

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 30, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Confirmation Bow Sunday
April 23, 2017
Formed in Faith, Prepared for Life*

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm
Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Saturday 7:00 am
Monday through Thursday 8:00 am

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

CLERGY & STAFF

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Deacon Gerald J. Geiser Retired Deacon

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, May 1st

8:30 am - Church May Crowning Pract.
 7:00 pm - Cafeteria Cub Scouts
 7:00 am - Tobias Room Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, May 2nd

8:30 am - Church Mary Crowning Pract.
 1:00 pm - Raphael Room Fifty Plus Club
 5:30 pm - Gym Softball Practice
 7:00 pm - Raphael Room Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, May 3rd

8:30 am - Church May Crowning Pract.
 9:00 am - Quilters Room Quilters
 3:15 pm - Church Schola
 6:00 pm - Cafeteria Step Class
 7:00 pm - Cafeteria Boy Scouts
 7:00 pm - Parish Office R.C.I.A. Final Mtg.
 7:00 pm - Church Choir Practice

Thursday, May 4th

8:00 am - Church May Crowning
 2:00 pm - School Dance Class
 5:30 pm - Gym Softball Practice
 7:00 pm - Church Cont. Music Group
 7:00 pm - Raphael Room Liturgy Committee

Friday, May 5th

3:15 pm - Raphael Room Marian Award

Saturday, May 6th

8:00 am - Cafeteria Step Class
 4:30 pm - Church Mass

Sunday, May 7th

8:00 am - Church Mass
 10:00 am - Church Mass
 7:30 pm - Gym Basketball

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – “BUILD MY CHURCH”

This weekend is your first chance to make your annual pledge to the ACA to help fund the pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Your pledge card will be available on the table in the back vestibule of the church for you to pick up today, fill out the information for your gift, and leave the pledge card with the parish volunteer. The cards will be in church next two weekends also.

We live in a time when so many Catholic families are very generous, and when so many families in our community are very much in need of help. Actually this is a fortuitous situation: many of us get the spiritual benefit of generously helping someone in need, and many people in need are able to be helped by our sacrifices. Your kind support of the Annual Catholic Appeal demonstrates your willing response to the Lord Jesus when he challenges us to love our neighbors, especially when they need our help.

The ACA actually lists 40 different ministries or Catholic groups or agencies that actually get support from your sacrificial gift: from Catholic education in parochial schools to the seminary education of our future priests, from the Respect Life Apostolate to Catholic Charities, from vocations programs to retired priests, and from special education to the Catholic Youth Apostolate. And so many more – all good ministries and programs to support! Please visit the web site for more information on the ACA: straphaelarchangel.org.

STAFF UPDATES:

1. Our new principal for St. Raphael School, Mrs. Julia Hayes, has begun getting to know our school by meeting with the faculty this week, and has spent an afternoon with our current principal, Mrs. Kim Vangel. In June, when the school year is complete, Mrs. Hayes will be making some opportunities for parents and students to meet her, and for her to get to know our outstanding families who are a part of our wonderful school here at SRA. Pray for everyone in school ministry and the changes at this time of year!



2. Deacon Roger Kreitler who has served the St. Raphael Parish Family for 16 years is now officially retiring as an appointed deacon in active ministry in the parish. Roger will continue to assist at 7am Masses on weekdays when he feels up to it. All of us at SRA are indeed grateful to Deacon Roger for his years of dedicated ministry in our parish. We need to keep him in our prayers!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SRA CONFIRMATION CLASS

Nineteen of our seventh graders were confirmed this past Wednesday by Bishop Edward Rice, now leading the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese. Bishop Rice came back to St. Louis because two of his second cousins, Sean and Billy Madden, are in the Confirmation class. Thanks to the parents and SRA school faculty, especially Mrs. Laura Berns, for doing an excellent job of preparing the students all through the year for the important Sacrament of Confirmation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SRA FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Twenty-four second graders from our SRA School are receiving their First Holy Communion today (Sunday) at the 10am Mass. They are so excited that they are almost jumping out of their skin. I believe there is a lesson here for all of us who have become complacent about receiving the Body and Blood of Christ at the Eucharist. Would that we would be jumping out of our skin every Sunday as we get ready for Holy Communion. Thanks to Ms. Stephanie Amsler, our 2nd-grade teacher, for preparing these young people so well for this Sacrament.

