CHURCH OF ST. RAPHAEL

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 1, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

WORSHIP

Weekday Masses
Monday - Saturday: 8:00 am

First Friday: 7:00 pm
Extraordinary Form Latin

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

CONTACT

Fr. Nick Hagen, Parochial Administrator x 205
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Parish Phone: 763-537-8401

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Weekdays: 7:20 - 7:50 am
Saturday: 7:20 - 7:50 am,
8:30 - 9:30 am and 3:45 - 5:15 pm

Marriage
Please contact Fr. Nick Hagen.

Baptism
Please contact the Parish Office.

"I am the bread of life."

Nearly 2000 years of Christians have celebrated, lived for, and died for this mystery. Jesus spoke these words, but even more importantly, *embodied* them in His very flesh.

This mystery can seem startling, and as the Bread of Life discourse continues in the coming weeks' Gospels, many ended up leaving Jesus as He invites them to eat His flesh and drink His blood to gain Eternal Life…you might call it Superhuman Life.

But are these words really so strange? As Jesus the God-man bares His heart's desire to be the very food of our life, is He really inviting us into unfamiliar territory? Or could it be that our own hearts are actually quite familiar with this longing? In the last four years I have spent hundreds of hours with soon-to-be spouses and celebrated many weddings. I know from experience that those who are ready to be married always manifest two features: First, awe & wonder (and a wee bit of nervousness) that their fiancé would actually choose them for life. Second, a deep desire to *be their spouse's very **life**.* They want to be for their spouse everything that their heart desires. They want to be able to *provide* that kind of energy, sustenance, hope, and adventure for their spouse. But they don't just want to their spouse to *have* these things, *they themselves want to **be** the ones providing it, at the very heart of it all, in one joint life.*

I know this all might sound a little too romantic, but I think we can recognize this unique gift as a hallmark of those graced months of engagement. Could it be that this same passion fills our Lord and Lover's heart? St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians speaks about marriage as a mystery that merely hints at the mystery of Jesus giving Himself for us, His Bride, His Church. Perhaps we can hear the desire of His heart echo a bit more clearly now with this in mind: "I am the bread of life" …so I earnestly invite you to come to me and live!

Here at St. Raphael's we celebrate and strengthen both the human and divine dimension of this great desire to become the bread of life, broken and given. We enter into that great desire of Jesus's heart at each and every Mass, where we allow Him to draw us into this greatest of all sacrificial love stories. But we also strengthen and support each and every family who seeks to live out that vocation in their concrete lives together. We are committed to that as a top priority, and I have had the delight to witness so many of you seeking to pour yourselves out for your families, both biological and spiritual.

I want to highlight two of our current staff members who deeply know this desire to be bread for their families. Joshua Stegman, our Family Discipleship Director, and Paul Dull, our School Principal, have given themselves in generous service first to God, and close second to their families. They have let this passion be shared with our St. Raphael's family, and we are tremendously grateful. It is with heavy hearts, then, that we announce they have made the difficult decision to step down from their current roles in order to devote themselves to their family priorities. Mr. Dull's family roots will be drawing his family and him back to Michigan, but Mr. Stegman and Family will still be very much present in our St. Raphael community. We will keep you informed about their successors, but in the meantime, we wish them our very best, and offer our immense gratitude!

In Christ's Heart,
Fr. Nick Hagen

PARISH DIRECTORY
Parish Office: 763-537-8401

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Parochial Administrator
Fr. Nick Hagen (x205)

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Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Sue Kubovec (x201)

Administrative Assistant/ Bulletin Editor
Marie Nachtsheim (x222)

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Bunny Arseneau (x214)

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Joseph Turner (x211)

Family Discipleship Director
Josh Stegman (x211)

WORSHIP
Prayer Line (x528)
Bulletin Prayers for the Sick (x523)

Adoration Chapel Coordinators
Sharon Hedman 763-315-0202
Char Vecellio 651-336-6630

