

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 21, 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm on Saturday

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2017

WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR
SRA 8TH GRADERS ON THEIR GRADUATION AND
MAY GOD BLESS THEM IN ALL OF
THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!



Gabriel Anderson
Francine Benoist
Andrew Borowiak
Sarah Brinkmann
Joseph Cyr III
Natalie Davis
Katherine Delf
Sophia DiMartino
Shane Grippi
Merritt Jugo

Jacob Kellar
Liberty Kocsis
Michael Menendez
Victoria Naeger
Kailee Nerviani
Anna Ojile
Mackenzie Sampson-Walk
Alyssa Schaefer
Samuel Schicker
Abigail Stein

CLERGY & STAFF

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reiker@straphaelarchangel.org

Deacon Ron Holmes Permanent Deacon
and Pastoral Associate
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Deacon Roger Kreitler Retired Deacon

Deacon Gerald J. Geiser Retired Deacon

Dr. Nancy Deacon Music Director
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Mrs. Diane Halbert Parish Office Manager
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Mrs. Mickey Janos Admin. Assistant
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Mr. Robert Schlueter Maintenance

Mr. Josh Knauer Maintenance

Mrs. Kim Vangel School Principal
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Mrs. Linda Mechler School Secretary
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Mrs. Amy Ruggeri Cafeteria Manager

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Text 'App' to 88202

Website

straphaelarchangel.org

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, May 22nd

6:30 pm - Gym Preschool Program
7:00 pm - Cafeteria Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Parish Office St. V. de Paul

Tuesday, May 23rd

1:30 pm - Parish Office Bible Study
5:30 pm - Gym Softball
7:00 pm - Church Rosary Recitation
7:30 pm - Tobias Room Wild Goose Prst.

Wednesday, May 24th

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, May 25th

5:30 pm - Gym Softball
6:00 pm - Parish Office Finance Council
7:00 pm - Church Cont. Music Group

Friday, May 26th

5:00 pm - Church Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 27th

8:00 am - Cafeteria Step Class
2:00 pm - Church Wedding
4:30 pm - Church Mass

Sunday, May 28th

8:00 am - Church Mass
10:00 am - Church Mass

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

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION FROM ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL TODAY AT THE 10am MASS

Blessings upon our 20 graduates who are all moving on to the high schools of their choice! By the grace of God and the guidance of their parents and the wisdom of their teachers, these young people have matured "in age and grace before God." They have been spiritually formed in their Catholic Faith, and hopefully they have been motivated to continue to live a Christian way of life. They have been educated in all the subjects necessary for a successful high-school career, and they have been grounded in all the basic skills needed for the rest of their lives.

As pastor of St. Raphael Parish, I am proud of our graduates and all the people who have helped them in their grade-school career. May God abundantly bless all of them!

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A RECRUITER FOR ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL!

You are invited to actively recruit families from our area to enroll in our outstanding Catholic School. We have several openings in each grade level from first grade to eighth grade. There are only about two openings left in kindergarten; so anyone interested needs to act quickly. If you know someone who is interested, have that person call SRA School at 314.352.9474.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL AT SRA – "HOORAY!" SAY THE KIDS (AND THE TEACHERS)!

- + Pre-School Show – 6:30pm Mon. in gym
- + School Field Day – 9am Thur. on playground
- + Closing Mass for School Year – 8am Fri. in church

SRA ANNUAL PICNIC – GREAT SUCCESS (AND NOT EVEN A THREAT OF RAIN) WOW!

Thanks to the many volunteers and leaders who made everything work like clockwork. As your pastor, I compliment the SRA Parish Family for working together so well and covering all the bases so effectively. Everyone seemed to have so much fun, and the children were ecstatic about the great rides that they could get on over and over again. (And no one can ever say again that it always rains on our SRA Picnic!)



ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS AT SRA – OUR LENTEN "BUY-A-VAN" PROJECT PRESENTED A SHINY NEW FORD 12-PASSENGER VAN TO THE QUEEN OF PEACE CENTER LAST SUNDAY

Thanks to your generosity during the Season of Lent, we collected \$25,000 for the purchase of this new van for the transport of the many mothers in the rehab program and their children. The staff and the QOPC clients were so grateful, not only for the van, but for the hospitality at the 10am Sunday Mass and the donuts afterwards in the cafeteria.

Congratulations again to the SRA Parish Family for being 2 for 2 in Lenten project successes. (Last year was the Uganda Cow Project.) And thanks to Pam Hager for organizing so much of this effort, especially the TV time with KMOV News.



SERVERS FOR MAY 22 - MAY 28

Monday –Tuesday May 22/23

7:00 am Rory Barnawell Lillian Weber
8:00 am Thad Berta Addison Berta

Wednesday-Thursday 24/25

7:00 am Annie Baur Seamus Baur
8:00 am Andrew Kellar Jacob Kellar

Friday - May 26

7:00 am Andrew Borowiak Flora Borowiak

Saturday - May 27

7:00 am Andrew Borowiak Flora Borowiak
4:30 pm William Hotze Mady Shine
Isabella Pfeiffer

Sunday - May 28

8:00 am Lydia Bick Alex Atchison
Avery Bradshaw
10:00 am Sean Madden William Madden
Sam Schicker

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 21st

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

Monday, May 22nd

7:00 am George Maledy
8:00 am Hodes Family SI

Tuesday, May 23rd

7:00 am Wright Family SI
8:00 am Sr. Suzanne Hulford, OP

Wednesday, May 24th

7:00 am Jerry Ganz
8:00 am Don Dechan

Thursday, May 25th

7:00 am Virginia Steck
8:00 am Helen Magac

Friday, May 26th

7:00 am Jane Bottini

Saturday, May 27th

7:00 am Richard Kruse
4:30 pm Agnes Hager

Sunday, May 28th

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Jane Bottini

WEEKEND OF MAY 27 & 28, 2017

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

LECTORS:

Janie McCarthy Amy Ruggeri Frosty Hodes

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 13/14, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$4,086.00
Online Giving	\$1,800.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$5,886.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Total	\$345,948.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$368,000.00

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 to us: If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” This past month, through your gifts, SVdP Society brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 18 families, providing approximately \$2,000 in food, utilities, and rent, etc. Thank you!



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



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS WITH EVERY PARISH FAMILY

Each year St. Raphael publishes a parish directory with names and contact information of its parish-family members. The directory not only contains this information, but other helpful information about the parish and school. This is the “go to” book for all things about St. Raphael and is distributed free of charge to every family.

Would you like to be able to advertise your business directly with each family? We are in the process of updating the book and are offering you a chance to advertise your business in the directory. If you are interested, please contact the office at 314.352.8100 or by e-mail at parish@straphaelarchangel.org within the next two weeks for more information.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lois Terry, who passed away on May 4, 2017. Lois was a long-time parishioner and could be seen riding her bike to Mass until she was 85! Her funeral was held at St. Raphael on May 12, 2017. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



Thank you to everyone who brought in tab tops! I turned in all of the tabs at Tab Top Pandemonium. Thanks to all of you, I collected 22 pounds of tabs to help the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you again, Grace Goeddel.



Bible Study continues on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. No need to sign up; just come.



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 22	Tues., May 23	Wed., May 24	Thurs., May 25	Fri., May 26
Chicken Pot Pie	Baked Potato & Chicken Nuggets	White Castle Wednesday	Field Day	Last Day of School Early Dismissal



CONGRATULATIONS to Karisa Franz for taking 1st Place in State for the 200M Butterfly and 4th Place for the 200M Individual Medley. Karisa, a current student at Cor Jesu, graduated from St. Raphael in 2015. Way to go, Karisa!

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.

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

By the time you read this column, our 8th Graders will be finished with their schooldays at St. Raphael; they will have finished their final exams, enjoyed their Mystery Trip, celebrated their Graduation Dinner, and will be receiving their diplomas on Sunday at the end of the 10am parish Mass. We hope the SRA Class of 2017 will look back fondly on its time at St. Raphael the Archangel School, and that these students will know we will always be their school and parish family. These graduates are all attending their 1st-Choice High School and every single graduate is attending a Catholic High School - what a wonderful testament to the students' achievements and to their parents' commitment to a Catholic education! We thank the parents of these graduates for choosing St. Raphael School and for entrusting the education of their precious children to us. We expect great things from these young men and women, and we can't wait to hear about their lives as they move boldly forward. Congratulations, St. Raphael Class of 2017!

Our final upcoming school events for 2016-2017:

- Sunday, May 21st, 8th Grade Graduation, 10am Mass
- May 22nd-24th, 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

Peace,

Kim Vangel

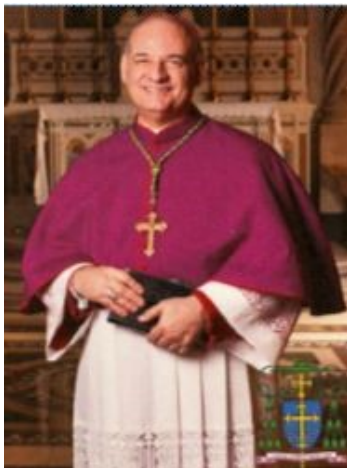
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*The St. Raphael Wicket Club cordially invites you
to the biennial croquet tournament
Saturday, June 3rd, 2017
1:00 Post Meridian Prompt
at the home of Ben and Jennifer Delf
Hors d'oeuvres, Beverages and Dessert Provided
\$45.00 per person
Proper Attire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



CONGRATULATIONS!



Bishop Mark S. Rivotuso was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis by Archbishop Robert Carlson on May 2, 2017, and appointed by the Holy Father to the titular see of Turuzi



BAPTISM

Congratulations to Skyler Benjamin Lashley who was baptized at St. Raphael on Sunday, May 14, 2017. May God bless Skyler.

Skyler also made his First Communion at Mass on Sunday, May 14, 2017.

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



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.



SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH 2017 PICNIC *Best Day Ever*





Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

**ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADERS AND
HIGH SCHOOLERS:**

Please join us this Wednesday, May 24 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we finish 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.

PROLIFE ACTION ALERT

Sadly, none of the ProLife legislation up for passage in the Missouri Legislature was enacted into law. These proposed laws failed to achieve passage as the legislators ended their session on May 12:

- Abortion Sanctuary Cities - HB 174 and SB 41 - would have prohibited cities from adding reproductive rights to anti-discrimination ordinances, as St. Louis did in February
- Ban on Abortions - would have prohibited abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy
- Fetal Tissue - SB 67 - would have banned the donation of fetal tissue for medical research and would have required annual on-site inspections of abortion clinics

Obviously, we will have to pray and work harder so that these bills can be re-introduced and then passed in the next legislative session. Thank you for Standing up for Life. The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

**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.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Sat. June 3	Croquet Tournament
Wed. June 7	Servers’ Picnic
Sun. June 11	Donut Sunday
Sun. June 18	Corpus Christi Procession
Sun. June 18	Father’s Day

PROLIFE SHOWER THANK YOU

Many thanks to all of you who contributed items for the MOTHER'S DAY PROLIFE SHOWER to benefit Our Lady's Inn. Several weeks ago, we contributed the many packages of diapers resulting from the Deacon Diaper Drive to Our Lady's Inn. Combining the two efforts produced quite a number of items that will assist the women who have chosen life, not abortion. The staff at the Inn was most grateful for your support of the Culture of Life.

May God bless you for helping some of the Lord's very vulnerable people.

Thank you for Standing up for Life.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

**FEATURED QUOTE FROM
POPE FRANCIS**

“Ultimately true development is measured by concern for human beings, who are the heart of all development: concern for their education, health and dignity. The greatness of any nation is revealed in its effective care of society’s most vulnerable members – women, children, the elderly, the sick, the disabled and minorities – lest any person or social group be excluded or marginalized.” *Address to Government Authorities and the Diplomatic Corps, Cairo, Egypt, Apr. 28, 2017.*

