

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 14, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**ST. RAPHAEL
SCHOOL
MAY
CROWNING
MAY 4, 2017
WITH
8TH GRADERS**



A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes away every tear.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memories and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day!



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

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

WEEKDAYS:

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, May 15th

3:15 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	School Board

Tuesday, May 16th

1:30 pm - Parish Office	Bible Study
5:30 pm - Gym	Softball
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Men's Club Mtg.
7:00 pm - Kindergarten Rm.	New Kindergarten Parent Meeting

Wednesday, May 17th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Church	Schola Rehearsal
4:00 pm - Gym	Dance Recital
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scouts
7:00 pm - Church	Choir Practice

Thursday, May 18th

2:00 pm - School	Dance Class
7:00 pm - Church	Cont. Music Group
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Ladies' Club Mtg.

Friday, May 19th

3:15 pm - Raphael Room	Marian Award
6:30 pm - Gym	Graduation Dinner

Saturday, May 20th

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

Sunday, May 21st

8:00 am - Church	Mass
10:00 am - Church	Mass / 8th Grade Graduation

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

MOTHER'S DAY - GOD'S BLESSINGS ON ALL OUR MOTHERS!

During the month of May, as Catholics, we always honor Mary's status as the "Mother of God." May is the month of flowers and life-giving sunshine - an appropriate month for our Blessed Mother and also for our very blessed mothers. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is crowned as the Queen of Heaven, and our own dear mothers are crowned today as the queens of our hearts, whether they are with us in this world or with us spiritually. Today, reflect on the life and the love they bestowed on each of us.

Not that I am biased or anything, I believe that I had the best mother in the world. She was so loving to me and to so many others in her life; she prayed and worked and prayed again for her family constantly. I suspect that Mary did the same for Jesus and for Joseph; they were fortunate and blessed, too. Today we return the favor by praying and working for our mothers, wherever they might be.

TODAY AT 11:00 AM (AFTER MASS) - BLESSING AND PRESENTATION OF THE NEW 12-PASSENGER FORD VAN FOR QUEEN OF PEACE CENTER! COME OUT AFTER MASS AND GET IN THE PICTURE!

Our St. Raphael Lenten Project was so successful that we were able to present a check for \$25,000 to QOPC to cover the full cost of a new van for its clients, the mothers and children who need a ride each day to QOPC for treatment and day care. Thanks to all the generous givers who made this possible. Join us after Mass on the Highfield Road-side of church and see what we were able to buy.

Father Bob presenting our check for \$25,000 to Jeff Buchek, Development Coordinator for QOPC.



**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WORK ON
THE ANNUAL PICNIC!
THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME AND SPENT SOME MONEY AT THE PICNIC!
GREAT FUN! GREAT SUCCESS!**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - FINAL CHANCE THIS SUNDAY TO MAKE YOUR ACA PLEDGE!

Don't forget that you promised me in church to make your ACA pledge if I did not give a ten-minute talk at the end of Mass about the many benefits that come from your generosity to the ACA. Last chance today to come to the back of church to make your donation/pledge!

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION MASS - NEXT SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM MASS

Soon we will have 20 more graduates from our St. Raphael the Archangel School. Congratulations to the graduates, to their loving parents, and to our dedicated school faculty and staff. These 20 young people have accomplished much already, but only a hint of their greatness that is waiting to blossom in the years ahead. It is rewarding to know that we all had a part in this accomplishment - especially the regular parish members by their generosity to our annual Angel Appeal for the school, to our Black & Gold Auction, and to our Sunday offertory collection. All of these sources of revenue enabled these 20 St. Raphael students to have an outstanding Catholic education that will be the foundation of their future as good Catholics and good men and women in our society. In their name, I thank all of you.

P.S.: Do you know any neighbors or friends that need a great Catholic grade school? We still have a few openings for our incoming kindergarten class, and actually in any of our grades K-8. Just have them call the school to apply, 314.352.9474, or go to our website: straphaelarchangel.org.

SERVERS FOR MAY 15 - MAY 21

Monday –Tuesday May 15/16

7:00 am Sean Madden Wm. Madden
 8:00 am Andrew Borowiak Flora Borowiak

Wednesday-Thursday May 17/18

7:00 am Kristin Nienhaus K. Videmschek
 8:00 am Lucille Schlichting M. Sullenger

Friday - May 19

7:00 am C. Concepcion Isabella Pfeiffer

Saturday - May 20

7:00 am C. Concepcion Isabella Pfeiffer
 4:30 pm Eva Thompson Mia Thompson
 Mackenzie Sampson-Walk

Sunday - May 21

8:00 am Grace Goeddel A. Mersinger
 Spencer Willmann
 10:00 am Flora Borowiak Mateo Switzer
 Samantha Koziacki

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 14th

8:00 am Julie Ventimiglia
 10:00 am Don Deachan

Monday, May 15th

7:00 am Marcia Matreci
 8:00 am Berniece Heede

Tuesday, May 16th

7:00 am Ralph Raskas
 8:00 am Richard Krus

Wednesday, May 17th

7:00 am Thomas J. Koehler, Sr.
 8:00 am Don Deachan

Thursday, May 18th

7:00 am Doris & Mike Carnes
 8:00 am Susie Pinski

Friday, May 19th

7:00 am John Gubser

Saturday, May 20th

7:00 am Richard Krus
 4:30 pm Gubser Family SI

Sunday, May 21st

8:00 Jerry Ganz
 10:00 People of the Parish

WEEKEND OF MAY 20 & 21, 2017

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

LECTORS:

George Kerry Barb Cramer Heather Hays

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Kathy Steck Carol Hughes Joan Billing
 Pam Hager Beverly Whitworth Ted Green
 Brian McCarthy Mary Niemeyer Mary Faith Green
 Nancy McCarthy Joyce Holmes Barbara Favre
 Gina Horas Mary Reck Heather Hays
 Barbara Cramer Fred Hodes
 Steve Kratky

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 6/7, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,221.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,995.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$11,216.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 8,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Total	\$340,062.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$360,000.00

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

From “ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY”

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.” When you give out of charity, you perform a good work, far greater than you think. When you help us reach out to mothers who struggle to feed their families, you honor their motherhood and give them dignity.



introducing
St. Raphael and School
2017 Lenten Project
Buy a Van
For Queen of Peace Center

We did it! And you made it possible!

CONGRATULATIONS, EVERYONE!

Thanks to your generosity our St. Raphael parish and school not only made our goal of \$20,000 but collected a total of \$25,000! The folks at the Queen of Peace Center are thrilled and very thankful for all you've done. Come join us after the 10:00 am Mass today as we present the Queen of Peace Center representatives with the keys to their new van. The van will be on display for all to see.

Again, thank you and may God bless you for your support.

SRA 2017 PARISH DIRECTORY

PLEASE BE SURE TO LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW OF:

- Any telephone number changes
- Any e-mail address changes
- Any address changes

We need this information as soon as possible, please.



WEDDING BANNERS III

There is a promise of marriage between Daniel Collier and Georgiana R. Meyer to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, May 27, 2017.

PROLIFE MOTHER'S DAY SHOWER

This is the weekend for the annual St. Raphael ProLife Mother's Day Shower, May 13 and 14, to benefit the residents at Our Lady's Inn. The Inn shelters and cares for its residents, mothers who choose life, not abortion. Suggestions for shower gifts are:

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| Laundry Products | Personal Care Items |
| Cereal and Juices | Kleenex, Toilet Paper |
| Paper Towels | Baby Products |
| Shampoo and Body Wash | |

If you prefer, you may make out a check to Our Lady's Inn. On **May 13 and 14**, please place your gifts in the playpens located in the front and parking lot vestibules. Thank you for your generosity in support of Life.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee



"Generation after generation, day after day, we are asked to renew our faith. We are asked to LIVE THE REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS as Mary, our Mother of Charity, did. We are invited to 'leave home' and to OPEN OUR EYES AND HEARTS TO OTHERS." *Pope Francis, Homily at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity*

The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal is now underway. If you have not already been contacted, please get your card at the front vestibule of the church on the weekend of May 13-14, the last opportunity to pick up your card.

Thank you for your past support.
The Parish ACA Committee



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

Mon., May 15	Tues., May 16	Wed., May 17	Thurs., May 18	Fri., May 19
BBQ Chicken & Cheesy Potatoes	BBQ Hot Dogs, Fruit & Chips	Popcorn Chicken & Mac & Cheese	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Cheese Pizza

PRINCESS SUMMER DANCE CAMP AT ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL

Summer Dance is offered on Thursdays, from June 8th through July 27th from 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm. The session is for eight classes and the cost is \$80. Summer Dance offers: tap, ballet, jazz, pom, musical theater, & hip hop. It is for girls in preschool - 5th grade.

Dance Director Tina Stemmler is Dance Master Certified with a BA in Dance from Webster University. Please contact Miss Tina for more Information at [314.680.2613](tel:314.680.2613).

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

Ms. Polson, SRA’s third-grade teacher, is in need of a wheelchair for her 84-year-old mother. If someone would like to donate a wheelchair, please call school at 314.352.9474. Thank you from Ms. Polson.

SUMMER CAMP

Time is running out and so are spaces for St. Raphael summer camp. Please look on the web site so you can see the options you have for a fun-filled summer. Tell all your friends to look into St. Raphael’s wonderful summer camp. See straphaelarchangel.org.

ST. RAPHAEL AFTERCARE

To all St. Raphael parents, who are interested in aftercare for the school year 2017-2018, aftercare for the older kids only is full on Wednesdays. Preschool has all days open. All the other days are available. Please contact the school for more information.

