



ST. RAPHAEL

THE ARCHANGEL

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AUGUST 14, 2011

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Doug LeCaptainPastor
Rev. Luke Ferris Associate Pastor
Vinal Van Benthem..... Pastoral Associate
..... and Director of Liturgy

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm

WEEKDAY

Mondays, Tuesdays Wednesdays.....8:00 am
at Franciscan Courts
Thursdays & Fridays 7:15 am
at St. Raphael Church

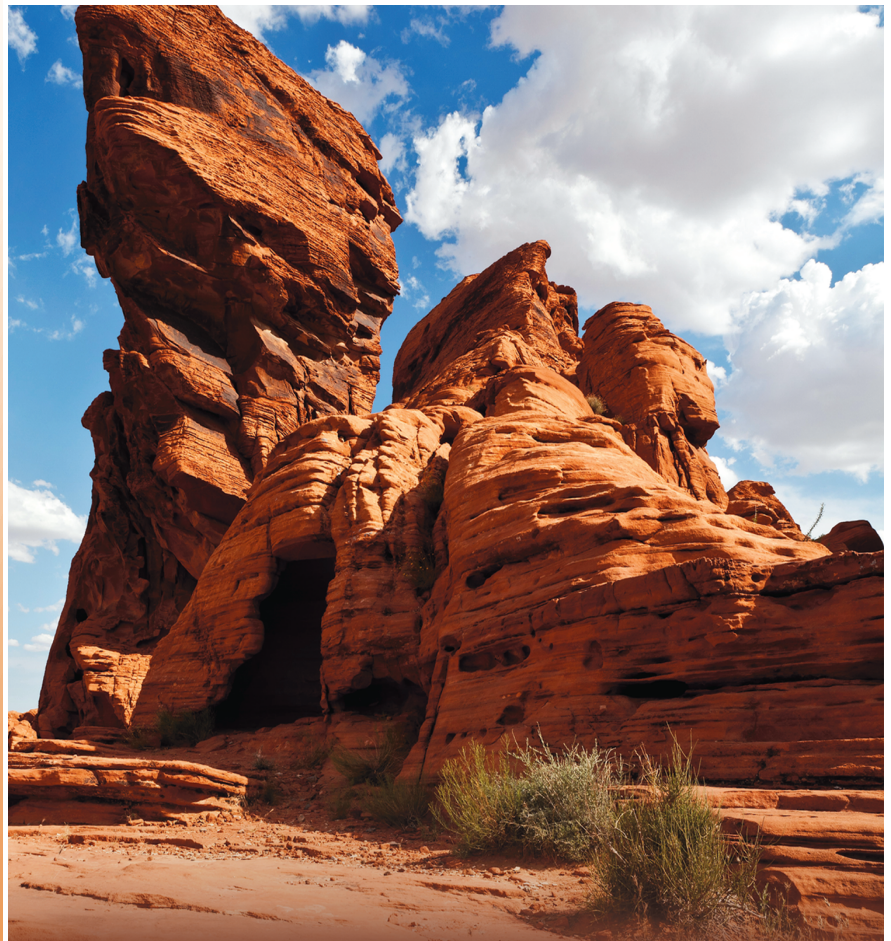
PARISH TELEPHONES

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(Monday - Friday)
Unified Catholic Schools of Oshkosh
..... 426-3626

**The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
St. Raphael Church
Monday, August 15 at 6:00 pm**

**Religious Education Registrations
Grades 1-10 and Grade 11 Confirmation
registrations due.
Catechists also needed.**

**Don't forget to pick up
some raffle tickets!**



*A*nd behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." — Mt 15:22, 24-25

IN OUR PARISH



Dear parishioners,

Thank you for your generosity to so many projects at the parish and beyond. This past Thursday we held the “rectory shower.” A huge thank you to all the generous people who donated gifts, money or gave of your time. It is very nice to be living nearby, and to be in a comfortable home setting. Please know that all you have given stays with the St. Raphael rectory, just as the furnishings stayed with the old Sacred Heart rectory. They belong to the parish and not the priest. It is hard to believe that in five weeks, we painted, cleaned and have moved in and are enjoying the short commute to the church.

