

Springdale, Arkansas



SEPTEMBER 3
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MATTHEW 16:21-27

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

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	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
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.

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.

KEY VERSE: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me (v 24).

TO LOVE: Am I willing to speak out against injustice no matter what it might cost?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus help me to understand the meaning of the cross in my life.

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

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

When Peter acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah of God (Mt 16:16), Jesus strictly commanded his followers to secrecy. The explanation for this messianic secret is found in the popular understanding of the messiah in Jesus' time. The messiah (Hebrew *mashiach*, the "anointed one") was expected to be a mighty ruler like David, a warrior king who would sweep the Romans from Israel and restore them to power. Jesus' disciples had to learn the true meaning of the messiah before they could preach. Jesus explained that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem where he would suffer and die, but that he would be raised up on the third day. Peter recoiled at the idea of a suffering messiah and blurted out, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." (v. 22). Peter the "rock" (v. 18) allowed himself to become a "stumbling block" enabling Satan to impede God's will. Peter was urging Jesus to do the very things that the tempter tried to make him do to seek power without sacrifice (Mt 4:1-11). If Jesus' disciples wanted to follow him, they must get "behind" him, walking in his footsteps to Calvary. Those who lived contrary to his teachings would lose the very life they sought. Whoever heard and obeyed his words, even at the cost of their lives, would experience the fullness of life everlasting.

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: This Friday, September 1st, I officially become pastor of St Joseph in Tontitown. 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.

MASS CANCELED OFFICE CLOSED: This Labor Day, Monday, September 4th Mass is cancelled due to the office being closed.



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: Beginning the week of Labor Day, we will add 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.

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, Master

Card, 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.

END OF THE FISCAL YEAR REPORT 2016 2017: Our yearly report for the parish is available on our website. What you will see is we ended the year with a \$21,000 deficit and are projecting a \$75,000 deficit for this new fiscal year. I encourage everyone to give what they can. If our donations don't increase this year we will have to make severe cuts to our staff, services and probably will lose an associate.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! For our 4th annual Brewtober Chilifest Saturday, October 7th 5pm-9:30pm. Visit our website to purchase tickets or to sign up for the chili and homebrew contests. www.straphaelcc.org.

(SRYG) ST. RAPHAEL YOUTH GROUP

SRYG 9-12th grade Wednesday nights 6:00 & 8:15 Youth House
6:00-7:00 This first hour is directed towards our post confirmation students 10-12th grade, through catechesis and guest speakers.
7:00 & 8:15 Second year confirmation students are welcome to join us for service projects, social, and leadership (college and SRYG leaders) based faith sharing/teaching.

Wednesday, Sept. 6 First SRYG meeting of new school year! Tonight we invite all 6th through 12th grade SRYG and JrSRYG students.
6:00 Youth Mass. Following mass we will have a night of W2 Watermelon and water kickball (+dinner). 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! If you would like to help provide dinner or pre-sliced watermelon we would most definitely appreciate your help. If you have any questions please contact Susan Antony santony@straphaelcc.org

PRE (PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

PRE CLASSES WILL BEGIN: Tuesday, September 5th Wednesday, September 6th Saturday, September 9th and Sunday September 11th

DIOCESAN / OTHER EVENTS

CATHOLIC YOUNG PROFESSIONALS! NWA CYP is an energetic Catholic young adults group that yields Spiritual Growth, Social Events, and Service Opportunities! Join us for bible study Mondays at 7pm at St. Joe's in Ton town. We hope to see you at our next event! For more information contact us through the following media. facebook.com/groups/NWACYPro/, facebook.com/NWACYPro/instagram.com/nwacyp/, NWACYPro@gmail.com

PROJECT RACHEL: POST ABORTION SUPPORT GROUP
Do you feel alone, hurting or unforgiven from a past abortion? The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is starting a support group, beginning the third week in September. The spiritual journey lasts 11 weeks, with small groups of 6-8. Groups will be formed in Little Rock, Rogers/Springdale and Hot Springs areas. All names and meeting places are strictly confidential. For details call 501-664-0340, ext. 357 or email: adierks@dolr.org. All inquiries must be made by September 18.



OZARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY NOW HAS A HOME! OCA is pleased to announce that we have officially signed the lease between OCA and the Diocese of Little Rock for the use of the education building at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ton town, Arkansas. Save the Date for our Open House event on Sunday, October 15th from 1-3PM. Be sure to follow our Facebook page and visit our website for more information! http://www.facebook.com/OzarkCatholic/ http://ozarkcatholic.org



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 motor coach (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 <http://okcpilgrimage.eventbrite.com>. The deadline to sign up is August 30. To learn more about Father Rother, visit stanleyrother.com.

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.**

FOOD BANK

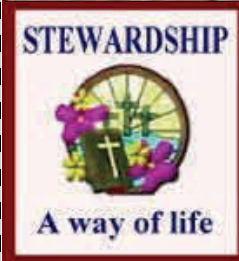


Please make a special effort to support St. Raphael Food Pantry this month by participating in our weekly food drives. Please drop your donations off in the barrels located in the vestibule. Help fill our shelves! **For Canned Goods we need:** Bring canned goods. Bring them directly to food pantry during open hours or put them in the barrels located in the vestibule.

(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

Collection	Last Week	Month To Date	Monthly Needs	Surplus (Short Fall)
Stewardship	\$21,141.42	\$75,283.54	\$75,800	\$(516.46)
Building	\$10,877.01	\$36,646.35	\$28,000	\$8,646.35
Spanish Ministry	\$926.00			



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	\$33,720
Total Loan - Building Addition	\$ 2,723,329
Principal Payments	(1,756,573)
Loan Balance July 31, 2017	\$ 966,756

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

