

2024

Stewardship Guide Book



St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church

Parish Office: 2131 Lancashire Avenue, Louisville, KY 40205

(502) 458-2500

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Dear Saint Raphael Family,

Before He ascended to heaven, Jesus gave His disciples a command that we've come to call the great commission:

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

In this, we find the mission of the Church that we've all received by our baptism: that the Good News of Jesus Christ and the power of His Resurrection are not nice ideas to think about, but realities to live – not to be locked away and kept to ourselves, but shared with every soul that we encounter. We have been called and chosen by God to be disciples who make disciples.

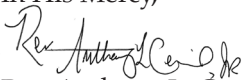
In order to go out and make disciples, we must first be disciples ourselves. We must have a relationship with Jesus that we continue to dive deeper into; we must always be striving to follow Him more closely; we must continue to allow Him to come into and change our hearts and lives.

The parish serves as not only the place where we gather to worship God but is also where we engage in growing in our own relationship with Him and our identity as His disciples. All of this happens in two main ways: our own life of prayer, and our engagement in the life of the community. This guidebook exists to help you do just that.

In these pages, you'll find the many opportunities that exist here at Saint Raphael to grow in your faith and engage in our wonderful community. Over this next year, I challenge you to stretch yourself and try something new. In the last year, we've had a couple of new ministries that have begun – if there is a ministry you are interested in that we don't currently offer, please reach out to us, and we'll see if we can help get it started.

May God bless you now and always! Know that you are in my prayers each day, and please, pray for me!

In His Mercy,



Rev. Anthony L. Cecil, Jr.

Pastor

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church

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(502) 458-2500 - Parish Office
(502) 456-1541 - School Office
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Mass Times & Sacraments

MASSES

Saturday.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.,10:30 a.m.
Weekdays (Monday-Friday).....12:00 noon
Holy Days.....As announced

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the church and individually upon request.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

At least 6 months prior to your wedding contact Diane Justice at 458-2500, ext. 1138 to schedule a date.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated within the Mass on designated weekends. If this is your first child to be baptized, you must attend a parent information session; watch the bulletin for dates. You are only required to attend the baptism session for your first child. For more information and to schedule a Baptism, please call Diane Justice at 458-2500, ext. 1138.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS & CHILDREN

RCIA is a process through which individuals are fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Please call Diane Justice at the Parish Office, 458-2500, ext. 1138 if you are interested in searching deeper into the faith.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to join the parish, you may pick up a registration packet from a volunteer at the Welcome Desk at the weekend Masses. The registration packet is also available at all entrances of the church, or you may visit our Parish website for the registration forms. Please contact Angela Springer in the Parish Office at 458-2500, ext. 1140 with any questions.

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Pastor.....	Rev. Anthony L. Cecil, Jr.
Senior Associate Pastor.....	Fr. Gary Davis
Permanent Deacon.....	Dcn. Denny Nash
Business Manager.....	Open Position
Parish Bookkeeper.....	Terry Whitaker
Parish Assistant for Administration & Ministry.....	Shannon Leon
Director of Music & Worship.....	Seth Jines
Pastoral Associate / Director of Religious Education.....	Diane Justice
Director of Children’s Formation.....	Brandan Holbrook
Youth Ministry Coordinators.....	Chad Bader Josh Huff
Director of Communications.....	Jordan Wheatley
Director of Parish Engagement.....	Angela Springer
Director of Maintenance & Facilities.....	Jimmy Peerce
Maintenance Staff.....	Jason Bentley Thomas Jones

School Staff 2023-2024

Principal.....	Amy Fears
Assistant Principal.....	Kathryn Ford
Dean of Student Services/Learning Coordinator.....	Stephanie Schrader
School Counselor.....	Jenny Garcia
Asst. Learning Coordinator.....	Donald White
School Office Manager.....	Heather Potter
Admissions and Enrollment Coordinator.....	Shanna Selby
Cafeteria Manager.....	Diane Howell
After School Care.....	Nico Parris, YMCA
Kindergarten Teachers.....	Katie Aiken Ellen Schmidt
Kindergarten Assistants.....	Brittany Bowen Shannon Zimmerman
First Grade Teachers.....	Carmen Renfro Cindy Simmon Lindsey Soucy

