

II Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat., January 16
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
4 pm ... ☩Debbie Davis (1st Anniv.) by Susan Davis

Sun., January 17 **II Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
7:30 am ... ☩Eileen Audet by Irene Rioux
9:30 am ... ☩Lucille M. Kelley by the Kelley family

Mon., January 18 **Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed**
1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
9 am ... ☩John Narkey by Teresa Greene

Tue., January 19
1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
12 pm ... ☩Frank Kenney, Jr. (48th Anniv.) by Anne Kenney

Wed., January 20 **Saints Fabian & Sebastian**
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
12 pm ... ☩Romain & ☩Louise Marcoux by Diane Gallant

Thur., January 21 **Saint Agnes**
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
8:30 am ... ☩George Fairs by P. Jerome

Fri., January 22 **Day of Prayer for the Unborn**
1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
6 pm ... ☩Ronald Coulon by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

Sat., January 23
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
4 pm ... ☩Jeannette & ☩Thomas Pitman by Maureen Houle

Sun., January 24 **III Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
7:30 am ... ☩Deceased members of the Clement & Lively families by Ray Clement
9:30 am ... ☩Dennis Delay by Saint Raphael Parish
5 pm ... ☩Scott Joubert by Jack & Colleen Byrne



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩**Patricia Guptill** by Warren Guptill.

Holy League Chapter Attention Catholic men: Parishioners Sean Thomas and Tom Larson have started a Holy League chapter at Saint Raphael Parish. This is a men's group that will meet once a month for a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (which is open to everyone), followed by a men's social hour to enjoy some fraternal fellowship. Our next Holy Hour will be **Friday, Jan. 22, immediately following the 6 pm Mass**. All men of the parish and friends of Saint Raphael are invited. For more information, feel free to contact Sean Thomas at holyleague03102@yahoo.com or Tom Larson at tlarson@anselm.edu, or visit the Holy League website at



Saint Valentine's Brunch following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, Feb. 14. Watch for further details in the coming weeks. We hope you and your loved ones will join us!



Saint Raphael Food Pantry On Monday, Jan. 11, the food pantry served **17 families and gave out 22 bags of groceries.**



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will run from Jan. 18-25, with the theme of "Proclaim the mighty deeds of the Lord!" Please remember to pray that all Christians may strive for unity according to the mind of Christ.



Parish Pastoral Council We will have three openings on Saint Raphael's Parish Council this month. If you are a registered parishioner who attends Mass here, and are interested in serving, please contact Kerri in the rectory at 623.2604. **The election will be during the Jan. 24-25 weekend Masses, unless fewer than three parishioners run. In this case, the candidates will be appointed.** Information on the candidates will be available in that weekend's bulletin.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of ☩**Joseph M. Dambach**, who died Jan. 8, and whose funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 13 by P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor. *In Sympathy*

"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. January 17
10:30 am ... Coffee & Doughnuts—Parish Hall

Tue. January 19
12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse—Church Conference Room

Fri. January 22
7:30 pm ... Holy League gathering

We are retiring our GIA Worship III red hymnals! If you would like to have a book as a keepsake, please contact Kerri in the rectory. Want the hymnal you dedicated in memory of a loved one? We cannot promise it, but we will try to locate it for you.

Weekly Collection

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Regular Offertory	\$3,075.00
Make-Up Offertory	213.00
Loose Offertory	
527.75 Online Parish Giving	
130.00 Total	\$3,945.75
Stewardship	
	\$1,904.00
Loose Stewardship	223.60
Total Stewardship	2,127.60

Looking for a few young musicians!

Does your child or teen play a band or orchestral instrument? If so, the new SRP Children and Youth Orchestra needs them to join the group and play their instrument in thanks and praise to God! Kids and teens with at least two years of experience up to the expert level are needed. Please email our director of music, Susan Papinsick, at spapinsick@comcast.net for further details.

Hey, man up! Take a new green hymnal, open your mouth and sing!

This weekend, Saint Raphael parishioners and friends will have the opportunity to pick up new hymnals for the first time in more than 20 years. *Journeysongs III*, published in 2012 by **Oregon Catholic Press (OCP)**, a major Catholic music publishing house, is a state-of-the-art hymnal with all of the standard features we have grown to expect, as well as some new elements that should enrich our music repertoire, understanding and appreciation.

As we bid farewell to *Worship III*, published by GIA, **the old “red hymnal”** that has served us so well for many years, I hope the new “green hymnal”



Pope Francis: He wants you to sing!

will spark a revival of interest in music **at the service of the liturgy**. While we have a long history of some outstanding musicians, singers and instrumentalists, music in the liturgy is never meant to as an end in itself. It is part of our common effort to praise, thank and glorify

God. Derived from Greek, the English word “liturgy” means “**public work**.” That does not mean public work in the sense of road repairs, gutters and manhole covers, but rather a work that is visible, done with, for and by the whole community led by its priest. Additionally, **liturgy is a two-way work**. We give to God **our praise and thanks**, especially in the form of the **financial offerings** worshippers contribute and in the **presentation of the gifts of bread and wine** to be presented to the Lord on the altar. In turn, God gives back those gifts through the miracle of **transubstantiation, when bread and wine become Christ’s Body and Blood**. Christ’s work of redemption in the Paschal Mystery is renewed and represented each time we gather to celebrate the Mass! Surely that is something to sing about!

When I blessed the new hymnals at the 9.30 a.m. Mass on the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** last weekend, we prayed that each of us will pick up these new hymnals and, in the words of Psalm 98, “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” Not everyone is blessed with a beautiful voice, but **we can all move our lips and attempt to sing the lyrics according to the melody**. We are not all opera stars. We are meant neither to compete with our neighbor nor to stand or sit, ignoring the action surrounding us. At a bare minimum, we can pick up the hymnal, read the words and let the tune wash over us.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council teach, in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Decree on the Sacred Liturgy (1963): “Religious singing by the people is to be intelligently fostered so that in devotions and sacred



All the members of this congregation are singing. All right, they’re probably Protestants, who often sing better than we Catholics do, but come on! You should be singing too!

exercises, as also during liturgical services, **the voices of the faithful may ring out** according to the norms and requirements of the rubrics.” (VI, 118) Notice that it calls for our voices to “ring out.”

When I was in high school, the call went out for students to join the Glee Club. I figured I sang O.K. in the shower and out in the backyard, so I went to auditions with **Sr. Helen Theresa, S.S.J.**, a legendary figure, a piano player who could have been at home in any saloon and one of the Latin teachers.

“Whaddya wanna sing?” she asked. “I dunno. How about the French national anthem?”

We had just learned *La Marseillaise* in French class, so I figured I could probably remember the words. Who sings the French national anthem for a high school audition?

Everybody else, of course, sang some folk or rock song, but, well, it’s me, right?

Sister listened, frowned and then seemed to pause. I could see her mental wheels turning.

“Listen, Joe, you can join. We need the guys. But if I give you ‘the look,’ **just mouth the words and fake it.**”

I smiled. Sister Helen Theresa was nothing if not a realist. Just the same, I was in and we had a deal. Over time, I got the hang of Glee Club, though I have to admit some practices and events were sufficiently painful to make me wonder where did all the glee go. But I learned that sometimes faking it helps in the overall achievement, and that **if you fake it enough times, sometimes you actually get the hang of it.**

When I was a student at Saint Anselm, I met up with **Mary Bagnell**, like Sister Helen Theresa a formidable musical

presence. Mary, herself a former Sister of Mercy, went on to become professor of music at St. A’s and later director of music for the Diocese of Manchester. Mary always insisted that those of us in her college choir remember what **Saint Augustine taught**: “to sing is to pray twice.” She frequently would look out at the non-singers and mutter, in her Brooklyn accent, **“Don’t they realize that if they are lucky enough to get to heaven, they’ll have**

to sing. That’s all they do up there.” You had to laugh, but she made her point.

Sister Helen Theresa and Mary Bagnell, I’m pretty certain, now know all about heaven and are busy leading their own celestial choirs. Meanwhile, I hope we likewise remember one of the old principles of **Father Bede Camera, O.S.B.**, my predecessor as pastor here and for nearly 30 years the director of the Saint Anselm College Choir. Father Bede, now retired from that job to concentrate on composing and directing the monastic choir, always reminded his students that the Holy Spirit can fill us with his presence just as oxygen fills our lungs. When we sing to the Lord, we should breathe in an out in a way that recalls the breath of life God gives us, so that the **music can lift us up into a space where God can touch our souls.**

These new green hymnals can offer each of us a lot ... if we bother to pick them up!
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The angels sing in Heaven. You will too ... if you get there.



“Sister Mary Clarence” (Whoppi Goldberg) and the sisters at Saint Katherine’s want you to sing too. Don’t upset them. They know people.