

## 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

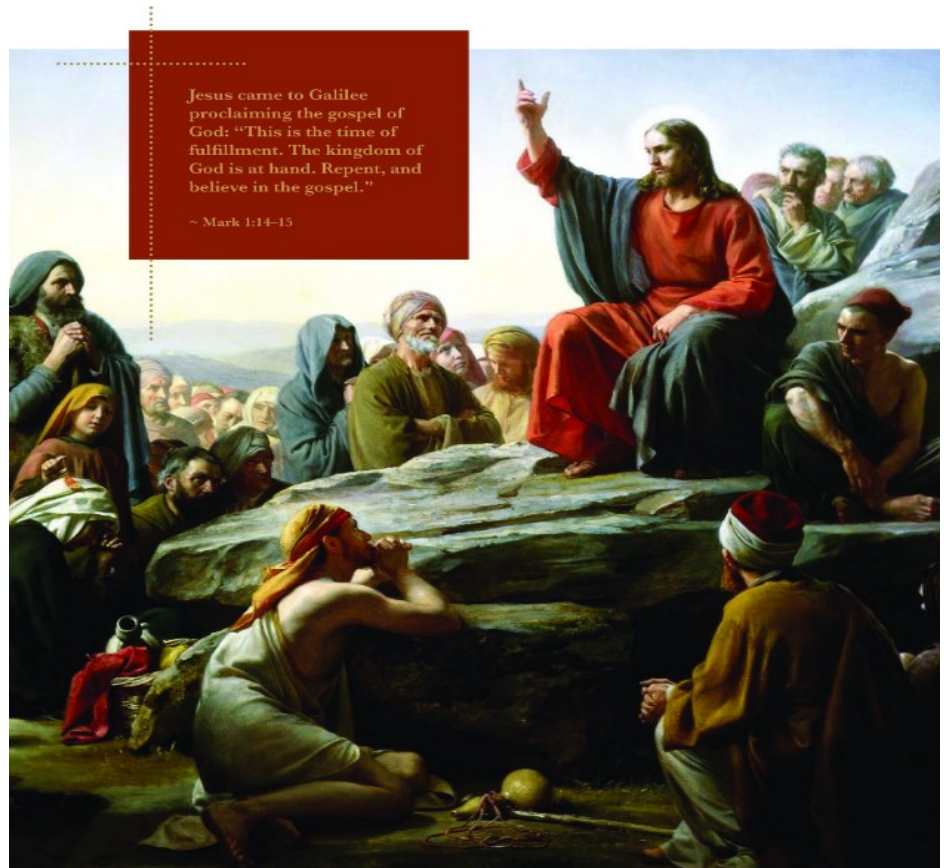
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



# LENT

## 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**

**Rev. Robert J. Reiker** Pastor  
reiker@straphaelarchangel.org

**Msgr. Dennis Stehly** Priest-In-Residence  
dennisstehly@archstl.org

**Deacon Ron Holmes** Permanent Deacon  
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holmes@straphaelarchangel.org

**Deacon Gerald J. Geiser** Retired Deacon

**Ty Taylor** Seminarian

**Mateo Salam** Seminarian

**Dr. Nancy Deacon** Music Director  
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**Mrs. Mickey Janos** Admin. Assistant  
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**Mr. Howard Adams** Maintenance

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straphaelarchangel.org

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Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish and School

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Text 'App' to 88202



**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Monday, February 19th**

7:30 am - Church  
5:00 pm - Gym  
7:00 pm - Tobias  
9:00 pm - Gym

Liturgy of Hours  
4th Gr. Bball. Tnmt.  
School Board  
Men's Club Soccer

**Tuesday, February 20th**

1:30 pm - Tobias Room  
5:00 pm - Gym

Bible Study  
3rd & 4th Gr. Bball  
Tournament  
Rosary Recitation  
Liturgy of the Hours  
Men's Club Meeting

**Wednesday, February 21st**

9:00 am - Quilters' Room  
5:00 pm - Gym

Quilters  
3rd & 4th Gr. Bball.  
Tournament  
Step Class  
Adult Choir  
Liturgy of the Hours  
Men's Club Bball.

