



Greetings!

Grace & Peace to all.

Welcome, everyone to “Staying Connected via e-mail” and thank you all, newcomers and veterans.

It simply amazes me how quickly time passes. November is already here and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The days are getting cooler and I actually drove through some light snow already. Ok, so it was very light, but snow non the less. A time of thanksgiving and a time when families come together not only to share with one another but also with friends, neighbors and those less fortunate. Yes, I really love this time of year even if it does snow. Actually I really like snow. But I digress.

This time of year is especially busy for St Raphael’s and stewardship as a way of life is evident in the many activities & ministries that are currently going on everywhere. Pancake Breakfast, Cookie Extravaganzas, Home & School Shopping Gala, Christmas Toy Drive, Helping Hands Thanksgiving Food Basket , Athletics, Bible Study, the list goes on and on..... Yes, our loving God has blessed our parish family with so many gifts and there is a lot to be thankful for.

Now as we wrap up this year’s Stewardship Renewal I would ask that you reflect on these thoughts for just a moment.

Have you ever thought about your gifts? Do you know how blessed you are? Do you realize where those gifts came from? Are you grateful for those gifts? Have you said Thank You?

Stewardship: is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

Items of interest this month:

New Translation of the Roman Missal: It is here! The new translation takes effect on

Thanksgiving weekend.

Capital Campaign: Changing the Face of Saint Raphael Parish Phase II is underway, please see our parish website for more details.

Stewardship Renewal: Thank you so much for returning your commitment cards. Our ministry Leaders are busy contacting all those who have shown an interest in a particular ministry.

Photography Ministry: If you like to take pictures then this ministry is for you. Please see our website for details or just give me a call.

Calling all Alumni: We are working on developing an Alumni directory. Please see our website to register.

Stewardship, a Way of Live

God Bless

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