First Grade Assistants.....	Sherry Duncan-Chasteen Chris Wessling
Second Grade Teachers.....	Kelly Durrett Liz Heilmann
Second Grade Assistant.....	Noel Lutes
Third Grade Teachers.....	Susan Bientz Jennie Condra
Third Grade Assistant.....	Debbie Schooler
Fourth Grade Teachers.....	Victoria Boukas Jenee' Chamberlain
Fifth Grade Teachers.....	Lisa Finley Kelsey Meinhart
Middle School Teachers.....	Josh Huff Jillian Mercer Chloe Mitchell Suzanne Nolan Erin Raque Caroline Weikel

Special Area Teachers

Music.....	Rafael Lopez
Art.....	Ashley Wilder
Computer.....	Michael O'Connell
Physical Education.....	Michael O'Connell
Spanish.....	Angelica Ramirez
Librarian.....	Michelle Mitchell

Preschool

Preschool Director.....	Kathy Ralston
PreK Teachers.....	Suzie Arrow Angel Barton Sara Hendrick
Preschool 3's Teachers.....	Beth Ernst Kateri Galvin Siebenaler
Preschool Assistants.....	Katie Chaplin Randi McGlincy

Stewardship of Time and Talent

The following committees, ministries, organizations, and services are the life of St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Parish. They represent the many opportunities that are available for parishioners to get involved in the community. The numbers correspond with the Generosity Intention Card.

Liturgical Ministries

Contact: Seth Jines, 458-2500, ext. 1136

ALTAR SERVER 01

Altar servers assist the priest, deacon, and other ministers during the liturgy. This includes Masses, funerals, and school liturgies. Servers are to arrive 20 minutes prior to Mass, dressed in their Sunday best, and ready to serve. We welcome students grade 5 and above. Training is provided each fall and spring. Scheduling is done on a quarterly rotating basis.

Contact: Eric Granger, 434-9437 or eric_granger@yahoo.com.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION 02

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are entrusted to perform a special ministry for members of our parish family. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion help distribute Holy Communion at weekend and daily Masses. Anyone ages 14 and older who possesses faith maturity and reverence for the Eucharist is eligible to be trained and formed as an EMHC. Scheduling is done on a quarterly rotating basis. Training and formation are provided by St. Raphael for all aspects of this ministry.

Contact: John Raque, 296-5831 or john.raque32@gmail.com.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION - HOMEBOUND 02a

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who provide communion to parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes.

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1138 or djustice@sraparish.org.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION - HOSPITAL 02b

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who provide communion to parishioners who are in the hospital.

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1138 or djustice@sraparish.org.

LECTOR 03

Lectors are prepared and prayerful ministers who proclaim the Word of God at all Masses and liturgies. Lectors are assigned on a quarterly rotating basis. Lector workshops are held annually, but training can take place individually, too. Additional support is provided as needed.

Contact: Tony & Carol Nall, 499-6167 or tonynall1958@gmail.com.

USHER 04

These ministers assist with opening doors, are responsible for taking up the collection at Mass, and assist with seating, when necessary. They also assist with greeting and distributing worship aids and bulletins, if needed. Following Mass, they straighten up the church in preparation for the next Mass.

Contact: David Worland, 797-5913 or dworland@bellsouth.net.

GREETER 05

These ministers of hospitality greet and welcome the community before liturgies. They distribute the worship aids before Mass and the weekly bulletin after Mass. Assignments are made for each entry/exit door to the church. This ministry is open to children and adults of all ages who possess the gifts of hospitality and generous reception to all guests and parishioners.

