



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 30, 2017 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Saturday 7:00 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

**The
kingdom
of heaven
is like a treasure
buried
in a field**



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CATHOLIC CHURCH
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@SRAtoday

MyParishApp

Text 'App' to 88202

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, July 31st

6:30 pm - Gym

Anstey Basketball

Tuesday, August 1st

1:00 pm - Raphael Room

Fifty-Plus Club

1:30 pm - Parish Office

Bible Study

6:00 pm - Board Room

Finance Council

7:00 pm - Church

Rosary Recitation

Wednesday, August 2nd

9:00 am - Quilters' Room

Quilters

6:00 pm - Gym

Volleyball Test

Thursday, August 3rd

6:00 pm - Gym

Incoming Freshman
Coalition

7:00 pm - Church

Cont. Music Group

Friday, August 4th

Saturday, August 5th

7:00 am - Church

Mass

4:30 pm - Church

Mass

Sunday, August 6th

8:00 am - Church

Mass

10:00 am - Church

Mass

7:30 pm - Gym

Basketball



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.

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON RON

Looks as if it's my turn to fill in for the "Fr. Bob" column. I want to address a question most people never think to ask: why do we make the sign of the cross? What's the meaning or purpose?



The sign of the cross is a very old gesture that has been used since the earliest times of the Church to begin and to conclude prayer and the Mass. It is also a beautiful sign which reminds us of the cross of salvation while praising the Holy Trinity. The sign of the cross is a sacramental, a sacred sign instituted by the Church that prepares a person to receive grace and sanctifies a moment or circumstance.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386) stated, "Let us then not be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Be the cross our seal, made with boldness by our fingers on our brow and in everything;

over the bread we eat and the cups we drink, in our comings and in our goings out; before our sleep, when we lie down and when we awake; when we are traveling, and when we are at rest."

The original and traditional practice was slightly different from the motion we make today. According to Pope Innocent III (1198-1216), "The sign of the cross is made with three fingers, because the signing is done together with the invocation of the Trinity. ... This is how it is done: from above to below, and from the right to the left, because Christ descended from the heavens to the earth, and from the Jews (right) He passed to the Gentiles (left)." While the custom of making the cross from the right to the left shoulder was shared by both the western and eastern Churches, Pope Innocent continued, "Others, however, make the sign of the cross from the left to the right, because from misery (left) we must cross over to glory (right), just as Christ crossed over from death to life, and from Hades to Paradise."

The sign of the cross is also a mark of discipleship. According to Bert Ghezzi of Our Sunday Visitor, "The sign of the cross describes six meanings, with and without words. The sign of the cross is: a confession of faith; a renewal of baptism; a mark of discipleship; an acceptance of suffering; a defense against the devil; and a victory over self-indulgence."

The sign of the cross links us to the Body of Christ; it's a renewal of the sacrament of Baptism in that we die and rise to new life in Christ. It's a constant reminder of our belief in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The sign of the cross is a prayer that reminds us of our Baptism, our belief in God, our profession of faith, and more, all that in 16 words.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: You grow up the day you have your first real laugh - at yourself.

SERVERS FOR JULY 31/AUGUST 6

Monday/Tuesday- July 31st/August 1st

7:00 am William Madden Sean Madden

Wednesday/Thursday - August 2nd/3rd

7:00 am Anna Mersinger Joey Raymo

Friday - August 4th

7:00 am Abby Stein Jack Stein

Saturday - August 5th

7:00 am Abby Stein Jack Stein
 4:30 pm Mady Shine Mateo Switzer
 Kristina Videmschek

Sunday - August 6th

8:00 am Rory Barnawell Grace Goeddel
 Anna Mersinger

10:00 am Alex Atchison Henry Cyr
 Christian Concepcion

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 30th

8:00 am Gubser Family
 10:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, July 31st

7:00 am Jane Bottini

Tuesday, August 1st

8:00 am Cunigunda Gubser

Wednesday, August 2nd

7:00 am Hutton-Jost Families

Thursday, August 3rd

7:00 am Erna Sinovcic

Friday, August 4th

7:00 am Ralph G. Raskas

Saturday, August 5th

7:00 am Marie C. Winkelmann
 4:30 pm Gubser Family

Sunday, August 6th

8:00 Dennis M. Beaver & Family
 10:00 People of the Parish

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 5/6

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

LECTORS:

Joyce Holmes Frosty Hodes Denise Howard

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY 22/23, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$3,213.00
Online Giving	\$1,557.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$4,770.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$32,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Total	\$28,076.00
Shortfall	(\$ 3,924.00)



To access our Online Giving Portal, go to straph-aelarchangel.org/give/online-giving - it's quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.



