



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 5, 2017
FIRST 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

WHEN: SUNDAY MARCH 5TH - THURSDAY MARCH 9TH, 2017
WHERE: ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH
MAIN SERVICE: 7:00 PM EACH EVENING

Sunday	BEAUTY OF THE EARTH Honoring the Elements
Monday	BEFRIENDING OUR GRIEF Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday	HEALING OF THE NATIONS Healing of Memories Prayer and Prayer of Faith
Wednesday	ALIVE AND WELL Celebration of Mass
Thursday	SUNDAY AND BEYOND Benediction & Announcement of Plenary Indulgence See Program on Page 9.

Simply Live!



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

7:30 am to 1:30 pm

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Reiker	Pastor
Deacon Roger Kreitler	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Deacon Ron Holmes	Permanent Deacon and Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
Mrs. Mickey Janos	Admin. Assistant
Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mr. Josh Knauer	Maintenance
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
Mrs. Kim Vangel	School Principal
Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
Mrs. Amy Ruggeri	Cafeteria Manager
Mr. Bill Cremers	Seminarian

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."

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.

PHONE NUMBERS:

<u>Parish Office</u>	314.352.8100
Father Bob Reiker	Ext 215
Parish Administrator	Ext 214
Bookkeeper	Ext 211
Music Director	Ext 220
Admn. Asst.	Ext 210
Fax	314.353.6603
<u>School</u>	314.352.9474 Fax 314.351.7477

Prayer Tree Please call the Parish Office

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FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

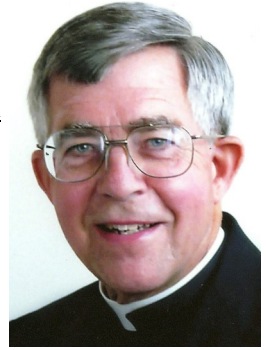
THE ST. RAPHAEL PARISH MISSION FOR LENT IS NOW!!!

We welcome Father George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.) from Belleville, Illinois, who is preaching at all the Masses this weekend to urge us to be renewed in the life of Christ by participating in special services that begin Sunday evening at 7:00pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be offered on Monday evening, and on the following day, Tuesday, each hour on the hour from 10am to 4pm. A complete schedule for the week is found in this bulletin on Page 9.

Father George Knab, O.M.I., born the oldest of eight siblings in Buffalo, New York, joined the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and was ordained a priest in 1967. The Oblates are a world-wide religious community of nearly 4,000 members, founded in 1826 by St. Eugene de Mazenod to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has worked as an Oblate priest in Buffalo, Indianapolis, South Carolina, then Mexico and Brazil, Washington, D.C. preaching throughout the East Coast, then parish work in Florida, Massachusetts and Louisiana. In 2003, he became part of the Oblate Preaching Ministries based in Chicago; from there he conducted 130 parish missions across the country. In 2013, he moved to Belleville, near Our Lady of the Snows Shrine. Whenever he is home and not out preaching in parishes, he does Bible Studies on Mondays, and works in a soup kitchen in East St. Louis.

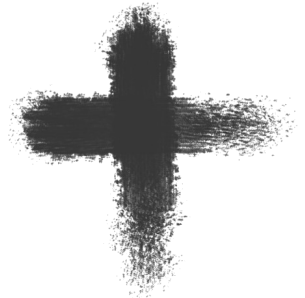
And thus you can see, we are privileged to have a man with much experience in preaching throughout our country, and even in other parts of the world. Let yourself be blessed by his wisdom and the Lord's presence in these five days of our Parish Mission at St. Raphael Parish this week.



FIRST FULL WEEK OF LENT

We have now started the annual 40 days of spiritual renewal, or as I sometimes like to call it – “spiritual spring training.” Do you have a plan for getting back into shape for the great Easter Season? Don't forget the three tried and true spiritual exercises: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

1. Prayer – morning prayer, night prayer, rosary, reading the Bible, meditation, solitude time, spiritual reading, daily Mass, prayer with the family/children, prayer before meals in restaurants, prayer when driving, Stations of the Cross on Fridays, Tuesday afternoon Bible study or the Tuesday evening “The Wild Goose” video series about the Holy Spirit, ...
2. Fasting – sacrifice your favorite beverage or smoking, sacrifice eating between meals, give up TV time or internet time in the evening, eat out less and cook more for family, give up some recreational time to visit someone who needs you., ...
3. Almsgiving – Lenten Rice Bowl for CRS, our SRA Lenten Project to “Buy a Van,” St. Vincent de Paul Society, your favorite charity, open your door or your heart to someone who needs your help, ...



HOW IS THE R.C.I.A. COMING ALONG, YOU ASK?

Today at 10am Mass we have the Ritual of Sending for the two participants of this year's R.C.I.A.; later on Sunday evening, they will go to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election with the Archbishop and a few hundred other potential new members of the Catholic Church from a variety of other parishes. Chrystal Montgomery is looking forward to being baptized, confirmed and receiving first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil; Karol Bick is planning on making her Profession of Faith as a Catholic, then being confirmed and receiving first Eucharist. Pray for Chrystal and Karol as they enter the final weeks of preparation during Lent to enter into the Catholic Church.

SERVERS FOR MARCH 6 - 12

Monday –Tuesday March 6/7

7:00 am Andrew Kellar Jacob Kellar
8:00 am Merritt Jugo Kristina Videmschek

Wednesday-Thursday March 8/9

7:00 am Lydia Bick Jane Dubbert
8:00 am Sarah Brinkmann Samantha Koziacki

Friday March 10

7:00 am Kristin Nienhaus Sam Schicker

Saturday March 11

7:00 am Kristin Nienhaus Sam Schicker

4:30 pm Rory Barnawell Madelene Cierpiot
Abigail Stein

Sunday March 12

8:00 am Christian Concepcion Natalie Davis
Miranda Sullenger

10:00 am Katie Delf Abby Delf
Lucille Schlichting

WEEKEND OF MARCH 11TH & 12TH

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

PRIEST:

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

LECTORS:

Laura Geiser Mary Kay Backer Dennis Matreci

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun., March 5th

8:00 am Rose Smart
10:00 am Marilyn Remmler

Monday, March 6th

7:00 am Mark Kreutzman SI
8:00 am Erna Sinovic

Tuesday, March 7th

7:00 am Roseanne Saracino
8:00 am Rose Eder

Wednesday, March 8th

7:00 am Grace Farley Maderos
8:00 am John Hummert

Thursday, March 9th

7:00 am Kate Bertram SI
8:00 am Marcia Matreci

Friday, March 10th

7:00 am Cody Alexander

Saturday, March 11th

7:00 am Hutton-Jost Families
4:30 pm Agnes Linville SI

Sunday, March 12th

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 25/26, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$5,556.18
Online Giving	\$1,572.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$7,128.18
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 270.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date	\$279,398.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$288,000.00

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

THANK YOU

My grateful appreciation to everyone for the cards, prayers and calls during this long and miserable ordeal. I look forward to being back in church within the next two weeks.
God bless you,
Jerriann Blassie



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LOCAL PARISH FISH FRIES*

Epiphany of our Lord, 6596 Smiley	4:30 - 7:30pm
Immaculate Conception-Maplewood, 4240 Anna	4 - 7pm
Our Lady of Sorrows, 5831 S. Kingshighway	2 - 7pm
St. Anthony, 3135 Meramec	4 - 7pm
St. Gabriel, 6303 Nottingham	4 - 7pm
St. James the Greater, 1360 Tamm Ave.	4 - 8pm
St. Joan of Arc, 5821 Pernod	4 - 7 pm
St. Justin Martyr, 11914 Eddie & Park	4 - 7pm
St. Mark, 8300 Morganford	4:30 - 7pm
Seven Holy Founders, 6737 S. Rock Hill	4 - 7pm

* Please check web sites as times and dates may vary.



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

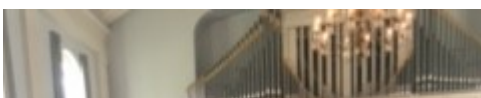
Contact: Jess at lenzenjm@gmail.com

\$15
per Person

\$150
per Table
Checks payable to SRA

Table Name: _____
Attendees: _____

\$ Amt Enclosed: _____





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. 6th	Tues., Mar. 7th	Wed., Mar. 8th	Thurs., Mar. 9th	Friday, Mar. 10th
Pigs In A Blanket	Cheerios/Fruit & a Surprise	Toasted Ravs, Garlic Bread & Salad	Chicken Sandwich & Corn on the Cob	Cheese Pizza

MARDI GRAS & MISSION CARNIVAL AT SRA SCHOOL!



PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

It's hard to believe that Lent has begun, but here we are! I hope that many of you will take advantage of the opportunity to renew your faith and parish community this coming week by attending the SRA Parish Mission. It truly promises to be a time of inspiration and hope!

Our school community is eagerly participating in the parish Lenten project to "Buy a Van" for the Queen of Peace Center (QOPC). Our first step was to use our annual Mission Carnival as the initial fundraiser for the project. The Mission Carnival is like a fun fair at the end of the school day on Fat Tuesday, with games of skill and chance going on in each classroom. Students purchase tickets ahead of time and then partner up to walk around the building and play games of their choice for about an hour, and win lots of donated kitschy little prizes that they love. The most popular stop is usually face painting with a line out the door! At the end of Mission Carnival, we collect all the unused tickets and put them into a raffle for gift cards to local popular spots. Many thanks to the parent volunteers, teachers, and prize donors for organizing and carrying out this fun event for a good cause!

Our 7th Graders visited QOPC on Friday, March 3rd, to learn more about the mission of the Center, and to interact with some of the children whose mothers receive services there. After our 7th Graders came back, we created an all-school fund-raising project to help "Buy a Van" and then to raise money specifically to help the children at QOPC. Stay tuned for more details.

We are busy making plans for next school year already and will be adding a full-time Reading and Math Intervention Teacher to our faculty. I will begin advertising for this position very soon; but, if you know of a dedicated teacher with reading and math specialization for struggling students, please ask him or her to contact me at vangel@straphaelarchangel.org. We have found some of our best teachers and staff through your connections, so please help us out again if you can.

On a bittersweet note, our Recess Coordinator, Mrs. Angela Cierpiot has notified me that she will be leaving her position at SRA effective Friday, March 17th. Angela has been discerning how to re-enter the business world and now has a wonderful opportunity to do so. We will miss her consistent presence and guidance at our recess times, and we thank her so much for her service to our school. As one parent recently emailed me, "I just wanted to drop you a note to tell you how much I appreciate Angela and the role she plays at recess. I couldn't understand her role when it was announced; but, now that I've done recess duty a few times, I see the benefit of having a CONSISTENT adult out there every day. She gets to know our kids and therefore she can monitor bullying and unkindness. She sees what the kids need and can intercede for them (new balls, soccer nets, etc.). And the sacrifice she makes by being there! Anyway- thank you for having her there. I hope she stays." We hope to find a replacement for Angela as our Recess Coordinator for the remainder of this school year as well as moving forward. If you or someone you know would be interested in accepting this challenging (yet rewarding!) position, please ask him or her to contact me at vangel@straphaelarchangel.org as soon as possible. Like all Catholic School positions, no one gets rich doing this work, but it is gratifying beyond measure!

Please pray for the success of the SRA Parish Mission, and for a reflective and peaceful Lent for us all.

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principal

Upcoming Events:

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

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN BEGINS

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

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



Dinner at Sts. Peter & Paul - Thank you!

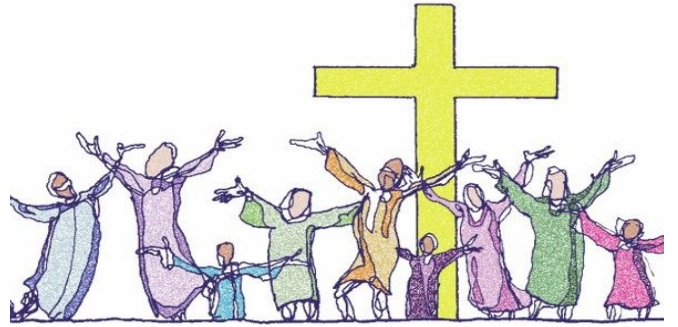
Thursday evening, February 23, we had the pleasure of serving 160 guests at Sts. Peter and Paul. We are grateful to our parishioners who provided financial support, donated items that we needed and gave of their time to prepare the meal, serve and clean up. Our volunteer servers welcomed our guests with respect and joyous smiles. They left happy and with full bellies.

A very special thank you to Jack Favre and Tony Mariani for barbecuing our brats for the dinner. We also want to thank Renee Rubbelke who once again did all our shopping for the meal.

Plan to join us next fall when we return for another evening of service

Simply Live!

True Religion for the 21st Century



We allow the Word of God to guide and inspire us to live simply so that others may simply live. Together we share the joy of the Lord who finds his glory in giving life to the world from generation to generation without end.

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 5 - 9, 2017

“Mission Preacher” - Father George Knab, O.M.I.

SUNDAY	7:00pm	BEAUTY OF THE EARTH Ritual: Honoring the Elements Refreshments
MONDAY	7:00am	Mass, Refreshments, Talk: <i>The Greatest Commandment</i>
	7:00pm	BEFRIENDING OUR GRIEF Ritual: Sacrament of Penance
TUESDAY	7:00am	Mass, Refreshments, Talk: <i>The Second Greatest Commandment</i>
	10:00am - 4:00pm	Confessions: Heard each hour on the hour
	7:00pm	HEALING OF THE NATIONS Ritual: Healing of Memories Prayer Prayer of Faith
WEDNESDAY	8:00am	Mass, Refreshments, Talk: <i>Good Grief, Accepting the Loss Of A Loved One Gracefully</i>
	7:00pm	ALIVE AND WELL Ritual: <i>CELEBRATION OF MASS</i> Guided Holy Hour
THURSDAY	8:00am	Mass, Refreshments, and <i>Question and Answer Session</i>
	6:00pm	Guided Holy Hour
	7:00pm	SUNDAY AND BEYOND Ritual: Benediction and Announcement of the Plenary Indulgence Refreshments

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, March 6th

7:00 am - Church	Mass - Parish Mission
3:15 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
7:00 pm - Church	Parish Mission

Tuesday, March 7th

7:00 am - Church	Mass - Parish Mission
1:00 pm - Raphael Room	50 Plus Club
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
5:00 pm - Cafeteria	Daisy Scouts
7:00 pm - Church	Parish Mission

Wednesday, March 8th

8:00 am - Church	Mass - Parish Mission
9:00 am - Quilters Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Church	Schola Rehearsal
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
7:00 pm - Church	Parish Mission

Thursday, March 9th

8:00 am - Church	Mass - Parish Mission
2:00 pm - School	SRA Dance Classes
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
7:00 pm - Church	Parish Mission

Friday, March 10th

2:00 pm - Church	Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - School	Lock-In Upper Grades
3:15 pm - Tobias Room	Marian Award
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
7:00 pm - Church	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11th

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
8:00 am - Gym	Basketball Tournament

Sunday, March 5th

8:00 am - Gym	Basketball Tournament
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Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Join us this Wednesday, March 8th as we journey through Lent by kicking off our new 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!



ENCOUNTER INNOVATION!

Our first week, using our Rice Bowl stories, we encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent?

May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.



OUTDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM

There will be an outdoor soccer program for boys and girls of the 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.

PRAYER NETWORK

Prayer network is seeking a volunteer to maintain and update the St. Raphael Prayer network list once a month. Anyone interested may email Lorraine Gurley at gurleyhlf@sbcglobal.net or call the parish office at 314.352.8100.

St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call to "give alms to the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the rectory and refer them to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Together, we can help the suffering and the poor.

Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

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Contact: Parish Office 314.352.8100

Special Instructions: