

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



FOURTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 3, 2019

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE REMAIN, THESE THREE;
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE

is love.

I CORINTHIANS 13:13

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.”

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

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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.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH FEB. 4-10, 2019

Monday, February 4

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
3:30pm - Gym 4th Gr. Boys Bball.
5:30pm - Gym 2nd Gr. Boys Bball.
6:30pm - Gym 3rd Gr. Boys Bball.
7:00pm - Parish Office Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, February 5

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
1:00pm - Parish Office Fifty Plus Club
1:30pm - Church Lectio Group
3:15pm - Church Children's Choir
3:30pm - Gym 4th Gr. Boys Bball.
6:00pm - Gym 6th Gr. Boys Bball.
6:30pm - Cafeteria 2nd Gr. Cub Scouts
7:00pm - Church Rosary Recitation
7:30pm - Gym 7th Gr. Boys Bball.

Wednesday, February 6

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room Quilters
3:15pm - Gym 4th Gr. Girls Bball.
4:45pm - Gym 5th Gr. Boys Bball.
6:00pm - Gym 5-6th Gr. Girls Bball.
6:00pm - Cafeteria Step Class
7:00pm - Cafeteria Confirmation Meeting
8:30pm - Gym Men's Club Bball.

Thursday, February 7

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
2:00pm - School Dance Class
3:15pm - Art Room Chess Club
4:30pm - Gym 3rd Gr. Girls Bball.
5:45pm - Gym PreK-2nd Gr. Bball.
7:15pm - Gym 7th Gr. Girls Bball.

Friday, February 8

7:00am - Church Mass
3:00pm - Gym 7th Gr. Girls Ball.
4:15pm - Cafeteria 1st Gr. Girl Scouts
5:00pm - Gym CYC Bball. Games

Saturday, February 9

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria Step Class
8:00am - Gym CYC Bball. Games
4:30pm - Church/Tobias Room Mass/Wedding Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, February 10

8:00am - Church Mass-Pancake Bfst.
10:00am - Church Mass of Appreciation & Pancake Bfst.
12:00pm - Gym CYC Bball. Games

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

Questions from the Town Hall

We had a few questions at our Town Hall presentations last week. Here I will address them.

Our Assessments to the Archdiocese are \$21,000 per month. That seems high. How are assessments charged to parishes in the Archdiocese?

Each year, the Archdiocese uses a formula to calculate our assessments based on a percentage of our income. This formula is the same for all of the parishes in the Archdiocese. What do we get for these funds? We get many things:

- Insurance on our buildings and property
- Assistance from the building and real estate office of the Archdiocese when needed
- Human resources support when needed
- Legal counsel to handle our legal affairs
- The Archdiocesan School Office that works with our school to ensure we maintain the proper accreditation
- Retirement assistance for priests in the Archdiocese
- And many other items as well

We may not use the Cardinal Rigali Center each day, but we use it many days out of the year and we have to pay for it throughout the year so that it is there when we need it. I compare our assessments to the taxes we pay each year. We look at our own tax bill many times and we think it is too high. We get frustrated that it is so high and then...we pay it. It is the same for the parish. It is a good amount of money that we pay and we may get frustrated when we see it. But...we are going to pay it because this is part of being in the Catholic Church.

Is our school's tuition comparable to surrounding Catholic schools?

Yes. Each year when we review our tuition, part of the conversation is looking at surrounding schools (e.g. St. Gabriel, St. Ambrose, Holy Cross Academy, South City Catholic Academy), and making sure our tuition is in line with what they are charging.

I do not give now to the Sunday Offertory because I can only give a few dollars per week. Can that really make a difference?

Yes! When this question comes up, I think of Winston Churchill, leader of Great Britain during World War II. During the time it looked bleakest for Britain and the Allies, he expressed his confidence in final victory if each person did his/her duty, or in other words, if each person did his/her part.

This sounds exactly like what St. Paul said last week in our 2nd Reading...“each part of the body needs to do their part for the body to properly function.” The same is true for our parish community. Through each person doing what he/she can, our parish community functions much better and is stronger than if only some parts are doing the work of the whole body.

We are grateful for each and every contribution a family can make to our parish. It is through each of us doing our part that our parish will be stronger and overcome any challenge before us.

What can I do to help promote our school?

Along the lines we just spoke about in the previous question, we each play a part in promoting our school. Perhaps it is by speaking about our school to our family and friends in the area. We may place a sign in our yard promoting and supporting our school. Promoting our school online through our Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram account by posting or re-posting from the school on our page may be other ways. Also, the work of the school is a spiritual effort as well. Prayers for our school can also be a great help in keeping our school and parish community deeply rooted in Christ.

Please know that if any other questions come forward, we will certainly address them here.

Chalice Program

This weekend, members of the Serra Club from our parish will be speaking to us about signing up families to support our new Vocational Chalice Program. Just as a preview/review of their presentation: This program will invite families to come to Sunday Mass and receive a chalice to take home. Over the week, they pray with this chalice for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. At the end of the week, on Friday or Saturday, they bring the chalice back to church to be given out the next weekend.

Scholarships are Available

Attention, school families! Please do not forget to apply for Archdiocesan scholarships for school tuition. The online application is now open. We require that all families who are looking for assistance from the parish first apply through this program before approaching the parish for assistance. For more information or to apply, please visit <http://tgef-stl.org/>.

Happy Scout Sunday!

Here is a Psalm for our scouts this Sunday.

A Psalm for Scouts and Scouters

The Lord God is our Great Scoutmaster who provides all our needs. He lets us camp in forests tall and meadows green. He leads us on trails beside waters deep and still, brooks babbling, streams rushing, and rivers raging.

He restores our bodies, minds and souls, even as we observe the eagle soaring to greater heights above. He encourages the Eagle Scout in his upward climb. He teaches Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers to live the Scout Oath and Law. Even though the trails may lead through dark valleys with towering mountains, we are courageous because He leads us onward. He continually blesses us with food for mind and body. Even when our enemies dislike or distrust us, He blesses us with the gifts of love and forgiveness. Surely, His goodness and mercy will sustain us all the days of our lives. And, when we climb the final trail through the awesome pass that leads to the Great Council fire, we shall join those who traveled the trail before us and joyfully live with Him forever!

From: <https://www.scouting.org/resources/info-center/relationships/scout-sunday/>.

Trivia Fact

Two of our weekends in January saw some inclement weather come through our area. One might wonder how much it costs to keep our lot clear during the winter weather. It cost over these two weeks around \$2,000 in snow and ice removal. Let us pray for an early Spring!

I will see you in Church! – Fr. John #SRAstrong



Sunday, February 3

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Taylor Rose Trokey

Monday, February 4

7:00am Bill Goeddel
8:00am Maureen Mabry Hizer

Tuesday, February 5

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Ernie Winkelmann

Wednesday, February 6

7:00am Lucille Karr
8:00am Michael Drabb

Thursday, February 7

7:00am Caroline Burke
8:00am David F. Lunnemann

Friday, February 8

7:00am Mary Murphy

Saturday, February 9

7:00am Rebecca Cross, SI
4:30pm James McGee

Sunday, February 10

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Marcia Matreci

SERVERS FOR FEB. 4-10, 2019

Monday, February 4

7:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Cate Guenther
8:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Cillian Sheehan

Tuesday, February 5

7:00am	William Hotze	Cillian Sheehan
8:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Cillian Sheehan

Wednesday, February 6

7:00am	Nahima Ramirez	Joey Raymo
8:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Cillian Sheehan

Thursday, February 7

7:00am	Mateo Switzer	Justin Wingron
8:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Cillian Sheehan

Friday, February 8

7:00am	William Hotze	Cillian Sheehan
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Saturday, February 9

7:00am	Flora Borowiak	Gavin Smith
4:30pm	Alex Atchison	Jack Stein
	Avery Bradshaw	

Sunday, February 10

8:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Josh Abbott
	Samantha Koziacki	
10:00am	Liam McMorrow	Lydia Bick
	Christian Concepcion	

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 9-10, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Jerri Blassie	Mary Reck	Heather Hays

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

*May the Lord help us to balance our lives by
enjoying the gifts we have been given and
generously sharing
with those in need, without expecting
anything in return.*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous.” (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less “self-centered” and more “God-centered.”

Save the Date!

Join the SRA Home and School Association in a Progressive Community Dinner on March 30, 2019, following 4:30 pm Mass. Save the date-more exciting details to come!

Your Contributions to God and Parish

January 27, 2019 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (103)	\$ 4,637.00	\$151,695.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 27,979.00
School Tuition Asst.	\$ 290.00	\$ 2,498.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 3,168.00
Holy Days	\$ 7.00	\$ 7,349.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 56,951.00
First Offering	\$ 85.00	
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
St. Louis Review	(\$ 395.00)	
Lifeline Coalition	(\$ 1.00)	
Concern for the Poor	(\$ 20.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 8,660.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,244.00	\$246,482.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$271,000.00
Difference	(\$ 756.00)	(\$ 25,070.00)



THE VOCATION CHALICE

The Vocation Chalice is now at St. Raphael!

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 sign up for a week, please contact Maureen Ahrens at 314.353.8444 or reahrens40@att.net.



WEDDING

Congratulations to Grace Bueckendorf and Joseph Wright (SRA 2006) on their wedding that took place on Saturday, January 5, 2019. May the Lord bless them with many happy years together, so they may enjoy the rewards of a good life.



MORE ABOUT THE PRO-LIFE CAUSE

Here are some important thoughts from the ProLife work of Dr. Jerome Lejeune, the first president of the Pontifical Academy of Life.

“The enemies of life know that to destroy Christian civilization, they must first destroy the family at its weakest point - the child. And among the weakest, they must choose the least protected of all - the child who has never been seen; the child who is not yet known or loved in the usual meaning of the word; who has not yet seen the light of day; who cannot cry out in distress. We need to be clear: the quality of a civilization can be measured by the respect it has for its weakest members. There is no other criterion.” May the Lord bless us as we continue to uphold the Culture of Life.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The next Fifty Plus meeting is Tuesday, February 5, at 1:00pm in the Parish Office Raphael Room. Bring a friend! Also, bring some canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Mary’s High School Senior, Ben Schicker, SRA 2015, was named Senior Marianist Dragon of the Month for demonstrating the Characteristic of Marianist Education (CME) of Adaptation and Change.

School News

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SERVICE DAY



SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER

At Chick-fil-A Hampton & Chippewa



Tuesday , February 5th • 5pm-8pm

A percentage of sales generated will benefit
St. Raphael's 8th grade class!

Please be sure to let your cashier know that
you are a part of the Spirit Night before paying
for your meal!



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SCRIP
before
you shop

Thank you to everyone for all the SCRIP orders. SRA Home and School Association (HSA) earned approximately \$700 in 2018 from the SCRIP program. All the money goes back to the students, so thank you for your support!

FREE THROW CONTEST - TODAY!

The Knights of Columbus will host a Free Throw Contest today at 11:30am in the St. Raphael Gym. Boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/19) may register to participate. Winners may advance to District, Region and State levels. The St. Raphael council has had two individuals advance to the State Level in the past, with Jessie Davis winning the State Championship. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Ahrens at 314.353.8444 or Matt Borowiak at 314.351.0606.

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Please continue to use Amazon Smile and a percentage of your Amazon purchase will go to SRA!! You must use the Amazon Smile web site: smile.amazon.com. From this site you select SRA as your recipient, log into your account, and start spending! Prime members and non-prime members can participate; everyone can help SRA earn extra money every time you buy!!

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place Gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living Gospel values. Is God calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven. Please consider joining us in volunteering to help serve the poor. To learn more, please call the parish office.

ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!

SRA is continuing to look for all alumni. Therefore, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Jennifer Delf at alums@straphaelarchangel.org or you can call the parish office at 314.352.8100.

SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 24, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Come and see the place that we call home!



ST. RAPHAEL PARISH TO SERVE DINNER AT STS. PETER AND 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 Thursday, February 14, St. Raphael's SVdP Conference will provide the meal. We are excited to again have this opportunity to reach out to those in need. Since this meal happens to fall on St. Valentine's Day, we will try to make it extra special.

If you are interested in helping us, we could use the following:

- Lots of St. Valentine Candy (we are putting "goody bags" together)
- Coffee - 2 lb. Can
- Paper Towels
- Cans of Sweetened Kool-Aid - 6 Needed
- Financial Donations (Checks payable to St. Raphael SVdP and marked for Sts. Peter & Paul)

These items can be dropped off at the parish office or we'd be happy to pick up. Please keep our parishioners in your prayers as they plan, cook and serve. And pray for those whom we have the honor of serving. If you would like to contribute or are interested in serving, please contact Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net.

WINTER OUTREACH - A MINISTRY OF MERCY

With gratitude to all the SRA parishioners who make this ministry possible year after year, we are encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings: *"Option for the Poor and Vulnerable."* Our Parish Community is truly committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith 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) As winter approaches, many homeless "brethren" will be spending their days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, **we are asking for help in providing meals** during the coldest months. **Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter** (1315 Ann Street) on our assigned Saturdays:

February 16

Please consider assisting the Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following:

9 x 13 Casserole (Meat, Vegetable or Breakfast)

Dessert - 12 to 24 Servings

Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall by 1:00 pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick it up from your home. If you would like more information, would like to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or email maryem@brick.net.



Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

ATTENTION, ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

Attention, all high schoolers! Please join us this Wednesday, February 6, from 7-9:00pm at Bishop DuBourg as we continue to grow in prayer and community. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.



Join the fun at the St. Patrick Center Trivia Party on Friday, February 8, at Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark. Gather your team for 8 rounds of trivia.

Register your table of 8 for \$500 and enjoy a supersized party that includes food, beer, wine, soda, and parking. For more information, visit stpatrikcenter.org/triviaparty.

POKER TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Poker Tournament on February 16. Tournament will be held at Assumption (Mattis). Cost is \$25 with gift cards for the winners. If interested, please contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com or Eventbrite.com/e/kofc-poker-tournament-tickets-54016950152?ref=estw.



**SAVE THE DATE:
CBC GRADE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT**

Join in the fun at the 14th Annual CBC Grade School *Winter Warm-Up* Trivia Night on Friday, February 15, 2019 from 7-9:30pm in CBC's Ross Hall. This event is open to both boys and girls in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Cost is \$10 per person. For registration information, contact Melissa Ryan at ryanm@cbchs.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



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

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