

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Saturday 7:00 am

No 8:00 am Mass for Summer

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 3:45 pm to 4:20 pm on Saturday

ROSARY

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.*

Psalm 63:2



2017

NOVEMBER

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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.

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, November 13th

3:15 pm - Gym	6 Gr. Boys Vball
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scout Meeting
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	Parish Council
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	School Board
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel	St. V. de Paul
7:00 pm - Gym	First Aid Merit Badge
9:00 pm - Gym	Men's Club Soccer

Tuesday, November 14th

1:30 pm - Parish Office	Bible Study
3:15 pm - Church	De Angelis Choir
4:00 pm - Gym	Volleyball Playoffs
7:00 pm - Church	Rosary
7:30 pm - Tobias Room	Peter, Cornerstone

Wednesday, November 15th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
4:00 pm - Gym	Volleyball Playoffs
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Church	Choir
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	R.C.I.A.
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's Club Bball.

Thursday, November 16th

2:00 pm - Trophy Room	Preschool Dance Class
3:00 pm - Trophy Room	K-6 Dance Class
3:15 pm - Art Room	Chess Club
4:00 pm - Gym	Volleyball Playoffs
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Ladies' Club
6:00 pm - Tobias Room	Liturgy Committee
7:00 pm - Church	Contemporary Choir

Friday, November 17th

4:00 pm - Gym	Volleyball Playoffs
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Saturday, November 18th

4:00 pm - Gym	Volleyball Playoffs
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Sunday, November 19th

8:30 am - Cafeteria	Girls Scouts Jr. Mtg.
10:00 am - Church	Family Mass
	Fellowship Sunday
4:00 pm - Gym	Volleyball Playoffs
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	First Aid Merit Badge

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, November 13	Tuesday, November 14	Wednesday, November 15	Thursday, November 16	Friday, November 17
Meatball Monday	Toasted Ravioli, Salad & Garlic Bread	Chicken Strips, Buttered Noodles & Carrots	Nachos Supreme	Pancakes

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MANY SRA MEMBERS WHO MADE OUR JUBILEE CELEBRATION A WONDERFUL SUCCESS WITH THE SPECIAL MASS AND THE DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!

Let's do something like this again, but not wait another 50 years. The combined parish choirs leading the music ministry were excellent. The Men's Club did an outstanding job in preparing and serving 250 people a really special breakfast. So many SRA members were very complimentary about the whole experience. I even think our 50-year-old church enjoyed it!!!

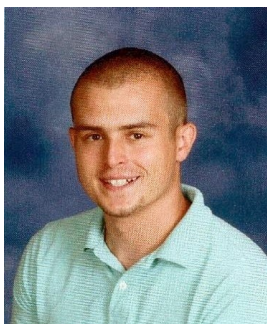


NEXT JUBILEE EVENT – Saturday, April 28, 2018,
4:30pm Mass and dinner at Kemoll's with
Archbishop Carlson, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our church by Cardinal Carberry.

UPDATES ON OUR CHURCH FACILITY

1. We purchased, thanks to the Men's Club donation of \$5,000, some badly needed new sound equipment for the church, including 4 new microphones for the music area, a larger mixer, and some bass speakers. Now you can hear our cantors and singers much better, and the contemporary music will sound fuller.
2. We are moving as quickly as we can to get bids and sign a contract for new kneelers and better pews (new or refinished?). For this we will be using a big chunk of the "Fifty and Beyond" capital campaign funds that have been coming in. We are planning to do this from January through March, and be finished before Holy Week, Easter, and all the spring celebrations in church.
3. We are also trying to coordinate painting the walls and installing new carpet at the same time, or maybe later. This depends upon the cash flow of "Fifty and Beyond" and what choices we make. We will keep you posted on the progress.
4. Already accomplished through "Fifty and Beyond": new front doors on two Jamieson school entrances (\$45,000) and the rebuilding of the top ten or twelve feet of the school boiler chimney (\$14,000).

FAREWELL TO A VALUABLE MEMBER OF OUR SRA PARISH STAFF - JOSH KNAUER



Josh has worked as part of our parish maintenance team for ten-plus years while he went to school at the same time. But now he has to move on as he enters his second year of engineering school at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. Thank you, Josh, for such good work here at SRA. We would like to take some credit for your developing into such a mature young man with a great future.

We will be looking for someone to replace Josh, working a couple days a week with "Mr. Bob."

PLAN AHEAD – THANKSGIVING MASS AT SRA – 8am (no 7am) on Thursday,
November 23.

AUCTION: As I write this, everyone is working feverishly on the last minute details for the biggest social/fundraiser event of the year for St. Raphael. But I have complete confidence that it will have been a huge success by the time you read this. So a tremendously big thank you to all who made it happen!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If we fill our hours with regrets over the failures of yesterday, and with worries over the problems of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful.

SERVERS FOR Nov. 13-19

Monday, November 13th

7:00 am	Flora Borowiak	Alex Atchison
8:00 am	Avery Bradshaw	Mady Shine

Tuesday, November 14th

7:00 am	Rory Barnawell	Andrew Kellar
8:00 am	Anna Mersinger	Sean Madden

Wednesday, November 15th

7:00 am	Lydia Bick	Joey Raymo
8:00 am	Abby Delf	Jack Stein

Thursday, November 16th

7:00 am	Ellie Guenther	Cate Guenther
8:00 am	Lucille Schlichting	Isabella Pfeiffer

Friday, November 17th

7:00 am	Christian Concepcion	Jack Stein
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Saturday, November 18th

7:00 am	Alex Atchison	Andrew Kellar
4:30 pm	Grace Goeddel Spencer Willmann	Riley Willmann

Sunday, November 19th

8:00 am	William Hotze Samantha Koziacki	Gillian Neal
10:00 am	Addison Berta Flora Borowiak	Thad Berta

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 12th

8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Erna Sinovcic

Monday, November 13th

7:00 am Roger Kreitler
8:00 am Don Deachan

Tuesday, November 14th

7:00 am George Maledy
8:00 am Don Deachan

Wednesday, November 15th

7:00 am Henry Tepe
8:00 am Frank Schlueter

Thursday, November 16th

7:00 am Rita Krapf
8:00 am George Sullens

Friday, November 17th

7:00 am Nancy Geiser

Saturday, November 18th

7:00 am Ralph Raskas
4:30 pm People of the Parish

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 18/19

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

Helen Doyle	Barbara Cramer	Mary Faith Green
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOV. 4/5, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,792
Online Giving	\$ 1,817
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 9,609
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$153,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$135,550
Shortfall	\$ 17,450

Note: Because of the increases in Offertory gifts/pledges in our Stewardship effort, our new Weekly Budget Goal is now \$9,000.



Sunday, November 19 Family Mass & Fellowship Sunday
Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day Mass
Sunday, December 3 Advent by Candlelight
Tuesday, December 12 School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 17 Family Mass & Fellowship Sunday
Sunday, December 17 Lessons and Carols

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS, BOB AND MAUREEN AHRENS

We are so thrilled to announce this year's Black and Gold Dinner Auction Honorary Co-chairs: Bob and Maureen Ahrens. Bob and Maureen have been generous parishioners since 1976. Catholic education was important to their formation. Bob is an alumnus of St. Boniface, Christian Brothers College High School, Saint Louis University, and Saint Louis University Law School. Maureen is an alumna of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosati-Kain High School, and Webster University. They continued their love of the institution with their commitment to St. Raphael the Archangel School.



Bob retired from Robert E. Ahrens & Associates, P.C., where he served the community with his legal expertise. Maureen spent her career as an executive with Macy's. This is obvious with her sense of style and the most beautiful Christmas tree! Retired doesn't really describe them with their vast travel itineraries and volunteer work.

Bob is a 34-year expert volunteer with the CYC, 5 as the president of the youth ministry organization. His influence brought the Knights of Columbus to St. Raphael, which serves the Catholic men of St. Louis Hills. Maureen has been instrumental in the Beyond Sunday Campaign, for which our parish has pledged \$1,000,000. This project continues, along with the golden anniversary committee of our beautiful church.

As dedicated as they are to our parish, they are involved with many Catholic organizations, including the Serra Club which promotes vocations throughout 46 countries. When you see Bob or Maureen as Eucharistic ministers or at daily Mass, please say "thank you" for showing us how to live as devoted Catholics!

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will be up on Thanksgiving Day with gift suggestions. Please take an "angel" or two to help the less fortunate. Again this year, as in past years, our St. Vincent de Paul Society is working with Peter and Paul Community Services. PPCS offers various programs to provide supportive services to those who are homeless, especially those who are living with mental illness or HIV/AIDS. They offer the following programs: emergency shelters; meal programs; permanent support housing; transitional housing and many other services. Please remove a tag or two and return the gift no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, December 17. **The tag should be attached to the unwrapped gift and placed under the Advent Tree.**



FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. When we give furniture, household items, and clothing to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we are sharing God's extravagant love.

On Thanksgiving Day, the offertory collection will allow SVdP Society to provide our neighbors in need with personal care items, household supplies, food, and money. Please bring these with you to church to place on the altar. Thank you!

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late-19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the good news. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer. There will be a combined music ministry leading the songs and carols - the SRA Adult Choir, Ensemble and Children's Choir. All are welcome to this event on Gaudete Sunday - the day of rejoicing that the birth of Christ is near! Plan on attending this spiritual event on Sunday, December 17, at 2:00pm in church. For additional information, contact Dr. Nancy Deacon, Music Director, at 314.352.8100 or Musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org.



Yoga for a Cause

11/17/17 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Support our 8th graders at SRA and do something amazing for yourself!!

It's a win win for all!

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Friday Nov. 17th at Blue Sky Yoga. Annie Traschel will lead an hour-long donation based Gentle Flow Yoga class.

The money raised will help fund the 8th grade trip to Washington DC, their Mystery Trip, and Graduation!!

Get a group of friends and family and do something good for yourselves and others!!!

Donations will be accepted at the door - checks payable to St. Raphael.

Blue Sky Yoga | 3525 Watson Rd | St. Louis, MO 63139



Blue Sky Yoga

**ADVENT SERVICE BY
CANDLELIGHT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 7:00PM
CHURCH & CAFETERIA
EVERYONE WELCOME!
MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN**



Elizabeth Westhoff

Please join us as we step away from the traditional women-only Advent By Candlelight that we have offered for the past several years and enjoy an even more relaxed evening to begin the Advent season.

This is an opportunity that requires no effort and no preparation; just come as you are and rest in the beautiful music, the uplifting prayers and the inspirational message of the season. We welcome as our guest speaker, Elizabeth Westhoff, Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. Elizabeth has been described as “effervescent and irrepressible” and she is always an engaging speaker.

We will gather in church at 7:00pm in a candlelight setting for the music, prayers and message and then move to the cafeteria for more candlelight and to share refreshments. All you table hostesses from the past, please invite your friends and family to this evening without the stress of table decorations and food preparation. Husbands, sons, brothers, fathers - everyone is welcome! This is a FREE event, but we do take up a collection for Our Lady’s Inn, a shelter for pregnant women and their children, if you would like to contribute that evening.

If you have any questions about the evening or would like to volunteer to bring some cookies to share, please call Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304. Hope to see you there!



“And here the first word that I wish to say to you: joy! Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but of having encountered a person: Jesus, in our midst.” *Pope Francis*



LADIES' CLUB CHRISTMAS FAMILY

The Ladies' Club has again adopted a family from St. Francis Community Services: a mother, father, and six children. They have specifically asked for clothing, gift cards for food and gas, king-size bed sheets and pillows, diapers (size 3 and 4), wipes, and baby shampoo/lotion. Given the generosity of this group in the past, I am creating several sign ups per person, but please try to spread the love amongst all family members. You can sign up at: signupgenious.com/go/4090B4EAEAC2FA0F94-christmas2.

Please bring the gifts to the November 16 meeting for wrapping.

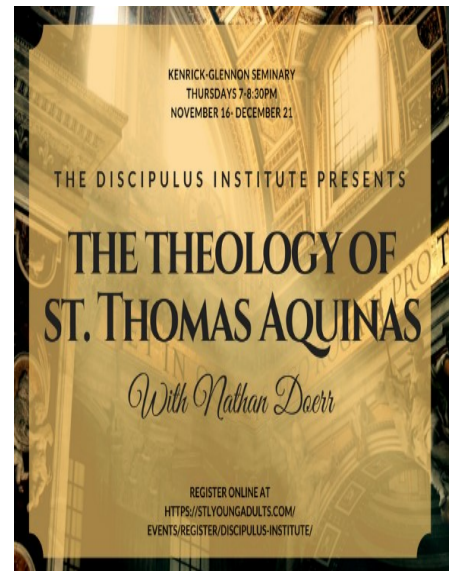
LADIES' CLUB PIZZA PARTY

Join the Ladies' Club for a pizza party, Thursday, November 16 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. We will be wrapping gifts for our adopted family, so please go to the web site listed above to get gift ideas.



DISCIPULUS YOUNG ADULT INSTITUTE THE THEOLOGY OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Registration is now open for the newest Discipulus course "**The Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas**" with Nathan Doerr. The class will spur discussion and answer questions such as: What is so significant about the theology of St. Thomas Aquinas? Haven't modern theologians found better ways to express the faith? How is this relevant to my spiritual life today? **Young adults** are invited to come and find out the answers to these questions and more in this new Discipulus class that is sure to be illuminating and edifying for all. The course starts at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary on November 16, from 7-8:30 pm and will meet for five Thursdays until December 21 (no class on Thanksgiving). The five week course is \$25. Please register at <https://stlyoungadults.com/calendar/registration-discipulus-institute-theology-of-aquinas-nathan-doerr/>.



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS AT ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL





Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, November 15, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we kickoff off our **NEW SERIES** on the ways that our Lord comes to us and the gift of the Eucharist.

ATTENTION, EIGHTH GRADERS

Save the date for LUKE 18
February 16-18, 2018
More information available at
saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18

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, November 16, at 7:00 pm, at Saint Catherine Laboure, 9740 Sappington Road. Early meeting this month because of Thanksgiving. At this meeting we will have a Trivia game and refreshments for all.

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your story with caring people. For more information, please call Pat Lynch at 314.537-5930, Bill DeCoursey at 314.894.0733, or Jan Inman at 314.892.6933 for our support group.

Ursuline Academy Presents:



Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$10.00 each at the door

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

Cardinal Rigali Center
Saturday, December 2
9:00 am - Noon
Speaker: Mari Carmen Conway
\$20 Per Person
Reservations: Catholic Renewal Center
314.731.6100
archstl.org/renewal

SINGLES DANCE

Catholic Singles Alumni Club
December 9
\$5 Per Person
St. Ferdinand
Interested? Contact Gina as
ginananny@yahoo.com

ST. LOUIS HILLS 18TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association will host its 18th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 26, from 7-9 pm, at the corner of Nottingham and Childress. There will be free horse-drawn carriage rides, hot drinks, cookies, and visits by Santa and Mrs. Claus! All are invited to join together as we celebrate the holidays in St. Louis Hills.

