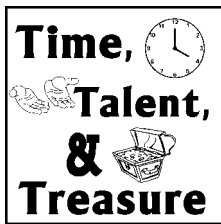


Parish Community News

A Challenge to the Parishioners— You have the talent but you need the venue to showcase your artistry. Well, there is no place to try like St. Raphael's Parish Festival, coming up on **September 26th**, only a month away! We are looking for singers, musicians, dancers, joke tellers, jugglers, yo-yoers, yodelers, whistlers and assorted performers! We are looking for joy, not perfection. All ages are welcomed. Please call me and let's see what we can work out- **Laureen Pittman, 967-8583.**

Blue Mass—A "Blue Mass" will be held on **Monday, September 20th, at 6 pm** at St. Raphael's Church to honor our police, firefighters and military service people. Dinner will be served afterwards in the parish hall. The menu will include chicken breast stuffed with cheese and Ortega chili, mixed vegetables, wild rice, and cherries jubilee. Dinner tickets are 15\$ and can be purchased **at the parish office or by contacting Bill Fuhrer at 683-4236.** Those attending in uniform and their spouses will receive a complimentary dinner! All parishioners are encouraged to attend this event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree.

Wanted!— Help is needed organizing the stage entertainment for the parish festival. It is a great opportunity to learn how to organize the music and stage set-up, keeping entertainers on schedule, how to adapt to changes and much more. Great opportunity, not just for adults, but for high school students needing volunteer hours and those interested in the entertaining business. **Call Laureen Pittman at 967-8583.**



Parish Festival Update— Save the Date!
The 2010 St. Raphael Festival is scheduled for September 26th, from 12-5pm! Mark your calendar now! You won't want to miss: **food food food, Bingo, Kids games, Cake walk, TWO raffle events, Young adult area with climbing wall and DJ!** There are also multiple raffles for volunteers to win prizes, so sign up to help!

There will be a **ministry fair** during the Festival – so far these ministries will be represented: Boy Scouts, Children's Liturgy, Early Childhood Education, Eucharistic Exposition / Adoration, St. Joseph Men's Group. To volunteer as an individual or to sign up for the Ministry Fair, contact **Ed Leicht (681-0969)** or **Glenn Schiferl (964-6013).** Don't wait – call today!

Calendar Highlights This Week

Sunday, August 29

Registration day for Religious Education, Parish Hall, after all Masses

Wednesday, September 1

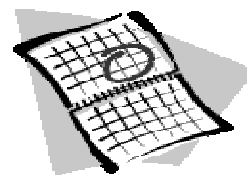
Summer Saints—History Class, PC Rm A, 10 am
Escuela de Evangelizacion, School, Rm 8, 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 2

Parish Picnic Meeting, PC Room A & B, 6:45 pm

Friday, September 3

First Friday Adoration,
Church, After 8:00 am
Mass



PC= Parish Center

Save the date!— Watch this space for upcoming Parish Community events that you will not want to miss!

September 20— "Blue Mass"

September 26— Parish Festival

October 9— Regional Congress

October 10— Mass for the Unborn

November 2— Mass for the Bereaved

November 17— Funeral Planning Workshop

November 28— Christmas Boutique

December 4— Advent Tea

Donations for the God's Beloved Poor— The St. Vincent DePaul Society Members will be accepting your donations the 5th Sunday collection, **THIS Sunday, August 29th.** Members will be stationed at the Church doors to receive your donations to help us assist the needy in our community. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Altar Servers needed for the 12:30 Spanish Mass— We are in desperate need of new Altar Servers who attend the 12:30 Spanish Mass as many have dropped out in the recent years. If you are between the ages of 10-18, please consider this very important and honorable ministry! **Contact Noel at 683-9090 ext. 7** if interested.

Like to Bowl?— The St. Raphael's Women & Men's bowling league will begin a new season **September 13th at 9:30 am.** If anyone is interested in joining, **contact Pat at 967-1735 or Ginger at 682-8752.**