**Thursday, February 22nd**

2:00 pm - Trophy Room  
3:00 pm - Trophy Room  
3:15 pm - Art Room  
5:00 pm - Gym

Pre-K Dance  
K-6 Dance  
Chess Club  
3rd & 4th Gr. Bball.  
Tournament  
Confessions  
Conf. Parent Mtg.  
Contemporary Music

6:00 pm - Church  
7:00 pm - Raphael Room  
7:00 pm - Church

**Friday, February 23rd**

7:00 am - Church  
2:00 pm - Church  
3:15 pm - Gym  
5:00 pm - Gym

Mass  
Stations of the Cross  
6th Gr. Girls Bball.  
3rd & 4th Gr. Bball.  
Tournament  
Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm - Church

**Saturday, February 24th**

8:00 am - Gym

3rd & 4th Gr. Bball.  
Tournament  
Mass

4:30 pm - Church

**Sunday, February 25th**

8:00 am - Church  
8:00 am - Gym

Mass  
3rd & 4th Gr. Bball.  
Tournament  
Mass  
Boys Scouts Pancake  
Breakfast

10:00 am - Church  
11:00 am - Cafeteria

## FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – TODAY!

Now that we have received the ashes last Wednesday, what's next? One way to look at Lent is to see it as a time of training. Most of us have been watching the Winter Olympics this past week. We cannot help but be impressed with the dedication and extreme amount of training and practice these athletes have put in just to compete and try to win an Olympic gold, silver, or bronze medal. Are we ready to train that hard to receive the prize of eternal life with God and the Communion of Saints?

Lent gives us an intensive 40-day program to re-learn some old skills and learn some new ones. The traditional Lenten practices revolve around Prayer, Fasting (sacrifice), and Almsgiving (charity). New ones could include reading the Bible, sharing some of our time to help the needy, renewing the love we have for family, working for justice in our community, being extra generous to a Lenten project or charity, getting away from our routine for some time out in God's good creation, or participating in one or other of our St. Raphael parish Lenten opportunities. (See the rest of the bulletin or the parish Lenten schedule on-line.) If athletes can do it for a medal, we certainly can do it for God and for his people, even for the salvation of our own souls!

### ST. RAPHAEL LENTEN PROJECT

As I announced at Mass last weekend, our SRA Parish Family is adopting for Lent San Rafael Parish in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico. This small parish lost its roof and all of its interior furnishings during the recent hurricane there. We at SRA are going to work on helping the parishioners finance a new roof so they can again worship the Lord in their church. More details will be coming later.

### CHECK OUT ALL THE MANY OTHER SRA LENTEN ACTIVITIES ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE OR IN OUR FLOCKNOTES!

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) AT SRA

This year we have four adults who are currently going through the process of the R.C.I.A. since September and are looking forward to becoming Catholic with a Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil: Rick and Melissa Schneider, an SRA school family (Ryan in 3rd grade); Chris Adams (husband of Lucy) and also an SRA school family (Edward in 3rd grade); and Lauren Palazzolo, a young lady in our parish whose wedding is here at SRA in April.

These four R.C.I.A. candidates will be going to the St. Louis Cathedral this Sunday evening (2/18) for the Rite of Election ceremony where the bishop greets all the adults in the R.C.I.A. programs throughout the archdiocese. They are made to feel welcome as soon-to-be Catholics, and they are lifted up in prayer as they enter the final weeks of preparation during this season of Lent. The Rite of Election ritualizes the Catholic community, calling (electing) them to move forward to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. For our SRA four, who have already been baptized, they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

All of our St. Raphael Parish Family should warmly encourage them to continue to grow spiritually during the season of Lent, and look forward to celebrating with them at the Easter Vigil.



