

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

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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

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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.



September 6/7, 2025— Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

All in the Family

The term “family” gets used quite often today to describe a series of close bonds that are (or ought to be) present among various groups. Parishes, schools, scout troops, work groups, many different kinds of organizations commonly refer to themselves as “family” members with each other. How shocking it will be for us today, in our nuclear families or parish families, to learn from the lips of Jesus himself that it is in the renouncing of family relationships and the rending of family ties, even the despising of our own God-given life, that we will come to know and understand what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ. Is all of this to be taken literally? Yes and no. The Gospel today is telling us that in order to progress as a disciple, to follow Christ more closely, it is Christ and his gospel that alone can be the heart and center of our lives. Will most of us be called upon literally to leave our family members? Most likely not. But if we are disciples, we must be ready to do so.

A Family Guided by Perfect Wisdom

The first reading from Wisdom states, in its own way, this very same principle. Jesus' extreme description of what we must reject establishes the same sort of chasm between God's ways and our ways as the author of the Wisdom passage does. But both teachers also instruct us that God can and God does, through the spirit of grace from on high, come to us and reveal to us the ways of heaven. We do not or cannot search them out for ourselves in our earthly things or human relationships. We can, with God's help, set aside our own limited natures and come closer in the loving bond God has for us and is prepared to spread among us.



Sunday, September 6/7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: *Wisdom 9:13-18b*—Our choices in life are timid compared to God's choices for us.

Responsorial: *Psalm 90*—In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reading II: *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*—I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.

Gospel: *Luke 14:25-33*—Anyone who does not renounce all their possessions cannot be Jesus' disciple.

Invest In Your Parish & Be A Gift

You are needed to help keep our parish a vibrant faith community. Without all of our wonderful volunteers, we would cease to exist, so it is vital, and our responsibility to contribute, not only financially, but our skills as well. Please refer to the list of Ministries & Committees.

Hot Dogs &



4:00 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

Dinner: \$10

Bingo Cards: \$2 each

All are welcome. If you don't play bingo, come for dinner at 5:15 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner: Miller Hot Dogs, Chili, Potato Salad & Dessert

MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 6-14

Sat	6	4:00	†Harriet Draper
Sun	7	10:00	Intention of Darcy Paquette (Maryanne & Jerry Elliott)
Mon	8		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	9	8:00	†Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	10	8:00	†Agnes Apicella
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	11	8:00	†Catherine Emery (Russ Emery)
Fri	12	8:00	Intention of the Reuser Family (Sharon A. Charlton)
Sat	13	4:00	††Mildred Waska & Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	14	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, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, 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, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died.

Woman of the Year Celebration

The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to the Annual Women of the Year Celebration at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, **October 11** at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4595 Snyder Lane in Rohnert Park. The cost is \$35 per person, and the event includes a Rosary, Mass, award presentations, luncheon, 50/50 cash drawing, and auction. All payments (nonrefundable) and reservations need to be received in advance. Make checks payable to SRDCCW and deliver to the Star of the Valley Parish Office by *Friday, September 19*.

Our Star of the Valley 2025 Woman of the Year will be announced next weekend, but reservations to honor her at the annual celebration need to be made in advance!

A Healing Path

The Camino de Sonoma is a healing path, divided into six stages. To join a walking pilgrimage, visit

www.caminodesonoma.com.

This Weekend — September 6–7

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Barbara Spotleson
Lector:	Gail Passalacqua	John Knight
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mardie Hart Kathy McKeon
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers Help Needed	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — September 13–14

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Linda Luceti	Cristina Wadsworth
Len Marabella	Bowman Olds
Connie Montague	John Dolan
Diane D'Ambrogia	Ceal Geurts
Livie Brant	Judy Monroe
Ed Montague	Tim Burkhard
Bev Shelhart	Steve Hipson



PARISH EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 7–13

Sunday, September 7—Donut Sunday—Parish Center

Tuesday, September 9, 4:00—Bingo!—Parish Center

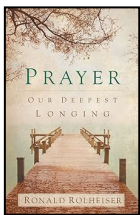
Weekly Collection Report

Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Weekly Goal
\$4,927	\$4,393	\$7,218*	\$5,365

Note: The amounts consist of First collections, and Parish Repair & Maintenance gifts received during the weekend and preceding week. *Includes a special \$4,000 donation from a parishioner for Parish Repairs & Maintenance.

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection will be for **Diocesan Seminarians**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**.

