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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January 7, 2018
Epiphany of the Lord
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WORSHIP

Weekday Masses
Monday - Saturday: 8:00 am
Wednesday - 5:30 pm (Latin-English)
First Friday Extraordinary - 7:00 pm

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Weekdays: 7:30 am - 7:50 am
Saturday: 7:30 am - 7:50 am
8:30 am - 9:30 am
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Baptism contact the Parish Office

CONTACT

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Parish Office
763-537-8401

School Office
763-504-9450

Christmas Flower Memorials

In Memory of:
Raymond was born about the year 1175 in Catalonia, which is now part of Spain. He was a brilliant student and was already teaching philosophy at the age of twenty. Then around the year 1210 he went to the University of Bologna in Italy, where he earned degrees in both civil and canon law and subsequently taught both of those subjects there. Then Raymond returned to Catalonia and while in the city of Barcelona, joined the Dominicans shortly after the founding of that order by St. Dominic. He concentrated on helping the poor and preaching aimed at the conversion of Jews and Moslems. In the year 1230, Pope Gregory IX summoned Raymond to Rome and asked him to be his confessor. The pope also asked him to gather together all the various decrees that had been issued by popes and councils since the last collection had been made in 1150. The result filled five volumes and was the basis of Church law until the Code of 1917 was promulgated. Tired out from this effort, which took three years, Raymond returned to Barcelona. The next year the pope chose him to be the archbishop of Tarragona, but he refused, preferring solitude, contemplation, study, preaching and celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. But he didn't refuse when he was elected the third master general of the Dominicans in 1238, though he accepted reluctantly. He spent the next two years visiting the houses of the order by St. Dominic. He concentrated on helping the poor and civil and canon law and subsequently taught both of those subjects.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Blessings to all in this New Year!

Are you taking an assessment of your current faith life? Remember to focus on the progress you have made, not only on things you believe are yet to be done. Holiness does not mean perfection, it means being set apart for God.

Do you try to carve out time for prayer and adoration? You are setting yourself apart from other tasks, even important tasks that you could be doing.

Many thanks and blessings to those who were adorers for Eucharistic Adoration during this holy season! All committed adorers either prayed during their hour(s) or found a substitute to take their place. Thank you to all who signed up to be substitutes.

There are still many substitutes needed for the winter months. There are many elderly who have difficulty getting around during these cold and snowy months; and there are travelers. Please call Betty or Therese at the number above with questions regarding Adoration.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, January 8
Lorraine Pouliot Phillips ✝

Tuesday, January 9
Fr. Rudolph

Wednesday, January 10
Paul Szydlik ✝
Raymond Ferrian ✝

Thursday, January 11
Nancy Sipe ✝

Friday, January 12
Donald Trump & Family

Saturday, January 13
Richard Cotter ✝
Rosary Society

Sunday, January 14
Richard & Lorey Commers ✝
St. Raphael Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Mal 1:14b -- 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

PLEASE PRAY FOR....


To add a name please call 537-8401 x523.
Why Latin? Why Chant?

During the seasons of Advent and Lent the parish uses the Latin Gregorian Chant settings for some of the Mass responses. As you know, we have also been singing the Salve Regina at the end of Mass. We have received both positive and negative responses to these practices. Among the young people the response has been overwhelmingly positive; among the older parishioners it has been a mixed review.

In this article I would like to address some of the concerns brought up regarding the practice of using Gregorian chant during Mass. I am sure there are other reasons given as to why people are not happy about the Latin responses (and the use of chant on the first Saturday of each month), but there are a few I have heard on a variety of occasions to which I would like to respond.

First, “why do we do this when people do not know the responses in Latin?” In the Vatican II document on the Liturgy, Sacrosanctum concilium, we read that Latin in the liturgy is to be preserved and that the people of God are to know all the responses that are proper to them in Latin. The fact that so many people do not know the responses demonstrates a pastoral failure over the years since Vatican II. We are trying to do what the Church has asked by teaching and using the responses in Latin.

Second, “I don’t understand when the schola sings pieces in Latin.” This arises with regard to the Mass at which the chant schola sings once each month on Saturday evening. It is sometimes difficult to understand the meaning of the words when something is sung. We have all experienced this listening to songs on the radio, even though they are sung in English. However, chant is perhaps more difficult because in some pieces a single vowel may be held for twenty or more notes. So unless you have the words in front of you, it may be very difficult to understand what is being sung. However, I recall my first experience with Gregorian chant. I did not know Latin at the time, so I had absolutely no idea what was being sung in the hymns, the gradual, or the antiphons. What was being said in the ordinary parts of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Mysterium fidei, Agnus Dei, Pater Noster) was pretty obvious because I knew what would be in those places in English. But in what are known as the Proper, I had no idea what the schola was singing, as mentioned above. At first I was lost but I soon noticed that if I just listened to the music it seemed to lift my mind and heart up to God. There was a profound spiritual effect that took place, even though I did not know what was being sung. Years later I read a study that showed that when people heard Gregorian chant (without knowing the words) it activated the part of the brain that is associated with spirituality. This verified my own personal experience.

Third, “why don’t we just sing an English version of the same song?” First of all, the Latin prayers, like the Salve Regina are part of our patrimony. As members of the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church we should have some familiarity with our history and the richness of our spiritual treasures. Beyond that, the same document on the Liturgy mentioned earlier, states that among the various forms of sacred music, Gregorian chant holds pride of place. We do not have many English prayers that are set to chant tones because the syllables do not line up correctly, thus throwing off the flow of the chant. Therefore, in order to chant the prayer, it is almost always necessary to do it in Latin. There is, however, a very simple form of chant which is not dependent on the syllables. This kind of chant, known as “plainchant” is frequently used at St. Raphael in the singing of the Psalms.

Fourth, “I can’t actively participate in the Mass when I cannot understand the language.” The Church has allowed the use of the vernacular so people can have a greater understanding and more meaningful participation. That said, we have already seen that we are also to know the Latin responses. It takes several tries, but then we begin feeling more comfortable with the Latin (just look at the difference between the singing of the Salve Regina in the first week of Advent and how it sounds now). Anything foreign is difficult at first, but it becomes easy once you get accustomed to it.

I should also address a common misunderstanding from the Second Vatican Council. One of the best known phrases from the Council has to do with the “active participation” of the faithful in the liturgy. The misunderstanding here is based on the fact that in Latin there are two words for “active,” and both are translated the same way into English. The first is activitas which implies doing things, being active exteriorly. The second is actuosa which implies the interior activity of the heart. The phrase used by the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council is participatio actuosa, which implies being united with the action of the Mass (not saying other prayers, not doing other things), uniting yourself with the sacrifice of Jesus taking place on the altar. So, we can see that one can actively participate in the Mass regardless of the language by simply putting our hearts into it.

So, as you can see, Fr. Rudolph is simply trying to do what the Church has asked Pastors to do. What is being done is not radical or going backward; rather, it is being obedient to what the Church has directed in the solemn teaching of an Ecumenical Council. Vatican II is erroneously invoked as the reason for doing many things the Church has never asked for; thanks be to God at St. Raphael we are trying to do what the Council actually asked.
Minnesota Teens for Life Conference at Sacred Heart in Robbinsdale will feature speakers covering topics from pro-life apologetics, post-abortive testimonies, how to talk to people about bring pro-life, prayer and the pro-life movement, and what you can do to help. The event goes from 1:00-8:00 pm on **Sunday, January 14th** and will include Sunday Mass. This event is open to all high school students and is $20 per participant. Please let Anna know if you would like to sign up!

OPEN YOUTH ROOM

Open youth room is a time of fellowship, fun, & games.

**JUNIOR HIGH:** January 9th from 2:20-5:00 PM

**SENIOR HIGH:** January 10th from 5:00-6:45 PM

**ALL GRADES:** January 26th from 6:00-10:00 PM

RITE OF CONFIRMATION [ROC]

These nights are required for all 9th-10th graders.

**ROC Classes for 9th & 10th Grade:** January 10th from 7:00-8:15 PM in assigned areas at church.

**Life Night Youth Group:** January 17th from 7:00-8:15 PM in Marian Hall for all 8th-12th grade students.

CORE TEAM UPDATE

**Core Team Meeting:** January 7th from 6:00-9:00 PM in Marian Hall.

**Elevate:** January 20th from 5:00-10:00 PM in Marian Hall. See you there!

The Pulse is a co-ed discussion group for high schoolers that meets once a month to discuss different faith related topics, pray, and grow in fellowship together. We will meet from 7:00-9:00 PM in the youth room on **January 9th**. Come join us!
The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal is about to kick-off! The 18 Collective Ministries of the Archdiocese, serving the poor, the marginalized, and the needy, participate in and are supported by your generosity. Together, we are strengthening our Catholic family and this Archdiocese.

The 18 Collective Ministries served by the Catholic Services Appeal are:

- American Indian Ministry
- Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)
- Campus Ministry – Newman Center
- Campus Ministry – Saint Paul’s Outreach
- Catholic Charities
- Deaf Ministry
- Elementary School Subsidies & Scholarships
- Evangelization and Catechesis
- High School Scholarships
- Hospital Chaplains
- Latino Ministry
- Marriage, Family and Life
- Parishes
- Prison Chaplains
- Saint John Vianney College Seminary
- The Saint Paul Seminary
- Venezuelan Mission
- Rachel’s Vineyard Twin Cities

Please begin to prayerfully consider your upcoming gift to the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation. Visit the CSAF’s website at www.csafspm.org to learn more.

**Vatican II and the New Evangelization**

**Speaker: Dr. Christian Washburn**

Thursday, January 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew, 630 E. Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata. We welcome all to join us for an engaging talk about the Catholic call to evangelize, what Vatican II said about it, and the opportunities and challenges we face today in interreligious dialogue. Dr. Christian D. Washburn, Ph.D., a leading archdiocesan expert on evangelization and interreligious affairs, is an associate professor of Dogmatic Theology at the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity at the University of St. Thomas. No cost. For more information, go to www.st-barts.org/events

**Pro-Life Victory in California**

According to an article by Jay Hobbs at www.lifenews.com, dated Dec. 21, 2017, the California Board of Registered Nurses told Heartbeat International that it can grant continuing education credits to nurses who study the process known as Abortion Pill Reversal. This process is believed to have saved the lives of many babies after their mothers took the first pill in the two-pill chemical abortion regimen. The Abortion Pill Reversal hotline (1-800-558-0333) is staffed by licensed medical professionals and answers more than fifty calls per month from women who want to keep their babies after having started the chemical abortion pill process. Praise God for the members of the California Board of Registered Nurses, Heartbeat International, the Abortion Pill Reversal hotline and every other group and person that promotes respect for the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death!

- Fr. Rudolph
**Parish Life**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**
This Saturday, January 13th, 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.

**Greeters Needed!**
Greeter is a liturgical ministry of hospitality. The Church of St. Raphael is in need of Greeters. This ministry is vital as it creates a first impression that is key for parishioners and guests to feel welcome at Mass.

Please consider giving your time and talent to this ministry. The primary duties would include arriving 20 minutes prior to Mass, greeting people as they come in the door, smile, introduce yourself, and most importantly, make everyone feel welcome!

If you are interested, please contact Sheri at the Parish Office at 763-537-8401.

**Liturgy of Hours**
Is your resolution for 2018 to increase your prayer life? Are you interested in praying Liturgy of Hours (Divine Office) as Fr Rudolph suggested but don't know how to start? Pray Liturgy of Hours after Saturday morning Mass (except first Saturdays) in the Holy Spirit Chapel. It takes only 10-15 minutes. Breviaries are available in the chapel. For questions call Sharon at 763-315-0202

Sharon Hedman
Natural Family Planning is Safe, Healthy and 99% Effective! For more information, see www.ccli.org

Question about Catholicism? see www.catholic.com

**Grief Support Group**
There will be a Grief Support Group meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 10:00 am in the St. Raphael Room.

**Happy New Year everyone!**
Thanks to everyone who joined us in 2017. Hope to see you and more seniors this year. Plans are underway for our 55+ senior events in 2018. Check future bulletins for further details.

**SAVE THESE DATES:**
Thursday, February 8th - 11:00 - 1:00 Luncheon/Games in Marian Hall
Thursday, March 15th - Day of Prayer at the King’s House, Buffalo
April - To be determined
Thursday, May 10th - Tour of Skyrock Farms/Carousels/Lunch

Questions: Contact Sharon Reinert at 612-242-3200 or 763-533-4037.
Scotch Doubles Outing

The Crystal Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Scotch Doubles Bowling Outing 1/13/2018. Men and women alternate shots through 5 games of bowling at New Hope Bowl and then enjoy a dinner at the Crystal VFW. **All adult parishioners, league bowlers or not, are invited to join in the fun.**

Bowling cash prizes and door prizes will be awarded after the dinner. Price for bowling, dinner, and prizes is $70 per couple.

For further information, contact Tom or Lorraine Hus at 763-535-6182.

Stewardship of Treasure

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*He who is generous will be blessed*

~ Proverbs 22:9

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Thank you for your support in helping our school.

Calendar of Events

**Monday, January 8**
- Rosary Society Game Night: Marian Hall, 7:00 pm
- Smith Book Club: St. Raphael Room, 7:00 pm
- Schola Singers: Choir Room, 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, January 9**
- Navarre Bible: Conference Room, 9:45 am
- Rosary Makers: St. Raphael Room, 1:00 pm
- Fundamentals Catholicism: Marian Hall, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, January 10**
- Respect Life/ACCL: Bride Room, 7:00 pm
- Adult Choir: Choir Room, 7:00 pm
- Faith Formation: School, 7:00 pm
- RCIA: St. Raphael Room, 7:00 pm

**Thursday, January 11**
- Senior Cards: Marian Hall, 1:00 pm
- St. Raphael Prayer Group: Choir Room, 7:00 pm
- Bell Choir: Church, 7:00 pm

**Friday, January 12**
- No events scheduled

**Saturday, January 13**
- Holy Name Society: Choir Room, 8:30 am

**Sunday, January 14**
- Parish Library: 8:00 am
- Fellowship: Marian Hall, 9:30 am
- Monthly Rosary: Church, 10:00 am
- Carmelites: Parish Center, 1:30 pm
Dream Act of 2017 Campaign

Archbishop Bernard Hebda has asked that Catholics of this Archdiocese support the Dream Act of 2017. This bipartisan bill is intended to help young immigrants who entered this country as children years ago and know America as their only home. More specifically, it attempts to prevent the deportation of immigrants who entered the USA before they were eighteen years old—brought by their undocumented parents—have been here at least four years, are in school or have a college degree, high school degree or G.E.D., and have not been convicted of a crime. Many of the people who stand to benefit from this bill contribute to our nation’s economy, served in our military, are students in our universities, and are our fellow parishioners and community members.

In accordance with the wishes of our Archbishop, we have made postcards available to you that you may complete and mail to your representatives in the U. S. Congress. The postcards are on the tables in the church and in the office reception area.

The mailing addresses of your Congresspersons are below. Please remember that you are represented by both Senators. Which Representative serves you depends on where you live.

Senator Amy Klobuchar: 302 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
Senator Tina Smith: Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510
Representative Erik Paulsen: 127 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
Representative Keith Ellison: 2263 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

You may also contact them on this issue via email. For more information on how to do that, I recommend going to the website of the Minnesota Catholic Conference, then clicking on Advocacy Areas, then Migration, then Immigration Sunday.

I fully support our Archbishop’s effort to promote the passage of the Dream Act of 2017 and encourage you to do the same.
– Fr. Rudolph

3 On 3 Basketball Championship!!

Congratulations to our 3 on 3 team from the St.Paul Seminary and their Coach Paul Hedman, who won the Championship this past weekend. Mr. Pugh (our third grade teacher) and his teammates finished in Second place. This was our first 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at St. Raphael Catholic School and Parish. We received many blessing and outstanding reviews from those in attendance both Friday and Saturday. Father Rudolph came Friday night to help cheer our seminarian team in their opening round win. We raised $1,000 dollars in this special benefit event to help our Mr. J Scholarship and Athletic Scholarship funds. God’s Blessings to everyone for your help and support. ~ Mr. J
Box Tops
Box Tops are on so many products. Please clip them and turn them into school. Each clipped Box Top is worth $.10 for our school. Bonus certificates can also be turned into school. Have you registered to be a member of the Box Top website? If not please go to www.btfe.com and register. As a member you have access to coupons, bonus box tops, and many other specials such as sweepstakes and contests. The prizes for the sweepstakes and contests are usually bonus box tops for the school.

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Pop Top Tabs
We have a wonderful volunteer, RuthAnn Williams who coordinates bringing the pop top tabs to the Ronald McDonald House/Children’s Hospital Foundation. The Ronald McDonald House relies on these donations to support their efforts of hosting families who have children who are ill. Please continue to bring your pop top tabs to church or school.

**Please have grandma and grandpa, aunts and uncles, cousins, neighbors and anyone else to help save these various codes, coupons, etc. Thank you to everyone who is clipping and saving! Thank you for all you do for our school!!
**PLEASE NOTE - starting in February this schedule will no longer be published in the bulletin. Please keep your emails or mailed schedules from your team leaders or look on the Ministry page of the website.

Saturday, January 13

5:30 pm
Lectors: Bunny Arseneau & Barbara Thotland
EMHC: Mary Kay Ficks, Shirley Houglum, Mary Kellett, Jerry Wall, and Cindy Wall
Servers: Phil Deeney, Pat O'Meara, Jacob Durand, James Herrera, Thomas O'Meara, and Ejhay Talatala
Greeters: (E) Joan Tatley
          (N) Tom Shrode
          (W) Mary Cesaretti
Choir: Schola

Sunday, January 14

8:30 am
Lectors: Mary Lacina & Lisa Tienter
EMHC: Pete Dubay, Janet Fischer, David Fischer, Dave Johnson, and Phil Keane
Servers: Chris Hildebrand, Mikey Gerads, Derek Lundeen, and Noah Lundeen
Greeters: (W) Barb Livingston
          (N) Lorraine Zerr
          (E) Steve & Diane Connolly
Choir: Cantor

10:30 am
Lectors: Elaine Berg & Greg Feitl
EMHC: Ronald Gieneart, Sylvia Hoff, Julie Matzek, Char Vecellio, and Joan Vogel
Servers: John Jacobson, Jason Hirt, Daniel Jacobson, Joey Jacobson, and Matthew Jacobson
Greeters: (W) Amy Boylan
          (E) Nikki & Lucas Jacobson
Choir: Adult Choir

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Bookkeeper, Carrie Nelle x222
Administrative Assistant, Sheri Engstrom x201
Pastoral Ministry Coordinator, Pat Klassen x209
Social Needs Coordinator, Bunny Arseneau x214

FAITH FORMATION
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Youth Ministry & Confirmation Coordinator, Anna Scherber x 210
RCIA Coordinator, Mary Jo Smith x511

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    Betty Kreuter  763-537-1399
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Crisis Pregnancy Hotline, x500

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