Tuesday, August 1	Fifty-Plus Club Meeting
Wednesday, August 16	First Day of School
Saturday, August 19	Watermelon Festival
Sunday, August 20	Family Mass
Friday, August 25	Back-to-School Night
Monday, September 4	Labor Day - 8:00am Mass Only
Sunday, September 10	Alumni Mass
Saturday, September 16	St. V. DePaul Collection Truck

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The St. Raphael FRIENDS FOR LIFE Campaign is scheduled to run from August 6 to August 20. Your contribution to the FRIENDS FOR LIFE Campaign will help to save the lives of the unborn, protect the vulnerable, the weak and the elderly, educate young people about the virtue of chastity, heal those who suffer as a result of an abortion, and provide assistance for women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. You will find your FRIENDS FOR LIFE envelope in the August packet of envelopes. Please place your donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you for supporting the Culture of Life!

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

SAVE THE DATE! ST. RAPHAEL'S MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday October 8th
Forest Park 1:00 pm

Watch for more details in future bulletins. To join the committee or for sponsorship information, please call Dan Harbaugh at 971.3428.

From ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God. This month through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Society was able to assist neighboring families by providing help with utility, rent, bills, and other needs.

TAX FREE WEEKEND SPECIALS!

TUESDAY - SATURDAY August 1st - 3rd

IN-STORE ONLY
applies school/uniform purchases only;
see store for sale details/restrictions

- **FREE BACKPACK** WITH \$100 PURCHASE
- **6" GROSSGRAIN HAIR BOWS 3 FOR \$6**
- **YOUTH SHORT SLEEVE POLOS 3 FOR \$30**
- **ADULT SHORT SLEEVE POLOS 3 FOR \$42.99**
- **10% OFF PERFORMANCE & LONG SLEEVE POLOS**
- **10% OFF BOYS BELTS & GIRLS NAVY LEGGINGS**
- **SOCK SPECIALS WHILE THEY LAST!**
- **TRUE TAX FREE!** (EXCEPT PAID TAXES & SALES TAX ONLY)

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REMINDER: NEW PROCEDURE FOR RESERVING FACILITY SPACE AT SRA

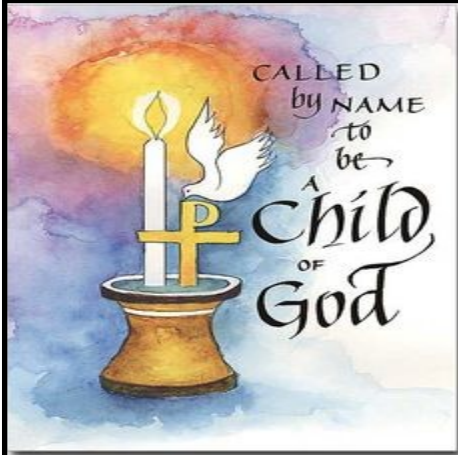
Deacon Ron Holmes, in addition to his other administrative roles at SRA, is the point person for all scheduling of events, meetings, and activities that use parish facilities. Every group requesting a space to be booked on the Parish Calendar should contact Deacon Ron - either online, by e-mail, telephone or in person at the Parish Office - to fill out a request form. This should alleviate many of our scheduling issues.

**SAINT RAPHAEL HOUSE FLAG
& GARDEN FLAG**

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

- Garden-size Flag 12" x 18" \$18
- House-size Flag 28" x 40" \$25
- Metal Garden Flag Stand \$10

Please make checks payable to SRA PTA with this form. Please place in collection basket. Flags will be delivered to your home or arrangements can be made for pickup.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to our recently baptized parishioner, **Rory Kevin Meier**, child of John and Katie Meier. He was baptized in Christ on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are men of faith and action with charity as our first principle. Each year charitable donations reach \$181,000,000 and total 73,500,000 hours of service nationwide. We support a Culture of Life through many initiatives such as providing ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers, resulting each year in saving 3,000 babies from abortion. We are a supporter of the Special Olympics and have provided over 40,000 wheelchairs to the American Wheelchair Mission. The Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center has been created with over \$7,000,000 of support from the Knights of Columbus. These are just a few of the deeds. If you would like to learn more or are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Bob Ahrens at 314.353.8444 or Matt Borowiak at 314.351.0606.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of Marianne Wehrle who passed away on July 18, 2017 and whose funeral was held at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, July 22, 2017. For her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Bible Study back in session on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. No need to sign up; just come.

