

# 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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## **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.



**September 14/15, 2024**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Messiah**

YOU ARE THE  
**CHRIST**,  
THE SON OF THE  
LIVING GOD.

Jesus looks to his dear friends for a reading of the times. He learns that people who have seen and heard him are saying that he may be one of the great prophets finally returning to their once proud nation.

It is no surprise that a subjected and humiliated people, with a long memory of good times, would look for a savior-king. They are vulnerable enough to snatch and make their leader anyone with boldness, arrogance, and power. This is a dangerous temptation, and Jesus knows it. So, who is he, then? Is he one of those great men of the past sent by God for deliverance? He is more. He is, by his own public admission, the Messiah, God's anointed one. That is the truth of his being. It is a quiet truth to be held by them until it reveals itself in God's own time.

## **Servant Again**

Because we have the whole gospel two millennia later, we know that the Messiah, the Christ, can claim this title. And we know that a price is exacted. We know the price is his death leading to life. He is the suffering servant of whom Isaiah spoke. He is the one who has heard and obeyed God's word and who looks to the Lord God for help. And we who confess him as Messiah and Lord must imitate him in clear, down-to-earth ways, as James says, "What good is it... if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?" We must walk the talk. If we are to walk in the presence of the Lord, we must reach out to help our neighbor. If we are to dwell in the land of the living, we must assist others to attain the same goal.



**Sunday, September 15, 2024**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Isaiah 50:4c-9a*—I gave my back to those who beat me.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalms 116*—I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Reading II:** *James 2:14-18*—Faith, if it does not have works, is dead.  
**Gospel:** *Mark 8:27-35*—You are the Christ... the Son of Man must suffer greatly.



**2024 Star of the Valley's Woman of the Year**  
**Awarded to Micki Sabourin**  
 After reviewing numerous nominations received from Star of the Valley parishioners, we are proud to announce that Micki Sabourin has been chosen as Star of the Valley's 2024 Woman of the Year. Micki has been an active parishioner and wonderful example of volunteering at Star of the Valley Parish for twenty years. Because of her love of God, she is active in her faith by giving of her time and talent.

Micki is a Eucharistic Minister who serves at daily and weekend Masses, and is also usually involved with our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. As a Eucharistic Minister, Micki has brought Communion to homebound parishioners. As she visited with ill parishioners, she was a link between them and their parish. Micki also serves as an usher, helping take up collections at Masses. She is consistently smiling, thoughtful, and graciously attentive.

In the past, Micki has been a counter who counted, balanced, and deposited the weekend donations. She was a bartender for the Men's Club's fundraisers and social events for 10 years, excelling in hospitality. As such, she shared her friendly, vivacious personality, helped parishioners have fun, and encouraged friendships.

For the last two years, Micki has served as the parish's Funeral Liaison. She uses her strong organizational skills and her deep compassion to help families dealing with the death of a loved one. She serves with grace and joy and is tireless in giving her time and direction to families who are mourning.  
*(Woman of the Year continued next column)*

<b>MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 14–22</b>				
Sat	14	4:00	† <b>Mildred Waska &amp; †Bob Waska</b> (Frances Waska)	
Sun	15	10:00	† <b>Bill Forni</b> (Bill & Terry Cutler)	
Mon	16		No Mass—Pray a Rosary	
Tue	17	8:00	† <b>Isabel Frimmersdorf</b> (Virginia Taylor)	
Wed	18	8:00	† <b>George Rick</b> (Maryellen Birkland)	
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>	
Thurs	19	8:00	† <b>Donald Peters</b> (Liza Peters)	
Fri	20	8:00	† <b>Mike Milano</b> (John & Kathy Byrne)	
Sat	21	4:00	<b>Intention of SOV Parishioners</b> (Len Marabella)	
Sun	22	10:00	† <b>Dorothy Lynn Imm</b> (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)	

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Carol Pascoe, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Tom Sosnowski, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died.

**Prayer List**  
 Call the office, at 539-6262, if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer list above, or to add someone to the list. Each name will remain for four weeks from the time we receive a request unless we hear otherwise. Thank you.

**Memorial Mass at Star of the Valley**  
 Saturday, **September 21**, 11:00 a.m.: Noelle Dangremond

*(Woman of the Year continued)* Micki's exceptional warmth and support to families during their difficult time has been a gift for our parishioners.  
 Genuinely living her Catholic faith and values, Micki Sabourin is a true disciple of Christ and a cornerstone of our parish. Congratulations, Micki.

**Annual Women of the Year Celebration**  
 On Saturday, **October 12**, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, the Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host their annual celebration to honor the diocese's 2024 Women of the Year. Reservations are due by September 25, 2024. More information is on the bulletin board.

