



Mass Schedule

Saturday, 27 September

Saint Vincent de Paul

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... Our Parish Family

Sunday, 28 September **Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael**

7:30 am ... †Clayton Raymond by Connie Raymond

9:30 am ... †Elizabeth Sweetland by Kelley & Joe Spoerl

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... †Cecile D. Moore by a friend

Monday, 29 September

XXVI Week in Ordinary-A

12 pm ... †Charles Buckley by Ronnie Schlender

Tuesday, 30 September

Saint Jerome

12 pm ... †Anna Gasza by Pat Morrissey

Wednesday, 1 October **Saint Thérèse of Child Jesus**

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation

11:35 am ... Rosary

12 pm ... †Kayla Pertolami by P. Jerome

Thursday, 2 October

Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am ... †Annemarie Jäger by Anne Clark

Friday, 3 October

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... †Maureen Bissonnette by P. Jerome

6:35 pm ... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, 4 October

Saint Francis of Assisi

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

3:35 pm ... Rosary

4 pm ... †Mary & †Tom Kilrain, Sr., by Peggy Kilrain

Sunday, 5 October **XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... †David Audet by Eileen Audet

9:30 am ... Our Parish Family

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... †Norman Manseau by Sylvia Grady



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for **†Annie Harrington** by Anne Kenney.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 28 September

9:20 am ... Children's Liturgy of the Word—Parish Hall

9:30 am ... Altar Server Investiture

Monday, 29 September

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-7:30 pm ... Youth Ministry/Grades 6-8—Library

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pm ... Food Pantry

Tuesday, 30 September

12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse—Church Conference Room

6:30

-8:30 pm ... Youth Ministry/Grades 9-12—Library

Satur-

day, 4 October

5:30 pm ...

Blessing of the Animals—front church entrance

In The News



Blessing of the Animals In honor of the feast of **Saint Francis of Assisi**, Saint Raphael will celebrate this great saint's love "for all creatures great and small." Bring your family pets to the parish, where P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor, will bless the animals during a short service on **Saturday, Oct. 4, at 5:30 pm** at the church entrance. Please have your animals on a leash or in a restrainer. Crocodiles permitted but only with explicit permission!

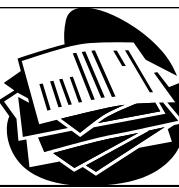


Welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church, through the waters of baptism, was **Grace Priscilla Kennedy**, daughter of Thomas Kennedy and Shana La joie, by P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor, on Sep. 21.



Electronic Giving at Saint Raphael Parish!

We are pleased to introduce "Enhanced Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer." We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all our parishioners. **Parish Giving** is simple, secure and convenient; and it offers tax benefits as well as parish benefits. To start, log on to www.saint-raphael-parish.com and click on the **Online Giving** link in the menu bar, then follow the easy registration steps. Any questions? Call the rectory at 623.2604.



EVERY ENVELOPE COUNTS! Please remember to return your weekly contribution envelopes for the times when you have been away from Saint Raphael this summer. The need to fulfill our obligation to support our parish is clear, and regular expenses occur whether we are in the pews here or not. Your help in this effort will be appreciated a great deal.

Readings for the week of September 28, 2014

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

From the Pastor: Fr. Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B.

Church to open ‘extraordinary synod’ of bishops on evangelization and family

Next month, the Church will open an **Extraordinary Session of the Synod of Bishops** in Rome to address the concerns of the **family** within the context of the **new evangelization**. We live in a time when the family, as it is understood traditionally in Christian cultures, is enduring considerable stress and change.

The challenges are many. Some are posed by population mobility, materialism, divorce, remarriage, contraception, and cohabitation. Other challenges come from the casual acceptance of promiscuity, pornography, teenage pregnancy, and abortion. And finally, there is the push for legalized gay marriage. All represent forces that can make people wonder, **“Whatever happened** to the family I used to know?”

When we consider the status of many of these behaviors in the Church, we can see that the way contemporary men and women live together has drifted apart from what they believe, and how they worship and make moral choices.

Many factors account for this drift, of course, and they are well known. Permissive media, new roles and opportunities for women, scientific and technological developments, consumerism, dissatisfaction with organized religion, scandals within the Church, erosion of traditional culture, and many other sociological and economic factors help account for the widening drift.

The family synod that has been summoned by Pope Francis, scheduled from **Oct. 5-19**, will address many of these concerns in an effort to understand their causes and nature and find ways to reach out to families in need of renewed and deepened connections to Christ and his Church.

One might ask what a group of celibate bishops can say to married couples and their children and to all the variations in family structure that exist, and the answer is two-fold. First, they must listen – as has been the case throughout the world during the past

year. A large number of married couples will attend the synod with each national delegation, and their voices will be heard as bishops consult with them. Resources on the condition of the family are widely available and should help inform the discussions.

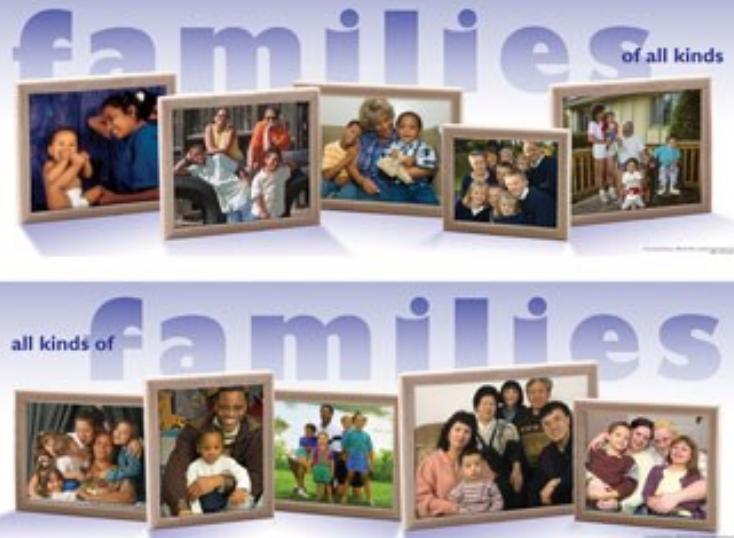
Second, the bishops will have the responsibility of articulating Catholic teaching and considering Catholic laws in ways that speak

to the heart of contemporary people and bring them deeper into the mystery of Christ.

Whenever the Church teaches and governs, she must do so as a **loving mother**, concerned for the true welfare of her sons and daughters. She must be **faithful to Scripture**, the treasury of God's revelation, and the **Magisterium**, the official teaching of the Church. She must interpret the biblical witness and her own teachings in ways that **summon men and women to the fullness of life in Christ**, sensitive to their weakness, aware of their contemporary environment and solicitous for their spiritual welfare.

The delegation from the U.S. includes Archbishop **Joseph E. Kurtz** of Louisville, KY, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; **Timothy Cardinal Dolan**, archbishop of New York; **Donald Cardinal Wuerl**, archbishop of Washington; and **Archbishop William C. Skurla**, Byzantine metropolitan of Pittsburgh and president of the Council of the Ruthenian Catholic Church. **Two married couples** from the U.S., have been invited to attend as auditors.

Teaching and legislating about and for the family is a delicate and complicated task, especially as the social consensus on what



even constitutes a “family” changes so rapidly.

As Catholics, we are called to fidelity to the Gospel and charity toward all. We should remember, however, that charity embraces and relies upon the truth, for it is the truth of human nature, the truth of God's revelation, and the truth of Christ's teaching that set us free. If a man is pedaling his bicycle furiously toward the edge of a cliff, it is the essence of both charity and truth to shout out to him, "Danger ahead!"

Pope Francis has designated **today as a Day of Prayer** for the success of the family synod. Let us ask the Lord to guide our bishops in their deliberations, so that their recommendations to the Holy Father will be informed by a lively sense of contemporary need and a genuine appreciation for Scripture and the tradition of the Church.

As Pope Francis writes in his prayer for the synod, “*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.*”

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Saint Raphael Food Pantry

We are in need of
baked beans,
canned vegetables,
cereal, and canned

fruit. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces! Please keep them in your prayers, especially:

Kenneth Breuder, Philip Breuder and Danielle Wells



 Catholic
Charities

 Our parish has raised
\$14,690 of SRP's goal of
\$30,000 towards Catholic Charities. **We end
our formal drive this
week.** Please consider a donation.

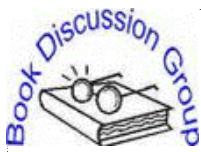
Weekly Collection

September 21, 2014

Offertory Regular	\$3,784.03
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 347.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 938.32
Total:	\$5,069.35

Jesus gave everything! Let us give something.

September 28, 2014



Parish Book Discussion: On Thursday, October 16th, at 7:00 P.M. the parish book discussion group will meet to discuss the Gospel of Luke. Written with the devotion and tenderness of the man Taylor Caldwell has called "dear and glorious physician," Luke's Gospel contains the infancy narratives and parables that reveal Jesus as Savior and gentle, patient teacher. Come and explore this beautiful text with us, just days before the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Luke. We will meet in the church conference room. Readers are asked to bring their own copies of the Gospel.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

- Saint Raphael Parish offers Spiritual Direction to those who are going through a loss or transition in life, or who simply want to explore, deepen and broaden their relationship with God. Our Pastoral Assistant, Anna Wallich, trained in Spiritual Direction as part of her Th.M. in Pastoral Care, meets with both men and women. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact her at the parish office, 623-2604 or spdirectionmin@gmail.com.

Saint Raphael Parish is forming a **Children's Voice and Bell Choir** under the direction of parish member Susan Papinski. Susan has been actively involved in music and child education for many years.



No previous experience in singing or bells is needed—only a desire to have fun and learn something new! The choir will meet each Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass in the parish hall classroom, beginning September 28.

Write on the Heart—Saint Raphael Church Reflections

Have you seen our blog? Check it out at www.saintraphaelsblog.com. If you'd like to be a guest writer, please contact Anna at 623.2604.



Many thanks to all those who have volunteered this year to help in the parish as Catechists, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. May your year of ministry and service be filled

Oktoberfest!

No need to put on your Lederhosen or Dirndl—come join us for an evening of good German food and conviviality with authentic oompah music!



Oktoberfest at Saint Raphael Parish will take place on October 18 from 5-8 pm. Please contact the parish office at 623.2604 to let us know if you will be coming. More information can be found on our website saint-raphael-parish.com.

Upcoming Parish Activities and Events!

Fri., Oct. 3: LifeLine Screening in Parish Hall.

Sat., Oct. 4: Blessing of Animals at 5:30 pm at church entrance.

Sat., Oct. 18: Oktoberfest after 4 pm Vigil Mass in Parish Hall.

Sun., Oct. 19: Ancient Order of Hibernian breakfast, open to all, following 9:30 am Mass in Parish Hall.

Fall Session of The Pastor's Class: "The Sacraments: A Way of Life, a Way to Life." Dates to follow.



Knitting Group will be meeting on Thursday, October 9 at 7 pm in the Church Conference Room. All are welcome to join us for knitting and fellowship! We are participating in "CLICK for Babies" - a period of purple crying hats. We invite all knitters and crocheters in the parish to help us in making purple baby hats to be donated in the fall.