



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 19, 2017
THIRD 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.



*40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving
Let us praise our loving Redeemer, who gained for
us this season of grace,
and pray to him, saying:
Lord, create a new spirit in us.*

CLERGY & STAFF

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| Rev. Robert J. Reiker | Pastor |
| | Reiker@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Deacon Roger Kreitler | Permanent Deacon |
| Deacon Gerald J. Geiser | Retired Deacon |
| Deacon Ron Holmes | Permanent Deacon and Pastoral Associate |
| | holmes@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Dr. Nancy Deacon | Music Director |
| | musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Mrs. Diane Halbert | Parish Office Manager |
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| Mr. Robert Schlueter | Maintenance |
| Mr. Josh Knauer | Maintenance |
| Dr. Nancy Deacon | Music Director |
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| Mrs. Linda Mechler | School Secretary |
| | secretary@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Mrs. Amy Ruggeri | Cafeteria Manager |
| Mr. Bill Cremers | Seminarian |
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| School | 314.351.7477 |

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, March 20

6:45 pm - Cafeteria Scouts
7:00 pm - Conference Room R.C.I.A.

Tuesday, March 21st

5:30 pm - Gym Softball
7:00 pm - Cafeteria Men's Club Meeting
7:00 pm - Church Weekly Rosary Rct.
7:30 pm - Raphael Room Wild Goose Prst.

Wednesday, March 22nd

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

Thursday, March 23rd

2:00 pm - School Dance Class
5:30 pm - Gym Softball
6:00 pm - Church Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, March 24th

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

Saturday, March 25th

8:00 am - Cafeteria Step Class
2:00 pm - Church Wedding

Sunday, March 26th

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

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT – THE FIRST OF THE SCRUTINIES

The what? The Scrutinies – they are a part of the R.C.I.A., the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which is the process for adults to become Catholic. The restoration of the catechumenate by the Second Vatican Council fifty years ago has given parishes a better way to prepare adults for entering into the Church through Baptism or by a Profession of Faith, if they are already baptized.

The Scrutinies are a part of this R.C.I.A. process during the middle Sundays of Lent to prepare the candidate for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. At the extra ceremony at the 10am Mass Sunday, we will pray for the elect that they will have a spirit of repentance for their sins and the true freedom of the children of God.

This first Scrutiny is also a good time for all already baptized Catholics to reemphasize our own repentance for our sins as we begin to look forward to renewing our baptismal promises at Easter. The prayers of the Scrutiny will reference the event of Sunday's Gospel when Jesus teaches the Samaritan woman at the well that he, as the Christ, is the "Living Water" that enables us to live with grace in this world and in eternity to come.

OUR SRA LENTEN PROJECT – "BUY-A-VAN" FOR THE QUEEN OF PEACE CENTER

We are just underway in our second annual SRA Lenten Project. Last year we successfully raised \$24,000 for the Uganda Cow Project. This year our SRA Parish Council decided to focus our efforts closer to home by seeking to purchase a passenger van for Catholic Charities Queen of Peace Center, which provides very effective treatment for women with addictions and also day care and education for their children. The Queen of Peace Center, located in the block north of the Cathedral, desperately needs to replace a very worn out van, so that these women and children can be picked up from the scattered residence facilities to come daily for treatment and care, and be returned.



We at St. Raphael can make a real difference by contributing to this Lenten Project and collecting at least \$20,000. There are special envelopes in the pews to use, or you can access our on-line giving website, or just mark a plain envelope and drop it in the collection. To reach this goal, we need a good number of people to make some larger donations, as you did last year when we "bought" a whole cow for \$800, or a half for \$400, or a quarter of a cow for \$200. Think of it this year as buying a fender, or a door, or a wheel. Whatever you can give as a Lenten almsgiving will fill up the gas gauges on the posters in church. Watch them as we move towards a full tank of \$20,000. Please be generous!

SPRING BREAK THIS WEEK FOR THE SCHOOL

I decided that while school was out for a week, I would take advantage of the time and go on my annual retreat, at the Hermitages near Pevely, Missouri. Consequently, there will be NO 8am Masses this week. I will celebrate 7am Mass on Monday, and a priest from St. Gabriel will do 7am Mass Tuesday through Thursday; I will be back for Friday 7am Mass. I will be praying for all of our St. Raphael Parish Family. Pray for me!

SEARCH FOR A NEW PRINCIPAL FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL

The Search Committee has been meeting and we are starting the interviews with candidates for the principal position. Our Principal, Mrs. Kim Vangel, will be leaving us in June, and then taking a new position in another Catholic school. Pray that we can discover a great new principal to take her place for the next school year!