<b>This Weekend — September 14–15</b>		<b>Next Weekend — September 21–22</b>	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>		<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Eva McGinn	Barbara Spotleson	Micki Sabourin
<b>Lector:</b>	Bob Zeni	Len Marabella	Blanche Kaiser
<b>Server:</b>	Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson	Dennis Sabourin
<b>Greeters:</b>	Livie Brant	Ceal Geurts	Gayle Brinker
	Lisa Munoz-Flores	Paula Scull	Diane D'Ambrogia
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tom Beirne	Tim Burkhard	Judy Rodgers
			Rick Ragan



## PARISH EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 14–21

Tuesday, **September 17**, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—  
Church Quiet Room

### Weekly Collection Report

Aug 25	Sept 1	Sept 8	Weekly Goal
\$4,261	\$4,210	\$4,232	\$5,365

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

### Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**. See below.

### Neighbor-to-Neighbor

At Star of the Valley, we have Nick's Pantry inside the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center. Your contributions to our Neighbor-to-Neighbor collections help us buy food from the Redwood Empire Food Bank, saving us 43% of retail costs. This, beside the food donations you supply, is how we stock Nick's Pantry which helps our guests who need food.

Over the past year, we acquired enough food to provide the equivalent of 2,600 meals, which helped an average of 60 people per month.

Thank you for your compassion and for being a vital contributor in the effort to end hunger in our community.



### Electronic Giving

If you would like to support our parish through electronic giving, please scan this QR code or go to our website's **Donate Here** page: [giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch).

### Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning Catholic, a visitor or new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience.

If you'd like to register or receive offertory envelopes, have moved, or have other needs, please complete this form and return it to the parish office or offertory basket.



- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- ☐ I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.
- ☐ I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
- ☐ I have a question. Please contact me.

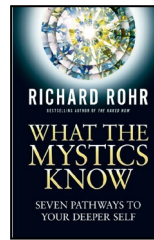
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### Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *What the Mystics Know, Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self* by Richard Rohr. Our next session will focus on Part Five: *Contemplation Means Practicing Heaven* Now, on Tuesday, **September 17**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.



## STAR OF THE VALLEY 43rd Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

### 43rd Anniversary Celebration Trivia:

Did you know? Monsignor Fahey's deep belief in his mission to establish a new parish in East Santa Rosa, and his persistence, led him to a benefactor—a man of faith and generosity, Henry Trione—who donated a piece of land in Wild Oak to the Diocese of Santa Rosa for the Star of the Valley Church. It was a beautiful property near a running stream.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our parishioners at the anniversary celebration on

Saturday, September 28,  
starting at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Following Mass, we will celebrate with a party at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center with wine and "Hardy" appetizers.

Make sure you return your RSVP and Memory Form. Deadline September 20th.



July 17th, 1983 marked our groundbreaking with Ron Sugarman, John Doolittle, Roz Murphy, Henry Trione, and Father Fahey.





### Planned Giving

Regardless of your current income, with foresight and planning, you can continue to give to Star of the Valley Parish far into the future. Gifts

may be in the form of cash, property, investments or a portion of an estate. In many cases there can be significant tax advantages.

For more information, pick up a *Heritage Friends* pamphlet and a *Planned Giving Statement of Intent* at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, or go to our parish website. Talk with your attorney, accountant or financial advisor to help you determine the type of gift that is right for you and how you might include Star of the Valley Parish in your estate planning.

### NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### Lake County Passion Play Fundraiser

Start getting excited! The Annual Passion Play Fundraiser—An Enchanted Evening under the pines—with a smoked NY Strip Roast dinner will be Saturday, **September 21st**, at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Pat and Lisa Lambert, 10650 Gifford Springs Road, Cobb Mountain. There will be live music, appetizers, happy hour, a live auction, dinner, dessert and dancing.

\$80 for a single ticket, or \$600 for a table of 8. Please support the Annual Lake County Outdoor Passion Play and purchase tickets by calling Lisa Lambert at 707-245-7281, or Maryann Sanderson 707-489-8820.

There are three ages of man: Youth, middles and, "Gee, you look good!"

### Senior Peer Support Program

The Council on Aging is looking for mature compassionate men and women that are dedicated to providing support to seniors in need. Volunteers in this program provide weekly, one-on-one visits at the senior's home. Training for this volunteer position begins in September, 2024. Contact Leigh Galton at 707-525-0143 x121 or [lgalten@councilonaging.com](mailto:lgalten@councilonaging.com).

### Grief Support Group

Did you know there is a group of Catholic men and women who regularly meet to support one another as we grieve the loss of a loved one? Whether your loss was recent or more distant, the feelings and challenges are the same. Feel free to drop by and check us out. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, **October 2** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 1244 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa. We are a friendly, compassionate, down to earth group of people who use Scripture as an anchor to make sense and find comfort in our grief. For further information, call Deanna at 707-595-3050 or Mary at 707-495-3095.

### Walk With Mary

You are invited to join the Oakville Carmelite Secular Community at their Rosary procession, crowning and benediction at the Carmelite House of Prayer, 20 Mt. Carmel Drive, Oakville, California, on Sunday, **October 20**, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments and social time to follow. More information on the bulletin board.

If you have to choose between being kind and being right, choose to be kind, and you will always be right.

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