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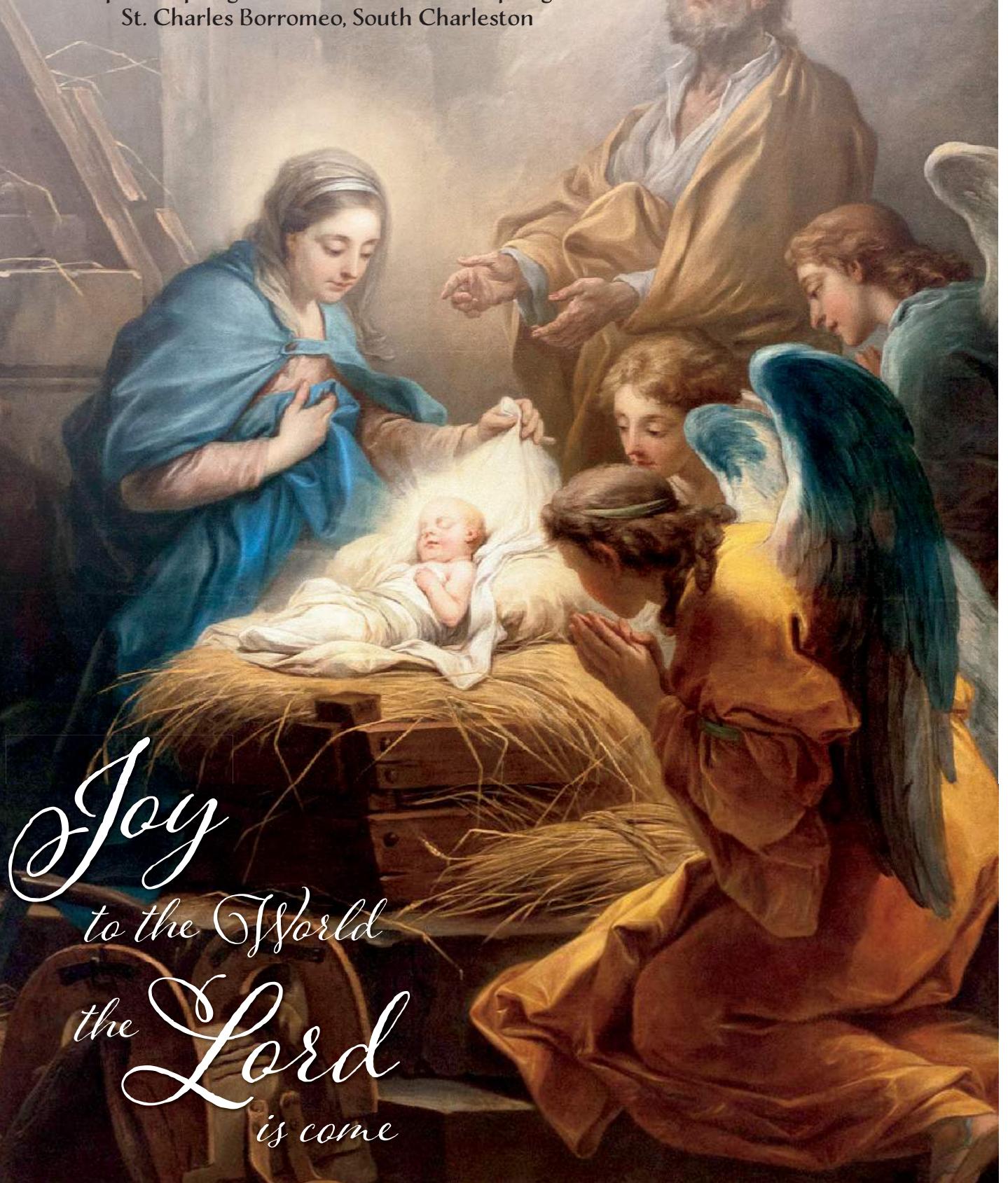
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St. Teresa, Springfield



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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****MARRIAGES****St. Teresa**

Call Fr. Chris at 937-870-2865.

Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Arrangements must be made before you set your date.**St. Bernard**Mon/Tue/Fri, after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday, 3:30-4:15 p.m.**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Call Fr. Chris at 937-870-2865 or Fr. Hale at 937-565-5802.

St. Raphael

Tuesday, 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Wed/Thurs, 11:30 a.m.-Noon

BAPTISM

Call a Parish Office for an appointment.

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Pastor's Corner

From the Pastor, December 21, 2025

Our preparation for Christmas is coming to an end, this being the last Sunday before the celebration of that great feast day. Christmas, while it is not the time where the "Word was made flesh," as St. John poetically puts it in the Prologue of his Gospel (that is the Annunciation, celebrated on March 25—9 months ago), but it is the time when for the first time Jesus is manifested to us. He who is King of the Universe comes. And kings are expected to come in power and majesty. In the old days, they would be all dressed up in fine and resplendent clothes, riding on some huge horse probably, with a ton of supporters surrounding him.

This is not how our King comes. He comes not clothed in resplendent clothes but actually wearing nothing (awkward). He isn't riding a horse showing His power but in a supremely vulnerable position of lying in a manger, dependent upon His mother for basic necessities. He has no splendid retinue but is surrounded by shepherds.

What do we learn from this reality but that He has not come to conquer our world in the way we expect, but in a way we do not expect. He comes as a conqueror, truly as a warrior, but He fights for our hearts, not for submission. Out of the immense and burning love of His heart, He comes to win your allegiance through loving means. Our celebration of Christmas is our time to respond to this invitation of love.

In Christ,
Fr. Komo

Del Pastor, 21 de Diciembre de 2025

Nuestra preparación para la Navidad está llegando a su fin, siendo este el último domingo antes de la celebración de esa gran fiesta. La Navidad, si bien no es el momento en que el Verbo se hizo carne, como lo expresa poéticamente San Juan en el Prólogo de su Evangelio (es decir, la Anunciación, celebrada el 25 de marzo, hace 9 meses), sí es el momento en que Jesús se nos manifiesta por primera vez. Viene el Rey del Universo. Y se espera que los reyes vengan con poder y majestad. Antiguamente, iban vestidos con ropas finas y resplandecientes, probablemente montados en un caballo enorme, rodeados de un montón de seguidores.

Así no es como llega nuestro Rey. No viene vestido con ropas resplandecientes, sino desnudo (incómodo). No monta a caballo mostrando su poder, sino en una posición sumamente vulnerable, recostado en un pesebre, dependiendo de su madre para sus necesidades básicas. No tiene un séquito espléndido, sino que está rodeado de pastores.

¿Qué aprendemos de esta realidad sino que Él no ha venido a conquistar nuestro mundo como esperamos, sino de una manera inesperada? Viene como conquistador, como un verdadero guerrero, pero lucha por nuestros corazones, no por nuestra sumisión. Con el inmenso y ardiente amor de su corazón, Él viene a ganarse tu lealtad por medios amorosos. Nuestra celebración de Navidad es nuestro momento para responder a esta invitación de amor.

En Cristo,
P. Komo

Weekly Scripture Readings

Mon, Dec. 22 ..	I Sam 1:24-28; I Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Tues, Dec. 23 ..	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Wed, Dec. 24 ..	II Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Thurs, Dec. 25 ..	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Fri, Dec. 26 ..	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sat, Dec. 27 ..	I Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sun, Dec. 28 ..	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mass Schedule and Intentions:

Saturday, December 20

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

Monday, December 22

8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Jerrianne Steele
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	† Lawrence & Carmelita Stephenson

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Brian Peterson
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	† Lisa Comer

Wednesday, December 24

3:30 p.m.	St. Bernard	† Jayne Moorman
4:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	† Jack Hill
4:30 p.m.	St. Raphael	For the People
5:00 p.m.	St. Joseph	For the People
6:30 p.m.	St. Charles	For the People

Thursday, December 25

12:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	† John Ahern
10:00 a.m.	St. Raphael	For the People
10:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	For the People

Friday, December 26

8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Dave and Ruth Folz
9:00 a.m.	St. Bernard	Mass Cancelled

Saturday, December 27

8:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Michael E. Haemmerle
4:30 p.m.	St. Charles	† Rick Hart
4:30 p.m.	St. Bernard	† John and Tony Cavanaugh Tony and Dot DiCinque

Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph	† Virgil Broering
8:30 a.m.	St. Bernard	† Bob Sutch
10:30 a.m.	St. Raphael	† Cozi Catanzaro
11:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Ric DeWitt
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 December 7	\$ 7,440.00	\$ 10,838.00	\$ 13,031.00	\$ 3,997.00	\$ 433.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Attendance (English Masses only)

December 6/7, 2025

Church	Capacity	Attendance Saturday/Sunday	Utilization %
St. Raphael	511	191	37%
St. Teresa	434	232	53%
St. Bernard	420	255/185	61%/44%
St. Joseph	368	143	39%
St. Charles	180	39	22%

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 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!

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Holy Day of Obligation

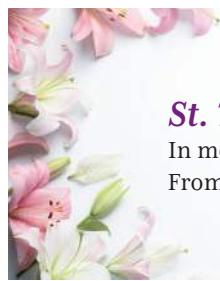
Wednesday, December 24

3:30 pm*	St. Bernard
4:00 pm*	St. Teresa
4:30 pm*	St. Raphael
5:00 pm*	St. Joseph
6:30 pm	St. Charles
9:00 pm	St. Teresa (Spanish)

Thursday, December 25

Midnight*	St. Bernard
10:00 am	St. Raphael
10:00 am	St. Teresa

*prelude music begins 30 minutes before Mass



St. Teresa Altar Flowers

In memory: Theresa Madathikunnel
From: Dr. Pius and Sally Kurian

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.

Your support and generosity are truly appreciated!

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Mass times for the

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Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31st

4:30 pm	St. Bernard
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9:00 pm	St. Teresa (Spanish)

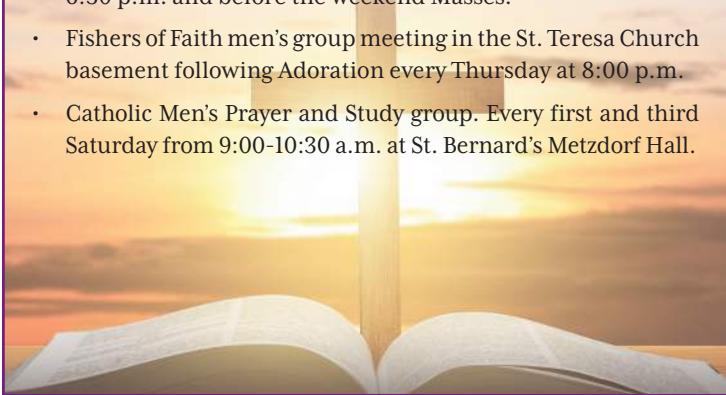
Thursday, January 1st

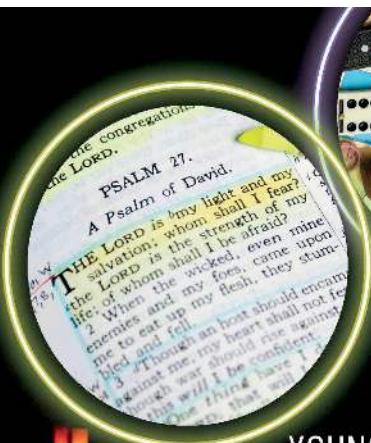
10:30 am	St. Raphael
11:00 am	St. Teresa

Holy Day of Obligation

Prayer and Study Opportunities

- The Schoenstatt Rosary is prayed the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m. in Metzdorf Hall.
- Rosary Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. (during the school year) at Catholic Central chapel, back entrance.
- Tuesday Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in Metzdorf Hall. For more information, call Aileen Dundon at 937-215-0765.
- 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.
- 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.





YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Bible Study & Game NIGHTS

Ages 18 & up
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wednesdays
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Meeting at St. Raphael parish office, 225 E. High St.
Come enjoy fun and fellowship! You don't need to sign up, Just contact Nic at nic@strosefamily.org if you have any questions.

Saint of the Day



St. John the Evangelist

Saint of the Day: December 27

Patron Saint of Turkey

It is God who calls; human beings answer. The vocation of John and his brother James is stated very simply in the Gospels, along with that of Peter and his brother Andrew: Jesus called them; they followed. The absoluteness of their response is indicated by the account. James and John "were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him" (Matthew 4:21b-22).

For the three former fishermen – Peter, James and John – that faith was to be rewarded by a special friendship with Jesus. They alone were privileged to be present at the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in Gethsemane. But John's friendship was even more special. Tradition assigns to him the Fourth Gospel, although most modern Scripture scholars think it unlikely that the apostle and the evangelist are the same person.

John's own Gospel refers to him as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (see John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2), the one who reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper, and the one to whom Jesus gave the exquisite honor of caring for his mother, as John stood beneath the cross. "Woman, behold your son.... Behold, your mother" (John 19:26b, 27b).

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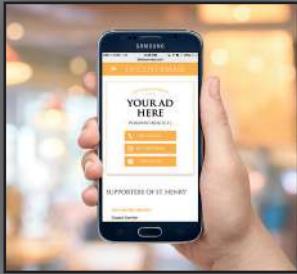
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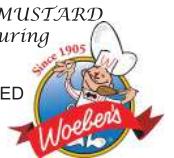

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