

St. Raphael Catholic Church

EPIC: The Early Church

Tuesday Mornings 10 -12:00 Noon in PARISH LIBRARY **September 12 – November 14**

Tuesday Mornings 10:30 – 12:00 Noon on ZOOM **September 12 – November 14**

Thursday Evenings 7:30 – 9:00 PM on ZOOM **September 14 – November 16**

Epic: The Early Church is about the first 500 years of the Church – a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, threatening heresies, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs – a time that prepared the Church to carry on the faith. This 10-part study with its colorful workbook, videos & timeline chart will draw you closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of His Church.

For further information and to sign up, contact Dorothy Welsh at dwwelsh5@aol.com (for Tuesday classes) or Terry Salsgiver at tsalsgiver@comcast.net (for Thursday class).

View & order the Study Set (materials & online video access \$26.95) at

www.ascensionpress.com and they will be sent directly to you.



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September 10, 2023

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New Parishioners: A warm welcome to St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Blue registration cards are available on the wall rack in the main entrance of the church or you may register online at: <https://straphaels.org/parish-registration-form>

The **Parish Ministry List** can be found on our website,

St. Vincent de Paul/St. Raphael Conference
Intake Number: 240-447-7027

For Life Affirming Resources:

<https://adw.org/about-us/resources/pregnant-need-help/>

Healing after abortion? Project Rachel 301-853-4565

Abuse isn't love. Help is available 24/7 on the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, (children), 11:30AM,
1:00PM (español), 6:00PM (youth)

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 9:00AM
Saturday: 9:00 AM

Penance : Tuesday: 7:00 - 7:30 PM and
Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday: 6:45 PM
Parish Library, Thursday, September 14 and 21: 9:30 AM

Benediction: Tuesday, following novena 7:45 PM
Thursday, 7:15PM

Miraculous Medal Novena: Tuesday, 7:30PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Tuesday, following Novena
Thursday, 7:00PM

Sacrament of Baptism: Parish Registration and a Baptism class is required. Please contact Eileen Kutchak, 240-864-2510, to register and plan to attend the class while awaiting the birth or adoption of your child.

Sacrament of Matrimony: In accord with the regulations of the Archdiocese of Washington, couples must contact a priest and begin preparation at least six months prior to the wedding. Parish registration and active participation for the minimum of three months is required before preparation may begin. Living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to the future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the preparation time.

What does it mean to be an active Catholic? Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized, or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating they are parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. We encourage all parishioners to become active in one of the parish organizations. In a community as large as St. Raphael, one means of verifying participation is through the regular use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish, or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our parish roster.

Please join me in thanking Fr. John Lado, on this his last weekend at St. Raphael.

A NOTE OF



After Ordination in June, Fr. John spent his summer at St Raphael, celebrating Mass, hearing confession, visiting the sick and homebound, meeting with parishioners and Baptizing children, and he was a great addition to the residence as Fr. Christian traveled.

We are all very grateful and wish Fr. John the best as he returns to Rome to complete his studies.

God Bless you, Fr. John.

Fr. Mike, Fr. Tom, Fr. Christian, Fr. Jean Marie Vincent and Staff

The **Second Collection** this weekend, September 9/10, is for **The Catholic University of America**. Thank you for your generosity.

The Rite of Christian Initiation, **RCIA**



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

We are in the RCIA Inquiry Stage. If you are thinking about joining the Catholic Church, or just looking for meaning in life, please join our meetings Sundays in the youth center after the 8:30AM Mass. We will move from inquiry to catechism at the end of September 2023.

You can join RCIA at any time! To learn more about it, please call Krys Psurek, 240-864-2542 and leave a message. He will call you back. You can also check the latest RCIA announcements and schedule at St. Raphael web site www.straphaels.org, Faith Formation, RCIA.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
will be held in the
Parish Library**

**Thursday, September 14
and
Thursday, September 21**



Save the Date

**Parish Picnic
September 24
12:30-4:30PM**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week
Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Monday, September 11

6:30AM Mary Ellen Bohen (d)
9:00AM John Piper (d)

**Tuesday, September 12
The Most Holy Name of Mary**

6:30AM Donald Swenson (d)
9:00AM John Sweeney (d)

Wednesday, September 13

6:30AM Jeffrey Loberiza Chatterjie (d)
9:00AM Intercession of the Blessed Mother

**Thursday, September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

6:30AM Richard Ingardia (d)
9:00AM Luis Alfonso Morales

**Friday, September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows**

6:30AM Charles Kelley (d)
9:00AM John Rimboud (d)

Saturday, September 16

9:00AM Nina Seibert (d)
5:00PM Fr. Christian Carlos M. Linares (d)

Sunday, September 17

7:00AM Fr. Mike Katrina Martinez
8:30AM Fr. Christian Members of the Parish
10:00AM Fr. Tom George & Lucinda Hilvers (d)
11:30AM Fr. Mike Cecilio Morales (d)
1:00PM Fr. Christian Jonathan David Rojas (d)
6:00PM Fr. Tom Chase Pearson

The priest schedule is subject to change.