FIFTY-PLUS CLUB

The Fifty-Plus Club meets this Tuesday,
August 1, at 1:00 pm.

Meeting will be held in the lower level of the
Parish Office, Raphael Room.

KING'S HOUSE UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7-11, 2017
Art and Spirituality Retreat
with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI
618.397.0584

FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

Our next meeting will be on August 17th and our speaker will be Father Chris Martin, Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College and Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. As always, we will meet in the Seminary chapel at 8 am for the rosary and Father Martin will speak from 8:15 until 9 am. Coffee is available afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30. Hope you can come and feel free to bring a friend. See <https://kenrick.edu/fiat/> for more information.



Beginnings of some of the fine art work which was created at this month's Ladies' Club meeting - Paint & Sip Event!



Handyman Ministry

Its mission is to assist St. Raphael parishioners who need help with small maintenance jobs around their homes that they are unable to complete on their own, such as:

- Changing hard-to-reach light bulbs
- Replacing air filters
- Making minor repairs to doors and windows
- Installing/replacing smoke detectors
- Fixing leaking faucets or running toilets

Our handyman and SRA parishioner, Mr. Don Anderson, can perform minor repairs, diagnose issues that may require a professional, and provide a second opinion. Labor is provided free of charge. If you have a minor home maintenance need that you can't fix, call the Parish Office and we'll see if we can help.

If you have maintenance skills, would like to be added to our "Handyman" list and donate your time to help a parishioner, let us know; we'd love to hear from you. Questions? Contact Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net or call the Parish Office at 314.352.8100.



St. Raphael the Archangel
Watermelon Festival
Saturday, August 19,
2017

1 Mile Fun Run Sponsorships
Available!
\$500/\$250/\$100



**Your logo or name to appear on the back of the stylish
grey t-shirt.**

Contact Terri Borowiak at terri.borowiak@gmail.com



SOCIAL JUSTICE CALLS



Join fellow parishioners to DEEPEN YOUR FAITH while DEEPENING YOUR COMMITMENT to:

- Care for vulnerable people and our planet,
- Immerse yourself in prayer, study, dialogue and experiences,
- Explore critical realities and the implications to your life and faith,
- Form community with social justice in mind.

This 24-week class based on the 7 principles of Catholic social justice teachings is a transformational journey. The class will be held at St. Gabriel's Parish on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm, beginning on October 12. To learn more, contact Christine at 314.853.8995, Mary Faith at 314.832.3310 or Gina at 314.387.3091.



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Please join us this Wednesday, August 2 from 7-9pm at DuBourg High School as we continue our summer series and hear about the Church's stand on bioethics issues. See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.



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NEW CHESS TABLE IN FRANCIS PARK!

Some members of St. Raphael's Chess Club recently attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly-acquired chess table in Forest Park. (No photos of SRA kids available.)



For inspiration and encouragement in your spiritual life, listen to AM 1080 WRYT, Catholic radio. Live programs include Called to Communion, the Journey Home, the Daily Mass, the Holy Rosary, and the Divine

Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call 314.752.7000.

ATTENTION 8TH-GRADE BOYS

CBC is now accepting appointments for our New and Exciting Official 8th-Grade Visit Program. During this visit, a young man will participate in Experience CBC Classes designed especially for 8th-grade students. He will meet with a current CBC student, attend one of his classes, and have lunch with him. Finally, during the CBC Explore Period, he will have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches and program moderators to gather detailed information about the things in which he is interested. This program is by reservation only. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Ryan at 314.985.6095 or ryanm@cbchs.org to reserve your Official 8th-Grade Visit. On-line registration also available at www.cbchs.org.

Protecting God's Children - Safe Environment Program Compliance

Anyone who works with or volunteers with children must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis set forth by the USCCB. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) Compliance includes attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop, completing a Worker Registration Form to obtain a background check, and reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct. Each location must have copies of individual background checks and code of ethics forms on file for all active volunteers and employees. Additional background checks may be necessary if you have lived out of state in previous years.

To register online for a Protecting God's Children Workshop, please visit www.archstl.org and click on the Protecting God's Children link. You will be redirected to the VIRTUSOnline.org site to complete the registration process. The Code of Ethical Conduct and worker registration forms are available from your parish Child Safety Coordinator and may also be located on your parish website. If you have questions or need assistance with this process, please contact the parish office or the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program at 314.792.7272.

Missouri Background Checks are obtained when you begin your ministry and are updated every even numbered year. Please let the parish office know if you would like to be removed from the list of active volunteers. You must also contact the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry at 1.866.422.6872 with address changes.

