

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 7, 2018

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him. — Psalm 72:11*



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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**

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Mateo Salam Seminarian

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, January 8th
6:00 pm - Gym 3rd Gr. Boys Bball.
7:00 pm - Cafeteria Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel St. V. de Paul
9:00 pm - Gym Men's Club Soccer

Tuesday, January 9th
7:00 pm - Church Rosary Recitation

Wednesday, January 10th
9:00 am - Quilters' Room Quilters
6:00 pm - Cafeteria Step Class
7:00 pm - Church Choir
8:30 pm - Gym Men's Club Basketball

Thursday, January 11th
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.
6:00 pm - Tobias Room Liturgy Committee
7:00 pm - Cafeteria Book Club
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel Men's Prayer Group

Friday, January 12th
7:00 am - Church Mass

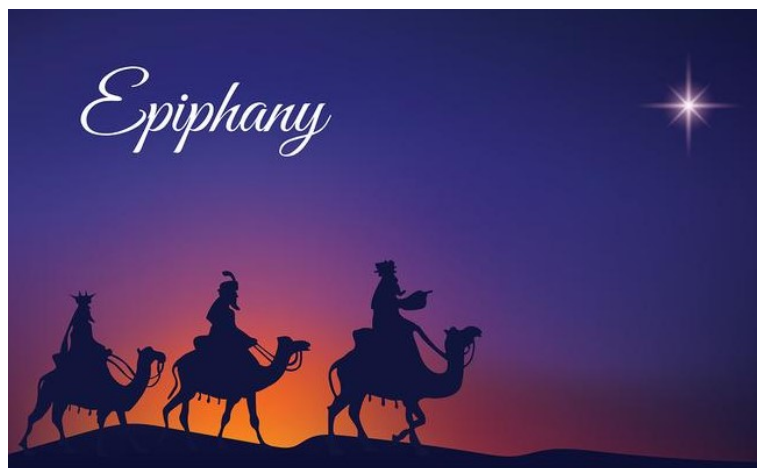
Saturday, January 13th
7:00 am - Church Mass
4:30 pm - Church Mass

Sunday, January 14th
10:00 am - Church/ Cafeteria Men's Club Mass and
Communion Breakfast

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, January 8	Tuesday, January 9	Wednesday, January 10	Thursday, January 11	Friday, January 12
Chicken Noodle Soup & Turkey Sandwich	Hot Italian Sub	Toasted Ravioli, Salad, and Garlic Bread	Spaghetti and Meatballs	Fish Sticks and Mac & Cheese

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON RON



WHAT IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY AND WHO ARE THE MAGI?

Epiphany is one of the earliest feasts of the Christian church. It is primarily observed by Orthodox, Catholic, and Anglican Christians. As such, many Protestant believers don't understand the spiritual significance behind this holiday. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (Magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wed-

ding feast at Cana in Galilee."

Pope Benedict explains: "It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its final form in the third century. At about the same time, the feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6 and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25. The two feasts had different emphases because of the different religious and cultural contexts in which they developed, but essentially their meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light, the true sun, of history."

Epiphany is also known as "Three Kings Day" and "Twelfth Day." It is a Christian holiday commemorated on January 6. It falls on the twelfth day after Christmas, and for some denominations signals the conclusion of the Christmas season. When Epiphany is celebrated varies from country to country. In some countries, Epiphany is a holy day of obligation. Where that is the case, it is celebrated on January 6. In the United States, Epiphany is not a holy day of obligation, and its celebration is transferred to the first Sunday after January 1, this year being January 7.

Eventually, the emphasis on January 6 shifted, particularly in the west, to reflect displays of Christ besides those that occurred at his birth, namely, those that accompanied the coming of the Magi, his baptism, and the wedding feast of Cana.

The concept of Magi has several meanings. For Christians, Magi are understood to be members of the Persian priestly caste. In Matthew 2 this is the meaning that applies. Even if they were not exactly members of the Persian priesthood, they were nevertheless custodians of religious and philosophical knowledge that had developed in that area and continued to be cultivated there.

We really don't know the names of the Magi because the Bible doesn't tell us. In fact, the Bible is silent on how many wise men visited Jesus. Tradition has it that there were three wise men because there were three gifts for the infant Jesus. Tradition also has it that the Magi who came to seek and honor the infant Jesus were named Gaspar, Balthasar, and Melchior. Perhaps if Luke the historian had written about them in his Christmas account, we might have had precise details. But Matthew's account is vague.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions.*

SERVERS FOR JAN. 8/14, 2017

Monday, January 8th

7:00 am	Henry Cyr	William Hotze
8:00 am	Gillian Neal	Gavin Smith

Tuesday, January 9th

7:00 am	Communion Service	
8:00 am	Flora Borowiak	Anna Mersinger

Wednesday, January 10th

7:00 am	Addison Berta	Thad Berta
8:00 am	Communion Service	

Thursday, January 11th

7:00 am	Communion Service	
8:00 am	Alex Atchison	Henry Cyr

Friday, January 12th

7:00 am	Gillian Neal	Isabella Pfeiffer
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Saturday, January 13th

7:00 am	Sean Madden	William Madden
4:30 pm	Cate Guenther	Ellie Guenther
	Mateo Switzer	

Sunday, January 14th

8:00 am	Addison Berta	Thad Berta
	Andrew Keller	
10:00 am	Flora Borowiak	Joey Raymo
	Anna Mersinger	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 7th

