



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 19TH, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. RAPHAEL PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Congratulations to our Anniversary Couples
who have been married 25, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years.
May God continue to bless them with many more happy years together.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

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

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday 7:00 am

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 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm on Saturday

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

7:30 am to 1:30 pm

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Reiker	Pastor
Deacon Roger Kreitler	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Deacon Ron Holmes	Permanent Deacon and Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
Mrs. Mickey Janos	Admin. Assistant
Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mr. Josh Knauer	Maintenance
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
Mrs. Kim Vangel	School Principal
Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
Mrs. Amy Ruggeri	Cafeteria Manager
Mr. Bill Cremers	Seminarian

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

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.

PHONE NUMBERS:

<u>Parish Office</u>	314.352.8100
Father Bob Reiker	Ext 215
Parish Administrator	Ext 214
Bookkeeper	Ext 211
Music Director	Ext 220
Admn. Asst.	Ext 210
Fax	314.353.6603

School 314.352.9474 Fax 314.351.7477

Prayer Tree Please call the Parish Office

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Kim Vangel: vangel@straphaelarchangel.org

Linda Mechler: secretary@straphaelarchangel.org

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Saint Raphael the Archangel
Parish and School

Twitter

@SRAtoday

MyParish App

Text 'App' to 88202

FR. BOB'S COLUMN

BE A FRIEND! BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST!

Being a practicing Catholic and an active member of St. Raphael Parish includes participating in parish renewal programs and drawing others to new life in Christ. If you know a currently inactive Catholic who may be ready to return to a life of faith, or someone who is searching for God, **invite that person to the "Simply Live" Parish Mission which will be held in two weeks, starting on Sunday evening, March 5th, through Thursday, March 9th,** at 7:00 pm. Even better, bring that person(s) with you for it! For more of a description of the topics and themes of the Parish Mission, check our SRA web site: straphaelarchangel.org.



Simply Live!
True Religion for the 21st Century

I AM ST. RAPHAEL PARISH!

Dear Lord,

*St. Raphael Parish is composed of people like me.
I help make St. Raphael what it is and what it can be.*

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

It will be prayerful, if I am.

It will do great work, if I work.

Its pews will be filled, if I come and help fill them.

It will reach out to others to worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will do generous ministry, if I am a generous giver.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, if I am loyal to it and love all its members.

It will be a parish of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I am filled with these virtues.

*Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task
of being all the things I want my parish to be!*

For I am St. Raphael Parish!

AMEN!

ONLINE GIVING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH

Our SRA Finance Council is offering an opportunity to simplify your parish contributions this weekend. You are encouraged to sign up after Mass on one of our laptops available in church after each Mass this weekend. Or, you can access our Online Giving provider, the Our Sunday Visitor company at 800.348.2440. To read more about Online Giving, you can check out our SRA Parish web site.

Never miss a Sunday to make your contribution or tithe to the Lord for the support of his Church here at St. Raphael Parish. As your pastor, I know that the large majority of you really do want to give regularly, but you just forget your Sunday envelope, or were just too much in a rush to get to church on time to prepare your regular contribution. Online Giving solves two problems: for you, the parish donor, and for your parish, to have a consistent income stream from the Sunday Offertory Collection.

All you have to do is set up an Online Giving account with Our Sunday Visitor. Make your prayerful decisions about the amount and the date of your parish contribution. You can also at any time change or increase this amount. This service makes it so easy to do SRA school payments, second collections, donations to our St. Vincent de Paul Society, and even our St. Raphael Church Building and Maintenance Fund. Any questions, contact Deacon Ron at the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES TRAINING SESSIONS

1. LECTOR WORKSHOP - For all current lectors, to brush up on your skills in proclaiming the Word of God more effectively, on Thursday, February 23, 7:00pm in church.

2. COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND WORKSHOP - For anyone interested in the important ministry of bringing our Lord in Holy Communion to our SRA members not able to join us at Mass on Sunday, and for anyone already doing this. It is on Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 pm in church. Come and learn how to visit a homebound person and then do the ritual for the Reception of Holy Communion. You will love doing this, and you only need to bring communion to one person. We need quite a few volunteers to cover all of our homebound.

SERVERS FOR FEB. 20TH - 26TH

Monday –Tuesday

7:00 am Joseph Cyr Henry Cyr
8:00 am Abigail Stein Spencer Willmann

Wednesday-Thursday

7:00 am Annie Baur Seamus Baur
8:00 am Andrew Kellar Jacob Kellar

Friday

7:00 am Avery Bradshaw Grace Goeddel

Saturday

7:00 am Avery Bradshaw Grace Goeddel

4:30 pm William Hotze Samantha Koziacki
Isabella Pfeiffer

Sunday

8:00 am Flora Borowiak Andrew Borowiak
Jane Dubbert
10:00 pm Lydia Bick Sean Madden
William Madden

WEEKEND OF FEB. 25TH-26TH

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

PRIEST:

Fr. Bob Reiker Fr. Bob Reiker Fr. Bob Reiker

LECTORS:

Jerriann Blassie Lorraine Gurley Frosty Hodes

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun., Feb. 19th

8:00 am John Crowley
10:00 am Ralph & Agnes Hager

Monday, Feb. 20th

7:00 am Judy Svetanics
8:00 am Bart Saracino

Tuesday, Feb. 21st

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann
8:00 am Ken Zysk

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann
8:00 am Nancy Geiser

Thursday, Feb. 23rd

7:00 am Grace Farley Maderos
8:00 am Judy Svetanics

Friday, Feb. 24th

7:00 am Richard Cross

Saturday, Feb. 25th

7:00 am Marie Long
4:30 pm Linda Bess

Sunday, Feb. 26th

8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Agnes Hager

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 11/12, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$4,950.49
Online Giving	\$1,932.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$6,882.49
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 70.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date	\$213,315.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$272,000.00

Bible Study continues on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. No need to sign up, just come. Everyone is welcome!

International Students - Bishop DuBourg High School
Are there any families in your parish who host, or are looking to host, a student? Contact:
Ryan Sykora Director of Admissions 314.832.3030



Fifty & Beyond Capital Campaign

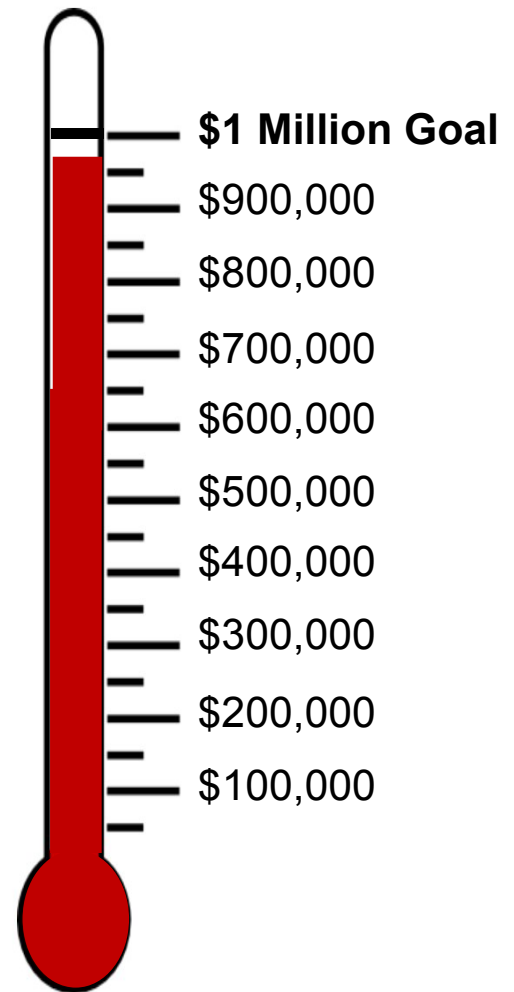
As the Church of St. Raphael celebrates its 50th Anniversary celebration, our campaign has had much success. ***Fifty & Beyond*** will help provide funding to address our immediate needs. Our plans are to repair and redecorate our worship space by:

- Replacing the roof that is near its life expectancy;
- Repairing and painting the wood columns and trim;
- Repairing and replacing interior plaster;
- Refinishing the badly marred pews;
- Replacing the aging kneelers;
- Replacing the carpeting;
- Installing new energy efficient thermal pane windows and frames;
- Repairing the church bells mechanical system;
- Replacing the antiquated lighting controls; and
- Improving the heating/AC controls

**\$964,100 in
Pledges**

Thank You!

For information about making a pledge to the ***Fifty & Beyond Campaign***, please check the website or call the parish office.





SCHOOL OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Formed in Faith, Prepared for Life

FAITH – St. Raphael the Archangel School guides its students as they form their knowledge of the Catholic faith and their love for Jesus Christ, in an environment that promotes compassionate hearts through habits of personal prayer, reflection, and community service.

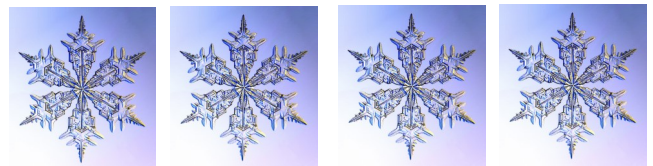
CHARACTER – Our school and parish community endeavor to develop each student's character by modeling and practicing the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. We nurture our students' perseverance, sense of gratitude, leadership, and ability to make informed moral choices.

ACADEMICS – We utilize a rigorous, measurable academic program that develops critical thinking skills, promotes imagination, celebrates individual gifts and talents, and fosters a life-long love of learning.

Small Design, BIG Results



Snowflake Ball 2017



PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

First, I have a HUGE APOLOGY to make regarding my list of where our 8th Graders are going to High School next year. I inadvertently left out our two boys who are going to St. Mary's High School.

So I hope that SAM SCHICKER and SHANE GRIPPI now know that we are so proud of them and happy that they will be ST. MARY'S DRAGONS next year! Congratulations, Sam and Shane!

In other news, this is a big week of professional development for teachers. We have 3 teachers attending different STEM workshops and conferences in the St. Louis area this week. It's exciting to hear all the new ideas and see them being implemented in our classrooms. This Friday, Feb. 17th, is a Professional Development Day for all of our teachers K-8. Our K-5 teachers will be visiting St. Margaret Mary Alacoque School to observe the great things they are doing in STEM education, as well as in flexible seating in their lower grades. Our 6-8 teachers are visiting Math, Science, and English Language Arts department heads at Cor Jesu Academy to talk about what more we can do at St. Raphael to prepare our students for a rigorous high school environment. We are looking forward to learning great things from our colleagues in Catholic education.

Many thanks again to our SRA Ladies' Club for their generous monetary gift earlier this school year. After much research and discussion, we are using the funds to purchase a school-wide reading assessment program. Along with educators all across the country, we are seeing students have greater and greater difficulty with reading throughout K-8, and we are exploring ways to address this big issue. The Fountas & Pannell Reading Assessment system is the industry leader, and will give us tools to measure and report on the same components of reading throughout each student's academic career at SRA. This concise and consistent assessment reporting should give us many insights into each student's strengths and weaknesses in reading so that we can direct our instruction and intervention in a meaningful way. We plan to begin using the assessment program next school year.

Our school community has also been asked to help with the parish-wide Lenten project: "Buy a Van" for the Queen of Peace Center (QOPC), which you will be hearing more about in the coming weeks. QOPC helps women suffering from substance abuse as well as their children, and they are in desperate need of a new van to transport the women and children from their living quarters to the daycare center, as well as to the places where the women receive social services. At school, we will be focusing our efforts on how we can aid the children, in addition to helping to purchase a van for QOPC. Our first event for this effort is February 28th. This is a fun carnival held during the school day, and you will be receiving ticket order information soon. Please help us to help others!

Finally, I ask that you keep all of our teachers and students in your prayers for continued success at school. And thanks, as always, for all of your support.

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principal

Save
the
Date

March 5-9 Parish Mission
March 20-24 Spring Break



SIMPLY LIVE! True Religion for the 21st Century

St. Raphael, a parish family growing together in Christ

**Parish Mission
March 5-9, 2017**



Online Giving

St. Raphael the Archangel Online Giving

Stewardship is a way of life. It is a way of living each day in gratitude for all the blessings that God has given to us. The roots of stewardship can be found in the Bible, which tells us over and over that God is the Creator and Giver of all gifts. It is our responsibility to show our gratitude to God for these

gifts, by giving back to Him the “first fruits.”

Fr. Bob and our Parish Finance Committee urge everyone to sign up to use the St. Raphael Online Giving portal hosted and managed by Our Sunday Visitor, the same organization that provides our offertory envelopes. To access our Online Giving Portal, go to <http://www.straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving>.

About Online Giving at St. Raphael Parish

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

Reasons to sign up for Online Giving:

- Freedom from writing checks or bringing cash to church and free service
- Peace-of-mind knowing that St. Raphael is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend.
- More security than checks
- All contributions recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement
- Provision for a more steady and level stream of income for our parish



I hear music in the air!

Have you thought about.....

Giving the choir a try? In preparation for the season of Lent and the following Eastertide, have you considered singing in the Choir? Members are always welcome, at any time of the year, but with preparations beginning for Lent and Easter, now is the perfect time to try out the choir. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in church. After a brief time you will see what a wonderful group of people the choir is! We rehearse, laugh, support one another and, of course, pray during our weekly rehearsals. We would love to have you! This is a perfect ministry for you to journey with during Lent.

There are also several opportunities for cantor positions. These are by audition only, requiring a vocal evaluation with the Music Director. Please contact the music department for an appointment - musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org. If you have any questions, or you would like to start rehearsals, please call the music office and speak with Nancy Deacon 314.352.8100 Ext. 220.



Online Giving

from OurSundayVisitor

Online Giving provides a convenient way for parishioners to make financial contributions. It also relieves church staff from managing secure account information. Online Giving is a web-based offertory solution that allows parishioners to make donations electronically from any location at any time. Administration is simple and easy.

Features:

- Parishioners may start, stop and change contributions at any time
- Parish staff may select credit card and/or ACH (direct deposit) options for the system
- Parishioners may use multiple accounts for giving, including both credit cards and bank accounts
- Parishioners may select any date for gifts to be processed, with no need to wait for certain dates in the month
- Select gift frequencies for each contribution fund: Includes weekly, monthly, every two months, quarterly, twice annually and annually
- Online Giving contains a full complement of reports for parishioners
- Direct Donate provides visitors a way to make a contribution without registering in the system
- The Online Giving app allows parishioners to give via any device
- Automatically notifies givers that gifts will be processed and confirmation that they have been processed
- The system automatically notifies givers that credit cards are about to expire

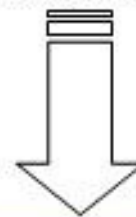
Uses:

- Anytime, anywhere access
- Regular contributions, automatically withdrawn on the date specified
- One time gifts for special occasions or visitors who are not registered
- Special intention gifts
- Pledges as part of a campaign or as committed regular contributions
- Event payments for classes, dinners, auctions, field trips and more
- Parishioners may continue contributions while traveling or unable to attend Mass
- College students, extended family, or vacationers may contribute from any location
- Complement to offering envelope programs

Distinctions:

- Online Giving ensures that contribution funds flow directly from parishioner accounts to the parish bank account
- Parish staff does not have access to parishioner account information
- Account and contribution information is encrypted and stored securely

Quick and Easy Sign-up!



“ Computer workstations will be available in both vestibules after each Mass this weekend, 2/18 & 19 for you to sign up.

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To sign up for Online Giving, visit
<http://www.straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving>

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, Feb. 20th

5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
6:45 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Angel Room	R.C.I.A.
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	School Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 21st

1:30 pm - Tobias Room	Bible Study
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
5:30 pm - Tobias Room	Finance Council
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Men's Club
7:00 pm - Church	Wkly. Rosary Recitation
7:30 pm - Raphael Room	Wild Goose Project Prst.

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd

9:00 am- Quilters Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Church	SRA Schola Rehearsal
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Church	Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scout Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 23rd

1:30 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scout Cookie Distr.
2:00 pm - School	SRA Dance Classes
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball
7:00 pm - Church	Lector Workshop

Friday, Feb. 24th

5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball
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Saturday, Feb. 25th

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
8:00 am - Gym	BB Tournament

Sunday, Feb. 26th

8:00 am - Gym	BB Tournament
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Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL HIGHSCHOOLERS!

Please join us this **Wednesday, February 22 from 7 -9pm** at Bishop DuBourg High School as we celebrate the good things that God did during last week-end's Luke 18 retreat.

See www.saintlouislifeteen.org for more information!

Naeger Scholarship Opportunity

Two scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year: one for St. John Vianney High School and one for Nerinx Hall High School. Each scholarship is for \$1,000 and is based on community service. This is open to 8th-graders through juniors in high school who will be attending either of these schools for the 2017-2018 school year and meet the criteria. For more information and to apply, please go to http://naegerins.com/scholarship_information.

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN STARTING IN MARCH

In view of the passage of Aldermanic Board Bill 203, which was vigorously opposed by Archbishop Carlson and St. Louis ProLifers, we need to re-double our ProLife efforts. One way to do that is to support the LifeLine Coalition Campaign that will begin on Sunday, March 5 and extend through Sunday, March 19. The LifeLine Coalition is a group of ProLife social service agencies that provide women with assistance for medical expenses, housing, food and clothing. They also offer educational and spiritual guidance, counseling, and adoption services. The Coalition contributes 1% of its annual budget to the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund that assists families with a temporary financial challenge. Your March packet of envelopes will contain the LifeLine Coalition envelope. Watch for it and help us build a Culture of Life. The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

QUILT RAFFLE

Get your donations in for a chance to win the quilt offered by St. Raphael's quilters. Profits will be used for church supplies that are needed for Parish liturgies. *St. Raphael's Quilters*

Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

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Date: February 15, 2017

Pages Sent: 10 pages not including two pages of ads

Contact: Parish Office 314.352.8100

Special Instructions: