



Good afternoon Parishioners of St. Raphael,

We are excited to announce the grand opening of our new playground this coming **Monday, October 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** We will do a ribbon cutting and a prayer of blessing for the playground.

This has been a LABOR OF LOVE for so many people who have helped us get to this great day. I want to thank Fr. Tim Gareau, former pastor of St. Raphael and Kris McGivney for their great leadership at the beginning of the campaign. I'd also like to thank the following who have been part of our committee members in this second phase of the campaign. They include:

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Special thanks to our partners in this endeavor including: Carey Construction Company, John Kearns & Associates (fundraiser) and Meracki Architects, LLC, Mid-State Recreation, G&G Incorporated (technology) and the Diocese of Cleveland - Brady Burmeister.

Most of all, thanks to our donors who have made this playground and the entire "Our Faith, Our Legacy" project possible. Memorial plaques are on order and we will list all our donors in the pavilion on the large TV screen once the pavilion is complete.

A separate blessing and dedication of the Pavilion will take place once we have an occupancy permit and have full completion.

Please see the notice below of the playground ribbon cutting and hope you'll be able to join us then and, later, when the Pavilion is blessed and dedicated.

Thanks to everyone who made this endeavor possible!

Fr. Dan Schlegel
Pastor