

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 7, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our 7th Graders who were Confirmed here at St. Raphael by Bishop Rice on Wednesday, April 26th. There were a total of 21 Confirmandi that took part. Bishop Rice told our young people to recall one thing as they were Confirmed, "Come, Holy Spirit."



2ND GRADE FIRST COMMUNION

Our parish is certainly alive and well with our young people so well prepared for First Communion. As the SRA Parish Family, we can all be proud of them!



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Reiker Pastor
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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, May 8th

3:15 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	Parish Council
7:00 pm - Parish Office	Historical Society
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel	St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, May 9th

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

Wednesday, May 10th

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 Practice

Thursday, May 11th

8:30 am - Church	STREAM Prst.
2:00 pm - School	Dance Class
5:30 pm - Gym	Softball Practice
7:00 pm - Church	Cont. Music Group
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	Men's Prayer Group

Friday, May 12

11:45 am - Church	Marian May Crowning
5:00 pm - Parish	Picnic

Saturday, May 13th

10:00 am - Parish	Mass - Outdoors
11:00 am - Parish	Picnic
4:30 pm - Church	Mass

Sunday, May 14th

8:00 am - Church	Mass/Donut Sunday
10:00 am - Church	Mass/Donut Sunday
Mother's Day!	

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

WE DID IT! OUR SRA PARISH FAMILY TOPPED OUR GOAL FOR OUR "Buy-A-Van" LENTEN PROJECT!

We sent a check for \$25,000 to Queen of Peace Center, to buy a new 12-passenger van for its program to rehabilitate women with addiction problems. The van is needed to transport these mothers and their children from the handful of group residences operated by Queen of Peace Center, which is at Newstead and Maryland by the Cathedral.

Queen of Peace Center thanks all who made a sacrificial gift for this project, especially the children in our school. Finally, we had two large gifts: SRA Ladies' Club donated \$4,500 from its Quarter Auction profits, and an anonymous gift brought us to the \$25,000 mark. Thanks to all!

"TUITION ASSISTANCE / SCHOOL SUPPORT" BRIGHT GOLDENROD ENVELOPE IN YOUR MONTHLY PACKET

There was some question about this envelope. Contributions that you make with this envelope are used for tuition grants to some of our St. Raphael School families who are unable to pay their full tuition at our school. We have about 15 families who benefit from your generosity when you use this goldenrod envelope. If anyone wants to anonymously adopt an SRA school family, you can make a donation of \$500 or \$1,000. Just contact me, if you are willing.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – TODAY

Pope Francis again has declared this Sunday to be a prayer day for the whole universal Church to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life from among our young people. Vocations start with prayer on the parish level and an awareness in our Catholic families that the Lord is actually calling some of our sons and daughters to respond to the needs of the Church by choosing to serve God's people.

Have you ever prayed for your children or grandchildren to have a religious vocation? We will be praying at Mass this weekend. You may also wish to pray the Rosary at home for vocations. Or pray this prayer from Pope Francis:

LORD OF THE HARVEST,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage
to respond to your call. Open their
hearts to great ideals, to great things.
INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love
and giving, for vocations blossom
in the good soil of faithful people.
INSTILL in those in religious life, parish
ministries, and families the confidence
and grace to invite others to embrace the bold
and noble path of a life consecrated to you.
UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacra-
ment, so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy and
truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – SECOND CHANCE SUNDAY TO MAKE YOUR ACA PLEDGE

You are strongly encouraged to be generous to this annual drive that funds about 50 or 60 Catholic ministries or offices in our Archdiocese – every one of which is doing great pastoral work for the Lord in the St. Louis Archdiocese. There is nothing but good that comes from your pledge or gift to the ACA. Check out the brochures in the pews.

You can make your pledge in the main vestibule after Mass. Please don't forget.

ANNUAL PICNIC AT ST. RAPHAEL IS ALMOST HERE – NEXT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 12-13TH

Plan on some great carnival rides for the kids or the kid in you. Obviously some delicious food and treats, plus cold beverages, will be served! Games for the children too! Save money and get your carnival-ride wristband this week.



SERVERS FOR MAY 8 - MAY 14

Monday –Tuesday May 8/9

7:00 am Isabella Pfeiffer Sam Schicker
 8:00 am Liberty Kocsis Mateo Switzer

Wednesday-Thursday May 10/11

7:00 am Madelene Cierpiot Sophia DiMartino
 8:00 am Katie Delf Abby Delf

Friday - May 12

7:00 am Jane Dubbert William Hotze

Saturday - May 13

7:00 am Jane Dubbert William Hotze
 10:00 am Joseph Cyr Henry Cyr
 4:30 pm Seamus Baur Annie Baur
 Sarah Brinkmann

Sunday - May 14

8:00 am Lydia Bick Natalie Davis
 Mady Shine
 10:00 am Ellie Guenther Cate Guenther
 Abigail Stein

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 7th

8:00 am Nancy Whelan
 10:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, May 8th

7:00 am Hodes Family SI
 8:00 am Don Deachan

Tuesday, May 9th

7:00 am Ralph Raskas
 8:00 am Hodes Family SI

Wednesday, May 10th

7:00 am Arthur E. English
 8:00 am Cline Families

Thursday, May 11th

7:00 am Missionaries of Charity S&L
 8:00 am Jane Bottini

Friday, May 12th

7:00 am Sr. Mary Cross SI

Saturday, May 13th

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann
 10:00 am George Maledy
 4:30 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, May 14th

8:00 Julie Ventimiglia
 10:00 Don Deachan

WEEKEND OF MAY 13 & 14

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

LECTORS:

Laura Geiser Mary Reck Family Mass

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 APRIL 29/30

Sunday Collection	\$4,463.00
Online Giving	\$1,007.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$5,470.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date	\$328,849.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$352,000.00

From “ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY”

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the gate, the only entrance to the fold. The image of the gate directs our attention to Jesus the Risen One and our Shepherd. This is where resurrection faith leads us so “that we might have life and have it more abundantly.” St. Vincent de Paul wrote, “Surely, the great secret of the spiritual life is to abandon all we love to him by abandoning ourselves to all God wishes in perfect confidence that all will be for the best.” When you sacrifice your own wants, generosity enters your heart, and God blesses you for reaching out to care for the poor.

Congratulations to Mr. Richard Messmer for winning the handmade quilt made by our very own SRA Quilters. His name was drawn on Sunday, April 23, 2017. The Quilters realized \$1,005 from the raffle!



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.

EARLY-BIRD DRAWING

Congratulations to Beth Eppy for winning the Early-Bird Drawing of \$500!!!!



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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

It's that time of the year again, time 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 weekends of May 6-7 or May 13-14. 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 8	Tues., May 9	Wed., May 10	Thurs., May 11	Fri., May 12
Nachos Supreme	Hamburger & Tator Tots	Toasted Ravioli, Salad, & Garlic Bread	Chicken Strips, Buttered Noodles, & Carrots	No School

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.

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.

Dear St. Raphael School Families,

Our days and weeks of school are flying by quickly now, and we are all trying to find time for everything that we want to accomplish during this school year. Soon our 8th Graders will be taking their final exams and graduating, and then the rest of our student body will finish out the school year and summer break will begin. Every year seems to go more quickly for me!

I have had a number of meetings and conversations with Mrs. Julie Hayes, the new principal for St. Raphael, and she has met the faculty and staff. The more Mrs. Hayes is here, the more I am convinced that she will do a wonderful job of leading this school community. We are busy making plans for next school year in terms of teacher assignments, schedules, and teacher professional development. Mrs. Hayes and I have talked about policies, traditions, and practices here at St. Raphael. We are setting up a framework for our new **STREAM On The Move** grant to be implemented and making plans to begin using our new Reading Assessment system for grades K-8. While Mrs. Hayes will certainly bring her own style and vision to St. Raphael School, all the things that make St. Raphael an excellent school will remain the same. St. Raphael will still have one of the best faculties in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, it will still strive for and achieve academic excellence, and most important, St. Raphael will continue to be a shining example of everything that is good about Catholic education. You have my word on that!

Important school events coming up:

- Week of May 8th, Last Canned-Food Drive of the School Year
- Friday, May 12th, No School for K-8 for Picnic Set-Up, Preschool is open
- May 12th & 13th, Parish Picnic
- Monday, May 14th, 10am 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

SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH PICNIC *Best Day Ever*

Chicken & Pork Steak Dinners

Dinners will be served from 4-7pm on Saturday only, in the cafeteria. Adult dinners are \$9.00 for your choice of fried chicken or delicious barbequed pork steak, with two sides, dinner roll and iced tea, coffee or milk. Children's chicken strip dinners are \$6.00 with two sides, dinner roll, iced tea or milk. **Side choices this year: cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, fruit salad, and potato chips.** Carry-outs are available. There will be LIVE Accordion music once again during the dinner hours.

We Need Your Help!

Many volunteers are needed on Picnic day!! If you can help, please follow the link below to sign up on our online Picnic Volunteer site, or you can also call the rectory at 314.352.8100.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050945A4AB29A46-sraparish

We are also in need of canned soda and bottled water. Donations may be dropped off at to the Parish Office.

Raffle Tickets

One raffle—four chances to win! Buy your raffle tickets by **May 1 for a chance to win the early bird drawing of \$500.** Winning ticket is put back in for drawing on picnic day.

- 1st prize—50/50
- 2nd Prize—\$300
- 3rd Prize—\$150

For more tickets, please call the rectory at 314.352.8100. Raffle tickets will also be sold during the picnic.

Attention, Gardeners

We need your garden clippings or any garden donation! Please place plant clippings in throw-away flower pots or plastic cups. You can drop your garden items off at the booth on Friday, May 12, 3-5pm, or Saturday, May 13, 8-10am. For more information, please call the rectory office at 314.352.8100.

Friday, May 12 ~ Picnic Kick-Off ~ 5-10pm

Please plan to join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun! Rides, music, BBQ and refreshments will be available for your pleasure and entertainment.

Saturday, May 13 ~ 10am-10pm

Plan to start your day with an outdoor community Mass beginning at 10am, followed by a light breakfast of bagels and donuts. The armband booth for the rides opens at 10:30am, and the RIDES begin at 11am along with the GAME booths. Back by popular demand, the pony rides and petting zoo will be open from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and are free with ride armbands.

Desserts for Picnic Dinner

No picnic meal would be complete without the delicious desserts baked by our parishioners! If you are able to help out by baking a dessert, please bring it to the school cafeteria on Friday, May 12, 3-5pm, or Saturday, May 13, 9-11am. Cake cutters are needed in the cafeteria, 11am-12pm on Saturday.

Picnic Ride Armbands Available Again This Year!!

Saturday only: armband presale price is \$35 and good from 11am-9pm. A combined day Friday (5-10pm) and Saturday (11am-9pm) armband presale price is \$55. Armbands are encouraged to be purchased presale—this will save time and \$\$ for you the day of the picnic!

Prices will go up to \$40 for Saturday only, and \$60 for combined day armbands if purchased on picnic days! **Individual ride tickets will not be sold pre-sale – they may be purchased on picnic days.** Individual ride ticket prices are \$2.00 each. Most rides will take one ticket, but some may take two tickets.

Presale Opportunities

In the rectory, starting Monday, April 24. Parish office hours 7:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday - Thursday, 7:30 - 1:00 pm Fridays.

LIVE MUSIC BOTH NIGHTS!!

THANK YOU!

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LADIES' CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Ladies' Club Quarter Auction! Final tallies are in and \$5,200 was raised after expenses. These proceeds helped complete the purchase of the Buy-A-Van Project and will be used for future church, school and community needs.

SRA Ladies' Club

*Save the date for a
Swinging good time!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri./Sat. May 12/13	Parish Picnic
Fri. May 19	Graduation Dinner
Sun. May 21	Graduation
Sat. June 3	Croquet Tournament



Prayerfully consider joining the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in church. The choir ministers at the 10:00 am weekend liturgies from September through May. Please contact Nancy Deacon at 314.352.8100, Ext. 220 or musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org for more information.

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 10 from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg as we continue our series: "The Complete & Total Guide to Human Happiness." You are always welcome. Please see saintlouis-lifeteen.org for more information.

FRANCIS PARK CLEAN-UP DAY

Friends of Francis Park invites you to help with Spring Park Clean-Up and Planting Day on Saturday May 13th, 8:30 am, meet at Tamm & Nottingham. Help is needed to weed, plant, mulch, sweep and work sign-in and refreshments tables. Any amount of time you can give is appreciated. Call Rosemary Spitler, at 352.4885, if you have any questions. Thank you.



**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.

FATIMA ROSARY RALLIES

Please join the 100-Year Fatima Anniversary Rosary Rallies. The United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of his Most Holy Mother. Please join in prayer on Saturday, May 13 at 12:00 noon. The local Fatima Rally will take place at St. Gabriel the Archangel. Contact Mary Ellen Hoffman at 618.444.9437 for information.

PROLIFE ACTION ALERT!

The 2017 session of the MO General Assembly ends on Friday, May 17. The MO Senate still needs 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 are SB 41 and SB 67. The Senate must take action and pass these bills since the House has already passed its versions of the same bills. Contact your state senator and ask him to vote for SB 41 and SB 67.

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

Thank you for Standing up for Life.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

**TAKE
ACTION**



De Smet Jesuit High School will be hosting a volleyball camp for boys entering grades 5 - 8, Camp runs from June 5th - 9th from 4 - 6 pm. The camp is intended for athletes of all skill levels. This is a great opportunity for those players that would like to brush up on their skills before their CYC season in the fall. You can sign up at desmet.org. E-mail coach Tim Haffner at thaffn@yahoo.com for any questions and to get a promo code for a discount on the camp price.

