

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — *January 31, 2010*

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God's Gifts

When you discover what you are good at, you cannot let go. You may have a gift for parenting, teaching, listening, or playing a hand of bridge. Or golf. Once in a while we find out something else about the gifts God gave us. We may not know why we have them, but events may call us to use our gifts in a way that reveals God's will.

You may have given advice that somebody needed. You may have helped a child overcome an obstacle. You may have lifted someone's spirits. You may have saved someone's life. You did all this because you had a gift, and when the moment arrived, you used the gift God gave you.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." God's words to Jeremiah ring deep within our souls. Think about this: God knew you before you were born. God had you in mind before you were conceived. God designed gifts for you from the very beginning. God had a plan.

We are born without knowledge of God's plan. We are not sure how we fit. We may never know. God may be using us in ways beyond our awareness. The gifts we have are not ours. They belong to God.

When we use God's gifts, they bring us satisfaction. We cannot let go of what God meant us to be and do. God knows us better than we know ourselves.

Readings For Next Sunday February 6 & 7

1st Reading...Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
2nd Reading...1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11
Gospel...Lk 5:1-11

ALTAR SERVERS **(Week of February 1)**

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates, A. Durbin, M. Poole
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted, K. Gibson, J. Bowen
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, M. Hamilton, A. Hood
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg, C. Hoehler, T. Ciacio
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+C. Raymond, M. Crawford, K. Gibson
Sunday	10:00am	+J. Raque, E. Raque, M. Poole

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MASS INTENTIONS **(Week of February 1)**

Monday	Noon	Jack Raque
Tuesday	Noon	Catherine G. Brown
Wednesday	Noon	Irene Moosmann
Thursday	Noon	Loraine Zoeller
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Henry J. School

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS **(February, 2010)**

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Churck Armes, Bryan Thiersch, Bud Koshewa, **Need 1**
10:00am... McCormick (cpt) and Raque Families

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS **(February 6 & 7)**

4:30pm...Team A...George Gates, Cpt., Mike Armes, Judy Fieldhouse, Don Bayers, Joan Raap, Cleo Leonhardt, Marty Purcell
10:00am...Team E...Bee McCormick, Cpt., Tom McCormick, Jeff Spoelker, Gerry Cambron, Ann Spencer, Jan Pardieu, Jack Sullivan

LECTORS **(February 6 & 7)**

4:30pm...Tony Greenwell & Shelia Kaelin
10:00am....Debbie Tross & Kenyon Meyer

GIFT BEARERS **(February 6 & 7)**

4:30pm...Jim & Ruth Mueller
10:00am...Julie Mueller

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for January 24.....\$10,736

We are all called to make a difference in the world by sharing our time, talent, and treasure. However, each one of us does this in a unique way. Our vocations are uniquely ours. St. Augustine said: "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th and 8th Graders

Bowling: On Monday, February 1st, Youth Group will be going bowling. We are going to King Pin Lanes on Taylorsville Road. The cost is \$4 per game and \$4 for shoes. Everyone must have a signed permission slip and provide his or her own ride. We will meet at the bowling alley at 6pm and end at 7:30pm.

High School

Mall Scavenger Hunt: Our famous Mall Scavenger hunt is back. We will be scouring the mall to find tidbits from pop culture that reaffirm or conflict with our faith. A discussion will follow in the food court and each person is responsible for his or her meal. Meet at the Youth Basement on Sunday, January 31 at 4pm. You must have a signed permission slip to attend.

Saint Valentine's Day Mission to the Homebound

All youth group members in Junior and Senior High are invited to attend our Saint Valentine's Day Mission to the Homebound. We will meet at the Youth Basement after the 10am Mass then we will take Valentine's Day Cards to the Sick and Homebound. Anyone interested in attending should contact Nick Cummins, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at the number below for a permission slip.

Please contact Nick Cummins at nkcummins@bellsouth.net or 458-2500 for more info on any of the above mentioned events.

Attention All Eucharist Ministers: In an effort to better communicate and coordinate Eucharistic Minister scheduling, please forward your email address to John Raque: johnraque@officemax.com. Thank you!

St. Raphael Men's Club News...

please join us at our February **General Meeting** on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:30pm. *Please note that we have moved this month's meeting to the second Monday.* Buffet served immediately after our guest speakers. See You in the School Cafeteria for some Food, Fun & Fellowship!

On February 2, at the 12:00 noon Mass, parishioners are encouraged to bring candles from their homes that Fr. Jim will bless. The candles can then be used for prayer in the home and as a reminder of the light that Jesus is in each of our lives.

2010 Spring Sports Signups are now open. You can access on edline/athletics. Or go to Straphael.theathleticengine.com to signup. Registration is open through Jan. 31st.

2010 Football Coach's Application is now available on edline/athletics or straphael.theathleticengine.com. The giants club will be accepting applications for a couple of weeks. Questions about the position? Contact Brendan O'Shea at oshea15@bellsouth.net.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **Graham's Plumbing**.

The **St. Raphael Lenten Fish Fry** is upon us!! Volunteer signups can be found on edline/athletics/news. Or you can go to straphaelschool.org/athletics/news. Any and all of your time that you can give is greatly Appreciated!

Sports Coordinators needed! The St. Raphael Giants Club (athletics) is actively searching for enthusiastic coordinators/coaches that can offer their guidance for the following sports: Track and Field, Girls Softball, Golf and Tennis. If you are interested in helping us fill this need or would like to learn more about these positions, please contact AD, Brendan O'Shea (oshea15@bellsouth.net) or Assistant AD, John Plumeri (j.plumeri@insightbb.com). You may also contact any Giants Club board member. SRS athletic team summaries and Giants Club members can be found on Edline, under the Athletics tab.

St. Raphael Men's Club Trivia Night

Saturday February 20, 2010

St. Raphael Gym

Doors open at 6:00pm

Game will begin promptly at 7:30pm

Tables of eight adults test their knowledge of trivia. Prizes will be awarded to the teams with the most trivia knowledge. There will also be a prize for the team with the best table decorations. Refreshments will be furnished, bring your own meal if you wish.

\$120.00 per table

Limited to 40 Tables of Eight

To reserve a table for your team

Call: Bob Bean at 451-9472 or Connie Muller at 456-6894

February 3 marks the Feast of St. Blaise, a Christian bishop and physician. It is believed that he healed a boy who was choking on fishbone. For this reason, his intercession is invoked for illnesses of the throat. Our tradition is to bless throats using two crossed candles. Fr. Jim will offer this blessing to those who wish to receive it at the noon mass on February 3.



MASS CANCELEATION DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

As a reminder, when Catholic Elementary school classes are canceled due to inclement weather (Monday-Friday), masses for that particular day(s) are also canceled.

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Rosemary Johnson, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, Andy Latkovski, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Charles Lucas, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Donna Pohl, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Jack Sweeney, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Marty Wiehebrink, Dorothy Wimsatt,

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)