



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

It is good Joseph was tuned into God for directions. He was "warned" to flee to Egypt, then to return to Israel, and later to move to Galilee. Open your heart to God's direction in your life. What new place is God leading you in 2008? Listen and let the Lord lead.

Did you not know

I had to be in My
FATHER'S HOUSE?

Thoughts from Fr. Scott



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. What an awesome time for us to celebrate this wonderful day. I firmly believe that the family is an institution too often overlooked in our society. We need to take time and reflect upon the mystery contained in this feast.

We need to see Jesus, Mary and Joseph as an example of love and togetherness that motivates us to know peace and tenderness in our own families. This feast should give us pause in our very busy schedules and allow us to appreciate our families even more. Let us celebrate this feast with great joy!

I want to thank Margaret Furiuso and the choir, the Smitt family with their group and all the musicians for supplying the music during our Christmas season. It was tremendous to hear the glory given to God for giving us His son in the flesh to redeem our human nature. Your many hours of preparation are duly noted and respected. Thank you for making this Christmas truly wonderful and dignified. I also want to recognize and thank Mrs. Carol Bregand for organizing and the pageant with the children, presented on Christmas Eve. The Children prayed beautifully and truly presented the wonder of Christmas eloquently to all present. I must recognize the servers who stayed home and assisted our parish community as well. I am grateful for all of your assistance during these weeks. All of these groups make our liturgical celebrations so beautiful and a true wonder to behold. So, thank you to all involved with our liturgical ministries in any way.

In addition to these, I want to publicly thank the many people who worked so hard to make this Christmas season enjoyable and prayerful in other ways often overlooked. First, I thank the many folks who worked so hard at decorating our Church. We should all agree that the Church looks very beautiful and fitting for Almighty God. We had so many people turn out to help decorate that it was enjoyable and moved very quickly. Your attention and dedication were truly uplifting to me. Secondly, thanks to Florence Kolpacke and her son Robert who decorated the gathering area and made it look so wonderfully welcoming. Thanks to all who worked so hard on the decorations. Third, thanks goes to our sacristans, especially Diane Prouty our head sacristan, who worked so hard throughout the Christmas season making our Church such a delightful place to celebrate Mass. Finally, thanks to all of our maintenance personnel and especially John Garland, for working so diligently during this time as well. Without their extra effort we would not be able to move so easily

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**VIGIL LIGHT INTENTION
DEC. 31, 2007 - JAN. 6, 2008**

**IN MEMORY OF ALL THE
DECEASED PRIESTS IN
THE ARCHDIOCESE**



*Mass
Intentions
Of The
Week*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:30 PM +Dale Jesselson
+Sue Kaminski

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM +George Sawaya

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Jude
Matthew Reimann

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

8:30 AM Lawrence Reinhart
Matthew Reimann

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30 AM Increase in Priestly Vocations

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 AM Mass for Life
4:30 PM +Stanley Ygeal
Janelle & Nathan Franckowiak

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 AM Gulley Home Staff &
Residents
Oakwood Skills Staff & Residents
Parishioners of St. Raphael
10:00 AM +Lucy & William Binben
Doris & Ray Santini
12:00 PM +Joseph Budnick
+Mary & Ben Krupa



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around our parking lots and grounds. They also did a fantastic job in assisting with the decorations for the Church. In short, I wish to thank any and everyone who did anything to make our Church look so special during the Christmas season; the parish family is most grateful for your effort.

I am grateful to everyone who sent along a greeting or gift to me during Christmas. I am always overwhelmed by your love and support. Thank you for thinking of me and keeping me in your prayers. I am truly grateful that I have this opportunity to be your Pastor and servant. Thank you once again for all the many gifts, cards and great wishes.

I pray and trust that everyone had a wonderful Christmas celebration and I want to wish everyone a very happy and blessed New Year! Please note that **New Years Day is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.** With this in mind we will be celebrating Masses for the Holy Day on Monday, December 31st at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m. These will be the only Masses celebrated on these days. We will not offer Mass on Monday morning December 31st and we will not have exposition/adoration of the Eucharist as is our usual custom. We will return to our normal liturgical schedule on Wednesday, January 2nd. Thank you for making a note of the Mass schedule for this coming week. May God continue to bless our efforts and make our New Year a very prosperous and joyous one indeed!

***God Bless and have a great week!
Fr. Scott***

Thought for the week: Who better to ask the intercession of, for our country and families, than Mary, the Mother of God?

The Week Ahead At St. Raphael Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
NEW YEARS EVE

Parish Center Office Closed
4:30 PM Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1
Parish Center Office Closed
10:00 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2
Parish Center Office Hours 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
8:30 AM Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3
8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4
8:30 AM Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
8:30 AM Mass
3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass

2007 Tax Statements

This year tax statements will be available for your 2007 contribution to St. Raphael. Please fill out the coupon below completely, then either drop it in the collection basket, at the Parish Center or mail it to us. We will start producing statements 1/14/08.

2007 TAX STATEMENT REQUEST

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FLOWER: Families Live Out the Word in Everyday Routines



Rise, take the child and his mother and go...

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. We celebrate all families. It's not perfection that we celebrate—it's love. Love that holds us together, that gives us strength in times of trouble and struggle, love that frees us from our fear and anxiety, love that affirms and challenges. It is love that at times appears lost on our journey. We must have the courage to take hold of one another's hand, and together, with trust in God, we respond to the challenges of family and life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we recognize that our call from Jesus to "Come, follow me!" is first heard in and amongst our own family. As we prepare to celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week from January 12-18, let us be renewed in our families that we discern how Jesus is calling us to follow after him. We also pray for those who have left behind family for the sake of the Kingdom; that the Priests and Consecrated Religious in our midst may continue to witness God's unique love for each one of us. **If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Tim Birney at the Vocation Office at 313-237-5875, or visit our website at www.vocationdetroit.org**



CSA Minute



Metropolitan Tribunal

Each year, millions of Catholics suffer the pain and hurt of divorce. Many feel separated and alienated from the Church and their parish community because of the experience. The annulment process brings these Catholics back into the sacramental life of the Church.

The Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Detroit receives 1,500 formal annulment requests a year. Processing such requests accounts for a major part of the Tribunal's duties. The Metropolitan Tribunal also reaches out to those in need through presentations by its judges at various archdiocesan parishes throughout the year.

Gifts to the Catholic Service Appeal help the staff of the Metropolitan Tribunal offer guidance and hope to divorced Catholics seeking annulments.

For information on the Metropolitan Tribunal, call (313) 237-5865

St. Raphael School Fall Raffle 2007
Winning Ticket-Holder List

Date:	Winner:	Ticket:	Seller:
12/3 (\$100)	M. Keane	3449	Keane
12/4 (\$100)	Richard Kleczynski	6158	Anonymous
12/5 (\$100)	Joe Koch	5361	T. Waddell
12/6 (\$100)	JoAnn Rowland	3380	J. Rowland
12/7 (\$100)	Kim Hill	4298	Hill
12/8 (\$100)	John DeRamos	4225	DeRamos
12/9 (\$100)	G. Fullerton	1651	Marilyn
12/10 (\$100)	Chris Stevens	2143	E. & H. Stevens
12/11 (\$100)	R. Gawne	2835	Gawne
12/12 (\$100)	Marge Plocharczyk	2342	Plocharczyk
12/13 (\$100)	Scot Sutherland	573	Mykrantz
12/14 (\$150)	JoAnn Rowland	3377	J. Rowland
12/15 (\$250)	Granny Aaron	1255	Leighton
12/16 (\$500)	Terri Blick	1030	D. Graham
12/17 (\$1500)	Kyle Bass	2418	A. Simon

1 month's free tuition winner: The Lopez Family

Congratulations to EVERYONE who contributed to the success of this year's raffle. Together, we raised \$21,810 for St. Raphael School. We couldn't have done it without our WONDERFUL parishioners! Many thanks to The Back Home Bakery for their donation of gift certificates for our winning ticket sellers.

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Phillipines 3:14 NIV

Three boys were playing in the snow when a man offered a prize to the child who would win a special race. He told them he would go across the field and they would run toward him. The boy who left the straightest path of footprints would be the victor. When the race began, one boy kept looking at his own feet to see if they were going straight. The second boy kept looking at the other two to see what they were doing. The third boy just ran on with his eyes fixed on the man on the other side of the field. This boy's path was the straightest. He won because he kept his eyes focused on the objective.

Where is your focus this year? Is the Lord the goal of your life or have your eyes begun to drift toward less worthy pursuits? Your purpose in life is to fulfill your calling in Christ. Keep your eyes on Jesus and beat a path straight to Him.

The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.





Religious Formation News

from Mrs. Carol Bregand, Director of Religious Formation

Happy New Year!

The Catechists and Staff of the Religious Formation office wish all families and parish family members a very happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year. Make a New Year's resolution to devote more time to Family and friends. You will all be happier and closer for the effort.

Keep counting down the 12 Days of Christmas. We have a few more days of celebration left. Do one special thing together each day. It is the time spent together sharing stories, eating festive foods, just *being* with one another that breeds joy.

Long after the gifts have been opened and forgotten, we will still remember the laughter of family members, the sweet smiles of little ones looking at decorations, the special time spent with the relative we rarely see. Savor those moments.

There will be NO Religious Education classes tomorrow, Monday, December 31st. Classes will resume *Next Year* on Monday, January 7, 2008. Make the most of the Christmas Season. Remember the website: www.faithfirst.com for seasonal activities and scripture readings for the week.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Thank you all the wonderful children, teens and parents who practiced, prepared and presented the Christmas Eve Pageant. Thanks also to Mrs. Furioso for her music and the fine performance of the choir she prepared. It is a beautiful way to share the Scripture with your parish family. Your hard work, commitment, and courage paid a beautiful dividend. You should all be very proud of your service to the community of St. Raphael.

FIRST EUCHARIST



Families who will be preparing a child for First Eucharist are invited to a meeting on Monday, January 14th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Resurrection Room. At least one parent should attend.

After the wise men left, the angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream.

✦ Find each of angel's words below in the puzzle:

"Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and hurry to Egypt. Stay there until I bring you word, for Herod will look for the young child to kill him."



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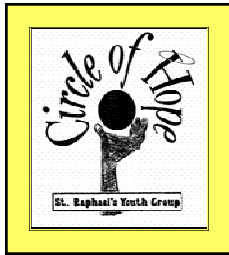
Find 6 differences between these pictures.

After the wise men left, the angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and hurry to Egypt. Stay there until I bring you word: for Herod will look for the young child to kill him.

Matthew 2:13



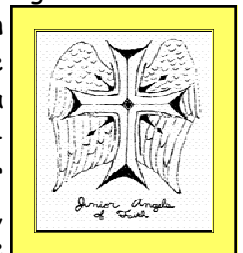
RELIGIOUS FORMATION



As you continue enjoying your Christmas break...I want to remind you that just because Christmas Day is over, the Christmas season is still upon us! I hope you will continue to celebrate the fact that God gave us the amazing gift of His Son. Think about how much God must love us all to have given such a wonderful gift. This time of year during the "new year" people typically start thinking of resolutions and changes they can make to better their lives. Have you given thought to what you can do to better your life? If you decide to make resolutions, remember to contemplate them all with prayer. Sometimes, we underestimate the power of prayer. In this world of technology and "quick fixes", it can be hard to have the patience to pray before making decisions, but we still must try. In the end, none of us will regret putting God first in our lives. One of the reasons God gave us the miracle of His Son Jesus was to teach about God and to give a perfect example of how to live. Let us all strive to live that way as we begin the new calendar year!

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS, there will be no "CIRCLE OF HOPE" meeting this week on Monday, December 31st. Have a happy and safe New Year's EVE! If you are thinking of a "new year's resolution", how about making yours to come check out St. Raphael's high school youth group "Circle of Hope" (COH)! It is a great way to continue to grow deep in your faith while having fun at the same time. The youth group is designed for high school teens so its *your* group. If you have suggestions about topics or events, please tell me! This group is your chance for fellowship with other St. Raphael teens (and their friends) as well as an opportunity to learn and ask questions about the Church. It is hard to be Catholic in this secular world we live! Coming to youth group can help you in this journey! It is also a chance for you to share your knowledge of the faith with other teens! Think about what an impact you can have on each other! I hope that you will. I hope to see you all next week on **Monday, January 7th** when we return to our regularly scheduled "Circle of Hope" meetings from 7PM-9PM in Hope Haven. Until then, remember to thank God for all the blessings in your life!

Hey 7th and 8th graders, I hope you are having a great Christmas break! It will not be long before our next "Angels of Faith" night is upon us! It will be on **Saturday, January 12th** from **7PM-9PM** in **Hope Haven**. I hope you will join us for a great night of fun as our theme for the night will be the **NEW YEAR!** Also, looking in January we will be having a **LOCK-IN** on January 26th. This is a good way to chase away the winter blues. We will be traveling to the **BLOCK** teen Center in Canton for an all-nighter of games, food and fun! During the night, you will have access to air hockey, foosball tables, video game systems (play stations 2 and 3, Nintendo x-box and WII), movies on a big screen TV and other various games. For a couple hours, we will travel to the Summit for open gym and swimming. Plus, there will be pizza, pop and snacks provided. The total cost for the night is \$28 and you will need a permission slip to attend. Permission slips are available this week and are due by the "Angels of Faith" night on January 12th.



***If you have any suggestions, comments or questions regarding the youth ministry program at St. Raphael or would like to volunteer to help, please contact me anytime ***

Peace and God's blessings,
Mrs. Julie Ryan Phone: 734-722-9277
E-mail: julryan77@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events...

- 1-7 "COH" mtg. in Hope Haven from 7PM-9PM: "ANSWER THE CALL"
- 1-12 "AOF" (7th and 8th graders) night in Hope Haven from 7PM-9PM: "WELCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE"

For Widowed Men and Women “Living With The Loss of a Spouse”

Widowed are encouraged to attend a six week program that deals with loneliness, grief and related issues due to the death of a spouse and has been helpful to many. It is conducted by Widowed Friends, “peer” support group in the Arch. Of Detroit. It begins on Sunday, January 6th from 1:00 - 2:30 PM at Our Lady of Loretto Parish (Six Mile near Beech Daly). Open to widowed from surrounding area parishes. A \$20 fee covers all materials. Call Joan 248-478-1084 before Dec. 30th to register.

Epiphany Prayer Concert

“Gloria” by Vivaldi will be featured at an *Epiphany Prayer Concert* to be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 6, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward, Detroit. Participating in the concert will be the Archdiocesan Chorus conducted by Nancy Deacon, the Cathedral Children’s Choir conducted by Carole Mihalo, and the Symphonia Chorale of Romeo directed by Louis Cantor. All are invited to attend. There will be a freewill donation. For more information, call 313-865-6300 x227.

CONFIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH

All of us have normal ups and downs in life. But sometimes the down side doesn’t disappear. We end up with sleeping problems, greatly reduced or greatly increased eating patterns, the inability to make decisions, problems in carrying out normal work load, and a breakdown in our family and marital relationships. These can be signs of depression. Depression is a treatable situation.

Skilled professionals are available to help you diagnose your problems and seek solutions for a healthier life. If you need such help, Archway Associates, P.C. (also known as Archambault & Associates, P.C.) can provide help to you. Counselors will meet with you at neighboring parishes. They can be reached by calling Archway Associates at (248)827-8801. You can learn more about us at our website: www.a-atherapy.com.

Beginning Experience Weekend

A *Beginning Experience Weekend* is for those who are widowed, divorced or separated. It is designed to help participants let go of grief and create a more peace-filled future. The weekend is facilitated by those who have “been there.” The next *Beginning Experience Weekend* will be February 8–10, 2008. For details, contact Laura at 586–247–5032, Dee at 313–381–0114, or visit www.BeginningExperience.org.

Taizé Prayer on the 4th Monday of Every Month

St. Kenneth Parish, 14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, is hosting a *Taizé Prayer Service* at 8 p.m. the 4th Monday of every month, with the exception of the month of December, through April 2008. *Taizé Prayer* is an ecumenical meditative service in which one invites God’s presence to penetrate one’s innermost being. This form of prayer comes from the Christian monastic community of Taizé, located in the heart of the Burgundy region in France.

This unique and deeply moving form of worship seeks to unite and inspire people of all ages and Christian faiths. This is a place to meet God through a blend of rituals, reverence, and simplicity in the midst of a community of prayer. The service includes repetitive song and chant, scripture reading, and silent meditation. For more information, call 734–420–0288 or 734–414–1104.

Movie, Television and Theater Ratings

Confused about what movies, television programs or theatrical productions are appropriate for you and your family? Visit the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website for reviews and ratings at www.usccb.org/movies/index.htm.

Widowed Friends

Widowed Friends offers widowed men and women of all ages within the Archdiocese of Detroit caring companionship and the opportunity for healing, spiritual development, education, and new growth. Our enrichment activities meet a variety of needs to facilitate the journey from grief to a new sense of joy and purpose. Widowed men and women of all faiths are welcome. For membership information and an application, call Justine at 734–455–6939.


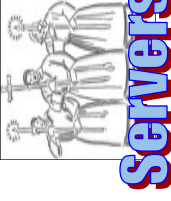
Bethany

Bethany is a Catholic organization that provides spiritual, social, and educational assistance to divorced or separated Christians through peer-to-peer ministry. For details on future events, visit the Bethany website at www.BethanyofSoutheasternMichigan.org or call Carol at 248–390–7771, or Michelle at 313–996–8644.

St. Andrew Parish Singles Seeks New Members

The *St. Andrew Parish Singles* in Rochester would like to invite all singles age 45 and older to their upcoming meetings and activities. For details on joining and on upcoming events, contact the parish office at 248–651–7486 or email sa45upgroup@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS
For the Weekend of January 5 & 6, 2008

	 sacristans	 Lectors	 Eucharistic Ministers	 Servers
Saturday January 5 4:30 p.m.	Rita Chateauvert	Ted Trakul	R. Chateauvert D. Prouty C. Dixon S. Shea M. Domanski	Allison Bielski Sara Bielski Kennedy Gossett
Sunday January 6 8:00 a.m.	Pat Wilkins	Skip Rodgers	S. Wells J. Kolassa T. Wilkins P. Wilkins B. McDonell	Andrew Fulan Seth Globke Jonah Globke
Sunday January 6 10:00 a.m.	Irene Pattock Carolyn Webber	Dennis Karczynski	D. Sears J. Suchy P. Troshinetz H. Batchik	Jordyn Castle Kelly Collins Janelle Erlingis
Sunday January 6 12:00 p.m.	Nancy Finkbeiner	Jill Queen	J. Maier J. Rollins L. Branch B.J. Maier T. Aula	Sarah Swann Henry Swann Austin Schick



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Peyton Domzalski
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Vivian Hecmanczuk
John Hornyak
Harry Judycki
Don Kaetz
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Walter Kunka
Virginia Maciak
James Mackenzie
Mary Maggioncalda
Genevieve Mijal
Jeanne Pyonk
Rylee Quattlander
Dorothy Robinson
Florence Ruiz
Kellie Sobas Ryan
William Ryan (infant)

Stella Szura
John Todoroff
Elizabeth and Charles
Varkoly
Joe Wegzyn
Lucy Wilhelmi
Tom Wilkins
Betty Williams
Joe Wroblewski

And ALL the sick of our parish and families, that they may be healed. Let us also remember all those who give them care.

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Holy Family Sir 3:2-7,12-14 Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96 Jn 1:1-18	The Blessed Virgin Mary Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98 Jn 1:19-28	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98 Jn 1:29-34	1 Jn. 3:7-10 Ps 98 Jn 1:35-42	1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100 Jn 1:43-51	Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6 Ps 72 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

BULLETIN ARTICLES

BULLETIN ISSUE: ARTICLE DEADLINE:

Jan. 12 & 13

Friday, Jan. 4

Jan. 19 & 20

Friday, Jan. 11

Please keep in mind that any article turned in after the above deadline(s) *MAY NOT* be published in the issue you have requested. All articles must be submitted to the office no later than 11:00 AM on deadline date. We welcome & encourage you to submit articles by e-mail, however, you must *be sure* to send your e-mail to both addresses below:

Frana@straphael-gc.org & Kathy@straphael-gc.org

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Kowalczyk or Fran Arsenault at (734) 427-1533.

Sponsor of the Week

Jim the Irish Plumber

(Ad can be found on page 12)

The *St. Raphael Messenger* is furnished to the parish without charge. The advertisements that appear in our weekly bulletin completely defray all publishing costs. When you patronize this sponsor or any of our sponsors be sure to thank them for their kind generosity!

Please Pray for family members who are serving in the Military

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LITURGIES

Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

HOLYDAY LITURGIES

Consult schedule in bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the desired date of Baptism. Couples may make arrangements for Baptisms prior to the birth of the child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples seeking to be married at St. Raphael should contact the parish priest at least six months prior to the desired date of marriage. Both members of the party must be free to marry, at least one must be baptized Catholic and a registered member of the St. Raphael community. Only the parish priest may confirm a date for a wedding at St. Raphael.

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