

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

### WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Saturday 7:00 am

Monday - Thursday 8:00 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

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 31, 2017



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

### 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.

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

**CLERGY & STAFF**

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**MyParishApp**  
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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Monday, January 1st**

6:00 pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Boys Bball.
6:30 pm - Cafeteria	1st Gr. Cub Scouts
9:00 pm - Gym	Men's Club Soccer

**Tuesday, January 2nd**

1:00 pm - Raphael Room	Fifty-Plus Club
7:00 pm - Church	Rosary Recitation

**Wednesday, January 3rd**

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's Club Basketball

**Thursday, January 4th**

2:00 pm - Trophy Room	Pre-K Dance
3:00 pm - Trophy Room	K-6 Dance
3:15 pm - Art Room	Chess Club
3:30 pm - Gym	1st & 2nd. Gr. Girls Bball.
5:00 pm - Cafeteria	1st Gr. Girl Scouts
7:00 pm - Church	Contemporary Music
7:00 pm - Parish Office	Grief Committee

**Friday, January 5th**

4:00 pm - Cafeteria	Kindergarten Girl Sets.
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**Saturday, January 6th**

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

**Sunday, January 7th**

7:30 pm - Gym	Berns Basketball
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**THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA**

Monday, January 1	Tuesday, January 2	Wednesday, January 3	Thursday, January 4	Friday, January 5
No School	No School	Nachos Supreme	Chicken Sandwich & Corn on the Cob	Cheese Pizza

## FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

### TODAY – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY!

The Holy Family of Mary and Joseph, and the Child Jesus, did not have an easy first year or two together. They had to do a lot of travelling that was not at all routine. Travelling for ordinary people in those days was extremely difficult, to say the least – mostly walking on rocky pathways, occasionally with a donkey to carry one's belongings. There were no motels or restaurants, and often there was the real danger of robbers along the way. The Holy Family journeyed far: from Nazareth to Bethlehem, from Bethlehem to Jerusalem and back again, from Bethlehem to Egypt, and finally from Egypt to Nazareth – all told about 400 miles at least.

After all these difficult journeys, the toddler, Jesus, and his parents were able to settle down to a relatively normal way of life back in Nazareth where Jesus could “grow in wisdom, age, and grace.” Just like the Holy Family, our own contemporary family life often has unplanned disruptions and crises too numerous to count. This Feast of the Holy Family encourages us to call upon Mary, Joseph, and Jesus with our family issues. Make an extra effort this week to communicate or relate to each member of your family in a special, holy way. Be a “holy family”!

### JANUARY 1ST – “THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD”

For this Holy Day (on a Monday and not a holy day of obligation), we remember Mary as the Mother of God, a special title bestowed upon Mary at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. So what the Council really defined then was that Jesus was both completely human and completely divine – the son of Mary and the Son of God. From this teaching, it followed that Mary was the human mother of the Son of God incarnate. Within Mary's womb, the mystery of the Incarnation began as the Son of God took on his humanity. That is why we honor Mary on this feast day. Come celebrate at the Eucharist on Sunday, at 4:30pm, December 31st, or Monday, 8am or 10am, January 1st.

### JANUARY 1ST – ALSO NEW YEAR'S DAY

The coming of the New Year gives another reason to attend Mass on New Year's Eve at 4:30pm or New Year's Day at 8am or 10am.

Why not make some New Year's Resolutions regarding your spiritual life?

- + Start with Sunday Mass (or Sat. evening). Get a streak going for a month or maybe a “perfect 52” for the year!
- + Add one weekday Mass (7am or 8am) each week as a spiritual bonus opportunity.
- + Pray during a 10 minute (or more) quiet time that you program into your busy day.
- + Read a passage from the Bible every day. (Start with the New Testament.)
- + Find a booklet or electronic site with a religious thought or reflection for each day, and use it.



### TIME FOR A KNEE REPLACEMENT THIS TUESDAY!

This means that I will be gone for a couple of days in the hospital, and then a couple of weeks or so of recuperating and therapy here in the rectory. Monsignor Stehly will be offering all the Masses on weekends and on weekdays. For the 7am and 8am times on Monday through Thursdays, Monsignor will be alternating days when he will offer Mass, and Deacon Ron will lead a Communion Service at the opposite time slots when Monsignor is not celebrating a Mass. It is great that we are blessed with a second priest at St. Raphael who can cover during my surgery and rehab time.

Also I have full confidence in our excellent Parish Office Staff of Deacon Ron Holmes, Diane Halbert, Mickey Janos, and Nancy Deacon. I don't think it will be too long before I can use a walker to meander down the hallway to the Office to check up on them, even if I don't need to!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *Become a beacon of light to those seeking a ray of hope.*

## SERVERS FOR JAN. 1/7, 2017

### Monday, January 1st

8:00 am                      Need 2  
 10:00 am      Henry Cyr                      Need 1 Extra

### Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00 am      Thad Berta                      Addison Berta  
 8:00 am      **No 8:00 am Mass**

### Wednesday, January 3rd

7:00 am      Lucille Schlichting      Grace Goeddel  
 8:00 am      Cate Guenther              Ellie Guenther

### Thursday, January 4th

7:00 am      **Communion Service**  
 8:00 am      Flora Borowiak              Isabella Pfeiffer

### Friday, January 5th

7:00 am      Christian Concepcion      Alex Atchison

### Saturday, January 6th

7:00 am      Lydia Bick                      Mateo Switzer  
 4:30 pm      Avery Bradshaw              Mady Shine  
                     Samantha Koziacki

### Sunday, January 7th

8:00 am      William Madden              Sean Madden  
                     Jack Stein  
 10:00 am      Addison Berta              Thad Berta  
                     Grace Goeddel

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 31st

8:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Don Deachan  
 4:30 pm Gary Barker

### Monday, January 1st

8:00 am Sam Russo  
 10:00 am Mother of Pat Boas Scherer

### Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00 am Patricia McCleese  
 No 8:00 am Mass

### Wednesday, January 3rd

7:00 am Pietro Varljen, SI  
 8:00 am Charles Bluziek

### Thursday, January 4th

7:00 am Communion Service  
 8:00 am Marjorie Mueller

### Friday, January 5th

7:00 am Frank Loubek, Sr.

### Saturday, January 6th

7:00 am Frank Homa  
 4:30 pm Tate Mitchell

## WEEKEND OF JANUARY 6/7, 2018

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

Bob Ahrens              Lorraine Gurley              Joan Billing

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Rosemary Phelan
Pam Hager	Kevin Liddy	Tom Yehlen
Kathe Berger	Mary Niemeyer	Dennis Matreci
Nancy McCarthy	Joyce Holmes	Carolyn Skidmore
Gina Horas	Mary Reck	Greg Divis
Brian McCarthy	Barbara Cramer	Karen Divis
		Ann Grabian

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEC. 23/24, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,369
Online Giving	\$ 2,052
<b>Weekly Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 8,421</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal</b>	<b>\$216,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual</b>	<b>\$188,914</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 27,086</b>



Sunday, January 14	Men's Club Communion Bfst.
Sunday, January 21	Cornhole Tournament
Sunday, January 28	Begin Catholic Schools Week
Friday, February 2	Grandparent's Day
Saturday, February 3	Marcia Matreci Trivia Night

### FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our new year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them." This month, through your gifts, the St. Raphael Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor by assisting numerous families. The Society was able to provide food, medicine, gifts, and payment of utility and rent bills. God bless you!



Congratulations to our newest member of the church, John Robert Curtin, IV, son of Rob and Alex Curtin. John was baptized on December 26, 2017. May God bless the Curtin family.

### FIFTY-PLUS CLUB

The first meeting of the New Year will be Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Raphael Room of the Parish Office. Please let's start the new year off by helping the less fortunate with a donation of canned goods. We will make a monthly appeal for canned goods. Thank you for your assistance with this worthy cause. See you on January 2!

### TEN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR CATHOLICS\*

1. Find a Catholic "app" for your phone.
2. Find a patron saint.
3. Attend daily Mass.
4. Go to confession every month.
5. Read the Bible.
6. Get involved with your parish.
7. Pray the rosary.
8. Check out Catholic radio - AM 1080 WRYT.
9. Read books on Catholic topics.
10. Spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

\* In addition to those in Father Bob's column.

### MEN'S CLUB COMMUNION BREAKFAST

SRA's Men's Club is hosting a "Communion Breakfast" for its members on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Members and their families are invited to attend Mass at 10:00am followed by a catered breakfast buffet in the cafeteria. Please RSVP with your name and number of guests to [brianmccarthy@peaknet.net](mailto:brianmccarthy@peaknet.net) before January 7.

### BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL

Don't forget to save your box tops! The school earns 5¢ for each box top. We earned over \$300 in the fall and are hoping to earn even more this spring! Place all box tops in the marked boxes in the back of church.



Every clip counts

## SPIRITUAL AND LITURGICAL OPPORTUNITIES TO FULLY CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

### New Year's Weekend

- + Saturday, December 30th, 4:30pm Mass - Feast of the Holy Family
- + Sunday, December 31st, 8:00am and 10:00am Masses – Feast of the Holy Family
  
- + Sunday, December 31st, 4:30pm – Holy Day Vigil Mass – Solemnity of Mary
- + Monday, January 1st, 8:00am and 10:00am – Holy Day Masses – Solemnity of Mary

### WINTER OUTREACH: A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by the example of Pope Francis, who lives out our Catholic social teachings of *“Option for the Poor and Vulnerable,”* southside parishes continue to be committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith-filled Ministry of Mercy.

*“As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me.”* (MT 25:31-46)

While St. Louis is making great strides to provide resources for the homeless, many still spend their days and nights on the streets. Winter is particularly hard for them. In an effort to reach out to our “brethren” needing warmth and food, **we are asking for help to provide meals** during the coldest months.

**Drivers are also needed to deliver meals to Americorps Shelter,** 1315 Ann St., on our assigned evenings. Anyone is welcome to serve/visit with shelter guests on these evenings:

	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
January	11	12	13
February	8	9	10

Will you please provide one of the following:

- 9 x 13 Hot Casserole (any kind)
- Dessert for 24

Together we can make a bountiful meal.

Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall entrance at 6:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick it up from your home.

If you would like more information about this ministry, like to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941.



## HOPE AND BLESSING FOR A NEW YEAR



The beginning of a new year is a good time to hear the words of blessing that God gave to Moses. They are words of strength, courage and hope. Not an illusory hope, based on frail human promises, or a naïve hope that presumes the future will be better simply because it is the future. Rather, this hope is founded precisely in God's blessing, which contains the greatest message of good wishes there can be. The message of hope contained in this blessing was fully realized in a woman, Mary, who was destined to become the Mother of God, and it was fulfilled in her before all creatures. To her let us entrust our journey of faith, the desires of our hearts, our needs and the needs of the whole world.

- *Pope Francis*



## FUNDRAISER EVENT

The SRA 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is asking for your participation in a fundraiser at Panda Express (Lindbergh & Sunset Hills) on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Simply dine during between 5:00-9:00pm, show the flyer below and SRA will earn 20% of the event sales. Thank you for your support!

### Raise Money for St. Raphael the Archangel 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

When	Where	How
Tuesday, January 9, 2018	Panda Express at Lindbergh & Sunset Hills 10722 Sunset Hills Plaza Saint Louis, MO 63127	<b>In-store:</b> Show paper or digital version of this flyer <b>Online:</b> Enter 239255 in the promo code box during online checkout

20% of event sales will be donated to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

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**&  
NFC/AFC Playoff Party**

Cash Prizes – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

**When:** Sunday, January 21, 2018      **Where:** St. Raphael Gym  
Registration Noon – 1pm                      6000 Jamieson Ave  
Bags Fly at 1pm                                      St. Louis, MO 63109

**Cost:** \$30/person (Includes Cornhole Tournament, Food and Drink)  
\$20/person (Food and Drink only)  
Individual or Team Registration Accepted  
Must be 14 years or older to participate

**Contacts:** Mike Ruggeri      314-406-0663  
Todd Berta                      314-657-7023  
Dave Kellar                      314-504-0887

Multiple TV's, Football Squares & More

**Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to St. Raphael Men's Club  
Mail to Dave Kellar, 6038 Guilford Place, St. Louis, MO 63109

Registration limited to first 32 teams, payment secures tournament entry  
Funds raised will support St. Raphael athletic programs, school activities and other parish needs



# St. Raphael the Archangel PTA

**Eighth Annual**

## Marcia Matreci

### Memorial Trivia Night



#### WHEN...

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

- **Doors open at 6:30 PM**
- **Trivia starts at 7:00 PM**

#### WHERE...

**SRA Gym**

**6000 Jamieson Ave / St. Louis, MO 63109**

***An incredibly fun PTA fundraiser -  
reserve your table now!***

#### ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING...

- **\$180/table**  
**(up to 8 people)**
- **Includes 3 mulligans &  
2 table games**
- **Includes soda & snacks**

#### RESERVATIONS...

- **Make checks payable to:**  
**SRA PTA**
- **Complete bottom portion**
- **Return bottom portion  
with payment to:**

**SRA Rectory**

**6047 Bishops Place**

**St. Louis, MO 63109**

**314.352.8100**

**Contact Name, Number, & Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Table Members:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Saint Louis LIFETEEN

## ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, January 3 from 7-9pm as we kick off the new year with the best thing we can do -Mass! See [saintlouislifeteen.org](http://saintlouislifeteen.org) for more information.

### ATTENTION, EIGHTH GRADERS

Save the date for LUKE 18  
February 16-18, 2018  
More information available at [saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18](http://saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18)



### WEDDING BANNI I

There is a promise of marriage between Sarah Abernathy and Jason Hagerty to take place at St. Raphael on Friday, January 12, 2018.

## RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE



The RLA is coordinating with the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry to host a special prayer event for those 19-39. Please encourage the young adults of your parish and community to attend the **Pro-Life Holy Hour on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica. Dinner is also being provided beforehand at 6 p.m. in Boland Hall.

## YOUNG ADULT PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

January 18, 2018

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

6:00 Dinner in Boland Hall

7:00 Adoration and Confessions

8:00 Pro-life Talk and Dessert

Sponsored by the  
Respect Life Apostolate  
& the Office of Young  
Adult Ministry

## BOOK FAIR

JANUARY 12 – 13 – 14, 2018

**FRIDAY January 12<sup>th</sup> PREVIEW NIGHT 4-9 pm**  
**\$5 ADMISSION**

**SATURDAY January 13<sup>th</sup> 8 am-6 pm FREE ADMISSION**

**SUNDAY January 14<sup>th</sup> 9 am- 4 pm FREE ADMISSION**  
**Noon to 4 pm \$5.00 for a bag of books**

Tax exempt organizations: Bring proof of eligibility for free books Sunday 4:00-5:30 pm.

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Or email [smaevents2017@yahoo.com](mailto:smaevents2017@yahoo.com)

**ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE PARISH CENTER**  
**800 BUCKLEY RD ST. LOUIS MO 63125**



### Spring 2018 Italian Language Classes

sponsored by the Federation of Italian American Organizations of the Metropolitan St. Louis Area



Classes will begin the week of January 22, 2018

The following classes will be offered:

- **Beginner's I**  
Monday evenings- 6:30-8:30p.m. M. Colombo
- **Advanced Italian**  
Monday evenings- 6:30-8:30p.m. G. Leopardi
- **Italian for Travelers (6 weeks)**  
Thursday evenings- 7:00-9:00p.m. B. Klein
- **Special Topics Course-**  
Thursday evenings- 7:00-9:00p.m. G. Leopardi



Our courses place an emphasis on communicating in Italian. Textbooks are primarily in Italian.

All adult evening classes are taught at St. Mary Magdalen School on S. Kingshighway and Sutherland Avenues.

Tuition for our 12-week classes is \$85; one night per week; 2 hours per night; there are no classes the week of Easter or Holy Week. Our Italian for Travelers is a 6-week class and the cost is \$43.

For additional information or to register, please visit [www.fiaostl.org](http://www.fiaostl.org) or contact us at: 314-680-6871 (Marie) or [mcucciabrand@gmail.com](mailto:mcucciabrand@gmail.com)

