



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 5TH, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am

Monday through Saturday 7:00 am

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS:

Check Bulletin For Mass Times

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with exposition) following 7:00 am Mass concluding at 2:00 pm with Benediction

Subsequent Tuesday of each month (without exposition) 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50 am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm on Saturday



ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL S.T.U.C.O. IN ACTION

SRA's Student Council served coffee and donuts for Parent Appreciation Day, which was one of the many activities experienced during last week's Catholic Schools Week.

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Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now open. For information, please contact the School Office at 314.352.9474 or e-mail to secretary@straphaelarchangel.org.

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CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Reiker	Pastor
Deacon Roger Kreitler	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Deacon Ron Holmes	Permanent Deacon and Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
Mrs. Mickey Janos	Admin. Assistant
Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mr. Josh Knauer	Maintenance
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
Mrs. Kim Vangel	School Principal
Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
Mrs. Amy Ruggeri	Cafeteria Manager
Mr. Bill Cremers	Seminarian

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Parish and School

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

7:30 am to 1:30 pm



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."



PARISH INFORMATION

REGISTRATION:

New members are encouraged to see the Pastor, Deacons, or to call the Parish Office to register.

BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish Office just before or shortly after the birth of your child to make arrangements for Baptismal Instructions and arrange for a Baptismal date.

MARRIAGE:

Those seeking marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date of the wedding to begin the Church process of marriage preparation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

Please call the Parish Office for information on becoming Catholic.

FR. BOB'S COLUMN

GOOD NEWS! ST. RAPHAEL WILL HAVE A "PARISH MISSION" SOON!

As a strong Parish Family we need to continually renew our vision of who we are and what our purpose is. For that reason, we have scheduled an SRA Parish Mission from Sunday, March 5th through Thursday, March 9th. These days of renewal are entitled "SIMPLY LIVE! – TRUE RELIGION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY." It will be led by Fr. George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. The main service will be each evening at 7pm, but there will also be morning Masses and talks. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information!



MORE GOOD NEWS!

Our *Fifty and Beyond* pledge total has now reached \$961,510 – getting very close to our goal of \$1,000,000. Thanks again to the many St. Raphael families who have made a pledge out of the generosity of their hearts. Let's have some more donors to help us reach the top!

A HUGE "THANK YOU!" TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE OUR ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL "OPEN HOUSE" LAST SUNDAY A GREAT SUCCESS WITH LOTS OF VISITORS!

Know any people interested in having their students enroll in our very excellent school that is "Small Design, Big Results"? Our SRA School offers Kindergarten through 8th Grade, plus our Preschool for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds. Enrollment is taking place this month. Please contact the SRA School Office at 314.352.9474 this week.

INTERESTED IN STUDYING TO BECOME A PERMANENT DEACON?

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is inviting men, who are interested in exploring a vocation to Permanent Diaconate, to attend an Information Meeting about the life, role and formation of Permanent Deacons in St. Louis. The location closest to St. Raphael is the Cardinal Rigali Center on Laclede Station Road, on **Thursday, April 6 at 7pm**. The meeting will provide information about applying to enter the five-year Formation Program in September 2017. To join the Class of 2022, men must be between the ages of 30 and 60. For more information, call me or email me at the Parish Office, or contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate Office at 314.792.7433.

U.S. BISHOPS SAY NEW EXECUTIVE ORDERS ON IMMIGRATION THREATEN FAMILY LIFE

The American Catholic Bishops have sounded the alarm in response to new immigration orders issued by President Trump that they say will tear apart families and parishes across the nation. In a strongly worded statement, their spokesperson said that this new policy would sever family connections and traumatize the children of immigrants, especially as officials become more aggressive in deporting unauthorized immigrants. The bishops are concerned about immigrant families that have established deep roots in U.S. communities and parishes. Often the children of these families were born in the U.S. or brought here at a very young age. Archbishop Carlson joined in with his own impassioned plea that the Catholic community and people of good will should oppose the executive order which seeks to close the doors of our country to our most vulnerable immigrants and refugees. For more info, contact the Archdiocesan website, archstl.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR SRA 8TH GRADE CLASS FOR REPRESENTING ST. RAPHAEL PARISH AT THE "MARCH FOR LIFE" IN WASHINGTON DC ON JAN. 27TH

Our SRA young people and their adult leaders had a safe and successful bus trip to our nation's capital to stand up for the life of the unborn in our country. They and many thousands more are making an impact on our society in changing hearts to always, always value the precious lives of unborn children. Mary, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for our country to respect all human life!

