

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

PERPETUAL HELP

DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

ROSARY

Tuesday at 7:00pm in Church

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING

CATHOLIC

Please contact the Parish Office.

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."

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

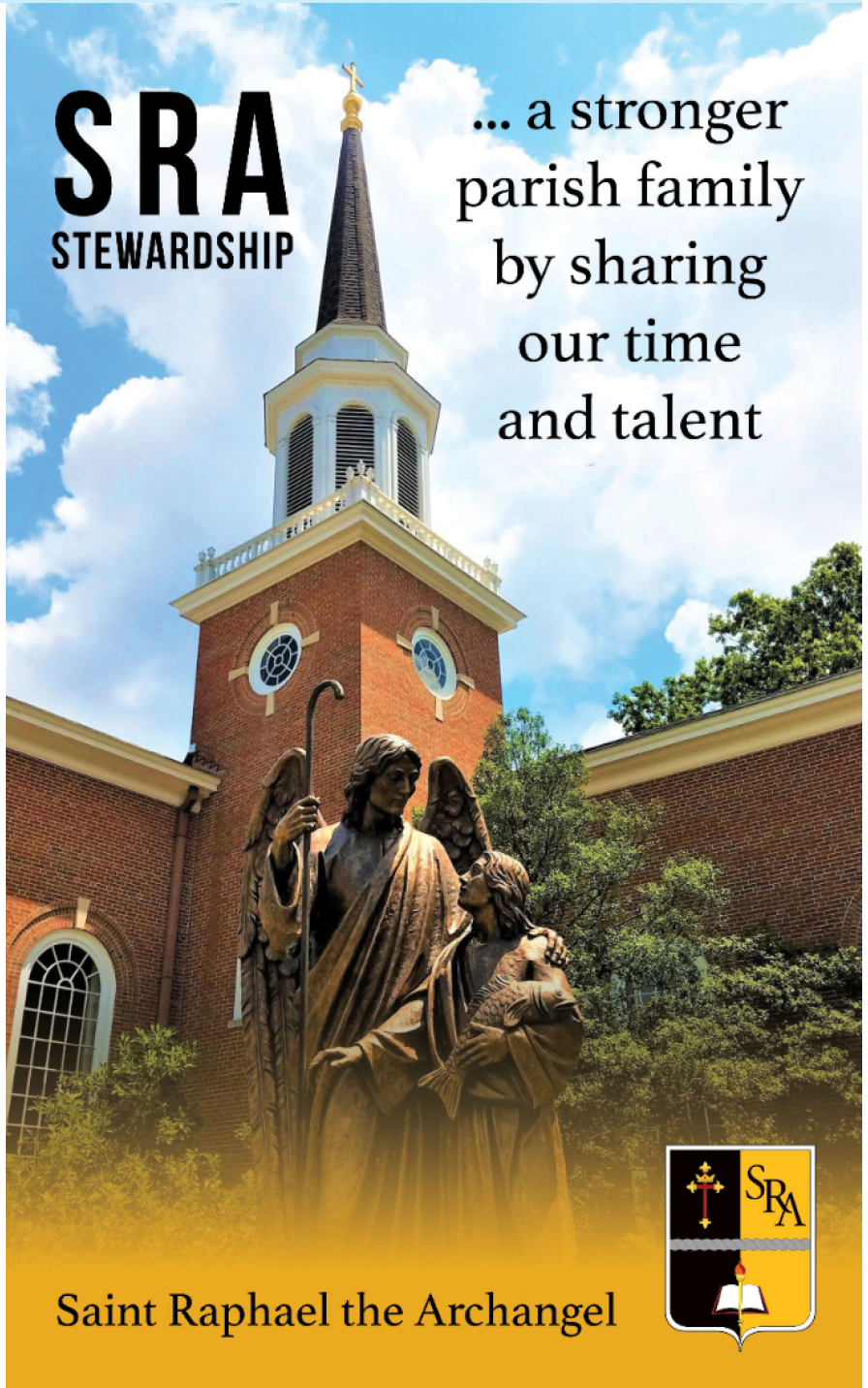
CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 26, 2018

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SRA
STEWARDSHIP

... a stronger
parish family
by sharing
our time
and talent



Saint Raphael the Archangel

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr. John Mayo Pastor
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musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org

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halbert@straphaelarchangel.org

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janos@straphaelarchangel.org

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hayes@straphaelarchangel.org

Mrs. Linda Mechler School Secretary
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CONNECT WITH US!