Contact: David Worland, 797-5913 or dworland@bellsouth.net.

GIFT BEARER 06

At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist the gifts that will become Christ's Body and Blood are brought forward. Both families and individuals are welcomed in this important ministry as representatives of all the faithful. Please list the names of all members from your household who feel called to serve in this ministry.

Contact: Linda and Tom Steele, 418-3532 or ninnasteel@gmail.com.

SACRISTAN 07

A sacristan ensures the church is set up properly for any liturgies being celebrated. A few of the responsibilities of a sacristan are: unlocking the church, assisting altar servers before and after Mass, making sure all sacred vessels, linens, and candles are in place before and after Mass. Sacristans also count and record the attendance at Mass.

Contacts: Mike Armes, 693-6418 or marmes46@gmail.com or Eric Granger, 434-9437 or eric_granger@yahoo.com.

LINEN MINISTRY 08

A purificator is a small white linen cloth used to wipe the chalice and paten and the lips and fingers of the celebrant at the Eucharist. This ministry includes washing and ironing the purificators that are used at all Masses. It also includes washing the small lavabo hand towels that are used to dry the priest's fingers after preparing the gifts at the altar. Sometimes a corporal, the linen square used over the altar cloth and placed where the gifts are prepared, may be included for washing. Currently, the commitment is one weekend of laundry every quarter. Items are picked up on the assigned weekend and returned any day that next week. No special trips necessary. A date calendar and instructions for washing and folding will be provided.

Contact: Mary Lynn Bobzien 303-2922 or mlbobzien@gmail.com.

ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY 09

The Art and Environment Ministry strives to enhance the worship experience throughout the different liturgical seasons of the Church. Anyone interested in lending their gifts of decorating, designing, gardening, etc. would be a welcomed addition to this ministry.

Contact: Doug Pohl (Text Only) 502-295-6774 or John Huckleberry 502-432-6502

FUNERAL MINISTRY

10a – Funeral Lector
10b – Funeral Gift Bearer
10c – Funeral EMHC

10d – Funeral Greeter / Usher

Occasionally, families of a deceased person wish to have members of the parish serve as liturgical ministers at the funeral Mass of Christian Burial. These ministers are already trained and formed in their respective ministries and are willing to serve when available. Funerals at St. Raphael are usually celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on weekdays. Sometimes families will request visitation to be held in the narthex before the funeral Mass. Ministers will be contacted as soon as possible after the church has been notified of an upcoming funeral Mass.

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1138 or djustice@srparish.org.

Music Ministries

Contact: Seth Jines, 458-2500, ext. 1136

Music is a sign of God's love for us and of our love for him. By its very nature song has both an individual and a communal dimension. Thus, it is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people (Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, no. 2).

Music has a very integral part in the liturgy. As ministers of music, whether it be sung or instrumental music, we should be vessels of prayer who provide support to the congregation and enhance the inherent beauty of the Mass without distracting from it.

CANTOR 11

The cantor is the facilitator of congregational singing and participation. When a psalmist is not present, the cantor will serve as the psalmist. Considering their very specific role in the liturgy, cantors need a pleasant singing voice, ample time to practice and prepare in the weeks ahead, confidence in singing in front of large groups of people, and reverence in facilitating the participation of the assembly in sung prayer. The ability to read music is ideal, but not a requirement.

Contact: Seth Jines 458-2500, ext. 1136

CHOIR 12

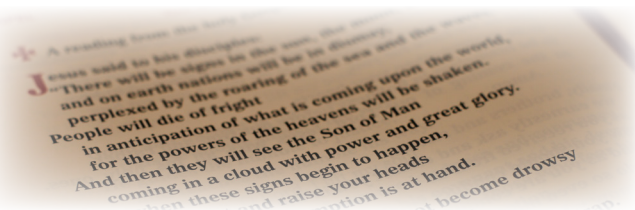
Choir members are individuals who are committed to regular rehearsals and who enrich the liturgy while allowing the whole body of the faithful to contribute in active participation. Choir members need a pleasant singing voice and should devote ample time to learning the music if they can't read music.

