

# STAR OF THE VALLEY Catholic Church

**495 White Oak Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409**

We members of Star of the Valley Parish  
gather around the central act of Catholic worship,  
the celebration of active participation in the Mass.  
As a Eucharistic centered people, we reach out to heal,  
console and listen in the spirit of truth and justice,  
with a preferential option for the poor,  
thus advancing as individuals and  
as a community into the image of Christ.

## **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Msgr. James Pulskamp, Pastor

## **Contact Numbers**

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Website: [www.starofthevalley.org](http://www.starofthevalley.org)

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5939\*

\*This is the church and parish's mailing address.

Sharon A. Charlton, Office Manager

Anna Jean, Administrative Assistant

## **Welcome New Parishioners**

Please sign the Newcomers Register  
next to the side door in the back of the Church.

## **Mass Times**

Weekday Masses: Tuesday-Friday **8:00 a.m.**

Oakmont Gardens: Wednesday **10:30 a.m.**

Sunday Masses:

Saturday **4:00 p.m. Vigil**, Sunday **10:00 a.m.**

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday **from 3:00-3:30 p.m.** and by appointment

## **Anointing of the Sick**

For appointment, email or leave a message in the office  
for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest  
when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

## **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Call the office to arrange visits by a  
Eucharistic Minister for Holy Communion  
when someone is homebound.



## **August 2/3, 2025— Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Easy Words, Harsh Words**

“If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above.” “Think of what is above.” Easy to comprehend. Good advice. Only common sense. But the ability to seek and think of what is above comes at a price. In order to have truly died so that our life of glory is with Christ in heaven, we must put to death all those things about our life “below” that impede our living for Christ and with Christ as our all in all. We cannot really seek and think about things above while we maintain the worst of our human passions, perpetuate our deceitfulness, and emphasize our differences. In this way we not only continue the lying to one another, but still lie to ourselves, and imagine that we can deceive God. Only in the stopping of this can we truly show forth our baptismal image: that of Christ, who is the image of the unseen God. Only then can we take off that old self and be that new creation, the image of our Creator fully restored in Christ.

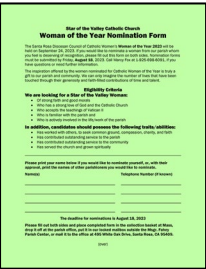
### **Harsh Words, Heavenly Words**

There are all sorts of reverberations of these themes throughout today's scriptures. Qoheleth (the “Preacher”) instructs us that, ultimately, everything of our life on earth is but an empty vanity when we are called from this life. Jesus shows us our true selves in the example of the man who expends all his energy to store his harvest to ensure the luxury of his future. Qoheleth, Paul, and Jesus agree. We have been made in the image of our Creator, we believe that God's creation is graced and good, but we need to keep this in perspective. For all creation and all creatures—humans included—will have naught for a destiny unless that destiny is joined to that of Christ. He preaches that we can be, indeed we must be, rich with treasure—but only the kind of treasure that truly matters to God.



**Sunday, August 2/3, 2025**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 21-23*—All things are vanity!  
**Responsorial:** *Psalm 90*—If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Reading II:** *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*—In Christ you have died. In Christ you have been raised up.  
**Gospel:** *Luke 12:13-21*—Avoid greed in all its forms.



**Woman of the Year**  
Please participate!  
Inserted in this bulletin you will find a nomination form to fill out for this year's **Star of the Valley Woman of the Year**. Candidates must be practicing Catholic women who, as unpaid volunteers, contributed outstanding service to Star of the Valley and the community.

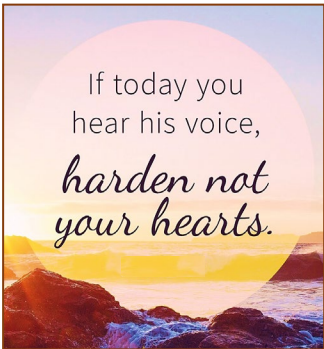
Please submit the completed nomination form by Friday, **August 29th**. Nomination forms may be placed in the weekend's collection basket, dropped off at, or mailed to the parish office at 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women hosts the annual Women of the Year event, honoring women of parishes in the diocese. This year's event will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Rohnert Park on Saturday, October 11. It will include the Rosary, Mass, and the award luncheon. Reservation forms will be available for anyone who wants to attend.

Star of the Valley's past Women of the Year: 2024 Micki Sabourin; 2023 Judy Rodgers; 2019 Jackie Kenilvort; 2018 Cristina Wadsworth; 2017 Blanche Kaiser; 2015 Ruth Fulger & Roberta McElroy; 2013 Sherry Busterna; 2012 Mary Jo Henrikson; and 2011 Harriet Draper.



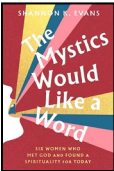
**No Donut Sunday in August**  
It's summer break time, so there will be no Donut Sunday this weekend. Donut Sunday will resume on September 7. If you miss seeing friends this weekend, plan on seeing them at the parish barbeque. The deadline for reserving a seat is Friday, August 8!



MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 2-10				
Sat	2	4:00	†Phil Marvier	
Sun	3	10:00	†Martin Kilgariff	
Mon	4		No Mass—Pray a Rosary	
Tue	5	8:00	Intention of Anita Nicoson (Maria McCarthy)	
Wed	6	8:00	Intention of Dick & Blanche Kaiser on their 65th Anniversary (Blanche Kaiser)	
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish	
Thurs	7	8:00	†Mary Jo Henrikson	
Fri	8	8:00	†Hae Sook Lounibos	
Sat	9	4:00	†Bernadette Mulligan	
Sun	10	10:00	†Apicella & †Dengler Family Members (Mike Apicella)	

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Barbara Ahluwalia, Dr. Mike Apicella, Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Tim Cummings, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Ki Daniels, Elizabeth Dmitriew, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Ted Gold, Randy Hakala, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Tina Howard, Lee Kern, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Carol Pascoe, David Reuser, David Russell, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Norma Doherty, Mary Jo Henrikson, Hae Sook Lounibos, Jim Merriman, and Bernadette Mulligan.



**Spiritual Book Club**  
Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *The Mystics Would Like a Word: Six Women Who Met God and Found A Spirituality for Today* by Shannon K. Evans. We will discuss Chapters 11 & 12 on Wednesday, **August 20**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at the church.

**To Our Lady**  
Holy Mary, bring help to the miserable, strengthen those who are afraid, comfort those who mourn, pray for the world at large, plead the cause of the clergy, intercede for the devout. May all who pay homage to your holy name experience your powerful help. —*The (old) Breviary*  
Tuesday, August 5, is the Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

	This Weekend — August 2-3		Next Weekend — August 9-10	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>EMs:</b>	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Barbara Spotleson	Eva McGinn	Cristina Wadsworth
<b>Lector:</b>	Connie Pearson	Mike Hanlon	Blanche Kaiser	Bowman Olds
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	Fritz Spotleson	Micki Sabourin	John Dolan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Kathy McKeon Paula Scull	Livie Brant Marietta Mancuso	Mary Bell Judy Monroe
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ed Montague Michael Sotak	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger	Judy Rodgers Michael Sotak	Steve Hipson Clarence Younger



## PARISH EVENTS—AUGUST 2–10

Deadline approaching for seats at the barbeque!

### Weekly Collection Report

July 13	July 20	July 27	Weekly Goal
\$5,104	\$4,292	\$3,889	\$5,365

**Note:** The amounts consist of First collections, and Parish Repair & Maintenance gifts received during the weekend and preceding week.

### Second Collections

This weekend's second collection for **Black and Indian Missions** which helps local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**. Building repairs and landscape maintenance tasks are ongoing for and around the church, rectory and Monsignor Fahey Parish Center. Please continue to be generous in helping keep our grounds and facilities in good shape.

**STAR OF THE VALLEY  
WESTERN  
BBQ**  
Welcoming Dinner  
**FUNDRAISER & RAFFLE**



**5:00**  
Cocktails & Appetizers

**6:00**  
in the evening

THURSDAY, AUGUST  
**14th**

**\$35 PER PERSON**

**Cash Bar**

**Menu:** *Hand Rubbed BBQ Baby Back Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Cowboy Beans, Colestauw, Dessert*

Reservations can be made by placing a check in the Men's Club box **by Friday, August 8.**  
For tables of up to 10 people, place each check in one envelope with the names listed on the front.  
Questions? Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682.

New parishioners: Contact Drew or Kar Hofmann at 707-539-2706.

**STAR OF THE VALLEY  
MEN'S CLUB**  
*presents a*

**PARISH FUNDRAISER**

**RAFFLE**

*drawing on*  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th**  
*during the Parish BBQ  
& Welcoming Dinner*

**Winner Need Not Be Present**

**\$25 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$100**

**1st Prize—\$1,000**  
**2nd Prize—\$500**  
**3rd Prize—\$250**  
**4th Prize—\$250**

Raffle tickets will be sold before the weekend Masses until August 10, and at the BBQ.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_ x \$25 (or 5 for \$100)

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: SOV Men's Club  
Mail detached signup form and checks to:  
Star of the Valley Raffle; 495 White Oak Drive;  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409  
Or contact Jim Warman at  
Warman804@yahoo.com  
or 707-230-2682

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



### Caregiving: Film & Discussion

Join us for a free screening of the new film Caregiving, and meet two inspiring local caregivers from Sonoma County's Fijian community.

**August 21**, 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery

Drive, Santa Rosa. All ages welcome! To register visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caregiving-film-and-discussion-tickets>.

### Summer Healing Festival

Celebrate, and support the Camino de Sonoma's Capacity Building Campaign at St. Eugene's School and track on Friday, **August 22**, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Join the walk-a-thon! Come for dinner! For more information, visit [www.caminodesonoma.com](http://www.caminodesonoma.com). See the flyer on the bulletin board.

### Single & Catholic?

Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and beyond) at the *20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics* in Denver, Colorado on **August 22-24**, 2025! (Can't travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small group discussions.) This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers,

music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship and more. (Use the promo code PARISH25 for a discount.) Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register.



### Discerning God's Will for Your Retirement

A weekend retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, Friday 4:00 p.m. through Sunday 2:00 p.m., **September 5-7**, 2025. Call 650-917-4000 for more information. Register

by September 4 at <https://jrc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=25SON04203>.



### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Rover Service

Have your household hazardous waste (HHW) picked up at your

home. Free for Sonoma County residents who are over 80 or homebound. (\$50 Fee for all other residents.)

This only covers household hazardous waste; no other categories of waste are eligible. Details can be found on their website: [zerowastesonoma.gov/recycledispose/residents/hhw-rover-service](http://zerowastesonoma.gov/recycledispose/residents/hhw-rover-service). Appointments Required:

Call 707-795-2025 or toll-free at 877-747-1870. Email [toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com](mailto:toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com).



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