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Instagram straphaelarchangel
MyParishApp Text 'App' to 88202

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, August 27
7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
6:00pm - Parish Office Finance Council
6:30pm - Cafeteria Boy/Cub Scouts
7:00pm - Parish Office St. V. de Paul

Tuesday, August 28
7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
1:30pm - Rectory Lectio Group
7:00pm - Church Rosary Recitation
7:00pm - Raphael Room Knights of Columbus
7:30pm - Church So. City Men's Recoll.


Wednesday, August 29
7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
9:00am - Quilters' Room Quilters
7:00pm - Raphael Room Prayer Class

Thursday, August 30
7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass

Friday, August 31
7:00am - Church Mass
6:30pm - School Palmer Parent Mtg

Saturday, September 1
7:00am - Church Mass
4:30pm - Church Mass

Sunday, September 2
8:00am - Church Mass
10:00am - Church Mass

 **WELCOME TO ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH FAMILY!**

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner Please Contact Me

New Phone/Email/Address Please Do Not Publish #

Fr. John's Digital Quill for Spiritual Musings and Parish News

Feast of St. Louis

On Saturday, our city and Archdiocese celebrate the feast day of our patron, St. Louis. To commemorate this great saint, all weekend we will be using the Mass for the Feast of St. Louis.

Watermelon Festival

Thank you to our leadership, volunteers, and attendees who made this year's Watermelon Festival a huge success! We will begin planning in the Spring for an even better event next year.

A Sainly Reflection to Prepare Us For Next Weekend

Here are some reflections on the dignity of work as we prepare for our observance of Labor Day next weekend. These come from the 20th Century saint, Josemaria Escriva:

- From the beginning man has had to work. We must be convinced that work is a magnificent reality.
- Man's duty to work is not a consequence of original sin. It is meant to fill out our days and make us sharers in God's creative power.
- We have to remind people around us that we are children of God, who have received the invitation from our Father to "go and work in my vineyard."
- If we see work as a divine summons, we will learn to carry our duties through to completion with the greatest human and supernatural perfection of which we are capable.

Requests to Serve as Godparents or Confirmation Sponsors

Each year around this time, those to be confirmed this school year begin asking people to be their sponsors. Many parishes also now require a form be signed by the sponsors' pastors to certify that they are active in their faith.

Each priest has a slightly different way to handle this. I ask that those needing forms signed attend a Saturday evening or Sunday Mass and see me afterward to have the form signed. This gives me an opportunity, especially as I am new, to get to know a face and a name as well as talk a bit about being a sponsor. I ask that forms not be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to me. At some meetings for these sacraments, priests will say to do that. Please do not do that here.

For our college students attending school away from St. Louis, I typically ask that they get the letter signed by the pastor at the Newman Center or parish where they typically attend Mass. If the pastor refuses, they can send me a note explaining how they are remaining active in their faith in college and I will sign it then. This procedure also is applicable if you are asked to be a Godparent and then are handed a form for me to fill out. Thank you for your attention and help!

Amazon Smile Donation

Thank you to all those who participated in Amazon Smile this last quarter. We received \$47.99 from this free program. All you need to do when you buy from Amazon is to visit smile.amazon.com, select St. Raphael the Archangel, and make your purchase like normal. We get a small percentage of many sales at no cost to you. Thanks!

Preschool of Religion

As was announced last weekend, the preschool of religion program will be returning to SRA! This will be at the 10:00am Mass beginning the Sunday after Labor Day, September 9. Children ages 3-1st grade are invited to participate. We will call them up for a blessing after the opening prayer of Mass and they will come back before Communion.

We are in need of parents to help to supervise and mentor or teens from 8th grade-high school. We are also in need of teens who will prepare and teach the lessons to the children. Please contact the parish office or me if you are interested in helping with this important ministry of bringing children closer to Christ through His word.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Have you considered becoming Catholic? Have you been baptized Catholic and have not received any other sacraments? Are you wanting to be confirmed? If you answered yes to any of these questions, I invite you to consider our RCIA program. RCIA is an eight month program where we explore the Catholic faith. Our class is forming right now and will begin Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00pm. Please see the bulletin for contact information to get enrolled in this great program.

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on the First Friday of September, September 7.

The Angel Appeal will be coming soon...how is God calling you to be a messenger for Him this year?

Upcoming Events

August 25-26: Stewardship Weekend, Music Ministry
September 9: 11:00am, Rosary for Stephen Kaiser in Church

September 23: Fellowship Sunday hosted by Parish Council

September 29: Feast of St. Raphael Mass 4:30pm, Installation Mass of Fr. John, Dinner by Men's Club following Mass

I will see you in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us!



ROSARY FOR STEPHEN KAISER

Please join us on September 9th after 10 am in praying the Rosary for Stephen Kaiser.

Stephen and Kim Kaiser were members of SRA and their 4 children attended school here. Most of you probably remember Miss Kim as she was an aide in the preschool classroom and ran our amazing summer camp program.

Stephen was recently diagnosed with a glioblastoma. He has undergone 2 surgeries already and is currently receiving chemo and radiation. This is a devastating diagnosis but we all know that miracles happen every day! Please join us in praying for a miracle.

INTERESTED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEEPENING YOUR FAITH? NOT SURE WHERE TO START? JOIN US IN THE JUSTFAITH EXPERIENCE.

The new JustFaith program invites participants to look at contemporary issues through the lens of Christian faith by engaging in reading, prayer, thought-provoking dialogue, encounter, and by building lasting relationships with a small group. This transformational journey explores how we can better care for the poor, each other and the earth. The 24-week class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-9pm beginning Tuesday, October 9.

To learn more, contact co-facilitator, Barbara Favre at 314.303-9941 or barbara.j.favre@sbcglobal.net. For more information, visit justfaith.org.

The information session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Office. Please join us for snacks and conversation about an awesome program!



SERVERS FOR AUG. 27-SEP. 2, 2018

Monday, August 27

7:00am Rory Barnawell William Hotze
8:00am Josh Abbott Justin Wingron

Tuesday, August 28

7:00am Anna-Grace Guenther Cate Guenther
8:00am Addison Berta Thad Berta

Wednesday, August 29

7:00am Nahima Ramirez Lydia Bick
8:00am Avery Bradshaw Joey Raymo

Thursday, August 30

7:00am Sydney Browning Isabella Pfeiffer
8:00am Samantha Koziacki Alex Atchison

Friday, August 31

7:00am Anna-Grace Guenther Cate Guenther

Saturday, September 1

7:00am Liam McMorrow Jack Stein
4:30pm Eva Thompson Mia Thompson
Christian Concepcion

Sunday, September 2

8:00am Rory Barnawell Lydia Bick
Abby Delf
10:00am Flora Borowiak Mateo Switzer
Justin Wingron



Sunday, August 26

8:00am Cunigunda Gubser
10:00am Mary Schmitt

Monday, August 27

7:00am Riegel Family
8:00am Ernie Winkelmann

Tuesday, August 28

7:00am Thomas J. Koehler, Sr.
8:00am Gershermann Family, SI

Wednesday, August 29

7:00am Rosemary Spitler
8:00am Eugenia Wappelhorst

Thursday, August 30

7:00am Ralph Raskas
8:00am Bill Goeddel

Friday, August 31

7:00am Judy Svetanics

Saturday, September 1

7:00am Bill Goeddel
4:30pm Lynn Parker

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2018

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

LECTORS:

Helen Doyle Mary Reck Linda Hiette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Kathy Steck Carol Hughes Joe Zulich
Pam Hager Kevin Liddy Dan Harbaugh
Kathe Berger Mary Niemeyer Amy Schisler
Nancy McCarthy Mary Reck Anna Skidmore
Gina Horas Barbara Cramer
Brian McCarthy

Online giving is fast, easy and convenient. Go to: straphaelarchangel.org/online-giving. It's quick and simple to sign up!

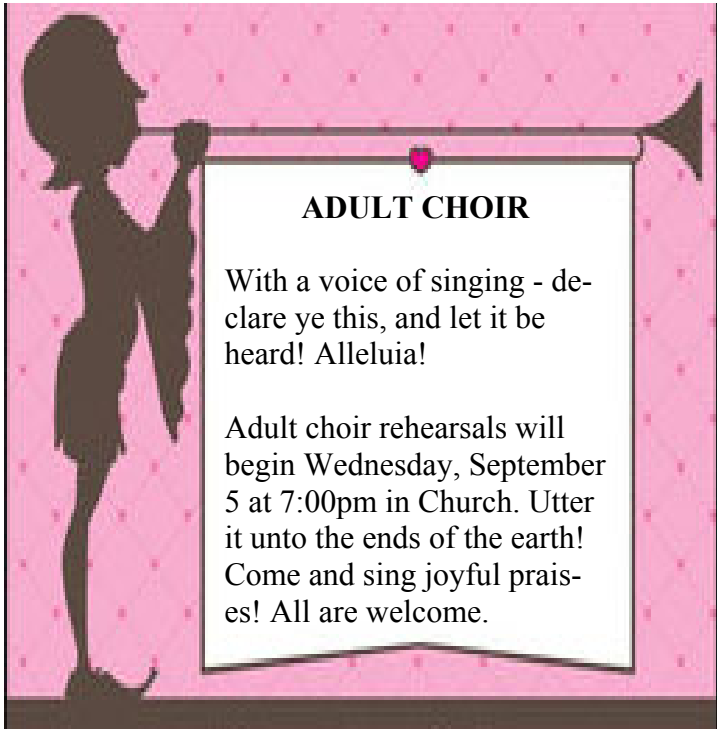
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 18-25, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,222
Online Giving	\$ 1,610
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 4,832
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$72,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$58,764
Shortfall	\$13,236

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!



ADULT CHOIR

With a voice of singing - declare ye this, and let it be heard! Alleluia!

Adult choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00pm in Church. Utter it unto the ends of the earth! Come and sing joyful praises! All are welcome.

**SRA MEN'S CLUB
ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**
Sunday, October 7
1:00pm Tee Time

Forest Park

For more information,
please call Dan Harbaugh
at 314.971.3428.

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND -
AUGUST 25-26, 2018**

We become a stronger Parish family by sharing our time and talent. On a monthly basis, the SRA Stewardship Committee selects a Parish organization to feature at the weekend Masses. Representatives of that organization will share how the giving of their time and talent enriches their own lives.

At the weekend Masses of August 25 and 26, representatives of the SRA Music Ministries will be featured. This is part of the ongoing sharing initiative of the Stewardship Committee.

WEDDING BANNS III

There is a promise of marriage between Gwen Goedeker and Garrett Conroy to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, September 1, 2018.



WEDDING BANNS I

There is a promise of marriage between Juliette Benoist Knopp and Timothy Michael Wolf to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, September 15, 2018.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
(RCIA) CLASS FORMING**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, the St. Raphael RCIA class for 2018-19 will be forming in September. The program is designed to answer questions and provide information to people who are exploring the possibility of joining the Church. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from September through early May. A detailed calendar will be available at the first meeting on Wednesday, September 26. For more information, contact Fr. John at 314.352.8100 or Dennis Matreci at 314.681.3002.



**Black and Gold Dinner Auction
Saturday, November 3**

Please visit www.straphaelarchangel.org/2018-black-and-gold-dinner-auction-information for information on how to sponsor our dinner auction, place an ad in the auction book, or to donate an item.

Also, please be sure you join us that evening as well! Details on how to get tickets are coming.

ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!

SRA is continuing to look for all alumni. Therefore, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Jennifer Delf. The e-mail address is: alums@strapharelarchangel.org. This is a new e-mail address that will be monitored for updates or you can call the Parish Office.

School News

With pre-school resuming this week, we are now fully back from Summer. Our school year is off to a great start with a great deal of energy and enthusiasm. Please enjoy some news from the school and some photos as well.

Dance ...Dance at Saint Raphael

Classes on Thursdays begin - Sept 13th
2pm-2:45pm for Preschool & 3pm-4pm for K thru
6th Grade Dance Tuition \$40 per Month

Offering: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Pom, Musical Theater,
& Hip Hop Dance Director Tina Stemmler is
Dance Master Certified with a BA in Dance from
Webster University

SPRING RECITAL on SRA Stage May 15th at
6:30pm

Please contact Ms. Tina for more information
at (314) 680-2613.



AFTERCARE HELP NEEDED

The aftercare program at school is looking for people who love to be with children and can bring safety and love to our program. This is a perfect job for high school students who would like to make some money and still keep up with their studies. The hours are 3:00pm to 6:00pm Monday - Friday. If you think you are interested, please contact Molly Indelicato at 314.606.5264.



SCRIP UPDATE!

Scrip is a program where you buy gift cards and SRA Home and School Association (HSA) receives a certain percentage of your purchase - no additional cost to you! Orders will be due on the 1st of each month in the parish or school office and gift cards will be available for pick up in the school or parish office (same location where you dropped off your order) the following Friday. Watch for a Flocknote soon with an order form and list of retailers. Contact Mary Anne Potts with any questions at 314.482.1907 or maryannepotts@gmail.com.



SRA EXERCISE CLASS RESUMES! 16 YEARS AND COUNTING!

Join us for Step and Strength, a 45-minute class that consists of step aerobics interspersed with weight training and stretching. We meet twice a week, usually on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00pm and Saturday mornings 8:00 to 9:00am in the SRA cafeteria. We start on Wednesday, September 5 and continue through Memorial Day of 2019.

If you haven't tried this out yet, send me an email and I can give you more details. I remind everyone of class once a week, so I will need your email address to include you on the reminders. The cost is a \$30 donation to SRA Ladies' Club. The cost is the same whether you join now or in March of next year. Please contact Denise Howard for more information at beppy11@gmail.com.

Thanks and I look forward to a new year of Step/Strength!!!!!!

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" You must ask yourself if you really want to hear the good news of His love for you and for others. Is the word of God able to break into your consciousness, change you and call you to hear the cries of the poor? This month, through your gifts, the Society was able to hear the cries of the poor by helping numerous families by providing assistance with food, utilities, rent and other bills. God bless you.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Anyone who works with or volunteers with children must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Compliance includes attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop, completing a Worker Registration Form to obtain a background check, and reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct. Each parish must have copies of individual background checks and code of ethics forms on file for all active volunteers and employees. Additional background checks may be necessary if you have lived out of state in previous years. To register online for a Protecting God's Children Workshop, please visit www.archstl.org, scroll down and click on the Protecting God's Children link, then scroll down and click on View Workshops. You will be redirected to the VIRTUSOnline.org site to complete the registration process. The Code of Ethical Conduct and worker registration forms are available from your parish Child Safety Coordinator, Mary Steck (mary.a.steck@gmail.com) and also located on our parish website. If you have questions or need assistance with this process, please contact Mary or the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program at 314.792.7272. ***Missouri Background Checks are obtained when you begin your ministry and are updated every even numbered year. Please let the parish office know if you would like to be removed from the list of active volunteers. You must also contact the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry at 1.866.422.6872 with address changes.***

JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB

The Women's Faith Sharing group will read and discuss a book by St. Louis author, Colleen Carroll Campbell, entitled *My Sisters the Saints, A Spiritual Memoir*. This is a poignant and powerful spiritual memoir about how the lives of the saints changed the life of a modern woman. In *My Sisters the Saints*, the author blends her personal narrative of spiritual seeking, trials, stumbles, and breakthroughs with the stories of six women saints who profoundly changed her life: Teresa of Avila; Therese of Lisieux, Faustina of Poland, Edith Stein of Germany, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Mary of Nazareth. Drawing upon the rich writings and examples of these extraordinary women, the author reveals Christianity's liberating power for women and the relevance of the saints to the lives of contemporary Christians. We will begin gathering on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30pm and meet for 6 weeks in the lower level of the Parish Office. Grab a copy of the book and join us! Everyone is welcome! No registration is required, but please let us know so that we will have a large enough space. For more information, please contact Sue Brandt at sbrandtstl@gmail.com or 314.704.5304.

Women's Day of Recollection
Keeping A Mary Spirit Throughout A Martha Day
Led By Donna Cori Gibson

November 10, 2018

8:30am - 3:00pm

St. Raphael the Archangel Church & Rectory

Sponsored by St. Raphael Women's Faith Sharing Group and Ladies' Club

The day will begin with 8:00am Mass for those interested in attending.

Check-in will take place from 8:30 - 9:00am in the lower level of the Rectory with coffee, tea and light breakfast foods offered.

Throughout the day we will enjoy talks and songs by Donna Cori Gibson, opportunities for Small Group Discussion, Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Lunch will be served.

Cost to attend is \$20. No one will be turned away because of hardship.

Contact Sue Brandt, 314-704-5304, sbrandtstl@gmail.com with questions. Return registration form with payment to St. Raphael Rectory, 6047 Bishops Place, 63109.



Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

What is the Parish You Call Home? _____

**HIBERNIAN IRISH COUNTRY FAIR
ST. JAMES THE GREATER CHURCH**

Sunday, September 9
Noon - 6pm
6401 Wade at Tamm, Dogtown
Irish Music, Dance, Food, Beverages,
Booths, and Games
Free Admission and Free Parking



GREAT ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Paul VI Institute of Catechetical and Pastoral Studies offers courses to adults to enhance their understanding about the Catholic faith. Classes are offered online and in classrooms at various locations around the Archdiocese.

For more information, please pickup a course catalog at the doors of the church, or visit <https://www.archstl.org/agencies/pontifical-paul-vi-institute-for-catechetical-and-pastoral-studies>.

EPIPHANY FALL FESTIVAL

Epiphany of Our Lord Church
6596 Smiley and Ivanhoe
Friday, September 14, 2018, 6 – 10pm
Saturday, September 15, 2018, Noon – 10pm
Parade - Saturday, September 15, 11am
Rides-Music-Games-Dinners
\$\$\$10,000 Raffle\$\$\$
For more information, call 314.781.1199.



**COME ONE
COME ALL**

ATTENTION, ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS! Join us this Wednesday, August 29th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Avenue entrance) as we kick off our new series! You are always welcome for prayer & community. See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We extend a very special welcome to our friends and visitors who have come to pray with us today. Whether you are just having a look or are searching for a place to worship, we are happy to have you here. We trust that our worship will be encouraging to all and hope that you find a warm, welcoming community here at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. Please call us at the Parish Office, 314.352.8100, if we can be of help to you or if you would like to become a member of our parish.

A Prayer before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.