Dear St. Raphael School Families,

We are busy wrapping up our school year and really need your prayers and support to keep us all focused. Thanks so much for all you do to assist our school and community. These are our upcoming, important dates and events:

- Sunday, May 14th, 10:00 am Family Mass
- May 15-17, Exams for 8th Grade
- Tuesday, May 16th, New Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting, 7pm, Kindergarten Classroom
- Wednesday, May 17th, Last Day of School for 8th Graders
- Thursday, May 18th, 8th Grade Mystery Trip
- Friday, May 19th, 1st & 3rd Grade Field Trip to the St. Louis Zoo
- Friday, May 19th, 8th Grade Dinner
- Sunday, May 21st, 8th Grade Graduation, 10am Mass
- May 22-24, Exams for 6th & 7th Grades
- Monday, May 22nd, Preschool Program & Graduation, 6:30pm, Gym
- Thursday, May 25th, Field Day, Last Day for Preschool
- Friday, May 26th, 8am Final School Mass, 10am Dismissal K-7, Last Day of School

Please keep us all in your prayers as we finish up our school year!

Peace,

Kim Vangel, Principal





BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to our recently baptized parishioner, **Henry Thomas Wegman**, child of Andrew and Heather Wegman. He was baptized in Christ on Saturday, April 29, 2017.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to our recently baptized parishioner, **Violet Ann Felling**, child of Adam and Sarah Felling. She was baptized in Christ on Sunday, May 7, 2017.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to our recently baptized parishioner, **Vivienne Olive Modesto**, child of Kevin and Jennifer Modesto. She was baptized in Christ on Sunday, May 7, 2017.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to our recently baptized parishioner, **Grace Elizabeth Ridley**, child of Sean and Elizabeth Ridley. She was baptized in Christ on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

May the blessing of the Lord be upon these little ones and may God watch over and cherish these children, whom God has blessed with the grace of Baptism.

Matthew 3:16, The Baptism of Jesus, "Where the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, descended from heaven onto Jesus."

Upcoming EVENTS



Thur. May 18	Ladies' Club Meeting
Fri. May 19	Graduation Dinner
Sun. May 21	Graduation
Sat. June 3	Croquet Tournament
Wed. June 7	Servers' Picnic
Sun. June 11	Donut Sunday

PRAYER NETWORK

When I asked for a volunteer to continue the monthly updates to the St. Raphael Prayer Network, Mary Belosi volunteered to accept this ministry, starting with the May 2017 update. You may notice a slightly different format but the same dedication. My thanks to Mary and to all of you who have been so faithful in your prayers. It was my pleasure to facilitate the St. Raphael people who are praying for one another. I will be happy to continue assisting Mary in receiving prayer requests and passing on any corrections during the transition, as will Diane and Mickey, the parish office staff, and Deacon Ron Holmes. New members are always welcome.

Lorraine Gurley

LADIES' CLUB MEETING



Join the Ladies' Club on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria for barbeque and to kick off summer! Ladies' Club will provide the entrée but side dishes and desserts are always welcome. Open to all ladies!



*The St. Raphael Wicket Club cordially invites you
to the biennial croquet tournament
Saturday, June 3rd, 2017
1:00 Post Meridian Prompt
at the home of Ben and Jennifer Delf
Hors d'oeuvres, Beverages and Dessert Provided
\$45.00 per person
Proper Attire Required
Sign up and more information to come!
Hosted by the Niebling Family and Delf Family*





Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Please join us this Wednesday, May 17th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we continue our series - "The Complete & Total Guide to Human Happiness." You are always welcome for prayer, community, and fun. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

"SPRING FLING" DJ DANCE SATURDAY, MAY 20 7-11 PM MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH 14TH & MALLINCKRODT

This adults-only BYOB event is \$15 at the door and will feature music by DJ Jam N' Joe. There will be attendance prizes, basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing!! FREE Animated cartoon portraits by Bax Illustrations. The Church Hall is handicap accessible and security will be provided. All proceeds to benefit the Church. For more information, call 314.241.9165.



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.

PROLIFE ACTION ALERT!

The 2017 session of the MO General Assembly ended on Friday, May 12. The MO Senate still needed to pass 2 important ProLife bills to stop the creation of abortion sanctuaries and to stop the selling or donating of fetal remains. The Senate bills were SB 41 and SB 67. The Senate had to take action to pass these bills since the House had already passed its versions of the same bills. As of this publication date, the result of the voting is unknown.

Most of our SRA Parish is in the 4th District. Jacob "Jake" Hummel is our state senator. You can reach him at atjacob.hummel@senate.mo.gov.

Thank you for Standing up for Life.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

**TAKE
ACTION**

THEOLOGY ON TAP SUMMER SERIES

This summer, join young adults from across the archdiocese for our Theology on Tap Summer Six Pack – six nights of engaging talks, drink specials, and great community: May 23, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, and August 8. All talks will be held at 7:00 pm at Kirkwood Station Brewing Co. Our featured speakers will be Archbishop Carlson, Paul Masek (Director of the REAP Team), Deacon Ryan Adorjan (Diocese of Joliet, IL), Liz Miller, Matt Faley (musicians), and various priests from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Email stlya@archstl.org or call 314.792.7008 with questions or for more information.

SCDC MEETING

ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, May 25, 7:00 pm, at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria, 9740 Sappington Road. At this meeting, volunteers from the Missouri Department of Conservation will discuss the Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. For more information, please call Pat Lynch at 314.537.5930 or Bill DeCoursey at 314.894.0733.

