

From Fr. John

All Things New Transitions

Each week, I will write this column in order to keep you up to date on what is happening with the transition of All Things New.

Like much of this process, one piece of information comes forward and then many questions still need an answer. Many details that people would like to know are still to be discerned and announced in the coming weeks.

What will happen with the rectory and parish office here at SRA? As of right now, we do not know. One of the goals of All Things New is to ensure priests have the option of living in community and not alone. Because St. Raphael does not have suites for four priests, it is a distinct possibility that the priests serving both St. Gabriel and St. Raphael will live at St. Gabriel.

The situation for the parish office for both parishes will be discerned as well, and we expect these announcements no later than the end of October.

While the rectory may not be used for the original purpose, it does not mean it will be vacant. I know this is a serious concern for many in the neighborhood for various reasons. Over the next months, there will be a re-envisioning of ministries and space needs. Therefore it is quite possible, should the rectory become vacant, that one or more ministries will begin to use the space. But, as of today, we just do not know for sure what the future will hold.

When will potential Mass changes be discerned and announced? As the transition process begins, we will meet to discuss any potential changes to the Mass schedule. These will be announced before August 1 and will go into effect after August 1.

When will school decisions be made? School decisions will be made sometime this fall in consultation among the parishes, the pastor, and the school offices.

Corpus Christi Procession

This is a friendly reminder that next weekend we will not have a 10:00am Mass at St. Raphael. We invite everyone to attend the 9:00am Mass at St. Gabriel. Following the Mass, we will process from St. Gabriel through Francis Park to St. Raphael, where we will have Solemn Benediction. After Benediction, we will offer coffee and donuts in the school cafeteria.

Parish Rosary Program

Let us pray this week for the safety and refreshment of all faculty, staff, and students as they enjoy summer break.

I will see you online or in church! - Fr. John
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P.S...please keep me in prayer this week as I help direct a group of seminarians for an 8-day retreat.

RENEWAL OF OUR PARISH CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

I give myself and consecrate myself to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, my person and my life, my actions, pains and sufferings, so that I may be unwilling to make use of any part of my being other than to honor, love, and glorify the Sacred Heart. This is my unchanging purpose, namely, to be all His, and to do all things for the love of Him, at the same time renouncing with all of my heart whatever is displeasing to Him. I therefore take you, O Sacred Heart, to be the only object of my love, the guardian of my life, my assurance of salvation, the remedy of my weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for all the faults of my life, and my sure refuge at the hour of death.

O Heart of Love, I put my confidence in You, for I fear everything from my weakness and frailty, but I hope for all things from Your goodness and bounty.

Remove from me all that can displease You or resist Your holy will. Let Your pure love imprint Your image so deeply upon my heart, that I shall never be able to forget You or to be separated from You.

May I obtain from Your loving kindness the grace of having my name written in Your heart, for in You I desire to place all my happiness and glory, living and dying in union with You. Amen.



"Inasmuch as you have done it unto one the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto me ..."
Matthew 25:40.

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Dear Father Mayo, Monsignor Stehly, and Parishioners of St. Raphael's,

We want to thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your 2023 Lenten Project. Because of your generous \$7,413 donation, which was matched with a corresponding donation by Warm Heart Ministries, we achieved our goal of raising enough money to complete construction of a dormitory at Harris High School in Thyolo, Malawi. The new dormitory will allow a class of 50 freshmen to attend Harris High School in the fall semester this year -- and as of last week construction of the dormitory has begun and it will be ready for the Fall 2023 semester!

For more than 10 years, our friend and Malawian priest Fr. Philip Mbeta has identified projects to improve education in Malawi for Warm Heart Ministries. A list of the projects Warm Heart Ministries has been involved in since its inception is attached. If you would like to stay connected to our ministry, please reach out to your fellow parishioner Rick Horas and he will happily share what is happening.

After teaching for a semester at the Harris High School in Malawi, Rick observed that it was "truly a special place" and your support for the new dormitory is immensely appreciated. The donation from St. Raphael's parish will leave an indelible mark on the lives of many young boys in one of the poorest countries in the world -- and more importantly will give them an opportunity and hope for a better future!

Thank you for partnering with Warm Heart Ministries. As Fr. Philp says, through our efforts to improve education we are "making the future leaders of Malawi."

Mary Spesia,

Treasurer

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