

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

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY



*May the Risen Christ
fill your heart with joy,
bring you new hope,
and bless you with peace. Amen.*

*The St. Raphael
Parish Family
welcomes all of our
Easter visitors!*

Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, April 17th

7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	School Board
7:00 pm - Tobias	R.C.I.A.

Tuesday, April 18th

5:30 p.m. - Gym	Softball
7:00 p.m. - Cafeteria	Men's Club
7:00 p.m. - Church	Weekly Rosary Rct.

Wednesday, April 19th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Church	Schola Rehearsal
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Church	Choir
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 20th

2:00 pm - School	Dance Class
6:00 pm - Gym	Quarter Auction

Friday, April 21st

3:15 pm - Raphael Room	Marian Award
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Saturday, April 22nd

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
4:30 pm - Church	Blest Art Sale

Sunday, April 23rd

8:00 am - Church	Donut Sunday
10:00 am - Church	Confirmation Bow
10:00 am - Church	Donut Sunday
10:00 am - Church/Cafeteria	Blest Art Sale

PARISH INFORMATION

Registration of New Members: Please call the Parish Office to register.

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptismal instructions and to arrange a Baptismal date.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date to begin the Church process of marriage preparation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.): Please call the Parish Office for information.

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL! THE LORD IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!!!

As your Pastor, it has been a privilege to celebrate the Sacred Triduum with the St. Raphael Parish Family this week, and now to come to its dramatic conclusion with the excitement of Easter. Together we have proclaimed the Paschal Mystery to our community, and with so many other Christian communities, to the whole world – that Jesus Christ has overcome death and is alive and well in the glory of his resurrected body. Jesus, our risen Savior, has saved us from the death our sins deserve and has promised us eternal life.



For nearly 2,000 years, Christians have been rejoicing at Eastertime and praising God with Alleluias. Millions of people are now sharing in the Lord's heavenly kingdom. Many of these saints, whom we know as our beloved relatives and friends, have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection here in this world and now are experiencing firsthand what the Lord promised.

Some day we are hoping that we too can be counted among that number. In the meantime, we are still called by the Lord to love our neighbors and proclaim the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection to a world in need of salvation. Pope Francis has taught us that each Catholic is called to be a "missionary disciple," carrying out the mission of telling others about our faith in Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Alleluia!

WELCOME AND EASTER JOY TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS TO ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us on this great and glorious Feast of the Lord's Resurrection. If you are from out of town, enjoy your visit and have safe travels back home. If you are a visitor from the local community, we encourage you to worship with us again next Sunday – and each week of the year, for that matter.

To all of our St. Raphael Parish Family members gathered here today, doesn't it feel good to be all together in fellowship and in worship? Let's keep it up! The Feast of Easter is actually celebrated over and over again for the next seven weeks – a week of Sundays – until the Feast of Pentecost. (I hope the Easter flowers hold up!)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO NEWEST CATHOLICS IN THE SRA PARISH FAMILY: MS. CHRYSTAL MONTGOMERY AND MRS. KAROL BICK

Chrystal was baptized at the Easter Vigil, then was Confirmed and received First Holy Communion. Karol, already baptized, made her Profession of Faith as a Catholic, then was also Confirmed and received Holy Communion. We at SRA are grateful to Dennis Matreci for being the lead catechist in our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), and to their dedicated sponsors, Sharon Yehlen and Will Bick. Chrystal and Karol will continue on with six more weeks of catechesis until Pentecost as they wrap up the final details about becoming Catholic.

If anyone is interested right now about learning more about the R.C.I.A. process, just contact me. I would be glad to discuss your interest in the Catholic faith.

SRA LENTEN PROJECT, "BUY-A-VAN" FOR QUEEN OF PEACE CENTER FOR MOTHERS WITH ADDICTIONS AND FOR THEIR CHILDREN: WE ARE AT ABOUT \$12,000 TOWARDS OUR GOAL OF \$20,000 (as I type this). Hopefully, with more contributions coming in this Easter weekend, we will be close to our goal. Don't forget that this coming week is still not too late to make a Lenten sacrifice and contribute a generous gift to this parish project to help a Catholic Charities agency here in town. There are still some envelopes in the pews.

