



# ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

December 26 Mass - 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm  
8:30 Mass on Radio & Livestream

### Normal Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
5:00pm

Sunday 9:00 am on WOSH 1490AM

### Facebook livestream

([@straphaelcatholicchurch](https://www.facebook.com/straphaelcatholicchurch)) or go to

[raphael.org/media/live](http://raphael.org/media/live) for links to our  
Facebook and YouTube pages

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday & Friday 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

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Our Catholic School:** Lourdes Academy

[www.lourdes.today](http://www.lourdes.today) 426-3626

### PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor Fr. Tom Long  
Parochial Vicar Fr. Kevin Ripley  
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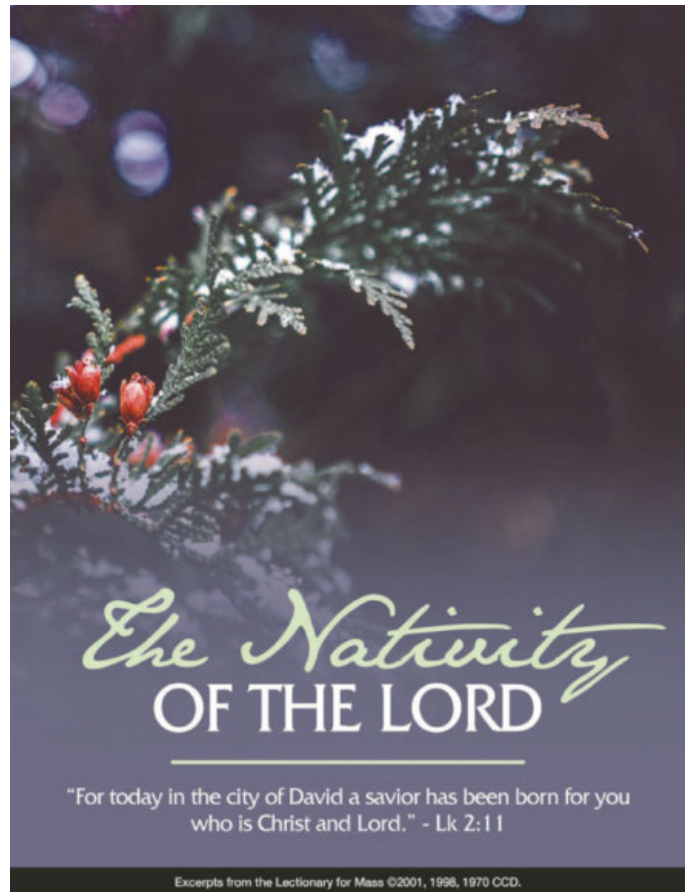
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PLEASE REMEMBER St. Raphael Parish in  
your Will and Estate Planning.

### 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.

## December 26, 2021



*From our Parochial Vicar*

***We wish you a merry Christmas! We wish you a merry Christmas! We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!***

On behalf of all of the staff and leadership here at St. Raphael, may the Christ Child give you great joy and peace this Christmas season.

It is a quick turnaround from Christmas Day to the celebration of the Holy Family this Sunday. The image of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph of being snugly nestled in at Bethlehem is still in our minds. Joseph, standing watch. Mary, pondering the words of the shepherds and magi. Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes. A simple family is at the heart of salvation history.



While not everyone is able to celebrate with a physical family, know that the Church and our community at St. Raphael is also your family. Let us keep one another in prayer, and see you next year!

May the Lord bless you and keep you in His loving arms,

**Fr. Kevin**



**Mary, Mother of God**

January 1 is a Feast of Mary. While this year is not an obligation, all are encouraged to participate at Mass

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

- 4:00 pm St. Raphael
- 4:00 pm St. Jude (St. Vincent)
- 6:30 pm Most Blessed Sacrament (St. Peter)

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

- 7:30 am St. Jude (Sacred Heart)
- 9:00 am Most Blessed Sacrament (St. Peter)
- 9:00 am St. Raphael

**Most Blessed Sacrament - 231-9782**

St. Mary Site - 605 Merritt Ave.  
St. Peter Site - 449 High Ave.

**St. Jude the Apostle - 235-7412**

Sacred Heart Church - 519 Knapp St.  
St. Vincent Church - 1225 Oregon St.

**St. Raphael Church - 233-8044**

830 S Westhaven Dr

**St. Mary, Omro - 685-2258**

730 Madison Ave, Omro

**St. Mary, Winneconne - 582-7712**

210 Pleasant Dr, Winneconne



This week's Memorial Candle is burning in loving memory of  
**Gene Gauthier**

This week's Sanctuary Candle is burning in loving memory of  
**Stephen Szabo**



This weekend's Bread and Wine is sponsored in loving memory of  
**Christine McCabe, Dawn Discher  
Marilyn Potter**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Saturday, December 25 *Merry Christmas*

8:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass  
5:00 pm **NO Mass**

### Sunday, December 26

8:30 am Mass (please note time change)  
10:30 am Mass (please note time change)  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm No Aftershock

### Monday, December 27

8:00 am Mass  
6:30 pm Scouts

### Tuesday, December 28 No RE Classes

8:00 am Mass  
2:00 pm Grief Support  
4:30 pm Reconciliation

### Wednesday, December 29 No RE Classes

8:00 am Mass  
8:00 pm Reconciliation

### Thursday, December 30

7:15 am Mass  
10:00 am Cursillo Ultreya Meeting

### Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve

7:15 am Mass  
2:00 pm Children's Party w/Mary  
4:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

### Saturday, January 1, 2022 *Happy New Year!*

9:00 am New Year's Day Mass  
3:30 pm Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, January 2, 2022

Coffee & Donut after Sunday morning Masses  
Morning Masses at 7:30, 9am, 11am  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm No Aftershock



THANK YOU to all who helped make our Christmas Masses so special! Thanks to our musicians and choirs, to all who decorated the church so beautifully, to those who put up and took down hundreds of chairs, to our ushers, greeters, sacristans, servers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, linen cleaners, and all who helped in any way. A special thanks to all who came to pray!

*Fr. Tom*

## STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING Week ending 12/19/2021

**Due to an early deadline for the bulletin, Stewardship of Sharing and Weekend Mass Numbers will be updated in the next bulletin.**

The end of the year is rapidly approaching. If you would like to make a year end contribution to St. Raphael all donations must be either received by St. Raphael or **postmarked no later than Friday, December 31.**



### Holiday Schedule

**The staff of St. Raphael Church would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season.**

**The office will be closed on Friday, December 31 and reopen Monday, January 3 with normal business hours.  
*Happy New Year!***

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## RE Updates

- There are NO weekly class sessions Dec. 28/29. Happy New Years!
- Family Session 1 will take place during all weekly class sessions on Jan. 4/5. A letter was sent to families on December 6. See the family handbook for further details.
- There will be a First Eucharist PARENT meeting on January 11/12 at 4:30. Families preparing their children for First Eucharist need to attend ONE of the meetings. Details will be mailed on Dec. 28.



**December is the month dedicated to the Nativity and the Coming of Christ. Here are some things to do with your family this month:**

December 25 is Christmas Day! Light the Christ Candle in the Center of your wreath. Say the prayer found on this page.

The 12 Days of Christmas: Christmas day starts the Christmas season, which isn't a *day but actually continues. In fact, there are 12 whole days of Christmas, and they go all the way through the Epiphany! Here are two activities you can do as a family to celebrate the Christmas Season:*

Read 12 picture books about Christmas, 1 for each day during Christmas

Move the kings for your nativity set each closer and closer to the nativity set, having the kings arrive on the actual Epiphany

## Prayer for Families

Loving God,  
During this holy season of Christmas,  
we ask for your blessing on all  
families.  
Let Mary's openness to your  
wondrous ways be an inspiration  
to place all trust in you.  
Let Joseph's courage provide hope  
during times of anxiety and  
uncertainty.  
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with  
a spirit of light and love.  
May the grace that encircled the  
Holy Family widen to embrace all  
families.  
For this we pray.  
Amen.



## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WITH MARY

The joy of the Newborn King be with you! You are invited to sign your child up for a New Year's Eve Party with Mary. Our party with the Blessed Mother will include crafts, games, and visit from Mary herself. Our time together will end with 4pm Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God where children will have an opportunity to be part of the celebration. Below are some details about how your child(ren) can ring in the New Year with Our Lady!

Who: Children who will be in 4K-5th grade as of September, 2021.

When: Friday, December 31

Where: St. Raphael Church

When: 2-5pm (4pm Holy Day Mass included)

We ask all families who are interested in attending to register their child(ren) no later than Wednesday, December 29. You can access the sign up on the parish website at [raphael.org](http://raphael.org). If you have further questions or concerns, please contact either Kathy Baehman ([kathy.baehman@raphael.org](mailto:kathy.baehman@raphael.org)) or Jessie Adrians ([jessie.adrians@raphael.org](mailto:jessie.adrians@raphael.org)). We look forward to celebrating the New Year with your child!





## Lourdes Academy Step Up Day

*Discover the Lourdes Academy Difference!*

**When: Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 | 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Who: Future 5th, 6th & 9th graders**

**What:** A day for students to meet future classmates, interact with our dedicated teaching staff and learn about all the exciting opportunities our school has to offer. The event will also include a tour of middle and high school.

