Church of St. Raphael

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Liturgical Ministers’ Schedule

**Saturday, June 17**

5:30 pm
Lectors: Sharon Hedman, Jim Smith
EMHC: Paul Bruins, Mary Kay Ficks, Jeanine Machan, Karen Oblade, Barbara Thotland
Servers: Mike & Stephen Hedman, Mike Gerads, James Herrera
Greeters: Larry & Rose Ann Kopp (W), Loris da Halle, Liane Hofmann (N), Tom & Florence Mechels (E)

**Sunday, June 18**

8:30 am
Lectors: Peggy Diedrich, Lisa Tienter
EMHC: Tom & Kathy Bohlinger, Pete Dubay, David & Janet Fischer
Servers: Hansmann family, James Zahler, Lucas Reiff
Greeters: Mary Schupanitz (W), Don & Ann Lynch (E)

10:30 am
Lectors: Elaine Berg, Anna Makousky
EMHC Gina Dykhoff, George Finka, Yvesco Lawson, Claudette Parris, Colleen Todd
Servers: Jeff & Nathan Fish, Kevin & Luke Matzek, Christopher Hester, Tim Wacker
Greeters: Greg & Kristen Basgall (E)

**Welcome Newly Baptized**
Jayden James Thoennes

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for JP Ehlenz, Kayla Benvinger, David McMillen, Marlene Staloch, Josephine Talbot, Teresa Tawil, and Elaine Wosnek.

To add a name to this list for one month call 537-8401 x523.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

We have several early bulletin deadlines for June and July. Please follow this schedule:

- Articles for **June 25** are due on or before **June 12**
- Articles for **July 2** are due on or before **June 26**
- Articles for **July 9** are due on or before **June 27**

This Week’s Mass Intentions

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Weekly Calendar of Events

See Youth Ministry Column for Jr. & Sr. High Activities

**Sunday, June 11**
8 am - Noon ~ Library Open - 2nd Floor by Elevator
9:30 - Noon ~ Fellowship hosted by the Knights of Columbus - Marian Hall
10 am ~ Rosary Society Monthly Rosary - Main Church
1:30 pm ~ Carmelites - Parish Center

**Monday, June 12** ~ No Scheduled Events

**Tuesday, June 13**
1 pm ~ Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Makers - St. Raphael Rm
7:15 pm ~ Agape Singers - Choir Room

**Wednesday, June 14**
7 pm ~ St. Raphael Sunday Choir - Choir Room
7 pm ~ Cana Meeting - Bride's Room

**Thursday, June 15**
7 pm ~ St. Raphael Prayer Group - Marian Hall

**Friday, June 16**
5 pm ~ Wedding Rehearsal - Main Church
6:15 pm ~ St. Eligius Circle - Conference Room

**Saturday, June 17**
10 am ~ Reaching for Faith Speaker Series - Marian Hall
1 pm ~ Wedding - Main Church
5-7 pm ~ Library Open - 2nd Floor by Elevator
6:30 pm ~ New Adoration Chapel Viewing

**Sunday, June 18**
8 am - Noon ~ Library Open - 2nd Floor by Elevator
9:30 & 11:30 am ~ New Adoration Chapel Viewing

Stewardship of Treasure

**June 4, 2017**
- Contributions: $17,408.00
- Budget: $20,809.00
- Building Fund: $826.00
- Budget: $2,600.00
- Mr. J Scholarship: $225.00

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”
~ Matthew 6:21

Morning Mass & Confession Canceled

There will be no morning Mass or Confession on June 20 or 21, as our priests will be attending the Presbyteral Assembly of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, which takes place every two years in Rochester.

Note: There will be a Norvus Ordo Mass on June 21 at 5:30 pm.
**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

**Not a Marketer’s Dream…**

From time to time I hear well-intentioned Catholics talk about “marketing” Catholic education. That always makes me wince. From what I understand, the goal of marketing, at least in the business world, is to try to make a product appear appealing. The goal is to convince consumers that what’s being promoted will—depending on the product or service—make them happy, successful, powerful, attractive, relaxed, excited, influential, knowledgeable, wealthy, employable, healthy, popular, or something similar. The pitch, in brief, seems to be “Buy this and get what you want.”

In contrast, Catholic education, like the Catholic Christian faith in general, is not about getting what you want. It’s about what is TRUE.

More specifically, it’s about what is TRUE about God and angels and human beings, the meaning of life, what God wants for us and from us, love, what can lead us to heaven and what can lead us to hell, the purpose and importance of the Church, the Last Things (death, judgment, hell, purgatory and heaven), the sacraments, right and wrong, good and evil, and what can make us happy in this life and the next.