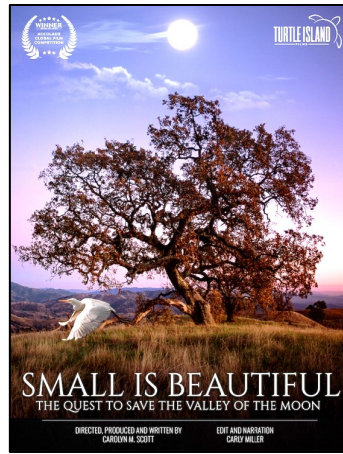


Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser. Our first discussion will be on Wednesday, **September 17, 10:00–11:00 a.m.** in the Quiet Room at the church.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Local film, *Small is Beautiful: The Quest to Save the Valley of the Moon*, to be shown at Star of the Valley



How many of you have been concerned about fleeing another wildfire through the narrow corridor of Highway 12? This is a real nightmare for many of us who live in Oakmont or along the Highway 12 corridor from Sonoma to Santa Rosa. We are well aware of various residential and commercial development projects that are making our nightmare a reality.

The Star of the Valley Men's Club and Women's Circle is sponsoring a multi-award-winning short documentary film titled, "Small is Beautiful" that explores the challenges facing a small rural community waging a fierce battle against a massive development project threatening to engulf a wildlife sanctuary and a community's way of life.

As climate change intensifies fire seasons, this rural community finds itself not only fighting to protect its natural heritage but also grappling with the potential catastrophic consequences of introducing large-scale development into a fire-prone landscape. The film talks about what is happening with the residential development of the Sonoma Developmental Center and the effect that will have on the Highway 12 corridor.

Film Introduction



We are honored to have the film's award-winning author, director and producer, **Carolyn Scott**, at the event to introduce and discuss her film. Ms. Scott has 25 years of experience in education, environmental and film endeavors.

Post-Screening PowerPoint Presentation

Also present at the event will be **Dr. Bean Anderson**, a retired Silicon Valley Engineer and longtime advocate for the preservation of the Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) lands. Dr. Anderson is on the boards of two of the nonprofits fighting the development. Dr. Anderson will share a PowerPoint presentation following the film.

When & Where

Come to the Star of the Valley's Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive on Wednesday, **September 17**. The event will start at 2:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. The event is free of charge and there is no need for reservations. This is an important event, so please encourage friends and neighbors to attend.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS PRESALE

Starting on **September 7th**, at **Donut Sunday** we will be selling raffle tickets for our Holiday Craft Fair Raffle, which will be held Saturday, November 22. All proceeds go to our parish.

You will be able to preview the various prize items and buy raffle tickets for your favorites. Some of the prizes available include:

- **Victorian Doll House with Furnishings**
- **\$100 Gift Cards to High-End Restaurants**
- **Wine Baskets**
- **Prickett's Garden Center Gift Card & Plant**
- **Quilted Holiday Table Runner with 8 Napkins**
- **Holiday Centerpieces**

The winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the end of the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 22nd. Winners need not be present.

Don't miss out! See you at Donut Sunday!

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Special Screening

On Monday, **September 8th** there will be a 6:30 p.m. showing of "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality" at St. Eugene's Becker

Center in honor of the Canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. All ages are invited to celebrate together. Let's watch the movie together and be inspired. RSVP on <https://srdiocese.org/> or contact Stephen Morris dsyouth@srdiocese.org.

St. Apollinaris Parish & School BBQ

Join us at Father Cleary Park Saturday, **September 13**, 5:30 p.m. for an evening of food, fun, and community! Enjoy dinner and dessert, a beer and wine bar, games and face painting, live music and dancing, and treats!

Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress

All adults are invited to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress Saturday, **September 20**, 2025! See details on the bulletin board in church.

St. Rose Parish Festival

Join us for a joyful day of music, food, and fun at the St. Rose Parish Festival on Sunday, **September 21** from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, delicious BBQ chicken, tacos, Eritrean and

Filipino dishes, a Beer & Soda Booth, and a Kids' Zone with games, face painting, and more.

Pun Fun

I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

These are some projects on our "to do" list that you can help complete with your contributions.

- ▶ Repair men's bathroom urinal leak.
- ▶ Replace janitor's sink faucet at church.
- ▶ Repair Nick's Pantry food storage shelving.
- ▶ Repair circle-drive door lock at church.
- ▶ Replace roof fascia over church doors.
- ▶ Repair landscape irrigation and sprinklers at church and Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

We will have a second collection next weekend, **September 13-14**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Thank you for your generosity.



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