

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday5 pmSunday8 am, 10 amOur 5 pm Sunday night Mass will return on Sept. 7

Weekday Masses

Monday - Wednesday Thursday & Friday

8 am 7:15 am

Reconciliation

 Saturday
 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

 Tuesday
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

 Wednesday
 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Mass for the Homebound

Radio Mass Sunday 8 am on WOSH 1490AM TV Mass w/ Bishop Ricken - Sundays at 10:30 am on WFRV Local 5

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Our Catholic School: Lourdes Academy www.lourdes.today 920-426-3626

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor Parochial Vicar Pastoral Associate Deacons Fr. Tom Long Fr. Ben Pribbenow Sara Scheunemann Greg Grey, John Ingala, Mark Leafgren

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.

July 20, 2025



Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39







Dear Parishioners,

Please participate in our new online parish picture directory. See the full page in this bulletin for details.

The parish picture directory is **incredibly helpful** to me as a priest. I know many of you have appreciated past directories as well. It is so nice to be able to look at someone's picture before visiting them in the hospital or meeting with them about a personal situation in life or preparing them for a sacrament. It helps us build community as we come to know each other.

This directory will be **different** from those in the past. No longer will you need to schedule a time to come to church to have your picture taken, view and choose a picture, and then be offered to purchase pictures. Instead, you may **submit your own photo** and keep it updated as life progresses. We had just under 800 pictures of households when pictures were taken in 2018 for our last directory. It would be great if we could have 1,200 or more families included now.

This will be on **online directory** that will be available only to those who participate by submitting a photo and create an account. **You will determine** which information you want available to others. The directory will be able to **stay current** as new members join our parish, as new children are born and as we look a bit different with time.

Please take some time to look at the information in this bulletin, to scan the QR code or go to raphael.org/ directory for additional information, and to submit your picture. Please remember that we want a picture where we can easily see you!



I look forward to seeing your photo soon in our online directory!

Gratefully,

Fr. Tom

Sr. Amy from our sister parish, Holy Cross in Jackson, KY is coming!

Sr. Amy is coming to visit St. Raphael Parish the weekend of August 2/3 and will be speaking after all the weekend masses. Please join us for a burger or a brat provided by the Knights of Columbus after the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass. Sr. Amy is looking forward to meeting you!



Upcoming Events

July 21-27 - EAA

August 2/3 - Sr. Amy from Holy Cross will be here

August 4-8 - Vacation Bible School

August 8 - High School Mission Trip to Holy Cross, Jackson, KY

August 15 - Holy Day Mass (7:15 am & 6pm) August 30/31 - Missionary Appeal Weekend

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Saturday, Ju	ily 19			
Oshkosh Are	a Food Pantry Collection			
9:00 am	Christ Child Society Workshop/Mtg			
3:30 pm	Reconciliation			
5:00 pm	Mass			
Sunday, July	y 20			
Oshkosh Are	a Food Pantry Collection			
Morning Mas	sses at 8am & 10am			
Burrito Sunda	ау			
Monday, Jul	y 21			
8:00 am	Mass			
2:00 pm	Women of Faith Small Group			
5:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting			
6:15 pm	Catholicism 101			
Tuesday, July 22				
8:00 am	Mass			
4:30 pm	Reconciliation			
6:30 pm	Beautiful Hope Book Discussion			
Wednesday,	July 23			
8:00 am	Mass			
9:00 am	Beautiful Hope Book Discussion			
6:00 pm	High School Social Gathering			
8:00 pm	Reconciliation			
Thursday, Ju	uly 24			
7:15 am	Mass			
Friday, July 25				
7:15 am	Mass			
Saturday, Ju	ıly 26			
3:30 pm	Reconciliation			
5:00 pm	Mass			
Sunday, July 27				
Morning Masses at 8am & 10am				
Coffee & Don	uts after Masses			



Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 pm Tuesday 4:30 to 5:30 pm Wednesday 8:00 to 8:30 pm



Please pray for:

