



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm
Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday 7:00 am

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 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm on Saturday

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office.



**Views from our recent Parish
Mission with Fr. George Knab, OMI**

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True Religion for the 21st Century



CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Reiker	Pastor
	Reiker@straphaelarchangel.org
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Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, March 13

5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
6:45 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Parish Office	School Board Mtg.
7:00 pm - Angel Room	Historical Society
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	Parish Council Mtg.
7:00 pm - Parish Office	R.C.I.A.
7:00 pm - Parish Office	St. V. de Paul Mtg.

Tuesday, March 14th

1:30 pm - Angel Room	Bible Study
6:00 pm - Gym	Basketball
7:00 pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:30 pm - Raphael Room	Wild Goose Prst.

Wednesday, March 15th

9:00 am - Quilters Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Church	Schola Rehearsal
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 pm - Church	Choir

Thursday, March 16th

2:00 pm - School	Dance Class
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Ladies' Club Meeting

Friday, March 17th

2:00 pm - Church	Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - Church	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18th

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
9:00 am - Gym	BB Tournament

Sunday, March 19th

8:00 am & 10:00 am - Church	Donut Sunday
10:00 am - Church	R.C.I.A.

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.

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

THE SEASON OF LENT IS NOW FULLY UNDERWAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Parish Mission is complete; Ash Wednesday and the first week of Lent are already history. This Sunday the First Reading takes us back to the beginnings of our salvation history with the story of Abraham. This passage from Genesis recounts God's call to a man named Abram who is renamed Abraham at the time of his call. This indicates that his life changes, even his identity, when he comes to experience the Lord Almighty. God mysteriously challenges Abraham to have faith enough in his divine plan to leave his homeland and go to a new land that God will give to him. And God promises to give to him numerous descendants to inhabit this land of Canaan. Because he believes and follows God's instruction, Abraham is known happily as our Father in Faith (for Jews, Christians, and Muslims – all three of the world's monotheistic religions).

The next two scripture readings urge each of us to put our trust in God's calling us to a new land during this Season of Lent – a new spiritual place for us to come more alive in our faith. For the three Apostles, they follow along a difficult trail up a high mountain where they experience Jesus in a new and transfigured way. They even hear the voice of God and see Moses and Elijah with Jesus. Now they have to know that he really was the Son of God.

During these next weeks, allow the Lord to lead you to a new place so that you can experience more fully the power and presence of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Then you will be more ready for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of his Death and Resurrection during the Sacred Triduum in April. To facilitate this process, be sure that you are doing your daily spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE PARISH MISSION A SPIRITUALLY EXCITING EXPERIENCE!

Especially we are grateful to Father George Knab, O.M.I. for his insightful preaching, prayerful demeanor, and inspiring readings and rituals. You had to be there to know what I mean. I am personally thankful to Deacon Ron and our SRA Liturgy Committee for the good work in planning the Mission liturgy and providing hospitality. Also, a huge thanks to our new SRA Music Director for the excellent job of providing the music ministry for the five evenings, along with the choir.

NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL COMMISSION OUR SRA EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION!

At all the Masses on March 18 and 19, the very dedicated members of our St. Raphael worshipping community who help distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during Holy Communion will be blessed. We will also commission our Communion Ministers who bring the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound. This ministry is a real honor to perform and we should pray that these individuals will always serve the parish with grace and devotion.

Recently we had an evening of training Communion Ministers for homebound communion ministry. We have at least twelve members ready to provide Holy Communion to those who are unable to join us at Sunday Mass. Now they need some customers! Do you know anyone from our St. Raphael Parish Family who is no longer able to come to church – a relative, a friend, a neighbor? Please call the Parish Office or contact Mary Faith Green who is delighted to coordinate this necessary parish ministry at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net.



SCHOOL NEWS

Our school principal of five years, Mrs. Kim Vangel, has accepted a position as principal at St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Ellisville. We are creating a search committee consisting of parish members who will be interviewing candidates very soon to be our new principal.

