

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

Second Sunday of

LENT

March 17, 2019



Peter said to Jesus,
"Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Luke 9:33

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."

CLERGY & STAFF

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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.

Monday, March 18

7:00am - Church Mass
7:00pm - Guardian Angel Historical Society

Tuesday, March 19

7:00am - Church Mass
1:30pm - Church Lectio Group
6:00pm - Church Rosary Recitation
6:15pm - Church Confessions
7:00pm - Church Mass and Devotions
7:00pm - Cafeteria Men's Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

7:00am - Church Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room Quilters
6:00pm - Cafeteria Step Class
8:30pm - Gym Men's Club Bball.

Thursday, March 21

7:00am - Church Mass
2:00pm - School Dance Class

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria Step Class
4:30pm - Church Mass

Sunday, March 24 - Fellowship Sunday

8:00am - Church Mass
10:00am - Church Mass
4:00pm - Gym 7th Gr. Girls Softball

FROM THE BREASTPLATE OF ST. PATRICK

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

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

Thank You

We want to thank our Men's Club for putting on a successful (and delicious) Fish Fry Friday evening. We appreciate it!

Does it Count?

One question I am often asked during the Lenten Season is does it count? Does Sunday count towards the days of Lent? If it does not count, can I eat, drink, or do on Sunday what I gave up for Lent?

In the calculations for Lent, one is correct to say that Sundays do not count toward the forty total days of Lent. Since the earliest days of the Church, Sunday has been a day to remember the Lord's Resurrection. Truly, each Sunday is a "little Easter." So, when calculating Lent, the Church does not count the Sundays toward the forty-day count.

So then, can I do what I said I would not do during Lent? I like to answer that question in this way...

If it helps you to give up something during Lent and have it on Sunday, it may be a good idea to have a serving of it. For instance, a piece of candy, a soda, or an episode of a television show.

For other people, once they start back up, they cannot stop. So, if they partake a bit on Sunday, it makes the next days very difficult. In these cases, I do not think "cheating" a bit on Sunday is the best idea.

So which group do you fall into? Decide and that will help you to know if Sunday is a day to indulge a bit or to keep Lent going.

This Week of Lent at SRA

Tuesday, March 19

- Confessions 6:15-6:45pm
- Mass at 7:00pm (27.5 minutes!?) followed by a talk on and practice of Adoration and Benediction

Friday, March 22

- Stations of the Cross at 2:00pm

Sunday, March 24

- Fellowship Sunday sponsored by the Girl Scouts

8:00am Mass this Week

Since our students are on Spring Break this week, we will not be having the 8:00am Mass. Generally this will be our practice: that, when the students are out for only a day, we will have 8:00am Mass, but if gone for a week or so, we will cancel the 8:00am Mass. We thank

you for attending and praying with our school community.

Healing Mass, March 30 @ 10:00am

As we approach our Healing Mass, where we will ask the Lord for healing for the members of our community, it is good to remember who the Church calls to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

First, those who are facing a serious surgery are invited by the Church to receive the Anointing of the Sick. If someone, for instance, is about to have orthopedic surgery or heart surgery, the person would be invited to receive the anointing of the sick.

Second, those who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness are also invited to receive the sacrament. For instance, if someone has been diagnosed with cancer or another illness, the person may also receive the sacrament. People in this situation are invited to receive the sacrament many times throughout the course of their illness, so, if it has been awhile since you have been anointed, you may take this opportunity to receive the sacrament.

Third, those near death are also invited to receive the sacrament. Obviously, I would be happy to come to their residence in such a situation, but I mention it here just because I am outlining the various times when one may receive the sacrament.

Lastly, once one has reached an older age, according to the Catechism, a person may also receive the sacrament. The Church is vague on this point and leaves it up to the discretion of the minister and the person involved.

We will discuss next week about why one would want to receive the sacrament.

From the Hip-Hip and Hooray Department

Congratulations to **Thomas Finan**, one of the 7th Graders at our grade school, who made it to the State Finals for the Geography Bee. Congratulations!

If you have any news for this department, please contact Fr. John. We always like to publish good things happening in our community!