SERVERS FOR MARCH 20 - 26

Monday –Tuesday March 20/21

7:00 am Grace Goeddel Anna Mersinger
8:00 am Cate Guenther Ellie Guenther

Wednesday-Thursday 22/23

7:00 am Frannie Benoist Mateo Switzer
8:00 am Liberty Kocsis Mady Shine

Friday March 24

7:00 am Lydia Bick Sarah Brinkmann

Saturday March 25

7:00 am Lydia Bick Sarah Brinkmann

4:30 pm Sophia DiMartino William Hotze
Gillian Neal

Sunday March 26

8:00 am M. Sampson-Walk M. Sullenger
Kristina Videmschek

10:00 am Samantha Koziacki Kristin Nienhaus
Sam Schicker

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19th

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

Monday, March 20th

7:00 am Leona Niemeyer

Tuesday, March 21st

7:00 am Erna Sinovic

Wednesday, March 22nd

7:00 am Herb Berndsen

Thursday, March 23rd

7:00 am V. J. Jeggle

Friday, March 24th

7:00 am Hutton - Jost Families

Saturday, March 25th

7:00 am Mary Carroll SI
4:30 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, March 26th

8:00 Joseph Cross SI
10:00 Carolyn Otz

WEEKEND OF MARCH 25TH & 26TH

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

PRIEST:

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

LECTORS:

Janie McCarthy Mary Reck Seneca Nolan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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| Kathy Steck | Carol Hughes | Joe Zulich |
| Jerriann Blassie | Beverly Whitworth | Dan Harbaugh |
| Pam Hager | Mary Niemeyer | Mary Alice Goedeker |
| 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 11/12, 2017

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| Sunday Collection | \$5,789.00 |
| Online Giving | \$2,145.00 |
| Weekly Total Collection | \$7,934.00 |
| Weekly Budget Goal | \$8,000.00 |
| Fiscal Year-To-Date | \$296,104.00 |
| Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal | \$304,000.00 |

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish His work." Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.



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: _____ \$ Amt Enclosed: _____
Attendees: _____

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.

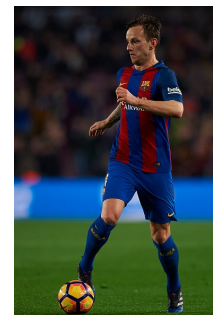
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER MEETING

TOWN HALL FORUM

St. Raphael the Archangel Gymnasium
Thursday, March 30th-
6:30pm

Featured Keynote Speakers:
Jim Kavanaugh
MLS2STL Vice President

Dave Peacock
Executive Committee Member





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. 20th | Tues., Mar. 21st | Wed., Mar. 22nd | Thurs., Mar. 23rd | Friday, Mar. 24th |
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| No School | No School | No School | No School | No School |



Volunteers are needed to organize this year's Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for after the 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday. Duties include someone to act as the Easter Bunny (Parish Office will rent the costume), collecting plastic eggs and candy. Also collected are new stuffed animals or toys for prizes. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

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.

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 and Parishioners,

Thanks to so many of you for your well wishes as I begin my transition to St. Clare of Assisi School. I truly appreciate the heartfelt congratulations and support that I've received from so many parents and parishioners.

We will also be experiencing a faculty change in our PE program. It was decided that our school would be better served by having one full-time PE teacher rather than two part-time PE teachers. When presented with this decision and available options, Mrs. Martin elected to remain at St. Stephen Protomartyr School where she also teaches PE and Art. Mrs. Martin has been a generous and giving member of our faculty and staff for 7 years, and her laughter and antics will be greatly missed by all of us. Please keep Mrs. Martin in your thoughts and prayers as she works through this transition. Mr. John Bruno will be staying with us at St. Raphael and will be moving to the full-time PE teacher here. Mr. Bruno is a certified PE teacher with many years of experience teaching Physical Education to all levels of students, from preschool through high school. We are very happy that Mr. Bruno will be a full-time member of our faculty next school year, and we offer him our congratulations!

St. Raphael the Archangel School is doing its part to help raise money for the parish Lenten mission to "Buy a Van" for the Queen of Peace Center. Last week our Mission Carnival raised over \$800 to put towards the van purchase, and we have just started our next big fundraising project. We are challenging students to bring in change, dollar bills, and checks to donate in the name of their "favorite" teacher and/or administrator. All teachers and staff whose jars reach the \$200 mark will receive a complimentary Pie In The Face at an all school assembly later this spring. Our Student Council created a wonderful display in the main school hallway with a school bus carrying pictures of all the faculty and staff who are participating. Our collection jars are set out each morning, and the display is a popular stopping point for students as they make their way down the hall. Take a look at the display if you're in the school building, and feel free to donate to your "favorite" faculty or staff member!

Our grade school is on spring break next week, so there are no classes for kindergarten through 8th grade from Monday, March 20th through Friday, March 24th. Preschool will be open for play days all week. I hope everyone is able to rest and recharge over the break!

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principal
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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN ENDS

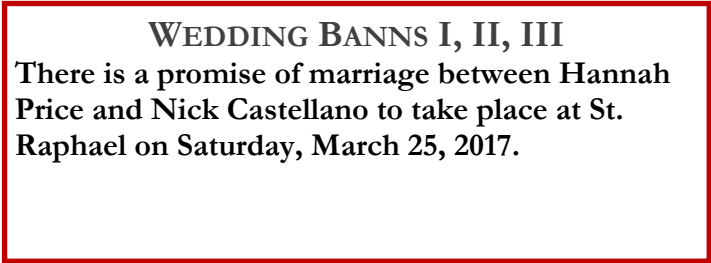
This Sunday, March 19, marks the end of the Life-Line Coalition Campaign. If you still wish to contribute to the campaign, please place your envelope (found in your March packet of envelopes) in the collection basket. There really is no time limit. "Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch lives and move hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world. Don't ever underestimate the beauty and power of the witness we give in our ProLife work." Archbishop Charles Chaput
Thank you for helping to build a Culture of Life.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee



Upcoming Events

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| 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 |



WEDDING BANNS I, II, III

There is a promise of marriage between **Hannah Price** and **Nick Castellano** to take place at **St. Raphael** on **Saturday, March 25, 2017.**



St. Raphael Ladies Club Quarter Auction

Thursday, April 20

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
6000 Jamieson, St. Louis, MO 63109
Auction will be held in the school gymnasium

DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.
AUCTION STARTS AT 7 P.M.

Auctioneer: Michael Flavin

GRAB YOUR QUARTERS AND YOUR GIRLFRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR THE LADIES CLUB'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER!

Open seating, no reservations needed. Bidding paddles are \$5 each. Concessions available for purchase. Outside snacks and beverages welcome.

50/50 • MYSTERY RAFFLE • DOOR PRIZES



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St. Raphael's Parish and School

Buy-a-Van

2017 Lenten Project For Queen of Peace Center

Please donate to our Lenten project, Buy-a-Van for the Queen of Peace Center. We are very grateful for the donations coming in and the contributions from our school children...but we are not yet close to achieving our \$20,000 goal and we need your help.

The devastating, but real facts regarding heroin and poverty epidemic in St. Louis are:

- the number of opiate deaths in the St. Louis region has nearly tripled since 2007;
- there were 516 deaths from opiates in St. Louis in 2015, more than the number killed in violent crimes or car accidents;
- almost 3,000 women and 1,500 children in Missouri were homeless in 2015; and
- 80% of those admitted to treatment for heroin started with prescription-paid medications.

Help us give a helping hand to Queen of Peace Center who is confronting this epidemic.

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 #2

Jeanine graduated from college, taught employability and social skills, raised a son and had a pretty standard life, although drinking was a big part of her life. After a nearly fatal car accident, she found herself dependent on prescribed pain medication. After the prescriptions ran out, Jeanine turned to heroin and her career and family life were on a downward spiral. Janine came to QOPC and turned her life around. She now stands on her own, is back in a fulfilling career and has mended the relationships with her family. One hundred percent of children enrolled in QOPC's daycare program display a readiness for kindergarten.

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.

ST. LOUIS HILLS SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association is accepting applications for the 2017 SLHNA Student Award for scholarship, leadership and service in school, church and community. Three one-time scholarships in the amount of \$600 will be awarded. The application deadline is Monday, April 24, and requires submission of a 3rd quarter/ 2nd trimester report card.

The applicant must be an eighth grade student, the daughter/son/legal dependent of a St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association member living within the boundaries of St. Louis Hills. The applicant's family must have a current history of membership in SLHNA including 2017. The scholarship award is for the freshman year of high school only; it is non-renewable. For more information and an application, go to <http://stlhills.com>, membership/benefits category.

ST. PATRICK CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

St. Patrick Center is seeking donations of socks and underwear for male and female adults, all sizes, including XXL and XXXL. For more information, contact Katie Joseph at 314.802.1976 or kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Join us this Wednesday, March 22nd, as we journey through Lent and continue 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!



This week within our Rice Bowl stories, we encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment?

For more information, ideas and suggestions, please visit <http://www.crsricebowl.org>.

Pitch Hit & Run 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.

CATHOLIC SINGLES ALUMNI CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club is hosting a softball league in April and a singles dance in May. Interested? Contact Gina at ginananny@yahoo.com for information.

Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

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Date: March 15, 2017

Pages Sent: 10 pages not including two pages of ads

Contact: Parish Office 314.352.8100

Special Instructions: