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.

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

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

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

Extraordinary Form Mass:
First Friday at 7:00 pm

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

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 November 14th. If you would like a particular item on the Council agenda, please contact Fr. Rudolph.
Liturgical Ministers’ Schedule

Saturday, November 11

5:30 pm
Lectors: Mary Lacina & John Zimitsch
EMHC: Paul Bruins, Mary Kay Ficks, Tina Hong, Shirley Houglum, and Jeanine Machan
Servers: Phil Deeney, Jacob Durand, James Herrera, Thomas O’Meara, and Ehjay Talatala
Greeters: (W) Mary Cesaretti
(E) Joan Tatley
(N) Tom Shrode
Choir: Agape Choir

Sunday, November 12

8:30 am
Lectors: Sharon Hedman & Lisa Tienter
EMHC: Janet Fischer, David Fischer, Michael Gerads, Dave Johnson, and Theresa Kelly
Servers: Chris Hildebrand, Levi Ehlenz, Logan Ehlenz, Derek Lundeen, and Noah Lundeen
Greeters: (W) Barb Livingston
(N) Lorraine Zerr
(E) Steve & Diane Connolly
Choir: Cantor

10:30 am
Lectors: Olivia Fish & Jeff Fish
EMHC: Bunny Arseneau, Phil Keane, Mary Kellett, Julie Matzek, Char Vecellio
Servers: John Jacobson, Jason Hirt, Daniel Jacobson, Joey Jacobson, and Matthew Jacobsen
Greeters: (W) Amy Boylan
(E) Nikki & Lucas Jacobson
Choir: Sunday Choir

Weekly Calendar of Events

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

Sunday, November 5
8:00 am - Noon ~ Library Open - 2nd Floor by Elevator
11:30 am - Noon ~ Baptism - Church
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ~ Parish Holy Hour - HS Chapel
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ CORE Team Meeting - Parish Center

Monday, November 6
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ~ Schola Singers - Choir Room

Tuesday, November 7
9:00 am - Noon ~ Dorcus Quilters - Marian Hall
9:45 am - 11:15 am ~ Navarre Bible Group - Conference Rm
10:00 - Noon ~ Fountain of Life Prayer Group - Choir Room
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ Agape Singers - Choir Room
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm ~ Homebound Meeting - Conference Rm
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ Moms Rock - St. Raphael Room
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm ~ Beauty of Latin Prayer - Marian Hall

Wednesday, November 8
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ~ NEAR Board - St. Raphael Room
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm ~ Children’s Choir - Choir Room
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm ~ Sr. High Open Youth - Youth Room
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 - School
7:00 pm - 8:15 pm ~ Life Night Youth Group - Marian Hall

Thursday, November 9
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 ~ TGGY Orientation - Brides Room

Friday, November 10
8:30 am - 10:30 pm ~ Veterans Day Service - Marian Hall
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~ The Journey - Youth Room

Saturday, November 11
8:30 am - 9:30 am ~ Holy Name Society - Choir Room
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm ~ 6th & 7th Grade Retreat - Parish Ctr

Sunday, November 12
8:00 am-12:00 pm ~ Library Open - 2nd Floor by Elevator
9:30 am - 12:00 pm ~ Fellowship - Marian Hall
10:00 am - 10:25 am ~ Rosary Society - Church
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm ~ Carmelites - Parish Center

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1bc-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13
The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. On each day from November 1 through November 8 a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the Poor Souls. To obtain this plenary indulgence, one must visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed souls. For people who are unable to go to a cemetery, this indulgence can be obtained simply by praying for the souls.

In order to gain a plenary indulgence there are several stipulations. First, you must perform the work to which the indulgence is attached. In this case, it is visiting a cemetery. Second, the person seeking to gain the indulgence must go to confession (this can be done 20 days before or after the work is accomplished). Third, the person must go to Communion (this is normally done on the same day as the work itself). Fourth, the person must say the prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (this is normally done by reciting one Hail Mary and one Our Father, but other prayers can be substituted if they seem more appropriate). These prayers are also done on the same day that the work is accomplished. Fifth, one must be detached from all aspects of every sin, both mortal and venial.

One plenary indulgence can be obtained each day. Indulgences which remove temporal punishment due to sins that have been forgiven can be obtained for one’s self or they can be applied to the souls in Purgatory. They are not able to be transferred to another person still alive in this world. If there is anything lacking in the requirements for obtaining a plenary indulgence, the person would still gain a partial indulgence. While plenary indulgences can be obtained only once per day, a person may obtain as many partial indulgences daily as they wish.

Indulgences today are divided into only the two categories mentioned above: plenary and partial. If you have an old prayer book there may be particular indulgences listed after each of the prayers, e.g., 300 days, ten years, etc. These particular indulgences no longer apply; instead, a partial indulgence is given. The term "plenary" means full or complete. Applied to indulgences it means that the entire debt of temporal punishment due to sin is completely removed from the soul of the individual. The term "partial indulgence" means that a portion of a person’s temporal punishment is removed. To put this into practical terms, if a person is given a prison sentence of fifty years, a plenary indulgence would erase the entire sentence and the person would be free. On the other hand, a partial indulgence would reduce the sentence by the amount God determines the work to be worth. In other words, if we do something with great love it may be worth a huge amount while doing the same thing in a rote manner may be worth only a few minutes. God determines how much the person’s action is worth and applies the value to the soul.

It should be pointed out that one does not have to go to confession for every plenary indulgence. Since the time has been extended for 20 days (it used to be eight) before or after the work is done, one could technically receive 40 plenary indulgences between confessions. The easier way to think about this is to go to confession monthly and you can gain a plenary indulgence every day of the year. Beyond visiting a cemetery during the first eight days of November, one can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting the Blessed Sacrament for at least 30 minutes, praying the Stations of the Cross, reciting five decades of the Rosary while contemplating on the mysteries, reading Sacred Scripture for at least a half hour, visiting a church on its Name Day (the Saint the church is named after), etc. In other words there are many ways to obtain a plenary indulgence.

There are myriad ways of obtaining a partial indulgence. Some of these include: in the performance of the duties of our state in life and in bearing the trials of life, one raises their mind with humble confidence in God adding (even if only mentally) some pious invocation; giving of one’s self or one’s goods, in a spirit of faith and mercy, to serve others in need; voluntary deprivation, in a spirit of penance, of anything that is licit and pleasing to the person. During this month of November (the whole month) a partial indulgence can be obtained many times each day by reciting the prayer “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.”

While indulgences can be gained every day and offered for the souls in Purgatory, we should remember them in a special way in this month dedicated to them. As members of the Mystical Person of Christ, we can help those who can do nothing more for themselves than what they are already doing. In other words, we can help the souls in Purgatory to get to Heaven faster. On the flip side, they will be praying for you and your intentions.
HOLY NAME SOCIETY

This Saturday, November 11, 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.

Monthly Rosary Meeting

Our November Rosary Group meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 7 pm in the Conference Room. Bring a dessert to share. All women in the parish are invited.

MCCW Deanery Day

MCCW Deanery Day will be November 13, at St. Albert the Great Minneapolis.

Saint of the Day – Blessed Bernard Lichtenberg

Bernard was born in 1875 in Ohlau in Silesia, now in Poland, but part of Germany at the time. He was ordained a priest at the age of 24 and sent to Berlin, where he served in a parish. For awhile after the First World War, he was a member of the Berlin regional parliament, as a member of the Catholic Center Party. He was passionate in his support of justice and charity in action and supported the pacifist Peace League of German Catholics in 1931. In 1935, Father Lichtenberg protested to the Nazi official Hermann Goering about the treatment of Jews in concentration camps. Goering denied everything and had Fr. Lichtenberg taken into “protective custody” for awhile for supposedly spreading lies about the German State. After his release, he helped distribute copies of Pope Pius XI’s encyclical Mit Brennender Sorge, which criticized the Nazis and was banned by the German government. After the Kristallnacht of November 10, 1938, in which the windows of Jewish-owned shops were smashed, Father Lichtenberg told his parishioners that a temple was burning that “too, was a house of God,” and asked them to pray for the Jews. He kept protesting the treatment of the Jewish people and was arrested in 1941. He was released two years later but handed over to the Gestapo for “re-education.” By this time, he was old and sick. The Gestapo sent him to Dachau concentration camp but he collapsed on the way there. He was taken to a hospital in Hof in Bavaria, where he died on November 5, 1943. His body was taken to Berlin for burial, and a crowd of four thousand people followed his coffin in a procession, in spite of constant air raids. Blessed Bernard Lichtenberg, pray for us! (Excerpted and adapted with permission of the Publisher from Butler’s Lives of the Saints, New Full Edition ©Paul Burns 2003, Published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN)

The Respect Life committee would like to offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to Gary and Amy Glasscock for their generosity in donating the CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS sign that was displayed with the blue and pink flags. We hope that all the St. Raphael’s parishioners had a chance to see it.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and God bless you.

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National Vocations Awareness Week November 5-11

God loves you and has a plan for your life—It’s called a vocation!

Vocations Awareness Week will be celebrated in our Church to highlight the many ways we are called to live out our vocation to holiness, with particular attention to vocations to Church ministry as priests, deacons, and vowed men and women religious. Please pray this week for all those who are discerning how God is calling them. Information is available thru the Serra Club of North Minneapolis. Contact MaryAnne Frank at 612-669-4221 or mafrank09@gmail.com

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following individuals:

To add a name to this list for one month call 537-8401 x523.
Eucharistic Adoration – Be thankful
contact Therese Juba at 763-553-8514 or
Betty Kreuter at 763-537-1399

Adoration is a quiet time spent in prayer before Jesus present in the Eucharist. Who couldn’t use a quiet hour each week; a quiet hour of prayer, of talking to and listening to our Lord? Please let Therese or Betty know today, which of these hours that have urgent needs for Adorers on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:00 a.m., or any other hour that will work out for you to make a weekly commitment. A commitment to one peaceful hour a week in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel that is open 24/7.

There is also a great need for substitutes in the winter months, as some Adorers travel to warmer climates. A substitute list is kept by Therese and Betty. A substitute may say “no” if the time needed is not convenient. It is possible to substitute once a week, once a month or once a year.

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. [Psalm 131]

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

Jr. High
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.

Dec. 15-16: Winter Blast is an all night lock-in event for junior high youth. We begin with Mass at St. Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park. From there we head to the Maple Grove Community Center. This night includes dinner, swimming, a dance, hockey, ice skating, arcade games, Reconciliation, crazy hair and so much more! Drop-off is at 7:30 pm on Friday at St. Vincent de Paul and pick-up is at 5:30 am on Saturday at the Maple Grove Community Center. Consent forms can be found on our youth ministry website and outside the youth room. The registration deadline is Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Sr. High
Nov. 8: Sr. High Open Youth Room from 5:00-6:45 pm.

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

Rite of Confirmation (ROC)
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Nov. 14: The Pulse 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!

Nov. 15: ROC Classes for 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation candidates. All classes are located in the church.

Nov. 18: Elevate will be from 5:00-1:00 pm here at St. Raphael. Elevate is an event that is just for high school students. Come and join us for a night of food, fun, fellowship, teaching, and prayer. Our topic for this night is Angels & Demons. Hope to see you there!

Core Team
Nov. 5: Core Team Meeting from 6:00-9:00 pm in Marian Hall.

Anointing Mass
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered on Friday, November 17th at 11:00 am. The Sacrament of the Sick is for Catholics who are aging, those with chronic, acute, physical illnesses, and those who will be undergoing surgery in the near future.

A luncheon will be served after Mass in Marian Hall for those who wish to stay. The suggested donation to help cover food expense for the luncheon is $5.00 per person. Please RSVP by Friday, November 10th to Pat at 763-537-804 x209.

We welcomed Giana Marie Stegman into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on October 29, 2017.
The issue of euthanasia/assisted suicide is hotly debated across America and around the world. Its advocates oversell what it delivers under-report its occurrences and complications and under-estimate its impact on those involved. Today you'll hear from a representative of those who would be intimately involved in the euthanasia process, but whose point-of-view is hardly considered. When the topic of euthanasia/assisted suicide comes up, typically our thoughts turn to the patient and the physician administering the lethal medication. Seldom have we stopped to consider how the process and procedure, plus its aftermath will affect the nurses involved. Dr. Annmarie Hosie was a palliative care nurse for 30 years and is now a researcher at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. She knows the dying process inside and out, backwards and forwards. She spoke at a seminar on palliative care and assisted dying, sharing her concerns on how euthanasia will impact nursing, both personally and professionally. Her remarks were thoroughly documented with citations. Euthanasia or assisted suicide, however you choose to describe it, is defined as any action or inaction with the intent to cause the death of a patient. Healthcare is defined as providing the best health possible in the form of healing through cures, caring and comforting. A palliative nurse's chief priority is to alleviate suffering, but not at the expense of his or her healthcare priorities. Having been on the receiving end of nursing care multiple times, I can tell you without reservation that nurses are intimately involved in the healing process. They are a patient's lifeline, regardless of the degree of illness or injury. The last thing we need is anything that will negatively affect the patient-nurse relationship. Euthanasia, says Annmarie, blurs the line between healing or comfort care and killing; and it creates confusion regarding fundamental ethics in healthcare. Palliative care follows the natural process of dying. In sharp contrast, there's nothing natural about euthanasia. It intentionally kills. What would a nurse do if she found a patient in serious physical distress after lethal medication had been taken or administered? Medical ethics call for intervention for the good of the patient. Would she be punished for doing her job? One of the key parameters of assisted suicide is requiring patients be terminally ill, in which case they will likely be receiving palliative care. How can a nurse effectively care for patients with palliative care when it and euthanasia are diametrically opposed to each other? What about protecting nurses who ethically object to taking part in the euthanasia process? A Belgium study of nurses and physicians exposed blurred boundaries between legitimate healthcare and euthanasia. There is the danger of easily transitioning — intentionally or otherwise — from ethical palliative care to deliberately killing the patient. A nurse in the study provided an example. “Sedation was frequently started with the understanding if the patient is still here tomorrow, then we will double [the dose]. That was commonplace.” A study of nurses’ attitudes regarding euthanasia revealed conflicting emotions and a sense of vulnerability. In addition, there was a feeling that their opinions were being overlooked. Burdening nurses who already have demanding jobs exposes them to increased burnout and nurses leaving the profession. Many euthanasia advocates oversell the process of dying as totally peaceful and serene. Annmarie doesn't believe that the drugs facilitate a peaceful or gentle death and she doubts their techniques will become more refined in the future. What are often overlooked are the unexpected positives that can come from the natural dying process. Goodbyes can be said; fissures in families’ repaired and last-minute memories created to sustain grieving family and friends left behind. During her 30 years of nursing, Annmarie Hosie never had a patient request physician-assisted suicide. Her advice is that “we will continue to aim high and strive always for merciful nursing and healthcare, and a merciful society.” Vulnerable human life can benefit from these experienced words of wisdom. Take advantage of our free resources at http://www.lifeissues.org/resources/end-life-resources/ to protect you and your family from euthanasia. Protecting the weak and defenseless, Bradley Mattes, President, Life Issues Institute
Man, Woman and the Order of Creation

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, Dec. 11, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
OEC Auditorium, University of St. Thomas

This one-day symposium will explore the Catholic vision of the human person within its theological, scientific and social context. The goal of this conference is to equip clergy, religious, pastoral ministers and lay leaders with the pastoral insights and language they need to reach out to those they serve – in love and in truth.

Registration and additional event details forthcoming.

Evening Session – free and open to the public.
7:30-9:00 p.m.
OEC Auditorium, University of St. Thomas

For more information, please contact: Dr. Deborah Savage: (651) 962-5061 or pdsavage@stthomas.edu

“Valuing one’s own body in its femininity or masculinity is necessary if I am going to be able to recognize myself in an encounter with someone who is different. In this way we can joyfully accept the specific gifts of another man or woman, the work of God the Creator, and find mutual enrichment.” - Pope Francis, Laudato Si’, 155.

The Saint Paul Seminary
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Co-sponsored by: the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute, and the the Siena Symposium for Women, Family and Culture.
Attention: Alumni and Parents of St. Raphael Catholic School

We are looking to update our alumni data base and need your help. Please visit our school’s web site and update your / your family’s contact information. We would love to hear from you!

Web site: www.srsrn.org

Calling ALL Veterans!
Come to Our Special Morning of Gratitude Prepared Just for You!

★ Delicious, Hot Breakfast
★ Veteran’s Day “Thank You Program” Presented by Our School Children
★ Guest Speaker
★ Free for all Veterans and Spouse or Guest

Location: Saint Raphael Catholic Church, 7301 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

RSVP:
763-504-9450 ext. #351
Mass at 8:00 am for all who can attend!
(Please mail donations welcomed)

Needed: Coats!
Cleaning out your closets? If you find any gently used coats you are not in need of anymore, please bring them to Bunny in the Parish Office.

Thank you.

“Thanks to the Rake-a-Thon kids and parents. Our yard looks great. We couldn't be happier!”
~~ Jim and Mary Kay Fossland
CHRISTMAS VILLAGE: SATURDAY DECEMBER 2nd

DONATIONS NEEDED: Out shopping and finding some great deals... buy some extra and donate for our upcoming Christmas Village.

NEW ITEMS NEEDED for the General Store: Jolly Jars and Gingerbread Houses (items for the children to purchase as gifts for their family members).

Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Questions? Call Jan @ 763-535-5730.

SCRIP is fundraising while you shop!
The SCRIP program at St. Raphael’s School allows for us to earn money for our School by shopping with gift cards for everyday purchases like food, clothing, and entertainment. Each SCRIP gift card you purchase earns a rebate for our School. It’s the powerful, “no-selling” fundraiser. Have you purchased your SCRIP gift cards lately? For your shopping convenience we have a variety of gift cards available to take home today: 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.

Stop by the SCRIP desk in the East Gathering Area and pick up your gift cards today. If we don’t have it... place an order and you will get it next week.

Thank you for your support in helping our school.

Volunteers:

Sat. Nov 11  5:30 pm  Mary Wollman
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BAKE SALE

The St. Raphael Respect Life Committee is having a Bake Sale November 18th & 19th before and after all Masses in the East Gathering Area. We invite you to come and buy some baked goods and share them with your family on Thanksgiving.

If you are interested in donating any baked items, please drop them off in the East Gathering Area from 4-5:30 p.m. on Sat. and by 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Thank you.

Questions? Please call Peggy Diedrich at: 763-536-7803.

SACRISTY CLEANING
Help! We are in need of several volunteers to help clean the sacristy either every other Thursday, or, once a month on Saturday. It is light cleaning and takes about an hour of time.

Please contact Phyllis at 763-537-6269.

SENIOR RAPHAELITES

You are invited to LUNCH AND TURKEY BINGO ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH with the Gadabouts at St. Joseph the Worker on Hemlock Lane in Maple Grove. Liturgy starts at 11:00 am, followed by a catered lunch at 11:45 am in St. Joseph’s Hall. Everything will be provided; a free will donation is appreciated to cover the food expense. Bingo will follow lunch; perhaps you will be the lucky pilgrim to win a turkey. Friends welcome.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 13th to Sharon Reinert at 612-242-3200 or 763-533-4037 or Pat Klass at 763-537-8401 x209.

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SCHWAN’S FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN!
Starts November 15, 2017
Just in Time for Holiday Meal and Party Planning!

Hi St. Raphael Families and Friends ~
The PHT Group is excited to introduce a new Fundraising initiative with Schwan’s Foods to help raise funds for our group. This campaign is exciting because there’s no door knocking or asking for money required. All you have to do is:
• Place a Schwan’s order online (www.schwans-cares/c/35092.com) or via phone 1-888-SCHWANS (724-9267) using our campaign ID #35092
• Spread the word to your friends and family to do the same!

PHT will receive:
• 20% on food purchased between 11/15 - 12/30
• 40% on eGift cards purchased between 11/15 - 12/30
• 5% on food purchased between 12/31 - 3/30/18

***We’ll get “the biggest bang for our buck” on gift card purchases made by 12/30/17! Our goal is to raise $3,000.00!***
Look for our PHT Logo and make sure to use Campaign Id# 35092 when placing your order. You can view a full catalog at www.schwans.com

We appreciate your support and look forward to a successful campaign! Keep this in mind during your Holiday Meal and Party Planning!

Blessings,
~ The PHT Group

***Please Note: Orders will not be applied to our campaign prior to 11/15/17. We wanted to get the word out in advance for planning purposes!***

Parents Helping Teachers (PHT) - We are a group of parents working together to support the dedicated teachers and administrators of St. Raphael School (SRS) through the enhancement of school resources and day to day experiences that enable our children to thrive. We also strive to build and strengthen the SRS community and togetherness among the wonderful SRS families.


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