

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

No 8:00am Mass for Summer

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.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018



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WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH
AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE,
AND I WILL RAISE THEM ON THE LAST DAY.

John 6:54

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."

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr. John Mayo	Pastor
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Msgr. Dennis Stehly	Priest-In-Residence
	dennisstehly@archstl.org
Deacon Ron Holmes	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
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Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
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Mrs. Mickey Janos	Admin. Assistant
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Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mr. Howard Adams	Maintenance
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Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
	secretary@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Qi Franz	Cafeteria Manager
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CONNECT WITH US!

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Instagram	straphaelarchangel
MyParishApp	Text 'App' to 88202

Monday, August 20

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
7:00pm - Tobias Room	School Board

Tuesday, August 21

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Parish Office	Bible Study
6:30pm - Gym	Volleyball Practice
7:00pm - Church	Rosary
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Men's Club Meeting

Wednesday, August 22

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

Thursday, August 23

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
5:30pm - Gym	Volleyball Practice

Friday, August 24

7:00am - Church	Mass
6:30pm - Gym	Back-to-School Night

Saturday, August 25-Stewardship Weekend

7:00am - Church	Mass
4:30pm - Church	Mass

Sunday, August 26-Stewardship Weekend

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

New Phone/Email/Address

Please Contact Me

Please Do Not Publish #

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

Happy Watermelon Festival Weekend!

How Did That Happen?

Over the past week, I have heard this question from many people. This question was mostly asked because of the great generosity that many people gifted to the parish on the first Sunday of August. A flurry of similarly worded questions began again after seeing the church fuller than normal for a 10:00am Mass last weekend. "How did that happen?" people asked me.

The other question people asked me was how do we keep this trend going. Being able to meet our budget regularly on a weekly basis is a sign of a vibrant parish. Further the energy and enthusiasm of a full church is something special that makes Sunday Mass attractive to others and to us to attend.

The first question speaks to an attitude that needs to be challenged. In my first column, I referenced the phrase #SRAstrong. This phrase not only speaks to a future that we are building together but it also speaks to the reality we experience in the here and now. When we see some negative trends, they can cause us to forget who we are and the great things that are happening.

I know that we have a great parish. The energy, enthusiasm, and willingness to do and sacrifice for the community makes this a place people want to be part of. Certainly, we have our share of challenges. But those challenges can never shake us from the reality of who we are and the work of the Holy Spirit happening around us.

With a knowledge of who we are and confidence in the Holy Spirit's direction, how do we keep this going? We all need to keep doing our part.

We all desire a full church...so help fill the pews by making the time this Sunday and every Sunday to make Mass a priority.

We all desire a church that can fulfill its obligations...so help us to do that by making a sacrificial gift to the parish.

We all desire a vibrant parish that is full of life and that people ask us how do they get involved in...so let us speak about the good things happening and encourage people to look at us again. So may these two weeks inspire us afresh with confidence in our parish. We are #SRAstrong: not just in words but in reality as well.

New Pews

We have heard several comments that the newest batch of pews were not completed in the same manner as the previous pews. We are in contact with the company and this will be addressed as soon as they can come back to the St. Louis area, as the company is located in Wisconsin. Also, there have been some comments about the new kneelers being sharp or splintering. This is largely due to the material used in constructing them. Since it is the material, there is little that sanding or other fixes could do to permanently solve this issue. Please consider setting them down with your hand versus flipping down with your foot.

Bible Study

An organizational meeting for a Bible Study will take place this Tuesday at 1:30pm in the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!

Class on Prayer

Remember that the first class on prayer will take place this Wednesday at 7:00pm. If you have not signed up yet, the list is still available at the Highfield entrance or you can e-mail or call me to sign up as well. Looking forward to a great month of learning about prayer!

Return to School

It was a joy to greet our students on a wet Wednesday morning as we began a new school year. The enthusiasm and smiles from the students was great to see!

On Thursday, we had an event to greet our preschoolers and they will be having their first day of school on Monday. As we open the school year, we have 149 students in our grade school K-8 and 51 preschoolers. With these numbers we remain optimistic about our future!

I am also happy to announce that the supplies to install the LED lighting in the school have arrived. We will be working with the contractor to get the lights installed as quickly as possible with as minimum of disruption to routine.

Also, our camera system will be up and running soon to provide monitoring in and around our school. Our school remains committed to excellence and to providing the safest environment possible for our students.

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 to 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 to 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.

Fellowship (Donut) Sundays

I have had a few questions about when someone will be able to get a donut again. Thanks to our Parish Council, we do have dates scheduled for these fellowship Sundays for the next year. Instead of going with a consistent Sunday that could cause conflicts with other events in the parish, we decided to look at each month independently and pick the best weekend. We will also be approaching organizations and asking them to take months or to sign up for a month. I hope that this new system will help to make this time more popular than ever! All of the dates are posted on the Google Calendar for the church.

Seminarians at SRA

This week, I will be attending a meeting at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary where I will receive word on who we will be receiving from the seminary to serve in our parish this year. Having gone through the formation program myself, I know the benefit of the Sunday and weekly experience in the parish while preparing to become a priest. I also know that we will benefit greatly from the men who we will receive as well.

I had one young adult approach me interested in getting a group started. Are there any more takers? Please let me know. Thanks!

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

Upcoming Events

August 18-Watermelon Festival	August 22- Class on Prayer with Fr. John begins 7:00pm in the Parish Office
August 20- First Day of School for Pre-K	
August 21- Bible Study Organizational Meeting	August 24- Back-to-School Night

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

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 6:30 to 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 AUGUST 20-26, 2018

Monday, August 20

7:00am	Thad Berta	Addison Berta
8:00am	Josh Abbott	Avery Bradshaw

Tuesday, August 21

7:00am	Lydia Bick	Justin Wingron
8:00am	Samantha Koziacki	Abby Delf

Wednesday, August 22

7:00am	Christian Concepcion	Flora Borowiak
8:00am	Jack Stein	Mateo Switzer

Thursday, August 23

7:00am	Andrew Kellar	Cillian Sheehan
8:00am	Josh Abbott	Nahima Ramirez

Friday, August 24

7:00am	Rory Barnawell	Henry Cyr
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Saturday, August 25

7:00am	Gavin Smith	Jack Stein
4:30pm	Alex Atchison	Cate Guenther
	Anna-Grace Guenther	

Sunday, August 26

8:00am	Thad Berta	Addison Berta
	Sydney Browning	
10:00am	Abby Delf	Nahima Ramirez
	Christian Concepcion	

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 25-26, 2018

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Bob Ahrens	Kevin Liddy	Heather Hays

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Bob Ahrens	Lorraine Gurley	Joan Billing
Maureen Ahrens	Sue Lawton	Ted Green
George Kerry	Amy Ruggeri	Mary Faith Green
Margie Auer	Rosita Koehler	Barbara Favre
Matt Fuhr	Christy Connor	Heather Hays
Tony Mariani	Kerry Deacon	Fred Hodes
		Steve Kratky

The average US Catholic attends their home parish 40 weeks out of the year. Unfortunately, parish bills continue through 52 weeks of the year.

Online giving ensures that even if you are not here, we will be able to meet our obligations each week. Please visit straphaelarchangel.org/online-giving. It's quick and simple to sign up!



Sunday, August 19

8:00am Walter Hulford
10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, August 20

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Marie Fehlig

Tuesday, August 21

7:00am Bill Goeddel
8:00am Mary Ellen Cross, SI

Wednesday, August 22

7:00am Frank Daus
8:00am John & Kay Gershermann & Family, SI

Thursday, August 23

7:00am Martin Walsh
8:00am Leola Koehn

Friday, August 24

7:00am Kara Cummings

Saturday, August 25

7:00am Kathleen Voelz
4:30pm Lucille Karr

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 11-12, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,998
Online Giving	\$ 1,902
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 6,900
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$63,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$53,932
Shortfall	\$ 9,068

*"Watch carefully then how do you live, not as foolish persons but as wise ..."*EPHESIANS 5:15

Stewardship

a way of life

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are come from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN ENDS

This Sunday, August 19, marks the official end of the FRIENDS FOR LIFE Campaign, but it is not too late to make a donation. Your contribution to FRIENDS FOR LIFE will help to save the lives of the unborn, protect the vulnerable, the weak and the elderly, educate young people about the virtue of chastity, heal those who suffer as the result of an abortion, and provide assistance for women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. You will find your FRIENDS FOR LIFE envelope in the August packet of envelopes or simply mark an envelope FFL and place your donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

Thank you for supporting the Culture of Life!!
The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

WEDDING BANNERS II

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



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people. With love for your neighbors who have nothing, we should look around our houses to see what furniture, household items, and clothing we no longer use and give them to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The St. Raphael conference for St. Vincent de Paul desires donations of common household supplies: toilet paper, facial tissue, laundry and dish soap, food-storage bags, bar soap, shampoo, and conditioner. They will be taken on home visits to neighbors in need. Items may be placed in the bins in the church foyers. We thank you for these and the food items you donate each month.

UPDATE ON DEACON RON FROM JR. JOHN

Deacon Ron is taking time off from active ministry to allow himself time to focus on the next phase of his professional career. I have assured him that we will keep him and Joyce in our prayers during this time of transition.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!

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

**Preview Night
Friday, November 2**

More information to come!

School News

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for the Home and School Association's Back-to-School & Curriculum Night on Friday, August 24 at 6:30pm in the gym. Book your babysitter and join other SRA parents for an enlightening evening. Light refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in becoming a room parent for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact HSA Head Room Parent, Carrie McMorrow, at carriem0180@gmail.com or 314.750.4130. If interested in volunteering for school events, please contact HSA Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie Kamp, at stephaniekamp22@hotmail.com.

As we return to school, please consider helping to support our school with these easy, no-expense programs. They take a few minutes but they pay huge dividends to us.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Help the SRA HSA raise money for the school by shopping at Schnucks!! Every time you shop at Schnucks scan your Schnucks SCRIP card and SRA's HSA will earn 1%-3%!! Pick up your card in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne Potts at maryannepotts@gmail.com, 314.482.1907, with any questions.

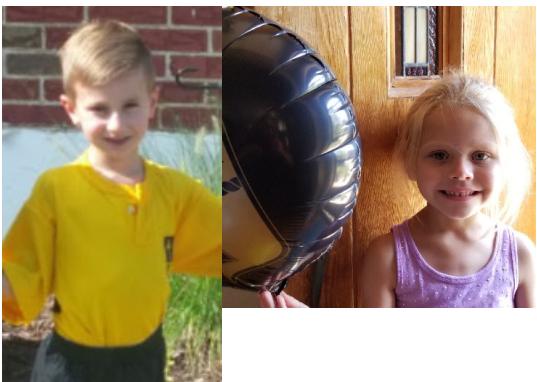
BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL

Don't forget to save your box tops! The school earns 10¢ for each box top. We earned \$782 last school year; thank you! Place all box tops in the marked boxes in the back of church.

- Visit smile.amazon.com
- Search for St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church
- Each time you shop Amazon through smile.amazon.com, we will receive a percentage of the purchase!



Welcome to
Kindergarten!



MEET SOME NEW FACES!

Excerpts from “*Please Don’t Ask Me to Sing In The Choir!*” by Thomas L. Are

Surprised By Reward

“His master said to him, ‘well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ ” Matthew 25:21

“Ed, you have a beautiful voice,” she said.

“Oh, I do”? he responded. “Then give all the credit to the Lord. I just sing to praise Him.”

I don’t know why Ed’s piety disturbs me. I guess I don’t trust him. I hope I don’t serve God to earn some profit, but I confess I find singing in the choir rewarding.

On the way home, I asked my daughter, “Do we serve God hoping for some payoff”?

“I hope not. It sort of reduces God to an accountant. I give Him a dime’s worth of service and He awards me a dime’s worth of blessing, with profit, of course. I don’t like that.” she said. “Where does love fit in?”

I agree with my daughter. We relate to God by love, not law. We could give God all we own and still not balance the books. We will always be in debt to Him. His goodness expresses His grace, but never His obligation to us. I wish we could remove reward as motive.

Yet Jesus appealed to rewards in His parables and the Sermon on the Mount. To the faithful servant He said, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” Good works are better than bad works in God’s eyes and He does not respond to them in the same way. Some said, “Remove rewards and apathy has the last word.”

While I seek to serve God because I love Him, at the same time I am aware that my faithfulness brings an inner satisfaction. Sometimes I am rewarded with more work to do, but always the reward catches me by surprise. I never feel deserving of it. God gives it out of His grace and that’s the greatest prize of all.

Yes, I do find singing in the choir rewarding.


Prayer: Lord, help us to serve because we love you. And when you reward us, fill us with surprised gratitude.

In Christ, Amen.

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.


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.



Summer Social Justice Cinema

Sponsored by
 Gethsemane Lutheran
 Hope United Church of Christ
 St. Mark's Episcopal
 St. Raphael the Archangel



Tuesday, August 21, 7:00pm
 A movie about immigrants and refugees
 Shown at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 September 14-15, 2018
 Fri: 5-9pm Sat: 9am-12:30pm

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Safety_Committee@stlhills.com.

ST. LOUIS HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY COMMITTEE

ROSARY RECITATION

The Rosary is like an ancient treasure map. It has led countless men and women to the treasures of peace and contentment. SRA invites all to pray the Rosary each week on Tuesday evenings, at 7:00pm in Church. *May Mary hold your hands and help you along the great and sublime paths.*

Save

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Date

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.

St. Raphael House Flag & Garden Flag

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
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Garden-size Flag 12" x 18"	\$18
House-Size Flag 28" x 40"	\$18
Metal Garden Flag Stand	\$10

Please make checks payable to SRA HSA with this form. Please place in collection basket. Flags will be delivered to your home or arrangements can be made for pickup.



MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 15, 2018
9:00am-Noon

Registration 8:30am

Speaker: Rebecca Victorjoans
Her journey from Hinduism to
Catholicism

Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop May Drive
Shrewsbury, MO 63119

Cost: \$20.00

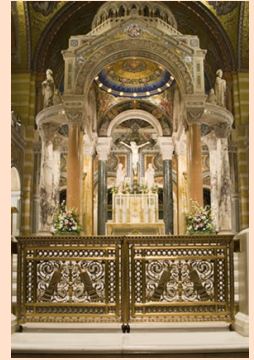
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For more information, please contact Sister Pat Donnelly at 314.373.8241



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.



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, August 22, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School. You are always welcome for prayer and community. Please 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.