The extra gift cards we received are helping to cover a few small items that are still needed. As all home owners know, there are always more home projects to work on. This fall we hope to repair the driveway, replace the front window and build shelving units in the basement. Donations towards any of these projects are welcome. Then, of course, there's always the bigger dreams...the wood burning fireplace converted to gas, and a large, flat screen TV above the fireplace. It's always good to dream and to be invited over to your house for a Packer party. As we mentioned, the mortgage payment is about what our rent was for our previous rectory. It is a good, long term investment and oh, how it saves on the commute to the office.

People have asked about our availability after hours. If it is not an emergency just leave a note at church or call the next business day. If it is an emergency, please call (233-8044) and the answering service will contact us. If we are not available, the service will contact another priest, as we cover emergencies for each other.

Thanks to Marcus Amato for planning, getting the materials and rounding up the help for the flag pole project outside Good Samaritan Hall. (Who would have known that there were large stones right where the foundation for one of the poles needed to go?) Thank you to the very generous people that have already donated to this project. We are still in need of about \$600 to finish.

Thursday, August 18, we will have a joint meeting with our combined Parish/Finance Councils and the Human Concerns, Worship, Education, and Stewardship Commissions. If you are part of these groups and have not yet sent your RSVP, please do so before Wednesday. My hope is that we can build on our parish planning process and know what other committees and commissions are working on for the coming year.

Fr. Doug Fr. Luke Vinal

PS: Monday, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it falls on a Monday it is not a Holy Day of obligation, but, it is always good to go to church. Masses are at 8am at Fran Courts, and 6 pm at St. Raphael.



We give back to God...

- At least **5** minutes of prayer each day
- At least **5** hours of service each year

Thank you to those who returned their 5 4 God pledge cards. Since Easter you have volunteered over 2,140 hours of service! That number is still growing as less than 200 in our community have returned

<p>PARISH LEADERSHIP</p> <p>Deacons - Greg Grey, John Ingala</p> <p>Dir. of Bus. Admin. & Develop - Jeff Thorkildsen</p> <p>Pastoral Associate - Sr. Margrit Immoos</p> <p>Spiritual Director - Sr. Anne Marie Lom</p> <p>Trustees - Josh Adrians, Mark Boettcher</p> <p>Stewardship & Faith Formation Team Leader - Rich Curran</p>	<p>PARISH STAFF</p> <p><i>Administrative Assistant</i>.....Jill Eaton</p> <p><i>Coordinator of Social Communications</i>.....Matthew Livingstone</p> <p><i>Music Coordinator</i>.....Karen Dean</p> <p><i>Executive Secretary</i>.....Deb Ransbottom</p> <p><i>Facilities Management</i>Mike Sheridan</p> <p><i>High School Youth Ministry</i> ...Linda Maier, Matthew Livingstone,</p> <p><i>Financial Department</i>Anne Glowcheski, Mark Lindekugel</p> <p><i>Religious Education Dep.</i>.....Debbie Peters, Steve Weigand</p> <p><i>Religious Education Secretary</i>Ann Olig</p>
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, August 14

10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
2:00 pm Just 5 Days Follow-up Meeting

Monday, August 15

8:30 am R U Support
6:00 pm Baptism Class
6:00 pm Holy Day Mass

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Finance Council

Wednesday, August 17

6:30 pm Cemetery Mass
(Calvary Catholic Cemetery)

Thursday, August 18

7:15 am Mass
7:00 pm Parish Planning Meeting
(Parish Council w/Combined Commissions)
7:00 pm Men's Choir

Friday, August 19

7:15 am Mass

Saturday, August 20

9:00 pm Christ Child Society Wrkshp/Mtg

Sunday, August 21

OACP Food Collection



R U Support ... This week we'll be talking about ...**RESUMES and COVER LETTERS!**

Looking for ways to update your resume and make sure that your cover letter actually gets read? Wishing there was a place where you can network with other job-seekers? RU Support may be just the place you're looking for.