SERVERS FOR FEB. 6TH - 12TH

Monday –Tuesday

7:00 am Cate Guenther Ellie Guenther
8:00 am Jacob Kellar Andrew Kellar

Wednesday-Thursday

7:00 am Kristin Nienhaus Kristina Videmschek
8:00 am Katie Delf Abby Delf

Friday

7:00 am Gillian Neal Isabella Pfeiffer

Saturday

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4:30 pm Seamus Baur Annie Baur
Natalie Davis

Sunday

8:00 am Flora Borowiak Andrew Borowiak
William Hotze

10:00 pm Sean Madden William Madden
Mady Shine

WEEKEND OF FEB. 11TH - 12TH

4:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am

PRIEST:

Fr. Bob Reiker Fr. Bob Reiker Fr. Bob Reiker

LECTORS:

Joyce Holmes Barb Cramer Linda Hiette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Helen Doyle Lorraine Gurley Joan Billing
Bob Ahrens Sue Lawton Ted Green
Maureen Ahrens Vicki Winter Mary Faith Green
George Kerry Amy Ruggeri Barbara Favre
Jane Hinkebein Rosita Koehler Heather Hays
Margie Auer Tony Mariani Fred Hodes
Steve Kratky

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun., Feb. 5th

8:00 am Joan Rudge
10:00 am Leona Niemeyer

Monday, Feb. 6th

7:00 am Mrs. Heep
8:00 am Ken Cohen

Tuesday, Feb. 7th

7:00 am Thomas Whelan
8:00 am Bob Stanze

Wednesday, Feb. 8th

7:00 am John Linzager
8:00 am Mary Janet Kinsella

Thursday, Feb. 9th

7:00 am Judy Svetanics
8:00 am Tom Fitzpatrick

Friday, Feb. 10th

7:00 am Roger Kreitler SI

Saturday, Feb. 11th

7:00 am Frank Reznicek
4:30 pm Agnes & Ralph Hager

Sunday, Feb. 12th

8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Rose Smart

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JANUARY 28/29, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,437.18
Online Giving	\$ 1,372.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 6,809.18
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 8,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date	\$196,752.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget Goal	\$248,000.00

Pastoral Care Ministry

We need your help:
Our mission is to offer Holy Communion and other sacraments to our homebound parishioners. Do you know of neighbors or parishioners who are physically unable to receive regular sacraments due to an inability to attend Mass (on a permanent or temporary basis)? If so, please contact us with their names (or the names of a caregiver) so we can reach out to them. Please respond by calling the parish office or by calling or emailing: Mary Faith Green - 314.832.3310 - greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net.

St. Raphael Ladies Club Vendor Fair



ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

6000 Jamieson, St. Louis, MO 63109

The fair will be held in the Gymnasium

Thursday, February 16, 2017

7-9 p.m.

Free



#SRASTRONG

Grow Your Community, Shop Local

Please join the Ladies' Club on **Thursday, February 16 from 7-9pm** in the **GYM** for our first SRA Ladies' Club Vendor Fair. We have 45+ local vendors and home-based businesses offering a variety of products or services, including: handcrafted gifts; home accessories; custom costume and fashion jewelry; personal care items; gift baskets; fashion accessories; vintage clothing; outerwear; unique one-of-a kind gifts; and more. Please bring a friend (or several) for this fun evening of shopping local to support SRA and your local community.

Free to attend. **Food and beverages will be available for purchase.** Stop by the Ladies' Club table for a chance to win a VIP package to the Quarter Auction!



SCHOOL OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Formed in Faith, Prepared for Life

FAITH – St. Raphael the Archangel School guides its students as they form their knowledge of the Catholic faith and their love for Jesus Christ, in an environment that promotes compassionate hearts through habits of personal prayer, reflection, and community service.

