

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

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



**THANKSGIVING DAY
MASS 8:00 AM
COME JOIN US AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD!**

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.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, November 20th

3:10 pm - Gym	6th Gr. Boys Vball.
3:15 pm - Cafeteria	6 Gr. Girl Scouts
5:00 pm - Gym	1st Gr. Girls Bball.
6:00 pm - Gym	6th Gr. Boys Bball.
7:00 pm - Archangel Room	Historical Society
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	First Aid Merit Badge
9:00 pm - Gym	Men's Club Soccer

Tuesday, November 21st

1:30 pm - Parish Office	Bible Study
3:15 pm - Church	De Angelis Choir
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Men's Club Meeting
7:00 pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:30 pm - Tobias Room	Peter, Cornerstone

Wednesday, November 22nd

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
9:00 am - Cafeteria	6th Gr. Girl Scouts
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	R.C.I.A.
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's Club Bball.

Thursday, November 23rd

8:00 am - Church	Thanksgiving Mass
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Friday, November 24th

7:00 am - Church	Mass
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Saturday, November 25th

4:30 pm - Church	Mass
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Sunday, November 26th

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



THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, November 20	Tuesday, November 21	Wednesday, November 22	Thursday, November 23	Friday, November 24
Chicken Pot Pie	Thanksgiving Feast	No School	No School	No School

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH - LAST WEEK'S BLACK & GOLD DINNER AUCTION!

With a bigger crowd than last year and lots of great generosity, this 2017 auction was a tremendous “funraiser” and “fundraiser.” Income and expenses are still coming in, so the total profit is not yet determined. Stay posted! Everyone seemed to go home with some new prize. (However, despite by best efforts, I did not get any of the Blues tickets!)

Many volunteers and many hours of work went into this most successful parish event, and it was all arranged by an extraordinary parish member, Mrs. Terri Borowiak, who coordinated all the wheels and gears that make the auction go. Thank you, Terri, from all of us in St. Raphael Parish! And from all involved in our SRA school, which gets the benefits from this remarkable event!

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SUMMARY OF OUR RECENT SRA STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ON p. 9

Thanks again to the 200 SRA parish members who took time to return their Stewardship Covenant card a month ago. Eighty-four of these expressed an interest in a new parish ministry or organization for themselves. This resulted in 43 different groups in the parish receiving new members. These numbers are a sign of real vitality in our parish, especially since many of these volunteers are younger or newer members of the parish. All of these individuals should have received a personal call or an email from the leaders of these groups. If you did not, please call the Parish Office and we will make sure that you are contacted very soon by the group you are interested in. Our parish leaders are excited about all these new participants in our SRA activities and ministries.

We are also grateful to those 46 people who indicated that they will increase their offertory gift to St. Raphael Parish; this will definitely help to fund our parish activities.

P.S. It is still not too late to send in your Stewardship Covenant card to the Parish Office. It will be your sign of good faith to God that you are intent on using your “talents” as we heard about in the Gospel today, as Jesus told the parable of the servants wisely using the talents they had been given.

A LONG-TIME PILLAR OF ST. RAPHAEL PARISH PASSED ON TO THE LORD – MR. EDWARD WALLNER.

Ed Wallner was an extremely important fixture in our parish for 53 years, and very active in the first 50 of those years. Ed, and his beloved wife, Theresa, raised all seven of their daughters in our parish and school. After they were on their way, Ed Wallner became “Mr. St. Vincent de Paul” in our parish as he worked tirelessly to help our parish serve the needs of the poor in our community and in our neighborhood. As the chairperson of the Archdiocesan Development Appeal (now ACA) for some years, he provided leadership in helping SRA do its part in the larger Catholic community. He was on the School Board, a member of the Men’s Club, and the coach of the girls’ CYC teams. The most important role he had was to be at Mass every day of his life since he retired and there to pray for the parish. He was an usher and a Eucharistic Minister, and another significant role was to unlock the church early every morning so people could come and worship God in the Eucharist that he loved so much. One of his last big projects was to coordinate getting funds for and designing the eye-catching statue of St. Raphael the Archangel and the young man, Tobiah, visible to all who come to our church.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The secret of being miserable is to have the leisure to bother about whether you are happy or not.



Sunday, November 19
 Thursday, November 23
 Sunday, December 3
 Tuesday, December 12
 Sunday, December 17
 Sunday, December 17

Family Mass & Fellowship Sunday
 Thanksgiving Day Mass
 Advent by Candlelight
 School Christmas Program
 Family Mass & Fellowship Sunday
 Lessons and Carols

VOLLEYBALL ‘SPIRIT’ NEWS

Congratulations to **Erika Jugo**, who will represent St. Raphael the Archangel in the annual “Spirit Games.” The Spirit Games’ rosters are comprised of 8th graders who serve as living examples of the spirit and principles of the CYC program. These players and their families have shown dedication to their faith, strength of character, sportsmanship and leadership. Erika will join with other players from the CYC South Central District to partake in friendly competition with teams from the other St. Louis Districts.

Congratulations to **Kirsten Jory**, a coach of our 8th grade girls, who was selected to coach our District Girls team in the Spirit Games. The Spirit Games will be played over Thanksgiving weekend.

Good Luck to Erika and Kirsten!

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.***



Join us at
Culver’s Share Night
Monday, December 4
5 – 8 pm



No flyer needed! A portion of the evening’s sales (dine-in and drive-through) go toward the SRA 8th Grade Mystery Trip.

Bring the little ones – a balloon artist will be on hand as well!

Culver’s in Crestwood
10200 Big Bend Rd, St. Louis, MO 63122

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given to us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given. Ask yourself "What blessings have I received?" Donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Offertory collection on Thanksgiving Day so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving. Please bring the gifts suggested below to Mass on Thanksgiving. Thank you.

BLACK & GOLD DINNER AUCTION

Thank you to all who attended the Black & Gold Dinner Auction. It was a success! The generosity does amaze.

Thank you, too, to the awesome group of parents who spent their time preparing for the big event; it was beyond heartwarming. St. Raphael the Archangel has a wonderful future!

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

At Thanksgiving Day Mass, you have an opportunity to share your blessings with those less fortunate. Bring an item to contribute to the St. Vincent de Paul collection. Here is a list of the most needed supplies:

Infant Formula	Cereal	Diapers
Wipes	Toiletries	Toilet Paper
Canned Food	Canned Meat	Pasta/Rice
Oatmeal	Cooking Oil	Spices
Peanut Butter	Gift Cards	Candy/Bars
Reusable Shopping Bags		

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Encounter is a beautiful weekend experience designed for married couples of all ages. If you want a special Thanksgiving "Thank You" for your spouse, apply for a future weekend and devote that time to your marriage. You will learn a tremendously effective communication tool during your weekend, something you will be thankful for as well. Weekend encounters are being presented on December 1-3, and February 2-4. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to stl-wwme or call 314.649.7317.

55 AND OVER? WANT TO HAVE FUN?

Join the St. Dominic Savio VIP Club. The Club meets at 12:30 pm on the 4th Sunday of every month in St. Dominic Savio's school cafeteria. For more information or to make reservations, please call 314.351.4088 or 314.504.6206.

GIVE ONLINE
FAST. EASY. CONVENIENT.

Go to: straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving.
It's quick and easy!

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

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!



**REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25: 14-30

What is the purpose of the Christian life? Or, to ask the question in a simpler way, what’s the point of all this? As the Church year comes to an end, this essential question comes into sharp focus. The answer is as simple as it might be unpopular: people are waiting for the fulfillment of time and of hope-filled promises of an untold future. We are awaiting the return of Christ. A person could say, that if there is no watching or waiting, then something vital is missing from individual faith.



**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
BLACK & GOLD DINNER AUCTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**



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2017 ST. RAPHAEL'S STEWARDSHIP COVENANT SUMMARY

Thank you to all our parishioners who participated in creating a covenant with God. Below are some statistics from our recent Stewardship Covenant Card Weekend:

- 200 individual parishioners returned their Covenant Cards in our first year of participation
- 84 parishioners volunteered or expressed an interest in a new Church activity
- 43 ministries received new volunteers
- 67% of the cards indicated a commitment to prayer
- 58% of the cards stated current involvement in active parish ministry
- 23% of the cards committed to an increase in giving

Personal Intentions

Attend Sunday Mass - 159
Attend Daily Mass - 24

Eucharistic Adorations - 28
Pray the Rosary - 75

Say Grace at meals - 123
Attend Confession - 68

Ministries / Organizations Who Received New Members

Choir - 3
Special Occ. Choir – 1
Family Mass Choir – 2
Funeral Honor Guard – 1
Eucharistic Ministers – 9
Euch. Minister Homebound – 1
Eucharistic Adoration – 7
Lector – 2
Usher – 4
Grief Outreach - 5
Offertory Gift Bearers – 8
Church Cleaning – 3
Church Decorating – 1
Church Linen Laundering – 1
Sunday Pre-school Catechist – 3

RCIA – 1
Adult Rel. Ed. Program – 1
Bible Study – 2
Men's Prayer Group – 2
Women's Faith Sharing – 4
Rosary Group – 4
Prayer Network – 4
Parish School Volunteer – 5
Parish School Board – 2
PTA – 3
Marketing Committee – 2
Parish Council – 1
Finance Council – 1
Men's Club – 4
Ladies' Club – 12

Fifty Plus Club – 5
Knights of Columbus – 2
Parish Soc. Events Worker – 4
St. Vincent de Paul – 8
Welcoming Committee – 5
Pro Life Committee – 2
Visiting/Driving – 2
Money Counters – 4
Historical Society – 1
Mail/Bulletin Stuffers – 4
Carpentry/Repair – 1
Landscaping – 3
Special Talents - 2



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will NO LIFETEEN this week. Please enjoy your turkey and pie and we will see everyone next week.

ATTENTION, EIGHTH GRADERS

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

SINGLES DANCE

Catholic Singles Alumni Club
December 9
\$5 Per Person
St. Ferdinand
1765 Charbonier
Interested? Contact Gina at
ginananny@yahoo.com

Covenant Network

For inspiration and encouragement in your spiritual life, listen to AM 1080 WRYT, Catholic radio. Live programs include Called to Communion, the Journey Home, the Daily Mass, the Holy Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call 314.752.7000.

SUNDAY READINGS-BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. Studying the Bible is something everyone can do, therefore, enabling a person to help others and encourage them through difficult times.

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.

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

Fall Craft Fair

St Matthias the Apostle Parish Center - 800 Buckley Rd - 63125

Saturday, November 25

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Handmade Crafts

Concessions
Baked Goodies

Raffles
Free
Gift Wrapping

Interested Vendors

Booth space (6'x9') - \$30; Space & Table - \$35; Electricity - \$3

Registration & Reservations can be made through the Parish Office 314.892.7500 or
Call Rachel 314.616.7914 or email: rachel_graczak@hotmail.com