SERVERS FOR MAY 1 - MAY 7

Monday –Tuesday May 1/2

7:00 am Jane Dubbert William Hotze
8:00 am Seamus Baur Annie Baur

Wednesday-Thursday May 3/4

7:00 am Rory Barnawell Christian Concepcion
8:00 am Merritt Jugo M. Sampson-Walk

Friday - May 5

7:00 am Jacob Kellar Andrew Kellar

Saturday - May 6

7:00 am Jacob Kellar Andrew Kellar
4:30 pm S. Koziacki Avery Bradshaw

Sunday - May 7

8:00 am Sarah Brinkmann Anna Mersinger
Miranda Sullenger
10:00 am Grace Goeddel Lucille Schlichting
Lillian Weber

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 30th

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

Monday, May 1st

7:00 am Thomas J. Koehler, Sr.
8:00 am Erna Sinovic

Tuesday, May 2nd

7:00 am Rose Eder
8:00 am Ralph G. Raskas

Wednesday, May 3rd

7:00 am Hutton-Jost Families
8:00 am Hodes Family SI

Thursday, May 4th

7:00 am Mary W. Willaims
8:00 am Don Deachan

Friday, May 5th

7:00 am Joan Goltschmann

Saturday, May 6th

7:00 am Nancy Whelan
4:30 pm Angelo Bottini

Sunday, May 7th

8:00 Nancy Whelan
10:00 People of the Parish

WEEKEND OF MAY 6 & 7

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

LECTORS:

Helen Doyle Kevin Liddy Mary Faith Green

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Kathy Steck Carol Hughes Joan Billing
Pam Hager Beverly Whitworth Ted Green
Kathe Berger Mary Niemeyer Mary Faith Green
Nancy McCarthy Joyce Holmes Barbara Favre
Gina Horas Mary Reck Heather Hays
Brian McCarthy Barbara Cramer Fred Hodes
Steve Kratky

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 22/23, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$4,005.00
Online Giving	\$1,822.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$5,827.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00

Fiscal Year-To-Date	\$323,379.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$344,000.00

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday’s Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that, when we reach out to neighbors, we walk with Christ. Through our gifts, the Society brought the love of Jesus to many by assisting families with utility bills, providing food, and assisting with rent payments. Thank you!

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
Cereal and Juices
Paper Towels
Shampoo and Body Wash

Personal Care Items
Kleenex, Toilet Paper
Baby Products

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - COLLECT PRAYER

May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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

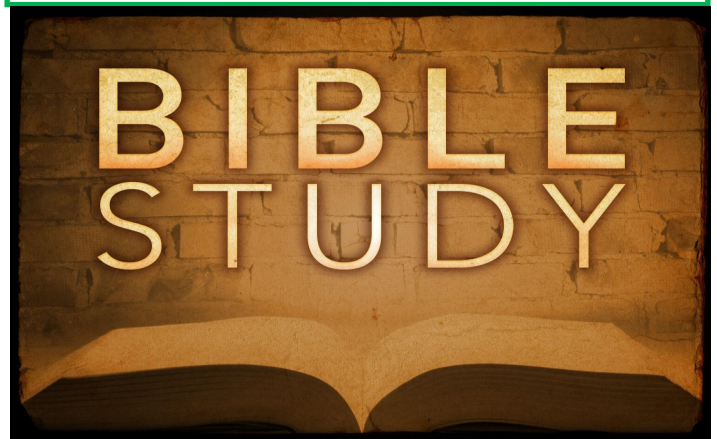
We need this information as soon as possible,



"Generation after generation, day after day, we are asked to renew our faith. We are asked to LIVE THE REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS as Mary, our Mother of Charity, did. We are invited to 'leave home' and to OPEN OUR EYES AND HEARTS TO OTHERS." *Pope Francis, Homily at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity*

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



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

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Mon., May 1	Tues., May 2	Wed., May 3	Thurs., May 4	Fri., May 5
Chicken Sandwich & Corn on the Cob	Pigs In A Blanket	Chef Salad	Chicken Noodle Soup & Turkey Sandwich	Fish Tacos

SUMMER CAMP

Time is running out and so are spaces for St. Raphael summer camp. Please look on the web site so you can see the options you have for a fun-filled summer. Tell all your friends to look into St. Raphael’s wonderful summer camp. See straphaelarchangel.org.

ST. RAPHAEL AFTERCARE

To all St. Raphael parents, if you are interested in aftercare for the school year 2017-2018, aftercare for the older kids only is full on Wednesdays. Preschool has all days open. If you are interested in aftercare, all the other days are available. Please contact the school for more information.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The process for the 2017-2018 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2017. If you are interested in touring our school or would like to request a packet of information and the registration form you will need to complete, please call the school office at [314.352.9474](tel:314.352.9474). Registration packets may also be mailed if requested.

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

It's a big week at St. Raphael for the faith formation of our students. Congratulations to our 7th Graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening, April 26th! May they continue to be blessed and grow in their faith through the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on Sunday, April 30th! May God wrap them in His arms as they receive the Eucharist for the first time, and may their joy in their Catholic faith stay alive in their hearts forever. We are so blessed to be able to celebrate these happy occasions together as a school and parish family.

Mrs. Julie Hayes, the new principal of St. Raphael School, is beginning her transition here; she met with the SRA faculty on Monday, and spent an afternoon with me discussing transition details. Mrs. Hayes and I will continue to work closely together over the next two months to ensure that she feels comfortable with all the workings of our school when she begins full-time in July. I will keep you posted about dates that Mrs. Hayes will make available to meet with parents prior to the start of next school year. I know that you will welcome her with open arms, minds, and hearts!

Teachers are working hard to wrap up the school year, ensuring that students have had ample opportunities to learn everything in their grade level curriculum. This is also the time of year when teachers reflect back on the school year and start making plans for the next school cycle. Did you know that we revise the entire school curriculum every single year? It's critical to keep our curriculum current and meaningful, so teachers keep notes and do research all year long as they are teaching in order to make improvements to the curriculum for the following year. In this way, teachers are always evaluating their own instructional methods, the value of each learning goal in the curriculum, and the best methods and times for presentation of material in their classes.

Teachers will be providing parents with a new curriculum document next school year that we hope will be very helpful to our families. Rather than printing the formal curriculum for each subject area in each grade level, parents will receive a "Curriculum Year-At-A-Glance" document at Curriculum Night in September. This Year-At-A-Glance will give you a month-by-month picture of what is happening in each child's class. You will see major themes being covered, big projects, important events and field trips, etc. all organized by months in the school year. Our hope is that this Curriculum Year-At-A-Glance will help you to understand the flow of the school year for each class and to gain an appreciation for what your children will learn and be expected to do throughout the school year.

These last weeks of the school year are busy for everyone, but please help us try to keep kids focused on learning as much as possible. Be patient with them; it's really hard to think about school when the weather is so beautiful and there are so many other fun things they could be doing!

We appreciate your prayers and support as always.

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principa

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

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.

THANK YOU!

Dear St. Raphael Parish and School Family,

We are full of gratitude for your effort and dedication to the women and children served by Queen of Peace Center. The staff is excited with the potential of a new addition to our fleet of vans that will help us continue to serve our clients with hope, dignity and respect. Regardless of the outcome, we are amazed by the commitment of your community to support us in such a significant and meaningful way.

Lara Pennington, Chief Executive Officer
Sr. Rose Pfannebecker, Chief Compliance Officer
Jeff Buchek, Development Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. April 30	1st Communion
Fri./Sat. Mary 12/13	Parish Picnic
Fri. May 19	Graduation Dinner
Sun. May 21	Graduation
Sat. June 3	Croquet Tournament



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 for more information.

*Save the date for a
Swinging good time!*

*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!





Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Please join us this Wednesday, **May 3 from 7-9 pm** at Bishop DuBourg as we gather for a Mass and social. You are always welcome for prayer, community, and fun! Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

CBC SUMMER ACADEMY

CBC Summer Academy Registration is now open for all boys entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Enjoy a premier summer experience by being part of our CBC Summer Academy. Register today at www.cbsummeracademy.org. Contact Melissa Ryan at ryanm@cbchs.org or 314-985-6095 for more information.

AUDITIONS FOR THE YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS

The Young Catholic Musicians are holding auditions for singers and instrumentalists. Current members are aged 9-17. For information, please contact Fr. Bruce Forman, 314.231.7464 or revycm@charter.net or Mrs. Mary Smith at 314.962.9260 or smithycm@sbcglobal.net.

KING'S HOUSE UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5-7
Weekend Retreat with Paul Coutinho
618.397.0584
kingsretreatcenter.org

MARRIAGE ON TAP - ST. LOUIS

Married couples are invited to an evening out, just call it a date night! Be with other couples who care about a good marriage growing better and wanting to enrich themselves. It will be on May 16, at the Pasta House Company at 8231 Delmar Blvd. Buffet dinner is at 6:00 pm and is \$22.50 per person, cash bar available. At 7:00 pm there will be a dynamic talk featuring Vince and Marianne Burkemper, who have been married 30 years and have three grown children. Their talk is "Living Our Faith as a Family" and focuses on their love for each other, their family and their faith in all they do. RSVP required: marriageontapstl@gmail.com. Or visit our Facebook page: Marriage On Tap STL.



THEOLOGY ON TAP SUMMER SERIES

This summer, join young adults from across the archdiocese for our Theology on Tap Summer Six Pack – six nights of engaging talks, drink specials, and great community: May 23, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, and August 8. All talks will be held at 7:00 pm at Kirkwood Station Brewing Co. Our featured speakers will be Archbishop Carlson, Paul Masek (Director of the REAP Team), Deacon Ryan Adorjan (Diocese of Joliet, IL), Liz Miller, Matt Faley (musicians), and various priests from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Email stlya@archstl.org or call 314.792.7008 with questions or for more information.



Looking for a summer camp for your grade school son? Registration is open for academic and athletic day camps at De Smet Jesuit High School. Classes are a great mix of fun and learning and are offered in study skills tied to sports, recyclable art, digital media, science, robotics and forensics. Sports camps are offered in baseball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, basketball, wrestling, cross country, lacrosse and football. Questions? Please call Nancy Sokolik, Spartan Summer Camp Director, at 314-567-3500 ext. 1449 or emailnsokolik@desmet.org or <http://www.desmet.org/spartansummer>.

