

## SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 20, 2017 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **WEEKENDS:**

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

#### **WEEKDAYS:**

Monday through Saturday 7:00 am No 8:00 am Mass for Summer

#### HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS:

Check Bulletin For Mass Times

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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 3:45 pm to 4:20 pm on Saturday

#### ROSARY

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church







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

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#### **MyParishApp**

Text 'App' to 88202

#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, August 21st

7:00 pm - Guardian Angel Historical Society 7:00 pm - Tobias Room School Board

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Tuesday, August 22nd

1:30 pm - Parish Office Bible Study 7:00 pm - Church Rosary Recitation

Wednesday, August 23rd

9:00 am - Quilters' Room Quilters

7:00 pm - Cafeteria Sports Commission

Thursday, August 24th

3:15 pm - Art Room Chess Club 7:00 pm - Tobias Room Liturgy Committee

Friday, August 25th

2:00 pm - School GymPalmer Music Demo3:00 pm - Tobias RoomMarian Award7:00 pm - SchoolPTA Back to School

Night

Saturday, August 26th

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

Sunday, August 27th

8:00 am - Church Mass 10:00 am - Church Mass



#### **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**

## SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH SCHOOL! EVERTHING IS BACK UP TO FULL SPEED AHEAD!

Students were glad to see their friends and classmates. Teachers glad to see their students. And some parents even more glad to have their kids back in school. Personally I am certainly glad to see the whole student body back for school Masses at 8am.

Also we had a successful Watermelon Festival on Saturday evening. Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible. A good time was had by all!

<u>Today</u> we have the monthly "<u>FAMILY MASS</u>" at 10am, followed by "<u>Fellowship Sunday</u>" (a.k.a. Donut Sunday) in the cafeteria after Mass.

#### THE SOLAR ECLIPSE—TOMORROW, MONDAY, LATE MORNING TO MID-AFTERNOON

Be ready with your special glasses to observe this extraordinary once-in-a-lifetime solar event. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and enable us to observe this phenomenon that shows the complexity and incredible wonder of God's creation. Let us all be mindful that the hand of God is at work not only on this unique day, but every day. As we begin to experience the ever-growing eerie darkness of the eclipse, let us be grateful for the gift of daylight that the sun provides each day to keep us alive and well. Praise the God of all creation!

#### A SIGN OF THE TIMES?

Last weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia, we witnessed on the news some real hate-based protests that eventually turned into violence with injuries and deaths. Unfortunately, some of our fellow American citizens are promoting some ideologies that deny the dignity and worth of every human being. As Americans, we must stand up for our founding principles that all human beings are created equal, regardless of the color of their skin or their country of origin. As Catholics, we must teach and promote Christian values that God loves every person he creates, and we are challenged by our Lord to love one another as he has loved us. All of us should take time to reflect on our own attitudes towards those who are different from us in one way or another. I believe that we are being called upon to pray for our society to be freed of the evil racism, and that our country can truly become "united" again.

For more information on these events and issues and the Catholic teaching from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, visit archstl.org

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) or HOW I CAN JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

Some of you in our pews are not Catholic, but come to Sunday Mass regularly because you want to be with the Catholic members of your family. Some of you reading this bulletin know someone close to you who is maybe a little reticent to ask about becoming Catholic. Now is the time to invite and encourage them to attend the first session of the Inquiry Period of our St. Raphael Parish RCIA, on Wednesday, September 6th, 7pm. If anyone has any questions or concerns about this program or process, please give me a call at the Parish Office at 314-352-8100.

## TO THE GOOD NUMBER OF NEW FAMILIES WITH OUR LITTLEST CATHOLICS, WELCOME TO ST. RAPHAEL PARISH!

Relax and feel at home here at SRA. Quoting from the new card in the pew pockets: "To our parish members, a warm supportive smile is always greatly appreciated by parents with small, active children." Just try to remember when your children were that age.

If you need to register as a parish member of St. Raphael Parish, just contact me to set up an appointment for a short meeting at the Parish Office in order to find out about you and for you to find out more about our great parish.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Let us realize that what happens round us is largely outside of our control, but that the way we choose to react to it is inside our control.