Contact: Seth Jines 458-2500, ext. 1136

RESURRECTION CHOIR 13

Resurrection choir members are ministers of music at the Masses of Christian Burial celebrated in our church. Choir members rehearse in advance, and they enrich the funeral liturgy through their gift of song.

Contact: Seth Jines 458-2500, ext. 1136



PSALMIST 14

The psalmist, or “cantor of the psalm,” proclaims the Responsorial Psalm after the First Reading and leads the gathered assembly in responding with the refrain. As one who proclaims the Word of God, the psalmist should be able to proclaim the text and melody with beauty, clarity, confidence, and reverence. The ability to read music is ideal, but not a requirement.

Contact: Seth Jines 458-2500, ext. 1136

INSTRUMENTALIST 15

The primary role of the keyboardist, other instrumentalists, or instrumental ensembles is to support the choir, cantor, psalmist, and congregational singing. When appropriate, instrumentalists may play prelude before Mass, a selection during Mass, or postlude after Mass. The ability to read music is a requirement.

Contact: Seth Jines 458-2500, ext. 1136



Faith Formation

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500, ext. 1138

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) TEAM 17

Active Catholics accompany the catechumen/candidate to sessions and to all the liturgical rituals. They meet regularly with the catechumen/candidate to pray and share faith. Members are present for all RCIA activities with the catechumens and candidates. They are not experts in the faith, but have an ability to listen compassionately, to share the experiences of their own faith journey, and to be open to how the Holy Spirit leads the catechumens or candidates on their catechumenal journey.

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1158 or djustice@srparish.org.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Men's 18 / Women's 19

In both the Men's and Women's Scripture Study Groups, the upcoming Sunday readings are the focus drawing on the power of God's Word. There is reflection and discussion on what this Word is saying in our lives today. It is an opportunity to share experiences with others who are trying to understand and respond to God's invitation to relationship. The men meet on Saturday mornings and the women meet on Thursday nights.

Other opportunities for adults who want to deepen their Catholic sense of spirituality through the study of God's Word arise at different times throughout the year. These opportunities are advertised in the bulletin and on the parish website.

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1158 or djustice@srparish.org.

ATRIUM - CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD VOLUNTEER 20

The Atrium is a Montessori themed Religion classroom where children fall in love with God and the Catholic faith is passed to the next generation. As an assistant in the Atrium, you will assist the teacher in whatever way she/he needs with the children. This might include reading a Scripture story to the child as they work with the materials, cutting paper cut-outs for lessons, helping with the drop off and pick up procedures and more. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is held during Mass on Sunday mornings for children ages 3-6 years old/Preschool-1st Grade.

During the 8:30 a.m. Mass

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

During the 10:30 a.m. Mass:

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Contact: Brandan Holbrook, 458-2500 ext. 1134 or bholbrook@srparish.org.

SUMMER WITH THE SHEPHERD VOLUNTEER 21

Summer with the Shepherd offers a weeklong, fun-filled adventure as we learn more about God's amazing love for each one of us. Each day the children are introduced to exciting Bible stories and participate in activities that make the lessons come alive. Children ages Pre-K through 4th grade can attend. Volunteers of all ages are needed to work in many areas: crafts, snacks, assistants, and more.

Contact: Brandan Holbrook, 458-2500 ext. 1134 or bholbrook@srparish.org.

School Ministries

Contact: Amy Fears, 456-1541, ext. 1109

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) 22

The School Advisory Council advises and assists the school administration in fulfilling the mission of the school. We provide school administration with advice in the areas of strategic planning, resource management, advancement, and education. The committee also reviews and revises school policy as needed and advises on matters as requested by administration including the annual school budget.