John Nolte, Jr. who died July 15

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 2025				
Praying at Mass	1,352			
Envelope Collection	\$	17,496		
Loose Collection	\$	3,225		
EFT	\$	617		
On-Line Giving	\$	6,122		
Total Weekly Collections	\$	27,460		
Year to date giving (actual) \$		54,203		
Year to date giving (budgeted) \$		40,000		

Weekend Mass Updates:

	Saturday		Sunday		Total
June 21/22 June 28/29 July 5/6 July 12/13	5:00 329 341 334 411	8:00 433 423 399 401	10:00 464 536 665 540	5:00 n/a n/a n/a n/a	1,256 1,300 1,398 1,352

Community Back to School Fair

The 27th annual Back to School Fair collection has started and goes through August 2/3! The mission of the Fair is to give the most needy Oshkosh children the opportunity to return to school with the necessary supplies in order to be on a more equal level with their peers. Students who receive these items are referred by participating agencies. The goal for 2025/2026 is 1100 children.

Please choose a tag from the board in the Gathering Space and purchase <u>any</u> of the items on the tag. The items are not child specific but are for a general age group.

Do not wrap the items. Return them to the Gathering Space by August 3. Cash and gift card donations may also be given. **Checks should be written to Community Back to School Fair.**





Happy Birthday to Laverne Reimer who will celebrate her 100th birthday this week!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Heavenly Hero for July: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

When the winter hunting season took Kateri and villagers away from the village, she made her own little chapel in the woods by making a wooden cross. She would spend her time in prayer, kneeling in the snow. Below are directions for how to make a wooden cross like Kateri

- Find two sticks
- Tie them together in the shape of a cross with some twine or string
- Say a simple prayer (Kateri's last words and prayer was, "Jesus, I love you.")
- Leave the crosses around your neighborhood or nearby natural area for others to find as a surprise.

RE Updates

Are you interested in teaching youth about their faith? We are currently in need of catechists for all grade levels. Contact Jessie Adrians (jessie.adrians@raphael.org) to find out more.

Registration for Faith Formation grades 4K-Confirmation is now available online. Scan the QR code to register or find out more.

Families of Faith begins Sunday, August 24, 3-5pm. Please register no later than Sunday August 17.

Weekly class sessions for grades 1-8 begin September 9/10. Please register no later than Sunday, September 5.



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. Ben or Fr. Tom. We would love to welcome you as a parish member!



Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator

St. Raphael is seeking an enthusiastic person to join the Faith Formation Team. This person will promote quality 1-5. Specific responsibilities

catechesis for grades 1-5. Specific responsibilities include: coordinate Faith Formation for grades 1-5; develop and implement lesson plans for grades 1-5; actively recruit, support and mentor volunteer catechists; and collaborate with the faith formation team in ministering to and supporting the domestic church of each family.

This part-time (9 months/20 hours per week) position is a key member of the faith formation team. Our parish has a commitment to helping youth and families develop a personal relationship with Jesus. The person must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with an understanding of child development, learning styles and needs. A degree or certificate in religious studies/theology is preferred.

Please send your resume and cover letter to Jessie Adrians, Director of Religious Education. **jessie.adrians@raphael.org**

Camp Tekakwitha 2025











Craft Books for Education



St Raphael parishioners Gabe, Camden and Sadie, 3 high school students enrolled in the Global Academy Program at Oshkosh West, are working on their Capstone project in order to achieve their certificates of Global Competence. To receive

this certificate, a community service project addressing one of the United Nations' 17 goals for sustainable development that has both a global and local impact needs to be completed. Because of this, Gabe, Camden and Sadie chose to support education worldwide as that is something they are deeply passionate about.

To do this, they will be taking orders and donations for a craft that they are making with the proceeds being split between *Classroom Donations International*, a nonprofit organization that helps provide supplies and grants to schools in need around the world, and the *Winnebago Area Literacy Council* to provide local refugee children with school supplies and to aid in their learning of how to read.



