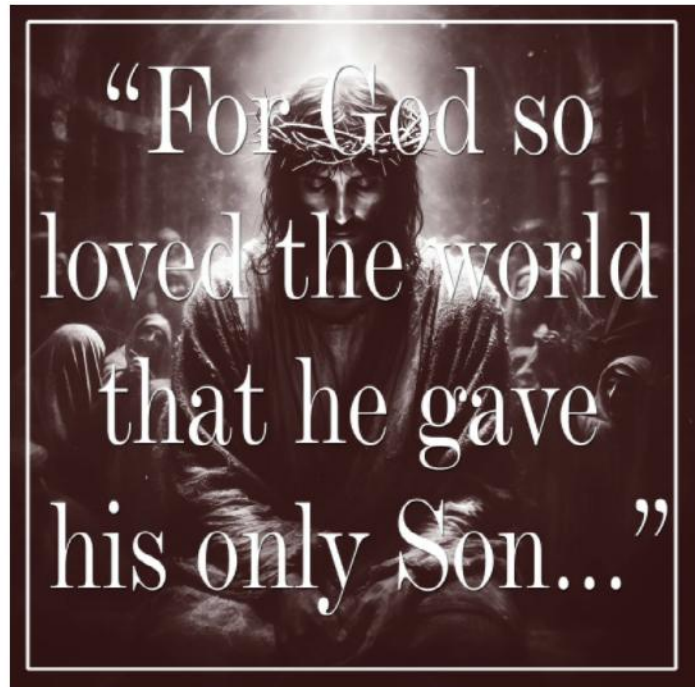
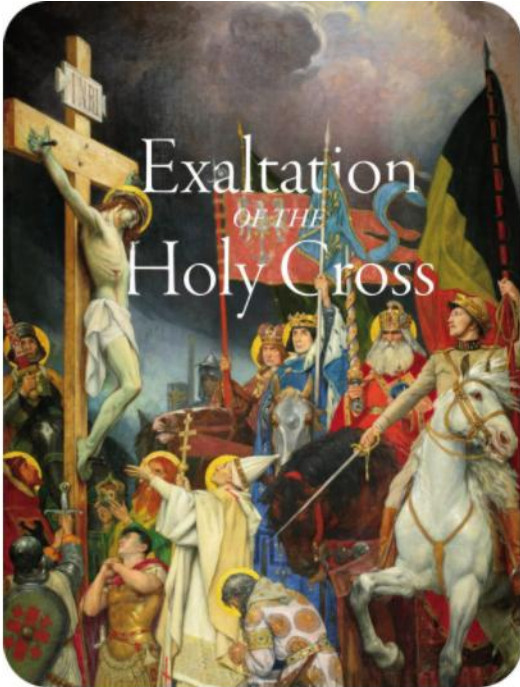


# St. Raphael Catholic Church



**1513 Dunster Road Rockville, Maryland 20854**

**September 14, 2025**

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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: 240-688-6829**

**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  
Thursday: 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.

### **FAITH DIRECT UPGRADING TO ParishSOFT Giving**

We're excited to share that Faith Direct will soon be upgrading to **ParishSOFT Giving**—our new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you—your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

#### **What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?**

- **Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
- **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th.
- **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. Keep an eye out for more information soon!

### **Stay & Play at St. Raphael Nursery School**

SRNS invites parents/Caregivers and their little ones (aged infant to 4 years) to participate in our Stay & Play program offered on Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 AM. This program offers learning through play, interacting with other children and engaging in age-appropriate activities instructed by an SRNS teacher. Cost is \$10 per family for each pre-registered session and \$15 at the door. Register today at <https://straphael.wufoo.com/forms/r1wssy5b1ve3gr1/>, we look forward to seeing you!

### **All Ladies of St. Raphael's are invited to join us at our Sodality General Meeting**



**When: Wednesday, September 17, 6:00 PM**  
**Where: Parish Library**

**We are delighted to welcome**  
**Fr. James Fangmeyer as our guest speaker,**  
**whose topic will be "Serving with Love".**

**The picnic flyer is on page 8 with more details.**  
**Place the date on your calendar!**

SATURDAY  
**27**  
 SEPTEMBER

Saint Raphael Catholic Church  
**AT 12 PM - 4 PM**  
 The picnic will be held rain or shine!

