Church of St. Raphael
Faithful to the Teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Raphael Parish and School promotes the Universal Call to Holiness for all the People of God.

Parish Office:
7301 Bass Lake Road
Crystal, MN 55428
Tel.: 763-537-8401
Fax: 763-537-4878
www.straphaelcrystal.org

Weekday Masses:
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am
Wednesday: 5:30 pm (Novus Ordo)

Extraordinary Form Mass:
First Friday at 7:00 pm

Lord’s Day Masses:
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Reconciliation:
Monday - Saturday: 7:30 – 7:50 am
Saturday: 8:30-9:30 am & 4:00-5:15 pm

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - Noon

Pastoral Staff
Pastor:
Rev. Michael Rudolph x205
fmichaelrudolph@straphaelcrystal.org

Parochial Vicar:
Rev. Robert Altier x206

Parish Business Administrator:
Ginny Metzger x202

Bookkeeper:
Carrie Nelle x222

Administrative Assistant:
Sheri Engstrom x201

Youth Ministry & Confirmation Coordinator:
Anna Scherber x210

Faith Formation Coordinator:
Mike Gera x211

Faith Formation Attendance Mailbox:
x508

Pastoral Ministry Coordinator:
Pat Klassen x209

Social Needs Coordinator:
Bunny Arseneau x214

RCIA Coordinator:
Mary Jo Smith, MTS x511

Prayer Line:
x528

Adoration Coordinators:
Therese Juba 763-533-8514
Betty Kreuter 763-537-1399

Annulment Inquiry:
x522

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline:
x500

School:
Tel: 763-504-9450
Fax: 763-504-9460

Principal:
Doug Ballinger x352

Administrative Assistant:
Pam Inniger x351

Trustees:
Al Johnson & David Keene

Pastoral Council:
Dale Hoffmann, Julie Smith, Sharon Hedman, Kevin Matzek, Mike Vecellio, Tom Cotter, and Betty Kreuter

Pastoral Council Meetings:
The next Pastoral Council meeting is on October 10th. If you would like a particular item on the Council agenda, please contact Fr. Rudolph.
Liturgical Ministers’ Schedule

Saturday, October 14

5:30 pm

Lectors: Karen Obilade & Dawn Rako
EMHC: Mary Kay Ficks, Jeanine Machan, Barbara Thotland, Jerry Wall, and Cindy Wall
Servers: John Jacobson, Mikey Gerads, Daniel Jacobson, Joey Jacobson, and Matthew Jacobsen
Greeters: (N) Mary Cesaretti & Tom Shrode
Choir: Schola Choir

Sunday, October 15

8:30 am

Lectors: Marie Nachtsheim, & Lynn Trupy
EMHC: Audrey Goebel, Dave Johnson, Betty Kreuter, Karin Rachwal, and Mike Tupy,
Servers: James Zahler, Owen Hansmann, Peter Hansmann, and Sam Trombley
Greeters: (W) Mary Schupanitz
Choir: Cantor

10:30 am

Lectors: Joan Anderson & Austin Onwualu
EMHC: Yvesco Lawson, Claudette Parris, Colleen Todd, Char Vecellio
Servers: Jeff Fish, Kevin Matzek, Nathan Fish, Luke Matzek, and Joe Matzek
Greeters: (E) Greg & Kristen Basgall
Choir: Adult Choir

Mass Intentions For The Week

Mon. 10/09 8:00 am Spencer Nelson
Tues. 10/10 8:00 am Mary Boisrert
Wed. 10/11 8:00 am Nguyen Family
(English/Latin) 5:30 pm Jeanette Pugh
Thurs. 10/12 8:00 am Mary Ann Frey
Fri. 10/13 8:00 am Richard Cisewski
Sat. 10/14 8:00 am Ed Kreuter
5:30 pm John & Lorraine Degnan
Sun. 10/15 8:30 am St. Raphael Parishioners
10:30 am Eileen Tynen

Weekly Calendar of Events

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

Sunday, October 8
8:00 am - Noon ~ Library Open - 2nd Floor by Elevator
9:30 am - Noon ~ Parish Fellowship - Marian Hall
10:00 am - 10:25 am ~ Monthly Rosary - Marian Hall
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm ~ Carmelites - Parish Center
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ CORE Team Meeting - Parish Center

Monday, October 9
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ Fatima Movie Night 2 - Marian Hall
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ Schola Singers - Choir Room
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ Smith Book Club - St. Raphael Room

Tuesday, October 10
9:45 am - 11:15 am ~ Navarre Bible Group - Conference Rm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm ~ Our Lady of Fatima Rosary - Sr. Raphael
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ Agape Singers - Choir Room
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm ~ Beauty of Latin Prayer - Marian Hall

Wednesday, October 11
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm ~ Children’s Choir - Choir Room
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm ~ Sr. High Open Youth Room - Parish Center
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ Adult Choir - Choir Room
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ RCIA Class - St. Raphael Room
7:00 pm - 8:15 pm ~ Faith Formation - HS Chapel
7:00 pm - 8:15 pm ~ Life Night Youth Group - Marian Hall

Thursday, October 12
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm ~ Senior Cards - Marian Hall
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm ~ Bell Choir - Church
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ St. Raphael Prayer Group - Marian Hall
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ CFI Training - Conference Room

Friday, October 13
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm ~ 9th & 10th ROC Dinner - Marian Hall
5:00 pm - Sunday ~ 9th & 10th ROC Retreat - Off Site
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm ~ Catholic Watchmen - HS Chapel

Saturday, October 14
8:30 am - 9:30 am ~ Holy Name Society - Choir Room
10:00 am - 1:00 pm ~ Mother Daughter - Marian Hall
5:00 pm-7:00 pm ~ Library Open - 2nd Floor by Elevator
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm ~ KC's Book Club Dinner - Marian Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Lk 11:27-28

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following individuals:
Andrew Eisenzimer, Elaine Wosmek, Jan Jesser,
David McMillen, Bob Guimond, Valerie Weitkey, and John Noe.
To add a name to this list for one month call 537-8401 x523.
Sweet and Sour Grapes...

When I was a kid, on one of my adventures exploring nature, I came across a wild grape vine with ripe purple fruit on it. I was familiar with grapes, in part because along the back of our house in Minneapolis was a domestic grape vine, of the Concord variety. It’s a variety of grape often used to make jelly. We didn’t make jelly, but the grapes when ripe were sweet enough to eat and enjoy right off of the vine. So when I saw the wild grapes, I wondered if they were tasty too. Nope! They were very sour. That was the first and last time I ever tried wild grapes.

Thoughts, like grapes, can be either sweet or sour.

Sweet thoughts are what are referred to in this Sunday’s Second Reading. Saint Paul writes, “whatever is true, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:8) By way of contrast, sour thoughts would be about whatever is false, impure, ugly, impolite, of poor quality, or worthy of criticism.

Most of us probably prefer sweet thoughts to sour thoughts, but sometimes have sour thoughts. What can we do to reduce their frequency and intensity? One is to avoid external stimuli that contain “sour grapes.” This includes certain movies, TV shows, internet sites, video games, social media and books. Sometimes we have to avoid spending extended periods of time with certain people too, or avoid being alone with them.

At the same time, it’s not enough to have an avoidance strategy. We need an attraction strategy too. There is probably something in the sour thoughts that attracts us, in a disordered way. To counter that attraction, we need to intentionally transition over to people and things that help us have sweet thoughts. They can seem strange if we aren’t use to them. And it can be difficult to leave relationships and habits. But in the long run we will find that sweet grapes are a lot tastier than sour grapes. If we keep at it, attraction to sour thoughts will be replaced by attraction to sweet thoughts.

Another form of sour grapes is worry and complaining. Not that it’s wrong to sometimes share our sorrows and concerns with a close friend. But if we habitually look at the miserable side of life, instead of at God and His love and goodness, and how He is blessing us, life will seem more and more like a burden.

Saint Paul has an antidote to this burden. He writes, “Have not anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

There’s a lot of bad news in the world. That’s to be expected. Jesus referred to the devil as “the prince of this world.” (John 12:31, John 14:30). Satan is the prince of this world not because God wants him to be, but because so many people give in to his lies, and so fall under his influence.

Those of us who are Christians, on the other hand, are supposed to be experts in good news. That’s what the word “Gospel” means. As we proclaim and live the Gospel, by God’s grace, we can bring to those who are hurting and confused the sweetness of truth, purity, loveliness, graciousness, excellence, and praiseworthy.

Will these hurting and confused people appreciate what we bring them? Most probably won’t. Jesus said that few find the narrow road that leads to life. (Matthew 7:13-14) But some will. If one soul gets to heaven because they see the life of Jesus in us, it’s worth a lifetime of being persecuted, suffering in other ways, or being martyred.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is a great example of this. She said, “My souls magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.” (Luke 1:46-47) Later a sword would pierce her soul (Luke 2:35). She consented to that piercing out of love for you and me, to cooperate with her Son’s saving plan. Mary, pray for us, that we may do the same, and so help all people to be drawn to that one and only Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudolph
Saint of the Day - Saint John Leonardi

John was born about 1542 and brought up in the Italian city of Lucca. After his ordination to the priesthood he was active in the hospitals and prisons of the city, and gathered around him a group of young laypeople to help in this work. They lived in common and shared a life of prayer as well as active ministry. John also developed an interest in education and preaching, in order to increase people's knowledge of Christian doctrine and to implement the reforms of the Council of Trent. The local bishop gave him the job of preaching in all the churches in Lucca. He wrote to Pope Paul V that those who would be reformers of people's morals should “place themselves in the sight of the people as mirrors of all the virtues, like lamps set on a stand to give light by their integrity of life and example... thus they will draw them gently to reform rather than compel them, and there will not be required of the body what is not found in the head.” John believed it was essential to start with young people. He wrote, “We should not overlook those in whom renewal must begin. It would not be right to leave anything untried to educate boys from their tender years in a sincere Christian faith and holy life.”

Some of his helpers wanted to become priests, and John set about founding a new religious Congregation dedicated to the work of education, clerical reform and the works of mercy. He met with strong opposition, but in 1583 his followers were recognized by the bishop of Lucca—with the approval of the Pope—as an association of diocesan priests with simple religious vows. In 1595 Pope Clement VIII recognized them as a religious congregation, which later became known as the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God. At the same time, John was commissioned to reform a number of monasteries and was involved in planning a special seminary to prepare priests for the foreign missions. He also promoted the Forty Hours Devotion. On October 9, 1609, John died of the plague, which he caught while visiting the sick. Saint John Leonardi, pray for us!

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

On Saturday, October 14th, there will be the regular monthly rosary, Mass, and meeting of the Holy Name Society. The rosary starts at 7:30 am, with Mass at 8:00 am, and a meeting following the Mass. We sit in the first three pews on the left side of the north wing. Refreshments will be served at the meeting. One does not have to be an inducted member to attend. All are Welcome.

FROM THE MUSICIANS....

Please note that the musicians for each Mass are now being listed in the bulletin along with the Liturgical Ministers. The listing simply says one of the following under choir: 1. Bell, 2. Agape, 3. Sunday Choir, 4. Cantor, 5. Schola. For Saturday evening Masses (5:30) the Bell Choir, Schola, and Agape will alternate. The usual schedule will be: Agape, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Schola, 2nd Saturday, and Bell Choir, 4th Saturday. The 8:30 Mass will typically be a Cantor and organ/piano. The 10:30 Mass will normally be the Sunday Choir. The Schola is a group of volunteers who sing the Proper and common or ordinary parts of the Mass using the Latin Gregorian Chants. Agape is another group of volunteers who use contemporary music with guitar, piano, and other instruments. The Sunday Choir draws from the vast library of Church music, unison, and parts, English and Latin. Accompaniment is normally piano or organ. The Bell Choir is made up of volunteers who play arrangements of church music on the hand bells. Cantors are volunteers who lead the hymns and sing the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation. All groups are open to everyone. New Cantor/Song Leaders are also welcome. If you are interested in any of these, contact the appropriate director. Sunday Choir: James Borsky. Schola: Ben Blackhawk. Agape: Gretchen Eckes. Bell Choir: Matthew Sieberg. For their contact information, please call the parish office at 763-537-8401, or Gene McMahon at 763-497-7370 (genemcmahon2@gmail.com).

Stewardship of Treasure

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“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

~ Matthew 6:21

Holy Baptism

We welcomed Matthias Miles Mariea Nelson into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on October 1, 2017.
Eucharistic Adoration – Missed Opportunities

contact Therese Juba at 763-553-8514 or Betty Kreuter at 763-537-1399

The peace of God . . . will guard your hearts and minds. ~ Philippians 4:7

Who doesn't need and want peace in their lives, in their hearts? Give your soul some rest. Take a couple of deep breaths, recall God’s goodness, and ask Him to give you His peace.

Take a few minutes or an hour in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel and rest with our Lord.

If you find that you are being called to make a commitment to one hour of prayer each week, there are urgent needs for Adorers on Sundays from 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., Sundays 11:00 p.m. to midnight and Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 a.m.. You choose whatever hour works best in your life. There is also a great need for substitutes in the winter months, as some Adorers travel to warmer climates.

All questions and commitments of time may be directed to Betty or Therese at the above numbers.

Youth Ministry

Youth Minister & Confirmation Coordinator:
Anna Scherber
ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org or 763.537.8401 x210
www.straphaelyouth.com

Jr. High
Oct. 27: Friday Night Open Youth Room from 6:00-10:00 pm. Come join us for a fun night of fellowship!

Nov. 11: 6th & 7th Grade Retreat from 5:00-10:00 pm at St. Raphael in Marian Hall. All 6th & 7th grade students who plan on being confirmed with St. Raphael are strongly encouraged to attend. The consent form can be found on our youth ministry website.

Nov. 14: Jr. High Open Youth Room from 2:20-5:00 pm.

Sr. High
Oct. 10: The Pulse is on this night from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Youth Room. This is a co-ed high school discussion group. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year. Hope to see you there!

Oct. 11: Sr. High Open Youth Room from 5:00-6:45 pm.

Oct. 11: Life Night Youth Group for all 8th-12th grade students from 7:00-8:15 pm in Marian Hall.

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Oct. 28: Archdiocesan Youth Day is the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul, MN. We will be carpooling from St. Raphael. We will depart at 12:30 pm and return at 10:00 pm. Please contact Anna if you would like to reserve your spot. Please join us!

Nov. 4: NET Lifeline with Fr. Mike Schmitz. The bus will leave St. Raphael at 3:30 pm and we will return at 10:30 pm. You will need to bring money for dinner as we will stop on our way. It is $5 per ticket and spots are limited! Contact Anna in order to reserve your spot.

Rite of Confirmation (ROC)
Oct. 11: Life Night Youth Group for all 8th-12th grade students from 7:00-8:15 pm in Marian Hall.

Oct. 13-15: The 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat is at Koinonia Retreat Center in Annandale, MN. The retreat begins at St. Raphael at 5:00 pm on Friday evening and we will return to St. Raphael at 3:00 pm on Sunday. This retreat is required for all St. Raphael Confirmation candidates. The consent form can be found on the Youth Ministry website.

Core Team
Oct. 8: Core Team Meeting from 6:00-9:00 pm in Marian Hall.

Youth Minister & Confirmation Coordinator:
Anna Scherber
ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org or 763.537.8401 x210
www.straphaelyouth.com

Young Adult Ministry

Nov. 10: St. Raphael young adults are invited to join us for the Journey in the Youth Room from 7:00-9:00 pm. For more information contact Anna Scherber at: ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org

Rediscover Catholicism Books Needed!!

The Core Team is going to read Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly this year and we are in need of some books. If you happen to have one lying around your house and would be willing to donate it, we would surely appreciate it! Contact Anna Scherber for details: ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org

Grief Support Group

When we lose someone we love, we experience emotions that can seem overwhelming. Although we may have family and friends to turn to, they don’t always fully understand what we are going through. Rose Domeier will be starting a Grief Support Group here at St. Raphael. Anyone is welcome to discuss any topics to help cope with the loss of a loved one. Others are welcome to share how they handled certain emotions associated with grief and loss. Please join Rose in the St. Raphael Room on Wednesday, October 18th at 10:00 am.

Eucharistic Adoration

contact Therese Juba at 763-553-8514 or Betty Kreuter at 763-537-1399

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On the third Sunday of every month, our parish collects food and cash donations for the NEAR Food Shelf. Items most needed are cereals, canned goods, boxed dinners, dessert mixes, as well as cleaning supplies. The donations may be placed in the sanctuary before or after Mass on collection Sunday. Cash donations may be placed in any Sunday collection in a envelope marked NEAR. Thank you!

Unable to rake? Got a yard full of messy leaves? Maybe the families with the St. Raphael School Rake-a-thon can help!
On Saturday, October 28, St. Raphael students, parents, and teachers will be going out to rake the yards of people who are elderly, handicapped, or who, for a variety of reasons are experiencing difficulty in getting their yard clear of leaves. There is no charge, we rake the yards for FREE. We will be raking in Crystal, Robbinsdale, New Hope, Maple Grove, Plymouth, Golden Valley and Osseo. Requests are handled on a first-come/first served basis, and the number of yards that we can rake is limited. Please call St. Raphael School at 763-504-9450 before October 15th and ask to have your yard raked.

The Rake-a-thon's monetary goal this year is $28,000. This money will be raised through generous parishioner donations as well as our students who receive donations supporting their service work. There will be special Rake-a-thon donation envelopes at either end of the pews in the church during the month of October. Please know that every cent of your Rake-a-thon donation will go directly to St. Raphael Catholic School in the effort to keep the cost of Catholic education affordable. We hope that you will prayerfully consider helping our school with a donation of any amount. You may place the envelopes in the regular church collection baskets at Mass.

You will also find paper prayer leaves with the envelopes in the pews. Whether you donate money or not, we invite you to write out a special prayer intention on one of the paper leaves. Place the leaves and the envelopes in the regular church collection baskets at Mass. These leaves will be placed on a prayer tree located outside of Marion Hall in the church. The prayer tree will be in place for the entire month of October, so that all of our school children and parishioners can pray for your intentions.

All men of the parish are invited to attend The Catholic Watchmen Holy Hour on Friday October 13, 9-10 pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Saint Raphael Catholic School: Invites our Parishioners, Alumni, Families, and Staff to Saint Raphael Homecoming for our Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross-Country Teams. Everyone is invited to attend.

Homecoming 2017 Events:

When: Thursday October 12th, 2017

Homecoming Picnic 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm in the Courtyard by our School office.

4:00 p.m. JV Soccer Game

5:00 p.m. Varsity Soccer Game

6:00 p.m. Girls JV Volleyball

7:15 p.m. Girls Varsity Volleyball

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Mr. Johnson, david.johnson@srsmn.org in our athletic department or Maria Miller.

On the third Sunday of every month, our parish collects food and cash donations for the NEAR Food Shelf. Items most needed are cereals, canned goods, boxed dinners, dessert mixes, as well as cleaning supplies. The donations may be placed in the sanctuary before or after Mass on collection Sunday. Cash donations may be placed in any Sunday collection in a envelope marked NEAR. Thank you!
**SCRIP**

*Have you purchased a Scrip gift card? If not, you're in luck!* We have gift cards available for purchase at the Scrip desk in the East Gathering Area before and after Mass at the times posted. Give Scrip a try and buy one of the ready to purchase cards today to: Amazon, AMC, American Eagle, American Girl, Applebee’s, Arby’s, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Cabela, Caribou, Chili’s, Chipotle, Claire’s, Cub/Super Valu, Dairy Queen, Darden (Red Lobster/Olive Garden) Dave & Buster, Dick’s Sporting, Gap/Old Navy, Great Clips, Holiday Gas, iTunes, JcPenney’s, Kohl’s, Kwik Trips, Lowe’s, Menard’s, Michael’s, Mill’s Fleet Farm, Noodles, PF Chang’s, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy’s, Pizza Hut, Red Robin, Sears, Shell Gas, Smashburger, Starbucks, Subway, Super America Gas, Taco Bell, Target, The Children’s Place, Visa Five Back, Walgreens, Wal-Mart and Wendy’s. Your purchase helps support the school. Come see us after Mass.

Scrip is looking for additional volunteers to cover the Scrip desk during the weekend Masses. Please contact Lynn Tupy if you are interested at lynn.tupy@hotmail.com. Training would be provided. Many hands make light work. Thank you.

**CALLING ALL KC VOLUNTEERS:**

The Crystal/Robbinsdale KC’s want to show their appreciation to our Brother Knights, spouses, and family members that have been gracious with their time volunteering at our council events this year by coming to a Spaghetti Dinner at St Raphael’s (Marian Hall) on Saturday Oct 14, 2017, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. This event is being catered by Angeno’s and will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread sticks, chocolate chip cookies, coffee and lemonade. Come and enjoy. WE DO NEED A RSVP BY TUESDAY OCT. 10th, by calling the KC Office at 763-537-1492 or email koc3656nh@hotmail.com.

**Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers**

Tuesday, October 17, 7 p.m. Cathedral of Saint Paul, 239 Selby Avenue, St. Paul Healthcare workers, along with their spouses and families, are invited to this special Mass in honor of our Patron Saint, St. Luke. Reception and Presentation by Dr. Dan Huesgen, “Practicing Inpatient Child Psychiatry in a Post-Christian Age,” immediately following in Hayden Hall (Cathedral, lower level). Sponsored by the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family & Life. Questions? Contact Sonya Flomo at 651-291-4488 or flomos@archspm.org.

**In the silence of your heart, do you wonder if God is calling you to Religious Life? Come and See!** The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles will be hosting a “Come and See” Retreat for single women (ages 18-35) who are interested in taking time to learn more about vocations, discernment and Religious Life. The retreat will take place November 3-5, 2017 at the Church of St. Peter in North St. Paul. For more information, please call 626-300-8938 or email mncomeandsee@outlook.com.
Respect Life and A Community Caring for Life (ACCL) is hosting a baby shower for Moms who are expecting and need help.

Starting October 7th and 9th, large decorated "Baby Boxes" will be located at all church entries for parishioners to donate a variety of baby items such as Newborn through Sz.1 and 2 Diapers, Bibs, Socks, Receiving Blankets, Pack n' Play Sheets, and Size 0 - 9 months girls and boys Sleepers and Onesies, and boy and girl Baby Outfits. 0 - 9 months are the sizes we need for the baby layettes our faithful ladies make up each fall for the cooler winter weather and then when they change over the layettes in the spring for the warmer summer weather.

Flyers will be posted on all bulletin boards of specific items needed for our baby layettes for the moms and their babies who benefit from them.

We thank all those who donate these lovingly gently used, new and all the most beautiful hand made quilts, receiving blankets, bibs, crocheted baby outfits, hats, mittens, and throws. The mothers are overwhelmed with all of these needed items.

To thank all of you for helping these moms throughout the year and to celebrate the Respect Life Month of October, everyone is invited to join us for a "baby shower" of decorated cupcakes and refreshments in Marian Hall after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday, October 29th.

Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country, or the world? Do you want to serve those in need and work for social justice? Check out RESPONSE 2018, a free guide listing nearly 200 faith-based volunteer programs and thousands of opportunities. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. Our volunteers are from all walks of life—from high school to senior citizens and every stage in between. Positions are available for both single and married volunteers, including those with children.

Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of RESPONSE 2018. Call 800-543-5046 or email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. You can also search RESPONSE 2018 online at www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

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