

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

### WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

## CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by  
appointment.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with  
exposition) following 7:00am Mass  
concluding at 2:00pm with Benediction  
Subsequent Tuesday of each month  
(without exposition) 7:30am to 2:30pm

## PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

## ROSARY

Tuesday at 7:00pm in Church

## BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make  
arrangements.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six  
months prior to the intended date.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

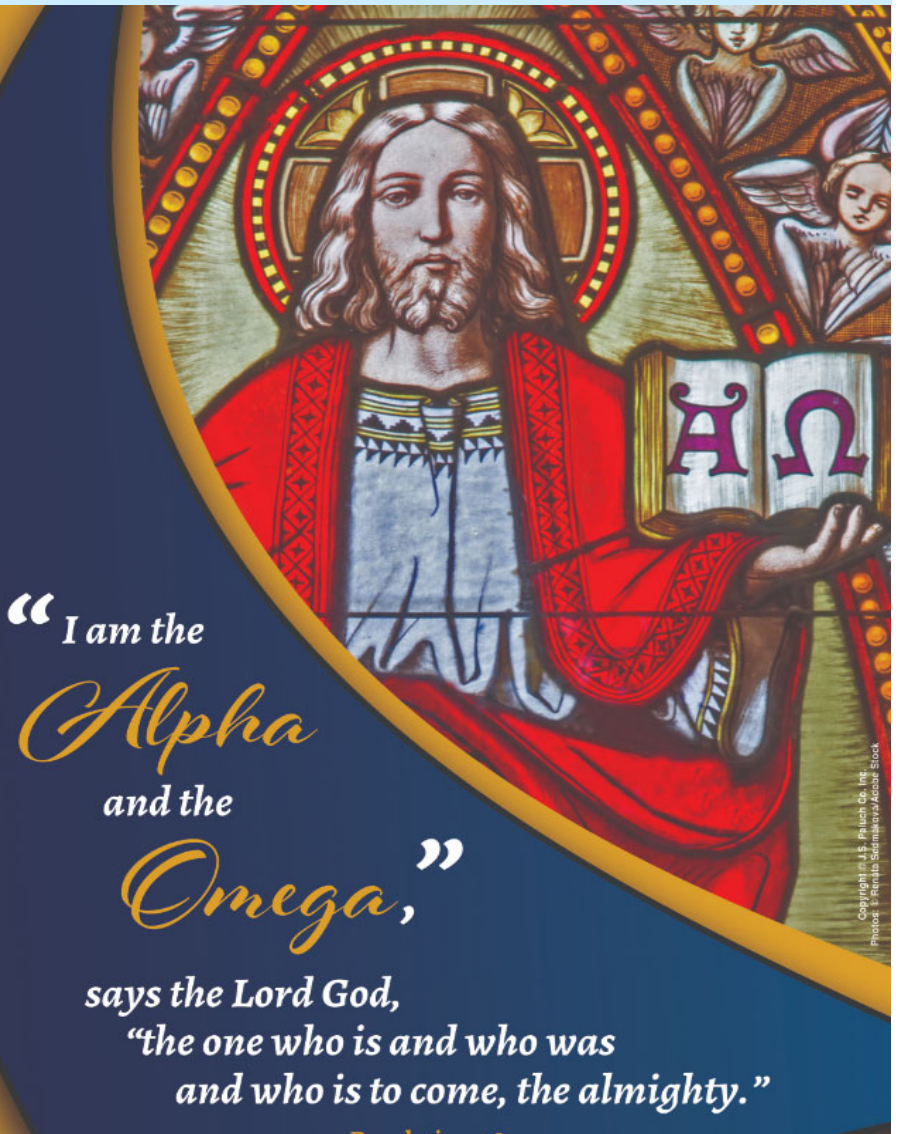
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# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*“We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”*

**CLERGY & STAFF**

**Fr. John Mayo** Pastor  
frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org

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School Board Mike Young 314.780.2954  
Finance Council Joseph Cyr 314.335.7322

**A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS**

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: (*here name them*). Amen.

**Monday, November 26**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Church Mass  
6:00pm - Parish Office Finance Council  
6:00pm - Cafeteria Step Class  
7:00pm - Guardian Angel St. V. de Paul

**Tuesday, November 27**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Church Mass  
1:30pm - Parish Office Lectio Group  
3:15pm - Church Children's Choir  
6:30 pm - Raphael Room Knights of Columbus  
7:00pm - Church Rosary Recitation  
7:30pm - Church So. City Men's Recl.

**Wednesday, November 28**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Church Mass  
9:00am - Quilter's Room Quilters  
6:00pm - Cafeteria Step Class  
7:00pm - Church First Reconciliation

**Thursday, November 29**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Church Mass  
2:00pm - School Dance Class  
5:00pm - Cafeteria Girl Scouts

**Friday, November 30**

7:00am - Church Mass

**Saturday, December 1**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Cafeteria Step Class  
4:30pm - Church Mass  
5:30pm - Gym St. Louis Hills  
Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 2**

8:00am - Church Mass  
10:00am - Church Mass  
11:00am - Cafeteria Cookies with Santa  
6:00pm - Gym Advent - Candlelight

## Fr. John's Digital Quill for Spiritual Musings and Parish News

### Spend Some Time with the Lord

As I have written before in these pages, I truly believe that the Lord is calling our parish to grow in our life of prayer and devotion to Him. From this prayer and desire has grown a new idea for our parish to achieve these ends.

Beginning in Advent, we will be offering in the Tobias Room (aka the Fireplace Room) Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The Blessed Sacrament will be available from 3:00pm to Midnight.

This time before the Blessed Sacrament is to give working people and families with young children an opportunity to spend time with the Lord. But why would anyone want to do this, you might ask?

- 1) Think of Eucharistic Adoration as a Jesus tanning booth. If you want to be more like Jesus, spending time in Jesus' presence will gradually change your soul just as the rays of the sun change your appearance.
- 2) People often tell me that they go into Eucharistic Adoration upset, confused, and in turmoil, but come out much more calm and peaceful.
- 3) It helps us to extend the graces of Holy Mass into our weekly life.
- 4) It is calm and peaceful...no noise and no Christmas music and no presents to wrap, cards to write, etc.

So what would you do in Jesus presence?

- 1) Sit quietly and reflect
- 2) Journal
- 3) Read some section of the Bible
- 4) Read and reflect on the readings for Sunday
- 5) Pray the Rosary or another devotion
- 6) Read that spiritual book you keep promising yourself you will read but never get around to
- 7) Ask forgiveness of God, yourself, or of another
- 8) Bring your children and have them color a page about Jesus or a Bible story or read a book at their age level
- 9) Ask the Lord for a special grace
- 10) Praise Him!

As you can see, there is a lot to do!

We are in need and looking for people to sign up to take an hour with the Lord. We need someone with Jesus all of the time! Please keep your eyes open for details on how to sign-up. **Also, please pray for our 2nd Graders who will make their First Confession this week!** *I will see you in Church!*

Fr. John #SRAstrong



O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge Thee to be the King of the universe: all that has been made is created for Thee. Exercise over me all Thy sovereign rights. I hereby renew the promises of my Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps, and I engage myself to lead henceforth a truly Christian life. And in an especial manner do I undertake to bring about the triumph of the rights of God and Thy Church, so far as in me lies. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee my poor actions to obtain the acknowledgment by every heart of Thy sacred Kingly power. In such wise may the kingdom of Thy peace be firmly established throughout all the earth. Amen.



## ORDER DEADLINE TODAY!!!!

### FROM ST. VINCENT FUNDRAISER NUT SALE!

- 1 lb. Pecan Halves - \$11
- 1 Lb. Pecan Pieces - \$10
- 1 Lb. English Walnuts - \$8
- 1 Lb. Gourmet Mix - \$10
- 1 Lb. Salted Cashews - \$10
- 12 Oz. Praline Pecans \$9

Order forms can be found in church. Order deadline is November 25 with delivery in mid-December. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Webers at [pwebers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pwebers@sbcglobal.net) or 314.496.8836.

## SAVE THE DATE!

December 2, 2018  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please contact Carrie McMorrow with any questions or if you would like to volunteer, 314.750.4130 or [carriem0180@gmail.com](mailto:carriem0180@gmail.com).



## FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the doors of our hearts so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth. This month, through our gifts, the Society was able to bring God's kingdom of love and mercy to numerous families, providing food, utility, rent, and other assistance. With generous food baskets compiled by our school families and staff, we allowed twenty needy families to enjoy a feast this Thanksgiving. God bless you.

## FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The next Fifty Plus meeting is Tuesday, December 4, at 1:00pm in the Parish Office Raphael Room. Bring a friend and some canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome.

## Pastoral Care Ministry

Are you or someone you know unable to make it to Mass anymore due to age or a physical limitation (on a permanent or temporary basis)? Would you like to receive the Eucharist weekly?

Do you bring Communion to anyone in the parish or outside of the parish?