SCHOOL
School Office: 763-504-9450
School Principal (x352)

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Mario Chavez, Greg Feitl, Sharon Hedman, John Jestus, Roselyn Lawrence, Jacob Nelson, Maricela Rodriguez Ocampo, and Rose Pistilli

Pastoral Council Meetings
If you would like a particular item on the next Parish Council agenda please contact Fr. Hagen

FINANCE COUNCIL
Steve Cheney, Nancy Holovnia, Steve Pellegrene, and Mark Schoenfelder

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
JULY 11, 2021

Contributions	$15,032.82
Budget	$16,623.00
Building Fund	$585.00
Budget	$1,419.00
Mr. J. Scholarship Fund	$205.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 1
12:00 PM Baptisms, Church
3:00 PM Parish Holy Hour, Holy Spirit Chapel

Monday, August 2
7:00 PM Rosary For Our Nation, Lower East Entrance

Tuesday, August 3
10:00 AM Fountain of Life Prayer Group, Choir Room
7:00 PM Consecration to Saint Joseph, Marian Hall
7:00 PM Rosary For Our Nation, Lower East Entrance

Wednesday, August 4
9:00 AM Cana Family, Fr. Fenelon Room
7:00 PM Rosary For Our Nation, Lower East Entrance

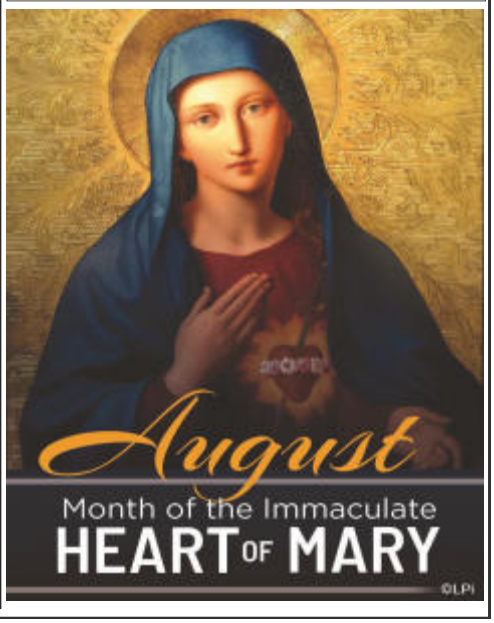
Thursday, August 5
7:00 PM Rosary For Our Nation, Lower East Entrance
7:00 PM St. Raphael Prayer Group, Marian Hall

Friday, August 6
7:00 PM Rosary For Our Nation, Lower East Entrance
7:00 PM Extraordinary Form Mass, Church

Saturday, August 7
10:00 AM Reaching For Faith / St. Paul Street Evangelization - Drive Thru Prayer, Outside North Church Entrance

Sunday, August 8
12:00 PM Baptism Preparation, Church
1:30 PM Carmelites, Parish Campus

Please join us for the Parish Holy Hour TODAY, August 1st, at 3:00 pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.



ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD 2022

Here is how you can join a small group for the upcoming Archdiocesan Synod at St Raphael. We look forward to welcoming all of you to our small group discussions. Watch this space for more information on small group meeting dates and times here at St Raphael.

- **Open invite small groups at your parish**
- Come alone or with others and the parish will build a group for you. All are welcome!
- Registration may be encouraged but not required.

Watch for more details regarding dates/times at your parish.

- **Existing small groups**

Already in a small group at your parish? Meet with your group using the Synod small group materials and provide feedback.

Continue to watch this space for more information on the upcoming archdiocesan synod in upcoming weeks.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Monday - Friday Evenings
7:00 pm

Please join us in praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for our parish, for our families, for our country, for our president and all elected leaders, for our communities, for our Church and for the world. We meet on weeknight evenings (Monday through Friday) at 7:00 pm outside in front of the Our Lady of Guadalupe statue located on the east side of the church - lower level. In the event of inclement weather we will meet in the East Gathering Space.

BEWARE OF NEW SCAM!

Please beware of a new scam occurring that involves emails and/or text messages that appear to come from Fr. Hagen.

These emails and/or text messages ask the individual if they are able to help Father surprise the staff with gift cards. The request is that the individual purchase gift cards and is given information of what to do with them, etc.

DO NOT respond to these emails / text messages!

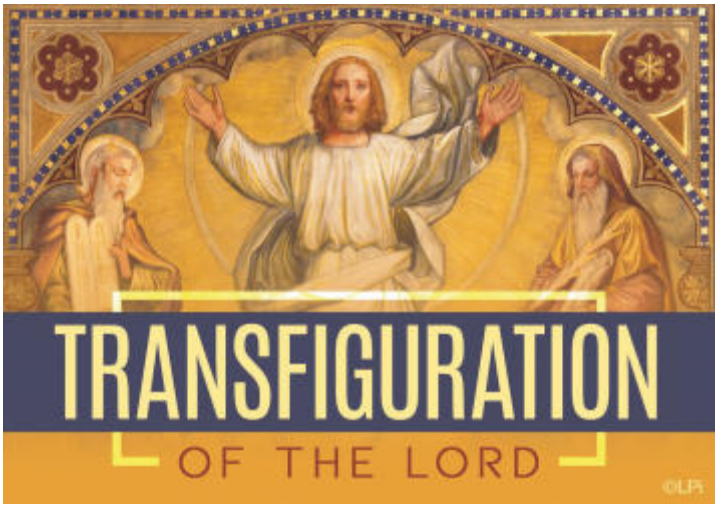
This is a scam and Fr. Hagen will not make these types of requests.

If you receive an email/text that seems questionable, it probably is not legitimate.

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE
PRAYER GROUP
Tuesday, July 6
10:00 am

The Fountain of Life Prayer Group has resumed meeting. They meet in the Choir Room from 10:00 am to Noon. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 6. Please bring your Bibles.

Contact: Joanie Tatley at 763-533-6635 for more information.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	**August 2**
8:00 AM	Rosary Society Members Living & Deceased
Tuesday	**August 3**
8:00 AM	+ Phyllis Raffaelli
Wednesday	**August 4**
8:00 AM	+ Robert Sable
Thursday	**August 5**
8:00 AM	+ Howard Prairie
Friday	**August 6**
8:00 AM	+ Dolores Hertl
Saturday	**August 7**
8:00 AM	John Mechels Family
5:30 PM	+ Lloyd Olson
Sunday	**August 8**
8:30 AM	+ Edgar Jones and + Cecelia Jones
10:30 AM	St. Raphael Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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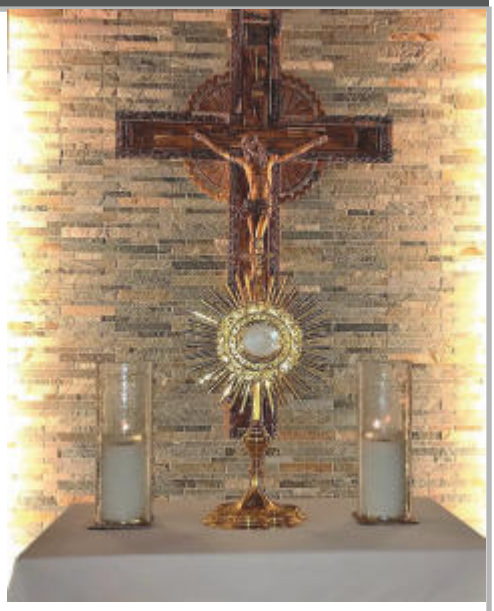
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration Contacts
Sharon Hedman 763-315-0202
Char Vecellio 651-336-6630

Would you like to spend an hour with our Blessed Lord in the Adoration Chapel but don't know what hours are available? Log onto the ***We Adore Him*** site at **straphael.weadorehim.com** In this site, you can create a account for yourself, and can view the schedule to check for available adoration hours!

If you have questions regarding Eucharistic Adoration please call Sharon Hedman at 763-315-0202.
If you are interested in committing to a specific hour(s) please sign up online at **straphael.weadorehim.com** If unable to sign up online, or to get on a substitute list, please contact Char Vecellio at 651-336-6630.



Jesus is waiting for you.
Sign up for an hour today!

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

(The Blessed Sacrament is exposed during hours listed below. You are also welcome to visit the Adoration Chapel all other hours when the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the Tabernacle.)

Sunday:
7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Monday:
5:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday - Saturday:
5:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Sunday:
7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

URGENT NEED FOR COMMITTED ADORERS

Monday: 10:00 pm
Wednesday: 5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am; 8:00 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Michael Anderson
Judy Dancisak
Patricia Dancisak
Rosie Domeier
Audrey Kauffmann
David McMillen
Donna Moore
Marcella Mueller

To add a name for a six week period, please call 763-537-8401 x 523

PARISH FESTIVALS

CORNS DAYS AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE
Saturday, August 7, 2021
Grounds open 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
133 North Brown Road, Long Lake

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 2021 PARISH FESTIVAL
Sunday, August 8, 2021
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
18380 Columbus Street
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Dayton, MN

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New this year, the Newman Connection has an app to help students locate the nearest church or campus ministry program and find out about upcoming events and connect with fellow students. The Newman Connect app can be downloaded for free from the app stores on either an iphone or android.

To find more information about the Newman Connection program go to **www.newmanconnection.com** or **www.newmanministry.com**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CHURCH OF ST. RAPHAEL

PARISH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
POSITION OPENING
CHURCH OF ST. RAPHAEL

We are hiring! Are you looking for a great, faith filled place to work? Do you know of someone that may be interested? Please see our job posting at: **https://careers.archspm.org/jobs/parish-business-administrator-9/**

FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP DIRECTOR
POSITION OPENING
CHURCH OF ST. RAPHAEL

We are seeking a faithful and highly skilled Family Discipleship Director. This part-time, 15 hour/week position is responsible for development and implementation of all Elementary Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation. This includes selecting curriculum, recruiting and training catechists and volunteers, and all programming communication with the parish. This position will collaborate with other faith formation staff to create a seamless faith experience for elementary age students. Please see our job posting at: **Family Discipleship Director (archspm.org)**

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL RELIGION TEACHER
POSITION OPENING
ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Raphael Catholic School seeks a part-time Middle School Religion Teacher. The candidate should be faithfully Catholic and possess the gifts, training, and faith to form intentional missionary disciples in the
6th - 8th grades.

To apply, send a resume, letter of interest, and three references to: Holly Teixeira, hollyteixeira@srsmn.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT

Questions? Please contact Joseph Turner
at 763-537-8401 (x 211) or
jturner@straphaelcrystal.org

Register for any youth events on the St. Raphael youth website: www.straphaelyouth.com

FAITH FORMATION

CONTACT & INFORMATION

IGNITE Family Discipleship Program & Sacramental Preparation: Please contact Josh Stegman at: faithformation@straphaelcrystal.org

Rite of Confirmation (ROC) Program: Please contact Joseph Turner at: jturner@straphaelcrystal.org
Joseph can be reached at 763-537-8401 x 211 and Josh can be reached at 763-537-8401 x 211

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOW ENROLLING!

St. Raphael Catholic School is now enrolling students in Pre-School through Grade 8.

For more information about our wonderful school, to schedule a tour, or to enroll your child, please contact the School Office at 763-504-9450.

CRYSTAL FROLICS FUN!

St. Raphael Catholic School had a booth at the Crystal Frolics this year! We hope you had a chance to stop by and visit us!

Students from St. Raphael Catholic School as well as students in the wider community also participated in the first-ever Kids Pick-up Kickball Game which was hosted by the Crystal Frolics and St. Raphael Catholic School. Many kids participated on a fantastic summer night! The final score was FUN to FUN!!

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