**Where: Lourdes Academy  
Middle/High School**

110 N. Sawyer Street  
Oshkosh, WI 54902

**To RSVP:** Contact Michelle at  
(920) 426-6421 or  
[mrector@lourdes.today](mailto:mrector@lourdes.today)



Students show off their school pride on Spirit Day during Homecoming 2021

## Why Lourdes Academy?

Student success is our #1 priority

**100%** Graduation Rate   **6** WIAA Scholar Athletes in the past 8 years   **All** 5th grade students participate in art, band, and choir

Our school environment provides the attention and opportunities students need to thrive.

**Refer a new family to Lourdes and receive a referral credit if they enroll for the 2022-23 school year! For more information, visit [www.Lourdes.Today/Referral](http://www.Lourdes.Today/Referral)**

## Reflecting on the Scriptures

*Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, And over all these put on love, And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, The peace into which you were also called in one body.*

As I look in the mirror before heading out the door, I take one last look. What do I look like in this sweater, with these earrings? Some days I change my mind and say, "Hmm, that doesn't look very good", and proceed to change. What do I want people to see when they look at me?

In today's reading, St. Paul talks about how we are to "clothe" ourselves in genuine Christian character, "*heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another*".

The "heartfelt compassion", which Paul speaks of, pulls me away from focusing on myself, to be more aware of *others* and in tune with *their* struggles, to feel for them and with them. God's love propels me to move *outward* to others as described by Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman,

*"Shine through me, and be so in me So that every soul I come in contact with  
May feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only You, O Lord"*

I am also to robe myself in *kindness*. One of the simplest ways to love is to be kind. "Kindness is the language spoken by the dumb, heard by the deaf and seen by the blind," as described by Twain. Notice once again that my attention and concern is for "*the other*", not for myself. It can be a smile in passing, holding the door, a mild disposition, attention to the needs of the other, a pleasant tenderness in words and action. Kindness drives me to extend help to those in need without expectation of anything in return.

I must also vest myself in *gentleness*; in order to be truly gentle, I must be strong because gentleness restrains strength by love. Gentleness interrupts harshness with its own kind of beauty. It is evident in the way a mother cradles a newborn baby or a father bouncing his toddler on his knee.

I smile at St. Paul's naming "bearing with one another" as he must have lived the challenges of living daily with those we love! To love one another when I or they are not their best selves is the love that is truly a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

What is the underpinning of the virtues I am to clothe myself in? Paul states, "And over all these put on *love*". This is how I am to look into the eyes of others, deal with annoyances, people at the checkout line, my fellow drivers on the road, and with those who drive me a little crazy. And for those who live under the same roof, those closest to me—and to you—we must put on the mind of Christ, who lived *self-sacrificing* love. I see it in dear Pope Francis, who lives humbly, loves widely, and breathes the love of Jesus to others. May I not only Jesus, but live the love of Jesus each moment, especially when it is most inconvenient and challenging.

***Betty Schwandt - Pastoral Associate***



Mr. & Mrs. David Faust in loving memory of Arthur & Cecilia Faust,  
Phillip & Elsie Lautenschlager and Eugene & Diane Roepcke



# LECTIO DIVINA

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**Lectio Divina** means “Divine Reading”, which is an approach to prayer and scripture reading practiced by monastics since the early Church. It encourages people to listen with their **hearts** because it is the Word of God they are hearing. This prayer method allows for us to open our hearts to hear Jesus speaking directly to us. Come and join us to pray Lectio @ St. Raphael the Archangel

Friday, January 7 @ 6:30pm

Saturday, January 8 – following 5pm Mass

\*Friday and Saturday’s Lectio will be different from one another; you are welcome to attend both.

**MARDI GRAS!** Our annual Mardi Gras celebration will be happening on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm. This is a great family celebration to prepare for the Lenten season. Watch the website for more details.



**Ash Wednesday Masses: March 2, 2022**  
7:15am, 12:00pm, 4:30pm, 6pm

\*Times subject to change



2022 Lenten Friday Fish Frys

March 4, 11, 18, 25  
April 1, 8

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm



## Esto Vir Oshkosh - Men's Spirituality Morning

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Speaker: Fr. Kevin Ripley,  
Parochial Vicar,  
St. Raphael Parish, Oshkosh

Topic: *Journeying as Men of Christ*

Father Carr's Place 2B – Mother Teresa Center  
St. Martin de Porres Chapel  
1062 N. Koeller St., Oshkosh

7:00 am – Registration

7:05 am to 7:40 am – Confession

(Fr. David & Fr. Kevin)

7:20 am - Holy Rosary

7:45 am - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Fr. Kevin)

8:15 am - Continental Breakfast/Fellowship

8:45 am - Speaker: (Fr. Kevin)

10:00 am - Wrap Up

Free Will Offering

Contact Person: Dcn John at (920) 203-9272 or  
[deaconji@gmail.com](mailto:deaconji@gmail.com)



## Saturday, March 12 at St. Raphael Church

This daylong workshop will help people discover the unique gifts God has given them to serve the Church. Watch the bulletin in coming weeks for more information.

## WORKING WITH THE SCRIPTURES

Each year I write a poem to be enclosed with our family Christmas card. Often, parishes ask if they might publish it in their Bulletins. It is in that spirit, then, that I share this Christmas message. Merry Christmas!

### *Mahalo for Christmas*

*Mahalo and Thank You – we gather to say  
words of gratitude for gifts given  
and received on this day.*

*Mahalo for mountain, for forest and sea.  
Thank You for birdsong and flowering tree.*

*Mahalo for children planting footprints  
in the sand.  
Thank You for surfboard and catamaran.*

*Mahalo for sun star sinking slowly in the west.  
Thank You for moonrise and promised good  
rest.*

*Mahalo for ohana – friends and family –  
love and play.  
Thank You for memories we share on this day,*

*Mahalo for God with us in more ways than  
we can tell.  
Thank You for God's gift to us –  
The Babe – Emmanuel.*

*Vinal Van Benthem -*

# Father Ripley's Believe It or Not!

Believe it or not, one thing I strongly associate with Christmas is vulgar language. Wait, wait, what? Let me explain.

In the 5th century, the Bible was translated into Latin by St. Jerome. It was originally in Greek, but the common language of the people of the Roman Empire has become Latin. Therefore, the Church wanted to have it in the common, or “vulgar,” language. That’s what the word means, although it has become synonymous with slang.

Now, what is the connection with Christmas? St. Jerome requested that he be given a cell in the basement of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to do his 15-year long work of translation. He received his request and started to live and study in a stone-walled room right next to the spot Jesus was born.

His version of the Bible is known as the Vulgate.

When I visited Bethlehem for three weeks in seminary, I went several times early in the morning to Mass at the place Jesus was born, and afterwards I would pray in St. Jerome’s cell. It gave me a sort of affection for the place and for St. Jerome and his work of translating God’s word into the vulgar language.

## Sunday Aftershock!

There will be no Aftershock on  
December 26 or January 2, 2022

Join us at 6pm  
Sunday, January 9, 2022



## Looking ahead in 2022!

**April 1-3, 2022**

Spring Retreat - Green Lake Conference Center

**July 10-13, 2022**

Love Begins Here (LBH) mission trip - St. Raphael -  
<https://www.gbresources.org/lovebeginshere.html> -

We are also looking for food volunteers for Aftershock nights this upcoming year! If you would like to help out, please contact Michael Wilms at 920-233-8044.

## AFTERSHOCK FUN!





## ***A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU***

***Thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, enthusiasm and expression of faith to prepare and minister for our parish celebrations of Christmas, 2021:***



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Parish Office Personnel  
and the Gathered People of God*

***Thanks to all who joined together to give praise to God this Christmas.***

On behalf of the students and staff at Lourdes Academy, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support throughout the years!

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."  
Luke 2:11*



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 am Christine McCabe †  
Jerry Panske †  
10:30 am Fuchs & Flanagan Families †

**Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family**

8:30 am Sharon & Wendy Yearwood †  
Richard Schumacher †  
10:30 am Paul & Millie Schafhauser †  
Harold & Bea Galow †  
5:00 pm For our parishioners

**Monday, December 27 St. John, Apostle**

8:00 am Aborting physicians & their victims

**Tuesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents**

8:00 am Judy Stadtmueller †

**Wednesday, December 29**

8:00 am Sharon Gabert †

**Thursday, December 30**

7:15 am Kenneth Foegen †

**Friday, December 31**

7:15 am Chuck Hayes †  
4:00pm Sy & Irene Wolf †

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 am Madeline Casey †  
5:00 pm Bill & Margaret Habermann †

**Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 am Diane Jungwirth †  
Robert Krupp, Sr. †  
9:00 am Glenn Wilhelm †  
Steve Szabo †  
11:00 am Charlene Dishaw †  
5:00 pm For our parishioners



**Parish Leaders:**

Trustee-Secretary: Ed Jeziorny  
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Parish Council Chair: Laura Lemancik

**Readings for the week of December 26, 2021**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1],  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52 or  
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28, Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10  
[cf. 5a], 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24, Lk 2:41-52  
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12],  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2, Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7],  
Mt 2:13-18  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a],  
Lk 2:22-35  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17, Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a],  
Lk 2:36-40  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21, Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a],  
Jn 1:1-18  
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a],  
Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
[cf. 11], Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12



**Lourdes Academy, our Catholic School**

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