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# Saint Raphael



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## “Welcoming, Merciful and Respectful Towards All” The World Meeting of Families in Dublin Aug. 22-26, 2018

From the beginning of his papacy (March 2013) Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of families within the Church. A few months later he hosted a Family Day at St. Peter. He was so inspired by Family Day that he then called for an International Synod on Families, which met for two years — 2014-15.

In 1994 St. Pope John Paul II organized the first World Meeting of Families. It was decided that this meeting would occur every three years under the sponsorship of the Holy See’s Pontifical Council for the Family. Most recall that three years ago the World Meeting of Families was held in Philadelphia with Pope Francis in attendance during his visit to the United States. His motivation for coming to the U.S. was the World Meeting of Families and everything else he did was added later.

At the completion of the International Synod on Families, the Pope issued an apostolic exhortation on love in the family in April 2016. It was titled *Amoris Laetitia* (*the Joy of Love*). (Note that an apostolic exhortation is a communication from the Pope. It does not define Church doctrine as it does not carry the formal authority of a papal encyclical. It is often issued to report on a Synod.) Much of *Amoris Laetitia* consists of reflections on the Gospels and Church teaching on love, the family and children. But it also includes a great deal of practical advice from the pope, sometimes gleaned from exhortations and homilies regarding the family.



There have been several results of the Family Synods and the pope’s document; some have had a direct effect on us at St. Raphael and the Diocese of Cleveland. As part of Catholic Charities the Diocese has a Marriage and Family Ministry. The Director of that office and that ministry is Bill Boomer, who is a parishioner at St. Raphael.

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## “Welcoming, Merciful and Respectful Towards All” The World Meeting of Families in Dublin *continued from front cover*

According to their web site, “The Department defines itself first as ministry: that is, with services and programs that have faith as their foundation and Christ as their goal. Our mission is to respond to the needs of families through the development of pastoral programs, administered through parish and community leaders, as articulated by the teachings of the Catholic Church on marriage and family concerns. As part of Cleveland Catholic Charities, the Department exists within a wider continuum of services to families and individuals, and works in collaboration with all agencies, offices, and persons that further its mission.”

Katie Galicic works in the Office as Administrative Assistant.

“Since Pope Francis issued his exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, much of what our office does is based on that,” Katie says. “We are important to families, individuals, and our parishes through our work.”

The next worldwide Meeting of Families will occur from August 22 through 26 in Dublin, Ireland. Pope Francis has confirmed that he will be travelling to Ireland to take part in the World Meeting of Families 2018 and has chosen the 2018 theme – The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World. Thousands of families from all over the world will be in Ireland for this great event. Pope Francis will attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park on Saturday, Aug. 25, and celebrate an

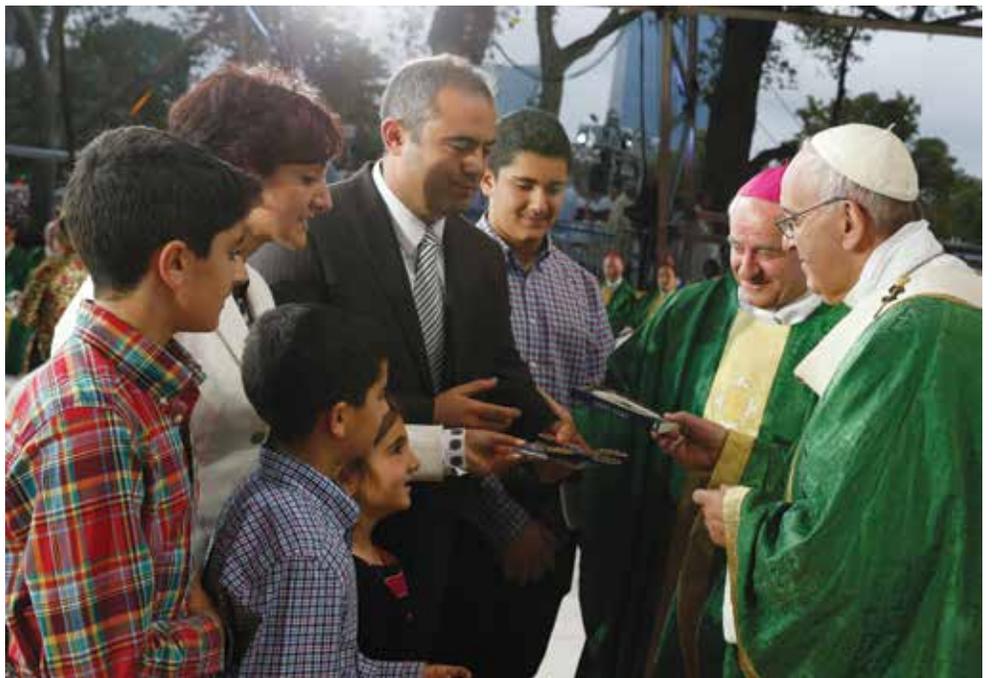
open air Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday, Aug. 26.

