



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 2, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS:

Check Bulletin For Mass Times

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Subsequent Tuesday of each month (without exposition) 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50 am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm on Saturday

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office.

Fifth SUNDAY IN LENT



*God of power,
God of mercy,
you bring forth springs in the wasteland
and turn despair into hope.*

CLERGY & STAFF

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, April 3rd

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| 7:00 pm - Cafeteria | Cub Scouts |
| 7:00 pm - Tobias Room | R.C.I.A. |
| 7:00 pm - Tobias Room | Stewardship Meeting |

Tuesday, April 4th

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| 1:00 pm - Raphael Room | Fifty Plus Club |
| 1:30 pm - Angel Room | Bible Study |
| 5:00 pm - Cafeteria | Daisy Scouts |
| 5:30 pm - Gym | Softball |
| 7:00 pm - Church | Weekly Rosary Rct. |
| 7:30 pm - Raphael Room | Wild Goose Prst. |

Wednesday, April 5th

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

Thursday, April 6th

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| 2:00 pm - School | Dance Class |
| 5:30 pm - Gym | Softball Practice |
| 7:00 pm - Tobias Room | Liturgy Committee |

Friday, April 7th

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| 8:30 am - Church | Adoration |
| 2:00 pm - Church | Stations of the Cross |
| 7:00 pm - Church | Stations of the Cross |

Saturday, April 8th

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| 8:00 am - Cafeteria | Step Class |
| 9:00 am - Cafeteria | Girl Scouts |
| 10:00 am - Church | Confessions |
| 11:00 am - Church | Confessions |
| 3:0 pm - Church | Confessions |

Sunday, April 9th

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| 10:00 am - Church | 1st Comm. Bow Sunday |
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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

STEWARDSHIP – A CATHOLIC WAY OF LIFE

What is stewardship? Being a good steward! So, what is a steward? The dictionary says that a steward is a person who manages other people's property or affairs, or a person in charge of a household. Applying this to our Catholic spirituality, Stewardship is the reality that the Lord God has put us in charge of a portion of his creation, namely our own selves, and our families and households. God has given us all we have – life, health, the earth, the Church. The Lord expects us to be responsible stewards of these blessings and opportunities. We have chosen to be disciples of Jesus and his Gospel in the Catholic Church. Being faithful disciples includes being responsible stewards who commit to taking good care of what the Lord has entrusted to us.

Today at Mass, the head of the Archdiocesan Office of Stewardship, Mr. David Baranowski, has been invited by me to speak to our St. Raphael Parish Family. He will encourage us to review how we are taking responsibility for the gifts of time and talent that we have been blessed with. He will be encouraging us to evaluate how we are sharing our precious time and valuable talent with the Lord and his Church here at St. Raphael Parish.

For those interested in learning more about Catholic Stewardship, we will have a meeting tomorrow, Monday, April 3rd at 7pm in the Tobias Room.

ST. RAPHAEL LENTEN PROJECT – “BUY-A-VAN” FOR THE QUEEN OF PEACE CENTER FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN

The “gas tank” for our van for the Queen of Peace Center is at the one quarter mark: over \$5,000 towards our “full tank” of \$20,000. This is a good start but now we need to get everyone in the parish to help fill up the tank before Easter. Can you generously donate \$200, \$100, \$50, or \$25? There are special envelopes in the pews, or you can donate electronically, or just mail in your check to the Parish Office. (For more information, see pg. 9.)

R.C.I.A. – THE BIG DAY IS GETTING CLOSER!

For two persons looking forward to becoming Catholic at St. Raphael Church, the big day, that is, the Easter Vigil, is only two weeks away. At the Vigil Service on Holy Saturday evening at 7:30pm, Chrystal Montgomery, the fiancée of John Molina, will be baptized, confirmed and receive Communion for the first time, and Karol Bick, the wife of Bill Bick, will make her profession of faith as a Catholic, be confirmed and receive Communion for the first time as a Catholic.

Plan to celebrate Easter this year with the magnificent Easter Vigil rituals of fire and water, the Easter Proclamation and Gospel of the Resurrection, especially if you know Chrystal or Karol, or their families. It would be nice to have a good-sized congregation at the Easter Vigil to welcome our two newest members into our Church and our parish family.



Chrystal Montgomery with her Sponsor, Sharon Yehlen; Archbishop Carlson; Karol Bick with her Sponsor, Will Bick.

HOLY WEEK – NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY AND THEN THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The holiest days of the whole annual liturgical cycle start next weekend with our Palm Sunday processions. For each of the three weekend Masses, we will start with the Blessings of Palms out on the lawn at the street corner. From there we will process over to the front doors of church and enter into our holy place, while we acknowledge Jesus as our Savior and King.

Then come the Sacred Three Days (Triduum) of Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, including the Washing of Feet and procession to the altar of repose; Good Friday in the afternoon with the Celebration of the Lord's Passion; and Saturday evening with the Easter Vigil, the most glorious liturgy of the whole year. The liturgies for each of these three holy days are basically one long liturgical celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, separated into three parts. Be sure to participate in all three to get the full spiritual experience of the heart of our Catholic Faith!

SERVERS FOR APRIL 3 - APRIL 9

Monday –Tuesday April 3/4

7:00 am Sophia DiMartino Mateo Switzer
8:00 am Lydia Bick Sarah Brinkmann

Wednesday-Thursday April 5/6

7:00 am Sean Madden William Madden
8:00 am Andrew Borowiak Flora Borowiak

Friday April 7

7:00 am Lucille Schlichting Miranda Sullenger

Saturday April 8

7:00 am Lucille Schlichting Miranda Sullenger

4:30 pm Rory Barnawell Mady Shine
Mackenzie Sampson-Walk

Sunday April 9

8:00 am Jacob Keller Andrew Kellar
Lillian Weber

10:00 am Katie Delf Abby Delf
William Hotze

WEEKEND OF APRIL 8 & 9

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

PRIEST:

Fr. Bob Reiker Fr. Bob Reiker Fr. Bob Reiker

LECTORS:

Joyce Holmes Amy Ruggeri Bow Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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| 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 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 2nd

8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Thomas J. Koehler

Monday, April 3rd

7:00 am Marcia Matreci
8:00 am Rose Eder

Tuesday, April 4th

7:00 am Hutton-Jost Families
8:00 am Bernice Heede

Wednesday, April 5th

7:00 am Grace Farley Maderos
8:00 am Mary Allen

Thursday, April 6th

7:00 am Bernice Heede
8:00 am Tony Tepe

Friday, April 7th

7:00 am Norma Stern

Saturday, April 8th

7:00 am Marie Long
4:30 pm Angelo Bottini

Sunday, April 2nd

8:00 Ralph G. Raskas
10:00 People of the Parish

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH 25/26, 2017

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| Sunday Collection | \$3,938.00 |
| Online Giving | \$1,750.00 |
| Weekly Total Collection | \$5,688.00 |
| Weekly Budget Goal | \$8,000.00 |
| Tuition Assistance | \$ 147.00 |
| Fiscal Year-To-Date (Adjusted) | \$291,486.00 |
| Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal | \$312,000.00 |

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

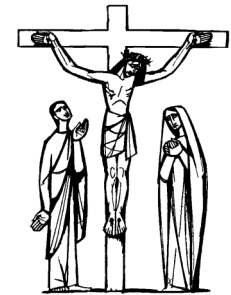
The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.



St. Raphael the Archangel Holy Week - Paschal Triduum

RECONCILIATION (*Confession*)

Saturday, April 8, 2017, On the Hour at 10:00 AM and at 11:00 AM and at 3:00-4:20 PM
 Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 6:40-7:00 AM; 7:30-8:00 AM, 8:30 AM (Open ended), & 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:00-6:00 PM



HOLY THURSDAY

April 13, 2017
 7:00AM Morning Prayer (NO MASS)
 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8:30 PM-12:00 AM Adoration at the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 2017
 7:00 AM Morning Prayer (NO MASS)
 3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL

April 15, 2017
 7:00 AM Morning Prayer (NO MASS)
 7:30 PM Easter Vigil Service and Mass



EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017
 8:00 AM Easter Mass
 10:00 AM Easter Mass



PARISH MISSION - THANK YOU

On behalf of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and on my own behalf, I thank the parishioners of SRA for their contributions to the mission collection. It totaled over \$1600 and was supplemented by a parish donation. Through this generosity the preaching of the gospel in St. Louis Hills is now promoting the spread of the gospel among the very poor. The proceeds benefit *Vocation Fund-Zambia*, which supports the recruitment and formation of Zambian seminarians for Oblate missionary work in south-central Africa. For more information about the Oblates and their ministry in Zambia, go to omiusa.org.
 Fr. George Knab, O.M.I.

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 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.



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

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

| Mon., April 3 | Tues., April 4th | Wed., April 5th | Thurs., April 6th | Fri., April 7th |
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| Chicken Sandwich & Corn on the Cob | Pepperoni Pizza | Nachos Supreme | Pigs In A Blanket | Cheerios & Fruit |



Volunteers Needed!

It's only a few short bunny hops until Easter and volunteers are needed to organize this year's Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. Duties include someone to act as the Easter Bunny (Parish Office will rent the costume), collecting plastic eggs and candy. Also, needed are new stuffed animals or toys for prizes.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

CBC SUMMER ACADEMY

CBC Summer Academy Registration is prnow open for all boys entering 6th, 7th, and 8th 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 to take advantage of our 10% early bird discount through April 30th. Contact Melissa Ryan at ryanm@cbchs.org or 314-985-6095 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-ST. RAPHAEL PARISH 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.



LIVE MUSIC BOTH NIGHTS!!

RIDES!!

GAMES!!

FUN!!!!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-ST. RAPHAEL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

The St. Raphael Wicket Club cordially invites you

to the biennial croquet tournament

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

1:00 Post Meridian Prompt

at the home of Ben and Jennifer Delf

Hors d'oeuvres, Beverages and Dessert Provided

\$45.00 per person

Proper Attire Required



Sign up and more information to come!

Hosted by the Niebling Family and Delf Family



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at
2:00pm and 7:00pm



Upcoming Events
Mark your calendar

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| Sun. April 9 | 1st Communion Bow Sunday |
| 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 |

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.

Don't just sit there doing the same thing; try something new and different by singing in the **SRA Adult Choir!**



Prayerfully consider joining the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in church. The choir ministers at the 4:30/10:00 weekend liturgies from September through Corpus Christi. Please contact Nancy Deacon 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

Slow and steady is said to win the race...but we need to pick up the pace a bit in order to reach our \$20,000 goal to buy a van for the Queen of Peace Center (QOPC). This van will help the local women and children currently being served by the Queen of Peace Center, like Kimberly. Kimberly was living in a shelter, addicted to drugs, without employment, food stamps and hope for improving her situation. She then came to QOPC for residential treatment for her substance abuse issues; she later moved on to outpatient treatment utilizing the Shelter Plus Care Housing (which is part of QOPC). Within a year of her walking through the QOPC doors, she has gotten a job, moved into a fair market apartment and no longer relies on Shelter Plus Care rental and utility assistance. We are happy to share that Kimberly is living a clean and sober life today and has the support and resources of QOPC to rely on if things get challenging. The Queen of Peace Center van enabled Kimberly to be transported to and from the main location of the Center to her QOPC housing on a daily basis.

GOAL: \$20,000 COLLECTED AS OF MARCH 26: \$5,707

Please don't forget to donate to this Lenten project and help us honor our commitment made to Queen of Peace Center to replace one of vans that is in sad shape. 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.

*St. Louis Hills
Neighborhood Association*

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children of all ages can participate. There are designated areas broken down by age group where the kids can gather eggs filled with candy and prize coupons. Children in 4th to 8th grades will search an extended area to find four prize eggs with a \$25 prize in each.

The Easter Bunny's helpers will be on hand for photo opportunities with the little ones.

In addition, representatives from St. Louis Children's Hospital will be selling and fitting bicycle helmets. Adults and children may bring their own helmet to be fitted for free or purchase a new one for \$11.00 per helmet. The child must be present to purchase a helmet.

Bicycle helmet sale/fitting - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Easter Egg Hunt begins at 11:00 am

Francis Park

Near the playground area

This is a free event and there is no need to register.



Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Join us this Wednesday, April 5 from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School for a Mass and Social. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

CATHOLIC SINGLES ALUMNI CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club is hosting a softball league in April and a singles dance in May. Interested? Contact Gina at ginananny@yahoo.com for information.

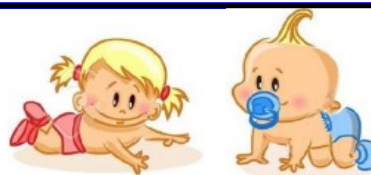
ST. LOUIS HILLS SCHOLARSHIP

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. The applicant must be an eighth grade student, the daughter/son/legal dependent of a St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association member living within the boundaries of St. Louis Hills. The applicant's family must have a current history of membership in SLHNA including 2017. The scholarship award is for the freshman year of high school only; it is non-renewable. For more information and an application, go to <http://stlhills.com>, membership/benefits category.



Our rice bowl story this week encounters Dita in Ethiopia, to see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children - even during a devastating drought. What skills are YOU discovering this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom?

Visit <http://www.crsricebowl.org/> for more information.



We need your
help.....

The Permanent Deacons, in conjunction with the Respect Life Office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults as part of an Archdiocesan service project. The Diaper Drive runs from April 1 & 2 through April 15 & 16. Last year we collected over 125,000 diapers for those in need and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider adding diapers to your shopping list. Diaper donations should be placed at the entrances to Church. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish. To learn more, visit stlouisreview.com/article/2017-02-16/deacons-diaper-drive.

Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

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Date: March 29, 2017

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Contact: Parish Office 314.352.8100

Special Instructions: