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+ *A Place of Healing* +

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September 2023 Newsletter

A Quarter of a Century – This year marks our 25th Anniversary! After



receiving the vision God placed before her and obediently following His request, Mildred Elam began the beautiful mission of Raphael's Refuge. The organization was formed and the board held their first meeting in 1998. She and Rex Moses, pictured here, have served on Raphael's board since its inception. Midge recently stepped down from the board, but will remain a vital asset to this ministry. This beautiful vision has helped many families heal and find comfort after the loss of a child. As they dedicate a glass block engraved with their baby's name, they remember and honor their precious child's life.

Feast Day of the Archangels - Our annual celebration of St. Michael, St. Raphael and St. Gabriel will be held Friday, Sept. 29. The day will begin with a rosary recited at 10:15 a.m. with Mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Rother of Hallettsville will preside. We hope everyone will join us for fellowship following Mass, with a potluck of light finger foods to share while visiting. Please invite a friend and know that all are welcome.

Save the Date – Mass will held on the Feast Day of the Holy Innocents, Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023. Details to follow.



Service Project-

Nate Boedeker and his family spent the day cleaning up the porch, sidewalks, and restroom area last spring break. It had been many years since the porches had seen a power washer. He did a wonderful job knocking out the stains and mold. With extra batteries in the charger, they were able to rotate them to weed eat and blowing all the walks. The roses received much needed attention, the flower beds were cleaned plus so much more. We are grateful to the Boedeker family for all their hard work.



Angel Wings - If you have driven to the monument lately, you may have noticed a beautiful addition to the entrance sign. A set of finely crafted and hand painted angel wings has been gifted to us by Tom Dornak. Carved from Red Heart Cedar, these wings have been a labor of love which began many years ago following a conversation he and Midge had about what could be an extra touch on the entrance sign. He felt called by God and the angels that day to carve them for Raphael's Refuge. While living in Rockport, he found another talented artist, Sue Bonnar, who painted the delicate feathers on the wings.



A Fresh Coat -

After the carpeting in the sacristy area was installed, Teresa Migl brightened up the walls in the sacristy area behind the mural.



Praying for the blessings of rain and an awareness of God's love to nourish your soul,

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May the Lord cause your joy to increase and overflow for one another and everyone else." 1 Thes. 5:12