



Springdale, Arkansas

SEPTEMBER 10
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MATTHEW 18:15-20

Pastor: Fr. John Connell
Associate Pastor: Fr. Michael Bass
Associate Pastor: Fr. William Burmester
Associate Pastor: Fr. Ramsés Mendieta
Deacons: Chuck Marino, Dan Cashman and Jesús Ramos



KEY VERSE: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (v 20).

TO LOVE: Do I pray for leaders to exercise authority with justice and compassion?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, give me the grace to hear your voice in the Church.

Mass and Reconciliation Schedule

Weekend Mass	Saturday	4:00 PM English
	Sunday	7:00 AM English 8:30 AM Spanish 10:30 AM English 12:30 PM Spanish 5:00 PM Spanish 7:00 PM Spanish
Daily Mass	Monday	12:00 PM English
	Tuesday	8:30 AM English, 6:00 PM Spanish
	Wednesday	12:00 PM Spanish, 6:00 PM English
	Thursday	8:30 AM English, 6:00 PM Spanish
	Friday	8:30 AM English, 12 PM in Spanish
Holy Day Mass	As Announced	
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Wednesday	5:00 PM - 5:45 PM Bilingual
	Tues. & Thur.	5:00 PM - 5:45 PM Bilingual
	Saturday (except 5th Saturday canceled)	9:00 AM - 10 AM, and 3:00-3:45 PM Bilingual
Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel	Open 24 / 7 except during Masses & Triduum	Located on the west side of the church building—look for the bronze Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue.

Important Telephone Numbers

Office: (479) 756-6711
 Giftshop: (479) 756-6711 Ext. 236
 FAX: (479) 756-8818

Office Hours

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Thursday
 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Friday
 Closed Holidays / Holy Days

Gift Shop Hours

Open 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Saturday
 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Sunday
 Closed Monday
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Tuesday - Friday
 1386 South West End St.
 Springdale, AR 72764
 E-mail: info@straphaelcc.org
 Web site: www.straphaelcc.org

Are you receiving our mid-week updates?

To get on the "Trumpet" mailing list
 Contact Nancy Phillips nphillips@straphaelcc.org

Diocese of Little Rock website: www.dolr.org

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Raphael Roman Catholic Church bring together diverse gifts and backgrounds to form a growing vibrant community centered in the Eucharist, the source and sign of our unity. In pilgrimage to the Kingdom of God, our mission is to demonstrate God's presence and love through: worshipping together, spreading the Good News, serving others, and enjoying Christ-Centered activities. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to sharing our time, our talents, and our treasures to fulfill God's will for our parish.

WELCOME: If you are new to our parish we would like to welcome you and invite you to become a member of our parish. Please see the welcome booth in the vestibule after most weekend masses or come by the Parish Office. Here is a link on our webpage: <http://www.straphaelcc.org/documents/2014/7/New%20Member%20Form%20-%20English.pdf>

MARRIAGE: Preparation must begin a minimum of 6 months before a proposed wedding date whether St. Raphael or another Catholic Church. Wedding dates will be reserved after the first appointment. You must obtain a new baptismal certificate from your baptismal church before scheduling 1st meeting.

BAPTISM: A required parents preparation meeting is held every three months on the **2nd Tuesday if there are registrants in January, April, July and October at 7:00 PM. Parental instruction is encouraged during pregnancy.** Please call the office if you are not registered. A link for the requirements of Baptism: <http://www.straphaelcc.org/documents/2015/7/Baptism%20Information.pdf>

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please have all bulletin announcements turned into the office by e-mail or in writing not later than Friday noon the week before publication date. Thank you.

FACILITY RESERVATIONS: Parish organizations or anyone planning to use any of the Parish facilities must fill out the facility reservation form in the office and get it approved before making further plans. Any schedule or room changes must also be approved.

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK: Special intentions may be recorded in the Prayer Intention Book located in the narthex of the Church. The book is brought to the altar at the Offertory.

HOSPITAL / SICK AND INFIRM VISITATION: Please contact the church office with information pertaining to any parishioner or Catholic who is in the hospital, Nursing Home or homebound so arrangements can be made for someone from the church to visit them or bring them communion.

FOOD PANTRY: Our Food Pantry is open for those in need on Tuesdays & Thursday's from 6:45 PM — 7:45 PM, and the last Saturday of the month 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM. Must have a photo ID.

MASS IN TRANSIT: Going out of town? Go to www.masstimes.org to find the mass time for churches throughout the United States.

Welcome to Saint Raphael

Edgar Damaso Montes, Josselin Gonzalez, Marcela Lopez, Maria Valdez, Marco Antonio Martinez, Lucia Lopez, Jazmin Angeles, Mirella Torres. Also connect through our Trumpet newsletter at nphillips@straphaelcc.org
<https://www.facebook.com/StRaphaelCatholicChurchSpringdale/>



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Jews were gathered together by God to form a worshipping and believing community (Hebrew, Qahal Yahweh). Christians were also called to be the people of God, the Church. Matthew is the only evangelist to use the Greek term ekklesia, meaning "church" in his gospel (Mt 16:18; 18:17). In the first instance, the word referred to how the church should correct sinners in the community. Jesus wanted the future leaders of the church to learn how to deal with these persistent sinners. If a Christian attempted to correct another member of the community who had sinned against him, and that person remained unrepentant, additional members of the community were to be brought in to settle the matter. If the person continued to be obstinate, the case should be referred to the whole "church." This divine authority to "loose and bind" had been assigned to Peter (Mt.16:19; 1 Cor. 5:9-13), and was now given to the church. The church should never see people as hopeless sinners, but always treat those who had fallen with kindness and love as Jesus did. Christ is eternal-ly present in the Christian community in which the power of united pray-er is effective.

SUMMERFEST 2017 was a great success. I want to thank in particular, Carlos Rodriguez, Nancy Phillips, Jorge Rodriguez, my entire staff, our ministry groups, organizations, volunteers and all who came out to make this a great success. Thank you everyone.

SERVING TONTITOWN: On Friday, September 1st, I officially became pastor of St Joseph in Tontown. Pray for me and my associates as we now minister to two congregations. Father Michael Bass will join us on September 12th. Be patient with us as we adjust to our new reality.



RCIA: If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Faith and wants to learn more about the Church, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30PM. Call the office at 479.756.6711 for more information or to register for the class.

NEW DAILY MASSES: We have added two daily Masses to our weekday schedule. Starting Tuesday, September 5th, we will have an 8:30AM Mass in English and starting Friday, September 8th we will add a daily Mass at 12noon in Spanish. There will now be 9 weekday Masses here at St Raphael for your convenience.



September is **HUNGER ACTION MONTH:** Please make a special effort to support St. Raphael Food Pantry this month by participating in our weekly food drives. Please drop your donations off in the barrels located in the vestibule. Help fill our shelves! We are in need of: Peanut butter, corn, green beans, spinach, okra, mixed vegetables, canned beans, canned soup, etc.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE (RIDL): Do you long for a deeper relationship with God? Do you want to experience more Joy and Love in your life? The Retreat in Daily Life is a 30 week, Scripture based prayer journey which will take you through the spiritual steps designed by St. Ignace of Loyola. You will meet once a week, October through April. This journey is the best way I've found to experience that I am a beloved child of God! For more information call Alice Nahas 479-651-1616 or Cathy Crouch 479-409-4634. There are flyers in the vestibule to learn more. God loves you!

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT: If you are going to be out of town and you cannot come to Church please remember to make your donation in advance or bring it the following week. Please note that



the Church has to keep the building cooled, and the lights on, regardless of revenues received. Our only means of support is your generosity. We now have online giving with options for Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards, along with debit cards and direct bank drafts and whether this is a recurring donation or a special one-time donation or memorial with donations

directed to whatever purposes the donor wishes. Donors will, also, have more options to choose the day of the month and whether they want to donate weekly, semimonthly, monthly, semi-annually or annually. Check it out by going to our web site: www.straphaelcc.org and click on "On Line Giving". Then just click on the collection (Stewardship, Building, etc.) to which you wish to give and enter your donation amount and frequency. For questions contact Rebecca Hodges at the parish office.



SAVE THE DATE: Our 4th annual Brewtober Chilifest will be Saturday, October 7th from 5-9:30pm. \$25/person allows you to enjoy All You Can Drink and Eat (responsibly) home brews, chilies and bratwurst as well as live music from Sons of Ark. No one UNDER 21 will be admitted and a photo ID is required for admittance. Tickets will be \$30 at the gate. (If inclement weather occurs we will move indoors.) We will also have a silent auction. We are in need of exciting items for our silent auction like special talents or services you may have such as cooking a special meal, preparing monthly desserts, a lawn service, auto service etc. Themed baskets are always popular as well as restaurant and entertainment gift certificates. Contact us at brewtoberchilifest@gmail.com if you can help with any donations. Visit our website www.straphaelcc.org for more details or to purchase your tickets. The church office will also have tickets for sale. Check out the vestibule bulletin board to see some of the auction items that will be available for bidding.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Every year in late April, the Women's Council give two or more \$500.00 scholarships to St. Raphael graduating seniors. Each applicant must fill out the application. A requirement on each application will go to a committee for an evaluation process and competition. Some of the requirements are: being a registered member, staying involved at the church, attending parish religious education classes for one or more years. Extra credit is given for school, community or family involvement. For more information stop by the church office during business hours or to pick up the scholarship application. Or call Dolores Stamps at 479.799.1687.

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is a marriage enrichment. This is your chance to focus on your marriage, improve your communication, deepen your intimacy, and spend quality time together, free of distractions. Every marriage deserves such tender, loving care - in a private setting where you share only with each other. September 22 - 24 at the beautiful Subiaco Abbey in Altus Arkansas. For more information contact Travis & Jamie McAfee.

(SRYG) ST. RAPHAEL YOUTH GROUP

WELCOME BACK! to Junior -St Raphael Youth Group Ministries (JrSRYG)! It is that time again to begin PRE and youth group nights!

JrSRYG will begin a new labor day and this year will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the months. If you have any questions or know of anyone that needs to be added to the list, please email their information to me.

This Wednesday is not an official 6-8th grade night but we would like for the kids to join us for W2! If you plan to join us please drop us a quick note so we have enough burgers for everyone.

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - Youth Mass and Social Night Youth mass is at 6:00 - Please come at 5:15 to practice music for the mass. Following mass join us for W2 - Watermelon + water kickball plus some homemade burgers. Please join us at the youth house in front of the swings. Bring a towel - you may get a little wet - but definitely will have a lot of fun! We would love to know approximately how many burgers to prepare so please give us an RSVP. *We are in need of sliced watermelon and cases of water for youth group

November 1 - Annual 6-12th Bonfire - Youth House grounds

FOOD BANK

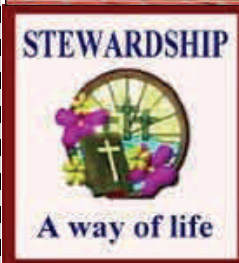


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(Peanut Butter, Corn, Green Beans, Beets, Spinach, Okra, Mixed Veggies, Canned Beans, Canned Soup etc.)



Saint Raphael Church is offering a way to honor loved ones and help reduce our building debt at the same time. **Call the church office for more details.**



Financial Report August 2017

DIOCESAN / OTHER EVENTS



PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP: Join Arkansas Catholic on a pilgrimage to attend the **beatification Mass of Father Stanley Rother in Oklahoma City** Saturday, September 23. Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will be concelebrating this historic Mass for the first American martyr. The luxury motorcoach (with WiFi) will leave at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22 from St. John Center in Little Rock and pick up additional passengers at St. Michel Church in Van Buren. We will return to Arkansas following the Mass. Your ticket will include overnight lodging for one night, transportation, ticket to the Oklahoma City Memorial and Museum and Saturday lunch. To register or for more information, visit <https://okpilgrimage.eventbrite.com>. The deadline to sign up is August 30. To learn more about Father Rother, visit stanleyrother.com.

OZARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY: Save the Date - Open House Oct. 15th! You are invited to join John Rocha, Head of School and founding committee members at an Open House BBQ at our new location, St. Joseph Town 192 E Henri De Ton Blvd, Springdale, AR 72762 on Sunday, October 15th from 1-3pm. Take tours of the school and the new campus, meet with the Head of School, and hear about admissions and how you can help support us as we prepare to open our doors August 2018. Be sure to follow our Facebook page and visit our website to stay up to date! <http://www.facebook.com/OzarkCatholic> <http://www.ozarkcatholic.org>



SAINT RAPHAEL GIFT / BOOK SHOP:
The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are a popular Roman Catholic devotion. In common religious Catholic imagery, the Virgin Mary is portrayed in a sorrowful and somber affect, with seven long knives or daggers piercing her heart, often bleeding. Devotional prayers that consist of meditation began to elaborate on her Seven Sorrows based on the prophecy of Simeon. Be sure to stop in and see our selection of Lady of Sorrows pictures, books and other items.

We take Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. **Gift Shop Regular Hours: Sun. 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Mon. Closed Tues-Fri. 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Sat. 9:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.**

Collection	Last Week	Month To Date	Monthly Needs	Surplus (Short Fall)
Stewardship	\$15,741.96	\$15,741.96	\$75,800	\$(60,058.04)
Building	\$5,153.00	\$5,153.00	\$28,000	\$(22,847.00)
Texas Flood Relief	\$13,032.00			



Building Debt Reduction



Building a Home for the Body of Christ

Total Loan - Church Renovation	\$170,520
Principle Payments	(136,800)
Loan Balance July 31, 2017	<u>\$33,720</u>
Total Loan - Building Addition	\$ 2,723,329
Principal Payments	(1,756,573)
Loan Balance July 31, 2017	<u>\$ 966,756</u>

Financial Summary Report

July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under)
Support Revenues			
	\$ 76,816	\$ 74,279	\$ 2,537
Other Revenues			
	4,626	11,003	\$ (6,377)
Support Expense			
	(82,652)	(91,565)	8,913
Net Support	\$ (1,210)	\$ (6,283)	\$ 5,073

