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**Mission Statement**

Called by God, centered in Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of the Valley and St. Raphael embrace a vision of full, conscious and active participation in the total life of the church. We are committed to form a single Christian community which honors our diversity through vibrant liturgy, engaging faith formation for all ages and outreach to people in need.

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Our Lady of the Valley Church

Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:30 am

12:30 pm *Holy Family Chaldean Mission*  
5:00 pm *Filipino Community at*  
**Our Lady of the Valley**

St. Raphael Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 12 Noon

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Our Lady of the Valley Church

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

St. Raphael Church

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am

**Clergy**

**Father Edward J. Kaminski, CSC, pastor**  
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**Deacon Robert Manthie, Deacon Richard Meidl**  
**Deacon Eduardo Mirasol**  
**Deacon Bill Vivio (retired)**

**Father Duane Balcerski, CSC, Weekend Ministry**

**DID YOU NOT KNOW**



**I HAD TO BE IN MY  
Father's House?**

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the Lord, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84).

**Second Reading** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24).

**Gospel** — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

## Company is coming!

During this festive time of year it seems there is a lot of company coming. Christmas is the perfect season for opening our homes and welcoming friends and extended family to share our table. What is true of our homes is equally true of our church community. Our hospitality is the hallmark of this season, and every season, and we are delighted to have the family in our house today.

Since just before Thanksgiving I have experienced a resurrection of cousins unrivaled in the nearly forty years I have been based in the west and the southwest. Hailing from hearty Midwestern stock in northern Indiana the harsh winters and the lake effect snow (that lake would be Lake Michigan) makes the desert southwest the “go to” destination of many winter weary folks.

Prior to Thanksgiving cousins I had not seen in 40 years tracked me down through the internet and our parish website. Bob and his sister Jean, and their spouses Kathy and Scott, were in the area and wanted to get together. Bob and Jean are really second cousins; their grandmother was my mother’s oldest sister. Jean is my age, although she went to the public high school and I went to the Catholic high school. Growing up, however, cousins were just cousins. The last time I saw them was at my ordination 40 years ago.

On Wednesday they called to inform me they would be at the Thursday morning Mass. Knowing how the passage of time takes its toll, I wondered how I would recognize them after four decades. I decided to look for their parents! As it turned out, the years have been very good to Bob and Jean and I recognized them immediately. Because of Confessions and a previously scheduled doctor’s appointment I regret that I was only able to spend a few minutes with them. I was delighted to hear that Bob and Kathy moved to Sun City West and was even more pleased when they accepted my invitation to join our combined parish family for our Thanksgiving Day Mass a week later.

In the middle of Advent two other cousins announced their Phoenix arrival with the hope of getting together. Their mother was my mother’s youngest sister. Jack operates an old fashioned walk up window Dairy Queen franchise in northern Indiana, affording him four months off in the winter. It has been about three years since Jack and I last connected during his swing through Arizona. This year his sister traveled with him. Jane lives in North Carolina. We haven’t seen each other in 15 years since the celebration of my Silver Jubilee celebrations in Indiana.

In both cases, while the encounters were brief, it was like unearthing long lost family relationships. The cousins are now older than our parents were when we were growing up in Indiana, but the rekindling of the family bond was energizing.

Brothers from my Holy Cross family also visited in the Advent days. Each year every Holy Cross religious is formally visited by one or more of our Province leadership team. This year two of our assistant provincials visited our community on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. While Br. Donald has visited here before, it was Fr. Bill’s first visit to my ministry at St. Raphael and Our Lady of the Valley. He was keenly interested in knowing all about my solo ministry in the desert and wanted to see both parish campuses and my residence. He even met the First Lady of the parishes, Lady Raphaella of the Valley. Both of my Holy Cross brothers were grateful for the kindness shown them by parishioners at the holy day Mass and seemed pleased with what they found here. My Holy Cross family is every bit as important as my blood family, and, no, they did not come bearing Fiesta Bowl tickets.

While there is never really a “down” season in the church business, everyone knows that the Advent-Christmas season is especially busy for a Catholic parish (not to mention two parishes). From Thanksgiving, through Christmas and into the New Year the Catholic community is in high gear with the beautiful Advent season and the celebrations of Christmas that also includes Holy Family Sunday, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and the beginning of the New Year, the wonderful feast of the Epiphany and concluding with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. When the secular and commercial world pulls the plug on Christmas before Christmas Day is fully expended, the Catholic community is just lighting up the Christmas celebration. I urge all our households to continue to savor the light and the warmth of Christmas for the three weeks encompassing the Christmas season. As well, I hope you also have the opportunity to rekindle the bond of family ties with the coming and going of family and friends this time of year.

This year the winter version of Ordinary Time bridging Christmas and Lent encompasses a mere four Sundays. That fourth Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday. Hopes of the inclusion of the Arizona Cardinals in the high holy day of professional football may make that Sunday as festive as Christmas for the red bird fans. Hope springs eternal!

In this season of “company is coming,” we warmly welcome all who come to share the great events of the Christmas season with our parish community. You are family and family is always welcome at our house.

*Fr. Ed Kaminski, CSC*  
pastor

# Our Lady of the Valley and St. Raphael Parishes

Nothing other than the name of Jesus can bring light into our soul, calm its sorrows, and heal its wounds.  
*- Exercises, Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC*



Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God

**Holy day of obligation**

Mass schedule

**December 31, 2015**

**Thursday Vigil:**

**4:00 pm at**

**Our Lady of the Valley**

**January 1, 2016 Friday**

**9:00 am St. Raphael**

**10:30 am Our Lady of the Valley**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday, December 28</b>	<b>Holy Innocents</b>
Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am † Bill Quinn
<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>	<b>St. Thomas Becket</b>
St. Raphael	9:00 am † M.J. Santiago
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 30</b>	
Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am † Carmine Ferrendi
<b>Thursday, Dec. 31</b>	<b>Vigil of Holy Day</b>
No 9:00 am Mass at St. Raphael	
Our Lady of the Valley	4:00 pm † Thomas F. Ockuly
<b>Friday, January 1</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of God</b>
Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am † Stephen Foster
St. Raphael	10:30 am † Sherry Carlston
<b>Saturday, January 2</b>	<b>Vigil - Epiphany</b>
Our Lady of the Valley	4:00 pm † Carmine Ferrendi
St. Raphael	5:30 pm Int. of Stephen O'Hare
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>
Our Lady of the Valley	7:30 am † Lorraine Hoffman
St. Raphael	9:00 am † Tara & Lowell Dubrava
Our Lady of the Valley	10:30 am † Chuck Goodmiller
St. Raphael	12:00 pm † Mary & Ed Brunner
Our Lady of the Valley	5:00 pm Parishioners of OLV & STR

During the Christmas season both parish offices will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm from December 28 through December 31, 2015. Parish offices are closed on January 1, 2016 the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.



Celebrating the feast of  
St. Andre Bessette, CSC  
**SPECIAL MASSES with the  
SACRAMENT OF  
THE ANOINTING OF THE  
SICK**

In celebration of the feast of St. Andre Bessette, CSC, the 9:00 am Mass on Wednesday, **January 6**, at Our Lady of the Valley and the 9:00 am Mass on Thursday, **January 7**, at St. Raphael will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. It is for those who are *seriously impaired by sickness or old age, approaching serious surgery or have chronic illness*.

**You must register for this sacrament by calling either office and give your name and which Mass you will be attending.**

**SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 21**  
INTERPARISH BLOOD DRIVE  
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM  
ST. RAPHAEL HALL

**Change in bulletin deadlines:**

Articles for the *January 10* (Baptism of the Lord):  
due before Monday, **January 4, 9:00 am.**

**Offices close at Noon on January 4.**

## Readings for the Week of December 28

<b>Monday</b>	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
<b>Friday</b>	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Week 24, 2014-2015	<b>Our Lady of the Valley</b>
	<b>Sunday Offering for December 12-13, 2015</b>
	Total of 3 Collections: \$8,001
	Filipino Collection: \$585
	Total of 3 Collections: \$8,586
Week 24, 2014-2015	<b>St. Raphael</b>
	Total of 3 Collections: \$5,777

# St. Raphael

<b>Monday, December 28</b>		
Knights of Columbus	7:00 pm	Club Rm
<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>		
SVDP party	6:00 pm	Hall
<b>Wednesday, December 30</b>		
AA meeting	7:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
<b>Thursday, December 31</b> <i>Office closes at 1:00 pm</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>		
Vigil Mass	4:00 pm	OLV Church
<b>Friday, January 1</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>		
Mass	9:00 am	STR Church
Mass	10:30 am	OLV Church
AA meeting	8:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
AA meeting	10:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
<b>Saturday, January 2</b>		
AA meeting	8:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>		
<i>Coffee/donuts after 9 am Mass</i>		Hall
RCIC	9:00 am	Rm 9
RCIA	9:00 am	Tobiah Rm
CLOW	Noon	Rm 10
TGIF (youth)	1:15 pm	Teen Ctr
Baptisms	1:30 pm	Church
<b>Choir party</b>	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Hall</b>
AA meeting	7:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
Al-Anon meeting	7:00 pm	Rm 9

