

Raphael's Refuge, Inc.

+ A Place of Healing +

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Fall/Winter Newsletter, 2018

Feast Day of the Archangels – In honor of our patron, Archangel Raphael, and in thanksgiving for our many blessings and answered prayers, Rev. Max Landman will celebrate Mass on Saturday, September 29, at 10:00 a.m. Mass will be preceded by a rosary at 9:30 a.m. Light refreshments will follow.

Parking – The foundations for the first six of the exterior memorial walls have been completed. There is, therefore, no longer parking available near the Monument. If parking on the road, please stay to the right (outside edge) so cars can pass. There are two pebbled parking areas just outside of circular road, plus parking in front of the restrooms.

Pews – Thanks and blessing to those who have sponsored a pew. Happily, 18 of the 24 pews have been sponsored. A \$1,000 donation is suggested for pew sponsorship.

Exit Road – After events, for safety reasons, please use the exit road. It leads to Old Waelder Road. A right turn will take you directly back to Highway 90.

The 11th Annual Feast Day of the Holy Innocents Celebration – Please join us on Friday, December 28. Bishop Brendan Cahill will be the main celebrant for Mass at 11:00 a.m. A rosary will be prayed at 10:00 a.m., followed by announcements and joyful Christmas carols. Following the service, we will gather on the porch for refreshments. You are welcome to bring something to share, but please do not feel that you must.

Divine Mercy Chaplet – You are welcome to join whoever may be at the Monument on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. There will be no leaders – people will just pray together. There are cards available for any who do not know the words.

Retirement – I am still working on retiring, though I will remain on our Board of Directors. Volunteers continue to be needed in several areas. Those positions include someone to manage the office, to be responsible for news releases, to be in charge of photography, to send information to our webmaster, to conduct tours, to be in charge of maintenance, to help with painting, to oversee grounds keeping, *and so on!* If you are willing to help with any of those tasks, or something not listed, please get in contact with me as soon as possible. Sadly, much is going undone.

Volunteers – Praise God! To help us through this time of transition, a couple from San Antonio, Roberta and Jay Mendoza, have been driving to the Refuge weekly to help with whatever they can. They typically are here Thursdays and Fridays . . . cleaning, staining, repairing, mowing, and so on. May God bless them and each one of you.

Our New Board of Directors --

Front Row: Therese Marcak (Shiner), Me, Teresa Migl (Leander),

Back Row: Rex Moses (Nassau Bay), R.J. Steinhauser (Flatonia), Martin Svatek (Schulenburg), and Rev. Jasper Liggio (Cuero).

Not pictured: Pastor Tim Rowell (Flatonia), Hilary Francis (Bryan), Debbie Bollom (Shiner), and Judi Kubena (Yoakum)



Gratefully,

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