R U Support is a ministry to the recently unemployed and underemployed. We meet in Good Samaritan Hall at St. Raphael Parish on **Monday** morning from **8:30 – 10:30 am**. All are welcome. Questions? Call Jeff at the Parish Office—920/233-8044.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING

Week Ending 08/07/2011

Budgeted Expenses:	\$25,913
Offertory Collections:	
Envelopes	\$17,439
Loose Collection	\$ 2,240
EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)	\$ 680
Other Revenue	\$ 3,534
Total	\$23,893
Deficit	\$ 2,020

The Diocese of Green Bay has tickets available for the 51st annual Bishop's Charities Game, 7 pm Thursday, Sept. 1, at Lambeau Field. The Packers will host the Kansas City Chiefs. The cost of the tickets is \$69 for section 105 or \$76 for section 111. The last day to purchase tickets is Aug. 25. To order tickets, contact Jim Hogan at (920) 272-8219.

Lourdes High School Religion Teacher

Lourdes High School, of the Unified Catholic Schools of Oshkosh, has an opening for a .25 FTE Religion Teacher. The ideal candidate would be a licensed teacher, a practicing Roman Catholic with an advanced degree in Catholic theology, and have a love for his or her faith and feel called to share that faith with today's adolescents. Three years of relevant experience is preferred. The position involves teaching Morality or Sacraments, with classes being taught during part of the morning only. Application deadline is August 12, 2011. Send letter of interest, resume, and three references to:

Unified Catholic Schools

Attn: Human Resources
110 N. Sawyer Street
or email same to:
jan.cleaver@ucs.k12.wi.us

A Stroke Screening is coming to your neighborhood!

St. Raphael Church

Friday, September 9, 2011

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851 for an appointment

We can help you avoid a stroke.

Stroke, Vascular Disease, & Heart Rhythm Package;
Osteoporosis Screening - all 5 tests for \$159

(Informational flyer located at the Reception Desk in the Gathering Space)

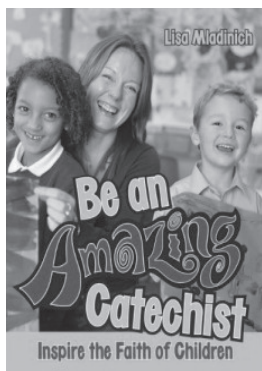


***“Be the Change
You want to See in the World”
-Mahatma Ghandi***

As we prepare for a new year of high school youth ministry & catechesis, we need new volunteers to step forward and make a positive difference in the lives of teens. If you believe that God may be calling you to act, please contact LINDA.MAIER@RAPHAEL.ORG today for more info.



It’s that time of year again!



Grades 1-4, 5-8, and 9-11 are in need of a few good folks like you willing to share their Catholic faith with our youth. The prerequisite to teach? Love young people and the desire to pass on the richness of our faith. Training, support and lesson plans are provided for all grade levels.

In addition, a Tuesday evening 6:45 pm session has been added this year as we continue to expand the faith formation program. Please contact Steve, Debbie or Linda in the parish office or download a volunteer form from the parish website, www.raphael.org, or call (920) 233-8044.

Faith Formation Facilitator

St. Raphael Faith Formation Team is seeking a facilitator to work directly with our program on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, from approximately 4-9:00 pm each day. A few of the responsibilities would include:

- Organize curriculum materials for Catechists
- Assist in supervision of class sessions
- Serve as a substitute catechist
- Support classroom safety and discipline guidelines
- Assist in special events such as: Catechist In-services & Sacramental Preparation; special family events



This is a stipend (paid) position, for approximately 10 hours per week, September to April. If you are interested, please send your resume and letter of interest **no later than August 31, 2011** to: St. Raphael Parish, ATTN: Debbie Peters, 830 S Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh, WI 54904. For more information please contact Debbie Peters at the parish office (233-8044) or e-mail: debbie.peters@raphael.org

WORKING WITH THE SCRIPTURES –

Jesus wanted nothing to do with the Canaanite woman. Are there people we would rather not have anything to do with?

There was a time when this question might have been answered by referring to someone's religion or the color of their skin. Today we have laws against this kind of prejudice. Yet here we have Jesus refusing to speak to a woman based solely on her religion and country of origin.

Surely Matthew didn't include this story in his Gospel in order to give us some kind of excuse to exclude others. Could it be that he was really encouraging the "others" among us to refuse to be excluded? True, it only took a few minutes for Jesus to recognize the great faith of the woman and change his mind about healing her daughter. But what might He have done if she had accepted 'no' for an answer the first time? Would He have listened to his disciples' advice and sent her away? (Remember, these were probably the same disciples who had advised him to send the crowds away to buy food for themselves when it appeared that they had only five loaves and two fish to feed the multitude. Jesus didn't listen to them then, either.)

There was a time in our country when white doctors refused to treat nonwhite patients and people of color were excluded from sitting in the front of the bus or on the main floor of a movie theater. It wasn't until the people had had enough and, like the Canaanite woman in the story, refused to be excluded and decided that they would no longer take 'no' for an answer that laws changed and the sickness of prejudice began to be healed. What makes our story unlike today's Gospel, however, is that while Jesus was a Jew and the Canaanite woman a Gentile most of the people in our story claimed to be Christians...

"O woman, how great is your faith!" Are there people we would rather not have anything to do with? How do we respond to the Canaanite women in our world?

Vincent Van Bentem

Prophet Isaiah

Written down in its present form about 200 years before the birth of Christ, the book of Isaiah is a collection of prophecies, some of which were told for centuries before being put to papyrus. Next to the Psalms, it is the most frequently quoted scripture in the gospels and epistles. No wonder. In Isaiah's stirring images, the church sees the coming of God's reign: good news for the poor, the release of the captive, freedom for the oppressed.

The gospel of Luke tells us that the first time Jesus preached the scriptures in the synagogue, he preached on a passage from the book of Isaiah. All during Advent we read through this holy book. Promise yourself to listen carefully to what we hear. Peek into your own Bible, too, and look to Isaiah. (We'll return to Isaiah on Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil, too.)

Gaze into a candle's flame. Look up at the starry sky. With Isaiah imagine a world where blind people see, where people who couldn't walk now dance, where lions frolic with lambs, and where children are safe from all harm.



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RCIA If you or anyone you know has wondered what being Catholic is all about, consider this: there are answers, there is support, and we have old-fashioned personal service for inquirers. RCIA welcomes anyone curious about or interested in becoming a full member in the faith of the Catholic Church. Questions? Searching?

An introductory session will be held at 6:30 pm September 12, 2011, at St. Raphael Church.

Call the parish office at 233-8044 or contact Judy Mayo directly at 426-3627.

“The best the surest and the most effective way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.” – Bl. John Paul II



During Mass each week we say the Lord’s Prayer, share a sign of peace and are sent forth at the end of Mass to love and serve God. Are we really at peace with our brothers and sisters at home and around the world or has this become a superficial prayer and gesture? Do we really go forth to love and to serve God? If you are looking for ways to make these prayers more meaningful and to live them more fully, then check out the JustFaith program.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel, 449 High Ave., Oshkosh

Hourly Weekly Adorers needed as of 8-8-11

Sunday: 10am, 11am
 Tues: 2am, 3am, 1pm
 Wed: 1am, 2am, 3am, 10am
 Thurs: 3am, 4am, 10am, 8pm
 Friday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 8pm, 11pm
 Sat: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, pm, 3pm, 4pm, 8pm, 11pm

To schedule a weekly hourly visit or for questions and security code after 9 pm, please call 920-539-6871.

JustFaith offers an intensive study of the Christian’s call to address the needs of the world. The thirty-week program includes weekly meetings, regular reading, retreats and immersion experiences. The program will run from September 2011 to May, 2012 with time off for holidays.

For more information, call Sr. Mary Barbieur or Sr. Mary Jo Selinsky at 235-1752.

Become a Hospice Hope Volunteer

The next training session will be held in Fond du Lac on Saturday September 17 and Saturday October 1, from 9 am - 4 pm. Volunteers are valued team members who play a crucial role in our services by supporting our patients and families in direct patient care, respite care, bereavement care, administrative work, transport & deliveries. Training is geared for this special type of volunteer service.

Volunteers are placed in their own geographic areas. Application Deadline is Thursday, September 8th. For more information call Cathy Wolfe, Volunteer Services Liaison at (920) 924-4662 or 1-800-236-4156.

Application and interview must be completed prior to the first class.

Little Rock BIBLE STUDY

On Thursday, Sept. 22, we will begin a 15-session study of *The Gospel of John and the Johannine Letters*. Written in a poetic and symbolic style, John’s Gospel and letters prayerfully reflect on Jesus and his eternal relationship to the Creator. This study invites you to meditate on God’s overwhelming love.

Classes are scheduled from 6-7:30 pm in Rooms 105-106:

Sept. 22	Introductory Session		
Sept. 29	Lesson 1	Dec. 1	Lesson 9
Oct. 6	Lesson 2	Dec. 8	Lesson 10
Oct. 13	Lesson 3	Dec. 15	Lesson 11
Oct. 20	Lesson 4	Dec. 22	Lesson 12
Oct. 27	Lesson 5	Dec. 29	Lesson 13
Nov. 3	Lesson 6	Jan. 5	Lesson 14
Nov. 10	Lesson 7		
Nov. 17	Lesson 8		

(NO class on Nov. 24— *Happy Thanksgiving!*)

This Scripture study combines personal Bible reading and study, small-group faith sharing, lecture and prayer in an informal setting. The registration fee of \$20 covers books and materials. Class size is limited! Please register by August 30 to reserve your space. Call Vinal at the parish office (233-8044) to register or for additional information.

The following children will be baptized at St. Raphael this weekend:

Devyn Marie
daughter of Daniel & Erin Gietman

Elliana Lynn
daughter of
Jared & Amy Reichenberger



Welcome, Little Ones!



Joshua Youngbauer & Karri Glinske were married this weekend at St. Raphael Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they make a commitment to each other in married love.

Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 15, 2010

10:00 am outdoor Mass with Benediction

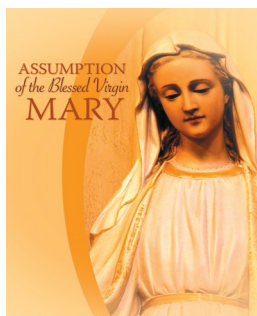
& Rosary Procession

Celebrant Bishop Robert J Banks

Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

Directions: Take Hwy 57 north from Green Bay to County Trunk K, turn east on County Trunk K for 6 miles. The Shrine is one mile east of Champion.

****please bring your own lawn chair****



Men Learn How to Speak the Truth!

Esto Vir Oshkosh: next Men's Morning is **Saturday, August 20** at MBS Parish, St. Josaphat site on the corner of Congress & Walnut.

Rosary: 7:15 am, Mass: 7:45 am,

Continental Breakfast/Fellowship: 8:15 am, Featured Speaker at 8:45 am is Deacon Dave De Young whose presentation will be about **Speaking the Truth ... as Men of Christ.** A free will offering is requested to help with expenses.

Contact Deacon John at (920) 203-9272 or deaconji@gmail.com



Ray & Margritte Zelhofer are celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary and

Bill & Debbie Quandt are celebrating their 30th wedding Anniversary

Congratulations Ray & Margritte and Bill & Debbie!



This week's **Memorial Candle** is burning in loving memory of **Tom Beahm**



Men's Choir

Rehearsals for the 2011-2012 season of the Men's Choir begins Thursday, August 18, 7:00 pm in church. The

Men's Choir sings at the 9:00 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month from September through May. Gentlemen high school age and older are invited to join the group. If you have any questions, or would like additional information please call Ann Olig at 233-8044 or Ron Swanson at 233-5946.

SUMMER MEMORIAL MASSES SCHEDULE

The Oshkosh Catholic Parishes banded together starting in 2011 to fund and operate our three Catholic Cemeteries of Riverside Catholic, Calvary Catholic and Sacred Heart Catholic Cemeteries.

We want to encourage all parish families to participate and pray for our family members and friends who have moved on to a life with Jesus Christ in heaven.

Please come even if you do not presently have loved ones in a particular cemetery. Your payers and participation in these Masses is powerful witness to the love you shared.

Bring lawn chairs and plan to visit the graves of your loved ones.

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 6:30 pm
Location: Calvary Catholic Cemetery
Presider: Fr. Matt Simonar



PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 13

5:00 pm Jim Matejowec †
Anne Casse †

Sunday, August 14

7:30 am Lester Loker †
9:00 am Gerarda Cerda †
Maria Ambas
11:00 am Sr. Rose †
Shirley Laine †
Tom Beahm †

Monday, August 15

8:00 am At Franciscan Courts †

Tuesday, August 16

8:00 am At Franciscan Courts †

Wednesday, August 17

8:00 am At Franciscan Courts †

Thursday, August 18

7:15 am Jack Mark †

Friday, August 19

7:15 am Aloys Schuster †

Saturday, August 20

5:00 pm Laura Hinze †
Gregory Lynch †

Sunday, August 21

7:30 am Fran Biehl †
Ralph Rushesky †
9:00 am Dona & Frank Gruse †
Barbara Corcoran †
11:00 am Herb, Josie, & Karen Lom †
Dillon Weyers †

Readings for the Week of August 14, 2011

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32,
Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab,
1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a, Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22, Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17, Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36,
Mt 16:13-20

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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

LITURGICAL ROLES

AUGUST 20 & 21, 2011

GREETERS

5:00 pm P. Hamblin, C. Nigl Family
7:30 am J. Ryan, T. & C. Kniep, D. Timmer
9:00 am Case family, R. Treder, J. Sylvester,
A. Spaulding Family
11:00 am P. Spiering, L. Weitz, J. & C. Anderson,
B. Noe family

USHERS

5:00 pm G. Hetzel, J. McCourt, R. & A. Vandersee
7:30 am C. Hayes, W. Nocito, E. Dwyer, T. Hellmann
9:00 am J. & V. Hagen, J. Grover, J. Wheeler,
H. & E. Schwartz, W. DeGroot, C. Miller
11:00 am

SERVERS

5:00 pm Payton & Rachel Spanbauer, Tait Larson
7:30 am Mara Resop, John Thomas, Dale Sweet
9:00 am Elinor, Abigail, & Ian Leafgren
11:00 am Benjamin Thomas, Calayah Thomas,
Elizabeth DeGroot

LECTORS

5:00 pm C. McCabe, L. Dare
7:30 am A. Kriegel, Gary Lemieux
9:00 am K. Thiel, S. Vanden Heuvel
11:00 am T. Vnuk, K. Backus

COMMUNION MINISTERS

5:00 pm S. Guyette, S. Kohnke, T. Norkofski,
J. & MB. White, A. & D. Ritter. R. Davis*,
(3 needed)
7:30 am D. Reabe, S. Roberts, D. Goupell, H. Baurecht,
D. Hellmann, M. Vandenhouten, J. Vande Hei,
D. Timmer*
9:00 am K. Schultz, L. Schmidt, G. Sager, L. Osborne,
M. Moore, K. Laurent, J. Haig. S. McFaul-Decker,
R. Koch, S. Frechette, K. Mark, H. Roesch*
11:00 am A. Spaulding, K. Walsh, T. Widzinski,
B. Dusenske, B. Laabs, D. Hasenorhl, V. Porior,
L. Petek, A. Naparalla, P. L'Esperance, A. Miller,
D. Newhouse*

MUSICIANS

5:00 pm Annemarie/Jim/Kim
7:30 am Ann/Jim
9:00 am Ann/Schola
11:00 am Colin/Youth Group

LITURGICAL MINISTERS!

September/October/November

Please email (jill.eaton@raphael.org) or call (233-8044)
Jill with any dates you are not available for the next
three month schedule by Aug. 1st.