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *If we pause to think, we will have cause to thank.*

## SERVERS FOR FEB. 19-25, 2018

### Monday, February 19th

7:00 am Lydia Bick Isabella Pfeiffer  
8:00 am Christian Concepcion Lucille Schlichting

### Tuesday, February 20th

7:00 am Andrew Kellar Mateo Switzer  
8:00 am Alex Atchison Gillian Neal

### Wednesday, February 21st

7:00 am Sean Madden William Madden  
8:00 am Cate Guenther Ellie Guenther

### Thursday, February 22nd

7:00 am Joey Raymo Gavin Smith  
8:00 am Addison Berta Thad Berta

### Friday, February 23rd

7:00 am Grace Goeddel William Hotze

### Saturday, February 24th

7:00 am Lydia Bick Isabella Pfeiffer  
4:30 pm Anna Mersinger Mia Thompson  
Eva Thompson

### Sunday, February 25th

8:00 am Gillian Neal Mateo Switzer  
Lucille Schlichting  
10:00 am Rory Barnawell Henry Cyr  
Samantha Koziacki

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB. 10/11, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,722
Online Giving	\$ 2,837
<b>Weekly Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,559</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal</b>	<b>\$269,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual</b>	<b>\$232,633</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 36,367</b>



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Sunday, February 18th

8:00 am John Roeder  
10:00 am Marcia Matreci

### Monday, February 19th

7:00 am Hutton Family  
8:00 am Mary Hill

### Wednesday, February 20th

7:00 am Anthony Iannicola  
8:00 am Hodes Family SI

### Wednesday, February 21st

7:00 am Rose Zoia  
8:00 am Marcella McCormick

### Thursday, February 22nd

7:00 am Jost Family  
8:00 am Juanita Spilker

### Friday, February 23rd

7:00 am Theresa Eisele

### Saturday, February 24th

7:00 am Thomas Koehler, Sr.  
4:30 pm Larry Frie

## WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24/25, 2018

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

**LECTORS:**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Bob Ahrens	Barbara Cramer	Joan Billing
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



Weekday Masses 7am Mon - Sat and 8am Mon - Fri  
Sunday Vigil (Saturday) 4:30 pm  
Sunday Mass 8am and 10am

## Lenten Calendar 2018 St. Raphael the Archangel

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Feb 19</b> 7:30 am Lenten Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours*	<b>Feb 20</b> 1:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours*	<b>Feb 21</b> 7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours*	<b>Feb 22</b> Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 6:00 to 6:30 pm Confessions	<b>Feb 23</b> 7:30 am to 2:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 2:00 & 7:00 pm Stations 2:30 pm Benediction

\* Prayer booklets will be provided

Please consider the SRA Lenten Opportunity, 40acts - Signup at <https://40acts.org/uk>

### 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 today's Gospel, Jesus, overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

### 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO SRA EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS  
FOR BEING ACCEPTED INTO THEIR FIRST-CHOICE HIGH SCHOOL!**

**Ellie Guenther** and **Gillian Neal** have been accepted at St. Joseph's Academy.

**Jenna Holik** has been accepted at Notre Dame High School.

**Annie Higgs** and **Gabby Smith** have been accepted to Ursuline Academy.

**Grace Goeddel**, **Bella Hogrebe**, and **Anna Mersinger** have been accepted to Cor Jesu Academy.

**Elizabeth Hurley**, **Lucy Schlichting**, **Miranda Sullenger**, and **Hannah Trachsel** have been accepted to Nerinx Hall.

**Ardian Hoxhaj**, **Sean Madden**, and **A.J. Thompson** have been accepted to St. Louis University High School.

**Jack Hotze**, **Billy Madden**, **Max Sarich** have been accepted to St. John Vianney High School.

**Ben Kremer** has been accepted to Chaminade College Preparatory High School.

**Katelyn Trim** has been accepted to Bishop DuBourg High School.

**LADIES' CLUB  
QUARTER AUCTION**

Donations are currently being accepted for the Quarter Auction scheduled for Thursday, April 19. We will gladly accept tickets, experiences, gift items, gift cards, wine, jewelry, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the home of Beth Fissel, 6451 Westway, or call Sue Leiendecker, 314.308.6968 for pickup.



**PARISH MISSIONARY DISCIPLES  
10-MONTH EVANGELIZATION TRAINING**

Learn how to:

- ◇ Pray more effectively and teach another to pray
- ◇ Share the Gospel with another
- ◇ Accompany others on their Catholic discipleship journey



**Parish Missionary Disciples**

Dates: March 3                      April 7                      May 12                      June 23                      July 14  
            August 11                      September 15                      October 6                      November 10                      December 1

Now open to individuals from all parishes and no parish team required. For more information, please contact Michael Horn at [michaelhorn@archstl.org](mailto:michaelhorn@archstl.org) or 314.792.7178.

## LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN

In 1986, Archbishop John L. May formed the LifeLine Coalition to raise awareness that pregnancy assistance services are available to those in need, to generate new revenue for caregivers, and to expand services to pregnant women. The recipients of the LifeLine funds are: Our Lady's Inn, Birthright, Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, and the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund. Today, these agencies help more than 10,000 local women and children each year.

Our SRA LifeLine Coalition Campaign will extend from Sunday, March 4, to Sunday, March 18. You will find the LifeLine Coalition envelope in your packet of envelopes for the month of March. We thank you, in advance, for contributing to this necessary effort. May God bless you for building the Culture of Life!

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee



Sunday, February 25      Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast  
 Friday, April 6          Mouse Races

# Kindergarten

# Registration

# Information



## 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.



## PARISH INFORMATION FORM

If you are a visitor to St. Raphael Parish, we are happy to have you join us in our celebration at the Table of the Lord! Are you searching for “a place to call home”? Why not join our Parish Family! If you are a new parishioner, or a current parishioner with a change of information, please complete this form and drop it into the collection basket or call the Parish Office at 314.352.8100. New parishioners must complete the necessary paperwork by making an appointment with Father Bob, the Pastor.

### Welcome to St. Raphael!

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please check the appropriate item(s):**

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner   | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving Parish   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone/Email   | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Me       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT Publish # |

## 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

We have two groups meeting for the *40Acts* Lenten program and it's not too late to join us. There will be a group gathering at 10:30am on Wednesday mornings that will meet at the home of Lorraine Gurley and a group on Wednesdays at 7:00pm that will meet at the home of Terri & Matt Borowiak. If you would like to join either group, please contact Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304 or [susan\\_brandt@att.net](mailto:susan_brandt@att.net).

There is also the Facebook group started by Rachel Flavin that everyone is welcome to join. [Facebook.com/groups/sra40acts](https://www.facebook.com/groups/sra40acts).

Even if you can't attend a group, why not sign up for the daily *40Acts* Challenges? <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).



**"The Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting."**

- Pope Francis, [Message for Lent 2018](#)



# SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 25, 2018

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come and learn about life as a seminarian via a guided tour of the classrooms, living spaces, library and chapels. Meet your future priests and pray in the Chapel of St. Joseph. Visit [kenrick.edu/open-house](http://kenrick.edu/open-house) for more information. Located at 5200 Glennon Dr., 63119.



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## Bible Study

everyone is welcome

### SUNDAY READINGS-BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. Studying the Bible provides us with a firm foundation in God's truth and helps us respond to questions that others may have.

## 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. Catholic Radio on Covenant network is listener supported.

### ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!

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



Saint Louis  
LIFETEEN

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

Please join us this Wednesday, February 21 from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg as we start our new series and join together in prayer and community. Please see [saintlouislifeteen.org](http://saintlouislifeteen.org) for more information.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

St. John The Baptist Church  
5021 Adkins (at Delor, East of Bevo Mill)  
Saturday, March 3, 2018  
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.  
Please bring your own shopping bag/cart.



**ADULT SOFTBALL**

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club invites all single and married softball players to our rec league starting in May. Interested? Contact Steve at [valksr@yahoo.com](mailto:valksr@yahoo.com) or go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/steve-valko-7993550895>.



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.

Annunciation Parish  
February 16 and March 23  
4:30 - 7pm  
12 West Glendale

Our Lady of Sorrows  
4:30 - 7pm  
5030 Rhodes Avenue  
5030 Rhodes

St. Dominic Savio  
4:30 - 7pm  
7748 Mackenzie

St. Gabriel the Archangel  
4 - 7pm  
6303 Nottingham

**BISHOP DuBOURG MOUSE RACES**

Saturday, March 3  
Doors open at 6:30 pm, Races start at 7:00 pm  
Cavalier Café  
Bishop DuBourg High School  
Additional Gaming Available  
Tickets \$25/Each or \$200 for a Table of 10  
Contact Mike Schwartz - [dirtbanfan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dirtbanfan@sbcglobal.net)  
Sponsored by the Bishop DuBourg  
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Summer 2018