If so, please contact our pastoral care ministry! Either contact the rectory or our coordinator, Mary Faith Green, at 314.832.3310 or by e-mail [greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net)

## Ministry List Updates

Would you like to start ministering at Mass as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Would you like to help launder the purificators and other altar linens used daily at Mass?

If so, please contact the parish office. We need your help and appreciate it!

## SAVE THE DATE - WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday, February 9, 2019 after the 4:30 pm Mass, there will be a reception for couples who are celebrating a milestone anniversary.

If you will be married, this coming year (2019) for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60-plus years, please call the parish office at 314.352.8100 or email us at [parish@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:parish@straphaelarchangel.org) with your wedding date. We will place you on our list for an invitation. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



## WINTER OUTREACH - A MINISTRY OF MERCY

With gratitude to all the SRA parishioners who make this ministry possible year after year, we are encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings: *“Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.”* Our Parish Community is truly committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith Ministry of Mercy. *“As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me.”* (MT 25:31-46)

As winter approaches, many homeless “brethren” will be spending their days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, **we are asking for help in providing meals** during the coldest months. **Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter** (1315 Ann Street) on our assigned Saturdays:

December 15    January 19    February 16



Please consider assisting the Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following  
**9 x 13 Casserole (Meat, Vegetable or Breakfast)**                      **Dessert - 12 to 24 Servings**

Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall by 1:00 pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick it up from your home. If you would like more information, would like to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or email [maryem@brick.net](mailto:maryem@brick.net).

# School News

### AFTERCARE HELP NEEDED

SRA Aftercare is looking for an adult to work in aftercare. This is a full time position, Monday through Friday, 3-6:00 pm. Applicants must be 21 or older, responsible, and most of all, love to be with children. If interested, please contact Molly Indelicato at [indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org).

### REMEMBER TO SUPPORT SRA ON CYBER MONDAY!

1. You visit [smile.Amazon.com](http://smile.Amazon.com)
2. You select St. Raphael the Archangel as the organization you will support.
3. You make your purchase as normal.
4. We receive a percentage of your purchase.
5. You feel good for helping us while making a purchase you need!

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# School News

*From Mrs. Hayes*

The fruit of silence is Prayer, the fruit of Prayer is Faith, the fruit of Faith is Love, the fruit of Love is Service, the fruit of service is Peace.—St. Theresa of Calcutta

During November, the focus virtue will be STEWARDSHIP - returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure. There could be no better example of Stewardship than St. Theresa of Calcutta. She returned to God all of her time, shared all of her talents, and whatever treasures she had she shared with the poor and forgotten. May each of us model good examples of Stewardship for our children.

We had a great time celebrating Red Ribbon Week with accessory days and contests. I know the kids had fun! To culminate the week, we had a guest police detective give a presentation to stay healthy and stay away from drugs. The students seemed to enjoy that also.

Our competition winners:

Coloring Page Anna W. Kindergarten  
Bookmark Jack B. 1st Grade  
Poster Sophia R. 4th Grade  
Poem Jude W. 5th Grade  
Essay Rory B. 7th Grade

*Kindergarten News: Ms. Lu Ann Domijan*

The kindergarten class had an AWESOME time on our field trip to Eckert's Farm with the first and second graders. Thank you parents and anyone else that

made the trip possible. We are now studying about bats, counting to fifty by ones and fives, and counting by tens to one hundred. We are learning how to write sentences, starting with capital letters and ending with punctuation marks.

*Fifth Grade: Ms. Amanda Imo*

During religion class, the students have been focusing on the Sacraments of Initiation. We started with Baptism, learning about how we enter into God's family. Then we discussed how we renew that faith in Confirmation through receiving the Holy Spirit. Finally, we talked about the first Eucharist and what happened during Passover and the Last Supper.

In math, the students have been working on long division. They are also learning how to write and solve expressions and equations. During literature, the students have read a few short stories and focused on setting, sequencing, and summarizing

*Sixth-Eighth Grades: Mrs. Christy Connor*

Social Studies 6: Sixth grade students are learning about ancient Egypt and the geography of Africa. They will soon begin to create their own names in Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Social Studies 7: Seventh grade students are learning how the original thirteen colonies protested the rule of Great Britain. They will soon begin to study the American Revolution.

Social Studies 8: Eighth grade students have just completed a section on the Spanish - American War. Their next major topic will include studying World War I.

