

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

MARCH 3, 2019



As the test of what the potter
molds is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 4

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
3:00pm - Cafeteria	7th Gr. Girl Scouts
3:30pm - Gym	4th Gr. Boys Bball.
5:00pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
7:00pm - Parish Office	Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, March 5

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:00pm - Pietro's	Fifty Plus Club
1:30pm - Church	Lectio Group
3:15pm - Church	Children's Choir
6:30pm - Cafeteria	2nd Gr. Cub Scouts
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:30pm - Tobias Room	Women of Faith

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters
5:00pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00pm - Church	Mass
8:30pm - Gym	Men's Club Bball.

Thursday, March 7

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - School	Dance Class
3:15pm - Art Room	Chess Club
5:00pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament

Friday, March 8

7:00am - Church	Mass
4:15pm - Cafeteria	1st Gr. Girl Scouts

Saturday, March 9

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria	Step Class
8:00am - Gym	CYC Bball. Games
4:30pm - Church	Mass

Sunday, March 10

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Mass -Girl Scout Sunday
12:00pm - Gym	CYC Bball. Games

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

Rejoice and Repent...For Here Comes Lent!

This week, we will begin our annual spiritual practice of the Season of Lent. Popularly, we may see Lent as that season where we are supposed to give something up that we like for 40 days. The reason that we give something up is not to make ourselves suffer. We are not sadists who seek out suffering for the sake of suffering. Instead, when we give something up that we like, we create room in our life for something new to take its place. Ideally, in Lent, this should be something of the Lord.

So for instance, perhaps I enjoy a piece of chocolate at the end of the day. In and of itself, there is nothing wrong with enjoying a little treat. But perhaps during Lent, instead of enjoying this piece of chocolate, I refrain from the chocolate and spend those couple of minutes reviewing my day, not with chocolate, but with the Lord. I ask Him for guidance and forgiveness as well as thank Him for the blessings that have come to me during the day.

This small act of penance has become an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord. By having this additional time with the Lord in my life, I pray that Easter will be a much more joyful and important celebration this year.

What are you doing for Lent? How will it help you to get closer to the Lord?

Ash Wednesday Schedule

We will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday at 7:00am, 8:00am, and 7:00pm.

Regulations for Lent

The USCCB has provided the regulations that all Catholics in the United States will commonly practice this Lenten Season:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the fasting norms are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onward.

Lenten Project

This weekend, we will hear more about our Lenten project for this year. We will be focusing on how we can serve one another more fully this Lenten Season. Please take some time as Lent begins to examine the mailing you have or should receive very soon and pray about how the Lord may be calling you to serve Him in our parish this Lent and beyond.

How We Will Spend Our Lent

In the mailing that will go home, you will find information on the liturgies of the Lenten Season.

Our spiritual focus this Lent will be the basic Catholic devotions. On Tuesdays, we will have confessions available from 6:15-6:45pm. Holy Mass will follow at 7:00pm with a 27.5 minute guarantee! Following Mass, we will have a short presentation and practice of a traditional Catholic devotion. This will all conclude by 8:00pm. If you are looking for something a bit spiritual in Lent, this is the perfect event for you. Also, if you miss one week, you can keep coming, as each week we will cover a new devotion that is separate from the previous week.

Other spiritual activities this Lent are celebrating the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:00pm (and on March 15 at 7:00pm as well), a communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick, and extra times for confession.

Lent this Week at SRA

Wednesday, March 6: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday; Masses 7 and 8:00am, 7:00pm

Friday, March 8: Stations of the Cross, 2:00pm

Saturday, March 9: Confessions, regular times

Sunday, March 10: Confessions, 7:30-7:50am and 9:30-9:50am

We All Know We Are Sinners, So Let Us Cook Some Fish For Dinner

Next Friday, we will be offering our sole fish fry for the Lenten Season. We are excited to offer this opportunity to come together as a parish community for fellowship and fish.

In conjunction with the fish fry, we will offer our sole Lenten Stations of the Cross during a Friday evening of Lent. We will offer at 7:00pm the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by the Stations of the Cross beginning around 7:10pm. This allows for people who come late to the fish fry or who are working a few extra minutes before coming over to celebrate the Stations of the Cross. We will conclude the stations by 7:45pm. Please consider taking some extra time to add a faith component to our time of fellowship.

In Gratitude

Thank you all for your patience and understanding while I have been away studying these past couple of weeks. The classes were intense, but good overall. I look forward to sharing some of the fruits of these classes in the coming weeks of Lent.

A special thanks to Msgr. Stehly, our visiting priests, Deacon Jerry, and our fine parish and school staff who did so much while I was gone. May God reward your generosity!

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

Sunday, March 3

8:00am Ralph Kolde
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, March 4

7:00am Bill Goeddel
8:00am Maureen Mabry Hizer

Tuesday, March 5

7:00am Mary Carroll, SI
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Wednesday, March 6

7:00am Jan Mokwa
8:00am Mary Alice Colbert

Thursday, March 7

7:00am Susan Granda
8:00am Ralph Kolde

Friday, March 8

7:00am Darren Deachan, SI

Saturday, March 9

7:00am Norman Schramm
4:30pm Rose Marie Belli

Sunday, March 10

8:00am Grace Vitale
10:00am People of the Parish

**RELIC PILGRIMAGE OF
ST. JEAN VIANNEY'S
INCORRUPT HEART**



Men's Club

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15
4:00PM - 7:00PM**

COD

SHRIMP

CHEESE PIZZA

**Dinners include 2 Sides/Bread/Dessert/
Tea or Lemonade**

**Kids Meals and A La Carte
Items Available**

Dine In & Carry Out

\$ CASH ONLY \$



**CATHEDRAL BASILICA
OF ST. LOUIS**

4431 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108

Friday, March 15

Mass
12:05 PM

Confessions
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Reflection
3:30 PM

Vespers
5:30 PM

Closing Blessing
6:00 PM

*Public veneration of the relic
will be available following Mass.*

SERVERS FOR MARCH 4-10, 2019

Monday, March 4

7:00am Gavin Smith Justin Wingron
8:00am Jack Stein Mateo Switzer

Tuesday, March 5

7:00am William Hotze Isabella Pfeiffer
8:00am Jack Stein Mateo Switzer

Wednesday, March 6

7:00am Liam McMorrow Andrew Kellar
8:00am Mateo Switzer Josh Abbott
7:00pm Samantha Koziacki Jack Stein

Thursday, March 7

7:00am Rory Barnawell Cillian Sheehan
8:00am Mateo Switzer Josh Abbott

Friday, March 8

7:00am Isabella Pfeiffer Henry Cyr

Saturday, March 9

7:00am Addison Berta Thad Berta
4:30pm Flora Borowiak Gavin Smith
Cillian Sheehan

Sunday, March 10

8:00am Liam McMorrow Lydia Bick
Rory Barnawell
10:00am Alex Atchison Andrew Kellar
Christian Concepcion

**MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF
MARCH 9-10, 2019**

LECTORS

4:30pm Ron Goedecker 8:00am Kevin Liddy 10:00am Dennis Matreci

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

**ARCHBISHOP CARLSON'S
STEWARDSHIP GOAL**

"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent, and treasure."

Your Contributions to God and Parish

February 24, 2019 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (96)	\$ 4,560.00	\$ 170,154.00
Loose Money	\$ 754.00	\$ 32,281.00
School Tuition Asst.	\$ 295.00	\$ 3,188.00
Building Fund	\$ 230.00	\$ 3,932.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,374.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,390.00	\$ 67,741.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Grand Total	\$ 8,239.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,239.00	\$ 279,481.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 307,000.00
Difference	(\$ 761.00)	(\$ 28,0741.00)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Luke 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each person unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

USE AMAZON SMILE FOR YOUR SHOPPING AND SUPPORT SRA!

Please continue to use Amazon Smile and a percentage of your Amazon purchase will go to SRA!! You must use the Amazon Smile web site: smile.amazon.com. From this site you select SRA as your recipient, log into your account, and start spending! Prime members and non-prime members can participate; everyone can help SRA earn extra money every time you buy!!

School News

We are proud to announce the high school plans for the St. Raphael Class of 2019:

- Katherine Cyr - Visitation Academy
- Olivia Hotze - Rosati-Kain High School
- Jasmin Rizos - Cor Jesu Academy
- Mary Beth Thompson - Nerinx Hall
- Mia Thompson - St. Joseph's Academy
- Lillian Weber - Notre Dame High School

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND...SRA Stewardship Committee



At each of this weekend's Masses, we will hear from a representative of SRA's Stewardship Committee as part of the stewardship initiative, whereby we become a stronger parish family when we share our time and talent. Sharing our time and talent is this year's Lenten project.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with SRA committees, there are many to choose from. Please see the parish directory for opportunities, or contact one of the Stewardship Committee members for further details. Stewardship Committee members are: Maureen Ahrens, Rob Dirnbeck, Maggie Fuhr, Pam Hager, George Kerry, and Erin Pinkerton. All phone numbers can be found in the parish directory. Thank you.



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."



Thank you to our additional current sponsors: 4Media Group, Red Hat, Inc., Daniel & Henry Co., Representative Donna Baringer, and the Klein Family. If you would like to add your company logo or your family name to the sponsorship list, 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

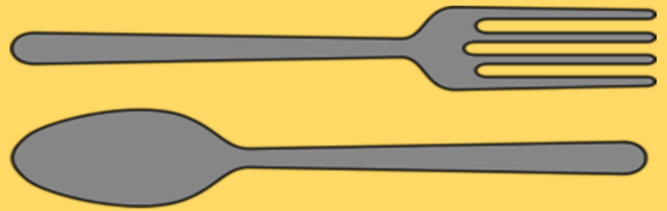
Dessert will be held at the home
of Ray and Mary Anne Braun!

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

ROSARY RECITATION

Starting on Tuesday, March 12, and throughout the season of Lent, we will be praying the Rosary at 6:00pm. 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.

The logo for 'fiftyplus' features the word 'fifty' in a red, lowercase, sans-serif font and 'plus' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The text is set against a teal background with a white drop shadow effect.

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The next Fifty Plus meeting is Tuesday, March 5, at 1:00pm at Pietro's, 3801 Watson Road. Bring a friend! All are welcome.

THE VOCATION CHALICE

Please consider taking the Vocation Chalice into your home for a week. During that week, the host family will be asked to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life.

To learn more about the program, contact a member of the St. Raphael Serra Committee: Barb Cramer, George Kerry, Bob Ahrens, or Bart Saracino. To sign up for a week, please call Maureen Ahrens at 314.353.8444 or email at reahrens40@att.net.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

It is true that donations come to the Society because good people produce goodness from their hearts. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven. Please consider joining us in volunteering to help serve the poor. To learn more, please call the parish office at 314.352.8100.

Our conference wishes to thank the SRA school families for their generous, ongoing support of the needy. Each month, 10-12 large boxes of food are collected and taken to area food pantries, to which we often send families that we service. We much appreciate your food and toiletry donations.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

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

We are currently accepting donation items for:

Theme Baskets
Wine/Liquor
Small Appliances
Sporting Event Tickets
Jewelry
Tote Bags
Lottery Tickets
Candles
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.

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN MARCH 3 TO MARCH 17, 2019

In 1986, Archbishop John L. May formed the LIFELINE COALITION to raise awareness that pregnancy assistance services are available, to generate new revenue for caregivers, and to expand services to pregnant women. The LIFELINE COALITION, composed of Our Lady's Inn, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund, Birthright, and Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, provides help for women in crisis pregnancies. More than 10,000 local women and children are helped each year through this ProLife campaign. You will find your LIFELINE envelope in the March packet of envelopes. ALL PROCEEDS from this campaign go directly to aid the people most in need. Please place your envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you for supporting the Culture of Life!
The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

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.



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

CATHEDRAL BASILICA NEEDS YOU!

There are opportunities waiting for you as a Greeter or Tour Guide. Greeters sit at the desk in the vestibule and welcome people from around the world. Greeters are needed Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 1:00pm or 1:00-4:00pm. Tour Guides are needed on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings to share the beautiful mosaics in our Cathedral Basilica. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talent for a few hours a week to share this great treasure of our faith. For more information, please contact Sister Pat Donnelly at 314.373.8241



ST. JOHN VIANNEY THEATRE PRODUCTION

Calling all elementary and preschool-age kids! Vianney High School is inviting you to be our guest on March 8, for *Bedtime Stories*. In this performance it's Dad's turn to tell his three rambunctious kids their bedtime stories; but, when he gets fuzzy on the details, the classics get creative! You may think you know your fairy tales, but not the way Dad tells them. The script, written by Ed Monk, is appropriate for all ages. We are looking forward to seeing you March 8, 9:00-10:00am.

To make reservations for the complimentary performance of *Bedtime Stories*, please email Monica Sabatino at msabatino@vianney.com by Wednesday, March 6. Please include the number attending. For questions or additional information, please call 314.965.4853, Ext. 134.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 9
 8:30am - Closing Mass 4:00pm
 Speakers: Leah Darrow, Obianuju Ekeocha,
 Fr. Brian Fallon, Elizabeth Westhoff
 Register: catholicwomenforchrist.org
 Tickets: \$45 until March 8, \$50 at the door

FISH FRY LISTING

*What is a fish's least favorite day of the week?
 Fryday!*

March 8

St. Joan of Arc 5821 Pernod 4-7:00pm	Epiphany 6596 Smiley 4:30-7:00pm
St. Gabriel 6303 Nottingham 4-7:00pm	St. Pope John Paul II 4980 Heege 4-8:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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

Please Contact Me

New Phone/Email/Address

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