

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 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



## Living Stations of the Cross Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017



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@SRAtoday

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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Monday, April 24th**

3:15 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts
6:00 pm - Tobias Room	Finance Council
6:45 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Conf. Room	R.C.I.A.
7:00 pm - Angel Room	St. V. de Paul

**Tuesday, April 25th**

1:30 pm - Angel Room	Bible Study
7:00 pm - Church	Weekly Rosary Rct.
7:30 pm - Raphael Room	Wild Goose Prst.

**Wednesday, April 26th**

900 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Church	Schola Rehearsal
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
6:45 pm - Church	R.C.I.A.
7:00 pm - Church	Confirmation
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scouts

**Thursday, April 27th**

2:00 pm - School	Dance Class
5:30 pm - Gym	Softball Practice
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	2nd Gr. Potluck Dnr.
6:00 pm - Church	Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 pm - Church	Cont. Music Group

**Friday, April 28th**

3:15 pm - Raphael Room	Marian Award
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**Saturday, April 29th**

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
2:00 pm - Church	Wedding
4:30 pm - Church	Baptism

**Sunday, April 30th**

10:00am - Church	First Communion
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**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



### **CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE TWO NEWEST CATHOLICS IN OUR SRA PARISH FAMILY, CHRYSTAL MONTGOMERY & KAROL BICK!**

Chrystal and Karol have been faithful participants in our parish R.C.I.A. process since September. And now they have reached their goal of becoming members of the Catholic Church. Chrystal was baptized and Karol made her Profession of Faith as a Catholic (having been baptized already as a Lutheran Christian). Both were confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time.

It is not too early to start thinking about who might be a candidate to join our R.C.I.A. for next September. Do you know someone you can encourage to begin thinking about this opportunity to grow in faith in God and in the Son, Jesus Christ. If anyone has any question about becoming Catholic, just contact me.

### **MANY THANKS TO SO MANY MEMBERS WHO MADE**

#### **OUR HOLY WEEK, TRIDUUM, AND EASTER LITURGIES SO GREAT!**

We are all grateful to our music ministry members, led by Nancy Deacon. Thank you to our excellent servers (and their parents) for being the best Holy Week servers I have ever worked with. Thanks to Ada Cross and her helpers for the floral decorations. Thanks to all the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers. Thanks to our super sacristan, Barb Cramer, who sets up so much in church for the liturgy, and to "Mr. Bob" Schlueter for keeping the church so clean and presentable every day. And finally thanks to our newest clergy on the SRA team, Deacon Ron, and the two veterans, Deacon Jerry and Deacon Roger.

#### **GOOD NEWS FOR OUR ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL – WE HAVE A NEW PRINCIPAL!**

Mrs. Julie Hayes has been signed as our School Principal for next school year. She was the unanimous choice of our SRA Search Committee after interviewing four good candidates, and comes highly regarded by all who know of her. Mrs. Hayes is completing this school year as the principal of St. James the Greater School. She has over 30 years of experience in Catholic education, in both elementary and secondary schools, both as a teacher and an administrator. Her masters degree in Catholic School Education is from St. Louis University. We are delighted to have Julie coming to St. Raphael's to follow Mrs. Vangel, who is moving to St. Clare of Assisi in Ballwin as principal.

#### **STARTING THE 2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEXT WEEK**

Next Sunday, you will have your first chance to make your annual pledge to support the pastoral work of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. A number of our Advance-Gift members have already been asked to renew their generous pledges from previous years. Thank you in advance.

The A.C.A. helps fund Catholic education in the archdiocese from special education to elementary, secondary and even Newman Clubs at the university level. Our archdiocesan seminary of Kenrick-Glennon receives generous funding to train our future priests. Paul VI trains our religion teachers and catechists. Catholic Youth Apostolate is supported generously in ministering to our high school kids. Then, maybe even more importantly, the A.C.A contributions are used for ministries that support human dignity and social responsibility. And finally, there are the missionary discipleship programs that are covered by your ACA contributions.

So, how can you not support such activities critical to the life of the Catholic Church in St. Louis as are all of these? With so many programs, we need every Catholic in St. Louis to take part next week!

#### **BIG DAYS COMING UP AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH**

+ Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation by the 7th grade this Wednesday by Bishop Edward Rice.

+ Reception of First Holy Communion by the 2nd grade next Sunday.

Pray for our youngsters as they excitedly prepare for these two Sacraments of Initiation.

**SERVERS FOR APRIL 24 - APRIL 30**

**Monday –Tuesday April 24/25**

7:00 am Lydia Bick Sarah Brinkmann  
8:00 am Isabella Pfeiffer Mady Shine

**Wednesday-Thursday April 26/27**

7:00 am Cate Guenther Lillian Weber  
8:00 am Katelyn Massey Spencer Willmann

**Friday April 28**

7:00 am Grace Goeddel Gillian Neal

**Saturday April 29**

7:00 am Grace Goeddel Gillian Neal  
4:30 pm Sam Schicker Baur (Annie/Seamus)  
Mateo Switzer

**Sunday April 30**

8:00 am Sean Madden William Madden  
Anna Mersinger  
10:00 am Madelene Cierpiot K. Videmschek  
Kristin Nienhaus

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 23rd**

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

**Monday, April 24th**

7:00 am Virginia Steck  
8:00 am Hodes Family - SI

**Tuesday, April 25th**

7:00 am Nancy Whelan  
8:00 am Don Deachan

**Wednesday, April 26th**

7:00 am George Maledy  
8:00 am Eva Jobst

**Thursday, April 27th**

7:00 am Leo & Susie Pinski  
8:00 am Charlie Session

**Friday, April 28th**

7:00 am Leona Niemeyer

**Saturday, April 29th**

7:00 am George Maledy  
4:30 pm Linda Bess

**Sunday, April 30th**

8:00 People of the Parish  
10:00 Jim Wahl

**WEEKEND OF APRIL 29 & 30**

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

**LECTORS:**

Laura Geiser      Mary Kay Backer      1st Communion

**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 15/16, 2017**

Sunday Collection	\$6,851.00
Online Giving	\$1,427.00
<b>Weekly Total Collection</b>	<b>\$8,278.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$317,552.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal</b>	<b>\$336,000.00</b>

Online Giving: To access our Online Giving Portal, go to [straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving](http://straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you give your donation to the St. Raphael Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you say "Peace be with you" to those who are poor and hungry. Thank you for your continued support, and our peace be with you!

## 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](http://BlestArt.org).



## PROLIFE MOTHER'S DAY SHOWER

It's that time of the year again, time for the annual St. Raphael ProLife Mother's Day Shower, May 13 and 14, to benefit the residents at Our Lady's Inn. The Inn shelters and cares for its residents, mothers who choose life, not abortion. Suggestions for shower gifts are:

Laundry Products	Personal Care Items
Cereal and Juices	Kleenex, Toilet Paper
Paper Towels	Baby Products
Shampoo and Body Wash	

If you prefer, you may make out a check to Our Lady's Inn. On **May 13 and 14**, please place your gifts in the playpens located in the front and parking lot vestibules. Thank you for your generosity in support of Life.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

  
**35<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
*Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes*

Second Sunday of Easter

## 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,

## 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](mailto:greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for considering this very meaningful service opportunity.

## QUILT RAFFLE

The quilt will be raffled after the **10:00 am Mass today, April 23, in the cafeteria during Donut Sunday.**



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.



# SCHOOL OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*Formed in Faith, Prepared for Life*

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

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

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

## Small Design, BIG Results



### EASTER EGG HUNT 2017



Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Please join me in continued prayers for our 2nd Graders and 7th Graders as they prepare for their First Communion and Confirmation, respectively. The students and their teachers have been preparing for these Holy Sacraments for many months, and we will be celebrating these happy occasions very soon. We pray for God's blessings on these St. Raphael students as they travel forward in their Catholic faith journey.

On Holy Thursday our 8th grade class presented a beautiful and moving Living Stations of the Cross for our student body and parishioners. Those who were able to attend all remarked how reverent the students were and how seriously our 8th graders took their roles. Congratulations and thanks to Mrs. Runiewicz and our 8th Grade class for bringing to life for us Jesus' walk to Calvary!

Hopefully you have all heard the good news about the hiring of St. Raphael's next principal, Mrs. Julie Hayes. I am so happy that Mrs. Hayes has accepted the principalship here, and I think you will find her to be knowledgeable and kind. I feel very comfortable handing over the reins to Mrs. Hayes, and I look forward to beginning the transition soon.

Registration for 2017-2018 is looking quite strong for St. Raphael, with 150 students registered for K-8 and 48 students registered for Preschool. We have 25 Kindergarten students registered for next school year and our cap is 28 - so, if you or someone you know is hoping to have a Kindergartener at SRA next school year but has not yet registered, there are only 3 spots remaining! We are projecting total enrollment K-8 at about 170 and Preschool at about 60; these numbers have been very steady for the past 4 years which is very good news for St. Raphael School. That said, even with our projections for enrollment, we will not be at capacity and could make room for a few more students in various grade levels. It's not too late to spread the news to potential families about the academic progress and faith formation happening in our school. Interested families are encouraged to call the school office for a tour of the school and meeting time with me. 314.352.9474

Enjoy our spring weather and thanks to all of you for your continued support!

Peace,  
Kim Vangel

Thanks to these wonderful 8th graders for stuffing eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt held after the 10:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday.



# SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH PICNIC *Best Day Ever*

## Chicken & Pork Steak Dinners

Dinners will be served from 4-7pm on Saturday only, in the cafeteria. Adult dinners are \$9.00 for your choice of fried chicken or delicious barbequed pork steak, with two sides, dinner roll and iced tea, coffee or milk. Children's chicken strip dinners are \$6.00 with two sides, dinner roll, iced tea or milk. **Side choices this year: cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, fruit salad, and potato chips.** Carry-outs are available. There will be LIVE Accordion music once again during the dinner hours.

## We Need Your Help!

Many volunteers are needed on Picnic day!! If you can help, please follow the link below to sign up on our online Picnic Volunteer site, or you can also call the rectory at 314.352.8100.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050945A4AB29A46-sraparish](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050945A4AB29A46-sraparish)

We are also in need of canned soda and bottled water. Donations may be dropped off at to the Parish Office.

## Raffle Tickets

**One raffle—four chances to win!** Buy your raffle tickets by **May 1 for a chance to win the early bird drawing of \$500.** Winning ticket is put back in for drawing on picnic day.

- 1st prize—50/50
- 2nd Prize—\$300
- 3rd Prize—\$150

For more tickets, please call the rectory at 314.352.8100. Raffle tickets will also be sold during the picnic.

## Friday, May 12 ~ Picnic Kick-Off ~ 5-10pm

Please plan to join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun! Rides, music, BBQ and refreshments will be available for your pleasure and entertainment.

## Saturday, May 13 ~ 10am-10pm

Plan to start your day with an outdoor community Mass beginning at 10am, followed by a light breakfast of bagels and donuts. The armband booth for the rides opens at 10:30am, and the RIDES begin at 11am along with the GAME booths. Back by popular demand, the pony rides and petting zoo will be open from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and are free with ride armbands.

## Desserts for Picnic Dinner

No picnic meal would be complete without the delicious desserts baked by our parishioners! If you are able to help out by baking a dessert, please bring it to the school cafeteria on Friday, May 12, 3-5pm, or Saturday, May 13, 9-11am. Cake cutters are needed in the cafeteria, 11am-12pm on Saturday.

## Picnic Ride Armbands Available Again This Year!!

Saturday only: armband presale price is \$35 and good from 11am-9pm. A combined day Friday (5-10pm) and Saturday (11am-9pm) armband presale price is \$55. Armbands are encouraged to be purchased presale—this will save time and \$\$ for you the day of the picnic!

Prices will go up to \$40 for Saturday only, and \$60 for combined day armbands if purchased on picnic days! **Individual ride tickets will not be sold pre-sale – they may be purchased on picnic days.** Individual ride ticket prices are \$2.00 each. Most rides will take one ticket, but some may take two tickets.

## Presale Opportunities

In the rectory, starting Monday, April 24. Parish office hours 7:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday - Thursday, 7:30 - 1:00 pm Fridays.

## **LIVE MUSIC BOTH NIGHTS!!**

## Attention, Gardeners

We need your garden clippings or any garden donation! Please place plant clippings in throw-away flower pots or plastic cups. You can drop your garden items off at the booth on Friday, May 12, 3-5pm, or Saturday, May 13, 8-10am. For more information, please call the rectory office at 314.352.8100.



# Buy-a-Van

## St. Raphael's Parish and School 2017 Lenten Project

**GOAL: \$20,000      COLLECTED AS OF APRIL 16: \$14,617**

Dear St. Raphael Parish and School Families,

We at Queen of Peace Center, both staff and especially clients, are so grateful to all of you at St. Raphael for helping our women and children be able to access the services that are so important to their recovery and the well-being of their children. Thank you, thank you!!

Sr. Rose Pfannebecker, Chief Compliance Officer

### Upcoming Events

Sun. April 23	Confirmation Bow Sunday And Donut Sunday
Wed. April 26	Confirmation
Sun. April 30	1st Communion
Fri./Sat. Mary 12/13	Parish Picnic
Fri. May 19	Graduation Dinner
Sun. May 21	Graduation



## Voices Needed

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

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal is now underway. If you have not already been contacted, please get your card at the front vestibule of the church on the weekends of April 29-30, May 6-7, or May 13-14.

Thank you for your past support.  
The Parish ACA Committee

**THANK YOU!**  
Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you. Please remember to return your bowls through the collection basket. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

**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.

**REFLECT CATHOLIC RETREAT**

REFLECT is for and about single men & 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 & 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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call 312.532.8286.

CBC Summer Academy Registration is now open for all boys entering 6, 7, and 8 grades.

Enjoy a premier summer experience held in CBC's theater, classrooms, science labs, art studios, and sports facilities by being part of our CBC Summer Academy. Register today at

[www.cbcsummeracademy.org](http://www.cbcsummeracademy.org) to take advantage of our 10% early bird discount until April 30th. Contact Melissa Ryan at [ryanm@cbchs.org](mailto:ryanm@cbchs.org) or 314.985.6095 for more information.



**ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS:**

Please join us this Wednesday, April 26th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we start our new series - "The Complete & Total Guide to Human Happiness." You are always welcome for prayer, community, and fun! Please see [saintlouis-lifeteen.org](http://saintlouis-lifeteen.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](http://ascensionstl.org) for details.

