St. Raphael & St. Rose of Lima Catholic Community

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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Raphael
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	St. Rose
	10:30 a.m.	St. Raphael
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	St. Raphael
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	St. Raphael
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	St. Rose
Friday	8:30 a.m.	St. Rose
1st Saturday	8:30 a.m.	St. Rose

Confession

Saturday	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	St. Raphael
Sunday	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.	St. Rose

Eucharistic Adoration

~Holy Hour—Wednesdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Raphael

~Adoration—Fridays at St. Rose, 9:00 a.m. — 8:00 a.m. on Saturday

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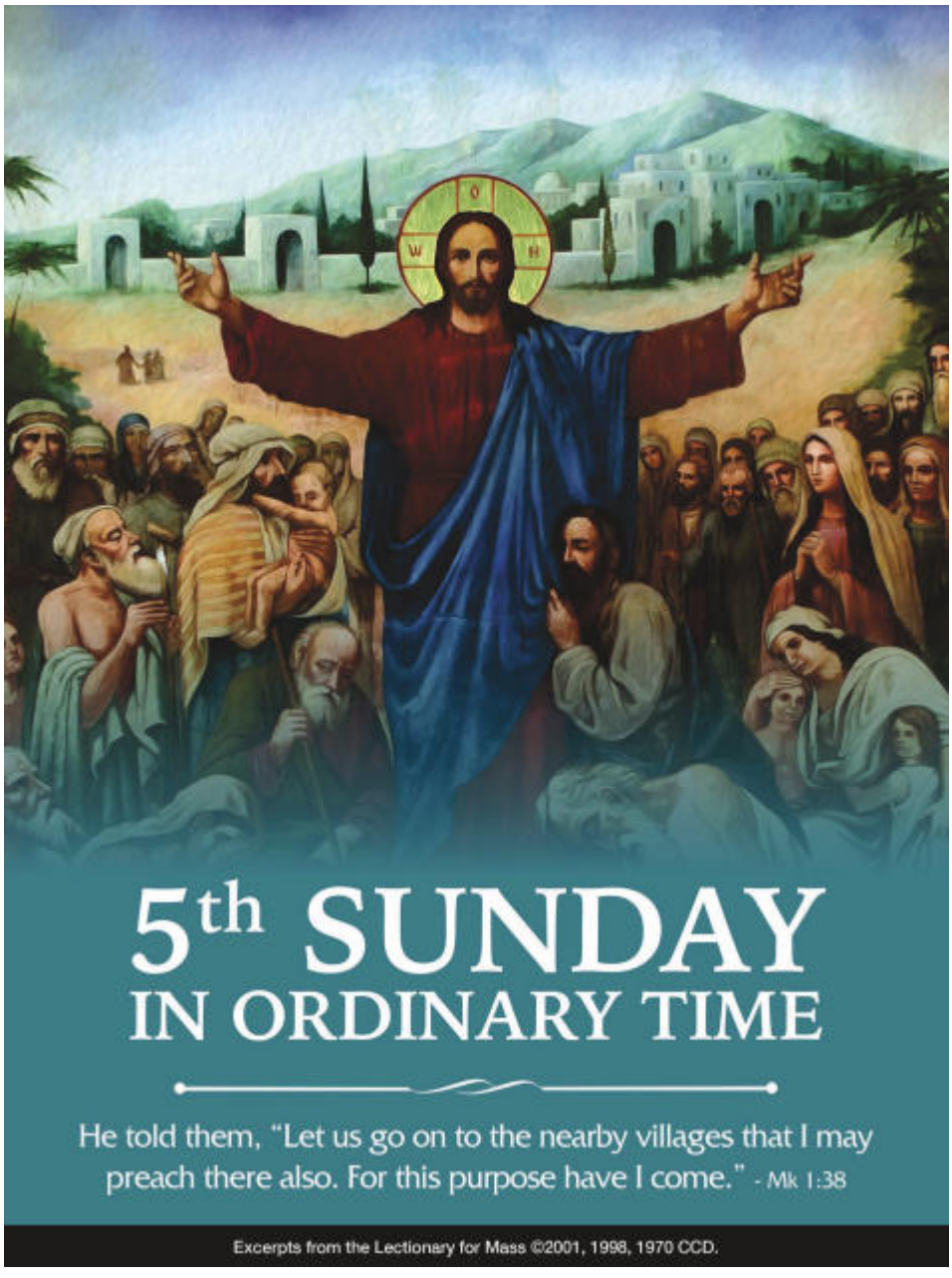


Collection Report

St. Raphael

Adult Envelopes……..$2,122.00
Adult Electronic Giving……$636.51
Plate……$130.00
Total $2,888.51

Latin America……$95.00
World Mission Sunday……$5.00
UCA Envelopes……$130.00
UCA Electronic Giving……$58.31

2021 UCA total to date….$3,006.85

St. Rose

Adult Envelopes……..$1,190.00
Adult Electronic Giving……$49.70
Plate……$80.00
Total $1,319.70

Latin America……$20.00
Native American/Black……$20.00
UCA Envelopes……$120.00

2021 UCA total to date……$824.70

Any UCA donations coming in now will be applied towards the 2021 United Catholic Appeal Assessments that come out in May.

Please keep Father Frederick Method in your prayers. He passed away Monday, February 1st. Father Method served as pastor of St. Rose 1977—1984.

Eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE: Wednesday, February 17th

- St. Raphael at 8:00 a.m. with Holy Hour to follow
- St. Rose at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Raphael at 6:30 p.m.—Service with ashes

Ashes will be imposed according to COVID protocol.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday at 6:00 p.m. from February 19th through March 26th at both parishes. All are welcome!

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Raphael on Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Sign-ups have started! You can sign up by going online to *www.RedCrossBlood.org* and entering the Sponsor Code: *Raphael*. You can also e-mail Kathy: straphaelyouthprek.5@gmail.com, Suzanne at Suzanne.Lott@duluthcatholic.org, or sign up on the poster in the St. Raphael vestibule. Proceeds go to benefit the Religious Education Program at St. Raphael and St. Rose.

THE "BABY BOTTLE-LESS" FUNDRAISER for the Christ Child Society runs through February 14th. Please turn in your donation ASAP.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Free Membership Promotion: Do you have a friend interested in joining the K of C? We are offering one year of **FREE** online membership to men who join before the fraternal year's end. Just use the code MCGIVNEY2020 when signing up at *kofc.org/join* . Act now — this offer expires June 30, 2021!

Catholics at the Capitol is back! Join Catholics from across the state for this special day of prayer, education and advocacy. We'll be formed in our faith by celebrating Mass and hearing from inspired speakers, informed on the most critical issues facing our state, and sent on mission for life and dignity with a Eucharistic procession to the capitol before sharing our Catholic convictions with our elected officials. The big day is April 15, but registration is already open. Learn more and register online at catholicsatthecapitol.org . Together, we can protect life and dignity.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident—in the most audacious way—in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ST. RAPHAEL Religious Ed

PreK - 5th Grade - Sundays 9:15—10:15 a.m.— February 7, 21, 28 (No class February 14)

6th-10th Grade - Wednesdays 6:30—7:30 p.m.—February 10, 17, 24

11th Grade (Confirmation) - Wednesdays 6:30—7:30 p.m.- February 10, 17, 24 @ St. Raphael

Any questions, contact Kathy Ellingson at 218-260-6043 or straphaelyouthprek.5@gmail.com

St. Rose RELIGIOUS ED

Kindergarten—11th grades - Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30p.m. — February 10, 17, 24 (11th grade @ St. Raphael in February)

Any questions, contact Suzanne Lott at 218-349-3498 or Suzanne.Lott@duluthcatholic.org

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

ADORATION & CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY at St. Mary Star of the Sea (325 E. Third Street): Starting February 19th, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament right after the noon Mass with Adoration until 3 PM every Friday. At 3 PM, we will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction. We are looking for regular adorers from about 12:30 PM to 3 PM. To sign up to be added to the schedule, please call Rebecca at 218-722-3078 or visit stmarystaroftheseaduluth.com .

PASTIE ORDERS: Holy Family, 2430 W 3rd St. Duluth is making pasties. We are taking orders until March 8th and will be making them February 23-25, and March 9-11. Please call the Holy Family office to order at 722-4445. Pasties are $5 each, with or without rutabaga.

Stella Maris Academy

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UPS: Join us for a 45 minute session to learn about the Kindergarten experience at Stella Maris Academy! Kindergarten Round-Ups will take place throughout the day on February 25, 2021 with small groups or via Zoom. Go to www.stellamaris.academy/admissions to register. For questions, please contact Sarah Pennings, Admissions Director, at 218-623-6253 or sarah.pennings@stellamaris.academy .

STELLA MARIS STUDENTS will be selling raffle tickets for the Catholic United Financial Raffle to support Stella Maris Academy through February 25th. Items to be raffled include a 2021 Ford EcoSport (or $20,000 in cash), and other great prizes totaling $40,000 in value. Tickets are $5 each and every penny stays at Stella Maris. The drawing will be held on March 11th. Please contact a Sentinel student or the parish office for more details.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

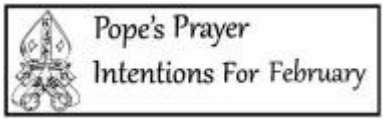
Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called

him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Observances for the week of February 7, 2021
Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday:
Saturday: BVM



<u>Universal</u>: Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Baptisms
Baptism preparation class must be scheduled with the priest or deacon prior to Baptism. Contact the parish office at least 1 month in advance.

Weddings
Contact the pastor at least 9 months prior to proposed date of wedding. Pre-marriage instruction is required.

New Parishioners
Welcome! Please register by calling St. Raphael parish office (218) 729-7537, filling out a form online through the website (straphaelandstrose.com) or taking a registration form off the bulletin board at either church. Forms can be returned in the collection baskets or to the parish office.

Mass Intentions —February 9–14

Tuesday 8:00 a.m.—Special Intention, J.B.—St. Raphael
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.— ✞Pat Thomas — St. Raphael
Thursday 8:30 a.m..—✞ Tom Lavato — St. Rose
Friday 8:30 a.m.— ✞Dale Arola —St. Rose
Saturday 5 p.m.—✞Fr. Richard Partika — St. Raphael
Sunday 8:00 a.m.— Pro Populo — St. Rose
Sunday 10:30 a.m.—✞Walt & Shirley Conway—St. Raphael

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer: This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass. ©LPi

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