

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by
appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with
exposition) following 7:00am Mass
concluding at 2:00pm with Benediction

Subsequent Tuesday of each month
(without exposition) 7:30am to 2:30pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

ROSARY

Tuesday at 7:00pm in Church

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make
arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six
months prior to the intended date.

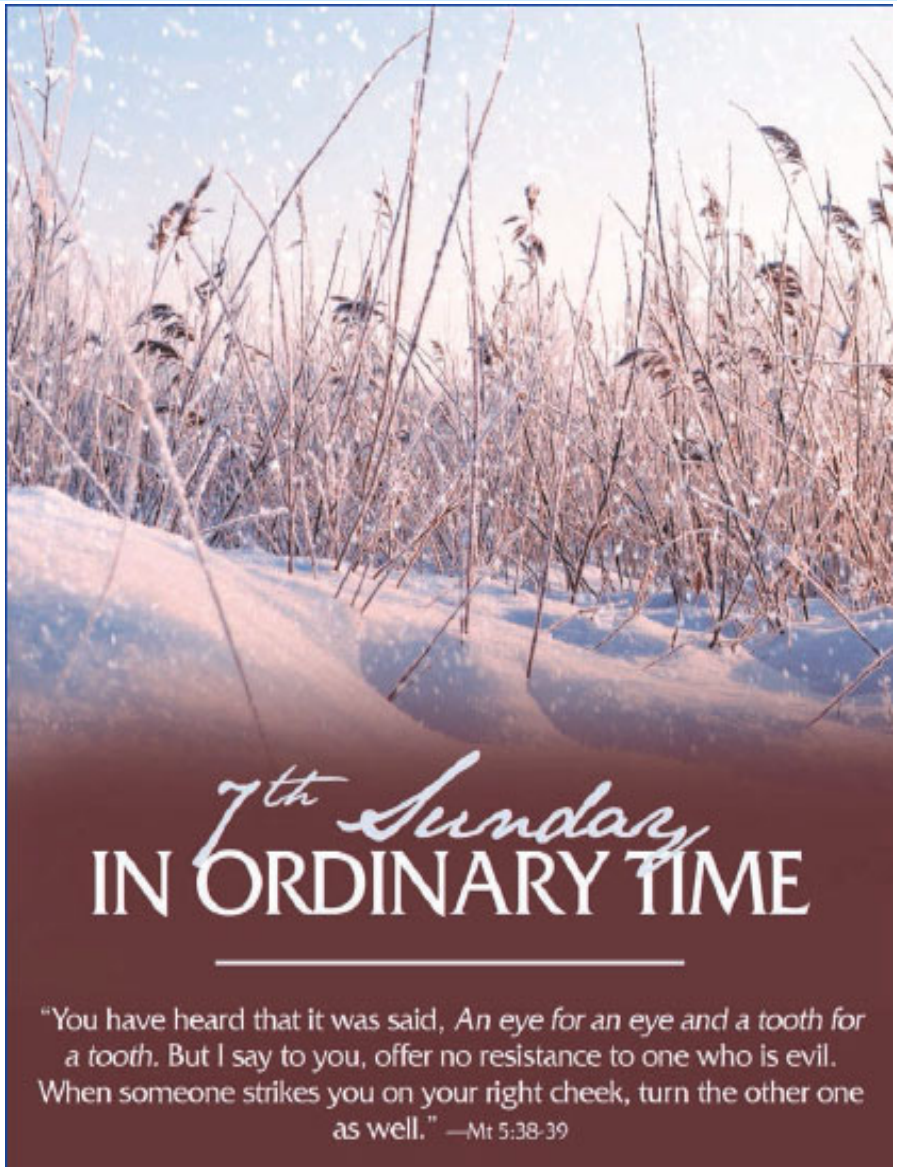
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019



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.”

CLERGY & STAFF

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frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org

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A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: (*here name them*). Amen.

Monday, February 25

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
3:30pm - Gym	4th Gr. Boys Bball.
5:00pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
7:00pm - Guardian Angel	St. Vincent de Paul
7:30pm - Church	So. City Men's Recl.

