

Generous Community

Loving God, Loving Each Other

“ Why is our church so special? Someday your daughter or granddaughter may be married here, or someone dear to you will have a celebration of their life here after their passing. Maybe on Sunday mornings you find words of inspiration to carry you through the week with a positive outlook knowing you are not alone.

Please consider a thoughtful gift/pledge to St. Raphael so your church can plan a budget for another year of mission and blessings to our community. There are several ways to give: your time, a God-given talent, money you can afford to give, or if in my stage of life, you may want to consider a gift to St. Raphael in your will. Your church will appreciate your gift to further our mission. It's a wonderful life!



Mike Hart

St. Raphael Vestry Member

Who are the saints now on the “Godward” side of your life who encourage you to give thanks, not only for their lives by your examples of loving discipleship, but also by your willingness to be ever grateful for all they know (and you know) God has given you? This is our particular day to remember all the blessed saints – especially those who have gone before us here, having served God faithfully in this parish.



Make your 2025 pledge at sreclex.org/pledge

A GIFT THAT ENDURES

As we remember saints and souls of the departed, our memories of them keep them alive in our hearts. Their lives serve as examples for living our own. What virtues can we emulate? How will we be remembered by our loved ones and our church family when we too eventually pass away?

Look around the St. Raphael building and grounds and you will find gifts to the church: stained glass windows, the sign out front, the sound system, the chimes in the steeple, lift, altar rail, and numerous chairs, to list a few.

This parish's existence is due to pledges which have supported its continuous operation for sixty-two years. Though some givers have gone on from this place, their contributions are part of the continuing story of God's people at St. Raphael's.

Consider these ways to leave your own enduring gift to St. Raphael's:

- Remember St. Raphael in your will or estate plan.
- Contribute to the St. Raphael Permanent Endowment Fund of the Diocesan Investment Trust (corpus preserved).
- Give to the Operating Savings Account of the Diocesan Investment Trust, to be used by the church as needed.
- Transfer investments which have appreciated in value to St. Raphael's. (This may be advantageous tax-wise; consult your tax adviser.)
- Support St. Raphael's 2025 operating budget with a pledge to the General Fund, and be an active member of the church right now, so memories of your generosity will live on and inspire others to act with thanksgiving for God's goodness.

Questions about St. Raphael's finances?
Email finance@sreclex.org for answers!