The craft itself is that old books are hand folded to be inscribed with any word, name or numbers that are desired by the person who orders. Instead of a set price for the books, a goodwill donation will be accepted. The **recommended donation** is \$40

for 4 or less characters, \$50 for 5-6 characters and \$60 for 7 or more characters. However, any amount that anyone is inclined to give will be greatly appreciated. There will be a table set up after Mass on July 19 and 20 to learn more. Please stop by the table to order a book or contact the parish office.

What Makes Catholic Families Different Part 2

How are Catholic families suppose to be different from other families? I don't mean different in the sense of putting on airs, pretending to be holier than thou, or acting weird in some way. But if you read the Church's teachings on marriage and family life, you'll see that the Church is on a mission to promote a particular vision of family life that is different from that of other families, in the sense that it is more intimate, more joyful, more "together."

In *The Gospel of Life,* St. john Paul the Great put forth what might be considered the mission statement for Catholic parents in contemporary times.

By word and example, in the daily round of relations and choices, and through concrete actions and signs, parents lead their children to authentic freedom, a sense of justice, cordial openness, dialogue, generous service, solidarity and all the other values which help people to live life as a gift.

This is the unique, Catholic vision of family life Catholic parents are called to uphold. Clearly it is a different vision of family life from the one that the world has to offer. As Christians, we are called to be salt and light in the world, God wants to change the world through the example of love lived out in our families, but how can we change the world if we look and act exactly like everyone else? In order for our children and to the world at large, Catholic couples and families must present a vision of love that shows our children that our Catholic faith can satisfy the longings of their heart, a vision of love that makes the world stand up and take notice.

So how do we do it? How do we enable our kids to experience the practical, positive, tangible difference our faith should make in our family life?

Catholic families worship together. The Eucharist is the source of our love and the sign of the intimacy to which we are called. As a family, we attend Mass together on Sundays and holy days (and at other times as we are able), and we actively participate in our parish.

We also recognize that sometimes we struggle to be the loving community we are called to be. Therefore, as a family, we regularly go to Confession (recommended: monthly) to seek God's healing and grace so we might better live his vision of love in our lives and homes.



Kathy Beahman Family Outreach Coordinator



Bringing Hope through the Spiritual Works of Mercy: #5 : Comfort the Sorrowful

In the face of great loss, we find ourselves speechless. If we are wise, we know that there is nothing we can say that will make things better, and in this moment we experience our own poverty. What can we give to a grieving person that will bring comfort? What can we say that will offer hope? When sorrow is deepest, our words will fall short. But that doesn't mean we have nothing to offer.

St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans encourages us to "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." Whether or not we cry physical tears, our best hope to bring comfort is to enter into the experience of sorrow with the other person. As we allow their grief to touch our hearts, we suffer with them. Our presence with them in their sadness is a sign to them that they are not alone.

Jesus had the power to raise the dead, the power with a word to end the suffering of Mary and Martha when their brother Lazarus died. But before he called for Lazarus to come forth from the tomb, he wept. He entered into the sorrow and suffering of death and grieved alongside the two sisters first. Jesus offers us a pattern to follow. The time for words of hope may eventually come, when we can



remind the sorrowful and ourselves that we have great hope that suffering will end and every tear be wiped away. But first let's not be afraid to enter into another's sorrow and to offer the comfort of experiencing their sadness with them.

Let us remain together in the heart of Jesus, and pray for one another! Sara Scheunemann Pastoral Associate

Summer Women of Faith Small Groups New women are welcome to join in at any time! Mom's Group: Weekly summer playdates Working Mom's Group: Second Saturdays of the Month (August 9), St. Raphael, Rooms 110 & 111 (off of Good Samaritan Hall) 9am Women's Group Open to All (afternoon): 2pm Third Mondays of the Month (July 21, August 18), St. Raphael Rooms 104-106	Our church is open during the daytime almost every day of the year. Evening times vary based on scheduled events. You are welcome to spend time in prayer in the church or in our Eucharistic Chapel (in back of church). Praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (tabernacle) is unlike praying in any other location because of the real presence of Christ.			
Women's Group Open to All (evening): On break for the summer. Contact Sara at <u>sara.scheunemann@raphael.org</u> or 920-233-8044, ext. 228, to be connected to any of these groups.	Please remember St. Raphael Parish as a beneficiary in your will and estate planning. This helps form a strong foundation for our future. Thank you!			
NEVER underestimate the power of PRAYER	St. Raphael is equipped with a hearing loop. Please switch your hearing aid to T-Coil.			



Catholicism101 Understand Our Catholic Faith Better

Next Meeting: Monday, July 21, 6:15-7:45 pm

Rooms 104-106 Topic: The Holy Spirit Questions? Contact Sara at <u>sara.scheunemann@raphael.org</u> or 920-233-8044, ext. 228.

Grief Support

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



1st & 3rd Thursdays 2-3 pm St. Raphael Parish

New Members are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Jill Eaton at 920-233-8044.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? If you are interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith, or learning more about it, please call or email the parish office to learn how you can join the Catholic Church. 920-233-8044 or parish.office@raphael.org



This week's Memorial Candle is burning in memory of the **Stephen Landolt**

This week's Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of the **Tamara Meidl**



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.

Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Jubilee Year of Hope Guest Speaker Series: Bringing God's Hope to the End of Earthly Life



Our Jubilee Year of Hope Guest Speaker Series continues in July on the theme of "Bringing God's Hope to the End of Earthly Life." We have one final offering in this series.

Bringing God's Hope to the End of Earthly Life -Estate Planning Seminar

With Peter van Houwelingen, Attorney at Corporate Legal Counsel, Ltd. Sponsored by Catholic Foundation Tuesday, July 29 2:00-3:00 pm -OR - 6:30-7:30 pm Good Samaritan Hall



Beautiful Hope Book Discussion Starts this week!

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm - July 22, August 12 & 26 - OR-Wednesdays 9-10 am - July 23, August 13 & 27 Rooms 104-106

One of the parish's Easter gifts this year was Matthew Kelly's book, *Beautiful Hope*. It's an easy and encouraging read - perfect for your summer "beach reading." Join us on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings in July and August to talk about the virtue of hope. Come anytime; no sign-up needed. If you need a copy of the book, contact Sara at <u>sara.scheunemann@raphael.org</u> or at 920-233-8044 ext. 228.



The intercessory prayer team will be available to pray with you after the 5pm Mass on Saturday and 8am and 10am Masses on Sunday mornings. The intercessory prayer team will pray with you for special intentions that you might have for yourself, family, friends, or to pray with you to thank God for His many blessings.



Dear Saint Raphael Family,

Thank you for your boundless support for me, especially during this past year. Your prayers, encouragement, and smiling faces I'd see on break have been incredible sources of nourishment for me. I cannot thank you enough for sharing this journey with me. This past year in seminary at Saint Francis de Sales in Milwaukee was filled with countless graces, as well as its fair share of struggles. The community and formation faculty were amazing. Walking alongside our parish son, Olivier, was a deep gift. This is truly a special place and a light for all of Wisconsin and the Midwest. I was blessed to be part of our sports teams (soccer, volleyball, flag football, you name it), a cantor (solo and in choir) for the liturgy, worked on the kitchen crew, was heavily involved in my teaching parish in Waukesha and many more highlights.

You may have noticed seeing me around Oshkosh more frequently this summer. Due to difficulties with health, and continued discernment of God's will for my life, the Diocese and I have decided that I will be stepping away from formation towards the priesthood. I want to thank you for your great support and encouragement over the years. The St Raphael parish community has been an incredible gift that has been irreplaceable! There are no regrets or reasons for concern as the Lord continues to bestow His great providence upon me and His Church.

In an exciting witness of God's providence, I am delighted to share that I will be coming back to the Oshkosh area to serve as the Adult Faith Formation and Liturgy Coordinator at Saint Jude Parish here in town. I am overjoyed that God has called me back to serve in my home community! I look forward to following Him, being closer to my parish family at St. Raphael, and expanding my heart towards the members of St. Jude Parish.