Live-streamed Masses:

There will be daily live-streamed Masses, Sunday English and Spanish Masses. Go to website: www.straphaels.org and click the link to YouTube Channel.

Bulletin notices are due in writing ON THURSDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: esalatto@straphaels.org. This bulletin was transmitted September 5.

*"For where two or three are gathered
together in my name, there am I in
the midst of them."*



September 2023

Dear St. Raphael Parish Family,

Throughout this coming year until next summer, the bishops of the United States are calling for a mission of Eucharistic revival in parishes. Our parish will be joining in this mission. Together, our aim will be to open ourselves more deeply to the transforming love of God given through Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

The source and pinnacle of this transformation is found through worship at Sunday Mass. To help us receive this power of the Eucharist at Mass more deeply in this coming year, we also are asking each household and member of our parish family to take up a simple yet powerful practice: weekly Eucharistic adoration.

Weekly Eucharistic adoration means taking a moment each week outside of Mass to come pray before Our Lord Jesus Christ in his true presence in the Eucharist. It could be for a few minutes, for an hour, or something in-between. It could be any time of day or night, at St. Raphael's or at another Catholic church. It could be on Thursdays during our all-day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, or on any other day, coming before the Lord's presence in the tabernacle. The important thing is not when or how long; the important thing is that all of us as a parish family join in.

To help encourage one another in this mission, look for a regular "Prayer Corner" feature here in our Sunday bulletin to help provide ideas for prayer during Eucharistic adoration and at other moments. And we ask that all of us be on the lookout for opportunities to encourage one another in this time of Eucharistic revival.

Taking up weekly Eucharistic adoration together as a parish family is a humble way to invite the Lord to enter more deeply into our life together. When we open the door to the Lord, he promises that he will come in to bring us His peace, His joy, His redeeming love (see Revelation 3:20; John 14:27; John 15:11; John 3:16).

Be assured of our prayers for all our St. Raphael's family, and please pray for us, that we all grow in the knowledge and love of God in Christ Jesus during this year of Eucharistic revival.

Yours faithfully in Christ,
Fr. Mike, Fr. Christian, Fr. Tom, Fr. John, and Fr. Jean Marie



**You're
Invited!**

**Opportunities for Adoration
at St. Raphael**

Tuesday, 6:45PM—Miraculous Medal
novena at 7:30PM and Benediction

Thursday following 9AM Mass closes
7:15PM with Benediction

Friday after 6:30 AM Mass—7-7:30AM

Help Needed

We are looking for friendly, energetic and communicative individuals who are patient and enjoy being with children to fill staff positions in the following areas:

Before Care: Individual will assist other staff members in supervising nursery school students and escorting them to their classroom. Schedule: M-F 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Lunch/Recess: Individual will assist other staff members to assist and supervise students during their lunch and recess period. This position requires individuals to work both indoor and outdoor during recess periods. Schedule: M-F 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

After Care: Individual will assist other staff members in supervising nursery school and grades K-8 students following the end of the school day. Students will enjoy a snack, study and/or finish their homework, and have free/play time indoor/outdoor. Schedule: M-F 2:45-6 p.m.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in one or all of the above-mentioned positions, contact Lara Roach at lroach@straphaels.org and attach a resume. Please note that individuals that apply, and are considered for a position, will need to complete and submit paperwork for VIRTUS training required by the ADW, fingerprinting and a background check.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

St. John the Evangelist Church Silver Spring Maryland is seeking an Administrative Assistant/Parish Secretary. Responsibilities: Serves as first contact with visitors in parish office. Performs general clerical duties including production of the parish bulletin; maintaining parish database; correspondence, telephone, scheduling. Candidate should have minimum 3 years' experience as an Administrative Assistant. Must have knowledge of Catholic teachings and practices. Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word and Excel) required—strongly preferred. Candidate must have effective written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills and the ability to maintain confidentiality. Must also be dependable, organized, detail oriented, self-motivated, able to multi-task with little supervision and meet deadlines. Bookkeeping knowledge is a plus and able to communicate in Spanish. **Submit resume to frjcalis@aol.com**

If you are approached by someone in church or parking lot in need of help, please hand them a bulletin with below information. The SVdP intake number is also on bulletin front cover.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Raphael Catholic Church Conference
1513 Dunster Road
Rockville MD 20854
240-447-7027 - Intake

If you are in need of financial help (for utilities, housing, food or other needs) please call the phone number above. If no one answers, leave a message, giving your name and phone number, repeating the phone number a second time.

You will receive a call from one of our members within 24 hours. If you don't receive a return call in 24 hours, please call again to make sure the message wasn't missed.

Youth Ministry

Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

High School Youth

Fall Kick Off – September 10

All high school teens are invited for our fall kick off in the Youth Center and Trumpet Room! Join us for large gym games, small group challenges and more as we start a brand new semester. Hope to see you there, especially if it is your first time. 7-9PM in the Youth Center and Trumpet Room.

Color War @ St. Pat's—September 16

All high school teens are invited for Color War at St. Patrick's Church! Come dressed to get covered in liquid and paint powder through ridiculous games and challenges. Join dozens of teens from all over Montgomery County for an unforgettable afternoon. 4-6PM on the St. Patrick Church field.

Why God? – September 17

Why do we believe in God? Is it rational to believe in Him? If there is no God, then what's the point of religion? Join YG as we address the question upon which everything else rests, "Does God exist and how can we know this through reason?" All high schoolers are invited to join us from 7-9PM in the Youth Center for pizza, friends, and conversation!

Why God 2.0? – September 24

Join Youth Group as we look inside the human heart to find the natural longings and tendencies which point to the reality of God's existence. We'll discuss how common morality and natural law demonstrate a longing for happiness are evidence of a Creator calling out. All high schoolers are welcome from 7-9PM in the Youth Center, all newcomers welcome!

FAITH DIRECT

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up.

- Visit faith.direct/MD34
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757

God Bless,
Father Mike Salah
Pastor

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council serves the St. Raphael community by advising the Pastor on matters of concern to parishioners. If you would like the Council to consider a particular issue, please feel free to send an email message to: parishcouncil@straphaels.org.

Need Marriage Help?

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples struggling in their marriage.

For confidential information or for information about **upcoming retreats and/or the program please visit:**

www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email us at: Maryland@HelpOurMarriage.org

Sodality—All Parishioners Welcome!

Please join Sodality on

Wednesday, September 20

parish library

7 - 9 PM

for our first meeting of the year.

The speaker will be

Fr. Christian Huebner on Prayer.

Rosary recited. Refreshments provided.



Save the date

**St. Raphael Church
Married Couples Retreat
Saturday, February 10, 2024**



Scripture Readings For the Week of September 10, 2023

Sunday **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday **Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary**
Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday **Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday **Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Come Join St. Raphael's Team to Support ADW Ride for Vocations

CHECK YOUR BRAKES! REFILL YOUR WATER BOTTLES! THROW YOUR BICYCLE ON THE BIKE RACK, AND JOIN HUNDREDS OF CATHOLICS FOR THE "RIDE FOR VOCATIONS" SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Once again a team of riders from St. Raphael's, including Deacon Rich Meyer, Bill Arcieri, Mike Coene, Alonzo Garcia, Daniel Rueda Posada, and Frederico Sologuren will be joining a group of priests, seminarians, and laypeople from across the Archdiocese of Washington to participate in a long-distance bicycle ride to support priestly vocations in the Archdiocese through prayer, sacrifice, and financial support. The goal for the ride is to have each participant raise at least \$250 from either his/her sponsors, fundraising or personal charitable contribution. Cyclists of all experience levels are welcome to join us for our Bike Ride at either the 100, 70, 50, or 20-mile distance. The ride will start from Sacred Heart Church in LaPlata, MD and proceed along the state's beautiful southern byways. Re-fuel your body and soul at Catholic Churches along the way. To register or obtain further information on the ride, please see <https://dcpriest.org/ride-for-vocations>.

Please contact Bill Arcieri at warcieri@gmail.com or Deacon Rich at rsmhome@verizon.net for further information on joining the St. Raphael's team, including practice rides, or supporting or team financially. Should you choose to donate online, please indicate that your donation is in support of the St. Raphael's team.

School News



A peek behind our classroom doors

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



Just like that we are back in full swing here at St. Raphael. This year's theme is 'We Are One', and the teachers have worked together, hand in hand and side by side to begin a great year! They have embraced their students and are eager to teach, guide and watch them grow! We have many new faces this year. Catalina Morris joins Camilia Samper in the M-F 3's class, Kristina Korotka joins Mrs. Ramirez's MWF 3's class and Kim O'Connor is back and teaching Kindergarten with Francine Krivka. We also welcome Olayinka Alexander who is team teaching with Megan Heitzmann in 5th grade, Dona Dulski our Middle School resource teacher and Tallulah Dropkin is our new music teacher. Danielle Laws is replacing Gerri Stoner in the front office.



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15th Annual St. Raphael Golf Classic



- Register
- Sponsor
- Volunteer

Event details at www.straphaelschoolmd.org



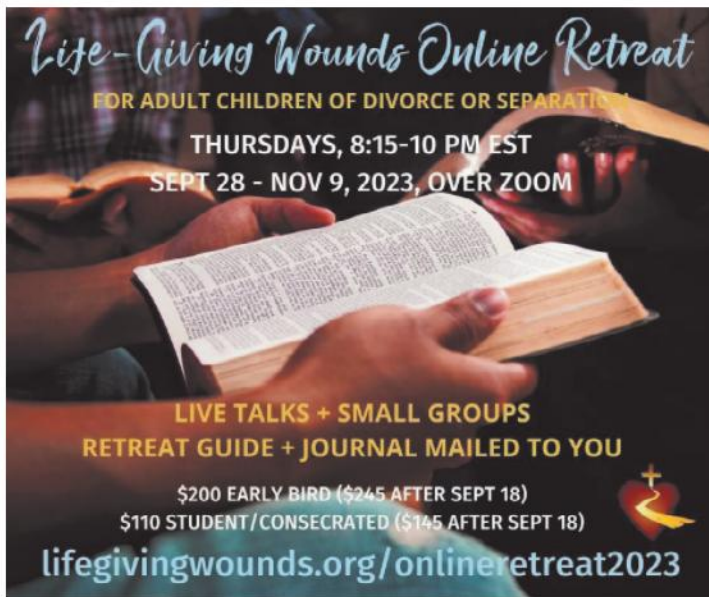
Fore!

Don't miss
the yummy
Golf Classic
bake sale at
Masses on
**Sunday,
Sept. 17!**



www.straphaelschoolmd.org | www.srnsmd.org |    @SRSRockville

Life-Giving Wounds Online Retreat
FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE OR SEPARATION
THURSDAYS, 8:15-10 PM EST
SEPT 28 - NOV 9, 2023, OVER ZOOM

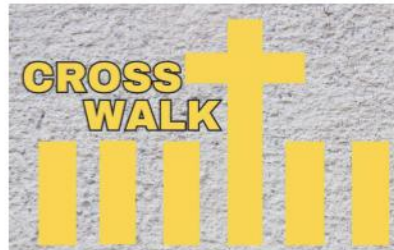


LIVE TALKS + SMALL GROUPS
RETREAT GUIDE + JOURNAL MAILED TO YOU

\$200 EARLY BIRD (\$245 AFTER SEPT 18)
\$110 STUDENT/CONSECATED (\$145 AFTER SEPT 18)

lifegivingwounds.org/onlineretreat2023

Cross Walk- Saturday, September 16, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Join Fr. James Morrison, Fr. James Glasgow, and others for a day



September 16th, 8am-5pm

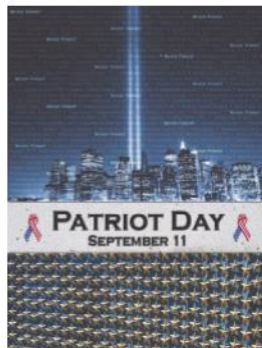
Join for a day pilgrimage walking through Maryland and DC historic Catholic Churches. Bring water and lunch. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by September 8th to FrJames@ololrcc.org



pilgrimage walking through Maryland and DC historical Catholic Churches. The pilgrimage begins at St. Mary's Rockville historic Chapel (520 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, MD) with an 8:00 am Mass. The eleven-mile walk, with a life size cross, will include visits to Holy Cross in Garrett Park, Holy Redeemer in Kensington, Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda, and will end at St. Ann's in Washington, D.C. Bring water and lunch. Dinner is provided but do RSVP. St. Ann's is metro accessible to return to St. Mary's for

your trip home. Come rain or shine.