# Our Lady of the Valley

<b>Monday, December 28</b>		
SVDP pantry	9-11:45 am	Pantry
No Confessions		
<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>		
AA meeting	7:00 pm	Rm 8
<b>Wednesday, December 30</b>		
SVDP pantry	9-11:45 am	Pantry
<b>Thursday, December 31</b> <i>Office closes at 1:00 pm</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>		
Vigil Mass	4:00 pm	OLV Church
<b>Friday, January 1</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>		
Mass	9:00 am	STR Church
Mass	10:30 am	OLV Church
<b>Saturday, January 2</b>		
Chaldean catechism	10:00 am	All Rms
<i>BBQ dinner tickets after Mass</i>		
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>		
<i>BBQ dinner tickets after Masses</i>		
<i>Burritos after Masses</i>		
Baptisms	9:00 am	Church
TGIF (youth) at STR	1:15 pm	Teen Ctr
<b>Choir party</b>	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>STR Hall</b>
Filipino choir/Mass	3:30 pm	Church



## Parent Preparation Program for Infant Baptism

The next session of required Baptism classes for parents of infants through 7 years of age will be **January 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00 pm**. **Registration deadline is December 30**. Forms are available at the parish offices. All sessions are held in the Adult Education Center in the St. Raphael office building.

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**Because of concern over AZ citrus, our St. Vincent de Paul conferences cannot accept citrus.**

## Enjoy a BBQ Dinner Saturday, January 9

\$10/adults and \$7/ages 6-12

Tickets are on sale this weekend and January 2/3  
*Sponsored by the Our Lady of the Valley Men's Club*

### Special Invitation



**For whom?** You  
**For What?** Pray the Rosary  
**When?** Monday evenings 7:00 pm  
**Where?** Our Lady of the Valley Chapel



Our Lady of the Valley will be holding a **Rummage Sale** on **Saturday, January 16**, east parking lot: 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

There will be a general table for anyone that would like to donate their sellable items OR you can RENT a TABLE and chairs and sell your own items. Please contact Loretta Madden (602-295-9042 or bcclmst@q.com) for more information.

# Our Lady of the Valley and St. Raphael Parishes



To all who join us for this celebration of the **Christmas Season**, we welcome you as we welcome Christ himself. Whether you are a regular parishioner, an occasional visitor or one who is worshipping with our community for the first time, please know that you are always welcome at Our Lady of the Valley and St. Raphael churches. Coffee and donuts are available Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass in St. Raphael Hall or in the Social Room after the morning Masses at Our Lady of the Valley.



The **Our Lady of the Valley Women's Club** will be selling breakfast burritos, regular and green chili, after the Sunday morning Masses next weekend (**January 3**) in the Social Room for just \$3.00 each.

To ensure everyone can purchase a burrito, please contact Terri Micale (602-515-3865) **to place pre-orders of 5 or more burritos** by no later than **Monday, December 28**.



## Mark your calendars!

The Our Lady of the Valley Women's Club January meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 pm**, in the Social Room. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Following the meeting, we will have a Christmas party with Christmas Bingo and a gift exchange (\$5 value). Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share. All women of the parish are welcome to join in the festivities.



## St. Raphael and Our Lady of the Valley Youth Ministry

### We have two groups within the Youth Ministry:

The first is the Junior High teens called the Jesus Christ (J.C.) Squad. We meet Tuesday evenings from 6 -7:30 pm. The group consists of a mix of fellowship, games, and catechesis.

The second group is the high school group Teens Gathered in Faith (TGIF) which meets Sunday from 1:15-3 pm. The group focuses on service, fellowship and catechesis.

**We welcome all to join who are interested in continuing their faith journey.** For further information on the groups, please contact Leah Johnson, Youth Ministry Coordinator (602-938-4227 x17). We look forward to your participation in this ministry. *Follow us #olvstr\_ym*



PRAYER  
REQUESTS

All those in need of our prayers. Anyone from either parish wishing to place someone on the prayer list may do so **if they have their permission**. Call Marilyn (602-938-0638) or email [ms-churchlady@hotmail.com](mailto:ms-churchlady@hotmail.com).

## Italian Dinner to benefit the Youth Ministry

Dinner will be served Saturday, January 23, 2016 at St. Raphael Hall from 6-8pm. All are welcome to attend.

Price: Single ticket: \$9

Two Tickets: \$15

Children 10 and under: \$4

Purchase after all Masses January 9/10 and at St. Raphael morning of January 17 or at the parish offices.

Dinner includes: Your choice of spaghetti or baked ziti, salad bar, garlic toast, dessert, coffee, and/or lemonade.

(Beer & wine cash bar)

**Our Lady of the Valley  
will be having a fundraiser at  
YOGURTINI SELF SERVE**

**Join us on Tuesday, January 5, from 5 to 8 pm for a delicious frozen treat as we raise funds to support our youth activities.**

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