2ND COLLECTION ENVELOPE TODAY IS FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS!

SERVERS FOR APRIL 17 - APRIL 22

Monday –Tuesday April 17/18

7:00 am Ellie Guenther Cate Guenther

Wednesday-Thursday April 19/20

7:00 am Gillian Neal Miranda Sullenger
8:00 am Addison Berta Thad Berta

Friday April 21

7:00 am Natalie Davis Sophia DiMartino

Saturday April 22

7:00 am Natalia Davis Sophia DiMartino
4:30 pm Rory Barnawell Eva Thompson
Mia Thompson

Sunday April 23

8:00 am Seamus Baur Annie Baur
Abigail Stein
10:00 am Andrew Borowiak Flora Borowiak
Christian Concepcion

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 16th

8:00 am Jane Bottini
10:00 am Winkelmann Family

Monday, April 17th

7:00 am Rose Smart
No 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, April 18th

7:00 am Margaret LaRose
No 8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, April 19th

7:00 am Ralph Raskas
8:00 am Don Deachan

Thursday, April 20th

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann
8:00 am Herman Kriegshauser

Friday, April 21st

7:00 am Jane Bottini

Saturday, April 22nd

7:00 am Jane Bottini
4:30 pm Conrad & Elizabeth Hager

Sunday, April 12rd

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Bernice Heede

WEEKEND OF APRIL 22 & 23

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

LECTORS:

Bob Ahrens Kristine McCloskey Family Mass/Bow
Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Helen Doyle	Lorraine Gurley	Mary Dupske
Bob Ahrens	Sue Lawton	Rosemary Phelan
Maureen Ahrens	Vicki Winter	Tom Yehlen
George Kerry	Amy Ruggeri	Dennis Matreci
Margie Auer	Rosita Koehler	Carolyn Skidmore
	Tony Mariani	Greg Divis
		Karen Divis

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 8/9 2017

Sunday Collection	\$7,197.00
Online Giving	\$2,507.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$9,704.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 35.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date	\$309,274.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$328,000.00

Online Giving: To access our Online Giving Portal, go to straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today, as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing in the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people. As you place your gift in the SVdP Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and that you give them Easter hope and joy!

SRA 2017 PARISH DIRECTORY

We are starting to work on this year's directory. Please let the Parish Office know of:

- Any telephone number changes
- Any e-mail address changes
- Any address changes

We need this information as soon as possible, please.

BLEST ART

Blest Art will be visiting SRA on Saturday & Sunday, April 22/23 after each Mass. Blest Art helps struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork. On hand will be hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and other pieces of olive-wood art. Cash, checks, and major credit cards are accepted. For more information please, visit BlestArt.org.



PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Do you know of a neighbor or parishioner who is physically unable to receive the sacraments due to an inability to physically attend Mass? If so, please contact us with a name or the name of a caregiver so we can reach out to help. Please respond by calling the parish office, or by calling or emailing Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net.

NEEDED: RIDES TO CHURCH

We have received several requests from parishioners who are looking for a way to get to Sunday Mass. Are you willing to occasionally help a neighbor by providing a ride? You don't need to commit to every week and we need drivers for all three weekend Masses. If you are interested and willing to help your fellow parishioner get to Mass to share in the celebration of the Eucharist with our parish community, please let us know. You can call the rectory or call/email Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for considering this very meaningful service opportunity.

St. Raphael School offers a Preschool Program for three- and- four-year olds. We provide a safe and nurturing environment in which children can learn, grow, and play together. Full-time and part-time options are available. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year began on January 30, 2017. For more information, please contact **Chris Federspiel** at 314.352.9474 or federspiel@straphaelarchangel.org.

- Tuition is paid monthly, regardless of a child's absence due to illness or holidays.
- Price includes morning and afternoon snack, but does not include lunch. Full Day preschool children may choose to buy a hot lunch for \$2.00 per day on days when lunch is served to grade-school students.
- Families with multiple children in St. Raphael the Archangel preschool may be eligible for a 10% discount off the preschool tuition rates.
- Payment is to be made through FACTS Automatic Withdrawal.
- After care is 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

A PRAYER FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety that, with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.

