

## 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

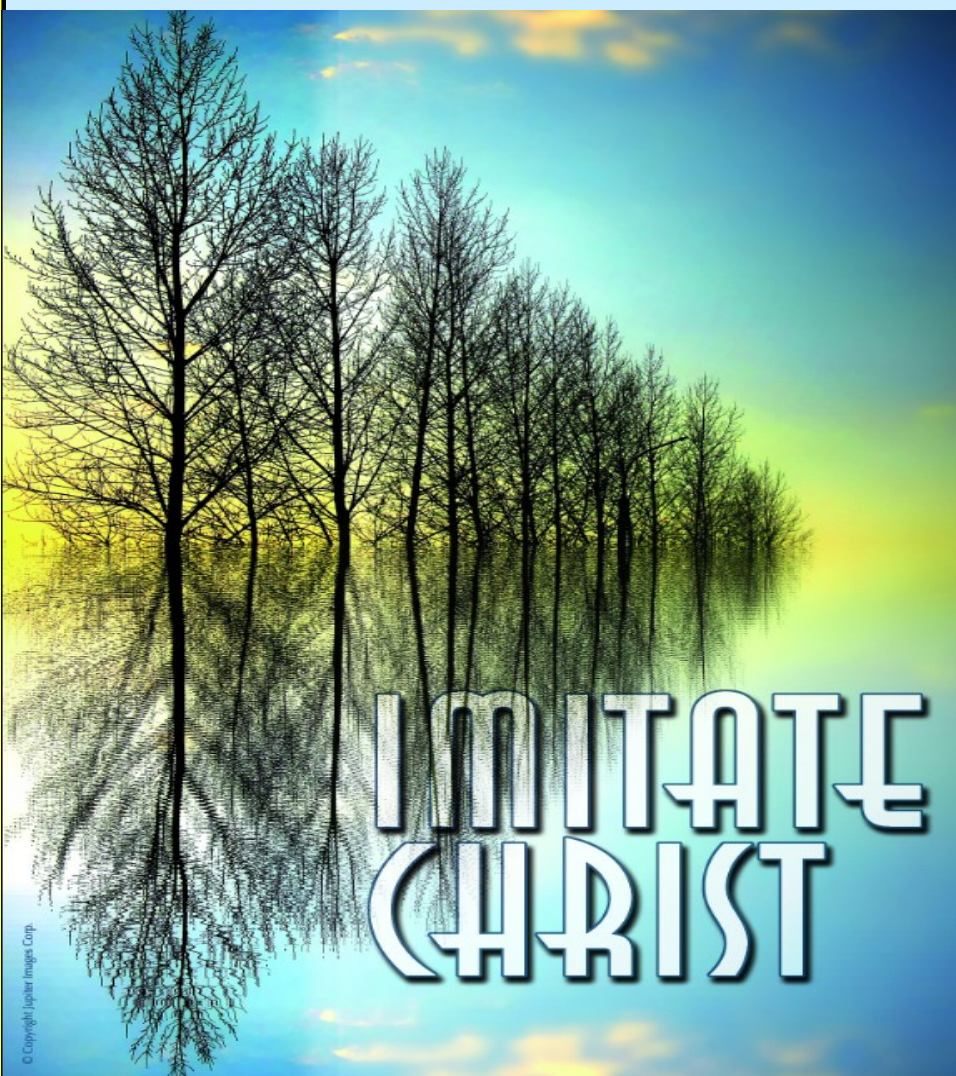
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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  
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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Monday, February 12th**

3:15 pm - Cafeteria	6th Gr. Girl Scouts
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	Parish Council
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel	St. V. de Paul
7:00 pm - Gym	6th Gr. Girls Bball.
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
9:00 pm - Gym	Men's Club Soccer

**Tuesday, February 13th**

1:30 pm - Tobias Room	Bible Study
7:00 pm - Church	Rosary Recitation

**Wednesday, February 14th**

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Church	Adult Choir
7:00 pm - Church	Ash Wednesday Mass
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's Club Basketball

**Thursday, February 15th**

2:00 pm - Trophy Room	Pre-K Dance
3:00 pm - Trophy Room	K-6 Dance
3:15 pm - Art Room	Chess Club
6:00 pm - Church	Confessions
6:00 pm - Gym	Ladies' Club Vendor Fair
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	Contemporary Music
7:00 pm - Church	1st Communion Parent Meeting

**Friday, February 16th**

7:00 am - Church	Mass
2:00 pm - Church	Stations of the Cross
3:15 pm - Gym	6th Gr. Girls Bball.

**Saturday, February 17th**

8:00 am - Gym	3rd & 4th Gr. Bball. Tournament
4:30 pm - Church	Mass

**Sunday, February 18th**

8:00 am - Church	Mass
8:00 am - Gym	3rd & 4th Gr. Bball. Tournament
10:00 am - Church	Family Mass, R.C.I.A., Rite of Election, Fellowship Sunday

## FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

### LENT - STARTING SOON WITH ASH WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK!

From Ashes To Easter - our annual spring journey through the liturgy of the Church and our own personal Lenten activities are ready to begin. The Cardinals have about six weeks of spring training to get ready for the baseball season; we have about the same amount of time to get ready spiritually for the Easter Season.

This Lenten season of repentance calls us to renew our commitment to love God and to love the community of people around us. This often involves healing human flaws and transforming our relationships with others. To make it even more challenging, Lent gives us the opportunity to review our relationship with God and with Christ our Lord. As baptized Christians, we use these 40 days of prayer and penance to prepare for renewing our baptismal promises at Easter then we will celebrate the power of God's love for us to give us the new life of grace in the sacraments and eternal life to come.

So...are you ready to start with the ashes of Ash Wednesday and to climax with the water of Baptism at Easter?



### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - 7am, 8am, and 7pm, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The blessing and reception of ashes will take place within the Eucharist. As you come forward for the reception of ashes, let this ritual be a sign of a true commitment to take Lent seriously and to allow the grace of God to truly transform the ashes of your life into the graces of Easter.

Ash Wednesday is a required day of **fasting** and **abstinence**. *Fasting* means having only one full meal and two smaller meals, including nothing between meals. Since there are only two fast days in Lent now (also Good Friday), we probably could do more than this bare minimum. *Abstinence* means refraining from meat. Not only Ash Wednesday, but all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

After the Second Vatican Council, the Church decided to take a chance and treat us like adults. Therefore, many of the strict rules of fasting were removed and we were challenged as adults to take responsibility on our own to do penance for our sins and to instigate activities that would promote our spiritual growth. This is a lot harder than just following rules.

Make your own personal growth plan for Lent. Three usual categories from Catholic tradition are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, that is...spiritual activities, physical sacrifices, and acts of generosity. Check out the handout in this bulletin for extra prayer opportunities. Decide to "fast" from something that you do not really need but find it hard to let go of. Take a "rice bowl" home today.

### WE STRUGGLE WITH THE UNIMAGINABLE!

As a parish, we must keep praying for the Trokey family of Matt, Mary Jo, and Taylor Rose. So many unanswered questions! We pray for the extended families and for their friends, for the grace to cope with their tragic loss. In addition, we lift up in prayer the neighbors that knew the Trokeys and our own SRA St. Vincent de Paul Society members who worked together so well with Mary Jo in serving the needy of our area. There is definitely an empty spot in church. Lord, help us and strengthen us!

### WE ARE FALLING BEHIND - IN SUNDAY COLLECTION TOTALS

For the last five weeks our Sunday offertory collection has averaged only \$7,000 per week, whereas we averaged \$8,000 per week in the six months before. Actually the budget amount needed to match our expenses is \$9,000 per week.

What I am suggesting is that each SRA family look to see if they omitted any Sunday envelopes recently because of missing Mass here at SRA due to winter weather or travel. In order to be financially viable as a parish, we need everyone's cooperation and generosity. We basically do not have a cushion to fall back on.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift; unwrap it carefully.*



## SERVERS FOR FEB. 12-18, 2018

### Monday, February 12th

7:00 am Lydia Bick Grace Goeddel  
8:00 am Alex Atchison Avery Bradshaw

### Tuesday, February 13th

7:00 am Communion Service  
8:00 am Lucille Schlichting Andrew Kellar

### Wednesday, February 14th Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Christian Concepcion William Hotze  
8:00 am Samantha Koziacki Jack Stein  
7:00 pm Alex Atchison Mateo Switzer

### Thursday, February 15th

7:00 am Cate Guenther Ellie Guenther  
8:00 am Flora Borowiak Joey Raymo

### Friday, February 16th

7:00 am Sean Madden William Madden

### Saturday, February 17th

7:00 am Isabella Pfeiffer Jack Stein  
4:30 pm Rory Barnawell Grace Goeddel  
Mady Shine

### Sunday, February 18th

8:00 am Samantha Koziacki Joey Raymo  
Christian Concepcion  
10:00 am Anna Mersinger Gavin Smith  
Avery Bradshaw

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB. 3/4, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,402
Online Giving	\$ 1,000
<b>Weekly Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 8,402</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual</b>	<b>\$225,074</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 34,926</b>

**GIVE ONLINE**  
FAST. EASY. CONVENIENT.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Sunday, February 11th

8:00 am Kathleen O'Toole  
10:00 am Peter Sortino

### Monday, February 12th

7:00 am Neil Svetanics  
8:00 am John King

### Tuesday, February 13th

7:00 am Nathaniel Pentland  
8:00 am Don Deachan

### Wednesday, February 14th

7:00 am Beulah Tornatore  
8:00 am Mary Hill  
7:00 pm Cramer Family  
Ash Wednesday

### Thursday, February 15th

7:00 am Lois Terry  
8:00 am Rita Fallon

### Friday, February 16th

7:00 am Thomas Green

### Saturday, February 17th

7:00 am Viola Coleman  
4:30 pm People of the Parish

## WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 17/18, 2018




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

**LECTORS:**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Kathy Steck	Kevin Liddy	Steve Kratky
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

# A journey through Lent at SRA


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>Feb 14</b>  Ash Wednesday 7:00 am Mass 8:00 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass	<b>Feb 15</b> 6:00 to 6:30 pm Confessions	<b>Feb 16</b>  7:30 am to 2:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm Benediction	<b>Feb 17</b>



- Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday
- Thursday, February 15 Ladies' Club Vendor Fair
- Sunday, February 25 Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast


### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The process for the 2018-2019 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2018. If you are interested in touring our school or would like to request a packet of information and the registration form, please call the School Office at 314.352.9474. Registration packets may also be mailed if requested.




### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! DEACON DIAPER DRIVE

During the weekends of March 17-18 through Easter, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our 3rd annual diocesan-wide ProLife service project to assist families in need. Last year we collected over 185,000 diapers and we would like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing infant, toddler or adult incontinence products on your shopping list and bring them to the Parish Office or drop them off in the church vestibules. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community. For more information, speak to Deacon Ron or give the office a call. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible.



### ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community - and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Pick up your CRS Rice Bowl from the entrances of church. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbors.



### FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus, moved with pity, touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering. By our gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we indeed put our faith into action as we bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

## ST. RAPHAEL TO SERVE DINNERS AT STS. PETER & PAUL

Peter and Paul Community Services offers an evening meal 20 days out of each month to people of the Soulard area who may be on limited or fixed incomes. These meals are sponsored by local churches and organizations who are willing to fund, cook and serve those in need. On February 15th, St. Raphael's SVdP Conference will provide the meal. We are excited about this opportunity to reach out to those in need. If you are interested in helping us, we could use the following items:

Meal Preparers and Servers  
Coffee

Paper Towels

Cans of Sweetened Kool-Aid

Financial Donations (Checks

Payable to SRA marked for Sts. Peter & Paul)

To help prepare and/or serve or contribute, please contact Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or email at [greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net).

### GOOD NEWS FOR SENIORS AND CHARITABLE GIVING

Good news to taxpayers over the age of 70-1/2. Congress has voted to make permanent the exclusion from taxable income for IRA distributions that are given directly to charities like St. Raphael. One of the key benefits of the direct charitable contribution is that the distribution counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and that amount is NOT taxable income for 2018. Consult with your financial advisor or for general questions; contact

Deacon Ron Holmes  
314.352.8100  
[holmes@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:holmes@straphaelarchangel.org)

These distributions can be used once a year for your annual support of SRA. There are some general restrictions as well as those imposed by your IRA provider, but this can reduce your taxable income for 2018 and beyond.

## ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all who have contributed to our supply of recyclables for our mobile STREAM carts! It has been great to watch our students create things with the recycled items. Please keep 'em coming!

However, we no longer need plastic shopping bags, but we are in need of plastic bottle caps.

- Miss Amsler and Miss Schaaf



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to SRA Alumni on making the First Semester Honor Roll at Bishop DuBourg High School!



Olivia Hackett - SRA 2014  
Mary Nelson - SRA 2015  
Benjamin Khotsyphom - SRA

2016

Ryan Lampe - SRA 2016  
Liberty Kocsis - SRA 2017

### IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Matt, Mary Jo and Taylor Trokey whose funerals were held at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque on February 7, 2018.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lucille Karr whose funeral was held at St. Raphael the Archangel on Friday, February 9, 2018.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Spitler whose funeral was held at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Please pray for all these souls and all the souls of the faithful departed; may they rest in peace. Amen.





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January 31, 2018

Dear Father/Monsignor,

This year, the largely secular celebration of Valentine's Day (February 14) coincides with Ash Wednesday, and some have inquired if a dispensation from the obligations to fast and abstain from meat will be given.

Catholics throughout the world recognize Ash Wednesday as the solemn beginning of a period of prayerful reflection and penance, as is evident by the large number of churchgoers on this day. In view of the significance of Ash Wednesday, the obligation of fast and abstinence must naturally be the priority in the Catholic community.

Valentine's Day can appropriately be celebrated the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which also happens to be Mardi Gras, a traditionally festive time before beginning our Lenten observance.

Yours in Our Lord,

Rev. Msgr. Dennis R. Stehly  
Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia

*St. Raphael Ladies Club  
Vendor Fair*

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**  
6000 Jamieson, St. Louis, MO 63109  
The fair will be held in the Gymnasium  
*Thursday, February 15, 2018*

*6-9 p.m.*

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*Grow Your Community, Shop Local*

## BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for February 25 after the 10am Mass. Tickets are on sale after Masses today for \$6 (\$3 for seniors and children under 5). Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the breakfast. Join the SRA Boy Scouts for some great pancakes and sausage, and Tom Finan's famous One Pot Mountain Man Breakfast!



## SRA LENTEN OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF 40 DAYS, 40 REFLECTIONS, 40 CHALLENGES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Some generous parishioners have offered to host weekly *40Acts* small-group gatherings in their homes and all are welcome to join them. Right now we will have one group on Tuesday evenings and one group on Wednesday evenings. A morning group may also be available, but we may need someone to help out with that for the first two weeks.

If additional parishioners are willing to open their homes, you are welcome to join us. Maybe a group of school moms would want to gather, or a group of dads, or different parish ministries might want to get together with their members, or even whole families can participate in the challenges and then get together to talk about them.

And, for those of you who just don't have the availability to gather each week at the same time, our parishioner, Rachel Flavin, has created a Facebook group that anyone can join to share your experiences that way. It is open to both those who are meeting weekly, as well as participating on their own (but not really on their own now). Please feel free to check this group out! Go to [Facebook.com/groups/sra40acts](https://www.facebook.com/groups/sra40acts).



To find out more about *40Acts* for Lent and to sign up for the daily emails, go to <https://40acts.org.uk/>  
If you would like to join a group or have any questions, please contact Sue Brandt at 314.704.5304 or [susan\\_brandt@att.net](mailto:susan_brandt@att.net).

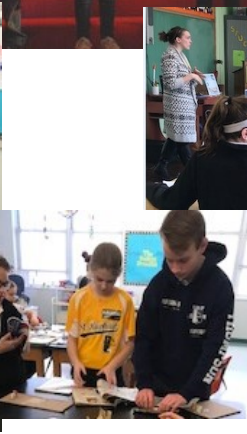
## TRIVIA NIGHT FEBRUARY 3, 2018







**Celebrate  
Catholic Schools  
Week 2018**  
January 28 - February 3



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to ten girls from the eighth grade class, who received their Mary, the First Disciple award this past Sunday. Amy Goeddel led this group through this important program. The ceremony took place at the Cathedral Basilica and the girls were presented their award by Auxiliary Bishop Rivituso. These young ladies spent the last year and a half deepening their faith through the study of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Grace Goeddel  
Anna Mersinger

Ellie Guenther  
Gillian Neal

Annie Higgs  
Lucy Schlichting

Bella Hogrebe  
Gabbi Smith

Elizabeth Hurley  
Hannah Trachsel





# Saint Louis LIFETEEN

## ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, February 14, at 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we enter more deeply into our Rx series and prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. Please see [saintlouislifeteen.org](http://saintlouislifeteen.org) for more information.

## ATTENTION, EIGHTH GRADERS

We are excited to announce that Luke 18 will be held February 16-18 at Bishop DuBourg High School. Signups for Luke 18 are now live - please see [saintlouislifeteen.org/luke 18](http://saintlouislifeteen.org/luke%2018) for more information.



Immaculate Conception - Maplewood  
4-7 pm  
7240 Anna Ave.

St. Joan of Arc  
4-7 pm  
5800 Oleatha Ave.

Epiphany of Our Lord  
4:30-7 pm  
6596 Smiley Ave.

Keep checking the bulletin for  
additional Fish Fries!

## FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Drive, 63119) on the third Thursday of each month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting will be on February 15 in the chapel. The speaker will be Dr. Larry Feingold, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The Rosary will be prayed at 8am, and Dr. Feingold will speak from 8:15am until 9am. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30am. For more information, see: [www.kenrick.edu/fiat](http://www.kenrick.edu/fiat).

## KING'S HOUSE RETREAT

**WOMEN'S RETREAT  
FRIDAY-SUNDAY  
MARCH 2-4, 2018  
\$175**

[info@kingsretreatcenter.org](mailto:info@kingsretreatcenter.org)

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Meet Christ at the movies  
this Lent with films and  
guided discussions.  
All are welcome!

**All Movies Begin at 6:30pm**

February 15 *Amazing Grace*

March 1 *Concussion*

March 15 *Pay It Forward*

March 22 *Holy Winding Sheet*

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