

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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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 21/22, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Serve
Anyone who
wishes to be
first... must be
servant to all.

First Is Best?

"I'm first!" "No, I'm first!" "Mom, tell Ronnie that I get to be first this time!" From the earliest moments of our lives, there is something ingrained in us that is convinced that first is best. If not chosen first for the sports team, we

are immediately deflated. We are coached to be "in first." We are caught in a culture that makes being first the highest priority. Against this backdrop, we come to church and hear a Gospel such as the one proclaimed today from Mark: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." This is a passage all about power.

Being Powerful

Putting others first is one of the greatest challenges in a world that places so much emphasis on being powerful. Americans, for the most part, pride themselves on being a "super-power." Power, in and of itself, is not the problem. What can become problematic is the way that power is used. Our example of the perfect use of power, is the Lord Jesus himself. Fully human and fully divine, the Lord put all the power that had been given to him at the service of others. Unfortunately, when one hears "he is a very powerful man" or "it is a very powerful country," one usually thinks of people or countries that use power to place themselves above apparently weaker people or places. The Gospel is a challenge to turn this notion on its head. We have each been given much power—the power flowing from Christ—in our baptism. Today we are called to use this power to place the needs of others before our own.



Sunday, September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: *Wisdom 2:12, -17-20*—Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Responsorial: *Psalm 54*—The Lord upholds my life.

Reading II: *James 3:16-4:3*—The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Gospel: *Mark 9:30-37*—Whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.



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)

MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 21–29

Sat	21	4:00	Intention of SOV Parishioners (Len Marabella)
Sun	22	10:00	† Dorothy Lynn Imm (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Mon	23		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	24	8:00	† Naomi Parker (Micki & Dennis Sabourin)
Wed	25	8:00	† Don Schulte
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	26	8:00	† Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Fri	27	8:00	† Bob Kalsey
Sat	28	4:00	† Nancy McNeill (Jack Hammel)
Sun	29	10:00	† Al Bentham

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.

(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.

Reasons Why English is Weird

- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- The farm used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

This Weekend — September 21–22

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Micki Sabourin	Kar Hofmann
Lector:	Blanche Kaiser	Bowman Olds
Server:	Dennis Sabourin	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Livie Brant Gayle Brinker	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers	Rick Ragan

Next Weekend — September 28–29

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Connie Pearson	Marge Lamb
Judy Rodgers	Mike Hanlon
Micki Sabourin	Jim Warman
Diane D'Ambrogia	Mary Bell
Marietta Mancuso	Tim Burkhard
Kathleen Beirne	Clarence Younger



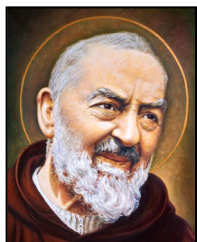
PARISH EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 22–28

Tuesday, **September 24**, 11:00 Pastoral Council—Bello
Thursday, **September 26**, 1:30 Finance Council Meeting
Saturday, **September 28**, 4:00 Mass—Church & 5:00
Parish Anniversary Party—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Sept 1	Sept 8	Sept 15	Weekly Goal
\$4,210	\$4,232	\$2,929	\$5,365

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



St. Padre Pio—September 23

Francesco Forgione was born to a poor farm family in southern Italy in 1887. The family had an abundant faith life, and by the age of five Francesco displayed signs of holiness and a desire to become a consecrated religious. He entered the Capuchins at

age 15 and took the name “Pio” after Pope Pius I. Padre Pio had many mystical visions, saw and talked to guardian angels, levitated, bilocated, could read people’s consciences in the confessional, performed miracles, was attacked by demons, and received the marks of the stigmata. He built a hospital with a goal of caring for ailing souls as well as bodies, and his emotional celebration of Mass could last three hours.

St. Padre Pio said, “In the spiritual life he who does not advance goes backward. It happens as with a boat which always must go ahead. If it stands still the wind will blow it back.” It’s common to reach a comfortable plateau in our spiritual lives where our faith life becomes routine. Today, prayerfully examine your faith life, then shake up your routine and make a conscious effort to advance.

Star of the Valley
fall
**HARVEST
DINNER**
Save the Date
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
Monsignor Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Dr. in Oakmont



STAR OF THE VALLEY *43rd Anniversary*

43rd Anniversary Celebration Trivia:

How did the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center come to be?

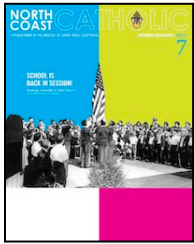
Star of the Valley was blessed with a second major benefactor, Evert and Norma Person. Through the Person's matching grant of \$350,000, the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center was made possible. Parish Founders and new parishioners donated another \$350,000 and construction commenced. The new Parish Center was dedicated on Sunday, July 17, 1993 in honor of Norma Person.

Stemming from his roots in Ireland where there is always a place to gather, Msgr. Fahey wanted more than a hall. He wanted a Center, an inclusive gathering place, a “Family Living Room,” where all are welcome. All the programs, celebrations, fundraising events, meetings, gatherings, bingo, Donut Sundays, Super Bowl parties, Christmas parties, Nick’s Pantry, etc. held at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center brings us together as one family

The Star of the Valley Church and Msgr. Fahey Parish Center are a reflection of the sacrifice, hard work, dedication, and generosity of our founders that is treasured among current day parishioners.

These beautiful facilities were paid off by parishioners on October 4, 1997, and celebrated with a “Mortgage Burning Party.” This was a significant accomplishment of the founding members that we continue to enjoy today. Bless them!





Free Magazine

The September/October issue of the **North Coast Catholic** is now available at the back of the church and in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. Read about two Christian, gold medal winning athletes, and The Eucharistic Congress Behind the Scenes.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



40 Days for Life Vigil

Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community **September 25-November 3, 2024.**

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in your community.

It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.

For more information, or to sign up for the vigil held at the Planned Parenthood Center at 1140 Sonoma Avenue in Santa Rosa, contact Judy Parcher at 707-477-8937, email judy1parcher@sbcglobal.net, or go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/santarosa>.

- Forgive all who have offended you, not for them, but for yourself.
- Growth begins when we start to accept our own weakness.

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.

International Food Festival

Kolbe-Trinity, a K-12 school, will host its 6th Annual International Food Festival on the school grounds of 2055 Redwood Road in Napa on Saturday, **October 5th** from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Tickets will be available for purchase for food, drinks, bouncy house, and carnival games. Come and celebrate our diverse Catholic heritage!

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

The beautiful and inspiring Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, produced by Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be on display at St. Joan of Arc parish hall, 6404 Washington St, Yountville, **October 5-20**, open daily from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Please come, and bring family and friends, to be inspired and informed by these amazing, documented Eucharistic miracles throughout the history of the Church. Display is bilingual, in English and Spanish. No charge. See flyer on bulletin board.

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