



ALL THINGS NEW

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YOUNG ADULT SURVEY

Young adults ages 18-39, single or married, with or without children are invited to take the young adult survey. Take this opportunity to inform the church in St. Louis about your experience, hopes and needs!

***Submit by Monday,
September 12, 2022***

Scan the QR code to take the survey



FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

"Bother Father"/Open Office Hours

For many years, the Archbishop has from time to time opened his home to the priests of the Archdiocese. These opportunities are times when priests can visit with the Archbishop about any topic that is on their minds and hearts. I have taken advantage of these occasions from time to time and found them extremely helpful.

A brother priest brought to my attention that he was going to follow the same idea in his parish this fall. This will be a time when anyone in the parish can come and "Bother Father," about any topic, to talk to a priest or the pastor about anything.

I would like to bring this same idea to St. Raphael and will offer times starting this month when people can "Bother Father." These are opportunities to come to the parish office, without an appointment, and talk to me about anything you would like. Some things I have thought of are:

- Questions about our faith
- Questions about the sacraments or questions relating to an annulment
- Questions about our parish
- Opportunity for confession
- Discussion of a situation that is ongoing in your life
- Direction and help relating to prayer
- Questions/concerns relating to All Things New
- And anything else you can think of...

I will try to schedule a time in the morning, a time in the afternoon, and a time in the evening so, hopefully, everyone will have a chance to "Bother Father."

Here are the times to "Bother Father" in August:

- Monday, August 15, 8:00-10:00am
- Tuesday, August 23, 2:00-4:00pm
- Wednesday, August 31, 6:00-8:00pm

Please consider coming to visit me!

Parish Meeting

On August 28, we will have an opportunity to come together as a parish community. At 5:00pm in the gym, we will meet to discuss the state of our parish. At this meeting, members of the Key Parish Leaders will give a report on our DMI results, our Finance Council will give an overview at our fiscal year-end of our current financial state, and we will also discuss the 2022-2023 Angel Appeal.

This meeting will be livestreamed for our parishioners who are unable to join. We encourage everyone to join in person or via the livestream.

Thank You to Deacon Jerry

Since 1996, Deacon Jerry Geiser has been a staple of the clergy of St. Raphael the Archangel parish. He has been present and ministered at countless Masses, baptized many of our fellow parishioners, and has given much spiritual counsel and encouragement to us over the years. After 26 years of service to our parish, Deacon Jerry has informed me that he would like to retire from ministry.

To thank Deacon Jerry, we want to invite everyone to a celebration for him on August 14. He will be present and minister at the 10:00am Mass. Following Mass, the Parish Council will host a reception for him in the gym. We encourage everyone to come to thank Deacon Jerry for his many years of service to our parish community.

Thank You

Thank you for your continual support of our "Tithing for the Poor." We recently sent a check for \$1,301.00 to St. Francis Cabrini Academy. May the Lord reward your generosity to those in need.

In Conclusion

We will hopefully get back to our series on Catholic beliefs next week!

Thank you for all of the prayers and support while I was away on vacation! I deeply appreciate it.

I will see you online or in Church! -Fr. John
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