



CHURCH OF ST. RAPHAEL

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS - DECEMBER 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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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 Email: info@straphaelcrystal.org
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.

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S LETTER



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

How difficult it is to put words on an overflowing heart! There are so many Christmas wishes and thanks that I want to give to each of you. Please accept this simple Christmas letter as a simple symbol of my full heart.

We are uniquely blessed this year to have Christmas and the feast of the Holy Family back-to-back. It is fitting for me on a personal level. My own gratitude this year is above all for you, my new family...true blood-relatives in Jesus Christ. The welcome I have received could not have been earned by *anyone*. Words of encouragement, dinner invitations, readiness to sacrifice and serve...all these are the real operations of a family that were so warmly extended. But the most important familial act, of course, is our response to the invitation to the Table of our Father, where Jesus gives himself to us and *makes us* one.

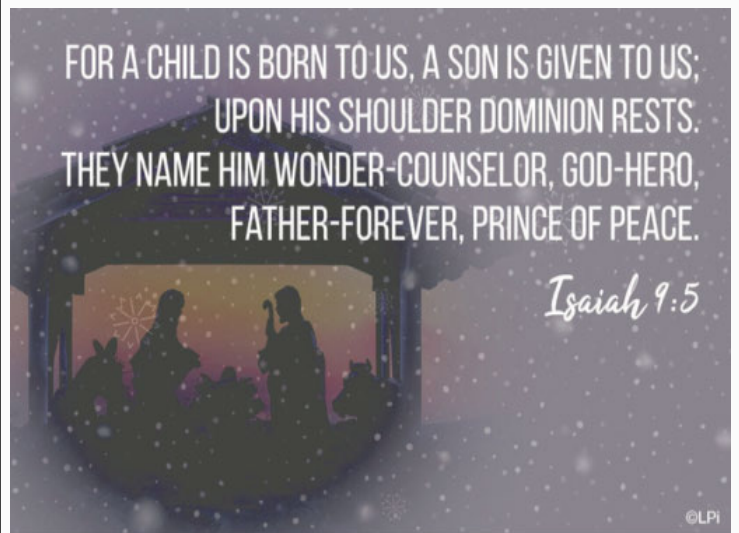
Even more importantly than my personal gratitude for you as my family, however, is our gratitude for God's Gift to us this Christmas. The gift of opening up His own divine "family life" to us little human beings, first to Joseph and Mary, then to the shepherds, magi, and all of us gathered around. No matter what our experience of family life has been, it never reaches completion until it is broken open to experience the family of God! I can say I was personally blessed with a family who supported each

other stably and well, but nevertheless I have discovered in this new vocation as the "father" of a family of faith that God gave me my family for a reason...to open us up to His family! I firmly believe that holds true for all of us. We don't just say "we are a Church family" as a nice-sounding phrase. God invites us to discover how our place in each of our human families is not completed until the Baby Jesus brings us into His Bethlehem stable and joins us to His universal family.

May the thrill of belonging to the family of God Himself give you peace, hope, and joy in these holy days!

On behalf of all of us here at St. Raphael, we wish you a Merry Christmas!

-Fr. Nick Hagen



PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 763-537-8401

PRIESTS

Parochial Administrator
Fr. Nick Hagen (x205)

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Parish Business Administrator
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rheim@straphaelcrystal.org

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Rick Jensen (x206)

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Sue Kubovec (x201)

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Marie Nachtsheim (x222)

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Bunny Arseneau (x214)

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline (x500)

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Tony Pistilli
Jo Tolck

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Director of Confirmation, RCIA and
Youth Ministry
Joseph Turner (x211)
Family Discipleship Director
Amanda Abel (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
Mike McGinty,
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

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Contributions..... \$19,661.15
Budget..... \$16,623.00
Building Fund..... \$673.00
Budget..... \$1,419.00
Mr. J. Scholarship Fund \$25.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 26

12:00 PM Baptism Prep Class,
Church

Monday, December 27

Office Open With Limited Staff Available

7:00 PM Rosary for our Nation
Holy Spirit Chapel
7:30 PM Schola Chant Practice
Church

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 PM Rosary for our Nation
Holy Spirit Chapel

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 AM Cana Family Institute,
Fr. Fenelon Room
7:00 PM Rosary for our Nation
Holy Spirit Chapel
7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice,
Choir Room

Thursday, December 30

7:00 PM Rosary for our Nation
Holy Spirit Chapel
7:00 PM St. Raphael Prayer
Group, Marian Hall

Friday, December 31

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, January 2

12:00 PM Baptisms, Church
2:00 PM IGNITE Faith Formation,
Parish Campus
3:00 PM Parish Holy Hour,
Holy Spirit Chapel



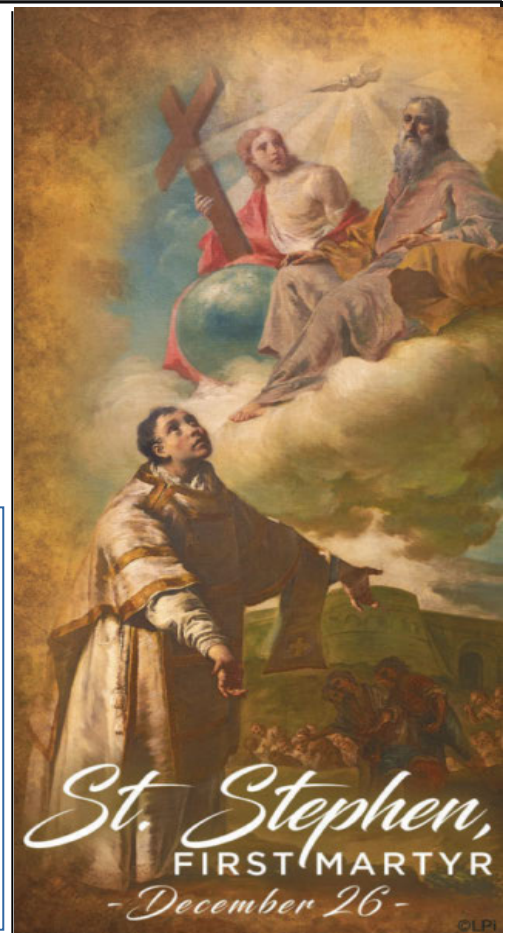
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FORMATION:
GRADES 1-7**

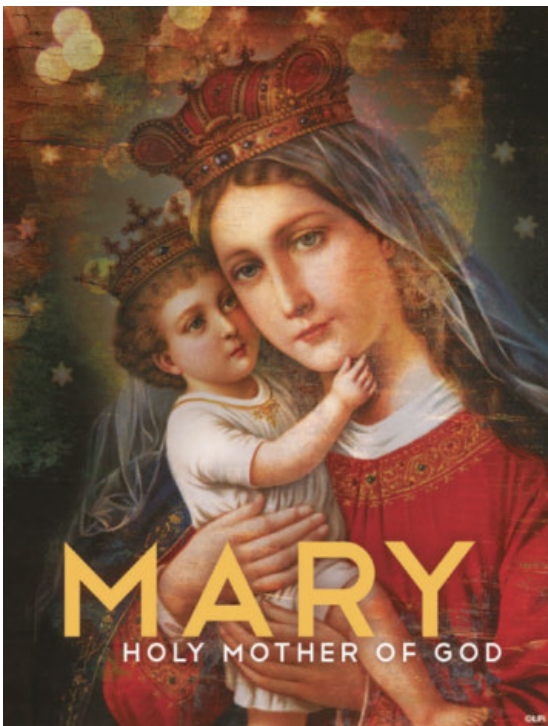
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please check in between 1:45 pm -
2:00 pm in Marian Hall.

We look forward to seeing you!





Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*Friday, December 31st:
5:30 pm*

We will also have a dedication ceremony of our new icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the end of the 5:30 pm Mass with incense being used at the end of the dedication.

Light reception to follow in Marian Hall!

*Saturday, January 1st:
8:00 am*

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is not a holy day of obligation this year.



Please join us for the Parish Holy Hour next Sunday, January 2nd, at 3:00 pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.



"The shepherds - simple souls - came to adore the Infant Savior. Mary rejoiced at seeing their homage and willing offerings they made to her Jesus... How happy is the loving soul when it has found Jesus with Mary, His Mother! They who know the Tabernacle where He dwells, they who receive Him into their souls, know that His conversation is full of divine sweetness, His consolation ravishing, His peace superabundant, and the familiarity of His love and His Heart ineffable."

~St. Peter Julian Eymard (Quote from therealpresence.org)

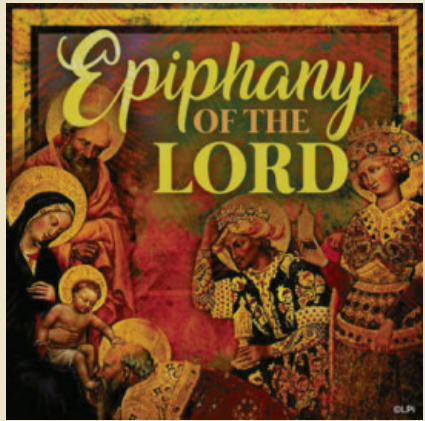
Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is waiting for you! If you are interested in committing to a Holy Hour of Adoration, please contact the Adoration Chapel Coordinators! (see page 5)

Masses for the Epiphany of the Lord

*Saturday, January 1st:
* 5:30 pm*

*Sunday, January 2nd:
8:30 am & * 10:30 am*

**Incense will be used at 5:30 pm and 10:30 am Masses*



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 AM	December 27 + James Wagner, Sr.
Tuesday 8:00 AM	December 28 + Delores Hebbe
Wednesday 8:00 AM	December 29 David Van Beek
Thursday 8:00 AM	December 30 + Thomas Fursman and + Marie Fursman
Friday 8:00 AM 5:30 PM	December 31 José Jesus Rodriguez St. Raphael Parishioners
Saturday 8:00 AM 5:30 PM	January 1 + Margaret Condon Cheryl Vitek
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	January 2 St. Raphael Parishioners + James Wagner, Sr.

WEEKLY READINGS

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
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration Contacts

Sharon Hedman 763-315-0202 / Char Vecellio 651-336-6630

We will have an Adoration Chapel Drive next weekend, January 1 / January 2 - following all weekend Masses. Please stop by the Adoration Chapel table in the East Gathering Space to find out more about committing to a Holy Hour with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

(The Blessed Sacrament is exposed during the 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 - 10:00 PM

Monday - Saturday:

5:00 AM - 11:00 PM

URGENT NEED FOR COMMITTED ADORERS

Monday: 9:00 am; 10:00 am

Tuesday: 11:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 8:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am; 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 pm

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

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Gladys Benton
Judy Dancisak
Patricia Dancisak
Robert Haekenkamp
T.J. Jacobs
Keith K.

Audrey Kauffmann
David McMillen
Lillian Murphy
Renee Page
Mary Lou Pfeifer
Greg Reinert

John Smedsrud
Nadine Svetc
Richard VanHeel
Justin Zimitsch

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

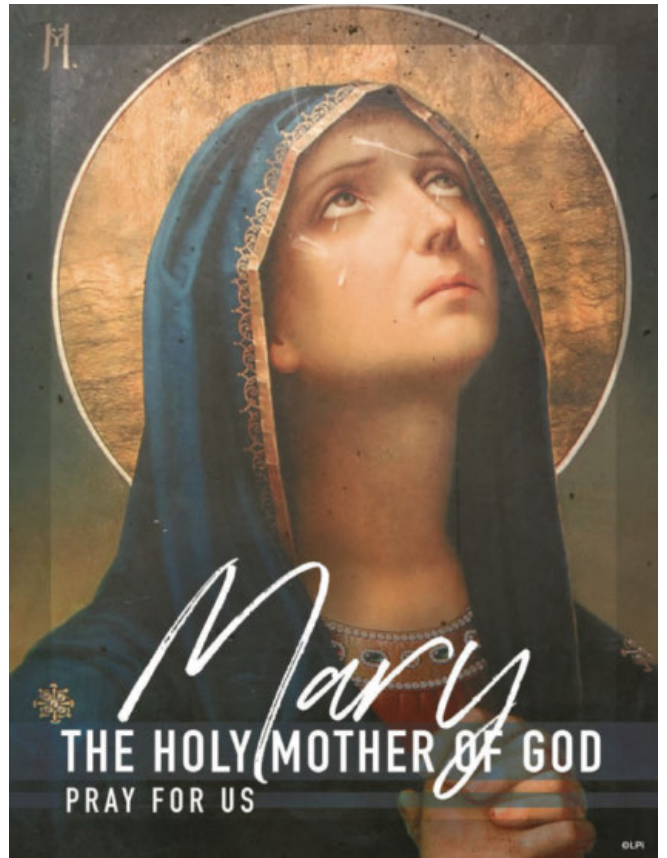
2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS REMINDER:

All contributions must be received at the parish on or before December 31, 2021 to be included on your 2021 contribution statement.

If a contribution is received on or after January 1, 2022 it will be included on your 2022 year-end statement even if the check is dated prior to January 1, 2022.

Thank you for your generosity!



“Do not be so completely dedicated to Martha’s activity that you forget the silence or self-abandonment of Mary. May the Holy Virgin, who combines these two duties so well, be your model and your inspiration.”

(Quote from DAY by DAY Through the Month with Padre Pio - by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars.)
Used with permission—Gina Pizzonia - Capuchin Franciscan Friars, Province of St. Augustine)

Thank You We want to thank the people at Saint Raphael’s for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and encouragement during our recent illness. Thanks be to God, we are now fully recovered. The outpouring of support from our parish made a very big difference in our journey.
~ Gary, Amy and Allison Glasscock



FIRST FRIDAY SENIOR COFFEE RESUMES!

SENIORS! Our First Friday Senior Coffee and Fellowship will resume in January!

Please join us for Fellowship, Coffee and Donuts in Marian Hall on **Friday, January 7, 2022** following the 8:00 am Mass.

Executive Secretary Part-time Position

**St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church
600 University Ave NE, Minneapolis**

Please email your Resume to: info@stmaron.com

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

OPEN YOUTH ROOM

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN YOUTH ROOM

MOST TUESDAYS * 2:20-5:00 PM
All 6th-8th Graders are Invited!

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN YOUTH ROOM

MOST WEDNESDAYS * 4:30-6:30 PM
All 9th-12th Graders are Invited!

*OPEN YOUTH ROOM IS A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP,
FUN & GAMES!*

CORE TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, January 12th
6:00 pm - Parish Campus
See you there!!

FAITH FORMATION

CONTACT & INFORMATION

IGNITE Family Discipleship Program & Sacramental Preparation:
Please contact Amanda Abel 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

RITE OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

All Rite of Confirmation classes will be held in Marian Hall and the Fr. Fenelon Room.
Upcoming ROC classes are listed below:

- Wednesday, January 5, 2022
- Wednesday, January 19, 2022
- Wednesday, January 26, 2022



IGNITE FAITH FORMATION: GRADES 1-7 SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please check in between 1:45 pm - 2:00 pm in Marian Hall. We look forward to seeing you!

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



The 5th Graders enjoy our weekly time in the Library with Ms. Julia!
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