A lot of what is true is not very appealing at first sight. Sometimes it takes a while to appreciate it.

An example of this is the dogma of the Trinity, which we celebrate in a special way this Sunday. The fact that there is only One God, and that He has always existed as Three Divine Persons, can almost give you a headache if you try too hard to understand it. It appears ridiculous or unbelievable to many people of other religions, such as Jews, Muslims, and Unitarians.

So why do we Christians believe in the Trinity? Because God has revealed that that’s Who He Is. The words of Sacred Scripture witness to the fact both that there is One God, and that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. There are hints of it all through the Bible, beginning with the Book of Genesis. Jesus Christ made it more obvious, for example when He instructed His apostles to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name [not “names”] of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” This three-fold name of the Most Holy Trinity is what people are baptized and absolved with, it’s how we begin and end prayers, and it’s part of the Rosary. Hopefully, the longer we are Christians, the more we will appreciate, get to know, and love—if not understand—the Trinity.

The dogma of the Trinity is also an argument for the truth of the Christian faith, and against the absurd belief some people have that the twelve apostles, or later bishops, or the Roman Emperor Constantine, just developed and promoted Christianity for personal reasons. There were a lot of other religions around back then—as there are now—that were easier to understand, made fewer demands, or promised greater earthly happiness.

The fact that hundreds of millions of people over the years have taken Christianity seriously—believing it and trying to live it—just goes to show that it’s not a human invention. As such, it doesn’t need marketing to survive. It just needs God.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!**

~ Father Rudolph

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**From Ann Coone**

Dear St. Raphael Families and Friends,

Two years ago I began serving as the Principal of our wonderful Parish School, St. Raphael. I have enjoyed every day and have been inspired time and time again by the kindness and wisdom of our Pastor and the leader of our school, Father Rudolph. He has taught me novels of valuable information about humility and joyful leadership. He has also taught me the peace that arrives when we rely fully on Christ and not on our own understanding (or misunderstanding) about life’s twists and turns.

For reasons only God understands, at this time in my life I have been called to serve at another parish school. Beginning July 1, I will begin serving as the Principal of Epiphany Catholic School in Coon Rapids. I leave St. Raphael Catholic School knowing that it is under the care and faithful protection of our patron, St. Raphael and the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ. Father Rudolph and the generous, gifted staff of St. Raphael will continue to serve our school with the same love and joy that I was welcomed with and our students experience daily. The teachers and support staff God has assembled at our school are the finest found in our archdiocese and they will continue to bless our children and lead them in their growth as children of God. My job here would not have been possible without the kind and highly-skilled wisdom and friendship of our Parish Administrator, Ginny Metzger, our Finance Council under the wise and charitable leadership of John Harm, our Parish Council, and our own school Administrative Assistant, Pam Inniger, who blesses every person who enters our school. I thank God for their leadership and support.

I will be at St. Raphael Catholic School for the rest of June working hard to help ensure that everything is in place for our new Principal and to assist in all ways possible in the transition from one leader to another. St. Raphael Church is my family’s parish and we look forward to remaining parishioners here for a very long time and enjoying weekend Masses celebrated by our amazing and God-given shepherds, Father Rudolph and Father Altier. We thank God for them on a daily basis. God led me to St. Raphael Catholic School with a very specific mission in mind and I pray that I have done what He has asked of me in this short period of time. May God continue to bless St. Raphael Catholic School.

Your friend in Christ, Ann Coone
Fr. Rudolph will be sharing his conversion story on **Saturday, June 17**, 10 am in Marian Hall (note date change). The Journey of Faith Speaker Series is for you or someone you know who is looking for some inspiration about the Catholic faith. We have some of our own who are willing to share with us their faith story. This is a great chance to not only hear what makes the Catholic faith click for those giving their story, but also to ask your own questions. (see the notice to the right).

**Signup For Email Notification:** If you would like an email reminder in the days leading up to the next speaker date, either Phil at the number above, or send an email to fdlcondesa@outlook.com.

### Perpetual Adoration

**Therese Juba 763.533.8514 or Betty Kreuter 763.537.1399**

June 1, 2017 marked the 20th Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration at St. Raphael’s Parish.

You are cordially invited to join us on **Sunday, June 25, 2017**, at 10:30 am, as we celebrate Mass and honor the 20th Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration and the dedication and blessing of our new Perpetual Adoration Chapel after Mass. A reception will follow in Marian Hall.

Parishioners are also invited to see the beautiful new chapel prior to the Anniversary celebration. We will have the chapel open for you to visit the weekend of **June 17-18** after all Masses.

YOU ARE ALWAYS INVITED to spend an hour in the presence of our Lord in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. For more information call Therese Juba or Betty Kreuter at the above numbers.

### Women’s Scripture Study


Join us this fall to strengthen the tether between your heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Use the links below to register today. More information will soon be on the events page of rediscover-faith.org!

September 19 - November 14 (No session on October 31)
Tuesday mornings, 10:30 am - 12 noon (Limited childcare), at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, in Wayzata. Register at: https://events.archspm.org/womens-scripture-2017-wayzata

September 19 - November 14 (No session on October 31)
Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. (No childcare), at St. Peter Catholic Church, in Mendota Heights. Register at: https://events.archspm.org/womens-scripture-2017-mendota

**Due to limited space advanced registration is required. We are unable to offer refunds.**

### Would you like to be a Wedding Coordinator?

St Raphael’s is seeking one or more volunteers to help Father Rudolph with weddings. Responsibilities include meeting with the engaged couple and Father to go over wedding details, being present at the rehearsal, and assisting the couple and the wedding party on the day of the wedding. If you enjoy weddings, are cheerful, friendly and well-organized, and think you might enjoy this position, please contact Ginny Metzger in the Parish Office.
Saint Paula Frassinetti (1809-92)

Paula was born in the Italian city of Genoa in the troubled circumstances of the early nineteenth century. Industrialization and poverty drove many poor farmers into the city, where they were often worse off than before. Working conditions were often dangerous, unemployment was high, and there were many homeless people, including children, who to survive often turned to crime. There was also a strong anti-Catholic political movement. Paula’s brother was a parish priest in Quinto. She joined him to teach the poor children of the parish. Other women came forward to help, and she founded an Institute, the Sisters of Saint Dorothy, devoted to teaching. Paula encountered many obstacles in her work, but the intensity of her prayer life and her wisdom in dealing with human problems became widely known, and after a period in which she was very short of resources the movement attracted support and prospered. Branches were founded in other Italian cities and in Portugal and Brazil. Saint Paula Frassinetti, pray for us!

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**Come with us to the Holy Land**

One of the great privileges I have had in my time at St. Raphael is to organize pilgrimage events for young people, including our World Youth Day events. We have witnessed changed lives and deepened faith with each of these experiences. With this in mind, I am honored to announce another great pilgrimage opportunity for the St. Raphael community.

In April of 2019 myself and Fr. Michael Rudolph will be leading an amazing ten day pilgrimage for adults to the Holy Land. We will visit and worship at many of the important Christian holy sites where Jesus Christ was born, where he lived, and where he taught and worked miracles. We will also pray and worship in Jerusalem at the locations of Jesus’ passion and death. We invite everyone to pray about their possible participation in this once in a lifetime spiritual journey. Please see the Holy Land 2019 Pilgrimage Brochure for more details. These brochures can be found at all entrances of the church and in the parish office. You will be in my prayers. ~ Bob Swift

**Note:** We currently have 41 people taking this pilgrimage. However, there is still room for more AND the early bird discount has been extended until June 15th!

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**Youth Ministry**

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Bob Swift
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**Sr. High**

**June 30:** Friday Night Open Youth Room from 6-10 pm.
Come join us for a fun night of fellowship!

**Jul. 10, 12, 25, & 27:** We are now accepting registrations for Summer Stretch 2017. It is open to all 6th-12th grade teens. Summer Stretch includes morning prayer and service experiences followed by afternoon fun. The registration deadline is Monday, June 26. For more information please contact Anna Scherber at ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org. Come join us!

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**CORE Team**

**June 17-18:** EFC Leader’s Retreat at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor begins on Saturday, June 17. We will be departing by bus from St. Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park. Please arrive by 9:15 am. We will be leaving at 9:30 am. All Prayer Team & Extreme Team are required to attend this retreat. See you all there!

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15 - 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37

**Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

**Bob’s Goodbye Open Youth Room**

All parishioners are welcome to join us for a little goodbye party for Bob Swift on Wednesday, June 14th, in the Youth Room at 7 pm.
Although all of our graduates stand out for their unique and wonderful gifts and skills, the following students received exceptional awards of recognition:

Knights of Columbus Scholarships: Scholarships totaling $1,500 were presented to two students who will be attending Catholic High Schools, have been examples of charity and service, and exhibit great academic integrity. This year’s recipients are: Amara Gerlach and Luke Schroeder.

Presidential Award for Academic Excellence: This award goes to the student(s) who have the highest GPA in the eighth grade and who are examples of personal and academic virtue. This year we had three 8th graders with GPAs of 4.0! The recipients are: Hazelle Franke, Amara Gerlach and Meaghan Larimore.

DeLaSalle Presidential Scholar Award: Provides $1,200 each year for four years at DeLaSalle High School. Awarded to students for academic achievement and personal character as well as participation and leadership in school and/or community activities. Awarded this year to: Chelsea Chukwu.

Presidential Award for Achievement: This award goes to student(s) who has shown consistent effort, has worked to do their best, and consistently practices patience, perseverance and charity. This year’s recipient is: Katie Rengel.

Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph Award: This award is given to eighth graders who have been chosen by their classmates in a private ballot to reveal the virtues of these two great Saints. Their names will be added to our Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph Award Plaque, which hangs near the main entrance of the school. This year’s St. Joseph Award goes to Ryan Ruddy. This year’s Blessed Virgin Mary Award goes to Hazelle Franke.

In Christ, Ann Coone
A Diary of Hope

The following is from an article by Bradley Mattes dated April 5, 2017, courtesy of Life Issues Institute, www.lifeissues.org.

Jamie Freeman and her husband Mark found out early in their pregnancy that they were expecting a son who had Down syndrome. Both parents, in their late 30s, cried for weeks.

But when Benjamin (Benny) was born, Jamie’s fears of the unknown dissolved and now, looking back, she realized all of those tears and anxieties were unnecessary. As a result, Jamie decided to begin a diary, sharing her initial struggle, in all its painful honesty. The pages, she said, were stained with coffee, tea and tears.

It didn’t end there.

Jamie set out on an unusual journey with her diary — to help future parents of children with Down syndrome avoid the anguish she and Mark experienced.

A resident of Detroit, she decided to include other parents who’ve walked in their shoes, so she decided to forward the diary to them so they could tell in their own words their personal journey with this special member of their family.

Before sending it off, Jamie wrote a few instructions for future authors, encouraging them to be honest about their experiences, both the uplifting and the challenging aspects of raising a child with Down syndrome.

News of the diary got around through Facebook postings and word of mouth. Thus began a three-year journey that included various points throughout America and Canada, with a final tour in the United Kingdom, after which it will return to its original owner — 21 families in all.

The diary’s first stop was to a mother in Ontario, Canada.

One of the first things a family would do is read the previous posts. Without exception they were inspired by what they read, and motivated to share their own stories — both the highs and lows.

The mother of a four-year-old struggled to recall the difficult early days because life was now such a joy. So instead, she wrote about the happiness and inspiration her son brought to their home. Those who added their personal perspectives were as varied as society itself. One mother wrote of her journey with a daughter who is now grown.

Judging from the tear-stained pages, a Utah father provided the most moving contribution. Another father, a stay-at-home dad, hoped the diary would prevent future abortions.

Some expressed frustration with the dire predictions many doctors and medical staff inflict on expectant parents. They lament that these distraught parents don’t often have the benefit of their knowledge and experience to put their hearts and minds at ease.

Which is chiefly the main objective of the diary — to give moms and dads a peace of mind that allows them to joyfully welcome the newest member of their family. The children themselves even weighed in. Oliver, in the UK said “Tell them not to worry, mum.”

Jamie wants the diary to become a tool for expectant parents and medical professionals. Too many times, Jamie says, doctors terrify parents with statistics. And many of them (the statistics that is) are outdated relics.

It’s also her earnest desire that the diary will prevent future abortions.

Hopefully, when this “diary of love” is published it will open the eyes, hearts and minds of both doctors and parents to say yes to life and welcome this special child.

We have tons of resources at http://www.lifeissues.org/category/issues/down-syndrome for parents and others interested in the issue of Down syndrome. Please utilize them to deflect a fear of the unknown and instead equip them to expectantly look forward to the joys of a having a bundle of blessings.

Protecting all babies, Bradley Mattes
President, Life Issues Institute

Natural Family Planning Classes

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning at the Church of St. Agnes, 548 Lafond Ave, St. Paul. This series uses CCL’s new streamlined methodology and new materials incorporating Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Register at http://twincities.ccli.org. For more info, please call 612-721-3791 or email twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com.

St. Raphael Catholic School has two part-time job openings for the 2017-2018 school year. The first is a Junior High Math Teacher, ten hours per week, and the second is a K-8 Spanish Teacher, 24 hours per week. Interested people should email Mrs. Coone at ann.coone@srsmn.org or call 763-504-9450.
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