

# St. Raphael the Archangel

NEWSLETTER FOR PARISHES NAMED FOR ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL TO  
EXCHANGE IDEAS ON ENCOURAGING UNDERSTANDING AND DEVOTION

## The Newsletter

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This is the nineteenth issue of the *St. Raphael Newsletter*, whose purpose is to share information about devotion to our patron, St. Raphael the Archangel. Immediately after Vatican II, devotional practices to saints fell out of fashion. In recent years, devotion to and prayers requesting the intercession of the saints and angels have become more prevalent. This newsletter hopes to encourage ideas about devotion to the Archangel Raphael.

This volume contains the latest on the possible construction of a new cathedral in Madison, Wisconsin. Also, St. Raphael in Raleigh, North Carolina, is featured. The Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque, Iowa, with photos, appears on page three. The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers sent a religious card illustrated by an icon of the three archangels and a prayer.

Thanks to everyone who has sent Sunday bulletins, newsletters, and parish newspapers in the past years; also several parishes have sent us their anniversary books. Many items of interest have come our way, including pictures of various St. Raphael churches and newspaper clippings. Prayers and devotional items along with religious art of all forms remain our main focus, although we do enjoy receiving articles about St. Raphael parishes and their anniversaries and news.

We need your input. Please share with us any devotional items such as pictures of statues, stained glass windows, and other forms of artwork. We especially hope for original compositions of prayers or hymns. The *Newsletter* also invites parishes to send copies of their Sunday bulletins so we can learn about the various St. Raphael parishes around the United States.

Please send us the program for your celebration of the feast of St. Raphael or any devotional materials you may have. If your parish is celebrating an anniversary, please let us know so that we can share it with other St. Raphael parishes. Email your parish news to [fhodes@msn.com](mailto:fhodes@msn.com).

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## St. Raphael the Archangel in Madison, Wisconsin

Madison, Wisconsin, showed its resolve to build a new St. Raphael Cathedral to replace the one destroyed by an arson fire in 2005. The St. Raphael Cathedral served the Madison Diocese which covers eleven counties. The Cathedral Parish purchased the vacant school building that had once been the parish school but had closed in 1970 and was subsequently sold. The purchaser intended to develop the site but was unable to do so. The building and its site are adjacent to the destroyed cathedral's site. This purchase will allow for the largest possible footprint for a new cathedral. The parish paid part of the \$2.05 million price from some of the insurance money from the 2005 fire.

At this time there is no specific timeline for building the new cathedral.

Please send St. Raphael prayers, devotions, pictures, sketches of artwork – traditional or modern – so we can share these with other St. Raphael parishes.

Please send to:

Church of  
St. Raphael the Archangel  
6047 Bishops Place  
St. Louis, MO 63109  
(Attention: Historical Society)

## St. Raphael In Raleigh, North Carolina

The St. Raphael Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, has a new pastor, Fr. Phillip R. Hurley, S. J., installed as pastor on September 2, 2014, the seventh leader of this church. The parish has the benefit of two assistant priests and a pastor emeritus (all of the Jesuit order).

The parish came into existence in the mid-1960s in an area that was then still largely rural. However, the expanding commercial area brought more residents. The church was dedicated in 1966. Its address is 5801 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC 27609.

The parish is staffed by priests from the Jesuit order, and the grade school is the only Jesuit-run school in North Carolina.

The parish has a grade school, Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, and an Early Childhood Center (preschool).

The parish serves the local Hispanic population with two Masses in Spanish (7:15 p.m. on Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday). There is a deacon who does Hispanic Ministry. The parish also provides a bulletin in Spanish.

One of the parish social justice projects was to unite with Habitat for Humanity to construct a home for a Vietnamese Montagnard family.



## St. Raphael in Dubuque, Iowa

The Cathedral of St. Raphael serves as the cathedral for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa.

The parish began in 1833 with the arrival from St. Louis of Fr. Charles van Quickenborne S. J. as a missionary priest. After he was transferred, his replacement died of cholera in 1835. Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, a Dominican, arrived in 1835 and raised funds to erect a church made of stone.

In 1837 Rev. Mathias Loras, who was named the bishop of the new Dubuque diocese, began plans for a new church/cathedral. The church/cathedral building was begun in 1857, and the first Mass was celebrated there on Christmas Day, 1857. Work continued to complete the building. In 1876 the tower was finally finished.

In 1882 a chapel was added to the rear of the cathedral. In 1886 major interior renovations occurred with changes to the vaulting and the addition of iron arches. In 1893 Dubuque became an archdiocese.

In 1902 a mortuary chapel was established beneath the church where six bishops and archbishops are buried.

The last major renovation occurred in 1986. Today, the Cathedral parish and St. Patrick's parish have merged, and both share the same pastor, Rev. Dan Knepper.





## St. Raphael in Icon and Prayer

Recently, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers sent their Newsletter with a prayer card, featuring a beautiful icon of the three Archangels and a moving and inspirational prayer to the heavenly beings.



(Feast of the Archangels, Anonymous, Public Domain)

## Prayer to the Archangels

St. Michael the Archangel,  
protect your people  
from all evil and misfortune  
and guide us by the power of  
God.

Help us, Holy Michael, in our  
struggles and strengthen us  
that we might never fall prey  
to our enemies.

St. Gabriel the Archangel,  
announce anew the Good News  
of salvation and peace.  
You, who revealed God's will  
to Mary and Joseph,  
be my companion on life's  
journey  
and greet me at last when I am  
called into the presence of  
God.

St. Raphael the Archangel,  
healer of bodies and souls  
extend your hand from heaven  
and by the power of the Most  
High  
bring comfort and healing to me  
that I might work all the more  
to build the Kingdom of God.

Praise God, all you angels and  
archangels now and forever.

Amen.

(Father Joseph Veneroso, M.M.)