Tuesday, February 26

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Church	Lectio Group
3:30pm - Gym	4th Gr. Boys Bball.
5:00pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:30pm - Tobias Room	Women of Faith

Wednesday, February 27

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters
3:15pm - Gym	4th Gr. Girls Bball.
5:00pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
6:00pm - Raphael Room	Health Talk

Thursday, February 28

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - School	Dance Class
3:15pm - Art Room	Chess Club
5:00pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament

Friday, March 1

7:00am - Church	Mass
3:00pm - Gym	7th Gr. Girls Bball.

Saturday, March 2

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Gym	CYC Bball. Games
9:00am - Cafeteria	Pinewood Derby
4:30pm - Church	Mass

Sunday, March 3

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Mass
12:00pm - Gym	CYC Bball. Games

Fr. John's Digital Quill for Spiritual Musings and Parish News

Rejoice and Repent...For Here Comes Lent!

In about a week and a half, we will be gathered to begin our observance of the Season of Lent. It is one of my personal favorite seasons in the Church year. For forty days, we are called by Christ to focus on what we are really about as Catholic Christians: focusing on Him in our prayer, words, and actions.

It is not too early to begin to reflect prayerfully on what you would like to do to celebrate this Holy Season. Surely, it is easy to think about what you did last year and just to duplicate it. Perhaps indeed this is what the Lord is calling you to do.

Consider this; you are not the same person you were last year. Over the past year, you have hopefully grown in many different ways and see yourself in a different light than you did about this time last year. Should not your Lenten practice reflect who you are now versus who you were then?

It is traditional to give up something for Lent. Next week, we will reflect a bit on this practice.

Lenten Project

This week in your homes, you will receive from the Stewardship Committee and me information on this year's Lenten Project. We have decided, instead of focusing on a charity or parish outside of our own, to make this year's Lenten Project focus on SRA. At the recent town hall meetings, the need for everyone to be involved in our parish community was emphasized. This Lenten Project will help to emphasize this message as we invite you to consider prayerfully how you are involved at SRA and how the Lord may be calling you to modify that, add to it, or just begin to get involved.

How We Will Spend Our Lent

In the mailing that will go home, you will find information on the liturgies of the Lenten Season.

Our spiritual focus this Lent will be the basic Catholic devotions. On Tuesdays, we will have confessions available from 6:15-6:45pm. Holy Mass will follow at 7:00pm with a 27.5 minute guarantee! Following Mass, we will have a short presentation and practice of a traditional Catholic devotion. This will all conclude by 8:00pm. If you are looking for something a bit spiritual in Lent, this is the perfect event for you. Also, if you miss one week, you can keep coming, as each week will cover a new devotion that is separate from the previous week.

Other spiritual activities this Lent are celebrating the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:00pm (and on March 15 at 7:00pm as well), a communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick, and extra times for confession.

Know of my prayers for all of you this Sunday as we gather in prayer for Mass. I will be back in town on Thursday; please feel free to call or e-mail if you need me before I return.

Blessings,

Fr. John #SRAstrong

From Mrs. Hayes:

Open House Sunday on January 27 was a huge success. We had many new families come to see our school from Pre-school to 8th grade. Keep spreading the good word about our school to friends and family. We hope you enjoyed the coffee and doughnuts served on Monday morning. On Tuesday, the kids traveled with their buddies to different service stations throughout the school. They made cards of appreciation for our policemen and firemen, learned how to weave placemats for an upcoming dinner, and then learned how to braid old T-shirt strips into doggy toys. On Wednesday, the teachers enjoyed an extended lunch provided by our Home & School Association. Thank you, the lunch was delicious. The day ended with the faculty playing a friendly game of "Faculty Feud." You will have to ask your kids who won! We successfully transported the entire school to watch a movie and enjoy a snack. It was awesome to see our older buddies assisting the younger buddies in getting on and off the buses, getting their snacks and then to their seats. It was a sight to be seen - all the little faces in the stadium seats. I was touched by the number of students, little and big, who expressed excitement and appreciation for the field trip. Thank you, also, to the Home & School Association, Ladies' Club, and Men's Club for making this day possible. We ended the day with trivia in the family classrooms. Then we wrapped up our week of celebration with Grandparent's Day. I know the kids enjoyed having special guests visit their school. Thank you, everyone, faculty, parents, and students, for making this a fantastic week!

We have HEAT!!! Thanks to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Ruggeri, Mr. Vollmer, Mr. Abbott and I'm sure a few others who pitched in to help, we have added a new furnace to the cafeteria, new dual-wall units to the first-floor classrooms and wall units to stairwells. The entire school is warm even in zero-degree weather. The teachers and students appreciate the warmth!

Remember that the Today & Tomorrow Education Foundation Scholarship's online application is open and the final deadline is February 28. Keep in mind all documentation has to be submitted by the end of February in order for the application to be considered complete. The Alive in Christ Scholarship is on a first-come basis so please do not hesitate to apply.

Thank you to all the families who have returned their registration forms for the 2019-2020 school year. It is an honor to know you have chosen St. Raphael for your child's education.



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 24

8:00am Thomas J. Koehler, Sr.

10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, February 25

7:00am Don Deachan

8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, February 26

7:00am Mary Lammert

8:00am Leo & Ann Bereswill

Wednesday, February 27

7:00am Peggy Gilligan

8:00am Vito Maniaci

Thursday, February 28

7:00am Ada Cross, SI

8:00am Rev. Donald Koch

Friday, March 1

7:00am Harold Sykora

Saturday, March 2

7:00am Eleanor Schafly

4:30pm Mary Murphy

Sunday, March 3

8:00am Ralph Kolde

10:00am People of the Parish



Pastoral Care Ministry

Are you or someone you know unable to make it to Mass anymore due to age or a physical limitation (on a permanent or temporary basis)? Would you like to receive the Eucharist weekly?

Do you bring Communion to anyone in the parish or outside of the parish?

If so, please contact our pastoral care ministry! Either contact the rectory or our coordinator, Mary Faith Green, at 314.832.3310 or by e-mail greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net

SAVE THE DATE!

SRA MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY!

Friday, March 15

4:00 - 7:00pm

St. Raphael Cafeteria

More information to follow!



Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient!

Please visit: straphaelarchangel.org/online-giving. It's quick and simple to sign up!

SERVERS FOR FEB. 25-MAR. 3, 2019

Monday, February 25

7:00am Thad Berta Addison Berta
8:00am Andrew Kellar Gavin Smith

Tuesday, February 26

7:00am Sydney Browning Henry Cyr
8:00am Andrew Kellar Gavin Smith

Wednesday, February 27

7:00am Rory Barnawell Isabella Pfeiffer
8:00am Gavin Smith Eva Thompson

Thursday, February 28

7:00am William Hotze Gavin Smith
8:00am Gavin Smith Eva Thompson

Friday, March 1

7:00am Flora Borowiak Andrew Kellar

Saturday, March 2

7:00am Liam McMorrow Alex Atchison
4:30pm Rory Barnawell Aidan Switzer
Mateo Switzer

Sunday, March 3

8:00am Cate Guenther Cillian Sheehan
Anna-Grace Guenther
10:00am Addison Berta Thad Berta
Sydney Browning

**MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF
MARCH 2-3, 2019**

LECTORS

4:30pm 8:00am 10:00am
George Kerry Lorraine Gurley Denise Howard

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathy Steck Carol Hughes Joe Zulich
Pam Hager Kevin Liddy Dan Harbaugh
Kathe Berger Mary Niemeyer Amy Schisler
Gina Horas Mary Reck Anna Skidmore
Brian McCarthy Barbara Cramer

**ARCHBISHOP CARLSON'S
STEWARDSHIP GOAL**

"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent, and treasure."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (Luke 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

February 17, 2019 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (90)	\$ 3,595.00	\$165,594.00
Loose Money	\$ 2,158.00	\$ 31,527.00
School Tuition Asst.	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,893.00
Building Fund	\$ 80.00	\$ 3,702.00
Holy Days	\$ 25.00	\$ 7,374.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,405.00	\$ 65,351.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00	
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
St. Louis Review	(\$ 70.00)	
Concern for the Poor	(\$ 1.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 2.00)	
Parish Needs	\$ 1.00	
Cath. Home Missions	(\$ 1.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 8,378.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,304.00	\$271,242.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$298,000.00
Difference	(\$ 696.00)	(\$ 27,310.00)



jj twig's

PIZZA & PUB
SOUTH HAMPTON

DATE March 21, 2019
WHERE 5600 HAMPTON AVENUE
 SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109

Join us at JJ Twigs for the NCAA Basketball watch party from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. All you can eat - buffet style - Pizza, Salad, Beer and Soda for \$20 a person - payment will be collected by SRA volunteers at JJ Twigs. Proceeds go to benefit St. Raphael the Archangel School.

For any questions contact John Meier
 @ 314.651.4496
 jfmeier333@gmail.com



"If you don't have confidence in Faith, then you might as well not be playing."

Thank you to our current sponsors: Tom Oldenburg, Joe Cyr @ ILI Communities, the Kleekamp Family, the Thompson Family, the Berry Family, and the Naeger Family. If you would like to add your company logo or your family name to the sponsorship list, please call John Meier at 314.651.4496.

Experience the Wow! The One And Only **Butter Braid** FROZEN PASTRY DOUGH

SRA 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER BUTTER BRAID[®] PASTRIES



- ❖ Completed order forms with payment (checks payable to SRA) can be sent to the Rectory or School Office.
- ❖ Order forms must be received by March 1st
- ❖ Pick-up/delivery will be week of March 12th

NAME / ADDRESS / PHONE # / EMAIL	STRAWBERRY CREAM CHEESE	CINNAMON	APPLE	CREAM CHEESE	CHERRY	RASPBERRY	CARAMEL ROLL	TOTAL DUE
	Butter Braid® Pastries - \$15.00 each							

Please join us March 30
at the SRA Home and School

Progressive Dinner

Appetizers....Dinner....Dessert....Music

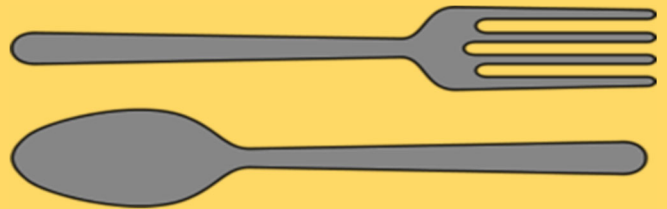
Dessert will be held at the home
of Ray and Mary Anne Braun!

All parishioners and school families are invited.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person
unless you are an appetizer or dinner host.

Reservations are required!
Payment can be sent to the parish office or
school office in care of Jenny Delf.

Don't Miss the Fun!



Are you willing to Host: Appetizer_____ Dinner_____

Are you willing to provide a dessert:_____

Name of Attendees: _____

Address:_____

Preferred Contact:_____

Make Checks Payable to SRA HSA
Questions – HSA@straphaelarchangel.org

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

We extend our sincere appreciation for the support you continue to provide us. Your generous donations have allowed us to give needed assistance to families right here in our neighborhoods. We also thank the Ladies' and Men's Clubs for their on-going financial support, as well.

Here is what we have been able to accomplish in the last half of 2018:

- 120 calls to the rectory for assistance
- 30 in-person visits
- \$5894 in utility payments
- \$2760 provided for rent assistance
- \$2508 in Food Vouchers provided
- \$200 in specialty gift cards
- Provided 5 new beds and bedding
- \$800 in donations to other SVdP Conferences who reached out for help

In addition, we:

- Delivered toiletries, diapers and paper goods during our home visits
- Provided vouchers to the SVdP Thrift Store for clothing and household items through credit we received from the donation bin on the parking lot
- Assisted with applications for prescription assistance programs
- Provided resources for job opportunities, food pantries and other community programs
- Delivered Thanksgiving food baskets to area families
- Delivered Christmas Angel Tree items to Peter & Paul Community Services
- Served 150 people during a meal at Sts. Peter and Paul
- Delivered food collected in our monthly food drives to neighboring food pantries
- Offered prayers and companionship to all who reached out for help

SAVE THE DATE! DONATIONS NEEDED!

Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Thursday, April 25
St. Raphael Gym

We are currently accepting donations for items for theme baskets, bath and body products, garden items, food items, gift cards, handbags, event/movie tickets, jewelry, home décor, and much, much more! Items can be dropped off at the parish office or call Rachel Flavin at 314.496.8303 for arrangements for pick up.

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN MARCH 3 TO MARCH 17, 2019

In 1986, Archbishop John L. May formed the LIFELINE COALITION to raise awareness that pregnancy assistance services are available, to generate new revenue for caregivers, and to expand services to pregnant women. The LIFELINE COALITION, composed of Our Lady's Inn, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund, Birthright, and Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, provides help for women in crisis pregnancies. More than 10,000 local women and children are helped each year through this ProLife campaign. You will find your LIFELINE envelope in the March packet of envelopes. ALL PROCEEDS from this campaign go directly to aid the people most in need. Please place your envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you for supporting the Culture of Life!
The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Please note, this year we will not be sending out parish-wide contribution forms. Please call or email the parish office if you would like to have yours mailed to you.

ST. RAPHAEL SERVES A MEAL AT STS. PETER & PAUL

A word of gratitude to all who answered the call to help us prepare and serve a wonderful St. Valentine's Day meal to 150 guests at Sts. Peter and Paul. Thank you to our school children who created beautiful placemats that made the dinner hall festive. Entertained by our SRA musicians, the room was filled with familiar songs that were enjoyed by all. Our barbecuers came through again with a tasty, warm meal. Thanks to those who donated coffee, drink mixes and paper towels, and those who provided financial support. The response for Valentine candy was overwhelming - we were able to put gift bags together for each person who attended and they were so grateful to be remembered in such a special way. Finally, a sincere appreciation to the 25 volunteers who cooked, served, and cleaned up the night of our dinner. What a positive and energetic group - laughter and smiles were contagious. What an honor to be able to share the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with others, especially those most in need.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Join us February 28 for a program on human trafficking that will include a viewing of a short but powerful video--*Dreams Die Hard*--about three victims of trafficking. Following the documentary, you will hear from a panel about efforts to combat human trafficking/slavery in St. Louis from those who serve victims. As you and I delve into the reality of human slavery, we will discover who is addressing this in our community and what YOU can do about it. A number of organizations will be attending to share with you what they are doing.

Thursday, February 28, 2019
6:30pm
St. Margaret of Scotland School
3964 Castleman
(Child Care Available)

For more information, please contact Pat Dougherty at patdougherty48@gmail.com.

THE VOCATION CHALICE



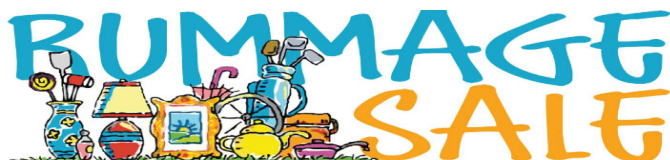
Please consider taking the Vocation Chalice into your home for a week.

During that week, the host family will be asked to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life.

To learn more about the program, contact a member of the St. Raphael Serra Committee: Barb Cramer, George Kerry, Bob Ahrens, or Bart Saracino. To sign up for a week, please call Maureen Ahrens at 314.353.8444 or email at reahrens40@att.net.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Join the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in celebrating a special Liturgy commemorating the Beatification of their foundress, Blessed Mother Clelia Merloni, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on Saturday, April 6, at 1:00pm. A reception will follow in Boland Hall.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
5021 ADKINS AT DELOR
SATURDAY, MARCH 2
7:00AM TO 12:00 NOON

All are Invited!!

First Friday, March 1st

with Father Sam Conedera, SJ

Author and Medieval Church Historian

Saint Clement of Rome Church

1510 Bopp Road, Des Peres, MO 63131

4:30pm: Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

5:30pm: Celebration of the Holy Mass

6:30pm: Dinner (free will offering) & Refection in St. Clement School Cafeteria

**Activities for youth & babysitting will be available during Reflection

RSVP (requested but not required): info@mostsacredheart.net



Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

ATTENTION, ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

Attention, all high schoolers! Please join us this Wednesday, February 27, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg for a night of prayer, worship and nachos! Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

FISH FRY LISTING AND MAP -
#EatMoreFish

What is the best way to communicate with a fish? *Drop it a line!* **#EatMoreFish**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



WELCOME TO ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH FAMILY!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/Email/Address

Please Contact Me

Please Do Not Publish #