



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 6, 2017 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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

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

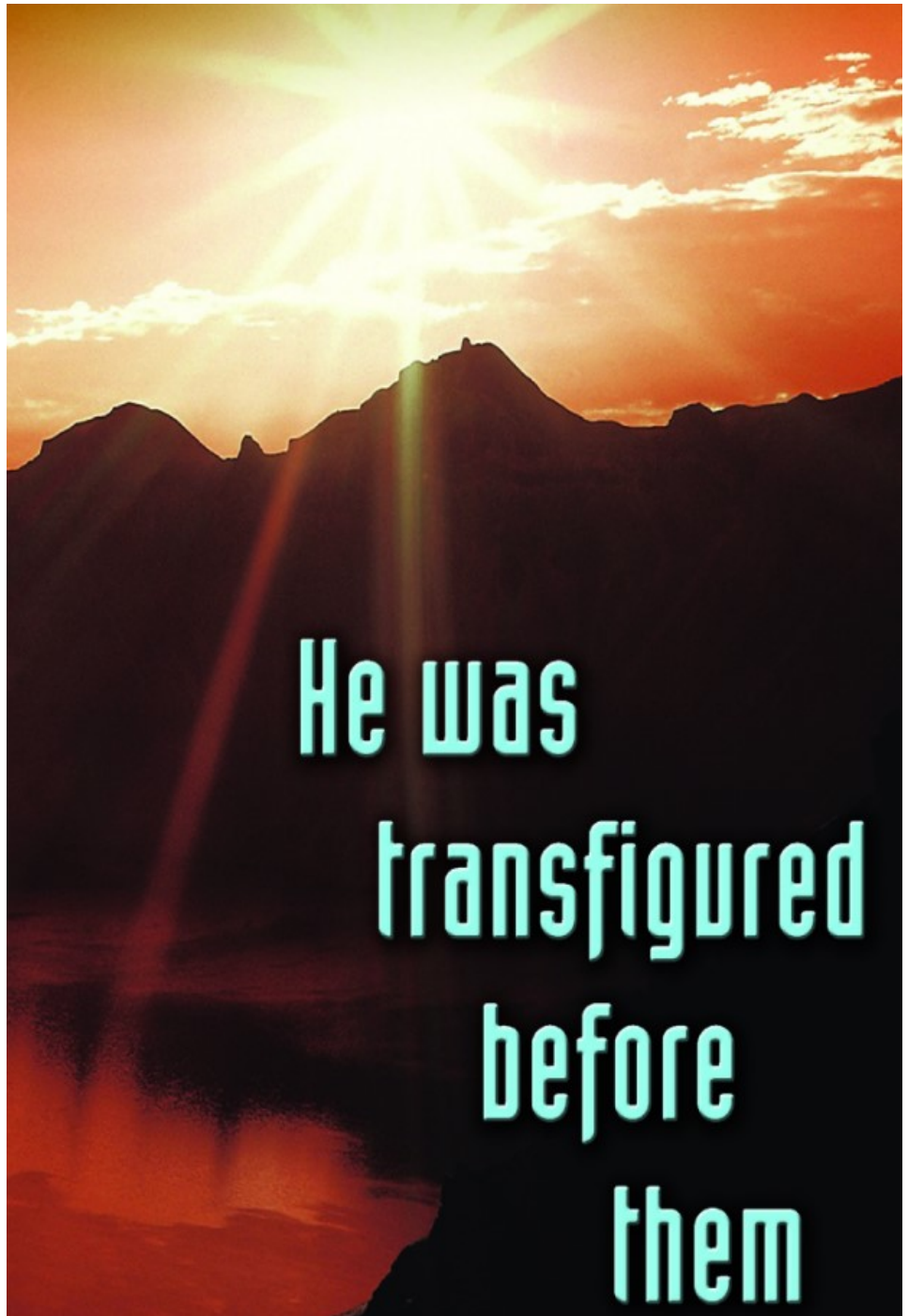
Tuesday mornings at 6:50 am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 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**

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Reiker Pastor
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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, August 7th
7:00 pm - Tobias Room Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, August 8th
1:30 pm - Parish Office Bible Study
7:00 pm - Tobias Room Parish Council
7:00 pm - Church Rosary Recitation

Wednesday, August 9th
9:00 am - Quilters' Room Quilters

Thursday, August 10th
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel Rm. Men's Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Tobias Room Liturgy Committee

Friday, August 11th

Saturday, August 12th
7:00 am - Church Mass
4:30 pm - Church Mass

Sunday, August 13th
8:00 am - Church Mass
10:00 am - Church Mass
11:00 am - School Back-to-School Sunday



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

GOOD TO BE BACK HOME WITH MY SRA PARISH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

My brother, John, and I had a great vacation touring France and a part of Belgium. I walked my poor legs until they almost fell off! There were museums, cathedrals, palaces, castles, monuments, parks, battle sites, restaurants and cafes!!!

What was most striking was the extreme contrast between humankind at its worst and at its best. On one hand we saw and learned about the horrific destruction of World Wars I and II in northern France and southern Belgium – D-Day beaches, Battle of the Bulge, and the WWI Battle of the Somme. Soldier and civilian casualties were numbered in the 100,000s.

On the other hand, we saw some of the most magnificent creations of humanity ever – the great soaring Gothic cathedrals, the masterpiece paintings and sculptures in the Louvre, the amazing works of the Impressionists, and the extravagant palaces and gardens of the royalty, like Versailles. Such a wide spectrum of good and evil that we humans are capable of!

Anyway, it is good to come home and find out that our SRA Parish Staff and Monsignor Stehly took great care of everything. Good to know that the pastor is not indispensable!

ONLY 10 DAYS UNTIL OUR TOP-FLIGHT ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN!

Our new principal, Mrs. Julia Hayes, and all the faculty and staff are ready for a new, exciting school year. I hope the students and parents are all prepped and ready too. Personally I am looking forward to celebrating the Holy Eucharist with the kids at 8am every day, and going into the classrooms to teach religion each week.

We still have room for more students in all grades, K-8. If you know anyone who is interested in attending a great Catholic School, just have them call or email us, or have them check out our school pages on our SRA website.

READY TO BECOME CATHOLIC? KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE R.C.I.A.?

August is the month to sign up for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (a.k.a. R.C.I.A.), which is the process for adults to become Catholic, that is, to be baptized or received into the Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. group, led by Mr. Dennis Matreci of our parish, meets one evening a week, starting in September. The first two months are called the Inquiry Period because a candidate is only “inquiring” into the Catholic faith – no commitment expected. If you have any questions or concerns, please just give me a call or email.

SECOND ENVELOPE TODAY IS FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN APOSTOLATE

This extra collection is critically needed to support several St. Louis priests doing missionary work in Bolivia, a very poor Latin American country. Your generosity is bringing the Gospel of Christ and the presence of the Church to people who might not otherwise have access to pastoral care or church programs. Besides your kind offering, your prayers for our St. Louis priests in Bolivia will be very valuable too. You could bring your envelope next weekend, if you forgot today.

THANK YOU LETTERS

1. From the Missionhurst Priests, thanking SRA for our kindness to their missionary efforts on Sunday, July 16. “I am personally thankful to you for the kind hospitality shown to Father Jean Oscar Bayekula during his visit to your Parish.” Father Randy Gonzales, CICM, Director of Development
2. From Food For the Poor, thanking our parish for allowing Father Michael Goodavish to speak on Sunday, July 23. “Your giving is not solely a donation, but rather a paramount facilitator in divine transformation. Thank you again for allowing us to be with your people. May the Lord bless you and keep you.” Kevin Mayne, Director of Development

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: I have noticed that folks are generally about as happy as they have made up their minds to be.

SERVERS FOR AUGUST 7/13

Monday/Tuesday- August 7th/8th

7:00 am Lydia Bick Isabella Pfeiffer

Wednesday/Thursday - August 9th/10th

7:00 am Rory Barnawell Jane Dubbert

Friday - August 11th

7:00 am Miranda Sullenger Abby Stein

Saturday - August 12th

7:00 am Miranda Sullenger Abby Stein
4:30 pm Samantha Koziacki Lucille Schlichting
Spencer Willmann

Sunday - August 13th

8:00 am Ellie Guenther Cate Guenther
William Hotze
10:00 am William Madden Sean Madden
Joey Raymo

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 6th

8:00 am Dennis M. Beaver & Family
10:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, August 7th

7:00 am George Maledy

Tuesday, August 8th

8:00 am Nancy Whelan

Wednesday, August 9th

7:00 am George Maledy

Thursday, August 10th

7:00 am Codi Alexander

Friday, August 11th

7:00 am Barbara Tepe SI

Saturday, August 12th

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann
4:30 pm Ralph G. Raskas

Sunday, August 13th

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Don Deachan

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 12/13

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

LECTORS:

Kathy Steck Kevin Liddy Frosty Hodes

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY 29/30, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,713.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,257.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 5,970.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 8,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$40,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Total	\$34,046.00
Shortfall	(\$ 5,954.00)



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



Events Calendar

Sunday, August 13	Back-to-School Day	Friday, August 25	Back-to-School Night
Tuesday, August 15	Men's Club Meeting	Monday, September 4	Labor Day - 8:00 am Mass Only
Wednesday, August 16	First Day of School	Sunday, September 10	Alumni Mass
Thursday, August 17	Ladies' Club Meeting	Saturday, September 16	St. Vincent de Paul Collection Truck
Saturday, August 19	Watermelon Festival	Sunday, October 8	Men's Club Golf
Sunday, August 20	Family Mass & Fellowship Sunday		

**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

The St. Raphael FRIENDS FOR LIFE Campaign is scheduled to run from August 6 to August 20. 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.

From St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Charity is the cement that unites communities to God and individuals to each other, so that he who contributes to the union of hearts in a community binds it indissolubly to God. - *St. Vincent de Paul*

PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 5

Good news for the ProLife effort! The Missouri Senate passed Senate Bill 5 on July 25, and Gov. Greitens signed it on July 26. The law will take effect in 90 days. Some of the provisions of the law are: it requires the MO Department of Health to make annual, unannounced inspections of abortion facilities; it overturns a portion of the St. Louis "abortion sanctuary" ordinance; it requires a doctor to provide medical information to a woman prior to an abortion; and, it requires all fetal tissue from an abortion to be submitted to a pathologist for examination.

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.

Many thanks to all of you who contacted your state senator about this important bill. Thank you for supporting the Culture of Life!

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

THE CHOIR

28. *The Second Vatican Council stated emphatically that choirs must be diligently promoted while ensuring that ‘the whole body of the faithful may be able to contribute that active participation which is rightly theirs...’*¹

2. *A cry from deep within our being, music is a way for God to lead us to the realm of higher things. As St. Augustine says, “Singing is for the one who loves.” Music is therefore a sign of God’s love for us and of our love for him. But unless music sounds, it is not music, and whenever it sounds, it is accessible to others. By its very nature song has both an individual and a communal dimension. Thus, it is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people.*²

In so many places, people are making new friends from different walks of life. They are breaking down barriers and standing shoulder to shoulder. How are they doing this? They are joining choirs!

It is great when you see the singers enjoying themselves and being moved by the sound they are creating. The enthusiasm a choir has is infectious and can sweep a whole room of people along on the ride. Keeping the atmosphere fun and flowing can create some excellent sessions, not to mention some glorious harmonies!

Joining a choir isn’t just fun; it’s actually good for you! At its most basic level, it is good for keeping your brain active. Counting! You have to keep count or at least be able to concentrate and watch your director for the beats and when to come in, when to get softer and when to get louder. It’s great for your memory too! All those words and harmonies can seem daunting at first, but with regular attendance they soon become second nature. Harmonies become muscle memory and words are just there waiting to pass your lips. Your director will always give you little pointers to help you during a song so you can relax and let the music flow.

Not only does your brain benefit from all that concentration practice, your mental health and well-being are boosted too. Music has the power to break down barriers and unite a group of people as one entity. No matter how much you love your work and your family, we all need time to relax. Some relax by lying in the bath or going for a stroll; others go down to their local village or church and sing their troubles away! I agree with the quote, “Music is what feelings sound like.” It’s cheap therapy!

Singing releases oxytocin (the hormone that manages stress and anxiety) and singing in a group increases trust and bonding. Singing with a choir has seen members through losses of loved ones, stressful times workwise, financial problems and general down days. Musicians soon become aware that by singing songs they evoke the feelings like as when they lost a friend or when they first looked at their newborn. Music takes you to places that you can’t explain. The answer to how it does this lies within harmony. All the different sounds created by the different voices come together and combine to light up the choir and create a union; to quote a fellow choir director, a “wall of sound.” Singers’ heartbeats in a choir have been known to become synchronized! That’s amazing!

If you are looking for something new to try and feel like lifting your spirits, then join the choir. It’s the perfect drug and completely legal and risk free! The Children’s Choir will be open to all parish children in Grades 3-8 whether in parochial, private, home schooling, or public school! Watch for upcoming news about the SRA Parish Children’s Choir! Contact: Dr. Nancy Deacon – musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org 314.351.8100, Ext. 220.

¹ *Sacrosanctum Concilium (1963), no. 114.*

² *Sing to the Lord (2007) USCCB.*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings to the St. Raphael the Archangel Parish

Hello, I am Julie Hayes, the new Principal at St. Raphael the Archangel. I want to take a moment to introduce myself to the parishioners of St. Raphael. I am excited to be here! During the month of July, I have enjoyed getting to know the staff and some of the St. Raphael families. The staff and I have been preparing for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 16. Much has been accomplished: cleaning, painting, adding new lighting through the hallways, and replacing the entrance doors on the Jamieson side of the school. The teachers are now coming back to school to plan lessons and prepare their classrooms. You can feel that the excitement for the new school year is growing.

Registration is still open for the 2017-2018 school year. Please let your friends, neighbors, and other families know that St. Raphael the Archangel is accepting new students. Tours are available upon request. As the new Principal, I am impressed with the numerous programs already in place at St. Raphael, and excited for the future growth of St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic School.

Blessings,
Mrs. Julie Hayes



REMINDER: NEW PROCEDURE FOR RESERVING FACILITY SPACE AT SRA

Deacon Ron Holmes, in addition to his other administrative roles at SRA, is the point person for all scheduling of events, meetings, and activities that use parish facilities. Every group requesting a space to be booked on the Parish Calendar should contact Deacon Ron - either online, by e-mail, telephone or in person at the Parish Office - to fill out a request form. This should alleviate many of our scheduling issues.

Handyman Ministry

Its mission is to assist St. Raphael parishioners who need help with small maintenance jobs around their homes that they are unable to complete on their own, such as:

- Changing hard-to-reach light bulbs
- Replacing air filters
- Making minor repairs to doors and windows
- Installing/replacing smoke detectors
- Fixing leaking faucets or running toilets

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 greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net or call the Parish Office at 314.352.8100.

St. Raphael the Archangel
Watermelon Festival
1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
Saturday, August 19, 2017
 One Mile starts at 6:00pm St. Raphael parking lot
 (6000 Jamieson, St. Louis, MO 63109)

Live Entertainment!!! Games for the kids!!!
Food and Beverages available for purchase!!!

St. Raphael Watermelon Festival 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk Registration Form

Check One: 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk Proud SRA Supporter! (I just want a snazzy t-shirt!)

Adult: \$10 Child: \$10 Family: \$45 (up to 6 shirts)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

2017 Red/Green SRA Grey Watermelon T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL AXXXL

If Family Registration:

Name: _____ Shirt Size _____ Class: _____ Organization: _____

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I understand that participation in any physical activity carries with it risk of physical injury or death. I also understand that my participation in the Watermelon Festival 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk is completely voluntary and by choosing to participate, I agree to hold harmless and indemnify St. Raphael Catholic Church, the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Archbishop of St. Louis, and their respective officers, directors, members, employees and agents from any and all liabilities and claims for damages arising from or by reason of injury which I may incur as a result of participating in the Watermelon Festival 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk.

Name (print): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(If minor, parent/guardian signature)


Submit form and check payable to SRA PTA to: St. Raphael, 6047 Bishops Pl., St. Louis, MO 63109
Call 314.352.8100 Register by July 31st to guarantee shirt size.



**Your logo or name to appear
 on the back of the stylish grey
 t-shirt.**

Contact Terri Borowiak at
 terri.borowiak@gmail.com

St. Raphael the Archangel
Watermelon Festival
 Saturday, August 19, 2017
 1-Mile Fun Run
 Sponsorships Available!
 \$500/\$250/\$100



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.



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

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS

At the Transfiguration, Father, you showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life.

Bless us in our humanity, with an awareness of your presence, leading us to share in your divine life even in our daily struggles.

Help us to deepen our knowledge of the law and the prophets, channels of your grace throughout history, and signposts for our journey. Amen

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.

SUNDAY READINGS-BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. The Bible is an incredible book of history that proves there is a God who created all things. Most important of all, the Bible is the Word of God. It contains His will for each one of our lives. No need to sign up; just come and join in.



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, August 9th, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we finish our summer series "What I Wish I Knew" and do our Senior Send Off! See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

EPIPHANY - GSA FALL FESTIVAL

Come meet old friends and make some new ones. Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 6596 Smiley (at Ivanhoe). Festival days and times are:

- Friday, September 15, 6:00 to 11:00 pm
- Saturday, September 16, Parade at 11:00 am
- Festival from noon to 11:00 pm

Rides-Music-Games-Dinners
\$\$\$ 10,000 Raffle \$\$\$

For more information, call 314.781.1199.

FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

Our next meeting will be on August 17th and our speaker will be Father Chris Martin, Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College and Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. As always, we will meet in the Seminary chapel at 8 am for the rosary and Father Martin will speak from 8:15 until 9 am. Coffee is available afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30. Hope you can come and feel free to bring a friend. See <https://kenrick.edu/fiat/> for more information.

ATTENTION WOMEN BOWLERS

Non-sanctioned bowling league is looking for ladies to have fun and bowl too. Alley Gals league begins August 22, 2017. Meeting at 11:00am @ Du Bowl Lanes, 2711 Lemay Ferry. Don't worry if you haven't bowled in years, you are sure to have a great time in this league. Contact Du Bowl Lanes at 314.892.3900, Peggy at 314.293.1407 or email fpmatye3003@att.net.

KING'S HOUSE UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7-11, 2017

Art and Spirituality Retreat
with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI
618.397.0584

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 Christine at 314.853.8995, Mary Faith at 314.832.3310 or Gina at 314.387.3091.



