# ST. RAPHAEL
# THE ARCHANGEL
## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 5pm
**Sunday** 8 am, 10 am
5pm

**Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 8 am

## Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Mass for the Homebound**
Radio Mass Sunday 8am on WOSH 1490AM
TV Mass w/ Bishop Ricken - Sundays at
**7:30am on WFRVLocal5**

**Parish Office Hours**
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
**Our Catholic School:** Lourdes Academy
920-426-3626

## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor - Fr. Tom Long
Parochial Vicar - Fr. Nathan Budde
Pastoral Associate - Sara Scheunemann
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**Oshkosh Area Weekday Masses:**

**St. Raphael** Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs at 8 am

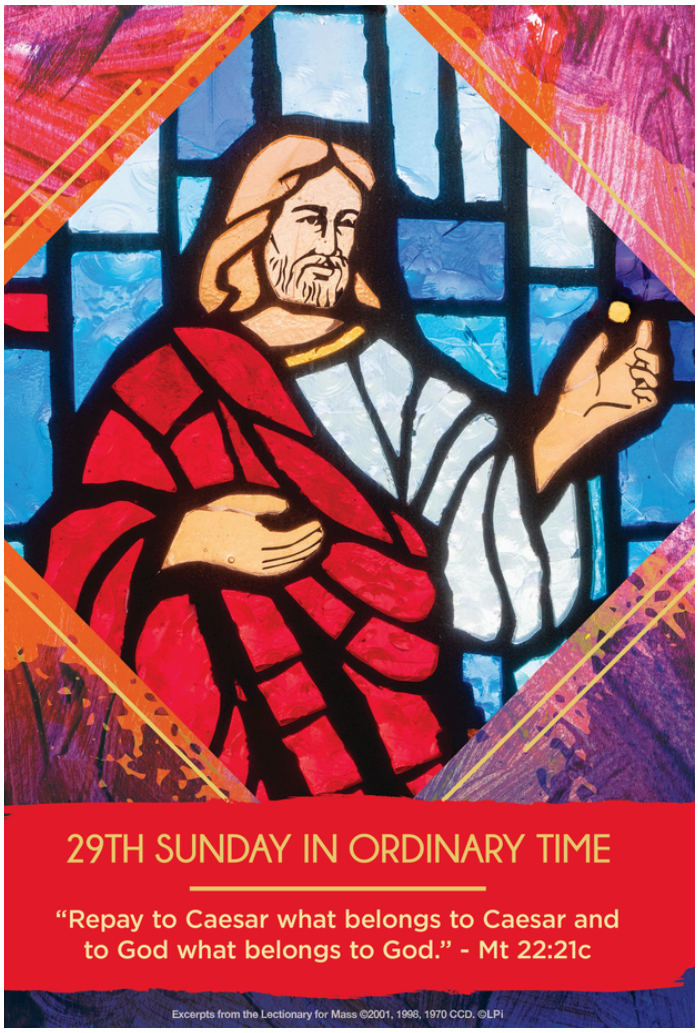
**St. Jude** Tues, Wed, Fri at 7:30 am at Sacred Heart

**Most Blessed Sacrament**
Tuesday at **5:15 pm** at St. Mary (new time)
Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat at 7:30 am at St. Peter

**Father Carr's Place 2B**
Monday, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat at 7 am

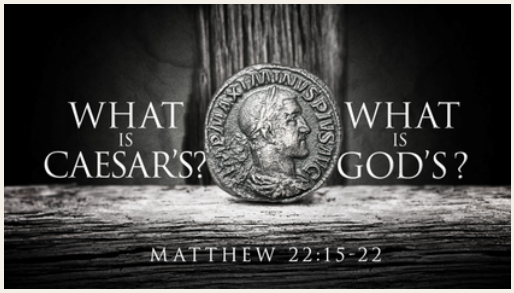
**Mercy Medical Center Chapel**
1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 2 pm

# October 18, 2026




## MISSION OF ST. RAPHAEL

**As friends and followers of Jesus, we are devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church.**




## Christianity is NOT a Power Game!

"Jesus said to them, 'Whose image is this
and whose inscription?'
They replied, 'Caesar's.' At that he said to them,
'Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God." Matthew 22:21

Sisters and Brothers, the scripture passage above from the Gospel of Matthew is one of the most recognized and quoted lines in the world. As I was reading different commentaries on today's gospel reading, Robert Barron, bishop of Rochester-Winona, MN, one of my favorite spiritual fathers, theologians and evangelists, reminded me that "Jesus places everything in its proper relationship to God. But he also chastises those who are involved in power games. God is ultimately in charge and rules over even Caesar. Christianity is ultimately about a radical priority and the total claim of God on human life, rather than a neat split between politics and religion." Bishop Barron teaches how this works:

• Beyond a Simple Split: Barron rejects the modern notion that the text carves the world into two neatly separated domains (a secular political sphere for the state and a private spiritual sphere for God). Because God is the act of being itself, God's reality pervades, grounds, and claims every dimension of life—including law, politics, and culture.

• God Comes First: While citizens have legitimate duties to earthly governments and the common good, secular obligations can never usurp supreme allegiance to God. Barron highlights how easy it is for people to pour immense energy into secular systems while neglecting deep spiritual conversion.

• Returning the Image to God: Just as the coin bears Caesar's image and belongs to Caesar because he minted it, human beings bear the image (imago Dei) of God. Therefore, our ultimate act is to render ourselves—our entire lives, hearts, and worship—back to the Creator.

I would encourage all of you to spend some time in prayer, meditation and contemplation on the above three bullet points. They have helped me to surrender, trust and have faith that the Holy Spirit will guide me back into right praise and relationship with our God.



***In Christ,***
***Deacon John***

Image: What is God"s / Saraland Christian Church, AL / Sermons (6.28.25)

**World Mission Sunday**
**October 17/18, 2025**

This weekend, October 17/18 we are called in a special way to be "missionaries of faith." We can be those missionaries through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the World Mission Sunday collection.

In the Diocese of Green Bay, the World Mission Collection supports the activities of three mission collections: the Society for the Propagation of the Faith; the Collection for Latin America; and the Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

The Propagation of the Faith provides ongoing support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Catholic Church in Africa, Asia, the Islands of the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. This includes aid for the education and support of seminarians, religious novices, and lay catechists; for the work of religious communities in education, health care and social services; for communication and transportation needs, and for disaster and emergency relief when necessary.

On World Mission Sunday, you are asked for your prayers and financial assistance in supporting the missionary work of the Church. Please be as generous as your means will allow and continue to pray that all of us may be eager and effective witnesses of our faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you and May God bless you.

Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space, in your envelope packets or you may donate online at raphael.org/give

**Annual Parish Meeting**
**Thursday, October 22 - 6 pm**
**Good Samaritan Hall**

All parishioners are invited to attend this meeting to discuss the status of our parish. We will review our annual report, have discussion and questions regarding our parish, and talk about some significant building update projects that are needing to be done in the coming months.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Saturday, October 17 World Mission Sunday**
Oshkosh Area Food Pantry Collection
7:45 am Women of Faith Event (Fr. Carr's)
9:00 am Christ Child Society Mtg/Wrkshp
9:00 am Secular Francisicans Mtg
3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Burgers & Brats after Mass

**Sunday, October 18 World Mission Sunday**
Morning Masses at 8am & 10am
NO Burrito Sunday (there will be coffee & donuts)
Oshkosh Area Food Pantry Collection
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Flash Youth Ministry

**Monday, October 19**
8:00 am Mass
2:00 pm Women of Faith Small Group
5:00 pm NO Prayer Shawl Meeting
6:15 pm Catholicism 101
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Women of Faith Small Group

**Tueday, October 20**
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Moms Group
4:30 pm Grades 1-5 RE Classes
4:30 pm Middle School Edge
6:15 pm No Finance Council
6:30 pm Growing Deeper Together: Adult Faith Formation

**Wednesday, October 21**
8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Women's Spirituality
4:30 pm Grades 1-5 RE Classes
5:30 pm Middle School Edge
5:30 pm Edge Reconciliation
7:30 pm Confirmation Class
7:30 pm High School RE Classe
7:30 pm Grade 9-10 Reconciliation
8:00 pm Reconciliation

**Thursday, October 22**
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am The Sacraments - Dcn John Ingala
4:00 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Mixed Choir
6:00 pm Parish Annual Meeting

**Friday, October 23**
7:30 am Mass at St Jude

## Stewardship of Sharing

**Week Ending October 11, 2026**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Praying at Mass | | 1,430 |
| Envelope Collection | $ | 35,016 |
| Loose Collection | $ | 1,565 |
| EFT | $ | 492 |
| On-Line Giving | $ | 7,660 |
| Total Weekly Collections | $ | 44,734 |
| Year to date giving (actual) | $ | 399,395 |
| Year to date giving (budgeted) | $ | 373,750 |

Money given over the amount needed is invested for future needs. Thank you for your generosity, as these donations are important for our long term needs.

Please remember St. Raphael Church as a beneficiary in your Will / Estate Planning

## Weekend Mass Updates:

| | Saturday | | Sunday | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 5:00 | 8:00 | 10:00 | 5:00 | |
| September 19/20 | 337 | 429 | 576 | 191 | 1,533 |
| September 26/27 | 295 | 386 | 561 | 256 | 1,498 |
| October 3/4 | 302 | 405 | 502 | 178 | 1,387 |
| October 10/11 | 335 | 417 | 472 | 206 | 1,430 |



The following child will be baptized at St. Raphael this weekend

***Blair Ann,***

daughter of Wyatt and Emily Conger

**Welcome, Little One!**

**Saturday, October 24**
3:30 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm White Elephant Bingo

**Sunday, October 25**
Morning Masses at 8am & 10am
3:00 pm Families of Faith
3:00 pm Grade 9-10 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Flash Youth Ministry

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION




The heavenly hero for the month of October is St. Thérèse of Lisieux.
St. Thérèse of Lisieux grew up in France. To celebrate her French Heritage make French Toast together as a family using the simple recipie provided.
Before you eat the French Toast say the prayer below.

**Little Flower French Toast Recipe**

Ingredients

- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup milk (whole, 2%, or plant-based)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Pinch of salt
- 4 to 6 slices of bread (thick-sliced brioche, challah, or standard sandwich bread)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons butter (for the pan)
- Maple syrup (for serving)

Directions:

1. In a shallow bowl or pie dish, whisk together the eggs, milk, vanilla extract, cinnamon, and salt until smooth.
2. Place a skillet or griddle over medium heat and melt a tablespoon of butter.
3. Submerge each slice of bread into the egg mixture for a few seconds per side so it absorbs the liquid without falling apart.
4. Place the bread slices in the hot skillet. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes per side until the toast is golden brown and crisp.
5. Serve hot with butter and maple syrup.

Prayer:

***Dear Jesus,***
***Thank you for this food. Please teach me to do ordinary things with extraordinary love just like St. Therese.***
***Amen.***

## Upcoming Faith Formation Events:

- **October 25: Families of Faith, 3-5**
- **October 28: All catechist retreat at Fr. Carr's Place 2B. No classes for weekly class students.**

**November 7/8, 3-6: First Reconciliation Retreat**




Last week, as part of our homecoming week festivities, Lourdes Academy celebrated several alumni whose faithfulness, achievements, and lives of service stand out as excellent examples of what Lourdes holds most dear. Tom and JoAnne Dolata won the Dr. Stanley J. Spanbauer in Education and Leadership award. Paul Schneider ('88) won the Outstanding Alumni award and Reneee Husman earned the Distinguished Stewardship award. Finally, Nora (Keller) Grant ('15) and Lucas Weber ('16) were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. All in attendance enjoyed a beautiful evening celebrating God working through these incredible examples.

## Help Your Child Build a Relationship with God

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is to help them know and love God. As parents, grandparents, and caregivers, we have a beautiful opportunity to help children discover that God is not simply someone they learn about at church. He is a loving father who is always present in their lives.

Building a child's relationship with God begins at home.The Church calls the family the "domestic church," because home is where children first experience love, forgiveness, prayer, and faith. Our children learn about God not only from what we tell them, but also from the way we live our faith each day.



Pray together. Make prayer a natural part of family life. Pray before meals, at bedtime, in the car, or whenever your family needs God's help.

Bring Jesus into everyday conversations. When something wonderful happens, thank God together. When someone is hurting pray for them.

Read Scripture together. Choose a short Gospel story and talk about what Jesus did and what it teaches us.

Let your children see your faith. Your example can speak more powerfully than any lesson. Let them see you pray, attend Mass, forgive others, serve those in need, and turn to God during difficult times. They need to see that faith is not just something we practice on Sunday; it is a relationship that shapes our whole lives.

Most importantly, remember that building a relationship with God takes time. What matters is that we continually invite God into our family life. Our children are a precious gift from God. let us help them discover that they are deeply loved by Him, that they can always turn to Him, and that Jesus wants to walk with them throughout their entire lives.

May our homes be places where children learn to know God, trust Him, talk with Him, and grow in love for Him.



***Kathy Baehman***
***Family Outreach***




Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Coats for Kids campaign during the month of October. Starting the weekend of October 4/5, bring your new or gently used children's coats to church.

There will be a collection box in the Gathering Space. All coats will go to the Salvation Army. Please call the parish office at 920-233-8044 if you have any questions.

**Halloween: A Catholic Perspective - Oshkosh Young Adults**
**October 29 at 6:30pm**
**St. Raphael Church**

Fr. Budde welcomes young adults from ages 18-30 as he traces the Catholic roots of the celebration of Halloween and offers commentary on our culture's current Halloween traditions. This talk will be offered in the context of chanted Evening Prayer taken from the Liturgy of the Hours' Office of the Dead here in St. Martin's Chapel. Afterward, all are welcome for fellowship as we watch the Packers-Panthers Thursday Night Football matchup in Good Samaritan Hall. No RSVP necessary.

## Discernment & the Holy Spirit: Why Does God Allow Desolation? Reason #3

So far, we have considered two reasons why God allows spiritual desolation in our lives – times when we feel far away from God and lack energy and enthusiasm for spiritual things.

As a brief recap of the last two weeks, sometimes we experience desolation through our own fault because we have failed to be faithful to our spiritual commitments. In this case, God allows desolation as an alarm bell to get us back on track (reason #1).

Sometimes though, desolation is not our fault. We have been faithful to prayer, to attending Mass, and to our other spiritual commitments. In this case, God permits spiritual desolation to test us and to teach us. He wants us to learn to seek him always, even when it doesn't come easily for us, and thus show how much he matters to us (reason #2).

St. Ignatius gives us one final reason why God allows spiritual desolation. Desolation reminds us that we are not in control. All is gift from God (reason #3). When we have feelings in prayer that bring us delight, when we have a fresh insight, when we experience true consolation, it is not our doing. We have not earned it in any way. These things are God's gift to us. We receive them from the Lord with thanksgiving, but we can never produce them through our own efforts.

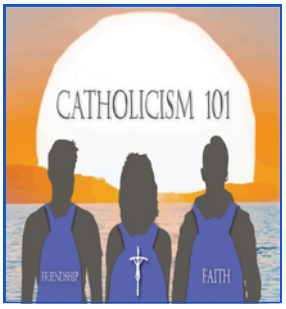
Times of spiritual desolation help us to humbly remember that we are dependent upon God for every good thing in our lives. In the long run, this growth in humility when in desolation may turn out to be an even greater gift than the delightful feelings we experience in prayer during consolation.



**In the love of Jesus,**
**Sara Scheunemann, Pastoral Associate**

*P.S. Previous columns in this weekly series on the "Holy Spirit and Discernment," which started July 11/12, are available online in the St. Raphael bulletins.*

Would you like to better understand the Catholic faith? Want to grow in your relationship with God? **Interested in becoming Catholic? Or being confirmed as an adult?** Catholicism 101 is a great place to take the next step in your faith journey. Catholicism 101 is open to all. Feel free to join us anytime! One-on-one learning options are also available for those who can't make it on Monday nights.




**Mondays, 6:15-7:45 pm at St. Raphael, Rooms 104-106**
**Oct. 19: The Search**
***Finding meaning in life and the answers to our biggest questions***

Need more info? Contact Sara Scheunemann, Pastoral Associate at St. Raphael, sara.scheunemann@raphael.org or 920-233-8044, ext. 228. **An RSVP to Sara is helpful but not required.**



### Hospital Visits

Is a loved one in the hospital and would like a visit? Please call the parish office at 920-233-8044 and let us know so we can arrange for one of the priests to come visit! If a loved one is at Mercy, we only know that if you inform us.

## Women of Faith Small Groups

We invite the women of St. Raphael to join us this fall for one of our Women of Faith small groups. We meet once a month, so it's not a huge commitment, but we receive a lot from this small investment of time: friendships with other women who share our faith; time to reflect, pray, and grow in our relationship with God; and inspiration from the women of the Old Testament (our current topic), just to name a few.

**Fall is a great time for a new beginning. We hope you will join us!**

**Mom's Group**
First & Third Tuesdays of the Month (Sept-May),
9 am, Good Samaritan Hall
**Working Mom's Group**
Second Saturday of the Month, 9am,
Rooms 110 & 111 (off of Good Samaritan Hall)
**Women's Group Open to All**
Third Monday of the Month, 2pm, Rooms 104-106
**Women's Group Open to All**
Third Monday of the Month, 7pm, Parent Room (located near the bathrooms)

**Contact Sara** at sara.scheunemann@raphael.org or 920-233-8044, ext. 228, to be connected to any of these groups. You are also welcome to show up anytime!

## COME JOIN US!




Last One! Oct. 22, 9-10 am
Location: Good Samaritan Hall
Facilitator: Dcn. John Ingala

The great sacraments of the Church–Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders – have been passed down from generation to generation, serving as a wellspring of God's love in our world for over 2,000 years.

As Catholics, the Sacraments nurture our life in God from birth to death. We receive them regularly, but how well do we really understand these great mysteries of our faith?

In his video series on "The Sacraments," Bishop Barron explores their theological depth and spiritual effects. Come and learn more about God's great gifts to us in the Sacraments. No RSVP required.

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.




We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

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**A Surge of the Heart:**
***Moving from saying our prayers to a life of prayer Starts this week!***
Tuesdays, Oct. 20, Nov. 3 & 17
6:30-7:45 pm
Location: Good Samaritan Hall

Therese of Lisieux called prayer "a surge of the heart" – the soul's response to the gentle pull towards communion with God. In this five-session course, we will explore the rich vision of Christian spirituality and the place of prayer within it, seeing prayer not merely as a practice but as a growing relationship with God. From this wider perspective, we will consider practical ways of praying and the challenges that often accompany the journey.

This course is for those who have ever felt confused or uncertain about prayer, and for those who want to deepen their own prayer life.

**Sessions:**

- The context of prayer – where prayer happens
- Temples of the Spirit – desire, longing, and sacred hearts
- How we talk to God – methods of prayer
- How God talks to us – listening for the still, small voice
- Dealing with common obstacles in prayer

RSVP helpful, but not required: sara.scheunemann@raphael.org or 920-233-8044, ext. 228. Our guide for this series is Chris Arnold. Chris Arnold is a member of St. Raphael parish. He was formerly ordained in a different Christian Tradition and studied spiritual direction at Loyola Univeristy in Chicago. He was received into full communion with the Catholic Church last October.




**Grief Support**

An ongoing support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

**1st & 3rd Thursdays,**
**2-3 pm at St. Raphael Parish**
New Members are welcome!

If you have questions, please contact Jill Eaton at 920-233-8044.




This week's Memorial Candle is burning in loving memory of
Ron Adrians

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

October 22 - Parish Annual Meeting
October 24 - Fall White Elephant Bingo
October 25 - Families of Faith
October 29 - Halloween: A Catholic Perspective - Oshkosh Young Adults
November 1 - All Saints Day
November 1 - Turn your clocks BACK one hour
November 2 - All Souls Day Mass 6pm




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**Caregiver Support**

Do you need emotional or spiritual support as a caregiver? St. Raphael hosts a support group. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, November 12 at 10 am** in St. Martin's Chapel at St. Raphael Church. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Kay Sternat at 920-203-2790. Feel free to just attend.




**JOINING OUR PARISH**

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Raphael Parish, ask a parish staff person, deacon or priest before or after Mass for a New Parishioner Folder, or call the parish office. After reviewing the folder, set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Nathan or Fr. Tom. We would love to welcome you as a parish member!




**Knights in Action**

**Knight of the Month**

The council has selected Thomas Donovan as the Knight of the Month for September. Tom does it all, in the past he has been a church administrator, Catholic Cemeteries manager. He just knows the church operation. Tom is quite involved with Father Carr's. He goes around town to pick up food from multiple businesses to bring to Father Carr's for distribution to the community. In addition, Tom serves as the council Advocate. Kind of like our legal guy and rules guy. When you see Tom, thank him for all he does for the council, church and community.

**Winnebago Mental Health Institute**

At our meeting last week, we agreed to send $250.00 to the institute to help them provide essentials to the patients during this Christmas time.

To join the Knights, you can go to:
Mike's contact information:
mbrefczynski@gmail.com or 920-379-7716

***Blessings to all,***
***Mike Brefczynski, Grand Knight***



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch**
5:00 pm Teresa Moore †

**Sunday, October 18 29th Sunday/Ordinary**
8:00 am Gladys Szabo †
10:00 am Janice Kash †
5:00 pm Jerome Strigel †

**Monday, October 19 Sts. John Brebeuf & Isaac**
8:00 am Mary Beschta, Mary Ann Wyman & Rhonda Zellmer †

**Tuesday, October 20**
8:00 am Lucille Kuether †

**Wednesday, October 21**
8:00 am Joan Hinde †

**Thursday, October 22**
8:00 am Jacqueline Frank †

**Friday, October 23**
**7:30 am at St. Jude - Sacred Heart**

**Saturday, October 24**
5:00 pm Ronald Adrians †

**Sunday, October 25 30th Sunday/Ordinary**
8:00 am Marion Hetzel †
10:00 am Nick Coshenet †
5:00 pm People of the Parish †

St. Raphael is equipped with a hearing loop. Please switch your hearing aid to T-Coil.




The **Rosary** is prayed at St. Raphael church Mon-Thur at 7:25am before the 8am Masses. The Rosary is also prayed at 10:15am every Wednesday at Fr. Carr's.

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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 25, 2026**
First Reading:
"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,
I will surely hear their cry.
My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;
then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans."
(Ex 22:21-23)
Psalm:
I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)
Second Reading:
For they themselves openly declare about us
what sort of reception we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God
and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)
Gospel:
"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

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