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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025

#### Pastor's Corner

#### From the Pastor, December 7, 2025

St. John the Baptist is a strange bird, there's no doubt about it. His presence as the forerunner of Jesus is kind of like the trumpet that announces the presence of the King – at least that is how it is when kings are shown in the cartoons. The trumpet is clearly an announcement of some kind, but it also has another purpose. It is so loud that I think it may be to wake people up as well. And St. John the Baptist is definitely doing that, speaking in such a way that would really get the blood flowing. His words to the Sadducees and Pharisees in today's Gospel (Mt 3:1-12) would likely make them rather angry.

But the thing that should wake us up more is found before that - "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" This can also be translated as "has drawn near" or even as "has arrived." We can feel the urgency here - the trumpet announces the king's arrival and that we should begin preparations right now, not that we should leisurely begin our preparations after we have finished our lunch and taken a nap, and then start thinking about it. As our Advent preparation for Christmas continues, we can receive St. John the Baptist's trumpet call and be spurred on with greater urgency to prepare the way of the Lord.

> In Christ. Fr. Komo

#### Del Párroco, 7 de Diciembre de 2025

San Juan Bautista es un personaje extraño, no hay duda de ello. Su presencia como el precursor de Jesús es como la trompeta que anuncia la llegada del Rey – al menos así es como aparecen los reyes en las caricaturas. La trompeta es claramente un anuncio de algún tipo, pero también tiene otro propósito. Es tan fuerte que creo que también sirve para despertar a la gente. Y San Juan Bautista definitivamente hace eso, hablando de una manera que realmente hace que la sangre circule. Sus palabras a los saduceos y fariseos en el Evangelio de hoy (Mt 3, 1-12) probablemente los habrían puesto bastante enojados.

Pero lo que debería despertarnos aún más se encuentra antes de eso: "¡Arrepiéntanse, porque el Reino de los Cielos está cerca!" Esto también puede traducirse como "se ha acercado" o incluso "ha llegado." Aquí podemos sentir la urgencia: la trompeta anuncia la llegada del Rey y que debemos comenzar los preparativos ahora mismo, no que debamos comenzar tranquilamente después de terminar el almuerzo, tomar una siesta y luego empezar a pensar en ello. A medida que continúa preparación de Adviento para nuestra Navidad, podemos recibir el toque de trompeta de San Juan Bautista y dejarnos impulsar con una mayor urgencia para preparar el camino del Señor.

En Cristo, P. Komo

#### Weekly Scripture Readings

Mon, Dec. 8... Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ep 1:3-6, 11-12; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 1:26-38 Wed, Dec. 10 ...... Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30 Fri, Dec. 12 ......Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 Sat, Dec. 13 ...... Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Sun, Dec. 14....... Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Ja 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

#### Mass Attendance (English Masses only)

#### November 22/23, 2025

Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %			
St. Raphael	511	224	44%			
St. Teresa	434	243	56% 52%/50% 42%			
St. Bernard	420	220/208				
St. Joseph	368	156				
St. Charles	180	77	43%			

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions:

#### Sunday, December 7

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph † Doug Caylor, Helen Hannon

8:30 a.m. St. Bernard & Tom Myers 10:30 a.m. St. Raphael & James Leonard

11:00 a.m. St. Teresa Deacon Phil Kenzora, Mary Lois Rinehart

2:00 p.m. St. Teresa Celebrant's Intention 3:30 p.m. St. Raphael Celebrant's Intention

#### Monday, December 8

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa All our Parishioners 12:10 p.m. St. Raphael All our Parishioners

5:30 p.m. St. Bernard All our Parishioners All our Parishioners

6:30 p.m. St. Joseph

#### Tuesday, December 9

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa † Dave and Ruth Folz 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard ↑ Patty Brugger

#### Wednesday, December 10

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa ₱ Frank J. Zink

6:30 p.m. *St. Teresa* Celebrant's Intention

#### Thursday, December 11

12:10 p.m. St. Raphael Celebrant's Intention

#### Friday, December 12

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa † Patrick E. McLean 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard Penny & Ann Perry

#### Saturday, December 13

8:00 a.m. St. Teresa † Don McNeil, Justin White

4:30 p.m. *St. Charles* ⊕ Robert Cooper Jr.

4:30 p.m. St. Bernard \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Joseph Sr., Katie, and Joseph Jr. Whitacre

#### Sunday December 14

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 🕆 Chris Pitstick, Brett Hannon and Kathy Hannon

8:30 a.m. St. Bernard & K.O. Comer

2:00 p.m. St. Teresa Celebrant's Intention 3:30 p.m. St. Raphael Celebrant's Intention

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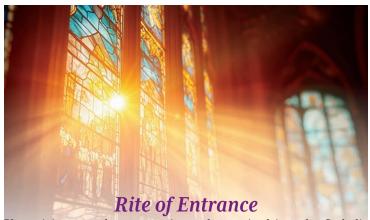
#### **Becoming Catholic**

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.



Please join us as those preparing to be received into the Catholic Church take this first public step towards 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 6:30pm 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).

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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 PM 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.



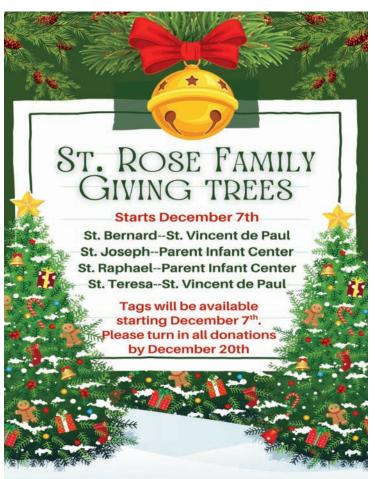
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Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 11 in Hoban Hall after the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Raphael where you can get supplies and instructions. For more information, contact Karen Lotz at 937-390-1724.

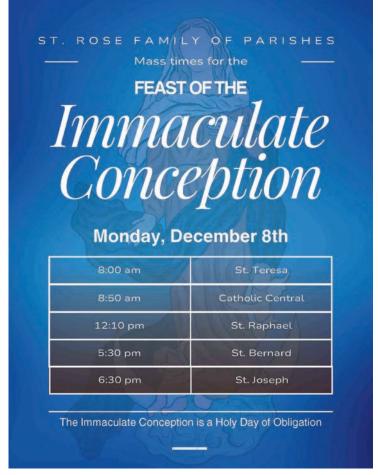
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- Rosary Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. (during the school year) at Catholic Central Chapel, back entrance.
- Catholic Men's Prayer and Study group. Every first and third Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Bernard's Metzdorf Hall.
- Rosary at St. Bernard 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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