Bible Study continues on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. No need to sign up; just come. No Bible Study on Tuesday, April 18.





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Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

I offer to you my deepest greetings of joy and peace on the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Happy Easter!

Easter is to the Church year what Sunday is to each week – a highlight of rest and rejoicing. Its vivid symbols of fire, water and exultant song remind us that Christ has overcome sin and death. Because of that we know, in the words of Pope Francis, that when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved by God.

Let us pray that the light of Christ will shine in our hearts this Easter, and reach out to others through us. We know that our Savior lives. Let us share with others the joy of knowing that they are loved by God!

I ask that you keep in mind that the Archbishop's Easter Appeal for Retired Priests is today. You know how generously the retired priests served you, and how you counted on them. Now, in turn, they count on you, and are grateful for your generous support and prayers.

I pray these are days of blessing for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



Easter Sunday



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April 16, 2017

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

Happy Easter to all of you. I wish you a peaceful and love-filled holiday with your family and friends, and lots of chocolate from the Easter Bunny, of course!

We have an extended Easter Break at school this year in order to allow our faculty to attend the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) convention being held in St. Louis the week after Easter. This national convention offers teachers and administrators in Catholic schools the opportunity to learn from educational and theological experts from across the country. The SRA Faculty will spend one full day at the convention on Tuesday, April 18th and our students in grades K-8 will have the day off school. We are all looking forward to learning some new things at NCEA and bringing them back to make St. Raphael a better place. On Wednesday, April 19th our talented 5th Grade class will be performing at NCEA under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Caroline Zarinelli. They are performing a wonderful piece about the 3 branches of government, titled Branch Boogie. We are so proud of them!

As some of you know, our Learning Consultant, Mrs. Diane Gewinner, has announced her retirement at the end of this school year. Mrs. Gewinner has spent 40 years of dedicated service to children who learn differently and their families. She was a Special Education teacher for Special School District of St. Louis County before she stepped into her role as Learning Consultant with the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. We are very grateful to Mrs. Gewinner for sharing all of her talents with us at St. Raphael, and we will so miss her effervescent personality and her cheery smile and disposition!

We are not planning to hire a new Learning Consultant at this time, but will be providing needed services to our students with individualized education plans in a new way. We are currently looking for a full-time reading and math intervention teacher to provide small group and individual services to students in Grades K-5; these intervention teaching services will take place both inside and outside the classroom, and will be closely coordinated with each classroom teacher. Students in Grades 6-8 will continue to receive as much individualized attention as possible from their teachers in each subject area. Some of the other duties typically covered by Mrs. Gewinner, like organizing referral packets and following up on student action plans, will be taken over by teachers, the Upper School Director, and the Principal. We will keep you posted as we work out the particular details and communication logistics for the next school year.

Thank you as always for your support, and please continue to keep our students and faculty in your prayers as we work through all of the transitions for next school year.

Peace,

Kim Vangel

Principal

Stay Tuned.
Coming Soon!

Thurs. April 20	Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Sat. April 22	Disc Golf Tournament
Sun. April 23	Confirmation Bow Sunday And Donut Sunday
Wed. April 26	Confirmation
Sun. April 30	1st Communion
Fri./Sat. May 12/13	Parish Picnic

QUILT RAFFLE - LAST CHANCE

Last call to get your tickets in. The quilt will be raffled after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 23 in the cafeteria during Donut Sunday. Contact the Parish Office if you need extra donation slips.



**WANTED
CHOIR MEMBERS**
Whereabouts Unknown



DESCRIPTION:
Male, Female,
Young and Old!



REWARD: "Give
and you shall receive."

SURRENDER TO:
Your Friendly Choir Director

Prayerfully consider joining the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in church. The choir ministers at the 10:00 weekend liturgies from September through May. Please contact Nancy Deacon at 314.352.8100, Ext. 220 or musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org for more information.