“We attempted to put together a contingent from the diocese to attend the meeting, but those plans have fallen through,” Katie says. “However, we are planning to do something in relation to the World Meeting to bring it to the people of the diocese. We are considering sponsoring Watch Parties in relation to the two events attended by the Pope. This would allow our families and people to experience firsthand the excitement of that time. Absolutely nothing is set yet, but we

would urge people to visit our web site at [www.ccdcle.org/marriage-and-family-ministry](http://www.ccdcle.org/marriage-and-family-ministry). Information will also be placed in parish bulletins.”

Pope Francis looks forward to the World meeting, saying, “The family...is the ‘yes’ of God’s love. God’s love is the starting point for the family and allows the family to love one another and reach out in mercy to others who are wounded and mistreated. It is only from love that the family can manifest, spread, and regenerate God’s love in the world.”

*For more information on the World Meeting or the Office for Marriage and Family Ministry, call Katie Galicic at 216-334-2978 or Bill Boomer 216-334-2971.*



*A Letter From Our Pastor*

## Surrounded by Saints and Good Stewards

My Dear Friends in Christ,

It's June — not quite into the heart of summer, but certainly a time when everything seems to be wrapping up. From school and religious education, to many of our ministries, much is winding down and going on hiatus.

Last month, we celebrated the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. This month, I would like to turn our attention to the idea of stewardship, although that concept is important every month and every day throughout the year.

We don't have to look far to find good stewards. They're all around us. They may be sitting near us at Mass. They may be part of our own families and households. Pay attention at our liturgies as they are always there, serving in a variety of ways. I suppose the big question is, "Do people look at us and see a good steward?" We are talking about more than our parish and the Church here. There are people in our communities and neighborhoods who show us what it means to be a good steward, and they do not have to be Catholic.

In June, we celebrate Father's Day. St. Joseph, the earthly father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may seem to be overlooked, but we do need to look at him always and especially on Father's Day. He humbly accepted his role much in the same way that Mary did. He does not have much to say in the Bible, indicative of his humility and understanding. Yet he, like Mary, was obedient. He was selfless. He was a worker, and in his own quiet way he was a leader — an example



to all of us.

St. Joseph is, as you know, the patron saint of fathers, workers and the universal Church. If we could all emulate Joseph in some small part each day, we would be closer to being the disciples Christ has called us to be.

Sometimes, we Catholics are criticized for using statues, and some may be under the misguided impression that we worship statues. Our country and our lives are filled with statues — for instance, look at Washington, D.C. and its various monuments. Think of Mount Rushmore. People go to see these statues and stand in front of them, sometimes

bowing their heads in prayer, or looking at the statue or piece of marble in awe. Does this mean these people are worshipping these statues? Absolutely not.

Let us be proud of our Catholic heritage and let us not be afraid to honor and respect our saints and the saints in our midst, the good stewards all around us. In fact, we must each try to be more like them.

God bless you in all you do.

