

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

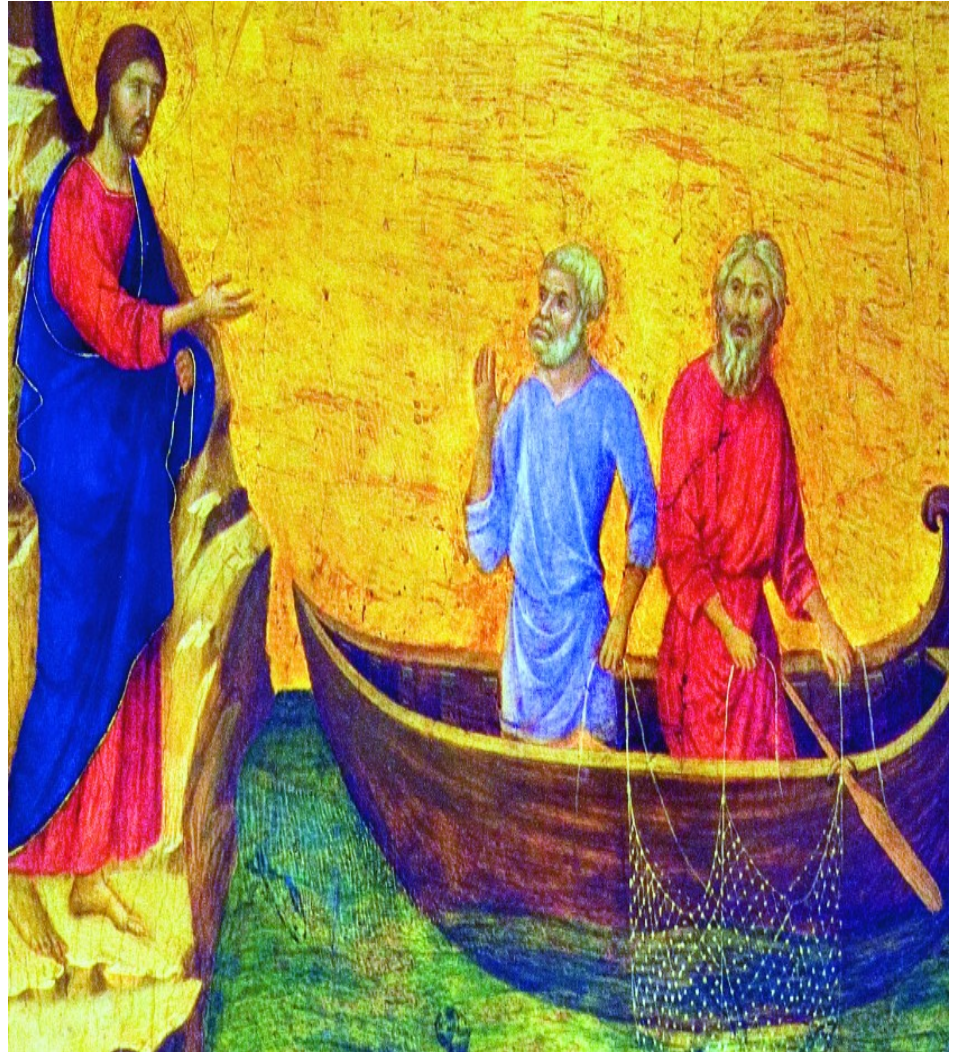
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 21, 2018

THIRD 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
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

CLERGY & STAFF

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, January 22nd

3:10 pm - Cafeteria	6th Gr. Girl Scouts
6:00 pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Boys Bball.
6:00 pm - Parish Office	Finance Council
6:45 pm - Cafeteria	2nd Gr. Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Parish Office	St. V. de Paul
9:00 pm - Gym	Men's Club Soccer

Tuesday, January 23rd

3:15 pm - Church	De Angelis Choir
7:00 pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, January 24th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
6:30 pm - Raphael Room	Welcoming Cte. Mtg.
7:00 pm - Church	Choir
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's Club Basketball

Thursday, January 25th

2:00 pm - Trophy Room	Pre-K Dance
3:00 pm - Trophy Room	K-6 Dance
3:15 pm - Art Room	Chess Club
3:30 pm - Gym	1st & 2nd. Gr. Girls Bball.

Friday, January 26th

7:00 am - Church	Mass
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Saturday, January 27th

7:00 am - Church	Mass
4:30 pm - Church	Mass

Sunday, January 28th

8:00 am - Church	Mass
10:00 am - Church	Mass
11:00 am - School	Open House for Catholic Schools Week

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, January 22nd	Tuesday, January 23rd	Wednesday, January 24th	Thursday, January 25th	Friday, January 26th
Pepperoni Pizza	BBQ Chicken and Cheesy Potatoes	Chicken Strips, Buttered Noodles & Carrots	Ham & Cheese Croissant	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

"I'M BACK!"

My knee replacement surgery on Jan. 2nd was successful and recuperation was quicker than I was expecting. I have been doing home-care physical therapy, but now I have switched to out-patient physical therapy to strengthen the new knee even more. Dr. Brian Fissel did such a great job that I am looking forward to the knee being almost as good as new in a couple of months.

In the meantime, I will be happily celebrating the Eucharist with my St. Raphael Parish Family again, but I will be taking some shortcuts for a while until my new knee gets up to full strength. Thank you for your many prayers, cards, and treats; they are all much appreciated by me.

FIRST MAJOR CHURCH PROJECT FROM OUR SRA "FIFTY AND BEYOND" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We have signed a contract to refinish and repaint our church pews, and get all new kneelers. (Hurrah! I hear you say.) After meeting with four pew companies from across the Midwest and getting competitive bids, and after consultation with our SRA Finance Council, we chose Wood Renovators from Waupaca, Wisconsin, to redo our pews. We had them here in December to show us what they can do by taking the Deacon's seat to refinish and repaint the ends. (Check it out, if you wish.) When it came back looking terrific, we decided to go ahead with Wood Renovators for this huge project will cost \$100,443. This will include replacing the particle board pew "legs" supporting the center of the pews with solid wood supports that will hold the kneeler brackets more securely.

Thanks to your generosity and prompt payments of your campaign pledges, we have \$103,000 already in hand to pay for this.

The timeframe for this project will be spread out over several months. We will start by removing 18 pews this coming week. We will take these 18 pews out of the two transepts of the church: 9 from the bank of pews next to the music ministry area and 9 from the opposite side in front of the cry room. They will be worked on and then returned by the middle of March, in time for Holy Week, Easter, First Communion, Confirmation, parish jubilee Mass, graduation, weddings and so many other liturgical activities in the busy months of April and May.

Then in June and July, when the demand on the church is less, we will do the pews in the nave of the church, one side at a time. When the pews are finished and returned, all the new kneelers will be installed at one time. Then the plan is to work on new carpet throughout the church and to paint the side walls of the interior of the church.

With all this work going on to renovate our church after its first 50 years, I ask for your patience and continued contributions to the "Fifty and Beyond" Campaign, so that we can do even more to make our outstanding place of worship look new again and ready for another 50 years.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND: A DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE LIFE OF THE UNBORN

Tomorrow many thousands will be gathering in Washington, D.C., and other places to protest against policies of legal abortion in this country. For forty-five years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion, American Catholics and their bishops have been proclaiming the Pro-Life message far and wide. Progress towards increasing respect for all human life, especially for the unborn, has been happening, but not fast enough.

As Catholics, the same as many other Christians, we proclaim to all that human life is a precious gift from God and must be treated as such. All of us who have received this gift and all of society must realize that we have responsibilities to God to nurture and protect that gift of human life in others at all stages. Our mantra is that all life is sacred – from conception to natural death.

Therefore, along with our SRA eighth graders who went to Washington, we pray for all Americans to respect the dignity of all human life. Mary, patroness of all the living, pray for us!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *Things are pretty well evened up in this world. Other people's troubles are not so bad as yours, but their children are a lot worse.*

SERVERS FOR JAN. 22/28, 2018

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 am	Sean Madden	William Madden
8:00 am	Avery Bradshaw	Lydia Bick

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 am	Henry Cyr	William Hotze
8:00 am	Christian Concepcion	Isabella Pfeiffer

Wednesday, January 24th

7:00 am	Joey Raymo	Gavin Smith
8:00 am	Lucille Schlichting	Mateo Switzer

Thursday, January 25th

7:00 am	Rory Barnawell	Flora Borowiak
8:00 am	Cate Guenther	Ellie Guenther

Friday, January 26th

7:00 am	Grace Goeddel	William Hotze
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Saturday, January 27th

7:00 am	Samantha Koziacki	Rory Barnawell
4:30 pm	Addison Berta Jack Stein	Thad Berta

Sunday, January 28th

8:00 am	Lydia Bick Henry Cyr	Gillian Neal
10:00 am	Alex Atchison Joey Raymo	Andrew Kellar

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 27/28, 2018

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

George Kerry	Barbara Cramer	Linda Hiette
Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Rosemary Phelan
Pam Hager	Kevin Liddy	Tom Yehlen
Kathe Berger	Mary Niemeyer	Dennis Matreci
Nancy McCarthy	Joyce Holmes	Carolyn Skidmore
Gina Horas	Mary Reck	Greg Divis
Brian McCarthy	Barbara Cramer	Karen Divis
		Ann Grabian

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 21st

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

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 am Martin Tylka
8:00 am Hodes Family SI

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 am Ordean Allen
8:00 am George Saar

Wednesday, January 24th

7:00 am John Gubser
8:00 am Tom Kutis Family

Thursday, January 25th

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

Friday, January 26th

7:00 am Ed Wallner

Saturday, January 27th

7:00 am Julie Ventimiglia
4:30 pm Larry Frie

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JAN. 6/7, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,254
Online Giving	\$ 1,985
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 7,239
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000

Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$234,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$204,930
Shortfall	\$ 29,070

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JAN. 13/14, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,366
Online Giving	\$ 2,342
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 7,708
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000

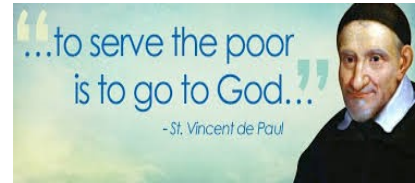
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$243,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$212,638
Shortfall	\$ 30,362



Sunday, January 21	Cornhole Tournament
Sunday, January 28	Catholic Schools Week Begins
Friday, February 2	Grandparent's Day
Saturday, February 3	Marcia Matreci Trivia Night
Saturday, February 10	Wedding Anniversary Mass and Dinner
Thursday, February 15	Ladies' Club Vendor Fair
Sunday, February 25	Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living Gospel values. Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Saturday, February 10 after the 4:30pm Mass, there will be a reception for couples who are celebrating a milestone anniversary. If you were newly married in 2017 or if you will be married this year for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 60-plus years, please call the Parish Office at 314.352.8100 or e-mail to parish@straphaelarchangel.org with your wedding date. We will place you on the invitation list.

Catholic Schools Week
JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Sunday, January 28th
10:00 am Mass
11:00 - 3:00 Open House

Monday, January 29th
Parent Appreciation Day

Tuesday, January 30th
Service Day

Wednesday, January 31st
Faculty Appreciation Day

Thursday, February 1st
Student Appreciation Day

Friday, February 2nd
Grandparent's Day
10:00 am Mass
11:00 - 12:00 Grandparents Day Activities

ADVENT TREE THANK YOU FROM PETER AND PAUL COMMUNITY SERVICES

We wanted to thank you for being part of the Peter and Paul's mission this past year. For those experiencing homelessness or living on a low income, it's too easy to be pushed to society's margins and we appreciate your help in alleviating that through the thoughtfulness of gifts for our residents. We hope your parishioners found time to slow down and enjoy the season.

