



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2012
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

“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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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Greg and Karen Divis on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple celebrated this day with a special Mass at Saint Raphael and a reception following. Greg and Karen were married on December 30, 1961 at Church of the Magdalen in St. Louis. Greg was a senior at Notre Dame University and the couple spent their first six months of marriage living in Notre Dame, Indiana.

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CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Henry J. Breier	Pastor
Rev. Richard Suren	In Residence
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Roger Kreitler	Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Kevin Drew	Transitional Deacon
Mr. Peter Abegg	School Principal
Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Office Manager
Mrs. Amy Ruggeri	Cafeteria Manager
Mrs. Lisa Mitchell	Parish Secretary
Mrs. Mirela Shamija	Housekeeping
Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mr. Josh Knauer	Maintenance

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

7:30 am to 1:30 pm



PHONE NUMBERS:

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Prayer Tree Please call the rectory

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breier@straphaelarchangel.org

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halbert@straphaelarchangel.org

Lisa Mitchell:
mitchell@straphaelarchangel.org

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

In case there are any questions, please include your
name and phone number.

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,

As we begin the New Year, I want to first ask for your prayers for two members of the Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish Community. Our parish school secretary, Mrs. Linda Mechler, lost her mother who had declined significantly since the celebration of Christmas. Our 7th Grade teacher, Mrs. Pat Hose, lost her mother on the same day. In addition, Sally Mariani, a parishioner, lost her mother Margaret "Peggy" Unger last week. Please do keep the dearly departed in your prayers and pray for their families who mourn their loss.

Your continued prayers are also asked for Bill Goeddel who has finally returned home from a very lengthy stay at the hospital. Peggy is very happy to have him at home and won't leave his side in taking care of him. In addition, I ask for your prayers for Nancy Whelan, who has been a devoted quilter at the parish and just turned 94 on December 27. She is currently hospitalized and is in need of our prayers. Mr. Ed Immer, another parishioner, is also in the hospital fighting off an infection. Ed is the father of Ellen Wright of our parish. Please continue to keep all the sick in your daily prayers.

Basketball season returns to the Saint Raphael gym this week. While our gym is not large enough to host upper grade games, we are able to host 3rd-4th grade girl's and boy's basketball. Members of our Men's Club have been at work cleaning and restocking the concession stand for these games, which provide a source of revenue to support our athletics. For the next couple of weeks, on the weekends our gym will be full of life. Many thanks to our Men's Club for helping to make this, and all of our sports programs, possible.



This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord. This feast recalls for us the visit of the Three Kings to Bethlehem and is a sign of God's desire that all nations receive the grace of salvation. God the Father wants all peoples to come to know the Incarnate Redeemer and to receive, from Him, the gifts of faith and Baptism. Centuries before the coming of Christ, our Lord had expressed His desire through the Prophet Isaiah:

*See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light
and kings by your shining radiance (Reading I).*

Msgr. Breier

FOLLOW US

You can now "Like" St. Raphael the Archangel Parish on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish and School

INFORMATION NEEDED

Please help us to keep our parish records updated by sending any change of address or phone number. Also include any email addresses, birthdates or anniversary dates for your family members. If your children have graduated from St. Raphael, please send their current addresses as well. Email the information to halbert@straphaelarchangel.org or call the rectory at 314-352-8100. Thank you!

**SERVERS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 9
TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

Monday through Wednesday

7:00 am Ben Schicker Mike Franz
8:00 am Phillip Schlichting Jack Stanfield

Thursday through Friday

7:00 am Quin Indelicato Kelly Foley
8:00 am Alayna Street Jaclynn Street

Saturday

7:00 am Quin Indelicato Kelly Foley
4:30 pm Jack Harbaugh Will Menendez
Emma Sonderman

Sunday

8:00 am Nick Bentz Ryan Cierpiot
Kelly Foley
10:00 am Jack Perryman Will Perryman
Nick Kellar

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 9

7:00 am Purgatorial Society
8:00 am David Freitag

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 am Cleo B. Memos
8:00 am Special Intention - Jane & Joe Bottini
64th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 am Bernice Huebner
8:00 am Cody Alexander

Thursday, January 12

7:00 am Lawrence Auer
8:00 am Fr. William Lang

Friday, January 13

7:00 am Nancy Diebold
8:00 am Donna Franklin Abegg

Saturday, January 14

7:00 am Marie Cusumano
4:30 pm Theresa Wallner

Sunday, January 15

8:00 am Parish
10:00 am Victoria & Beatrice Berns

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...”

Matthew 2:11

Notice the distinct order of events in the Magi’s visit. First they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we presume to present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what gifts God might be asking us to share. But, when we kneel before Him in prayer, we will find the answer.

CONTRIBUTIONS

General Fund	\$9,573.75
Online Giving	\$182.00
Legacy of Faith	\$2100.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$931.00
Immaculate Conception	\$50.00
Christmas	\$225.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00
Tuition Assistance	\$75.00
St. Louis Review	\$258.00
Defray Cost of Envelopes	\$364.00
Seminary	\$175.00

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 14/15

	4:30 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am
PRIEST:	Father Suren	Father Suren	Monsignor Breier
LECTOR:	Helen Doyle	Kristine Yanko	Denise Howard
EUCCHARISTIC	Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Mary Dupske
MINISTERS:	Jerriann Blassie	Beverly Whitworth	Amy Ruggeri
	Kathe Berger	Mary Niemeyer	Rosemary Phelan
	Virginia Schaper		Tom Yehlen
	Nancy McCarthy		Dennis Matreci
			Janet Sheldon
			Carolyn Skidmore
			Margie Auer

MEN'S CLUB

Every year the St. Raphael's Men's Club asks the parish to support the Youth Club Raffle. Proceeds from the raffle help support athletic programs and extracurricular activities at St. Raphael's School. These activities are an important part of preparing our children for their future education. Please help support our school programs by giving generously.

All parishioners should have received raffle tickets in the mail. The raffle tickets and entry fee should be returned by mail or the Sunday collection basket by Monday, January 9. Thank you for support!

SHARE YOUR GIFTS

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will have a food collection, Saturday January 7 and Sunday, January 8. This collection will benefit the food pantry at Visitation St. Ann Shrine, located at 4515 Evans. Thank you for your continued generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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 Leienhecker 314-832-3156.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 13, 2011

Opening Prayer:

Frosty Hodes led a prayer in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Minutes:

The minutes were approved as read.

Attendance:

Those in attendance were: Msgr. Breier, Angela Cierpiot, Deacon Geiser, Laura Gilstrap, Brad Guenther, Kelly Harbaugh, Leslie Higgs, Frosty Hodes, Lisa Mitchell, Anna Skidmore, Barb Ternak, and Ellen Wright. Also present were the two newly selected members: Jim Baur and Diane Bentz.

Pastor's Report:

- There are problems with the Pictorial Directory. The photographers and Monsignor will meet to decide what to do about dissatisfaction with some of the photos. The order form is confusing, also.
- Monsignor asked for 2 volunteers to attend an upcoming Ecumenical Conference on Wednesday, January 25.
- The Black and Gold Dinner/Auction was very successful, grossing about \$110,000. A meeting of the auction committee was held to review the details of the event and discuss ways to improve the auction for next year. The live auction gathered approximately \$22,000 on 20+ items.
- The Marcia Matrieci Memorial Trivia Night is set for Saturday, February 4, 2012 and the Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2012.

Next Meeting:

The Council will meet on Monday, January 9, 2012.

Opening Prayer:

Ellen Wright volunteered to lead the group in prayer.

Faith Presentation:

Monsignor will appoint someone to carry out this function.

The annual Parish Council Christmas Party followed this brief meeting.



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

Friday, January 13 - Report Cards, Early Dismissal
Friday, January 13 - All School Mass, 8:00 am
Friday, January 13 - Geography Bee, 11:00 am
Friday, January 13 - Report Cards Online after 12:00 pm
Monday, January 16 - No School, Martin Luther King Day
Sunday, January 22 - Family Mass, 10:00 am
Sunday, January 29 - Open House, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Dear Friends,

Preparations are being made to again highlight Saint Raphael the Archangel School during “Catholic Schools Week” and our Open House on Sunday January 29, from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Our usually impressive facility will take on an even greater luster as we wax floors and tidy up here and there. If you are a coach or are a member of one of the school/parish organizations, please help us between now and then to maintain our fine facility.

Our school is experiencing a vibrant enrollment with 252 students in our Preschool through 8th grades. At present we have 190 students in K-8 and 62 students in our Preschool. Thanks for your help in support of our fine academic and extracurricular programs. Learn more by visiting our website at <http://www.straphaelarchangel.org/school>.

Congratulations to our 4th grade girls and their coaches on their showing in the St. Gabriel Holiday Basketball Tournament last weekend. The girls finished 2nd out of 12 teams in the tournament, having finished behind Our Lady of Lourdes in University City.

Finally, I wish to extend our sincerest condolences to the families of our school secretary Mrs. Linda Mechler and Mrs. Patricia Hose, our 7th grade homeroom teacher, in the recent passing of their mothers on Wednesday. Please keep Mrs. Mechler and Mrs. Hose in your prayers.

Mr. Peter Abegg

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.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS

The St. Raphael Cub Scouts are looking for any gently used uniforms. Please check your closets for any Cub Scout uniforms your child is no longer using. If you would like to pass these on, please contact Andrew Poag by email at andrew.poag@sbcglobal.net. We appreciate your continued support of the scouting programs at St. Raphael.

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, January 9	Tuesday, January 10	Wednesday, January 11	Thursday, January 12	Friday, January 13
Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Carrots & Chips	Pepperoni Pizza & Fruit	Chicken Nuggets & Baked Potato	Hot Italian Sub & Salad	Early Dismissal

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: M-F 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

Mr. Abegg, abegg@straphaelarchangel.org • Linda Mechler, secretary@straphaelarchangel.org

ST. RAPHAEL OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, January 29 from 11am-3pm, St. Raphael will be hosting an Open House. Everyone is invited to attend.

At the Open House, you can tour the school, view the students' latest projects, meet the faculty and learn more about our new initiatives, including our honors program. Visit our Preschool and see what the youngest St. Raphael students are doing. After touring the school, stop by the cafeteria for our award-winning chili.

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year can also be turned in during the open house. Invite your family members and neighbors to see for themselves how "St. Raphael is growing."

For more information on the open house, visit our website at www.straphaelarchangel.org.



CONGRATULATIONS

The 4th grade girls Basketball Team consisting of players from St. Raphael, St. James and Our Lady of Sorrows, pose with their coaches after their 2nd place finish in the St. Gabriel Holiday Basketball Tournament, Congratulations, girls!

LUKE 18 RETREAT

The Luke 18 retreat is a weekend long retreat for 7th and 8th grade teens at St. Raphael the Archangel School. The retreat combines skits, games, talks, and prayer to help them begin to take ownership of the faith their parents have given them. The retreat is given under the direction of Msgr. Henry Breier, Libby Harbaugh, Tommy Majda, and numerous other college and high school students to help the teens witness their faith through talks, skits, games, and prayer.

February 17-19, 2012

Starting at 7:00 pm Friday; ending with 10:00 am Mass Sunday at St. Raphael; everyone is encouraged to join us for Mass.

For more information, please email Libby at ebharbaugh@gmail.com or contact the rectory.

**THE 2ND ANNUAL MARCIA MATRECI
MEMORIAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

To Benefit the St. Raphael PTA

**Saturday, February 4
St. Raphael Gym
6000 Jamieson Avenue**

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Trivia starts at 7:00 pm
\$160 per table of 8

Checks payable to the St. Raphael PTA. Includes soda and snacks. Beer available for purchase or BYOB.

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Trivia Registration Form

Complete this portion and return with payment to:

St. Raphael Rectory
6047 Bishops Place, St. Louis, MO 63109
or school office to reserve your spot.

Table Name: _____

Table Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Sponsorship Registration Form

Round Sponsorship is also available for \$100 per round. This includes your name and/or company name announced by our MC several times throughout the event and visually displayed during the round which you are sponsoring.