May God bless and keep you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Tim Gareau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Fr. Tim Gareau,  
Pastor

# “BEING AN EAGLE SCOUT MEANS THAT I HAVE TO BE SOMEONE WHO IS WILLING TO HELP OTHERS. YES, IT HAS TO BE ABOUT REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED, BUT ALSO ABOUT HELPING THEM.”

## *Our Three Latest Eagle Scouts*

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The designation “Eagle Scout” was founded over one hundred years ago. Fewer than four percent of Boy Scouts earn this rank after a lengthy review process. The requirements necessary to achieve this rank take years to fulfill.

Requirements for the Eagle rank include earning at least 21 merit badges focusing on topics such as citizenship, conservation, family life, emergency preparedness, and physical fitness. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout.

We are pleased here at St. Raphael to sponsor Boy Scout

Troop 159, which will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the parish in 2026. Our three latest Eagle Scouts will be recognized on Sunday, June 10, at a Court of Honor beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Rooms here at St. Raphael.

The Scoutmaster of Troop 159 for more than 20 years has been Dave Madigan. He says, “We have a unique troop I think. Currently we have more than 40 boys in the troop, and it is a pleasure to work with them. We offer a wide variety of activities to meet the various interests of all the boys. I believe we do a good job of offering something for everyone.”

For the past six years Mike Clark has served as the Advancement Chair for the troop. Every troop has an Advancement Committee whose job is to monitor the advancement of each scout. When a Scout has completed all of the requirements for a rank, he must appear before a Board of Review. A Board of Review consists of troop committee members, parents, and sometimes council



*Semaan Boutros*



*Tommy Lavelle*



*John Arkos*

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## *Scouts with Parish Troop 159*

representatives. Its purpose is to determine whether the scout exemplifies the values of scouting and is ready to perform at the level of the rank. The ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class focus on acquiring scouting skills, while Star, Life, and Eagle focus on community service and leadership. A Board of Review gives the scout a very valuable experience in articulating why they are ready and what they have accomplished in pursuit of the rank. It is very much like a job interview.

In scouting a Court of Honor is a formal troop ceremony held at minimum quarterly (and intermittently upon conferment of Eagle Scout rank) where Scouts and their families come together to be recognized for rank advancement, merit badges, and other awards. Mike says, “Becoming an Eagle in particular is a sign of commitment and service. Those who achieve the rank of Eagle Scout have proven their leadership skills, their dedication to the ideals of scouting, and their commitment to serving others. They are Eagle Scouts for life and carry those skills and values with them for the rest of their lives.

The three young men who will be recognized for earning the Eagle rank on June 10 are John Arkos, Semaan Boutros, and Thomas Gerard Lavelle. One of the major requirements of the Eagle rank is that the scout must plan, develop and lead others in a service project that benefits a religious institution, a school, or the community. In addition to other requirements, each young man was required to complete an Eagle Scout Project for the rank.

Our latest troop 159 Eagles certainly demonstrated both the principles of our faith and those of scouting in the projects. John Arkos’ Eagle project improved the landscaping at the West Side Catholic Center. The Center had planters that people were sitting on and killing the plants. For John’s project he modified the planters by

raising them and building a railing to prevent people from sitting on them. Also, his project provided new plants to replace the damaged ones. In all John led 7 people on the project for a total of about 70 hours worked.

Semaan Boutros’ converted a storage room filled with junk to a room for two homeless people at St. Herman House. Semaan led the team in the removal of the items from the room and assisted St. Herman’s with the sorting and removal of the unwanted items. There were several boxes of office supplies which were donated to Urban Community School. Semaan led his team in cleaning the room, patching a large hole in the wall with dry wall and plaster, and the painting the room. Semaan was also able to secure the donation of two metal framed beds and mattresses from the Salvation Army, the painting supplies and cleaning supplies from Home Depot, and was able to get a ceiling fan donated so the project was done at no cost to St. Herman’s. In all Semaan led 13 people on the project for a total of 105 hours worked. Semaan’s project and attitudes were reflected in his comment: “Being an Eagle Scout means that I have taken the high road. An Eagle is someone who is willing to help others. Yes, it has been a long, hard road, and it involved reaching out to those in need, but the result rewards the effort.”

For Tommy Lavelle’s Eagle Project he led the constructing and dedication of 4 prayer benches on the grounds of the Congregation of St. Joseph seminary in Avon. Tommy raised funds for the project by collecting funds from individuals as well as soliciting donations from Home Depot and Ace Hardware. Tommy raised more money than necessary and donated the extra funds to St. Joseph’s. In all Tommy led 15 people on the project for a total of 197 hours worked. He says, “Receiving my Eagle is a great honor. I am very proud of this accomplishment. I think it shows people the caliber of person you are.”

*Troop 159 is open to boys aged 11 to 18. Come join us, Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the St. Raphael Parish Lunch Room. If interested, contact Scoutmaster Dave Madigan at 440-871-8270.*

# Stewardship Don't Take a Vacation From God This Summer



Everyone deserves a vacation. After nine grueling months of school, kids get to enjoy the summer to relax and regroup before beginning a new grade. Employees, after diligently working long hours and dealing with stressful situations, deserve time away from the office to enjoy their favorite getaway.

No one would argue that we need to mentally refresh our minds and bodies from time to time so that we can come back rejuvenated and ready to do our best.

Taking a break from some things, however, is not a possibility.

Take stewardship, for example. Imagine saying to yourself, "Well, this month I think I will not pray, not share any of my talents with anyone in need, and I will hoard my treasure." What would doing this accomplish? You certainly wouldn't feel refreshed, rejuvenated and ready to be at your best. Instead, feelings of greed, selfishness and spiritual unrest may occur. Stepping back from being a good steward just doesn't make sense.

So, now that summer has arrived in full force and our leisure time each day has increased, how can we remain good stewards?

It is likely that the regimented opportunities available during the school year are no longer available. Youth ministry and parish religious education formation may also be on summer break.

So, where do you turn? How can you keep your faith alive?

First and foremost, don't stop praying. The slow-paced days of summer are a perfect time to quiet ourselves for a few moments and try to reconnect with God. Why not take a moment of your free time each day to read the Gospel or a spiritual reflection

while lounging in a hammock?

Next, try to participate in an outreach program over the summer. Think of the life of Christ — everything He did on Earth was an act of service. Now, think of the gifts God has bestowed on you. He wants you to share them with others like He did, and summer gives us the time to do just that.

If you like working with kids, you can volunteer at the Vacation Bible School by helping to decorate, organize or being a team leader for the younger children.

If you are handy with tools, you may call Habitat for Humanity to see how you can help build a home for a family in need.

Or, if you are musically inclined, you can share your singing or instrumental gifts with a local nursing home. Maybe you are good in the kitchen. If so, you could offer your culinary skills to a local soup kitchen or food bank.

If you are a strong student, you could offer tutoring services to neighborhood kids to help prepare them for the next school year.

No matter what gift God has given you, there is a way to share it.

Getting paid for volunteering sometimes happens. And, if you have a summer job while on break, you'll get a paycheck for sure. Have you ever taken an opportunity to think about sharing the first fruits of your check?

As a young adult, returning a portion of your paycheck to God is an important thing to consider. Giving a portion back to Him is a way to say "thanks."

Whatever you do this summer, don't take a break from being a good steward. Remember that the time God gives you is a gift. What you do with it — whether on vacation or not — is meant to give Him glory.

# ANCHOR YOUR CHILD TO A TOTALLY CATHOLIC SUMMER ADVENTURE!

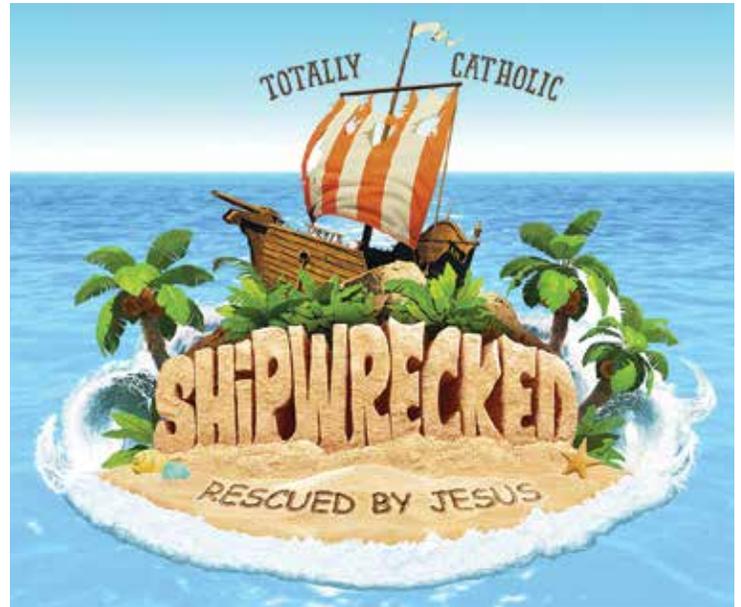
At Saint Raphael's Totally Catholic Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer, kids will learn that no matter what challenges they face, Jesus' love and grace is always with them! VBS is a week-long adventure that transports children, teens, and adults into far-away places, all the while learning more about our Catholic faith, Scripture, the Saints, and prayer while having fun and meeting new friends while you're singing and dancing!

Held at Saint Raphael Parish the week of July 23-27, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, each day includes music and songs, craft activities, Bible adventures, outdoor games, and even snacks that teach us about God's love and care for us. Hundreds of children and volunteer teen and adult helpers will be under the direction of parish staff members Terri Telepak, Dr. Andy Kereky, Bill Toler, Rachael Brusky, Father Tim, Father Eric, and Deacon Dave Stavarz. With past attendance often numbering over 300 children and 175 or more teen and adult volunteers, Saint Raphael VBS has often been the largest in the state of Ohio and among the biggest Catholic VBS in the country.

While many Christian churches will offer the "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" theme this year, we are proud to offer the Totally Catholic version from *Our Sunday Visitor*, which includes a "Saint of the Day", Catholic prayers, teachings, the Corporal Works of Mercy, and lessons on how each of our homes is a Domestic Church. One of the wonderful characteristics of VBS is that the children apply the daily lessons to their life at home, telling their family the stories, teaching them the songs, and taking the JOYFUL enthusiasm of our Catholic faith beyond our parish property into neighborhoods everywhere!

How fun to encounter Jesus in an age-appropriate way and then become His Disciples on a Mission! So how can being shipwrecked be a good thing? It all depends who you are with! **JESUS is with us through all of life's storms and wherever we land, He is already there!** We ALL need the message of this year's Vacation Bible School: *"When you're lonely; when you're worried; when you are struggling; when you have done something*

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## Anchor your child to a Totally Catholic Summer Adventure!

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*wrong; and when you feel powerless: JESUS RESCUES!"*

Vacation Bible School at Saint Raphael is open to children who will be age 4 by June 30, through those entering Grade 5 in the fall. Children with special needs are welcome. Students entering Grades 6-12 are invited to apply to be Teen Volunteers, especially if they are working on Service Hours! College students and adult volunteers are also needed. Adult volunteer forms are located on the parish website as well as the rack in the Gathering Area of the church and in the parish office.

Sharing your time and your talent with us for a day, a few days or the entire week is valued and appreciated!

Registration is on-line on the home page of our parish website: [www.saintraphaelparish.com](http://www.saintraphaelparish.com). The fee for children is \$50 for the week, which includes a T-shirt, a daily snack and craft activity, and a music CD for their family. There is a \$15 late fee per family for registrations received after June 30th. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 440-871-1100. Island adventure awaits!

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### *Liturgy Schedule*

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 p.m. | **Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon

**Weekday Mass:** M, T, W, F, 7:45 a.m. | M, T, Th, F, 9:15 a.m. | Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. | **Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 10:00 a.m. - Saturday 4:00 p.m.