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

#### **Monday, September 15**

6:30AM Jane Denker (d)  
 9:00AM Elinor Butler

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

6:30AM Katrina Martinez  
 9:00AM Nina Seibert (d)

#### **Wednesday, September 17**

6:30AM Rita & Kingsley Obiora & Family  
 9:00AM Les Waffan (d)

#### **Thursday, September 18**

6:30AM Rita & Kingsley Obiora & Family  
 9:00AM Deacon Clark Lee Glen, Sr. (d)

#### **Friday, September 19**

6:30AM Thomas Dunbar (d)  
 9:00AM Terry Sullivan

#### **Saturday, September 20**

9:00AM Rev. Joseph Gonzalez  
 5:00PM Fr. Mike Joseph Grimberg (d)

#### **Sunday, September 21**

7:00AM	Fr. Mike	Jean Ishii (d)
8:30AM	Fr. Tom	Members of the Parish
10:00AM	Fr. Joe	Kevin DeVol (d)
11:30AM	Fr. Tom	Charlie Crew (d)
1:00PM	Fr. Joe	Vicente & Josefina Rappa (d)
6:00PM	Fr. Mike	Krys Psurek

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](http://www.straphaels.org) and click the link to YouTube Channel.

Baptism—September 7  
 James Patrick Pratson

#### **Please pray for the soul of** John Magno



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,**  
**and let perpetual light shine upon them.**  
**May the souls of all the faithful departed,**  
**through the mercy of God,**  
**rest in peace. Amen.**

Bulletin notices are due in writing **ON THURSDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE** published date. Notices may be emailed to: [esalatto@straphaels.org](mailto:esalatto@straphaels.org). This bulletin was transmitted September 9.



## Luke: *The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* Bible Study

**Tuesday Mornings** 10:00 -12:00 Noon in  
PARISH LIBRARY **September 9 – October 28**

**Tuesday Mornings** 10:30 – 12:00 Noon on  
ZOOM **September 9 – October 28**

What is unique about the Gospel of Luke?  
What treasures of Scripture can be found in its  
chapters?

Seek the answers to these questions and more  
in this transformative study  
that promises to help strengthen your spiritual  
life in exciting new ways.

Materials for this study, authored by Jeff Cavins  
and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow, can be purchased at  
[www.ascensionpress.com](http://www.ascensionpress.com)

For further information and to register, contact  
Jackie Murphy  
[jackiefmurphy@comcast.net](mailto:jackiefmurphy@comcast.net) or 301-807-2369.

**Pope Leo XIV during the Pentecost Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican June 2, 2025.** "The Spirit also transforms those more hidden dangers that poison our relationships, such as misunderstandings, prejudices and exploitations. I also think with much pain of the cases in which relationship becomes toxic due to the will to dominate the other, an attitude that frequently leads to violence as is demonstrated by the numerous and recent cases of femicide...The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, brings to maturity within us the fruits that enable us to cultivate good and healthy relationships." If you have experienced harm caused by your spouse call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233.

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Raphael Catholic Church Conference



**240-688-6829 – Intake**

This number is also on front of bulletin.

If you or someone you come in contact with 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.

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church** is offering 8 bereavement sessions from October 21 through December 9, 2025. The sessions take place on Tuesdays between 7:30 and 9:00 PM. The virtual sessions are available through the Zoom technology. The goal of these sessions is to provide a safe and inviting space where grief can be shared freely without expectations, fear or criticism. Group members connect with each other through their loss and help each other through attentive and compassionate listening. Members seek to move through their pain and burdens to finding God in life-giving relationships. There are no fees, but registration is required. If interested, please contact Jim Hoffman at 202 577 2213 or email: [hoffmanlpc@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanlpc@gmail.com) to register.

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS—September 15

Mary is venerated under this title to commemorate the seven sorrows that she suffered: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus carrying his cross, the Crucifixion, receiving the body of Jesus from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. A devotional image of her shows her heart pierced with seven swords to represent these sorrows.

## St. Raphael's Men's Fellowship presents: APOSTLES OF THE NEW SPRINGTIME FEATURING A POWERFUL TEAM OF PRESENTERS

### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

All Men 18+ are invited to join our fellowship. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, Our Lord Jesus Christ wants to meet you right there.

### SCHEDULE:

Saturdays - Trumpet Room  
6:00 AM - Light Breakfast  
6:30 AM - Spiritual Video  
7:00 AM - Small Group Discussion  
7:45 AM - Dismiss  
Starts 09/06/2025 (Join anytime!)

### REGISTRATION:

More Info  
[straphaels.org/mens-fellowship](http://straphaels.org/mens-fellowship)  
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## 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](mailto:parishcouncil@straphaels.org).



*A peak behind our classroom doors*

# School News



September 14, 2025



## Middle School Moments

Middle school students reunite with friends and enjoy various black top games as they come back from Labor Day weekend. Settling into the new school year with fresh ambition; the classrooms and hallways are packed with the feel of new energy, excitement, and smiles.



[www.straphaelschoolmd.org](http://www.straphaelschoolmd.org)

[www.srnsmd.org](http://www.srnsmd.org)



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## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Raphael Golf Classic



- Register
- Sponsor
- Volunteer



Yummy Bake Sale  
at Masses on  
Sunday, Sept 28th!



Event details at [www.straphaelschoolmd.org](http://www.straphaelschoolmd.org)

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## FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Gathering Hymn *Lift High the Cross*

Missalette # 206

Gloria

Mass of Saint Ann

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on  
earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy  
you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King. O  
God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world have mer-cy on us; you take a-  
way the sins of the world re-ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on  
us, for you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the  
Most High Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the  
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Do not for-get the works of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

A. Gregory Murray

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

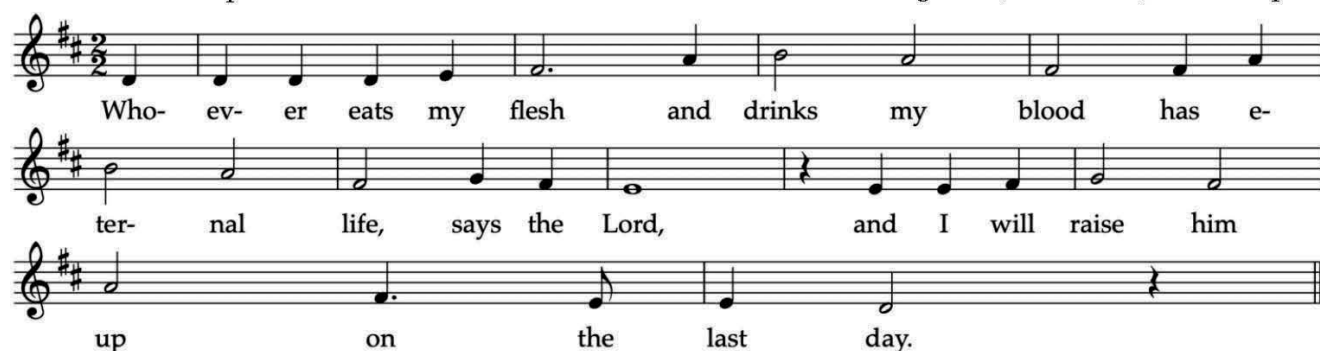
Preparation Hymn *The Cross of Jesus*

Gather Hymnal # 465

*Eucharistic Acclamations are found in the Missalette at #130*

Communion Antiphon

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Curtis Stephan



Who- ev- er eats my flesh and drinks my blood has e-  
ter- nal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him  
up on the last day.

Communion Procession *We Should Glory in The Cross*

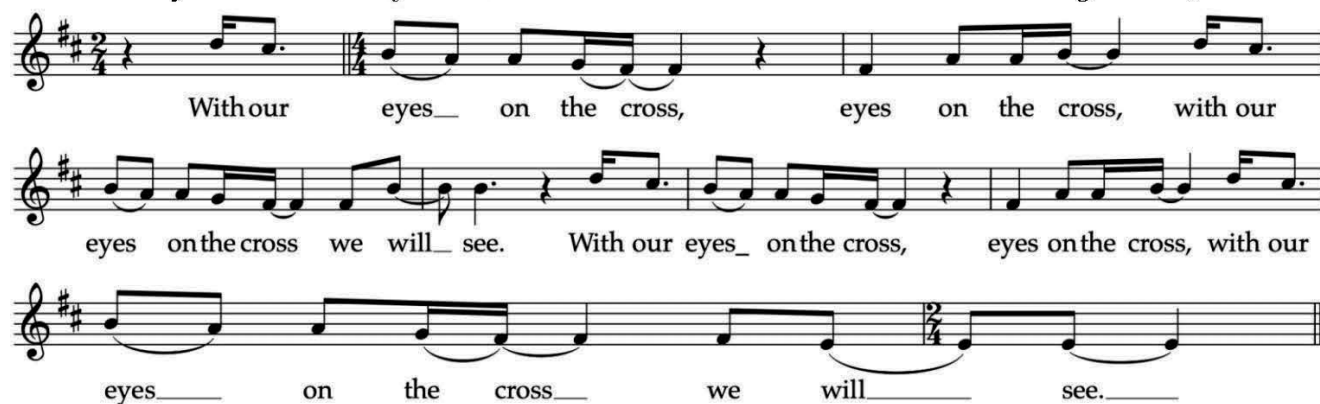
Tony Alonso



We should glo-ry in the Cross, of our Lord, Je-sus Christ in whom is our sal-  
va - tion, life and res-ur - rec-tion, through whom we are saved and de - liv-ered.

Meditation Hymn *With Our Eyes on the Cross*

Greg Walton, Sarah Hart



With our eyes\_ on the cross, eyes on the cross, with our  
eyes on the cross we will\_ see. With our eyes\_ on the cross, eyes on the cross, with our  
eyes\_ on the cross\_ we will\_ see.

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn *To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King*

Gather Hymnal # 492

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**HOT DOGS - HAMBURGERS - CHICKEN - BAKED BEANS  
POTATO CHIPS - SOFT DRINKS AND BEER**

SATURDAY  
**27**  
SEPTEMBER

Saint Raphael Catholic Church  
**AT 12 PM - 4 PM**

The picnic will be held rain or shine!

Please bring a dessert to share —  
preferably nut-free.





## Religious Education

Karen Watson, 301-762-2143, ext. 124



### St. Raphael Religious Education Registration for the 2025-2026 year

Help your child grow in faith each year - don't miss a step on their journey!

#### Why Enroll Every Year?

Faith formation is more than learning, it's about building a lasting relationship with God and growing closer to Jesus, while learning and sharing faith alongside friends and peers. Two consecutive years of Religious Education are required before receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

#### Register Now

Online: [straphaels.org/registration-for-2025-2026-srre](http://straphaels.org/registration-for-2025-2026-srre) or use the QR code



Contact **Karen Watson** at [kwatson@straphaels.org](mailto:kwatson@straphaels.org) with questions.



### Archangel Gabriel Announces: SRRE Classes Begin!

#### SRRE classes begin this Sunday and Monday, September 14 & 15!

- Like the Archangel Gabriel sounding the trumpet proclaiming God's will, we joyfully announce the start of a new year of SRRE faith formation.
- Please keep our students, catechists, and families in your prayers as we begin this journey together.
- May this year be filled with discovery, grace, and the joy of growing closer to Jesus.



**First Penance Parent Meeting - Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 PM in the Trumpet Room. Students welcome to come.**



**Confirmation 1 Parent & Student Meeting - Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM in the Trumpet Room.**

#### ✦ Prayer for a Blessed SRRE School Year ✦

As a new faith formation year begins, we keep all students in our prayers. May the Lord guide your steps, inspire your minds, and fill your hearts with joy and courage each day. May your learning be filled with wonder, your friendships be strong, and your faith grow ever deeper.