*St. Raphael Ladies Club
Quarter Auction*

*Thursday,
April 20*

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
6000 Jamieson, St. Louis, MO 63109
Auction will be held in the school gymnasium

**DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.
AUCTION STARTS AT 7 P.M.**

Auctioneer: Michael Flavin

**GRAB YOUR QUARTERS AND YOUR GIRLFRIENDS AND
JOIN US FOR THE LADIES CLUB'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER!**

Open seating, no reservations needed. Bidding paddles
are \$5 each. Concessions available for purchase.
Outside snacks and beverages welcome.

50/50 • MYSTERY RAFFLE • DOOR PRIZES



#SRASTRONG



Buy-a-Van

St. Raphael's Parish and School 2017 Lenten Project For Queen of Peace Center

GOAL: \$20,000 COLLECTED AS OF APRIL 9: \$11,776

This week we share a personal message from Sr. Rose, Chief Compliance Officer from QOPC. Many of you will remember Sr. Rose as she was at our weekend Masses when we kicked off this Lenten Project. Sr. Rose is asking us to understand the tremendous need for a new van and how critical transportation is to the women and children of QOPC. She said that the van can actually change peoples' lives. If there is no transportation for their clients, then treatment cannot be provided. One of the goals of QOPC is to stop substance abuse from being multi-generational; therefore, QOPC works with the entire family. Sr. Rose said that the Center offers many services to clients, but if they cannot get to the Center, then treatment cannot be given. The vans are absolutely critical for the clients to receive care from child and adult psychiatrists, case workers, and counselors. Sr. Rose is grateful for our help.

Please give. We have not reached our goal. We can do this if we all work together and donate. Thank you.

SECOND ANNUAL SRA DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT



Pack 500, through the SRA Men's Club, is running the Second Annual SRA Disc Golf Tournament at Willmore Park on April 22. Here is the website for registration - <https://sites.google.com/site/sradiskgolf/>. In addition, if you are interested in being a Tournament and/or a Hole sponsor, here are the available levels:

- Hole sponsor: \$100 (18 available, ad in program and sign at hole)
- Silver sponsor: \$500 (ad inside cover, sign at registration, 4 discs and one team registration)
- Gold sponsor: \$1000 (ad on back cover, sign at registration and hole 8, 4 discs, two team registrations)

Checks can be made to Pack 500 and given to Tom Finan. Registration for the tournament is open now. Please spread the word by sending the link to anyone outside of the parish who might be interested. Last year's event was a blast; let's make this one even more successful.

SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED CATHOLICS OF ALL AGES

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed or Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., at St. Catherine Laboure parish, in the cafeteria, 9740 Sappington Road. At this meeting we will have a physical therapist talk about balance, improving your health, special diets and then answer questions afterward. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed or remarried Catholics of our community. For more information, please call Pat Lynch at 314. 537.5930 or Bill DeCoursey at 314.894.0733.



Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Please join us this Wednesday, April 19th for an Easter Party! We will meet from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School.

Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.



PLANT SALE

Do you want to get started planting beautiful flowers around your house this spring? Do you want to save money by using a wholesale company to purchase flowers and help support youth functions? **Ascension Lutheran Church, 5347 Donovan**, is teaming up with a company that sells to Colors of Spring and Bayer's Nursery and is having a plant sale on **April 29, 2017 from 8:00am to 2:00pm**. Ascension Lutheran Church will have perennials, annuals, herbs, hanging baskets, and succulents. Visit ascensionstl.org for details.

ST. LOUIS HILLS SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association is accepting applications for the 2017 SLHNA Student Award for scholarship, leadership and service in school, church and community. Three one-time scholarships in the amount of \$600 will be awarded. The application deadline is Monday, April 24, and requires submission of a 3rd quarter/ 2nd trimester report card. For more information and an application, go to <http://stlhills.com>, membership/benefits category.



We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Please remember to return your CRS Rice Bowl in the collection basket. Visit csrce-bowl.org for more information.

REFLECT CATHOLIC RETREAT

REFLECT is for and about single men and women (mid-30s to -50s) looking to connect with others who also face the unique challenges of being a mid-life single in a couple's world. It's a great way to get to know and share with others in a caring, Christ-centered environment. The next **REFLECT weekend is April 28-30, 2017**. Cost is \$195.00 for a single-occupancy bedroom, meals, and materials for the weekend.

For details, visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call 312. 532.8286.