Contact: Brad Nunn, 807-5960 or bradleysnunn@gmail.com.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) 23

The PTO works to support our dedicated school administrators and educators. PTO events and activities throughout the year raise funds and provide fun opportunities for students, school families, and our entire parish community to get involved. Committees include: Halloween Party, Hospitality, Spirit Wear, Boohoo / Yahoo Breakfast, Breakfast with Santa, Fitness Giants, Used Uniform Sale, Book Fair, Open House, Fundraisers and more. Time commitment levels vary but can be as little as 2-3 hours total. Officer positions require a commitment of several hours per month.

Contact: Philana Callahan, 419-1203 or pto@sraparish.org.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER 24

St. Raphael School, three-time National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award recipient, welcomes community members to be school volunteers in a variety of ways. Some of the ways one can volunteer are to be a Mystery Reader, speaking about your career with students, classroom volunteer, service project leader, substitute teaching, coaching academic teams, leading after school clubs, etc.

Contact: School Office, 456-1541 or info@sraparish.org.

Youth Ministry

Contact: Chad Bader or Josh Huff, 458-2500 or youthministry@sraparish.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior High Youth Group (Grades 6- 8) 26a

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12) 26b

Looking for a positive setting where you are surrounded by like-minded youth? Want to take trips that empower you to experience your Catholic faith? Meetings held twice a month to explore the Catholic faith, learn forms of prayer, socialize, and, of course, have fun!

Contact: Chad Bader or Josh Huff, 458-2500 or youthministry@sraparish.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY - ADULT HELPER

Adult Minister for Junior High Ministry (Grades 6-8) 27a

Adult Minister for High School Ministry (Grades 9-12) 27b

Adults wanting to help plan youth fund raisers and activities, chaperone youth events, help with formation sessions, and pray with and for the youth are needed. Must complete Archdiocese of Louisville Safe Environment Training and have a criminal background check.

Contact: Chad Bader or Josh Huff, 458-2500 or youthministry@sraparish.org.

Scouts

SCOUTS

Girl Scouts 28

Boy Scouts 29

The Scouts develop the character and the integrity of the male and female youths of our parish by promoting scouting ideals of duty to God, to country, and self. The program teaches responsibility, leadership skills, and builds confidence and strong self-esteem. Cub Scouts is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade.

Contact: Girl Scouts, Parish Office, 458-2500

Contacts: Cub Scouts, John Huckleberry, 432-6502, jmhuck01@hotmail.com

Boy Scouts, Gardner Roe, 262-0286



Athletics Ministries

Contact: Michael Hauber 523-4369, or
michaelhauber@twc.com

ATHLETICS MINISTRY–COACH 30

The Parish's Sports Ministry coordinates the selection of athletic and academic team coaches. All coaches must complete Safe Environment Training before participating. This includes verified attendance at Archdiocese of Louisville Safe Environment workshop and completed criminal background check. A coach will exhibit strong Christian values, continuity in service to the parish, an ability to teach, and will have necessary and applicable experience. Being a coach to our young people is a wonderful opportunity to not only give back to our community but also to positively influence the life of a child.
Contact: Michael Hauber, 523-4369,
michaelhauber@twc.com.

ATHLETICS MINISTRY–EVENT WORKER 31

The Parish's Sports Ministry hosts volleyball and basketball games at the St. Raphael the Archangel Parish gymnasium. Monies raised from these events help purchase sports equipment, ensure upkeep of the field and gym, as well as other expenses that may be incurred by the academic and athletic programs at St. Raphael. Volunteers work for an hour or more at a time, often helping in the concession stand, selling tickets, or keeping our gym tidy. Volunteering to work an event is a great way to meet people and give back to our community.
Contact: Michael Hauber, 523-4369,
michaelhauber@twc.com.