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



Sunday, March 17
 8:00am Ralph Raskas
 10:00am Carolyn Otz

Monday, March 18
 7:00am Mark Banden

Tuesday, March 19
 7:00am Bill Goeddel
 7:00pm Special Intention

Wednesday, March 20
 7:00am Neil Svetanics

Thursday, March 21
 7:00am Donald H. Wohltman

Friday, March 22
 7:00am Hermina Meyer

Saturday, March 23
 7:00am Jack Bruemmer
 4:30pm Mary Murphy

Sunday, March 24
 8:00am People of the Parish
 10:00am Jane Follen

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Lent is a call not just to “give up something,” but more important, to “give something for the poor.” Wherever we live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of our homes. When in need, they ring the parish office bell. They are, in effect, ringing our doorbells. Is there a family who needs assistance? Please call the Society at 352.8100 so that together we can help the suffering and the poor.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual SRA Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 21, after the 10:00am Mass. We need donations of candy and prizes, e.g., coloring books, small stuffed animals, bubbles, puzzles, etc. We do not need any plastic eggs.

LADIES’ CLUB DINNER

Join the Ladies’ Club on Thursday, March 28, as we dine at River’s Edge Social, 6997 Chippewa. We have space reserved starting at 6:30pm. Ladies’ Club will pick up the cost of some appetizers, but dinner will be on your own. This event is a week later than normal because of spring break.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Ladies’ Club Quarter Auction
 Thursday, April 25
 St. Raphael Gym

We are currently accepting donations of:

- Game Night
- “Beachy” Items
- Travel
- And Much, Much, More!

Items can be dropped off at the parish office or call Rachel Flavin at 314.496.8303 for arrangements for pick up.

IN MEMORIAM

In your charity, we ask that you pray for the repose of the soul of Sam Sabin, who recently passed away. Sam is the father of long-time parishioner, Lois McBryan. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR MARCH 18-24, 2019

Monday, March 18

7:00am Matthew Franz Claire Fuhr

Tuesday, March 19

7:00am David Hiatt Kallista Hiatt

Wednesday, March 20

7:00am Liam McMorrow William Hotze

Thursday, March 21

7:00am Nahima Ramirez Dalila Ramirez

Friday, March 22

7:00am Brandon Young Gavin Smith

Saturday, March 23

7:00am Rory Barnawell Steven Irons
4:30pm Cillian Sheehan Lydia Bick
Charlie Dirnbeck

Sunday, March 24

8:00am Alex Atchison Jack Stein
Liam McMorrow
10:00am Samantha Koziacki Isabella Pfeiffer
Christian Concepcion

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 23-24, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Bob Ahrens	Barb Cramer	Joan Billing

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Joe Zulich
Pam Hager	Kevin Liddy	Dan Harbaugh
Kathe Berger	Mary Niemeyer	Amy Schisler
Gina Horas	Mary Reck	Anna Skidmore
Brian McCarthy	Barbara Cramer	

PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Lord, help us to invest equally in our heavenly home as we do in our earthly home.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

March 10, 2019 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (92)	\$ 4,449.00	\$ 179,250.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,790.00	\$ 35,753.00
School Tuition Asst.	\$ 130.00	\$ 3,378.00
Building Fund	\$ 135.00	\$ 4,297.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,374.00
Online Giving (47)	\$ 2,632.00	\$ 71,865.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Lifeline Coalition	(\$ 140.00)	
Easter Flower	\$ 225.00	
Black & Indian Mission	(\$ 200.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 9,711.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,371.00	\$ 296,963.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 325,000.00
Difference	\$ 371.00	(\$ 29,259.00)



jj twig's
PIZZA & PUB
SOUTH HAMPTON

DATE March 21, 2019

WHERE 5600 HAMPTON AVENUE
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109

Join us at JJ Twigs for the NCAA Basketball watch party from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. All you can eat - buffet style - Pizza, Salad, Beer and Soda for \$20 a person - payment will be collected by SRA volunteers at JJ Twigs. Proceeds go to benefit St. Raphael the Archangel School.

For any questions contact John Meier
@ 314.651.4496
jfmeier333@gmail.com



"If you don't have confidence in Faith, then you might as well not be playing."

We are still seeking sponsors! Our newest sponsors are Triad Bank and Signature Medical Group. Also, we need 3 volunteers to help collect money at the door at JJ Twig's. If you would like to add your company logo or your family name to the sponsorship list, and/or volunteer, please call John Meier at 314.651.4496.

Please join us March 30
at the SRA Home and School

Progressive Dinner

Appetizers....Dinner....Dessert....Music

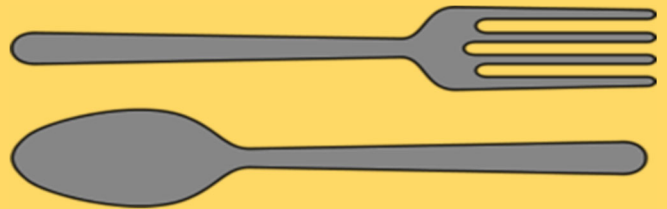
Dessert will be held at the home
of Ray and Mary Anne Braun!

All parishioners and school families are invited.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person
unless you are an appetizer or dinner host.

Reservations are required!
Payment can be sent to the parish office or
school office in care of Jenny Delf.

Don't Miss the Fun!



Are you willing to Host: Appetizer_____ Dinner_____

Are you willing to provide a dessert:_____

Name of Attendees: _____

Address:_____

Preferred Contact:_____

Make Checks Payable to SRA HSA
Questions – HSA@straphaelarchangel.org



thank you for your
support & generosity!

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School News

Even though we are out on Spring Break, we have been doing many great things before break. Here are some things we have been up to...

From Ms. Chris, Pre-K B

Our highlight of the month was our STREAM activity for the letter T. We worked in small groups to brainstorm, devise a plan, and create train cars out of various recyclable materials. We put the train cars together to create one large train. The Bears are looking forward to Spring and can't wait for the warmer weather to arrive!

From Mrs. Schmidt, 1st Grade

The first graders can now tell time to the hour and half hour. We are in the middle of adding and subtracting double digit numbers without regrouping. After that we will be borrowing and regrouping when adding and subtracting double digit numbers. We have started writing opinion papers and learning about when we have an opinion we need reasons to back it up. First grade does not have a class pet, but we have a new bird feeder outside our window that we are very excited about.

4th and 5th Grade Religion

In fourth grade religion, we are finishing our chapter on the Third Commandment and will soon be beginning the Fourth Commandment.

The fifth graders have been focusing on the Sacrament of Healing. We learned how Jesus can heal us of our sins during Reconciliation and how God can heal people both physically and spiritually during the Anointing of the Sick.

From Mrs. Runiewicz

Literature 7th and 8th Grade

Literature classes have continued our holocaust journey by reading *Between Shades of Gray* (8th), *The Book Thief* (7th), and *Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl* (6th). Although these books are often difficult to read, the students seem to enjoy learning about the trials that both the victims and survivors experienced throughout the atrocity. In March, we will begin our much anticipated Shakespeare unit. Eighth grade will read *Romeo and Juliet*, 7th will read *The Merchant of Venice*, and 6th will read *The Taming of the Shrew*. Please encourage students to review every night and discuss the events that they read about. Shakespeare is a difficult genre to get through, but with constant review, the students will be successful.



St. Raphael the Archangel Parish Picnic!!

May 10 & 11

Sponsorship:

Gold: \$500 – Includes business name and logo in large print on t-shirt.

Black: \$250 – Includes business name and logo in medium print on t-shirt.

Family: \$100 – Includes **Family Last Name** & 5 t-shirts

All sponsors will be printed on a t-shirt & banner that will be hung at the main booth.

Name: _____

Level of Sponsorship: _____

Name/Business to appear on t-shirt/banner: _____

Is logo on file? _____

Thank you so much for your support!

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	AXXL	AXXXL	AXXXXL	TTL
Grey													
White													

Date Due: Friday, March 29

Questions: Terri Borowiak terri.borowiak@gmail.com

FISH FRY LISTING

Friday, March 22

St. Cecilia 906 Eichelberger 4:30-8:00pm	Epiphany 6596 Smiley 4:30-7:00pm
St. Mary Magdalen 4924 Bancroft 4-7:00pm	St. Gabriel 6303 Nottingham 4-7:00pm

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.

ROSARY RECITATION

Throughout the season of Lent, we will be praying the Rosary at 6:00pm in church. We are asking all members, if possible, to stay afterwards for private prayer, confession, and Mass at 7:00, followed by a short presentation and practice of a traditional Catholic devotion.



Attention, all high schoolers! Please join us this Wednesday, March 20, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we continue our "Sacrifice" Lenten series. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN ENDS

As of Sunday, March 17, the SRA LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN is over. As you know, the LifeLine Coalition offers assistance to women in crisis pregnancies through the efforts of Our Lady's Inn, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund, Birthright, and Good Shepherd Children and Family Services. Every year, more than 10,000 women and their children are helped through this ProLife campaign. ALL PROCEEDS go directly to aid the people most in need. Even though the official effort is finished, if you still wish to contribute, just place your envelope in the collection basket - marked "LifeLine." Thank you for supporting the Culture of Life!

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9



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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