



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 11, 2011  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“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.”*



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## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Last Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> women of St. Raphael took time out of their busy holiday schedules to attend Advent by Candlelight. It was so much fun to see how each hostess had decorated her table and to listen to the beautiful Christmas music of Ray and Mary Anne Braun. The keynote speaker was Fr. Matthew Barnard and his reflections on 'Following Mary to Jesus' were exactly what everyone needed to hear at this time of year! Thanks to all who participated.

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<b>Deacon Roger Kreitler</b>	Permanent Deacon
<b>Rev. Mr. Kevin Drew</b>	Transitional Deacon
<b>Mr. Peter Abegg</b>	School Principal
<b>Mrs. Linda Mechler</b>	School Secretary
<b>Mrs. Diane Halbert</b>	Office Manager
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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

### Monday thru Thursday

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

### Friday

7:30 am to 1:30 pm



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:** Saturday at 4:30 pm  
Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

**Weekdays:** Monday through Saturday 7:00 am  
Monday through Friday 8:00 am

## HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Check Bulletin For Mass Times

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with exposition)  
following 8:00 am Mass concluding at 2:00 pm with  
Benediction

Subsequent Tuesdays of each month (without expo-  
sition) 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

## PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50 am

## CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before morning Masses on Tuesday,  
Thursday & Saturday; and 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm Sat-  
urday

## BULLETIN ARTICLES

All articles for the bulletin are due into the rectory  
office by Noon on the Monday prior to the following  
weekend's bulletin, unless otherwise stated. Please  
send all bulletin notices to:

**[parish@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:parish@straphaelarchangel.org)**

In case there are any questions, please include your  
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**Prayer Tree** Please call the rectory

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION:

New members are encouraged to see one of the  
Parish Priests, Deacons, or to call the Parish Office  
to register.

### BAPTISM:

Please contact the rectory 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.

### R.C.I.A.:

Please call the rectory for class information.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

This past weekend was a busy one for Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish. On Saturday evening, the parish hosted the St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association for its annual Christmas Party. That same evening our 5th grade girls played in the City/County Semi-Finals for volleyball. It was a heated match. The girls lost the first game, won the second and then lost the third. They played with great heart and enthusiasm.



On Sunday, the parish hosted its first Advent by Candlelight evening. It was attended by over 150 ladies who came together to share a meal, fellowship and prayer. Father Mathew Barnard, Associate Pastor of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, offered a spiritual reflection during the evening, focusing on Mary's role of leading us to Jesus. A special word of thanks to all those who had a hand in the planning of these events, especially Mary Alice Goedeker and Sue Brandt, who helped to make Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish shine for its visitors.

I am pleased to announce that our Annual Angel Appeal has been hugely successful. We have to date \$59,520.00 in pledges. The generosity of so many of you has been so inspiring to me personally, and it is a testimony to all of the commitment of the Saint Raphael the Archangel community to this parish. The funds raised will help us to meet our budget this year and ensure our viability. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and generosity.

Next week at our 10:00 am Mass, we will be welcoming members of our 7th and 8th grade classes who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. At this Mass, we will be recognizing them as they begin a more intense time of preparation for the reception of the Sacrament in the Spring. Please pray for them as they continue on this journey of faith to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit into their lives.

It is hard to believe that we are now at the Third Sunday of Advent. We all feel the intensity of preparation for Christmas in our lives. One way to prepare personally is to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Saturday, December 17th at 2:30 pm, Father Suren and I will be available for confessions. The time for confession will begin with a brief prayer service. We will be present to hear all those desiring to receive the Sacrament. In addition to this time, confessions are always available prior to the 7:00 and 8:00 am Masses on Tuesdays and Thursday, and before the 7:00 am and 4:30 pm Masses on Saturdays.

Msgr. Breier

**SERVERS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 12  
TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

**Monday through Wednesday**

7:00 am Peyton Follis Henry LeGrand

**Monday**

8:00 am Marcus Sullenger Noel Notheis

**Tuesday**

8:00 am Marcus Sullenger Lexi Weber

**Wednesday**

8:00 am Marcus Sullenger Maggie Weber

**Thursday through Friday**

7:00 am Frank Neal Clare Neal

8:00 am Olivia Brinkmann Erika Jugo

**Saturday**

7:00 am Frank Neal Clare Neal

4:30 pm Mary Beth Howard Jessica Davis  
Henry LeGrand

**Sunday**

8:00 am Kathleen Magee Molly Mitchell  
Claire Baur

10:00 am Caroline Goeddel Mary Goeddel  
Erika Jugo

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted...”*

*Isaiah 61:1*

The Lord God has anointed all of us through Baptism and He has sent each of us on a mission. Each of us has been given unique gifts and talents so that we can help fulfill God’s mission here on earth. Are you doing the things Jesus sent you here to do?

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 12**

7:00 am Joseph & Christine Grapperhaus

8:00 am Bernice Lowell

**Tuesday, December 13**

7:00 am Ann Goltschman

8:00 am Luvicina & Benardo Bono

**Wednesday, December 14**

7:00 am Tillie Rundle

8:00 am Frank Fritz

**Thursday, December 15**

7:00 am Fr. Joseph Reilly

8:00 am Rosanna Sisca

**Friday, December 16**

7:00 am Dorothy Feldmeier

8:00 am Guiseppe & Ninfa Indelicato

**Saturday, December 17**

7:00 am David Chopin

4:30 pm Mary & William Hauser

**Sunday, December 18**

8:00 am John Jabouri & Agnes Kikas

10:00 am Parish

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

General Fund	\$9,344.50
Online Giving	\$431.00
Legacy of Faith	\$1,324.92
Immaculate Conception	\$175.00
Christmas	\$140.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$130.00
Christmas Flowers	\$364.00
Concern for the Poor	\$35.00
Seminary	\$135.00
Tuition Assistance	\$25.00
Human Development	\$20.00
Retirement Religious	\$10.00

**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 17/18**

	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>PRIEST:</b>	Father Suren	Father Suren	Monsignor Breier
<b>LECTOR:</b>	Caroline Fischer	Alice Howard	Linda Hiette
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>	Ed Wallner	Sue Lawton	Gina Horas
<b>MINISTERS:</b>	Helen Doyle	Jerry Bentz	Joe Zulich
	Bob Ahrens		Dan Harbaugh
	Maureen Ahrens		Celeste LeGrand
	George Kerry		Mary Alice Goedeker
	Dorothy Lawson		Amy Schisler
	Jane Hinkebein		Stacy Schicker
			Janet Sheldon

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to the two new members of the St. Raphael Parish Council: Diana Bentz and Jim Baur. These two new members will officially take office at the January Parish Council meeting.

Many thanks to those parishioners who agreed to be part of the selection process: Ron Goedeker, Jane Hinkebein, Kim Kaiser, Patty McLeese, and Barb Ternak.

Thanks, also, to the retiring members: Frosty Hodes and Barb Ternak. May God continue to bless our Parish Council members and to guide their efforts as they work for the good of the St. Raphael community.

### LADIES' CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come and join us for a wonderful evening of food, drink, and friends.

**December 15, 2011**  
**7:00 pm in the school cafeteria**

Please bring canned or dry goods (no canned green beans or corn), also a new pillow and pillow case for the kids at the Women's Safe House. We also have a list if you would like to donate something else.

For more information, please contact Darlene Vitale at 314-568-3582. Dinner is provided; please bring an appetizer or dessert. It is \$5.00 to join for the year. Everyone is welcome!

Come and help us celebrate the Christmas Season!

### SAVE THE DATE

**April 26, 2012**

The St. Raphael Ladies' Club is hosting its first ever "Quarter Auction." Bring your roll of quarters to bid on some great items. If you are interested in donating items or for more information on this fun event, please contact Darlene Vitale 314-353-8133 or Sue Leiendecker 314-832-3156.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2011

**Attendance:** Monsignor Breier, Frosty Hodes, Jerry Geiser, Brad Guenther, Laura Gilstrap, Angela Cierpiot, Lisa Mitchell, Kelly Harbaugh, Bob Ahrens, Barb Ternak, Ellen Wright.

**Opening Prayer:** Laura Gilstrap

**Minutes of the previous meeting approved.**

**Monthly Faith Presentation:** Pictures of loved ones that have passed away were shared with the group. Each member discussed the importance their loved one had on their life.

### Business Meeting:

- Supply list for Parish Council Christmas Party given out.
- Parish Council Nominations collected will be combined with 5 nominations from last year.
- The new Parish Council Nominations will be drawn at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 27.
- The new Parish Pictorial Directory will take place over three weekends. Remind people to make an appointment for pictures.
- Discussed the role of the Adult Religious Education within the Parish Council. Will continue to be represented by the member assigned to Education Committee.

### Pastor's Report:

- The Annual Angel Appeal has received nearly \$60,000 in pledges from generous parishioners and school families. Final numbers will be published in the bulletin.
- The Annual Black & Gold Auction was a success and the committee did a great job! The students that volunteered that night did a fantastic job, especially during the Fund-A-Need portion of the night.
- Part of one of the church gutters was stolen; please keep your eyes open both at home and around the church.

**Closing Prayer:** Monsignor Breier

**Next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2011 for the Parish Council Christmas Party.**

**Opening Prayer:** Frosty Hodes



## SCHOOL OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*The mission of Saint Raphael School is to form our children in the Catholic faith with Jesus as our master teacher. We, also, prepare them for the next stage of their lives by striving for academic excellence through an ever-evolving curriculum. We rely on all the members of our school community - the parents, the priests, the teachers and the parishioners - to accomplish this endeavor.*

### UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

**Monday, December 12 - All School Mass, 8:00 am**

**Wednesday, December 21 - Christmas Concert, 10:00 am & 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, December 22 - All School Mass, 8:00 am**

**Thursday, December 22 - Christmas Accessory Day, Parties, 9:30 am**

**Thursday, December 22 - Early Dismissal, Christmas Break Begins**

**Tuesday, January 3 - Classes Resume**

**Friday, January 6 - End of 2nd Quarter**

### PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

“Said the night wind to the little lamb / Do you see what I see,” these lyrics remind our student’s daily to keep watch for Mary and Joseph as they “visit” our classrooms while we join them on their journey to Christmas. We thank 1st grade teacher Mrs. JoEllen Sarich for resurrecting the Advent tradition of mysteriously placing figurines of the Holy couple Mary and Joseph in a select classrooms. You can read more about this Advent activity in our school on page eight of this bulletin.

Thanks for your support of Covenant House. We collected many personal hygiene products that are sure to benefit troubled teens living locally in Covenant House during this holiday season. God bless you and your generosity. Special thanks are in order to Mrs. Indelicato for coordinating our Covenant House collection.

Please feel free to join us next Monday, December 12 for our all school mass at 8:00 am to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Further, we are in the planning stages of organizing an all school reconciliation service next week. Specific dates and times will be sent home early next week.

Starting this week, all calls to the school line from 3:30 – 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday, will be answered in the Club Tobias/Preschool After-Care room. This will assist parents in contacting the after-care faculty during that time.

On a final note, we have begun distribution of part of the “Big” sweatshirt orders. The final part of the order will be ready by the time we get out for Christmas!

Please continue to keep this very special Catholic school in your prayers!

**Saint Raphael the Archangel...Pray for Us.  
Live Jesus in our Hearts...Forever!**

Mr. Peter Abegg

## THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

<b>Monday, December 12</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 13</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 14</b>	<b>Thursday, December 15</b>	<b>Friday, December 16</b>
Meatloaf Monday!	Nachos Supreme	Chili & Cornbread	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes	Mozzarella Sticks & Salad

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### CONGRATULATIONS

The 4th grade volleyball team, consisting of girls from St. Stephens, St. Raphael and Our Lady of Sorrows, took 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division this year, with a total of 22 wins. They medaled in 8<sup>th</sup> place in a 20 team tournament, held at Mary Mother of the Church, November 12-16. The St. Raphael girls are Lindsey Hiette, Lilly Mitchell and Rory Thone. This was the second year the girls have been playing together as a team.

### CITY COUNTY CHAMPS

Congratulations to the St. Joan of Arc 8th Grade Girls Soccer Team on their victory in the City/County Championship this year. Three St. Raphael students are members of the team: Emily Leonard, Jaci Street and Cheyenne Trim. This is the second year in a row that the team has won the City/County Title. The final game was played against St. Rose Philippine with a final score of 6-0. Great job, girls!

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

After 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 17, members of various St. Raphael Girl Scout Troops will be singing Christmas carols as parishioners leave Mass. The Girl Scouts will be gathered on the Highfield entrance of the church, nearest to the rectory.

### HELP WANTED

St. Raphael School is looking for qualified caregivers for our after school program. This program consists of two groups, preschool (ages 3-5 years old) and Club Tobias (kindergarten through grade 4) and is open every school day from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. If you are interested in helping out on an occasional basis, or regularly, please contact Mary Reck at 353-8697 or Kim Kaiser at 952-1423.

## MORE SCHOOL NEWS

### PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

As we spend the next couple of weeks in Advent, there will be many things going on throughout the school building helping us to prepare for the coming of our Lord, Jesus. The fourth grade will continue the SRA tradition of the Jesse Tree by beginning each morning with prayer. Individual classrooms will display their own Advent wreaths, Jesse Trees, or other Advent symbols. As a school community we look forward to a visit from the Holy Couple.

The Holy Couple will travel from classroom to classroom throughout the days of Advent. Each morning the location of Mary and Joseph will be announced in hopes to create excitement and anticipation. As Mary and Joseph travel from classroom to classroom teachers will take this opportunity to discuss the meaning of Advent, reflect on how difficult it is to prepare for a baby, and list items in which are needed for a newborn baby. Students will be asked to bring in one item from their list; baby bottle, pacifier, blanket, diapers, bibs, etc. Donations will be collected in a bassinet by the school office. We want the students to see how one little donation can fill an entire bassinet. Items will be used in our Liturgy and then donated to Nurses for Newborns.

We know that this is a busy time of year for everyone, but your help is not only appreciated by us but also by the mothers and babies that our donations will help. We would like to encourage you to take your child shopping and have him/her purchase the item with his/her own money. By making a tangible donation, we feel this is a way for students to prepare their hearts during Advent. All baby items need to be placed in the bassinet by Monday, December 19th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

### CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS

All St. Raphael 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to be a part of an enrollment Mass with their parents.

The Mass will be Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 am at St. Raphael. Those 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are not being confirmed, are invited to the Mass to receive a special blessing.

The Third Sunday in Advent

## REMINDER

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the deadline for bulletin articles for the Sunday, December 25 bulletin will be Thursday, December 15. Thank you.

### PLEASE NOTE

The rectory will be closed Friday, December 23 for the Christmas Holiday. The office will re-open Monday, December 26 at 7:30 am. Thank you.

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Vigil, Saturday, December 24  
4:30 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25  
8:00 am and 10:00 am

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31  
4:30 pm

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1  
8:00 am and 10:00 am

### ADVENT GIVING TREE

This year marks the 8<sup>th</sup> year our parish has assisted Peter & Paul Community Services with our Advent Giving Tree. Your generous donations provide gifts for over 70 men in Peter & Paul emergency shelter/transitional housing program, 20 HIV positive men and women in their Positive Direction Program and 15 mentally ill men at the Labre Center. Additionally, they distribute any surplus gifts to the 150 plus men, women, children, seniors and veterans they serve at their Meal Program.

Please take a tag or two from the tree. (If you prefer instead of selecting a tag, for your convenience there is a list of items PPCS needs by the entrances to church.) Place your unwrapped gift under the tree no later than Sunday, December 18. The St. Raphael Youth Ministry has graciously volunteered once again to deliver your donations.

The Advent Giving Tree is located in the Baptismal area in the church.

December 11, 2011

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Monday, December 12

8:00 am - Church	All School Mass
3:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 3 Girls BBall Prac.
3:00 pm - Cafeteria	Gr. K Daisy Mtg.
4:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 5 Boys BBall Prac.
6:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 4 Girls BBall Prac.
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scouts
7:30 pm - Gym	Gr. 5 Girls BBall Prac.
	Both Teams

### Tuesday, December 13

3:15 pm - School	Junior Engineering
4:30 pm - Gym	Gr. 6 Girls BBall Prac.
6:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 7 Boys BBall Prac.
7:00 pm - Rectory	Parish Council
8:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 10 Boys BBall

### Wednesday, December 14

3:15 pm - School	Karate Class
5:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 5 Girls BBall Prac.
	Both Teams
6:00 pm - Gym	Cardio Class
7:00 pm - Church	Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Cub Scouts	Cafeteria
7:00 pm - Rectory	RCIA
7:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 8 Girls BBall Prac.
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's BBall Prac.

### Thursday, December 15

9:00 am - Rectory	Quilters
2:00 pm - School	Gr. PK Dance Class
2:30 pm - Cafeteria	Market Day Pick Up
3:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 8 Boys BBall Prac.
3:15 pm - School	Gr. K-4 Dance Class
4:00 pm - School	Gr. 5-8 Dance Class
4:30 pm - Gym	Gr. 5 Boys BBall Prac.
6:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 3 Boys BBall Prac.
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Ladies' Club Meeting
7:30 pm - Gym	Gr. 7 & 8 Boys BBall

### Friday, December 16

8:00 am - Church	School Mass Gr. 1-4
3:00 pm - School Library	Chess Team
7:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 10 Boys BBall

### Saturday, December 17

8:00 am - Gym	Cardio Class
2:30 pm - Church	Advent Penance Service

### Saturday, December 17 (continued)

5:30 pm - Church	Girl Scout Christmas Caroling
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scout Christmas Party

### Sunday, December 18

#### *Donut Sunday after Both Masses*

10:00 am - Rectory	Preschool Religion
10:00 am - Church	Confirmation Enrollment Mass
1:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 9 Girls VBall Prac.
6:00 pm - Gym	Gym Closed-Christmas Program Set-Up

### DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, December 18, is Donut Sunday, following the 8 and 10 am Masses, in the school cafeteria. If you attend Mass on Saturday evening, be sure to return on Sunday morning. Come and join with your friends and fellow parishioners in enjoying donuts, coffee, juice, milk, and conversation. All are most welcome.

### PENANCE SERVICE

"Repent; Make Straight the Way of the Lord." These words of St. John the Baptist call us to make Advent a time of preparation to meet the newborn Babe of Christmas with a pure and hopeful heart. In order to continue our preparation for the birth of our Savior, Saturday, December 17, will be our Annual Advent Penance Service beginning at 2:30 pm. Please make plans to attend and receive this healing sacrament.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

## DECEMBER FAMILY MASS

**December 24 at 4:30 pm**

Please bring your extended families and join us as we welcome the Christ Child during our December Family Mass at 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve.

Mass will begin with a candle lit Entrance Procession where one of our school families will carry in Baby Jesus and place Him in the manger. We also look forward to hearing the inspirational voices of our Family Mass Children's Choir as well as our talented instrumentalists.

Please join us for this warm, family-filled celebration of the birth of Our Lord.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 21. There will be two Christmas concerts: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm in the school gym.

The 8th grade students should wear costumes according to the characters they are playing.

PK-7th grade students should wear basic concert dress: black, gray or navy on bottom; white, black, or gray on top. Girls may wear a dress that is any of the above colors. No t-shirts, sweatshirts, leggings or jeans are allowed. Skirts & dresses must be modest length. The students should all wear dark colored shoes and socks. No high heels are allowed for safety reasons. More information on the Christmas concert will follow.

## NEW KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The process for the 2012-2013 Kindergarten registration will begin January 3. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2012.

Please stop by the school office for the packet of information and registration form you will need to complete. You may also call the school office 314-352-9474 to have the information sent to you.

## ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Questions begin sharply at 7:00 pm

The cost is \$25 per person, with a limit of 8 people per table. For reservations, please contact the St. Mary's High School Advancement Office: Jason Vilmer 314.481.8400 x 118 or by email at: [vilmerj@stmaryshs.com](mailto:vilmerj@stmaryshs.com)

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's High School. Reservations and payment can be mailed to:

St. Mary's High School  
Trivia Night  
4701 South Grand Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63111

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the Peter & Paul Community Services Meals Program. Join the team of dedicated volunteers that provide a meal 21 days a month to individuals and families who are homeless and living on a low or fixed income. Volunteer groups are needed for the first Thursday after the 11th of each month. Groups will prepare and serve dinner for 180-215 people once a month at the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church parish hall, located at 711 Allen Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63104.

Peter & Paul Community Services is looking for a group that will make a commitment to providing a meal at least twice a year. All shopping, purchasing of food and drinks, cooking, serving and cleaning up is the responsibility of the group. Training and support is provided by staff and volunteers. For more information, please contact Emily Wanner at [ewaner@ppcsinc.org](mailto:ewaner@ppcsinc.org) or 314-588-7111 ext. 203.

## PSR NEWS

Everyone is invited to a Trivia Night on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at the Msgr. Meyer Center (St. Mary Magdalen Parish). The doors open at 6:00 pm and the cost is \$15 per person. We have the most friendly and inexpensive trivia night in the area. This is our only PSR fundraiser for the year and helps to keep the tuition cost down for all parents and parishes in the South City Deanery. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Fr. Leo Spezia at 314-773-3070.