With Gratitude,
Meghan Van Pelt, Volunteer Coordinator

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.



Every clip counts

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.

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

St. Louis Archdiocesan policy mandates that all who work with children be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program.

Compliance involves: 1) attending a Protecting God's Children workshop; 2) reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct; 3) completion of a state of Missouri Family Care Safety Registration background check before a person begins the ministry that gets updated each even year.

Our parish is in the process of updating all necessary background checks for 2018. If you are no longer active in your ministry, please email the parish Child

Safety Coordinator at mary.a.steck@gmail.com. If you are interested in getting involved in a ministry, please let Mary know too!

Thank you so much for your ministry at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish.



ST. RAPHAEL PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY- COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

The main purpose of our St. Raphael Pastoral Care Ministry is to ensure that the elderly and sick members of our parish have a connection to the Body of Christ. We accomplish this by bringing our homebound the Eucharist on a regular basis, allowing them to remain an integral part of our parish family.

We need your help. Do you know of a parishioner who is unable to receive regular sacraments due to an inability to physically attend Mass (on a permanent or temporary basis)? We could use more Eucharistic Ministers. Are you interested in becoming a member of this Ministry and learning more about how you can assist?

Please respond by calling the Parish Office or by calling or emailing: Mary Faith Green at greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net or 314.832.3310.

Please pray for all members of our parish community.

PROLIFE MONTH

Many thanks to our SRA eighth graders and their chaperones who traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Annual March for Life on January 19. We are grateful to those hardy souls who represented the rest of us by witnessing to the importance of Life, God's wonderful gift.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis will mark the anniversary of the passage of Roe v. Wade with the Annual Memorial Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00am. Before the Mass begins, a representative of each year since 1973 will process down the cathedral aisle, carrying a single red rose. Following the Mass, praying the Rosary as they go, the participants will walk to the Planned Parenthood facility on Forest Park, there to witness to the sanctity of Life.

In prayer, let us remember all of these ProLifers as they strive to build up the Culture of Life.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee



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 # |

WINTER OUTREACH: A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by the example of Pope Francis, who lives out our Catholic social teachings of *“Option for the Poor and Vulnerable,”* southside parishes continue to be committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith-filled 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)

While St. Louis is making great strides to provide resources for the homeless, many still spend their days and nights on the streets. Winter is particularly hard for them. In an effort to reach out to our “brethren” needing warmth and food, **we are asking for help to provide meals** during the coldest months.

Drivers are also needed to deliver meals to Americorps Shelter, 1315 Ann St., on our assigned evenings. Anyone is welcome to serve/visit with shelter guests on these evenings:

	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
February	8	9	10

Will you please provide one of the following:

- 9 x 13 Hot Casserole (any kind)
- Dessert for 24



Together we can make a bountiful meal. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall entrance at 6:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick it up from your home. If you would like more information about this ministry, like to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941.

BOY SCOUTS NEWS AND UPDATES

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST RESCHEDULED



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

BOY SCOUT SUPER BOWL SANDWICHES ON SALE NOW

Boy Scout Troop 500 is selling sub sandwiches for your Super Bowl parties. The Scouts will make two-foot long subs custom ordered to your needs. Order forms can be found at the exits at church. Scouts will be collecting order forms after Masses this weekend, January 21. Boy Scout Subs are \$18 for each two-foot sub, and all proceeds will go to purchasing new camping equipment for the troop.



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

Do you consider yourself a generous person / family? Do you think it's possible to be just a little more generous?

This Lent everyone is invited to join fellow parishioners as we approach Lent a little differently than you may have done in the past.



What if for the 40 days of Lent you received a challenge by email that caused you to take a look at what it means to be generous in a very practical way? A way that would prepare you to continue your generosity well beyond the season of Lent and may quite possibly change your life.

Join us for *40acts*, a Lenten challenge based on the book of James and the connection between our faith and our deeds. The book of James sets out a framework for the kind of practical, day-to-day living that springs from hearing God's word, obeying it and acting on it.

Here is how *40acts* works. Every day throughout Lent (not on Sundays) you will wake up to a new generosity challenge and a short Bible-based blog sent straight to your inbox. Each act is designed to sharpen your awareness and give you practical ways to stretch your faith as well as your generosity, with three challenge levels. Sign up at <https://40acts.org/uk>.

We will offer the opportunity to get together each week to share with one another how we responded to the challenges that week and the impact they had on us and on those on the receiving end of our generosity. Watch the bulletin for days and times for the small group sharing. Even if you can't participate in a small group, *40acts* can be done on your own.

What if you don't "do email"? Everyone has a friend who could share the daily email information. In fact, sharing the challenges with those who don't have email accounts would be an extra act of generosity and charity. If you have any questions or would like to host a small group each week or need someone to share the challenges with you, please contact Sue Brandt at susan_brandt@att.net or 314.704.5304.

St. Raphael the Archangel PTA
Eighth Annual
Marcia Matreci
Memorial Trivia Night



WHEN..

Saturday, February 3, 2018

- **Doors open at 6:30 PM**
- **Trivia starts at 7:00 PM**

WHERE..

St. Raphael the Archangel Gym
6000 Jamieson Avenue / St. Louis, MO 63109

***An incredibly fun PTA fundraiser -
reserve your table now!***

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING...

- **\$180/table**
(up to 8 people)
- **Includes 3 mulligans &
2 table games**
- **Includes beer, soda &
snacks**

RESERVATIONS...

- **Make checks payable to:**
SRA PTA
- **Complete bottom portion**
- **Return bottom portion
with payment to:**

SRA Rectory
6047 Bishops Place
St. Louis, MO 63109
314.352.8100

Contact Name, Number, & Email: _____

Table Members: _____



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

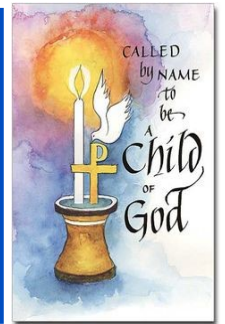
Please join us this Wednesday, January 24, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we kick off our new Rx series. See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

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/luke18 for more information.



Congratulations to our newest member of the church, Wilson Pendry, son of parishioners Lucas and Ellen Pendry. Wilson was baptized on January 14, 2018. May God continue to bless the Pendry family.



Spring 2018 Italian Language Classes

sponsored by the Federation of Italian American Organizations of the Metropolitan St. Louis Area



Classes will begin the week of January 22, 2018

The following classes will be offered:

- Beginner's I
Monday evenings- 6:30-8:30p.m. M. Colombo
- Advanced Italian
Monday evenings- 6:30-8:30p.m. G. Leopardi
- Italian for Travelers (6 weeks)
Thursday evenings- 7:00-9:00p.m. B. Klein
- Special Topics Course-
Thursday evenings- 7:00-9:00p.m. G. Leopardi



Our courses place an emphasis on communicating in Italian. Textbooks are primarily in Italian.

All adult evening classes are taught at St. Mary Magdalen School on S. Kingshighway and Sutherland Avenues.

Tuition for our 12-week classes is \$85; one night per week; 2 hours per night; there are no classes the week of Easter or Holy Week. Our Italian for Travelers is a 6-week class and the cost is \$43.

For additional information or to register, please visit www.fiaostl.org or contact us at: 314-680-6871 (Marie) or mcucciabrand@gmail.com

IRS DEDUCTION

Any family who attended Preschool, Club Tobias, and/or Summer Camp in 2017, and would like a copy of your invoice and payments, please send your request to halbert@straphaelarchangel.org. In your email, please include your current address and a daytime phone number. If you have any questions, you may reach me (Diane) at 314.352.8100, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

SOUTH CITY MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

7:30pm

St. Raphael the Archangel Church
6040 Jamieson, 63109

SAVE THE DATE! BIRTHRIGHT CARD PARTY

St. Clement and St. Gerard Majella Parishes will hold their annual card party and luncheon on Wednesday, March 14. More information coming soon.

