

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

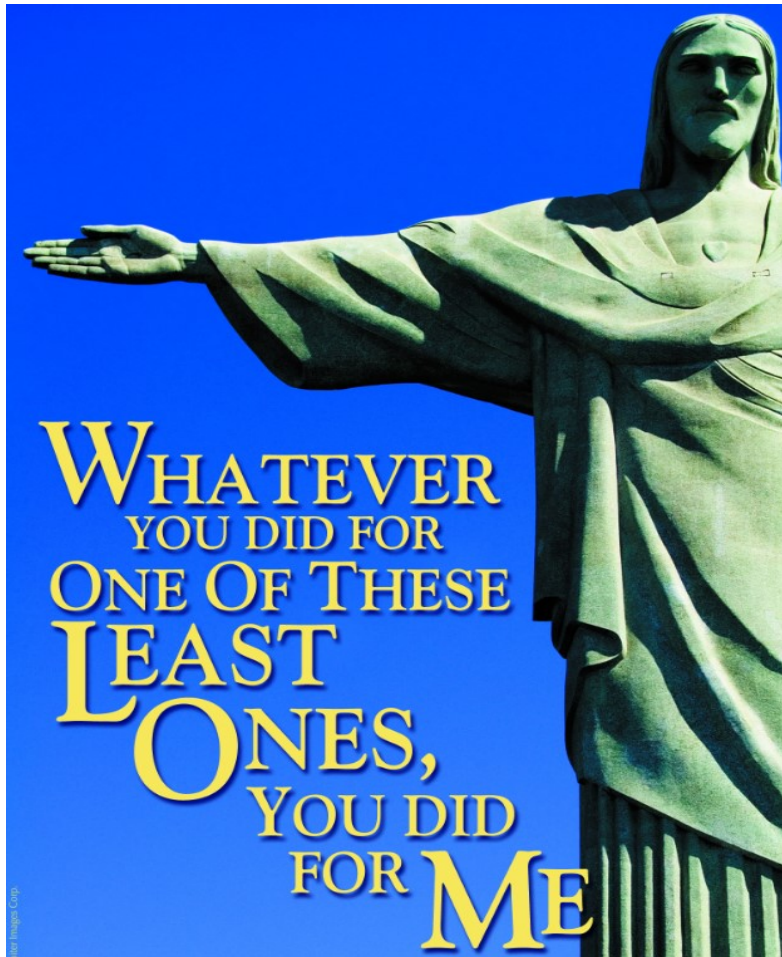
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

FEAST OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



QUOTE FROM SUNDAY'S GOSPEL MT 25:31-46

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
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, November 27th

5:00 pm - Gym	1st Gr. Girls Bball.
6:00 pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Boys Bball.
6:00 pm - Parish Office	Finance Council
6:45 pm - Cafeteria	2nd Gr. Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Parish Office	St. V. de Paul
9:00 pm - Gym	Men's Club Soccer

Tuesday, November 28th

1:30 pm - Parish Office	Bible Study
3:15 pm - Church	De Angelis Choir
7:00 pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:00 pm p - Raphael Room	Knights of Columbus
7:30 pm - Tobias Room	Peter, Cornerstone

Wednesday, November 29th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
5:30 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Church	Adult Choir
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	R.C.I.A.
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's Club Soccer

Thursday, November 30th

2:00 pm - Trophy Room	Pre-K Dance
3:00 pm - Trophy Room	K-6 Dance
3:15 pm - Art Room	Chess Club
7:00 pm - Church	Contemporary Choir

Friday, December 1st

4:00 pm - Cafeteria	K. Girl Scouts Meeting
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Saturday, December 2nd

6:00 pm - Gym	St. Louis Hills Christmas Party
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Sunday, December 3rd

8:00 am - Church	Mass
10:00 am - Church	Mass
11:00 am - Cafeteria	Cookies with Santa
7:00 pm - Church/Café.	Advent by Candlelight
7:30 pm - Gym	Berns' Basketball

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, November 27	Tuesday, November 28	Wednesday, November 29	Thursday, November 30	Friday, December 1
Pepperoni Pizza	Hot Italian Sub	Baked Potatoes & Chicken Nuggets	Hamburger & Tater Tots	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND – STILL TIME TO BE THANKFUL TO GOD!

By this time, you have probably had your fill of turkey and dressing. But we should never be tired of thanking the Lord for all of our blessings! That is why we are again celebrating the Holy Eucharist this Sunday, as we do on every Lord's Day. You already know that "Eucharist" is Greek for thanksgiving. In the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup, we are giving thanks to God for: creating each of us and our world; sending us Jesus, the Son of God, as our Savior; instituting the Church; and providing for us a great family, a nice neighborhood, and a wonderful parish. This brief list could easily be extended.

Let us continue on this "Thanksgiving" weekend to pray:

Dear God, our Creator, we wish to express our gratitude to you for creating in us the breath of life and a soul made in your own image and likeness. We are grateful for the responsibility to be good stewards of your creation and the gifts you have given us. We thank you for the gifts of faith, hope, and charity. And most of all we hope to be eternally thankful to you for saving us from our sins through the paschal mystery of your Son's Death and Resurrection.
Thank you, Lord! Amen!

FEAST OF CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE – TODAY – THE CLOSING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR!

The Church today reminds us that Jesus Christ is the one whom God the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and established as priest, prophet, and king. Part of his role as the Son of God is to rule and lead the People of God, the Church. That's us! By virtue of our Baptism, we do share in the royal office of Christ the King. For us, to reign is to serve Christ and the poor. That is what we hear in the Gospel parable today: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

During Advent last December, John the Baptist proclaimed that the Kingdom of God is at hand! Jesus came into our world and also announced that the Kingdom of God is in our midst. Now at the end of this Church Year, we acknowledge that we got the message that Christ is our King and we are glad to be a part of his Kingdom. Long live the King!



ADVENT STARTS NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 3RD - PLAN AHEAD!

Make plans and gather materials for your family Advent Wreath. Plan some extra prayer time each day of Advent to prepare for the Lord's coming. Don't let your celebration of Christmas get too far ahead of Christmas itself.

R.C.I.A. – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – 1ST RITE TODAY

At the 10am Mass today, our parish celebrates the first rite in the R.C.I.A. process – the Rite of Acceptance when we welcome candidates into the Order of Catechumens, as they continue to prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

This year we are blessed to have four individuals ready to make this first step: Chris Adams, Lauren Palazzolo, and Rick and Melissa Schneider. Let us assure them of our loving support and offer prayers for them as we look forward to the day when they will share fully at the Lord's Table with us here at St. Raphael Parish.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *To be happy ourselves is a most effectual contribution to the happiness of others.*

SERVERS FOR Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

Monday, November 27th

7:00 am Grace Goeddel William Hotze
8:00 am Abby Delf Jack Stein

Tuesday, November 28th

7:00 am Jane Dubbert Mateo Switzer
8:00 am Cate Guenther Ellie Guenther

Wednesday, November 29th

7:00 am Thad Berta Addison Berta
8:00 am Lydia Bick Gillian Neal

Thursday, November 30th

7:00 am Flora Borowiak Henry Cyr
8:00 am Samantha Koziacki Gavin Smith

Friday, December 1st

7:00 am William Madden Sean Madden

Saturday, December 2nd

7:00 am Andrew Kellar Isabella Pfeiffer
4:30 pm Joey Raymo Riley Willmann
Spencer Willmann

Sunday, December 3rd

8:00 am Mateo Switzer Lucille Schlichting
Christian Concepcion
10:00 am Rory Barnawell Flora Borowiak
Jack Stein

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 26th

8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Ralph Raskas

Monday, November 27th

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

Tuesday, November 28th

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann
8:00 am Hodes Family SI

Wednesday, November 29th

7:00 am Roger Kreitler
8:00 am Neil Svetanics

Thursday, November 30th

7:00 am George Maledy
8:00 am Brian Meyer

Friday, December 1st

7:00 am Don Deachan

Saturday, December 2nd

7:00 am Michael Muckler
4:30 pm Jane Bottini

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 2/3

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

George Kerry Lorraine Gurley Linda Hiette

Bob Ahrens Lorraine Gurley Joe Zulich

Maureen Ahrens Sue Lawton Dan Harbaugh

George Kerry Amy Ruggeri Mary Alice
Goedeker

Margie Auer Rosita Koehler Amy Schisler
Tony Mariani Lori Ashmore
Ruppel

Matt Fuhr

Anna Skidmore

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOV. 18/19 2017

Sunday Collection \$ 5,298
Online Giving \$ 2,663
Weekly Total Collection \$ 7,961
Weekly Budget Goal \$ 9,000

Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal \$171,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual \$150,395
Shortfall \$ 20,605

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





Sunday, December 3
Tuesday, December 12
Sunday, December 17
Sunday, December 17

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

ADVENT GIVING TREE

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.



CHANDELIER CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help make our church shine for the upcoming holidays? Join your fellow parishioners to clean the chandeliers on Monday, December 4 after the 8:00 am Mass. The chandeliers lower so no need to worry about getting on a ladder. Please bring along a bucket and cleaning cloths to help with the process. Many hands make light work, so we hope to see you there.

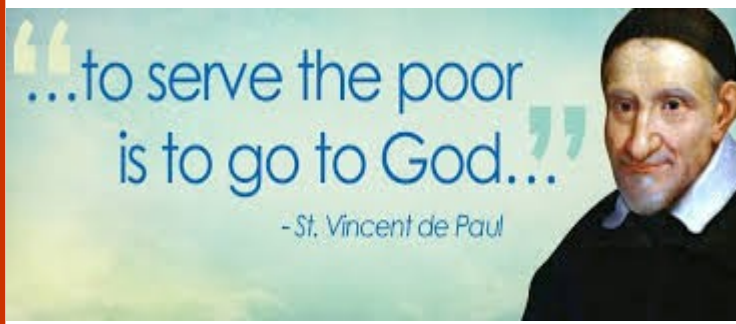


WELCOME TO HOWARD ADAMS

Recently, Mr. Howard Adams, began working for the Parish as our part-time Maintenance Assistant, working with Mr. Bob. Howard will certainly fit right in with the staff and parish members. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Howard when you see him on the parish grounds.

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say “whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” We know we find the face of Christ in the poor. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve many families; providing food, household supplies, utility and renet assistance, etc. Thank you.



VOLLEYBALL ‘SPIRIT’ NEWS CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNIE HIGGS

Annie Higgs was selected to represent St. Raphael in the annual “Spirit Games.” This award is given to 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. They will join with other players from their CYC District to take part in friendly competition with teams from the other Districts.

The games were played over Thanksgiving weekend.

Good Luck to Annie!

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Hill, mother of long-time parishioner and SRA school teacher, Christy Connor. Mary was buried from St. Raphael on Wednesday, November 22, 2017. Please keep her family in your prayers.



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

**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!

**Love Among Us:
A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul**

The Daughters of St. Paul are back in St. Louis for their annual Christmas Concert! Join us for “Love Among Us: A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul” on Wednesday, December 6 and Thursday, December 7, at 7 pm at Chaminade College Preparatory School, 425 South Lindberg Blvd.



Be taken up into the spirit of Christmas with the Sisters' unique renditions of Christmas favorites as well as contemporary inspirational songs in the annual family concert celebrating Christ's birth. Come and be filled with hope, joy, and peace with the sounds of the Daughters of St. Paul Choir! Tickets \$15 per person. Information online: Pauline.org/STLconcert or call 314.965.6935.



St. Raphael the Archangel PTA Presents the 2nd Annual

COOKIES WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 3rd 11am to 1pm



**Bring your list and visit with Santa Claus!
Held in the cafeteria following 10am mass.**

**KIDS get to decorate cut-out cookies & make a
Merry Christmas craft too!**

Just \$10 per child (\$20 max per family). Please RSVP by November 30th

Don't forget to bring your cameras for Festive Photo Ops!

PLEASE CONTACT Lori Stawizynski: loristaw76@yahoo.com

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.



WINTER OUTREACH: A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by the example of Pope Francis, who lives out our Catholic social teachings of *“Option for the Poor and Vulnerable,”* southside parishes continue to be committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith-filled 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)

While St. Louis is making great strides to provide resources for the homeless, many still spend their days and nights on the streets. Winter is particularly hard for them. In an effort to reach out to our “brethren” needing warmth and food, **we are asking for help to provide meals** during the coldest months.

Drivers are also needed to deliver meals to Americorps Shelter, 1315 Ann St., on our assigned evenings. Anyone is welcome to serve/visit with shelter guests on these evenings:

	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
December	7	8	9
January	11	12	13
February	8	9	10

Will you please provide one of the following:

- 9 x 13 Hot Casserole (any kind)
- Dessert for 24

Together we can make a bountiful meal.

Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall entrance at 6:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick it up from your home.

If you would like more information about this ministry, like to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941.



PRO-LIFE A “DIFFICULT CHOICE”

Advocates of abortion often refer to the decision to have an abortion as a “difficult choice.” Why is it a difficult choice? The reason is very simple and obvious. We all know that the unborn child is a person growing inside the mother’s womb. So, of course, it is "difficult." Choosing to terminate the life of another human being is a "difficult choice." If the unborn child was not a person, what would be so difficult about choosing to end a life?

Is killing a cancer growing inside your body a "difficult choice"? Of course not. Dehumanizing the child is a vital strategy used by pro-abortionists to disguise the "difficult choice" that is being made. The baby is made to appear like the invading "blob of tissue"---like a cancerous growth. Why do we allow such deceit and victimization of the pre-born? Can you find a more innocent or vulnerable human being than a precious baby boy or girl inside a mother's womb?



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, November 29 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we continue our series on the ways that our Lord comes to us and the gift of the Eucharist. See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

ATTENTION, EIGHTH GRADERS

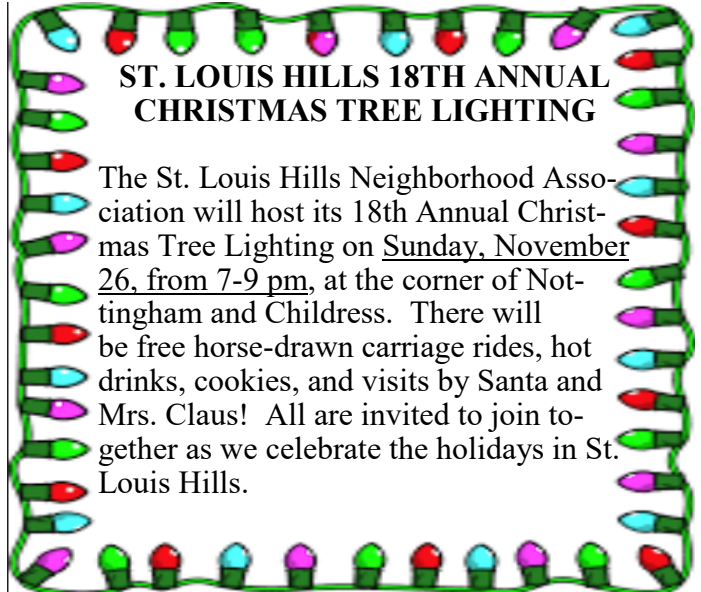
Save the date for LUKE 18
February 16-18, 2018
More information available at
saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18

SINGLES DANCE

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

IMMACULEE RETREAT

St. Gianna, 450 E. Highway N., Wentzville, will host speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza. Retreat starts Friday, December 8. Doors open at 4:00pm. Cost for both days is \$57 per person, or \$76 for two. Retreat runs from 5-9pm on Friday and concludes at 12:30pm on Saturday, December 9. You can register online at immaculee.com/collections/retreats or for information, you can call Rita Schulte at 636.327.3639.



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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

What can I get my spouse for Christmas? Give each other something really special this year. How about a gift filled with romance and excitement? This special gift is a weekend to remember - a Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are December 1-3 and February 2-4. Find out more by going to stl-wwme.org or calling 314.649.7317

ROSARY RECITATION

Recitation of the Rosary will help you get to know Mary better, which in turn gets you to know Jesus better. SRA invites any and all to pray the Rosary each week on Tuesday evenings, at 7:00pm in the Church.

May Mary hold your hands and help you along the great and sublime paths.

