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# Sunday Mass Schedule

## **Saturday**

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

# Sunday

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph - 8:30 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

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# Vicar's Corner

# From the Pastor, November 30, 2025

Happy new year, good people! Advent, as you remember, is the beginning of our new church year. Because we are Christians, we have a different axis around which we revolve. We consider time differently because we know that time is a creation of the loving God and we mark it in ways to honor Him. Jesus Christ is our center point, everything revolves around Him. As is very poetically stated in the motto of the most intense monastic community we have, the Carthusians: "Stat crux dum volvitur orbis," which is Latin for "The Cross is steady while the world turns."

Advent is that time of preparation, of waiting for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We prepare ourselves through the Confession of our sins (we do not want to come to the King with stains upon us) and through diligent prayer. Our walk through Advent should be a gradual climbing of the mountain, like the one described in the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah. Let us be "instructed" by the word of the Lord which comes to us during this season and be transformed by that word.

In Christ, Fr. Komo

# Del Vicario, 30 de Noviembre de 2025

¡Feliz Año Nuevo, buena gente! El Adviento, como recordarán, es el comienzo de nuestro nuevo año litúrgico. Como somos cristianos, tenemos un eje distinto alrededor del cual giramos. Consideramos el tiempo de manera diferente porque sabemos que el tiempo es una creación del Dios amoroso y lo marcamos de maneras que lo honran a Él. Jesucristo es nuestro punto central; todo gira en torno a Él. Como se expresa muy poéticamente en el lema de la comunidad monástica más intensa que tenemos, los cartujos: "Stat crux dum volvitur orbis," que en latín significa: "La Cruz permanece firme mientras el mundo gira."

El Adviento es ese tiempo de preparación, de espera por la venida de Jesús en Navidad. Nos preparamos mediante la confesión de nuestros pecados (no queremos presentarnos ante el Rey con manchas sobre nosotros) y mediante la oración diligente. Nuestro caminar por el Adviento debe ser una ascensión gradual de la montaña, como la que se describe en la primera lectura del profeta Isaías. Permitamos que la palabra del Señor que nos llega durante este tiempo nos "instruya" y que seamos transformados por esa palabra.

En Cristo, P. Komo

# Weekly Scripture Readings

Mon, Dec. 1	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tues, Dec. 2	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed, Dec. 3	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thurs, Dec. 4l	s 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri, Dec. 5	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sat, Dec. 6 Is 30:	:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun, Dec. 7Is	s 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Mass Attendo (English Masses only		November 15/16, 2025					
Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %				
St. Raphael	511	245	47%				
St. Teresa	434	224	51%				
St. Bernard	St. Bernard 420		59%/58%				
St. Joseph	St. Joseph 368		43%				

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# Mass Schedule and Intentions:

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St. Charles

Sunday No	ovember 30	WE PRO
8:00 a.m.		廿 Chris Pitstick, William & Martha Walters
	St. Bernard	† Catherine and Eddie Cavanaugh
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	St. Raphael	† Carlos Castillo
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		† Katie Ferryman
•	St. Teresa	Marry Ellan O'Drian
		Mary Ellen O'Brien
_	St. Charles	한 Julia Smith
•	St. Bernard	† Pearl & John Grisso
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	St. Joseph	한 Doug Caylor, Helen Hannon
	St. Bernard	†Tom Myers
	St. Raphael	† James Lenard
	St. Teresa	⊕ Deacon Phil Kenzora, Mary Lois Rinehart
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3:30 p.m.	St. Raphael	Celebrant's Intention

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St. Raphael		St. Bernard		St. Teresa		St. Joseph		St. Charles		
Collection for November 16	\$	3,125.00	\$	6,683.00	\$	5,639.00	\$	2,334.00	\$	1,156.00

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# **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.

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.

# Join Our Prayer Team (Formerly known as the Prayer Chain)

Do you have a heart for intercessory prayer? We're inviting parishioners who feel called to pray for the needs of others to join our Prayer Team. Once you sign up, you'll gain access to our new Prayer Request system and receive guidance on how best to support others through prayer.

To learn more or to join, please contact Nic at nic@strosefamily.org.



Join us for our new Monthly Meal & Mingling at St. Charles! We'll gather on the second Saturday of each month following the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome to come share a meal, enjoy good company, and strengthen our parish community. The menu will change each month, so there's always something new to look forward to!

Bring your family, invite a friend, and stay after Mass for great food and fellowship.

# What Are We Waiting For?

Join us for a special Advent talk with Fr. Hale as he offers spiritual guidance on how to wait well and more deeply embrace this holy season.

Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation – an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Fr. Hale will share both practical and spiritual insights to help us live this season of grace more intentionally and meaningfully.

Wednesday, December 3 | 6:00–7:00 p.m.

St. Teresa Church Basement

Come and discover how learning to wait can draw us closer to Christ and enrich our Catholic faith.

# Submitting to the Sunday Bulletin – Made Simple!

To help make it easier and more consistent for everyone to share parish news, we've created a new online submission form for the Sunday bulletin. This new process will help streamline submissions, keep everything organized, and reduce the back-and-forth emails that sometimes make things confusing.

Submissions are due by Monday, one week before the desired Sunday of publication. Items are included as space allows and may be edited for clarity or length.

If you'd like to include a parish event, ministry update, or community notice in the Sunday bulletin, please scan the QR code that will link to the form.

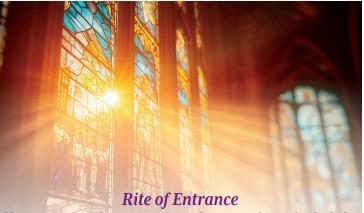
# **Prayer and Study Opportunities**

- 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.
- Tuesday Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in Metzdorf Hall. For more information, call: Patty Brugger 937-322-9993.

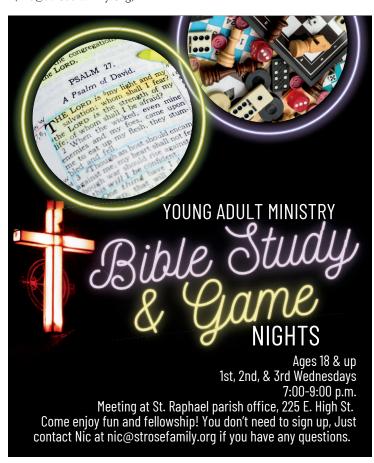
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# **Counters Needed**

The St. Rose Family of Parishes is in need of counters to help with the Sunday collection. If you are able to assist, please contact Chelsea Martinez at 937-340-1495.



Please join us as those preparing to be received into the Catholic Church take this first public step toward the Easter Sacraments. The Rite of Entrance & Welcome is the official beginning of their journey, thus stating that they will become Catholic, no matter how long it takes. It is a wonderful chance for our parish community to support these men and women in the beautiful journey of falling in love with Christ and His Church. This will be held the evening of December 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Raphael Church. It will be largely a Liturgy of the Word. After the service, those in OCIA will go down to have regular instruction and a meal, but the rest of you may stay and pray if you wish, thanking God for these wonderful people. No need to RSVP. Any questions can be directed to Nic (nic@strosefamily.org).



# Feeding the Community

# St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket Program 2025

We hope to provide Christmas food baskets for up to 1,200 families that are struggling to cover the costs essential to relieving the stressful holiday hunger issues suffered by our local poor. A \$45.00 donation will provide a food box – plenty

for one family Christmas dinner – although any size donation will be greatly appreciated. Like in past years, specific menu items  $\,$ 

can also be purchased for a larger donation. Contact St Vincent de Paul at 937-323-4277 for more details, or contact Casey Rollins. Donations can be mailed to: St. Vincent de Paul, PO Box 94, Springfield, Ohio 45501-0094.



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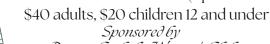


Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

9am-2:30 (free & open to public)

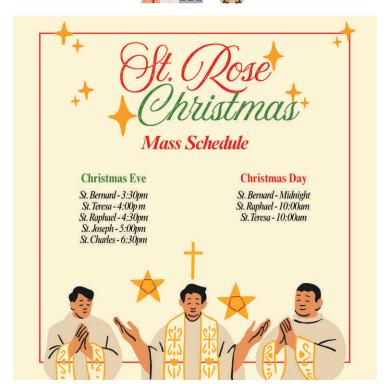
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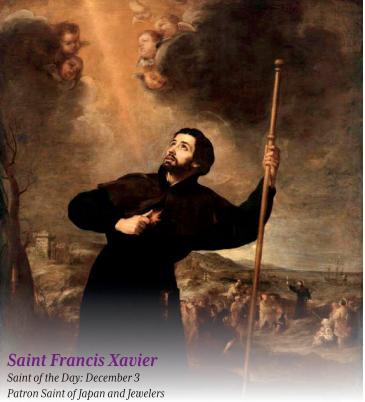
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Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years, he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Read the full article: "Saint Francis Xavier" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-xavier/ (Accessed November 14, 2025).



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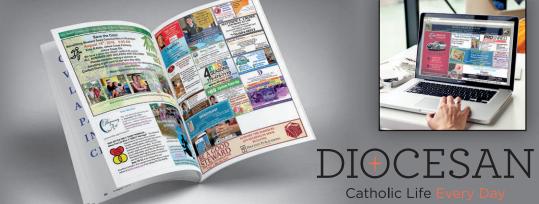
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