ATHLETICS MINISTRY–BOARD MEMBER 32

The Parish's Sports Ministry coordinates the athletic teams for all elementary school-aged children of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. We promote Christian values and work to advance the overall mission of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish through athletic and academic teams. All activities, whether spiritual, scholastic, athletic, or social are designed to contribute to the betterment of the parish community. Volunteers can serve in various roles including Sports Coordinators, Athletic Director, and a variety of opportunities supporting athletics and academic teams including Uniform Coordinator, Social Media Coordinator, Sign-Ups Coordinator, etc.
Contact: Michael Hauber, 523-4369,
michaelhauber@twc.com

Parish Life/Service Ministries

PARISH PICNIC

Leadership/Planning 33 **Booth Captain 34**
General Volunteer 35 **Set up/Take down 36**

The Parish Picnic Committee coordinates and directs the participation and efforts of parishioners working together to provide fun in a family atmosphere. It also provides our parish community an opportunity to reach out and welcome the larger community to join us in that spirit of hospitality.
Contact: John Raque, 296-5831 or john.raque32@gmail.com.

WELCOME COMMITTEE 37

The Welcome Committee is integral in greeting and welcoming visitors and potential new members to our parish. Members of this committee staff the Welcome Desk at weekend Masses. Additionally, members assist in preparing food and hosting new parishioner gatherings twice a year in the spring and fall.
Contact: Angela Springer, 458-2500 ext. 1140 or
aspringer@sraparish.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY 38

St. Raphael Women's Ministry is open to women of all ages and stages. This ministry offers women of the parish opportunities to grow in their spirituality, participate in outreach opportunities, and enjoy fellowship together. All women of the parish, regardless of where they are in their faith journey, are encouraged to attend.
Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1138 or
djustice@sraparish.org

MEN'S CLUB 39

The Men's Club is committed to Christian stewardship within the Roman Catholic tradition. The mission is to meet the needs of the men, women, and children of the parish by sharing resources. The Men's Club contributes to all Christian aspects and programs at St. Raphael, embracing all members of the community. The Men's Club partners with the St. Vincent De Paul Society to coordinate the food baskets at Thanksgiving. The SRMC also hosts multiple fundraising events such as the annual golf tournament, FallFest, and SRMC Trivia Night. They annually select an 8th grade boy and girl who have chosen to continue their education at a Catholic high school to receive each the Doc Karibo Scholarship Award and the John King Service Award. Membership is open to all men of St. Raphael Parish, for membership details contact Matt.
Contact: Matt Durrett, Chair, 502-794-2739 or
matthew.durrett@yahoo.com.

FISH FRIES 40

The St. Raphael Fish Fries are held the first Friday following Ash Wednesday and the following consecutive Fridays of Lent. There are openings in some of the leadership positions, as well as many volunteers are needed to staff each of the Fish Fries.

Contact: Business Manager, 458-2500

MARTHA'S HELPERS 59 *NEW*

This new ministry is an important part of maintaining our church and keeping up with its cleaning. Martha's Helpers are teams of volunteers who rotate to clean the church once a week and make sure it is in great shape for our weekend Mass celebrations.

There's nothing wrong with being "a Martha" sometimes! (Even young families with children and men are welcome to be Marthas.)

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1138 or djustice@sraparish.org

SEWING SERVANTS OF ST. RAPHAEL 60 *NEW*

This is a new ministry of parishioners who work together in sharing their talents to create hand crafted items for the parish. Recently they created a beautiful canopy for our Eucharistic processions and have sewn clergy vestments. Additionally, they make white baptismal garments as gifts for those who are baptized in our parish. They typically gather the first Friday of the month following the noon Mass in the parish office.

Contact: Parish Office at 502-458-2500

ENGAGEMENT and HOSPITALITY 61 *NEW*

This is a new ministry designed to assist in providing engagement and hospitality by assisting with our coffee and donuts throughout the year as well as receptions following special occasions and liturgies.

Contact: Angela Springer, 458-2500 ext. 1140 or aspringer@sraparish.org.

Pastoral Care

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500, ext. 1138

RAPHAEL'S ANGELS MINISTRY 41

In this rewarding ministry you will be a companion to a fellow parishioner who is living in a nursing home or who may be homebound. Visiting someone residing in a nursing home or someone who is homebound is a corporal work of mercy and is much needed in our world today. The expectation of this ministry is the Angel Minister visits at least monthly. If ministers wish to visit more regularly that is entirely to up them and the residents. Visiting the same resident on a regular basis facilitates a relationship with the resident.

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1138 or djustice@sraparish.org or Jim Laemmle, 681-4983 or James.Laemmle@twc.com.

CARD WRITING MINISTRY 42

The card writing ministry is an intentional practice of sending notes or greeting cards to encourage and lift up people from our parish community and to let them know others of our community are thinking of and praying for them. Card writing to those who reside in nursing homes, are homebound, or going through a difficult time in their lives is such a blessing to those who receive the cards as well as those who write them.

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1138 or djustice@sraparish.org.

BEREAVEMENT 43

The Bereavement Committee strives to comfort members of the parish who have experienced the death of a loved one. This ministry is composed of parish volunteers who provide food to the grieving families when requested.

Contact: Pat Laemmle, 876-8899 or Joan Winkler, 235-4492.

Social Concerns

ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEER 44

Volunteers help coordinate the collection and distribution of gifts that are donated during Advent each year.

Contact: Diane Justice, 458-2500 ext. 1138 or djustice@sraparish.org.

FACTS 45

Parishioners Answering the Call To Serve (FACTS) is a ministry designed to create family friendly, parishioner-wide active service opportunities on campus as well as in the community. FACTS occasionally collects donated items for those in need or collaborates with other parish ministries and/or community outreach organizations. Service hours and house points are available for participating students. FACTS would love for all parishioners and families to be involved in our mission to serve.

Contact: Daryl Granger, (901) 496-4880 or srapacts@gmail.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 46

Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity help build housing and perform other ministries for low-income families. Skilled and non-skilled workers assist in building houses or other activities related to repairing homes. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare food for the workers. We work with other parishes and typically build a house every three years. We completed our most recent house in 2023. We have assisted in the building of 10 houses over the last several years.

Contact: John Greive, johngreive54@gmail.com, 558-1687 (text or call)

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES (HCM) 47

HCM is an interfaith, non-profit organization uniting the efforts and energies of 17 interfaith congregations to support and empower our Highlands neighbors in need. We serve residents in zip codes 40204 and 40205 (and with the closure of the South East Area Ministry we also serve a portion of 40218). As a proud part of the Association of Community Ministries and the sister ministries it represents, we work to create positive change for Louisville at large. Through HCM, these congregations come together to offer the broadest possible resources to all segments of our community—children, families, and seniors.

Contacts: Parish Liaisons - Joan Winkler, 235-4492, dfwinkler@aol.com, or Kathy Zandona, 797-4849, kmzandona@gmail.com.

RESPECT LIFE 48

Respect Life volunteers educate, inform, and bring awareness to the parish community. It focuses on the importance of the sanctity of life with the utmost respect and dignity from cradle to grave while at the same time giving them the opportunity to respond to the various needs of the people to whom we minister. The Respect Life Committee participates in various events throughout the year in support of the church's Respect Life mission, including Mother's Day Rose Sale, 40 Days for Life, and the annual Pro-Life Record ad.

Contact: Julia Drummond, 445-2953 or jys425@hotmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 49

The St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks, in a spirit of justice and charity and by person-to-person involvement of its members, to help those in need. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month. We support various service projects throughout the year and provide assistance for housing, utilities, food, medication, and miscellaneous needs.

Contact: John Raque, 296-5831 or john.raque32@gmail.com.

GREEN GIANTS ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM 58 *NEW*

Per Pope Francis, we must renew our relationship with and develop a "loving awareness" of our living planet. The Green Giants Environmental Team is educating ourselves and promoting awareness as we strive to recognize areas of improvement to make positive changes in the St. Raphael community. Through prayers, thoughts, and actions we look for new ways to protect and regenerate the earth. Meeting dates and educational and volunteer opportunities are published in the bulletin and online in "The Weekly Word".

Contacts: Tom & Toni Evans, 489-7563 or Ann Massey 741-3238 or Marilyn Massey, 551-5536 or Bob & Susan Meyer 500-3976 / sha08@bellsouth.net.

Administration

Contact: Business Manager, (502) 458-2500

PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER 50

Throughout the year there are opportunities to help with all the "paperwork." This includes answering phones, preparing mailings, filing, data entry, and possibly some light bookkeeping. Occasionally we need substitutes for the office staff when someone is on vacation or away from the office.

Contact: Shannon Leon, 458-2500 ext. 1133 or sleon@sraparish.org.

COLLECTION COUNTING TEAM 51

In accordance with Archdiocesan policy and under the direction of our Parish Bookkeeper, a team of people come together each week to count our Sunday and any special collections. They typically count on Monday mornings. Ensuring confidentiality, participation in this ministry provides an important function in the proper handling and processing of the weekly collection. Volunteers must have a current background check or be willing to fill out the form to have a background check processed.

Contact: Terri Whitaker, Parish Bookkeeper, 458-2500 ext. 1137 or twhitaker@sraparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE 53

Stewardship is an integral part of the parish. Members of this committee assist parish staff in the administrative process including preparing printed materials and mailings for our parishioners. After the Stewardship Renewal Weekend, assistance is needed to organize the results so the information can be entered into the parish software. This provides the chairs of parish committees and organizations with a tool to help implement all parish programs. It also helps identify our parish members and population to greater serve the needs of our community.

Contact: Angela Springer, 458-2500 ext. 1140 or aspringer@sraparish.org.



FINANCE COUNCIL 54

The Finance Council is an advisory board that oversees the financial activities of the parish and advises and makes recommendations to the Pastor and Parish Business Manager on all financial matters as deemed appropriate. Members assist the parish business office to ensure adherence to Archdiocesan policies, review the annual budget prepared by the business office in coordination with committee chairs, school administration, and others responsible for budget items. The Finance Council reviews monthly financial and bank statements, reviews the preparation of the annual financial accountability report to the parish and oversees the overall financial well-being of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish.

Member terms are three years and when a seat is available, the Pastor or his delegate will appoint a new member based on skills in financial affairs or business law. A member must be an active, Catholic parishioner in good standing with the Church. Meetings are held monthly except for June and December.

Contact: David Worland - Chair, 797-5913 or dworland@bellsouth.net.

PARISH COUNCIL 55

The Parish Council serves as a consultative body to the Pastor. It has a blend of members to represent all areas of parish ministry. The core purpose is to facilitate cooperation between the Pastor, administrative staff, and parishioners to define and carry out the parish's mission. This council is highly involved in short and long range planning for the future of the parish as well as strategic planning and assisting in setting goals and objectives. Member terms are three years and currently are appointed by the pastor when a seat is available. A member must be an active, Catholic parishioner in good standing with the Church. Meetings are held monthly.

Contact: John Raque, 296-5831 or john.raque32@gmail.com.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS 57

The Building and Grounds Committee is an advisory committee composed of active, registered parishioners who have knowledge and/or expertise in maintenance, engineering, architecture, construction, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, permits/licenses, etc. The term shall be three years. This team will assist the Pastor, Facilities Manager, and Business Manager in identifying and reviewing ALL Parish needs regarding buildings and site improvements. Needs include, but are not limited to parking lots, paving, interior and exterior renovations/repairs, equipment repair and replacement, additions, and new structures.

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