With a grateful heart,

Michael Wilms

If you took a baby bottle at the beginning of June, please fill it with whatever coins or currency you can provide and then return it to St. Raphael. The bottles are used over and over again and cost over \$1 a piece, so please, if you took a baby bottle, please return it **ASAP!**



Service to the Church

The Knights are here to support the church and its parish members. If you need some help at home getting things done, we may be able to help you. It may be moving things, some yard work, or anything you are having problems getting

done. Contact Mike at the info below.

Mike Brefczynski mbrefczynski@gmail.com 920-379-7716

Burrito Sunday

The proceeds will go to Father Tom's Good Samaritan Fund. This fund is used at Fr. Tom's discretion to help with requests from the community.

Hamburgers and Brats

Saturday, August 2, after 5pm Mass. This is a celebration to welcome a visit from Sister Amy from our sister parish.

Christine Ann Center

The council approved a donation in the amount of \$500 to help the center do their good work in the community.

Knight of the Month

Brother Knight Greg Weisse was selected as the council's Knight of the Month. Greg was the chairman for our brat fry in the month of June. Planning for this event starts in March. To get the brat barn at Festival is very competitive. Greg was able to get us three consecutive days at a prime time. Greg had to line up workers, and he was pretty much around early morning to shut down each day. Thank you, Greg, for making this event such a success. If you see Greg around, thank him for all his effort.



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God has no phone but I still talk to Him.

Be a Part of a Living Directory!



For Full Details: Scan QR Code or visit raphael.org/directory



Submit Your Photo

Email directory@raphael.org If given the option, send photo in "Actual Size" for best resolution

Include:

- The correct spelling of names
- Email addresses of those who wish to have web/app access
- (optional) phone number, birthday

Please indicate

if you **do not want** your email address published or child/ren's names listed.

A confirmation email will be sent within a week.

Need a Photo?



Bring your smartphone before or after Masses to Good Samaritan Hall on the following weekends:

July 26/27, August: 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 More weekends will open if needed. Megan Kugel or a volunteer will take your photo. Then submit to directory@raphael.org



Need Help?

If you do not have a photo to submit, or a smartphone for someone to take a picture of you,

Contact: Megan Kugel megan.kugel@raphael.org (920) 233-8044 Ext. 234

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PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 19 5:00 pm Ron Vajgrt † Sunday, July 20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 am Christopher Wells † 10:00 am Sy, Irene & Jerry Wolf † Monday, July 21 8:00 am Virginia Brockhaus † Tuesday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene Harvey Franzen † 8:00 am Wednesday, July 23 8:00 am For our Parishioners Thursday, July 24 7:15 am Alex Rathe † Friday, July 25 St. James, Apostle Scott Salzsieder † 7:15 am Saturday, July 26 Sts. Joachim & Ann 5:00 pm Bob Born † Sunday, July 27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 am Fred Kowalski † 10:00 am Adam Gundlach †



City-Wide Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is available M-Th 9am to 8pm at St Mary Church. Please contact Kathie Reed with the Adoration Committee for more information. 920-539-6871



The **Rosary** is prayed each weekday at St. Raphael church. Mon-Wed at 7:25am before the 8am Mass, Thur-Fri at 7:45am after the 7:15am Mass.

The Rosary is also prayed at 10:15am every Wednesday at Fr. Carr's.

Parish Leaders:

Trustee-Secretary: Ed Jeziorny Trustee-Treasurer: Dave Hetzel Parish Council Chairperson - Ben Sanderfoot Finance Council Chairperson - Su van Houwelingen

Lourdes Academy, our Catholic School

Dr. John DineganPresidentDaniel MooreElementary & Middle School PrincipalDavid MikesellHigh School Principal

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time / July 27, 2025

First Reading:

Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty

so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" (Gn 18:25)

Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138) **Second Reading:**

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. (Col 2:12)

Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9)

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