SERVERS FOR MARCH 13 - 19

Monday –Tuesday March 13/14

7:00 am TBD
 8:00 am Anna Mersinger M. Sampson-Walk

Wednesday-Thursday March 15/16

7:00 am William Hotze Isabella Pfeiffer
 8:00 am Seamus Baur Annie Baur

Friday March 17

7:00 am Madelene Cierpiot Kristina Videmschek

Saturday March 18

7:00 am Madelene Cierpiot Kristina Videmschek

4:30 pm Sophia DiMartino Sean Madden
 William Madden

Sunday March 19

8:00 am Jane Dubbert Kristin Nienhaus
 Lillian Weber

10:00 am Rory Barnawell Miranda Sullenger
 Natalie Davis

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun., March 12th

8:00 am Carl Balliett
 10:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, March 13th

7:00 am Margaret Clark
 8:00 am Don Deachan

Tuesday, March 14th

7:00 am Mary Ann Dill
 8:00 am Bernice Heede

Wednesday, March 15th

7:00 am Rose Eder
 8:00 am Lorraine Murray

Thursday, March 16th

7:00 am Janet Schuck
 8:00 am James Wahl

Friday, March 17th

7:00 am Fr. Bob Reiker SI

Saturday, March 18th

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann
 4:30 pm Tom Kutis Family

Sunday, March 19th

8:00 People of the Parish
 10:00 Dorothy Wallner

WEEKEND OF MARCH 18TH & 19TH

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

PRIEST:

Fr. Bob Reiker Fr. Bob Reiker Fr. Bob Reiker

LECTORS:

George Kerry Kevin Liddy Family Mass

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Joe Zulich
Jerriann Blassie	Beverly Whitworth	Dan Harbaugh
Pam Hager	Mary Niemeyer	Mary Alice Goedecker
Kathe Berger	Joyce Holmes	Amy Schisler
Nancy McCarthy	Mary Reck	Lori Ashmore-Ruppel
Gina Horas	Barbara Cramer	Matt Fuhr
Brian McCarthy		Anna Skidmore

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH 4/5, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$6,800.75
Online Giving	\$1,972.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$8,772.75
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 45.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date	\$288,170.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$296,000.00

Online Giving: To access our Online Giving Portal, go to straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving.

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.”



A Night at the SRA Mouse Races

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Benefitting the SRA 8th Grade Class

Beer and Soda Provided!
Raffle Prizes!



Location: St. Raphael Gym
6000 Jamieson Ave
St. Louis, MO 63109

Doors open at 6:30
Races begin at 7:00

Coolers and Food welcome

Contact: Jess at lenzenjm@gmail.com

\$15
per Person
\$150
per Table
Checks payable to SRA

Table Name: _____
Attendees: _____

\$ Amt Enclosed: _____

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are men of faith and action with charity as our first principle. Each year charitable donations have reached \$181,000,000 with 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 join the Knights of Columbus, please contact Bob Ahrens 314.353.8444 or Matt Borowiak 314.351.0606.

LADIES' CLUB MARCH MEETING

Join the Ladies' Club on Thursday, March 16 at 7pm in the school cafeteria for a St Patrick's Day-themed meal. We will also be having a book swap, so check your bookshelves for those books you've been meaning to donate. Any books remaining at the end of the night will be donated. Ladies' Club will provide the main dish; beverages, appetizers and desserts welcome! All SRA ladies welcome. Hope to see you there!

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



SCHOOL OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Formed in Faith, Prepared for Life

FAITH – St. Raphael the Archangel School guides its students as they form their knowledge of the Catholic faith and their love for Jesus Christ, in an environment that promotes compassionate hearts through habits of personal prayer, reflection, and community service.

CHARACTER – Our school and parish community endeavor to develop each student’s character by modeling and practicing the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. We nurture our students’ perseverance, sense of gratitude, leadership, and ability to make informed moral choices.

ACADEMICS – We utilize a rigorous, measurable academic program that develops critical thinking skills, promotes imagination, celebrates individual gifts and talents, and fosters a life-long love of learning.

Small Design, BIG Results

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, Mar. 13th	Tues., Mar. 14th	Wed., Mar. 15th	Thurs., Mar. 16th	Friday, Mar. 17th
No School	Hamburger & Tator Tots	Chicken Strips, Buttered Noodles & Carrots	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Fish Sticks & Mac & Cheese



CONGRATULATIONS!

The SRA 8th-grade girls basketball team won the end-of-season Tom Elder Tournament for the CYC South Central District. Players are Sarah Brinkmann, Caitlyn Cordia, Kayla Cummins, Natalie Davis, Sophie DiMartino, Amaya Marion, Victoria Naeger, and Abby Stein; and Coach Jamie Davis.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The process for the 2017-2018 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2017. If you are interested in touring our school or would like to request a packet of information and the registration form you will need to complete, please call the school office at [314.352.9474](tel:314.352.9474). Registration packets may also be mailed if requested.

OUTDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM

There will be an outdoor soccer program for boys and girls of our SRA Parish, ages 5 - 12. The program will begin in early April and be held at Lutheran South High School.

For more information, please call Marty at 314.393.1164.

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear St. Raphael School Families,

We have finished the 3rd quarter of the school year (the longest yard, in my opinion!), and we begin the 4th and final quarter of 2016-2017 next week. We are certainly not finished teaching and learning yet, but there is a feeling that we are heading into the final stretch of a long and productive race. Our 8th graders are nearly prepared for high school, our preschoolers in Miss Chris's class are excitedly looking forward to being in the "big school" as kindergartners, and all of our students and teachers are beginning to look forward to the next school year.

I, too, am looking forward. This is my 5th year as principal at St. Raphael the Archangel School, and I am very proud of the accomplishments we have made to improve learning for our students in these five years. This has been a total team effort between me, the faculty, the students, and parents; a great deal of "blood, sweat, and tears" have been shed during this process of improvement. I couldn't be more proud of everyone here and the advancements that have been made in standardized test scores, curriculum development, best practices in instruction and assessment, and the culture of learning that we have tried to build and nurture.

St. Raphael the Archangel School is on the right course for learning and education, and it is now time for me to turn the reins over to a new school leader for the next chapter of St. Raphael School's progress. I have accepted the position of Principal at St. Clare of Assisi School in Ellisville, and will transition there over the upcoming summer. I will be sad to leave the many friends and colleagues I have made at St. Raphael, but at the same time, I am excited to bring new curriculum, instruction, and assessment development to the St. Clare of Assisi School community.

Please know that I will be working very hard to ensure a smooth transition from me to the next principal at St. Raphael as I want nothing but the best for SRA. I ask you to keep Father Bob and the parish leaders in your prayers as they begin their search for the next principal, and I humbly ask for your prayers and support as I begin my next transition as well.

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principal

St. Raphael Preschool Is Now Enrolling!

St. Raphael School offers a Preschool Program for three- and- four-year olds. We provide a safe and nurturing environment in which children can learn, grow, and play together. Full-time and part-time options are available. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year began on January 30, 2017. For more information, please contact Abby Sarich at 314.352.9474 or asarich@straphaelarchangel.org.

- Tuition is paid monthly, regardless of a child's absence due to illness or holidays.
- Price includes morning and afternoon snack, but does not include lunch. Full Day preschool children may choose to buy a hot lunch for \$2.00 per day on days when lunch is served to grade-school students.
- Families who have a child in St. Raphael the Archangel grade school may be eligible for a 10% discount off the preschool tuition rates.
- Payment is to be made through FACTS Automatic Withdrawal.
- After care is 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

upcoming events

March 20-24	Spring Break
Sat. April 1	Mouse Races
Sun. April 9	1st Communion Bow Sunday
Thurs. April 20	Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Sun. April 23	Confirmation Bow Sunday
Wed. April 26	Confirmation
Sun. April 30	1st Communion

CALLING ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

Commissioning Service for Eucharistic Ministers will be at each Mass the weekend of March 18-19. Please plan to attend one of the Masses and come forward for this very meaningful blessing.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at
2:00pm and 7:00pm

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us against the snares of the evil ones and against the temptations of the world



May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
May Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN

The time is now to support the LifeLine Coalition Campaign that extends from Sunday, March 5 to Sunday, March 19. The LifeLine Coalition is a group of ProLife social service agencies that provide women with assistance for medical expenses, housing, food, and clothing. They also offer educational and spiritual guidance, counseling, and adoption services. The Coalition contributes 1% of its annual budget to the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund that assists families with a temporary financial challenge. Your March packet of envelopes contains the LifeLine Coalition envelope. Please place your donation in the envelope and then in the collection basket. Help us to build a Culture of Life. The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

QUILT RAFFLE

There is still time to get your donations in for a chance to win the quilt offered by St. Raphael's quilters. Contact the Parish Office if you need extra donation slips.





introducing
St. Raphael's Parish and School

Buy-a-Van

2017 Lenten Project For Queen of Peace Center

Please help us make this year's Lenten project a huge success and contribute to the purchase of a van for Queen of Peace Center. On a weekly basis, almost 250 women (clients) and children are transported to and from the Queen of Peace Center, assuring that they have access to treatment. Every week through Lent, we will share information regarding Queen of Peace Center's services and success stories.

- 36% of Queen of Peace Center's clients did not graduate high school. Queen of Peace Center provides mentoring, community support, housing, transportation and childcare along with addiction recovery to give clients the building blocks for a better life.
- Many clients joining Queen of Peace Center have experienced homelessness. Queen of Peace Center provides housing for clients at seven different locations, as well as scattered sites in the community.
- The Adolescent Resource Center (ARC) at Queen of Peace Center is an intervention and prevention program for St. Louis County youth. Many ARC counselors meet with youth in jail, on probation and at a variety of other sites.
- Queen of Peace Center's daycare, Peace for Kids, is an early education program for both children of clients, as well as children in the surrounding community.

As you can see, a new van would be put to good use. Please help us replace one of the vans currently being used at Queen of Peace Center that is on its last leg! Thank you.

SUCCESS STORY #1

Kristy came to QOPC recently out of jail, back with the wrong boyfriend, on drugs, pregnant, unemployed, homeless and uncertain where to turn. Following her mother's recommendation, she went to Queen of Peace Center. The loving and caring staff, the support of loving parents, and Kristy's desire for a better life have put her on the road to independence and healthy living. Today, her son is entering Kindergarten in the fall after spending each day of his early life at Peace For Kids Child Development Center at QOPC. He is a bright and polite boy who has never experienced his mother's drug use.

THE WILD GOOSE PROJECT DVD SERIES

Join us every Tuesday evening of Lent, 7:30pm in the Tobias Room to continue the Wild Goose DVD series, which brings us to a better and deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit desires to work in our lives. You are welcome to jump into the series at any time, even if you have not attended the first three weeks. There is no cost and no study guides are necessary. Just come with an open mind and open heart. Everyone is welcome!

Questions, call Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Do you know of a neighbor or parishioner who is physically unable to receive the sacraments due to an inability to physically attend Mass? If so, please contact us with a name or the name of a caregiver so we can reach out to help. Please respond by calling the parish office, or by calling or emailing Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net.



LOCAL PARISH FISH FRIES*

Epiphany of our Lord, 6596 Smiley
 Immaculate Conception-Maplewood, 4240 Anna
 Our Lady of Sorrows, 5831 S. Kingshighway
 St. Anthony, 3135 Meramec
 St. Gabriel, 6303 Nottingham
 St. James the Greater, 1360 Tamm Ave.
 St. Joan of Arc, 5821 Pernod
 St. Justin Martyr, 11914 Eddie & Park
 St. Mark, 8300 Morganford
 Seven Holy Founders, 6737 S. Rock Hill
 * Please check web sites for times and dates .

Dear Friends:

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and calls during my recovery, which is going well. In 1990 when I was asked to come to St. Raphael to lead everyone in song for the 4:30 liturgy, I was overwhelmed by the hospitality. My home parish is St. Michael, but I have felt that I belonged to St. Raphael because of each one of you. I will not be returning to the 4:30 liturgy and will miss each one of you. The family of St. Raphael will always have a special place in my heart and I cherish our memories. Love to all,
 Mary Smith, Cantor

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST LOUIS
 NEEDS YOU!**

Would you like to come to the most beautiful building in Saint Louis and volunteer one morning or afternoon a week? There are various things you can do, e.g., work in the gift shop, help in the museum or give tours. The times available are Monday - Friday 10:00am to 1:00pm or 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Prayerfully consider giving some time. For information, please call Sr. Pat Donnelly at 314.373.8241.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Join us this Wednesday, March 15th, as we journey through Lent by continuing with our series on Jesus' presence in the sacraments. As always, we will meet from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.



We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit CRS Rice Bowl - A Catholic Program for Lent for more.



Saturday April 1 10:00am to Noon

Open to Ages 7-14 (Girls-Softball, Boys-Baseball)
 Participation is Free Birth Certificate Required

- PITCH - Throw strikes to a target
- HIT - Hit from a stationery tee for distance & accuracy
- RUN - Sprint from 2nd Base to Home for time

KOC Council 12323
 St. Catherine Laboure Parish, 9740 Sappington Rd.

Contact Dennis Daniels at 314.337.1534 or ddaniels@movewithplatinum.com or visit mlb.com/phr.

Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

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Contact: Parish Office 314.352.8100

Special Instructions: