



"Behold,

I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word."

the season of
Advent
2025

Sunday, December 14, 2025 | The Third Sunday of Advent

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St. Joseph, Springfield

St. Charles Borromeo, South Charleston

St. Raphael, Springfield

St. Teresa, Springfield

St. Rose

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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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Note, all submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

Pastor's Corner

From the Pastor, December 14, 2025

What did Jesus come to do? It seems like He gives a list of things that He has come to do in today's Gospel from the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Mt. 11:2-11). And it seems like each thing on this list seems to upstage the previous one. The blind regain their sight – that's extraordinary. But then the lame walk – that seems, from a certain perspective, better. But then lepers are cleansed – they had a death sentence, now they don't. Skipping the deaf hearing (the analogy doesn't work exactly, but don't let that get in the way), the dead are raised – that is the most extraordinary thing we have heard yet! You can't possibly upstage that!

And then we get to the last one – the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. Well, that seems like a big letdown. But I make the claim that it even upstages the dead being raised. The good news is this: that God, the Creator of all, desires for you to live forever with Him. And that Jesus has come to invite you to do this, through the forgiveness of sins and the sanctification of your soul. So, as we continue in this Advent season, we hear the words of St. James in the second reading: be patient. This life is meant to be a gradual growth in holiness – each of us is called to holiness, as the Church has constantly proclaimed and has been renewed in the emphasis given by the Second Vatican Council. The good news, the Gospel, is what we, the poor, have heard – and it is very, very good indeed.

In Christ,
Fr. Komo

Del Pastor, 14 de Diciembre de 2025

¿Qué vino a hacer Jesús? Parece que Él da una lista de cosas que ha venido a hacer en el Evangelio de hoy, del 3.er Domingo de Adviento (Mt 11, 2-11). Y parece que cada cosa en esta lista supera a la anterior. Los ciegos recuperan la vista: eso es extraordinario. Pero luego los cojos caminan: desde cierta perspectiva, eso es aún mejor. Pero después los leprosos quedan limpios: tenían una sentencia de muerte, y ahora ya no. Saltando a los sordos que oyen (la analogía no funciona exactamente, pero no dejemos que eso nos distraiga), los muertos resucitan: jeso es lo más extraordinario que hemos escuchado hasta ahora! ¡No se puede superar!

Y luego llegamos al último punto: a los pobres se les anuncia la buena noticia. Bueno, eso parece una gran decepción. Pero afirmó que incluso supera a los muertos que resucitan. La buena noticia es esta: que Dios, el Creador de todo, desea que vivas para siempre con Él. Y que Jesús ha venido a invitarte a hacer esto, mediante el perdón de los pecados y la santificación de tu alma. Así que, al continuar en esta temporada de Adviento, escuchamos las palabras de Santiago en la segunda lectura: tengan paciencia. Esta vida está destinada a ser un crecimiento gradual en la santidad: cada uno de nosotros está llamado a la santidad, como la Iglesia ha proclamado constantemente y cuya importancia ha sido renovada por el Concilio Vaticano II. La buena noticia, el Evangelio, es lo que nosotros, los pobres, hemos escuchado —y es, de verdad, muy, muy buena.

En Cristo,
P. Komo

Weekly Scripture Readings

Mon, Dec. 15 Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 21:23-27
Tues, Dec. 16 Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32
Wed, Dec. 17... Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thurs, Dec. 18 Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Fri, Dec. 19 ...Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sat, Dec. 20 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-28
Sun, Dec. 21 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Saturday, December 13

4:30 p.m. **St. Charles** † Robert Cooper Jr.
4:30 p.m. **St. Bernard** † 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
10:30 a.m. **St. Raphael** † Richard Rinker
11:00 a.m. **St. Teresa** † Mark & Marianne Frawley
2:00 p.m. **St. Teresa** Celebrant's Intention
3:30 p.m. **St. Raphael** Celebrant's Intention

Monday, December 15

8:00 a.m. **St. Teresa** † Denny Weeks
9:00 a.m. **St. Bernard** † Catherine and Eddie Cavanagh

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 a.m. **St. Teresa** † Deacon John Gould
9:00 a.m. **St. Bernard** † Katie Ferryman

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 a.m. **St. Teresa** † James and Irene Keys
12:10 p.m. **St. Raphael** † James Abend
6:30 p.m. **St. Teresa** Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, December 18

8:00 a.m. **St. Teresa** † Jim Horn
12:10 p.m. **St. Raphael** † Hobart Parker

Friday, December 19

8:00 a.m. **St. Teresa** Joann Wright (for healing)
9:00 a.m. **St. Bernard** † Andy Murphy

Saturday, December 20

8:00 a.m. **St. Teresa** Celebrant's Intention
4:30 p.m. **St. Charles** † Evelyn Martin
4:30 p.m. **St. Bernard** † Joseph Sr., Joseph Jr.,
Katie & Mary Schneeberger

Sunday December 21

8:00 a.m. **St. Joseph** † Marilyn Aldridge,
William and Martha Walters
8:30 a.m. **St. Bernard** † John and Jean Glendening
10:30 a.m. **St. Raphael** † Jim, Joan, and Danny Foreman
11:00 a.m. **St. Teresa** † Joe, Eric, and Scott Greentree,
Jack Sweeney, Jim Perry,
Theresa Madathikunnel
2:00 p.m. **St. Teresa** Celebrant's Intention
3:30 p.m. **St. Raphael** Celebrant's Intention

† Deceased

Our Gifts to the Lord

	St. Raphael	St. Bernard	St. Teresa	St. Joseph	St. Charles
Collection for November 30	\$ 3,054.00	\$ 9,124.00	\$ 8,604.00	\$ 2,171.00	\$ 967.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Attendance (English Masses only) November 29/30, 2025

Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %
St. Raphael	511	Unavailable	
St. Teresa	434	253	58%
St. Bernard	420	193/180	46%/43%
St. Joseph	368	144	39%
St. Charles	180	74	41%

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.



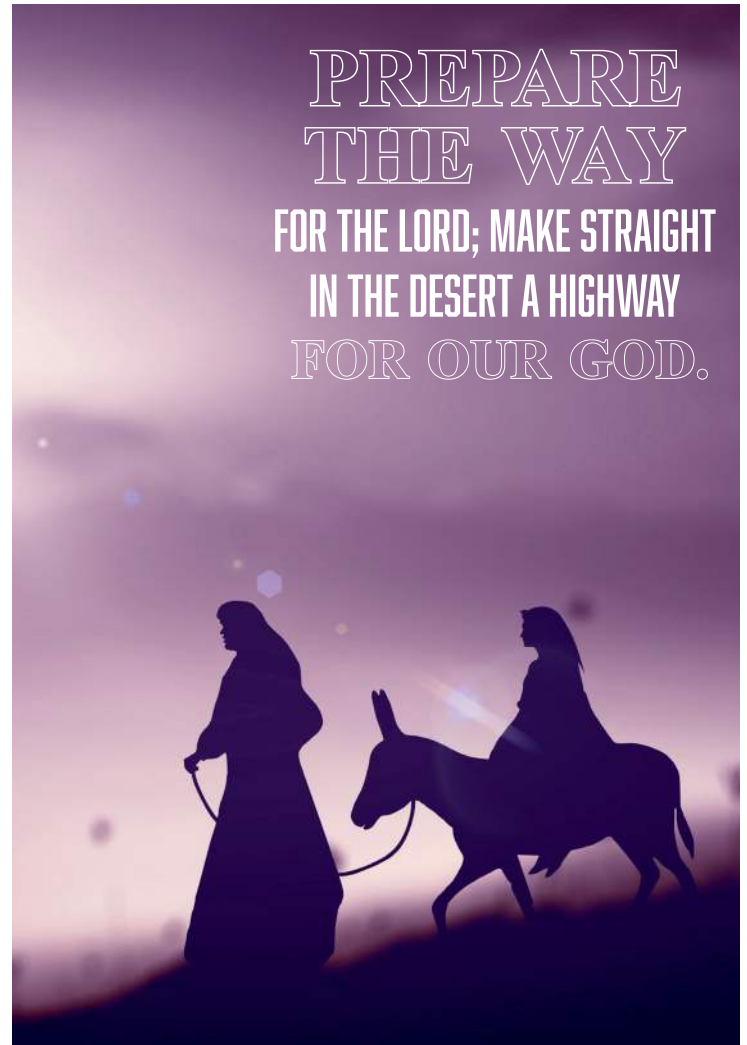
Monthly Meal & Mingling

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.

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

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St. Rose Christmas

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
St. Bernard - 3:30 pm	St. Bernard - Midnight
St. Teresa - 4:00 pm	St. Raphael - 10:00 am
St. Raphael - 4:30 pm	St. Teresa - 10:00 am
St. Joseph - 5:00 pm	
St. Charles - 6:30 pm	
St. Teresa - 9:00 pm - Spanish	



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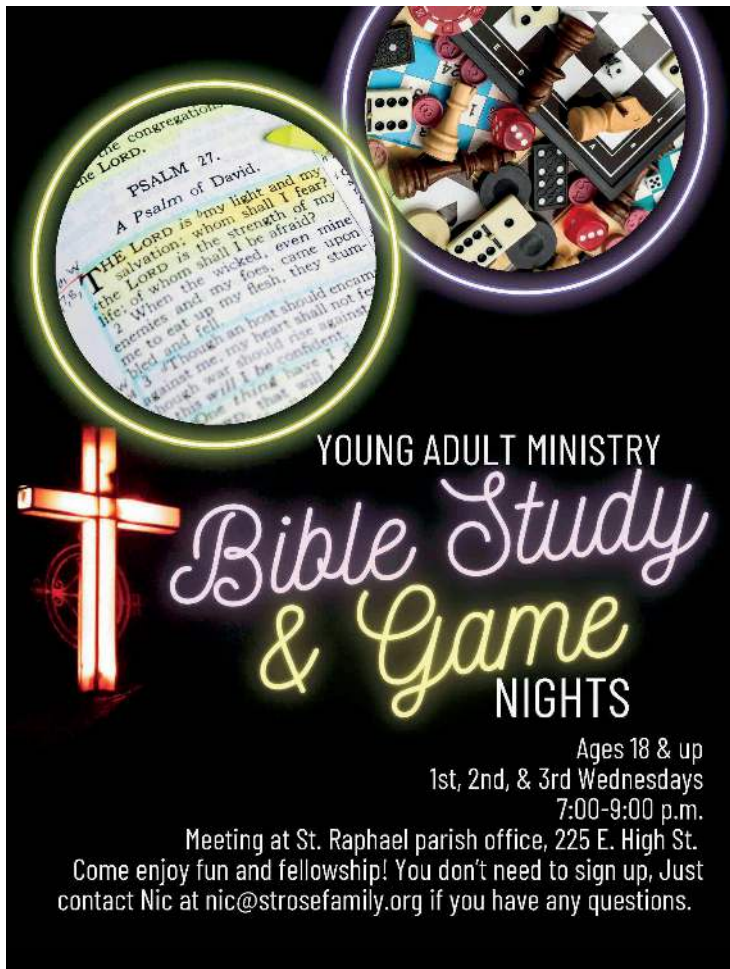
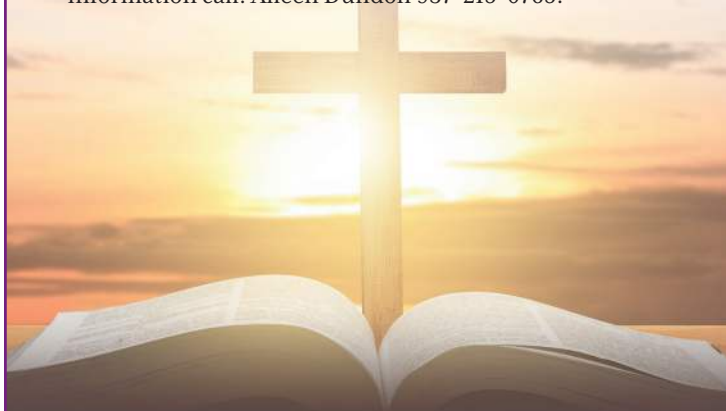
Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

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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: Aileen Dundon 937-215-0765.



Saint of the Day



John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: “of the Cross.” The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John’s life. The Paschal Mystery – through death to life – strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordned a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely – to experience the dying of Jesus – as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the *Spiritual Canticle*.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification.

Read the full article: "St. John of the Cross" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-of-the-cross/>
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