CHARACTER – Our school and parish community endeavor to develop each student’s character by modeling and practicing the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. We nurture our students’ perseverance, sense of gratitude, leadership, and ability to make informed moral choices.

ACADEMICS – We utilize a rigorous, measurable academic program that develops critical thinking skills, promotes imagination, celebrates individual gifts and talents, and fosters a life-long love of learning.

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, Feb. 6th	Tuesday, Feb. 7th	Wed., Feb, 8th	Thurs., Feb.9 th	Friday, Feb. 10th
Chicken Sandwich & Corn on the Cob	Nachos Supreme	Ham & Cheese Croissant	Pigs in a Blanket	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

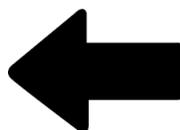
The process for the 2017-2018 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2017. If you are interested in touring our school or would like to request a packet of information and the registration form you will need to complete, please call the school office at [314.352.9474](tel:314.352.9474). Registration packets may also be mailed if requested.



Our 8th graders made it home safely from the March for Life in Washington, DC. They had a wonderful time. Thank you to everyone who prayed for their safe pilgrimage.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



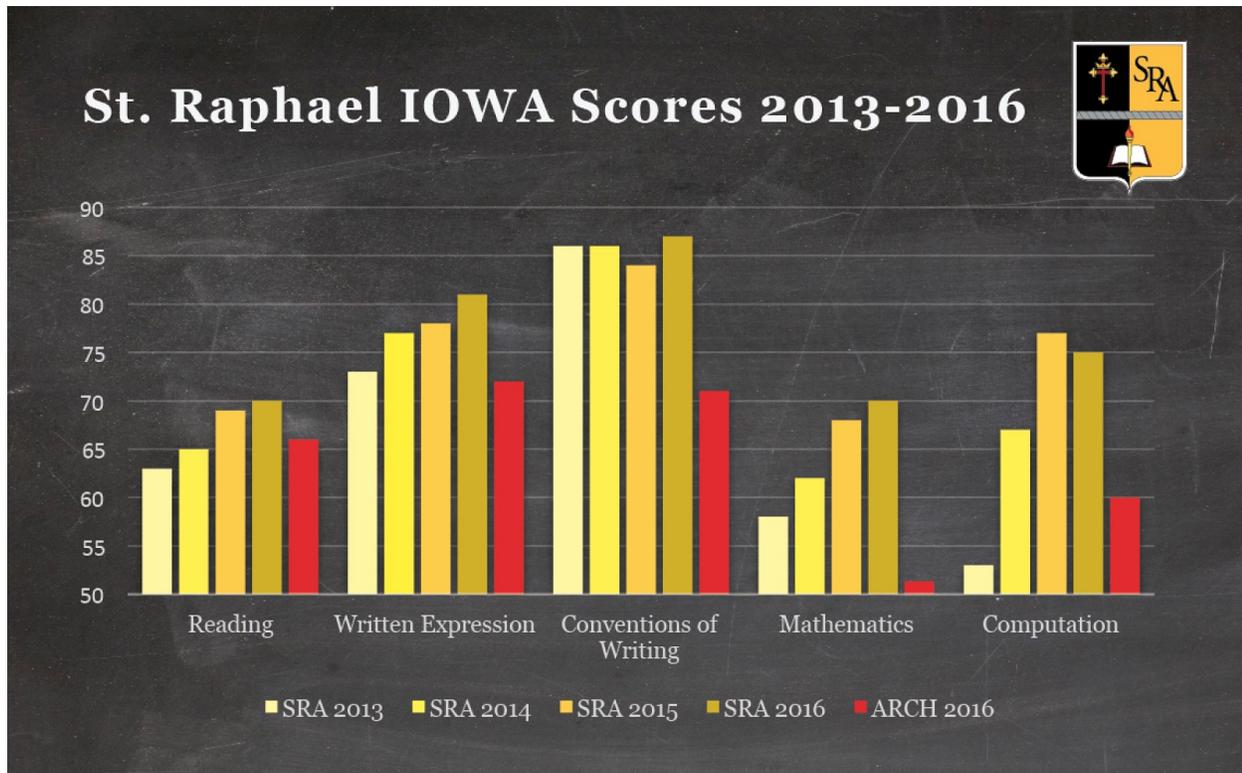
Some of our teachers and staff playing Faculty Feud during last week’s Catholic Schools Week festivities!

