. Please discuss this possibility with one of the music directors either in person or by email, as follows:

- St. Bernard Ann Garrity ann@strosefamily.org
- St. Joseph Anna Wilson anna@strosefamily.org
- St. Raphael Mike Ahern mike@strosefamily.org
- St. Teresa Jennifer Korte jennifer@strosefamily.org

If you have not been involved with one of the choirs in the past, but have an interest in participating this year, feel free to join in one of the initial rehearsals and/or make yourself known to the director. The ability to read music is a benefit, but not a requirement. If you are a competent instrumentalist interested in sharing your talent, you also are invited to join a rehearsal or contact a director. Singers not otherwise involved at St. Charles are certainly welcome to join any of the other church choirs.

As in the past choir year, liturgies will occur this year, allowing individual choirs to again "join forces" in combined sung worship. This could be a powerful and vibrant experience for all those involved.

Choir participation is a good opportunity to share your gift with our church community and in praise to our Lord. Thank you for your consideration.



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