8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Annie Gresick

Monday, January 8th

7:00 am Catie Shinn
8:00 am Patricia McLeese

Tuesday, January 9th

7:00 am Communion Service
8:00 am Ed Wallner

Wednesday, January 10th

7:00 am Kenneth Humphrey
8:00 am Communion Service

Thursday, January 11th

7:00 am Communion Service
8:00 am Fr. Bob Reiker SI

Friday, January 12th

7:00 am Don Deachan

Saturday, January 6th

7:00 am Leo & Ann Bereswill
4:30 pm Josephine Saar

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 13/14, 2018

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

Helen Doyle	Kevin Liddy	Mary Faith Green
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEC. 30/31, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,365
Online Giving	\$ 1,412
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 8,777
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$225,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$197,691
Shortfall	\$ 27,309



Sunday, January 14	Men's Club Communion Bfst.
Sunday, January 21	Cornhole Tournament
Sunday, January 28	Begin Catholic Schools Week
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

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in an envelope marked for the St. Vincent de Paul collection so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child. Also, consider dropping off gently used clothing or household items in the blue collection bin located on our parking lot to benefit the SVdP Thrift Store.

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 will be married this coming year (2018) 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.

MEN'S CLUB COMMUNION BREAKFAST

SRA's Men's Club is hosting a "Communion Breakfast" for its members on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Members and their families are invited to attend Mass at 10:00am followed by a catered breakfast buffet in the cafeteria. Please RSVP with your name and number of guests to brianmccarthy@peaknet.net before January 7.

UNITED IN CHRIST



Congratulations to long-time parishioners, Robert and Lisa Murphy for the blessings they received at their marriage convalidation ceremony. The ceremony was held at St. Raphael the Archangel on Monday, January 1, 2018.

May the Lord bless them with many more happy years together.

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

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>
January	11	12	13
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.



LITTLE SISTERS *of the POOR*
SAINT LOUIS RESIDENCE

Currently, the Little Sisters of the Poor have openings in both their Nursing and Independent Living Areas. A resident must be at least 65 years of age and have limited financial resources to be considered. These living arrangements offer a large single room, fully furnished, with a private bathroom. Meals, laundry and housekeeping are included in the rent. The rent is subsidized, based on income, assets and medical expenses. Private pay, long-term care insurance, and Medicaid are accepted for the Nursing Area.

The mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor is to welcome the needy elderly of any faith into their home as they would Jesus Christ himself, and serve them with love and respect until death. If you or someone you know might be interested, please call 314.421.6022 and ask to speak to Ron Kostedt in Social Services.

GIVE ONLINE
FAST. EASY. CONVENIENT.

Online giving is fast, easy and convenient.
Go to: straphaelarchangel.org//online-giving.
It's quick and simple to sign up!



FUNDRAISER EVENT

The SRA 8th grade class is asking for your participation in a fundraiser at Panda Express (Lindbergh & Sunset Hills) on Tuesday, January 9th. Simply dine during between 5:00-9:00pm, show the flyer below and SRA will earn 20% of the event sales. Thank you for your support!

Raise Money for St. Raphael the Archangel 8th Grade Class

When	Where	How
Tuesday, January 9, 2018	Panda Express at Lindbergh & Sunset Hills 10722 Sunset Hills Plaza Saint Louis, MO 63127	In-store: Show paper or digital version of this flyer Online: Enter 239255 in the promo code box during online checkout

20% of event sales will be donated to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

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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 in 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 # |



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NFC/AFC Playoff Party

Cash Prizes – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

When: Sunday, January 21, 2018 **Where:** St. Raphael Gym
Registration Noon – 1pm 6000 Jamieson Ave
Bags Fly at 1pm St. Louis, MO 63109

Cost: \$30/person (Includes Cornhole Tournament, Food and Drink)
\$20/person (Food and Drink only)
Individual or Team Registration Accepted
Must be 14 years or older to participate

Contacts: Mike Ruggeri 314-406-0663
Todd Berta 314-657-7023
Dave Kellar 314-504-0887

Multiple TV's, Football Squares & More

Registration

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Raphael Men's Club
Mail to Dave Kellar, 6038 Guilford Place, St. Louis, MO 63109

Registration limited to first 32 teams, payment secures tournament entry
Funds raised will support St. Raphael athletic programs, school activities and other parish needs

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...

SRA Gym

6000 Jamieson Ave / 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 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 10 at Bishop DuBourg and learn more about your Catholic faith! See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

ATTENTION, EIGHTH GRADERS

Save the date for LUKE 18
February 16-18, 2018
More information available at
saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18



WEDDING BANNS II, III

There is a promise of marriage between Sarah Abernathy and Jason Hagerty to take place at St. Raphael on Friday, January 12, 2018.

RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE



The RLA is coordinating with the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry to host a special prayer event for those 19-39. Please encourage the young adults of your parish and community to attend the **Pro-Life Holy Hour on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica. Dinner is also being provided beforehand at 6 p.m. in Boland Hall.

YOUNG ADULT PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

January 18, 2018

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

6:00 Dinner in Boland Hall

7:00 Adoration and Confessions

8:00 Pro-life Talk and Dessert

Sponsored by the
Respect Life Apostolate
& the Office of Young
Adult Ministry

BOOK FAIR

JANUARY 12 – 13 – 14, 2018

FRIDAY January 12th PREVIEW NIGHT 4-9 pm
\$5 ADMISSION

SATURDAY January 13th 8 am-6 pm FREE ADMISSION

SUNDAY January 14th 9 am- 4 pm FREE ADMISSION
Noon to 4 pm \$5.00 for a bag of books

Tax exempt organizations: Bring proof of eligibility for free books Sunday 4:00-5:30 pm.

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Or email smaevents2017@yahoo.com

ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE PARISH CENTER
800 BUCKLEY RD ST. LOUIS MO 63125



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