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Open House last Sunday such a success! We had 34 new families come through our school, which is very good. I heard lots of comments about how families felt very welcome here and how impressed they were with our school.

One of the most impressive things for our visitors is the growth we have seen in our students' standardized test scores over the past 4 years. As you can see from the chart below, our students have made great gains, especially in Mathematics and Computation.



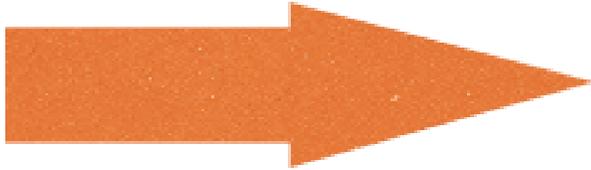
The reasons for these gains are many, but they are based on the educational research that shows that the most important factor in improving student learning is the quality of the teacher in the classroom. At St. Raphael, we have worked very hard to get the right teachers in place in our classrooms, and to provide them with the professional development they need to be effective. We also completely updated and rewrote our curriculum, transitioned to standards-based grading to improve our teaching and learning, and we are utilizing the most up-to-date technology and instructional resources in every grade level. Combine all of that with a huge portion of good old-fashioned grit and hard work by teachers and students, and Voila! We are starting to see the results we want.

There is more work to be done and I hope we will continue to have your support in order to do it. This will take extraordinary efforts by everyone in the St. Raphael School community. We will need to remain updated in technology, both in equipment and in staff; we must continue our improvements in science and STEM education; we must be able to add necessary support staff in order to differentiate between our struggling and our advanced learners; we must provide the best instructional resources for our students; and we must use resources to improve the safety of our school building.

Thank you so much for your continuing support and prayers!

Peace,
Kim Vangel, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS



February 11	Snowflake Ball
February 11	Wedding Anniversary Mass & Dinner
February 16	Ladies' Club Vendor Fair
February 18	Progressive Dinner
March 5-9	Parish Mission

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our Annual Anniversary Mass will be held on **Saturday, February 11th**, starting with the **4:30 pm Mass**. Each couple will receive a framed certificate for this memorable milestone. After Mass we will go to the Tobias Room for a complimentary dinner in the Rectory. If you were married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and beyond 60 years, please call the Parish Office at 314-352-8100 or Greg or Karen Divis at 314 351 4443 to make your reservations. See you there!

Choir News

Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? You qualify if you sing in the shower, sing "Happy Birthday" or even "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"! The Adult Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in church.

All are welcome. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Deacon, Music Director, at 314.352.8100 or musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org.

The Wild Goose Project

An Adult Faith Formation Series to Welcome the Holy Spirit To Work in Your Life

Everyone is welcome. We will meet on Tuesday evenings for a video presentation, prayer and sharing, at 7:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Office. Gatherings will last no more than one hour and no workbook is required, so no cost to participate. The first three sessions will be held on **February 14, 21, 28** and then we will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month until we go through the complete series.

Here is some information about the series created by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. "The Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholics into a life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit desires to be present to us in a manner that brings light out of darkness, freedom out of bondage, order out of chaos and life out of death.

The Wild Goose Series is fourteen independent segments dealing with different experiences of the Holy Spirit. For the most part, each segment stands on its own, so you do not have to watch the DVDs in any particular order. However, the first three segments give a foundation to the others, so it is best to start with these. If you would like to join us, please contact Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304 or susan_brandt@att.net so we know how many to set up for. Why not take a leap of faith and see what adventures the Holy Spirit may have in store for you? www.thewildgooseisloose.com

Ursuline Academy invites 7th-grade girls to spend a day with us. We would love to have you meet our students and staff - and lunch is on us! Join us and see what is new at UA. Please call 314.984.2882 or register at ursulinesl.org/visit. Fifth, sixth, and seventh graders are welcome to join us for "Be A Bear for a Day," **Thursday, April 20, 2017**. Reserve your spot today at ursulinesl.org/beabearforaday.

Please join us February 18th
for the annual
SRA Parish and School

Progressive Dinner

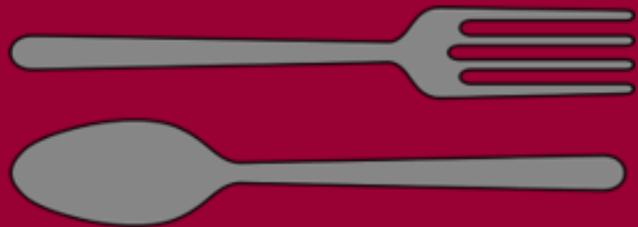
Appetizers....Dinner....Dessert....Music

Dessert will be held at the home |
of Ray and Mary Anne Braun

Tickets are \$30.00 per person
unless you are an appetizer or dinner host.

Reservations can be sent to the
rectory or school office
care of Jenny Delf.

Don't Miss the Fun!



Name: _____

Willing to Host: Appetizer _____ Dinner _____

Willing to provide a dessert _____

Address: _____

Preferred Contact: _____

Make Checks Payable to SRA

SERVING DINNER AT STS. PETER & PAUL

Peter and Paul Community Services offers an evening meal 20 days out of each month to people who may be on limited or fixed incomes. On **February 16**, parishioners of St. Raphael will provide the meal. We are excited about this opportunity to reach out to those in need. If you are interested in helping us, we could use the following items:

Meal Preparers and Servers
Sweetened Kool-Aid

Coffee
Financial Donations

Paper Towels

(checks payable to SRA and marked for Sts. Peter & Paul)

If you would like to contribute and/or are interested in preparing and serving the meal, please contact Mary Faith at 832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, Feb. 6th

3:45 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
6:45 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scout Meeting
7:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	RCIA

Tuesday, Feb. 7th

1:00 pm - Raphael Room	50+ Club
1:30 pm - Tobias Room	Bible Study
3:15 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
5:00 pm - Cafeteria	Daisy Scouts
6:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
7:00 pm - Church	Wkly. Rosary Recitation
7:30 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice

Wednesday, Feb. 8th

9:00 am- Quilters Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Church	SRA Schola Rehearsal
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
6:00 pm- Cafeteria	Step Class
6:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
7:00 pm - Church	Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scout Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 9th

2:00 pm - School	SRA Dance Classes
5:30 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel	Men's Prayer Group
7:30 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice

Friday, Feb. 10th

3:15 pm - Tobias Room	Marian Award
4:00 pm - Gym	Snowflake Ball Set Up

Saturday, Feb. 11th

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
4:30 pm - Church/Tobias Room	Anniversary Mass/ Dinner
6:30 pm - Gym	Snowflake Ball

FREE training on Catholic Social Teaching by Msgr. Schuler with Catholic Charities

When: Saturday, February 18th 10:30-12:00

Where: Gabriel House - St. Gabriel's Parish

During this training we will explore the "street strategies" that emanate from Catholic Social Teaching. We will examine the background out of which these teachings were formed and look at the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching espoused by the US Bishops and summarize these in six words. Finally, we will tackle real live "moral issues" and apply the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to move towards a true moral solution. Refreshments provided.

PLEASE RSVP by 2/14 to Erin at 369.2945 or emg1175@hotmail.com.

2017 CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

The 10th Annual Catholic Men for Christ Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, February 18th**. This year's speakers include John Leyendecker, Fr. Art Cavitt, Jon Leonetti, and Damon Owens, along with emcee Zip Rzeppa. The conference will be held at The Touhill Performing Arts Center, located on the UMSL campus.

For more information and to register, please visit the Catholic Men for Christ website catholicmen-forchrist.org or call The Touhill ticket office directly at 314.516.4949.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2016 Contribution and the Black and Gold Auction Statements were sent out earlier this week. If you have not received your statement(s) or if there are any discrepancies, please email me at halbert@straphaelarchangel.org or call me at 314.352.8100, Monday-Wednesday between 7:30am to 4:00pm. The Beyond Sunday (50 and Beyond) statements will be sent out by the Roman Catholic Foundation. This organization is handling the campaign for the parishes who are participating in this fundraiser. God bless you and thank you for sharing your treasure, time and talent with the parish/school community.

Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

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Date: February 1, 2017

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Contact: Parish Office 314-352-8100

Special Instructions: