



CHURCH OF ST. RAPHAEL

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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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 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.

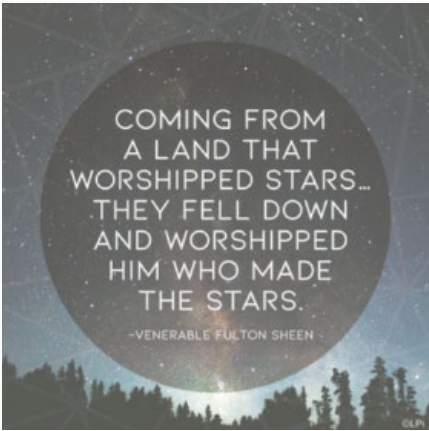


*O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year, as Epiphany Sunday follows so closely upon the feasts of Christmas, the Holy Family, and the Holy Mother of God, our celebration takes on a very special characteristic of **Adoration**. Together with the shepherds in the field and the three kingly wise men, our primary preoccupation as Christians in 2022 is worshipping the Newborn King in adoration. To worship in Spirit and Truth through humble adoration is the wellspring of our peace, our joy, our community, our charity, our evangelization to all those seeking the Light in our dark world. My liturgy teacher in the seminary (a great, holy, faithful Benedictine) always liked to point out the power of God to draw all people to Himself through his self-revelation:

"..the Magi as representatives of the Gentile nations come to pay homage to "the Christ" and prostrate themselves in adoration when they find him. Self-revelation is always ordered to communion, and divine self-revelation is always ordered ultimately to adoration of the Triune God.



Whereas the Jewish shepherds, consistent with God revealing himself to his Chosen People directly or through heavenly messengers, received the announcement of the Messiah's birth through angels, the Magi, representatives of the Gentile nations are initially led to the child who is "Light from Light" more indirectly, by the guidance of a star. The interpretation of the gifts offered by the Magi (incense for God, gold for a King, and myrrh prefiguring the Lord's passion) dates from at least the first half of the fifth century and is well known, but the iconology of the Magi, both in the East and in the West, is worth noting as well.

The oldest presentations of the Three Kings represent them as: an old king with a grey beard, and younger king with a brown beard, and an even younger king with no beard. This is most easily found in the icons of the Nativity which are written according to the ancient canons, but it can be found in ancient western presentations of the Three Kings as well. In the West, by the 16th century, as the European exploration of sub-Saharan Africa expanded, the youngest king was often replaced by a black king. The iconological interpretation of the Three Kings is that God continues to reveal himself no matter how young or how old one is, no matter what stage of life one is at, and no matter where one comes from. It is a message of divine revelation to all peoples of all times."

Joining the Three Magi in adoration takes on a very specific meaning to us here at St. Raphael, as we are so blessed to have been entrusted by the Holy Spirit with the charism of a perpetually available adoration chapel. If we only had the eyes to see all the fruit that has sprung up because God's Faithful like yourselves have sunk their roots into this wellspring, I think we would be as astonished and amazed as Mary was at the arrival of the Sages of the East. As we celebrate this feast and begin our new year, I encourage you to treasure with newfound fervor this Gift whom we adore in our midst.

-Fr. Nick Hagen



Come let us adore Him!

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 763-537-8401

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Amanda Abel (x211)

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Sharon Hedman 763-315-0202

Char Vecellio 651-336-6630

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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

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PARISH CALENDAR OF 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

Monday, January 3

Office Open With Limited Staff Available

7:00 PM Rosary for our Nation
Holy Spirit Chapel
7:00 PM Cana Family Institute,
Parish Campus
7:30 PM Schola Chant Practice
Church

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 AM Dorcas Quilters,
Marian Hall
10:00 AM Fountain of Life Prayer
Group, Choir Room
7:00 PM RCIA, Fr. Fenelon Room
7:00 PM Rosary for our Nation
Holy Spirit Chapel

Wednesday, January 5

9:00 AM Cana Family Institute,
Fr. Fenelon Room

Wednesday, January 5 (continued)

7:00 PM Rite of Confirmation,
Parish Campus
7:00 PM Rosary for our Nation
Holy Spirit Chapel
7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice,
Choir Room

Thursday, January 6

1:00 PM Little Flowers Girls Club,
Marian Hall
7:00 PM Rosary for our Nation
Holy Spirit Chapel
7:00 PM St. Raphael Prayer
Group, Marian Hall

Friday, January 7

8:30 AM Seniors First Friday
Coffee, Marian Hall
12:00 PM First Friday Adoration
St. Raphael Students,
Holy Spirit Chapel
7:00 PM First Friday
Extraordinary Form
Mass, Church

Saturday, January 8

8:30 AM Holy Name Society,
Choir Room

Sunday, January 9

12:00 PM Baptism Prep, Church
1:30 PM Carmelites, Parish
Campus



**IGNITE FAITH
FORMATION:
GRADES 1-7**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

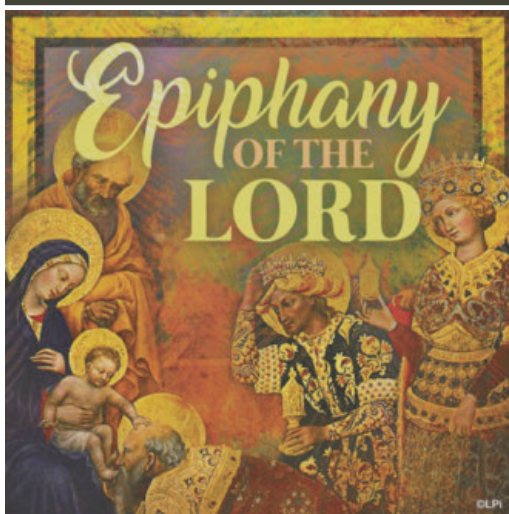
Please check in between 1:45 pm -
2:00 pm in Marian Hall.
We look forward to seeing you!

**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.



COME LET US ADORE HIM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DRIVE



“Though many kings of the Jews had been born and died, none of them did the Magi seek to adore. And so they who came from a distant foreign land to a kingdom that was entirely strange to them . . . But they had learnt that such a King was born that by adoring Him they might be sure of obtaining from Him the salvation which is of God.”

~ Saint Augustine

Invitation to NEW Adorers - Eucharistic Adoration Drive



Yes! I am willing to spend one hour each week with Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of St. Raphael. (Please print.)

Name _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

___ I would like to be a Committed Adorer during one hour each week.

___ I am available to substitute during these hours:

Day of week you prefer: _____

Please indicate the time you prefer:

___ Morning (5:00 am-Noon)

___ Afternoon (Noon-6 :00pm)

___ Evening (6 :00pm-11:00 pm)

You may also sign up for an hour online at: straphael.weadorehim.com

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

God bless you!

Please return form in the collection basket, to the Parish Office, or in the envelope on the Chapel sign-in counter.

“**A**nd you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

— Mt 2:6

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 AM	January 3 + Jim Fosslund
Tuesday 8:00 AM	January 4 Mr. Torgeson and + Mrs. Torgeson
Wednesday 8:00 AM	January 5 John Sobraske
Thursday 8:00 AM	January 6 + Michael Pfeifer
Friday 8:00 AM 7:00 PM	January 7 Andrea Poeschl + Gene Altier
Saturday 8:00 AM 5:30 PM	January 8 + Arnold Nelson and + Marie Nelson + Sr. Susan Smith
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	January 9 Jacob Van Beek St. Raphael Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3,
9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or,
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,
29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration Contacts

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

ADORATION DRIVE: JANUARY 1st & 2nd

Come visit us in the East Gathering Space after the weekend Masses this weekend - January 1 and January 2! Learn more about Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hours!!

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:

12:00 PM (Noon) - 11:00 PM

Monday - Friday:

5:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Saturday:

5:00 AM - 4:00 PM

URGENT NEED FOR COMMITTED ADORERS

Tuesday: 11:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 5:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am

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
Ricky Braseth
Judy Dancisak
Patricia Dancisak
Robert Haekenkamp
T.J. Jacobs

Keith K.
Audrey Kauffmann
David McMillen
Lillian Murphy
Renee Page
Mary Lou Pfeifer

John Poeschl
Greg Reinert
John Smedsrud
Nadine Svetc
Richard VanHeel
Justin Zimitsch



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Donate Religious Art: St. Raphael's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is seeking religious art donations for its classroom. We are especially seeking religious art/prints with Jesus as the Good Shepherd, Jesus with children, and the Holy Family. Please drop off any art you would like to donate at the parish office. Monetary donations to purchase religious art are also welcome.

Volunteer Spotlight

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to visit those in our parish who are homebound and are not able to get to Mass.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Deb Case at 763-498-4560 or 763-420-4023.

If you are not currently an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, but are interested in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 763-537-8401. Virtus certification training required for this ministry.



This **Saturday, January 8th**, will be the regular monthly Rosary, Mass and meeting of the Holy Name Society. The Rosary starts at 7:30 am and Mass at 8:00 am. We sit in the first three pews on the left side of the North wing of the Church. Meeting following the Mass in the Choir room. Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

One does not have to be an inducted member to attend. All are welcome.

MIRIAM DINNER

Tuesday, January 25

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Archdiocesan Catholic Center
777 Forest Street, Saint Paul, MN**

Archbishop Bernard Hebda invites women, ages 16-35, who are discerning consecrated life to join us for a Miriam Dinner. Come for an evening of prayer and dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies.

RSVP Required before January 21st at:
1000vocations.org/events



GIVING TREE THANK YOU!

Thank you very much, from the Rosary Society, to all who participated in sharing the Christmas Spirit with those in need.

Because of your generosity we were able to distribute gifts to Sharing and Caring Hands, The Robbinsdale Women's Center, and the Franciscan Brother's ministry for the needy!



Dear Parishioners of St. Raphael, The Synod small group discussions at all parishes in the Archdiocese are now complete. Thanks to everyone at St. Raphael who participated in this process.

For those who were unable to participate or missed some of the six (6) sessions, the Archdiocese has made all of the Synod materials available for your use. Please share with other parishioners.

www.archspm.org/synodsmallgroups

www.archspm.org/synod/

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the parish. Blessings on this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord!

~ The Synod Core Team



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

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 St. Raphael Catholic School student council is pictured (left) with all of the gifts collected for the Toy Drive. Toys are being donated to Sharing and Caring Hands. Students and their families generously donated 120 gifts this year.

Left to Right: Ava Teixeira, Greta Finne, Johan Finne, Sophie Nchangwin, Karina Bryant, Linda Varney, Adrian Ramirez-Huerta, Jacob Redden.

Congratulations to our St. Raphael students who participated in our *Keep Christ in Christ-mas* Poster Contest. Our students worked about two weeks on their posters during Art class, and our finalists are pictured below. Over Christmas our finalist from each age group will be chosen to advance on to further reviews in this special Knights of Columbus project.

God's blessings, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Pavek.

Bottom row, left to right: Daniel Christensen, Charlotte Pixley, Michaela Davis, Osaro Iyawe, Leif Hansen

Middle row, left to right: Sion Soto, Greta Finne, Kaia Finne, Vi Nguyen, Corrine Philogene

Back row, left to right: Mackenzie Hirt, Max Wojtak, Asha Joe, Elvina Frank, Linda Varney



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