## ST. PATRICK CENTER CHRISTMAS HELP

The St. Patrick Center Christmas Wishes program assists more than 500 individuals and families who have little or no money to purchase Christmas gifts for their children. Thanks to all who are sponsoring families this Christmas season! We currently need donations of \$20 Target gift cards for single clients in our Shamrock Club Day Treatment Program. To donate gift cards, contact Katie Joseph at 314.802.1976 or [kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org](mailto:kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org).



Saint Louis  
LIFETEEN

Attention all high schoolers! Please join us this Wednesday, November 28 for an XLT - a night of prayer, praise, and community. We will meet from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg. For more information, see [saintlouislifeteen.org](http://saintlouislifeteen.org).



# ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND 6:00PM - ST. RAPHAEL GYM

Advent by Candlelight is an invitation for women to step away from hectic Christmas activities and instead focus on the inner preparation which is the purpose of the Advent season in readying our hearts and homes to receive the gift of the infant Jesus.

The evening opens with hostesses greeting their guests and general visiting among all those present. Then it continues with a short prayer service, followed by sharing of light hors d'oeuvres or dessert provided by each hostess for her particular table, and concludes with a guest speaker who never fails to inspire us.



We are very excited this year to have Fr. Matt O'Toole as our speaker. Fr. O'Toole currently serves as pastor at St. Margaret of Scotland. An avid student of history with a great appreciation for art, literature, and popular entertainment, Fr. O'Toole weaves these elements into his preaching to create a tapestry of meaning and makes the Gospel of Christ and the Catholic faith relevant and meaningful. He was the recent recipient of the 2018 Great Preacher Award. He's also a native of South St. Louis (St. Joan of Arc Parish) and served as associate pastor of St. Raphael the Archangel from 1996-2001.

Please consider being a table hostess and treating your friends, relatives or neighbors to this special event. The duties of a table hostess include reserving a table, inviting up to 7 guests (8 people per table), decorating your table and providing table settings and light appetizers/desserts for your guests. More detailed information will be given to each hostess.

We are encouraging hostesses to keep their food very simple in trying to keep with our desire to offer a less stressful, more peaceful and enjoyable evening among friends. This is a FREE event, but we will take up a collection for our parish if you would like to contribute that evening.

### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT RESERVATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a Table Hostess. I want to invite others to sit with me. The people listed below will automatically be registered to be seated at my table. (Hostess information will be sent to you.)

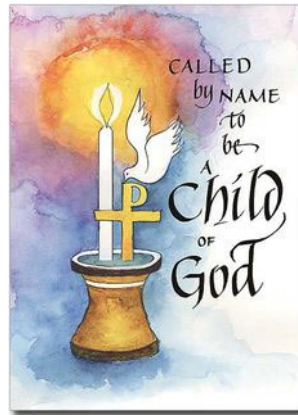
Hostess	Guest
Guest	Guest
Guest	Guest
Guest	Guest

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to register as an individual and would like to be placed at any table where there is room.

If possible please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return reservation form to Rachel Flavin 5940 Highfield Rd, 63109 or email reservation to ladies @straphaelarchangel.org. Questions? Call Rachel, 314.496.8303.**





Congratulations to the newest member of the church, **William Wegman**, son of Andrew and Heather Wegman.

William was baptized on November 10, 2018. May God always bless the Wegman family.

### BUY SCRIP CARDS AND SUPPORT SRA!!

Time to order your SCRIP cards for December! Order forms and payment will be due to the school office on the first Friday of the month and orders will be ready for pick up or sent home with your student the following Friday. Payment must be cash or check (made out to SRA HSA).

Upcoming Fall turn-in dates: **December 7, 2018**

The list includes some of the most popular retailers; a complete list can be found at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com).

Thank you for supporting SRA!! Contact Mary Anne Potts with any questions, [maryannepotts@gmail.com](mailto:maryannepotts@gmail.com), 314.482.1907.

### MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

*My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior... God who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is His name." - Luke 1:46-49*

In these words of the Magnificat, Mary proclaimed to Elizabeth her gratitude for the wonderful action of God in her life. Please join us at the quarterly prayer breakfasts for Catholic women of the archdiocese of St. Louis. Share together the spirit of gratitude and a woman's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life.

Come and bring a friend to rejoice in the presence of the Lord. December 8th, 8:30 am registration, 9am - 12pm breakfast and speaker. Kim Stanley will be our speaker. The cost is \$20. For more information and registration call the Catholic Renewal Center at 314.731.6100 or email [catholicrenewal@archstl.org](mailto:catholicrenewal@archstl.org).



# MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER



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**WELCOME TO ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH FAMILY!**

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate item(s):**

New Parishioner

New Phone/Email/Address

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