Please RSVP by September 8th to FrJames@ololrcc.org.



Blessed Sacrament Bereavement Support Group

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3630 Quesada Street, NW Washington, DC, 20015-2538, will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The next series will begin **Tuesday October 24, 2023** and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through December 12, 2023 from 7:00-8:30 PM. **The meetings are virtual.** For more information contact Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com or call cell: (202) 577-2213.

Parental, Spousal and Significant-Other Bereavement Support Group

St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The sessions will be held virtually on Zoom. The Fall series will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 – 8:30 PM, from September 20 – November 9, 2023. There is no fee but registration is required. Space is strictly limited so call early. To register call Deacon Kevin Byrne (301-279-5962) or Claudia McAuliffe (301-881-1457).



Retreat based on the *Entering Canaan* model DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Having unresolved feelings about your abortion or abortion pill experience?

You don't feel forgiven? Feelings of guilt, shame, regret and sadness return?

You are not alone!

Location and contacts are confidential due to the personal nature of this experience.

October 14, 2023 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ET

Suggested donation \$40.00 (financial assistance available)



For more information contact: Project Rachel Ministry at 301-982-2008 or hope@adw.org

Religious Education

Mary Beaudoin, 202-294-7697

SRRE Meet and Greet TODAY and MONDAY!

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) begins TODAY with our **Meet and Greet for parents, students, and catechists**. We'll begin in the Trumpet Room at class time. (Family Catechesis families will meet after the 10:00 and 11:30 Masses.)

The Meet and Greet will feature important information for parents and their children, as well as an opportunity to get to know our SRRE catechists and class aides, and for children and teens to get to know their fellow learners.

Parents, if you have not yet registered your children and teens for SRRE and sacrament prep, please do so TODAY. Please note that families must complete the registration form each year.

Find the registration link at <https://www.straphaels.org/religious-education>.

SRRE offers ongoing faith formation for all children and teens, as well as preparation for sacraments. Each year of faith formation is designed to deepen relationships with Jesus and his Church through focus on what we believe, why we celebrate the sacraments, how we pray, and how we live. If your family was not part of SRRE last year, please contact Mary Beaudoin to be included in email communications.

SRRE class schedule:

Sundays, 7:05-8:20 PM – grades 2-8 [no catechist yet for grade 4]

Mondays, 4:30-5:45 PM – grades kindergarten-grade 8

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 PM– grades 1-12 [no catechist yet for grades 3 or 5]

*Family Catechesis – sessions on six Sundays at 4:30-5:45 PM
Religious Education Calendar: <https://www.straphaels.org/religious-education> (Scroll down; use arrows to find upcoming months.)

*Our Family Catechesis program helps parents grow in their own faith while they guide their children in core faith formation. Parents teach their children each week's lesson at home. Then all families come together for seasonal sessions with hands-on activities focused on faith topics. Families need to commit to spending an hour each week on faith formation with their child at home and to attend the six seasonal sessions.

Tuition

One child - \$155

Two children - \$230

Three or more children - \$280

Sacramental Fees:

First Eucharist in Spring 2024 - \$75

Confirmation in Spring 2024 - \$75

*Tuition support is available. Please contact Mary Beaudoin to arrange an assistance plan.

Catechists and Class Aides Needed!

In the ministry of catechesis we share the Good News with the youngest generation of Catholics, so that they too will experience the light of Christ shining in the many dark places of life. You are invited to become involved in this ministry as a catechist, co-catechist, or class aide. To learn more about becoming part of our catechetical team, please contact Mary Beaudoin.

Needed:

Sunday night (7:05-8:20 PM)

Co-Catechist for grade 3

Catechist for grade 4

Co-Catechist for grade 6

Class Aides

Monday night (7:00-8:15 PM)

Catechist for grade 3

Catechist for grade 5

Class Aides

SRRE Class Aides: Adults and Teens

We are in need of **class aides** to assist our catechists. Serving as a class aide is a great way for parents (and other adults) to be part of the SRRE team while their child is in class, and to gain experience for the ministry of catechesis. By serving as class aides, middle school and high school students can earn service hours and learn about teaching and catechesis.

This year SRRE is offering teen class aides three volunteer term options: 9-week fall, 9-week winter, and 9-week spring. Please contact Ms. Mary Beaudoin for details.

Sacrament Preparation for School Age Children

In our parish, preparation for a sacrament is a process that usually encompasses about two years. Typically, baptized children begin their preparation for First Penance and First Eucharist in the first grade and receive these sacraments at the end of second grade. In general, preparation for Confirmation begins in seventh grade, and Confirmation is celebrated in the eighth grade. Children ages seven and up who have not been baptized are invited to take part in RCIA adapted for children. Children who are older than 1st grade who wish to prepare for Eucharist, and children older than 7th grade who wish to prepare for Confirmation are incorporated into our Religious Education classes and sacrament preparation process. Children in Catholic schools need to register with their parish Religious Education office so that they receive information about important meetings. Please contact Mary Beaudoin in the Religious Education Office to discuss your child's preparation for sacraments.

Eucharistic Adoration for All!



The National Eucharistic Revival in the United States is now in its second, or parish, year. When Pope Francis met with the organizers of the National Eucharistic Congress in June, he said:

It is my hope, then, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of himself and to spend time with him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

[TeachingCatholicKids.com](https://www.teachingcatholickids.com) offers ideas on how to "do" Eucharistic Adoration with kids. Here is an excerpt:

If you're intimidated by the idea of bringing younger children (or even teens) into a quiet Eucharistic adoration chapel...or even to pray before the tabernacle...then take heart: Many parents are already taking their children along to Eucharistic adoration, with good results.

Read the entire article [here](https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/eucharistic-adoration/):

<https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/eucharistic-adoration/>
Children and teens enjoy "making a visit" to the Blessed Sacrament. It can be a welcome refuge of silence and a nudge to contemplative prayer.

Helping Others Grow

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Remember to make time to reflect on the [Scripture readings](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091023.cfm) with your family: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091023.cfm>

Key Passage: Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone." (Matthew 18:15)

... and then have a family sharing time on the questions below:

- ▶ Adults: How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?
- ▶ Kids: How can you help another person do the right thing?

A Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War

Lord God,
No one is a stranger to you
And no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war,
Those separated from their loved ones,
Young people who are lost,
And those who have left home or who have run away from home.
Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be,
And help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need.

- Author Unknown

Marriage Moments

"Love your neighbor as yourself." (Romans 13:9) Of course, a married person's closest neighbor is your spouse and spouses can sometimes be irritating. Is there a complaint you have about your beloved? Try to avoid criticizing each other for one week.

Parenting Pointers

September 10 is Grandparents Day. Most grandparents would appreciate a call, visit, or homemade expression of affection more than a store bought gift. This could be an occasion to link up with history. Ask a grandparent to tell stories, maybe even slightly embarrassing ones about how you, their parent, were raised.

Living *Laudato Si'* - Eco-Tips

Planet Earth supports our lives. We must take care of it. In Pope Francis' encyclical, LAUDATO SI', he calls not only on Catholics, but all humanity to care more vigorously for creation.

CLOTHES

EASY: When considering buying a new piece of clothing, evaluate whether you really need another "x". Count how many you already have?

CHALLENGING: If you decide the clothing item really is necessary, evaluate the material it is made out of. Prioritize natural fibers rather than synthetics or acrylics.

*Marriage Moments, Parenting Pointers, and Eco-Tips by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net



Christus Vivit To Young People and to the Entire People of God

Christus vivit (Christ is alive) is a post-synodal apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, written in response to the Fifteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, on young people, faith, and vocational discernment. That synod was held in October 2018. This week we continue Chapter Six: Young People with Roots.

Dreams and visions


192. The prophecy of Joel contains a verse that expresses this nicely: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (3:1; cf. Acts 2:17). When young and old alike are open to the Holy Spirit, they make a wonderful combination. The old dream dreams, and the young see visions. How do the two complement one another?

193. The elderly have dreams built up of memories and images that bear the mark of their long experience. If young people sink roots in those dreams, they can peer into the future; they can have visions that broaden their horizons and show them new paths. But if the elderly do not dream, young people lose clear sight of the horizon.

194. Perhaps our parents have preserved a memory that can help us imagine the dream our grandparents dreamed for us. All of us, even before our birth, received, as a blessing from our grandparents, a dream filled with love and hope, the dream of a better life. Even if not our grandparents, surely some of our great-grandparents had that happy dream as they contemplated their children and then grandchildren in the cradle. The very first dream of all is the creative dream of God our Father, which precedes and accompanies the lives of all his children. The memory of this blessing that extends from generation to generation is a precious legacy that we should keep alive so that we too can pass it on.



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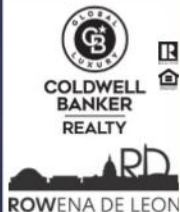
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