Complete this portion and return with payment:

St. Raphael Rectory
6047 Bishops, St. Louis, MO 63109
or the school office

Name displayed: _____

Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Are electronic graphics or logos available? _____

Email address: _____

Other information: _____

For more information on sponsorship, please contact lhiggs71@gmail.com

ST. RAPHAEL PARISH PROGRESSIVE DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012

You're Invited!

The St. Raphael community has conducted progressive dinners for school families in the past with much success and enjoyment. This style of eating is seen as a fun way to get to know different neighbors in the parish community. The progressive dinner tradition was expanded in 2011, with all members of the parish invited to attend.

Appetizers and dinners will be hosted in homes of parishioners or school families, while dessert will take place at St. Raphael.

Parishioners are needed to host appetizers or dinners in their homes. If interested in hosting, please complete the form below or contact the rectory at 314-352-8100.

The cost for this evening is \$25 per person. Please respond no later than **February 24** to participate in this event. Attendees will be notified by Match 1 with additional details about the evening, along with information on the location where you'll enjoy appetizers. You will be informed of your destination for dinner while having appetizers. The schedule for the evening is:

6 pm - 7:30 pm

Appetizers (approximately 20 people at each home)

7:30 pm - 9 pm

Dinner (approximately 8 people at each home)

9 pm - 11 pm

Desserts (St. Raphael)

___ **Yes. I would like to participate in the event.**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

attending _____ Check Amount _____

___ **Yes. I would like to participate AND am willing to host appetizers or a dinner, or provide a dessert.**

Name(s) _____

Host Appetizer _____ Host Dinner _____ Provide a Dessert _____

Please make checks payable to St. Raphael

Return this form to the rectory or to the
collection basket by February 24.

For more information, please call the rectory at 314-352-8100.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, January 9

Third Quarter Begins

8:00 am - Church	Gr. 5-8 School Mass
9:00 am - Rectory	St. Vincent DePaul
3:00 pm - Cafeteria	Gr. K Daisy Meeting
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 Black

Tuesday, January 10

BJC Buddies Program

4:30 pm - Gym	Gr. 6 Girls BBall Prac.
6:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 7 Boys BBall Prac.
8:00 pm - Gym	Gr 10 Boys BBall Prac

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

9:00 am - Rectory	Quilters
2:00 pm - School	Gr. PK Dance
3:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 8 Boys BBall Prac.
3:15 pm - School	Gr. K-4 Dance
4:00 pm - School	Gr. 5-8 Dance
4:30 pm - Gym	Gr. 5 Boys BBall Prac.
6:00 pm - Gym	Gr. 3 Boys BBall Prac.
7:30 pm - Gym	Gr. 7 Boys BBall Prac.

Friday, January 13

Early Dismissal - Faculty Meeting

Report Cards Online after Noon

8:00 am - Church	All School Mass
11:00 pm - Gym	Geography Bee
5:30 pm - Gym	Basketball Games

Saturday, January 14

8:00 am - Gym	Cardio Class
8:30 am - Sperreng Middle	Chess Competition
9:00 am - Gym	Basketball Games

Sunday, January 15

10:00 am - Rectory	Preschool Religion
1:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Games

NERINX HALL TRIVIA NIGHT

Make plans to attend a general interest trivia night to benefit Insight Theatre Company on **Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012**. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and questions begin promptly at 7 pm. The location is Nerinx Hall High School, 530 E. Lockwood, Webster Groves, Mo., 63119. Cost is \$160 per table of eight. Price includes snacks, soda and two beer tickets per person. Guests are welcome to bring additional refreshments.

The evening will feature great attendance prizes, 50/50 drawings, raffles and mulligans for purchase. Prizes will be awarded to the top two teams. To make a reservation, call (314) 556-1293.

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. 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

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Let the St. Ambrose Cub Scouts of Pack 212 take the worry out of disposing of your Christmas Tree. We will come to your house and take the tree off your hands throughout the month of January.

Suggested donation \$15 – Thank you!

Donations go directly to funding the boys' programs.
Cash or check payable to "Pack 212"

Please remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, etc.
To arrange pickup, please call 314-265-3641 or email Pack212BSA@gmail.com.