#### SERVERS FOR AUGUST 21/27 Monday/Tuesday- August 21st/22nd

7:00 am Jane Dubbert Gillian Neal

8:00 am TBD

#### Wednesday/Thursday - August 23rd/24th

7:00 am Ellie Guenther Cate Guenther

8:00 am TBD

#### Friday - August 25th

7:00 am Sean Madden William Madden

#### Saturday - August 26th

7:00 am Sean Madden William Madden 4:30 pm Flora Borowiak Riley Willmann

Spencer Willmann

#### Sunday - August 27th

8:00 am Rory Barnawell William Hotze

Mady Shine

10:00 am Abby Delf Gavin Smith

Lillian Weber

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK Sunday, August 20th

8:00 am People of the Parish 10:00 am Jane Bottini

#### Monday, August 21st

7:00 am Vito & Vincenza Aniaci 8:00 am Hodes Family SI

#### Tuesday, August 22nd

7:00 am Nancy Whelan 8:00 am Rev. Robert Roedig

#### Wednesday, August 23rd

7:00 am Edward Smiley 8:00 am Nancy Whelan

#### Thursday, August 24th

7:00 am Kara Cummings 8:00 am Dorothy Brockschmidt

#### Friday, August 25th

7:00 am Kara Cummings

#### Saturday, August 26th

7:00 am Cuniganda Gubser 4:30 pm George Maledy

#### Sunday. August 13th

8:00 People of the Parish

#### WEEKEND OF AUGUST 26/27

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

**LECTORS:** 

Helen Doyle Barb Cramer Steve Kratky

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 12/13, 2017

Sunday Collection \$5,427.00
Online Giving \$2,175.00
Weekly Total Collection \$7,602.00
Weekly Budget Goal \$8,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal \$56,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual \$49,896.00
Shortfall \$(6,104.00)

#### **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

Tony Mariani Heather Hays

Fred Hodes

Steve Kratky

# Online Giving

To access our Online Giving Portal, go to straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving - it's quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, August 20 Friday, August 25 Monday, September 4

Sunday, September 10 Saturday, September 16 Saturday, September 30 Sunday, October 8 Family Mass & Fellowship Sunday

Back-to-School Night Labor Day

8:00 am Mass Only

Alumni Mass

St. V. de Paul Collection Truck

SRA 50th Anniversary Mass and Dinner

Men's Club Golf Tournament

#### **ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!**

SRA is looking for all alumni and updating the records. Therefore, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Jennifer Delf. The e-mail address is: alums@strapharelarchangel.org. This is a new e-mail address that will be monitored for updates or you can call the Parish Office.

#### SAVE THE DATE! ST. RAPHAEL'S MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, October 8th Forest Park 1:00 pm

Watch for more details in future bulletins. To join the committee or for sponsorship information, please call Dan Harbaugh at 971.3428.

#### FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

This Sunday, August 20, marks the official end of the FRIENDS FOR LIFE Campaign but it is not too late to make a donation. Your contribution to the FRIENDS FOR LIFE Campaign 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 a 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. Please 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* 

#### MEET FOR EXERCISE AT ST. RAPHAEL

All are welcome to join the St. Raphael exercise class beginning Wednesday, September 6. We meet two or three times per week to do some cardio, weightlifting and stretching. We work out to music, but you can work out at your own skill level by changing step height, using weights or not using weights. We normally meet Mondays at 6:00 pm, or Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, and Saturdays at 8:00 am. The class lasts about 45 minutes. We have plenty of weights and steps, so you only need to bring some water and a towel or yoga mat. The cost of the class is a \$30 donation to the SRA Ladies' Club.

If you send me an email, I can add you to our email list. I try to put out a schedule every month and remind everyone about the class during the week. We are a friendly bunch participating purely to exercise and enjoy each other's company while doing so. We would love for you to join us. If interested send me a note at beppy11@gmail.com.

#### DANCE! DANCE! DANCE! AT ST. RAPHAEL

Classes on Thursdays begin - September 7, from 2pm-2:45pm for Preschool & 3:00pm-4:00pm for K through 6th Grade.

Dance Tuition: \$40 per Month

Offering: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Pom, Musical Theater, & Hip Hop

Dance Director Tina Stemmler is Dance Master Certified with a BA in Dance from Webster University.

SPRING RECITAL will be on the SRA Stage May 16th at 6:30pm. Please contact Ms. Tina for more information at 314.680.2613.

## De Angelis - SRA Children's Choir

TUESDAYS

BEGINNING AUGUST 29, 2017

TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 CHURCH



A parish children's choir is being formed! Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays with the choir singing one Saturday a month at the 4:30 pm Mass. All school age children are invited to attend in grades 3 and up. There is no audition, but there is a commitment needed to attend rehearsals and the scheduled liturgies. The beginning calendar is located on the website.

All are welcome to come and praise God in joyful song!

Please contact Dr. Nancy Deacon to register:

musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org

314-352-8100 x220



#### From St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds. With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use that you can give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### St. Raphael the Archangel School News from Mrs. Hayes

It was great planning with the teachers and staff over the past few weeks. Many faculty members returned this year, but I would like to welcome Mrs. Schmidt, our new 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Mr. Messmer, our new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Mrs. Doty, our new Music teacher, and Mrs. Carrill, our new Art teacher. Even though we spent many hours in meetings planning for the new school year, we also found time to have some fun with a "Faculty Selfie Scavenger Hunt". We took selfies photos in front of places such as Ted Drew's, Forest Park, Imo's and many more places around south St. Louis. St. Raphael is blessed to have many, many gifted and talented educators teaching our students.

The first day of school always brings a combination of excitement and nervousness, and this year is no different. As the new Principal, I share those same sentiments. It was helpful last Sunday hosting the Back to School Mass and Open House. The children were able to have their backpacks blessed by Father Bob, and then bring their school supplies to the classrooms along with meeting their teachers. Wednesday, August 16, was our first day of school. It was great seeing all the smiling faces and clean white uniform shirts. It was a great beginning of a wonderful school year.

On Monday, August 21, the school will be viewing the eclipse from the St. Raphael parking lot. We have received viewing glasses for the students, and Miss Amsler, our new STREAM Coordinator, has planned an eventful day for our students. Parishioners and families are welcome to join the eclipse viewing, but parking will be limited to the Jamieson side of the parking lot. We will need the playground side of the lot for viewing. The viewing will take place after 1:00 p.m. This is a once in a lifetime event for all of us!

#### **Social Justice Calls**

Join fellow parishioners to DEEPEN YOUR FAITH while DEEPENING YOUR COMMITMENT to:

- Care for vulnerable people and our planet,
- Immerse yourself in prayer, study, dialogue and experiences,
- Explore critical realities and the implications to your life and faith,
- Form community with social justice in mind.

This 24-week class based on the 7 principles of Catholic social justice teachings is a transformational journey. The class will be held at St. Gabriel's Parish on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm, beginning on October 12. To learn more, contact Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941.

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Hosts 8th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk

St. Gabriel's and St. Raphael's Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) will co-sponsor this event to help those living in poverty in our neighborhoods. On Saturday, September 30, we will begin gathering at 8:30 am on the church steps of St. Gabriel, we will pray together, then will start off on the fun walk at 9:00 am. Our 2-mile walk will take us to St. Raphael and through some of the neighborhoods of both our parishes, before returning to St. Gabriel's for light refreshments. The cost for participating is a voluntary amount, and all proceeds and donations from the event will directly benefit the people in our area served by SVdP; no administrative fees are associated with the event. Anyone interested in participating or making a pledge can visit www.fopwalk.org and indicate the parish conference you wish to assist. You may also sign up on-site the day of the walk. For questions, contact Lynette Olwig (St. Gabriel) at 314.591.1784 or Mary Reck (St. Raphael) at 314.353.8697. Won't you walk with us to serve the poor?



#### SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

### BICENTENNIAL MASS

A LANDMARK CELEBRATION UNDER THE GATEWAY ARCH



Saturday, September 23, 2017

Saint Louis University will launch 14 months of bicentennial celebrations with a special Mass, entertainment, food, family activities and fireworks under the Gateway Arch. Join with the whole St. Louis community on celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in our area.

Mass begins at 5:30, with entertainment and fireworks to follow.

For updated details of the event, visit slu.edu/bicentennial.

To register for this free event, go to alumni.slu.edu/bicentennial.

This truly will be a Landmark Celebration for St. Louis.



### **Handyman Ministry**

Our handyman and SRA parishioner, Mr. Don Anderson, can perform minor repairs, diagnose issues that may require a professional, and provide a second opinion. Labor is provided free of charge. If you have a minor home maintenance need that you can't fix, call the Parish Office and we'll see if we can help.

If you have maintenance skills, would like to be added to our "Handyman" list and donate your time to help a parishioner, let us know; we'd love to hear from you. Questions? Contact Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310

or greenfamily 7@sbcglobal.net or call the Parish Office at 314.352.8100.



## Do You Ever Give Simon Peter A Second Thought?

Do you think you know everything there is to know about the obscure fisherman whom Jesus entrusted to lead His whole church? If not everything, do you know enough?

If we take a little time to dig deeper into understanding Peter's relationship with Jesus, there is much to be learned about how the trust he placed in Jesus changed his life. And if we learn to follow his example, it can change our lives, too.

Join fellow parishioners this fall to learn through Sacred Scripture and Church Tradition how God used Peter's strengths to build His church and how Peter persevered in spite of his weaknesses.

In a video series by Dr. Tim Gray, we will go on a journey into the life of one of history's most compelling characters, bringing together biblical stories, historical knowledge, solid Church teaching, and Dr. Gray's personal insights. You will come away with a fresh perspective and most likely a new respect for Peter, our first pope. This is a Bible study you have never experienced before.

Join us on Tuesday evenings this fall from 7:30 to 9pm.

Watch the bulletin for more details, or call Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304, with questions.

#### ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES

You are invited to join in for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, August 24, at 7:00 pm, at Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria, 9740 Sappington Road.

At this meeting we will have an Ice Cream Social and a 38th Anniversary Cake for all to enjoy! We also plan to play trivia with prizes for the winners. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your story with caring people.

For more information, please call Pat Lynch at 314.537.5930, Bill DeCoursey at 314.894.0733, or Jan Inman at 314.892.6933.

#### Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center

How often have you said to yourself: I really need a day of prayer and quiet!

Desert Days are just that. The desert has always been a symbol for a meeting place with God. Come to the quiet at Sanguis Christi Spirituality at 3522 Utah Street, St. Louis, Missouri on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm and let God speak to your heart.

The day will begin with Lectio Divina on the day's Scripture. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. **Opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is available.** Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering.

For more information or to register, contact Sr. Carol Orf at <u>314-560-1028</u> or by email at <u>corf@cpps-</u>ofallon.org

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

#### LORD OF THE HARVEST,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving, for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

**INSTILL** those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

**UNITE** us to you through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen. *-Pope Francis* 

### Covenant Network

For inspiration and encouragement in your spiritual life, listen to AM 1080 WRYT, Catholic radio. Live programs include Called to Communion, the Journey Home, the Daily Mass, the Holy Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call 314.752.7000.

#### **ROSARY RECITATION**

The Rosary helps us to be conformed in Christ, because no one was more conformed to Him than his Mother, Mary. To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful heart of Mary. SRA invites any and all to pray the Rosary each week on Tuesday evenings, at 7:00pm in the Church. May Mary hold your hands and help you along the great and sublime paths.



#### ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, August 23 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg for our FALL KICKOFF! We are excited about all that God is going to do this year. We hope to see you there.

#### **FALL RETREAT!**

We are excited and grateful to be taking any interested 9-12th graders on a fall retreat, October 20-22. More information and sign-ups can be found at saintlouislifetten.org/fall-retreat.

See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.



VIANNEY WELCOMES 8th GRADERS INTERESTED IN BEING A GRIFFIN!

Students will be paired with a current Griffin, experiencing our innovative and hands-on curriculum, Family Spirit and lunch in the world famous Griffin Café!

Visits begin September 1st, so we hope to see you very soon!

#### To sign up online:

Go to our Visit Vianney page at www.vianney.com and check out the online calendar. Once you find the open date that works for you, scroll down, and click on the "Schedule a Visit" icon. Complete the online form and submit it! You'll receive a call from our Admissions Department to confirm your day.

If parents have questions or would like a tour from our Admissions Director, please call Monica Sabatino at 314.965.4853, Ext. 134 or via email at msabatino@vianney.com.



## ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY WELCOMES 8th GRADERS!

Spend the day with an Angel! St. Joseph's Academy is now taking reservations for the 8th-Grade Shadowing Program this fall. Spend the day with one of our Student Ambassadors while attending classes, touring the school and meeting new friends. We even buy your lunch! To schedule your day at St. Joe, please visit www.sja1840.org or call 314.394.4300.

#### CBC HIGH SCHOOL ATTENTION 8th GRADE BOYS!

CBC is now accepting appointments for our New and Exciting Official 8th-Grade Visit Program. During this visit, a young man will participate in Experience CBC Classes designed especially for 8th-grade students. He will meet with a current CBC student, attend one of his classes, and have lunch with him. Finally, during the CBC Explore Period, he will have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches and program moderators to gather detailed information about the things in which he is interested. This program is by reservation only. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Ryan at 314.985.6095 or ryanm@cbchs.org to reserve your oficial 8th-grade visit. On-line registration also available at www.cbchs.org.

## NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES 8th GRADERS!

Notre Dame High School is now accepting appointments for 8th-grade girls to shadow. Students will have the opportunity to shadow a Notre Dame Ambassador, meet teachers and administration, and enjoy lunch in our café. Shadow visits take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (8:00-1:00). To arrange your visit, contact Katie Mallette at 314-544-1015 x 1104 or mallk@ndhs.net. Families may also visitwww.ndhs.net/admissions.