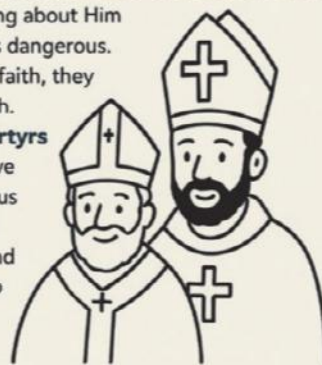
*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6*

## Saintly Steps with SRRE

Discover a new holy friend every week  
as we grow in faith together

## Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian Did you know?

Did you know two friends became saints together? St. Cornelius was a Pope, and St. Cyprian was a Bishop. Both lived a long time ago from about AD 200–258 when it was very hard to be a Christian. They were brave leaders who loved Jesus and His Church so much that they kept teaching about Him even when it was dangerous. Because of their faith, they were put to death. We call them **martyrs** because they gave their lives for Jesus. Their feast day is September 16, and they remind us to be courageous and faithful friends of Jesus, no matter what.



**Father Joe and Karen Watson**  
took part in the Interfaith 5K on September 1,  
uniting with neighbors from various faiths.

### St. Raphael Honor Roll

Please pray for those serving in our armed forces, those wounded in body and spirit, and for those families who have suffered loss.

2LT Chase Alexander, US Army  
Daniel Bertrand Del Bianco, USN (d) and family  
BU3 Logan Discavage  
LT Victor H. Esch, III, USA  
CPT Paul D Galvin  
E-3/HN Colleen Gardella  
Robert Garret, US Army MP  
Cpl Samuel Guerrero, USMC  
Taylor Hardy, AE USN  
Major Julia Timm Intili, USAF  
LT Jake Klosowski, USN  
CPT Andrew Lamb, USA  
2LT Molly Lamb, USA  
LTJG Lee Lennon, USN  
LT COL Todd Lennon, USAF  
Captain Frank Lowery, USN  
Commander Mike McNally, USN  
Charles McTavish, USA  
SSG George David Pitts III, USA  
LCDR Zachary Poindexter, USN  
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CPT Will Quackenbush, USA  
LT Mary Quackenbush, DENG  
Capt. Benedict Ray USMC  
LT Paul Schauppner, USN  
LT James Sheets (USN)  
2nd LT Andrew Valentine USMA  
LT Kenneth Yale, USAF

Changes: e-mail [esalatto@straphaels.org](mailto:esalatto@straphaels.org)



St. Louis

## FALL FAIR



### ALL DAY FAMILY EVENT

FRENCH FOOD FRENCH BOOKS GAMES

4125 GARRISON STREET NW  
WASHINGTON D.C., 20016

Mass at 10:30 AM

OCTOBER  
**5<sup>th</sup>**  
11:30 AM  
3 PM

BOOK FAIR 2025 - Sept. 30 - Oct. 3 - 11am to 6pm

[WWW.SAINtLOUISDC.ORG](http://WWW.SAINtLOUISDC.ORG)

LIFE-GIVING  
*Wounds*

A support group this fall and winter  
for young adults and adults whose  
parents have divorced or separated.

## SUPPORT GROUP

FOR THE  
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CHAPTER



UPCOMING EVENT

IN FALL 2025

SEPT  
**27**

#### IN-PERSON MTG AND HOLY HOUR

Pope Francis Center, Landover Hills, MD  
9:00-11:30 am

ONLINE  
MTGS

OCT 9, 23, NOV 6, 20, DEC  
4, 18, JAN 8

JAN  
**17**

#### IN-PERSON MTG, MASS, AND SOCIAL

Pope Francis Center, Landover Hills, MD  
9:00-11:30 am

Register at [www.lifegivingwounds.org/mddc-2025-support-group](http://www.lifegivingwounds.org/mddc-2025-support-group)



### Scripture Readings for the Week of September 14, 2025

**Sunday** 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

**Monday** Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday** Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs  
1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday** Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs  
1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday** Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13





## Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will

For further information, please call the parish office.

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