

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

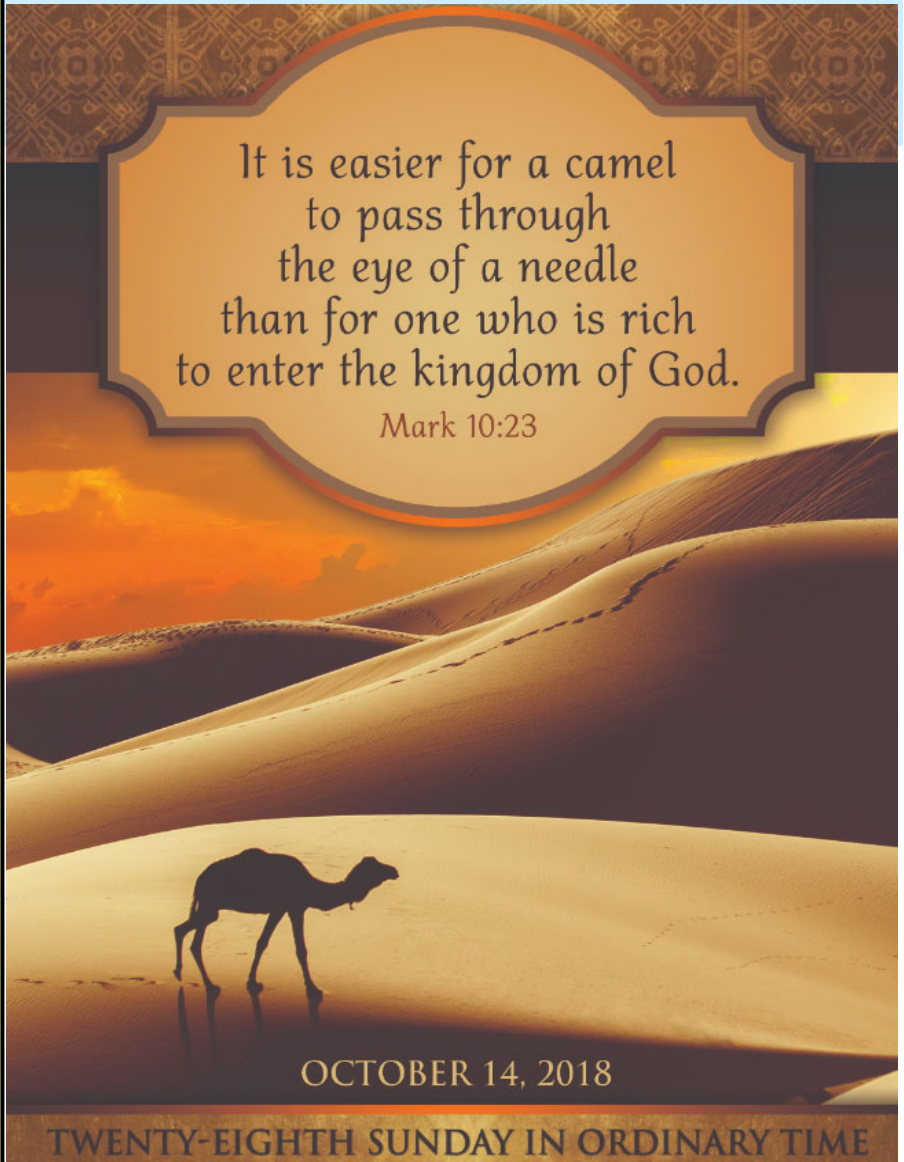
CATHOLIC

Please contact the Parish Office.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

It is easier for a camel
to pass through
the eye of a needle
than for one who is rich
to enter the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:23



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.”

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr. John Mayo	Pastor
	frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org
Msgr. Dennis Stehly	Priest-In-Residence
	dennisstehly@archstl.org
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
	musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
	halbert@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Mickey Janos	Admin. Assistant
	janos@straphaelarchangel.org
Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mrs. Julie Hayes	School Principal
	hayes@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
	secretary@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Qi Franz	Cafeteria Manager
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Parish Council	Terri Borowiak 314.351.0606
School Board	Mike Young 314.780-2954
Finance Council	Joseph Cyr 314.335-7322



Monday, October 15

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
3:00pm - Cafeteria	7th Gr. Girl Scouts
6:00pm - Gym	4th Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00pm - Tobias Room	School Board

Tuesday, October 16

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Parish Office	Lectio Group
3:15pm - Church	Children's Choir
3:15pm - Gym	5th Gr. Boys Vball.
5:30pm - Gym	6th Gr. Girls Vball.
6:30pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Men's Club Meeting
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation

Wednesday, October 17

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters
3:15pm - Gym	7th Gr. Boys Vball.
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00pm - Cafeteria	1st Confession Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 18

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - School	Dance Class
3:30pm - Gym	8th Gr. Girls Vball.
5:00pm - Cafeteria	Daisy Scouts
6:30pm - Gym	4th Gr. Girls Vball.
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Ladies' Club

Friday, October 19

7:00am - Church	Mass
2:45pm - School Grounds	Pet Blessing
5:30pm - Gym	Volleyball Games

Saturday, October 20

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria	Step Class
4:30pm - Church	Mass
5:30pm - Gym	Volleyball Games

Sunday, October 21

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Alumni Mass
12:00pm - Gym	Volleyball Games

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

In Gratitude

First, my apologies for not publishing this necessary piece last week, as my column was taken by a couple of guest columns.

Thank you to all who made the parish celebration of St. Raphael the Archangel such a memorable event. I would like to thank all those who ministered at the Masses last Saturday and Sunday. Thank you as well to our wonderful musicians who changed their plans to make this parish celebration even more special with appropriate hymns. I would also like to thank Msgr. Stehly for installing me as pastor on behalf of Archbishop Carlson.

Thank you as well to all who decorated, set up, prepared, served, and cleaned up from our parish dinner on September 29. It takes many people working hard together to make such an event flow so effortlessly and wonderfully as this one did. I am grateful for all of your efforts to celebrate our parish.

I would also like to thank all of those who worked to make the Men's Club Golf Tournament a fun and vibrant occasion.

I know that I am not worthy to walk with and guide such a parish. Please continue to pray for me as I will be praying for you as well.

Angel Appeal Update

Thank you to the many generous donors who are making our Angel Appeal a success. We are over 60% toward our ambitious yet attainable goal of \$100,000.

Thank you!

Black and Gold Dinner Auction

This week again, you will find information in these pages on our upcoming dinner auction. Pat and Liz Berry and their team are doing a phenomenal job to make this a fun and memorable evening. If you have not reserved your place yet, contributed an auction item, or bought some raffle tickets, I invite you to do so.

Pet Blessing

On Friday, October 19, we will be remembering the gift of St. Francis of Assisi to our Church by our annual pet blessing. It will take place by the school at 2:45pm. I invite all of our pet owners and pet lovers to come to this blessing.

Alumni Mass

Next Sunday, we will welcome the alumni of our school back to St. Raphael at the 10:00am Mass. Following Mass, we will have a celebration for them in the school, as well as tours of the school. We invite all alumni to come to this Mass and celebration of our fine school.

All Souls Mass

On Friday, November 9, at 7:00pm, we invite all of those who have lost a loved one, particularly in the past year, to come together at a special Mass that evening. We will remember your dear ones in a particular way at that Mass.

A Pastoral Direction

As we continue to look ahead in our parish life, I would like to take a moment to explain a direction that I have been led to begin.

We should be proud of our parish. We have a great school, a welcoming spirit, and a drive that we can overcome any challenge before us. These are distinctive features and blessings to be grateful for.

Where we need to grow as a parish is in our spiritual life as a community of faith. This extends beyond Mass, Rosaries, and other devotions. Do we take time for personal prayer and growth in intimacy with Christ?

This is one of the things I want to start providing for our parish, opportunities for us to come together and learn about the Lord and grow in intimacy with Him. On that note, we have a couple of upcoming opportunities I want to invite you to.

Donna Cori Gibson Concert November 11

Donna Cori Gibson is a Catholic laywoman who has a great gift of praising God in song. These songs, both formal and personal, help to lead to a deeper relationship with Christ. Her faith-filled witness is challenging and inspiring. She will be providing her concert/prayer opportunity on November 11 at 6:00pm in church.

Heavenly Dusters

The Stewardship Committee and I are creating a new team, the SRA Heavenly Dusters, to spruce up our church before weekend Masses. Please see volunteer information in the article on page 7.

Healing Prayer Service November 13

We are all in need of healing. This need for healing may be physical, emotional, or spiritual. Perhaps we even need to pray for healing in a relationship or pray that we can forgive another or even ourselves.

On Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00pm, we will have a prayer service to ask for the gift of healing. There will be a Gospel and homily, time for silent prayer, confessions, and benediction. I invite everyone to take advantage of this time for healing. We all need it and its blessings will help us and our parish as well. Please know that these are not the only opportunities for prayer. We will have more events in the next few months. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know.

Permanent Diaconate

If you have been thinking and praying about becoming a deacon, there are some informational evenings coming up to learn about the formation process. If you are

interested, please contact me.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- October 19 - Pet Blessing, Pre-school Social
- October 21 - Alumni Day at 10:00am Mass
- October 27 - Trunk or Treat
- October 28 - Fellowship Sunday
- November 9 - All Souls Mass
- November 11 - Donna Cori Gibson Concert/Prayer Opportunity, 6:00pm
- November 12 - Veterans Day Mass & Reception
- November 13 - Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm

I will see you in Church!

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us!

- Fr John #SRAstrong

JOIN US FOR THIS SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Prizes for Best Costume & Best Decorated Car
(please avoid violent themes)
Costume Parade

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH

\$15 per family 6pm-8pm
Food & drinks available for purchase

Proceeds Benefit the SRA 8th Grade Pro-Life Trip & Graduation Celebration

Family Name: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____
 # of children participating: _____
 Submit form & payment to school office. Checks payable to SRA.

Questions? Contact Missy Weber 314-780-0698

SERVERS FOR OCT. 15-21, 2018

Monday, October 15

7:00am Isabella Pfeiffer Justin Wingron
8:00am Liam McMorrow Lydia Bick

Tuesday, October 16

7:00am Joey Raymo Gavin Smith
8:00am Liam McMorrow Lydia Bick

Wednesday, October 17

7:00am Anna-Grace Guenther Cate Guenther
8:00am Liam McMorrow Lydia Bick

Thursday, October 18

7:00am Flora Borowiak Henry Cyr
8:00am Liam McMorrow Lydia Bick

Friday, October 19

7:00am Madalene Cierpiot Cillian Sheehan

Saturday, October 20

7:00am Christian Concepcion Gavin Smith
4:30pm Lim McMorrow Eva Thompson
Mia Thompson

Sunday, October 21

8:00am Rory Barnawell Thad Berta
Addison Berta
10:00am Lydia Bick Jack Stein
Avery Bradshaw

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 20-21, 2018

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

LECTORS:

George Kerry Barb Cramer Heather Hays

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Bob Ahrens Lorraine Gurley Rosemary Phelan
Maureen Ahrens Sue Lawton Tom Yehlen
George Kerry Amy Ruggeri Dennis Matreci
Margie Auer Rosita Koehler Carolyn Skidmore
Matt Fuhr Christy Connor Greg Divis
Tony Mariani Kerry Deacon Karen Divis
Ann Grabian

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Sunday, October 14

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Carolyn Otz

Monday, October 15

7:00am Christopher Cross, SI
8:00am Nancy Geiser

Tuesday, October 16

7:00am Bill Goeddel
8:00am Otto Horak

Wednesday, October 17

7:00am Alex Klein
8:00am Nancy Geiser

Thursday, October 18

7:00am Ernie Winkelmann
8:00am Thomas Malle

Friday, October 19

7:00am Gershermann Family, SI

Saturday, October 20

7:00am Mary Ann Contestable
4:30pm Sandra Sloan

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCT. 6-7, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,917
Online Giving	\$ 2,280
Weekly Total Collection	\$11,197
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$135,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$101,592
Shortfall	\$ 33,408

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”
MARK 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure in supporting our local parish and other charities.

ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
BLACK & GOLD AUCTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2018

Mark your calendars for the Black & Gold Dinner Auction!

We are just weeks away from our biggest fundraiser of the year! To buy tickets and view auction items as they are added, go to the website:

<http://SRA18.givesmart.com>

In addition to attending the Auction & Preview Night, there are plenty of ways to get involved. Forms can be found online on the SRA Website.

- **DONATE:** At the heart of the auction's success are the many awesome donations up for bidding. If you have an item or service you would like to donate, let us know!
- **VOLUNTEER:** There will be lots of opportunities for volunteering before, during, and after the event. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please let us know!
- **SPONSOR:** Know of a business or organization that would like to sponsor the auction? Sponsorships support the event and bring name recognition to 200+ attendees. And this year, the ad book is in COLOR!
- **50/50 TICKETS:** Show your support for SRA by purchasing or selling Black & Gold Dinner Auction 50/50 tickets. Tickets are \$20 each, drawing will be held at the Auction on November 3rd. Tickets can be sent to or dropped off at the Parish Office.

**For more information please email
auktion@straphaelarchangel.org**

We look forward to seeing all of you on November 2nd and 3rd !



example of Havanese puppy



School News

Pre-K Bears Miss Chris

The Bears have been hard at work, beginning to learn the letters and their sounds. We have already worked on A through E. We have learned all about Africa, bears, caterpillars, dinosaurs, and eagles and eggs in our stories, art projects, activities, and discussions.

2nd Grade Mr. Messmer

In reading and writing, we have been studying story elements and focusing on personal narratives. In science, we have been learning about science tools and scientific observations, as well as weathering and erosion. We were even able to do two erosion experiments: one with water and skittles and the other with water and potting soil.

5th Grade Miss Imo

During religion class, the students have been looking up and reading passages from the Bible and learning about the background of the sacraments.

In math, the fifth graders have been studying estimating numbers, comparing and ordering large numbers, and multiplying multi-digit numbers. In literature, the students have read a few short stories and they focused on the literary elements of similes and metaphors, questioning, sequencing, and summarizing

Physical Education Mr. Bruno

I'm in the process of introducing Field Hockey to my physical education curriculum. In addition, the classes will be working on soccer and football skills during the upcoming weeks. Hopefully, the students will find the soccer and football activities easy to perform and enjoyable.

As always, I will continue to stress to all of my students that the main objectives of physical education are to get everyone active, to have fun, and to feel like a part of the class.

LADIES' CLUB OCTOBER MEETING



Please join us for the Ladies' Club October meeting on Thursday, October 18 in the cafeteria. Dinner will be a Taco/Nacho Bar! Drinks and desserts are always appreciated.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus says "Go, sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me." Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

WEDDING BANNERS



There is a promise of marriage between Nicole Yanko and Jaren Kaufmann to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

New Stewardship Committee - HEAVENLY DUSTERS

Father John and the Stewardship Committee are creating a new team of volunteers...the SRA Heavenly Dusters. The Dusters will gather either Friday or Saturday mornings for an hour or so, and spruce up our church before the weekend Masses. So if you have some time to donate to SRA and this is one of your talents, please contact Pam Hager of the Stewardship Committee at 314.239.1221 to volunteer. We are also looking for someone to be the team lead. Thank you.



Come closer to a loving God...

Women's Day of Reflection

**Keeping a Mary Spirit
Throughout a Martha Day**

Donna Cori Gibson

Our parish is proud to be hosting a very special Women's Day of Reflection offered by internationally known Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori Gibson. Her message is inspiring, her voice is astounding and her music contagious. She will speak and sing on the topic of "Keeping a Mary Spirit Throughout a Martha Day." Please be sure to mark your calendars and join us for this spiritually enriching experience on November 10 from 8:30 – 3:00pm.

Visit our parish website, www.straphaelarchangel.org, for a registration form and the option to pay through our online giving. Registration forms are also available in the church foyer.

The day is being brought to you by our Women's Faith Sharing group and the St. Raphael Ladies' Club. Contact Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304 or sbrandstl@gmail.com with questions.

Please begin praying now for blessings on all who attend.

Free Bonus Concert on Sunday, November 11th

Donna will return to St. Raphael on Sunday, November 11 at 6:00pm to offer a free concert for all parishioners, family, friends and neighbors. There are postcards in the church foyer advertising the concert. Take a post card, write your name on the back and bring it to the concert to be entered in a free raffle. Save the date and spread the word. Donna gave two concerts at Fr. John's previous parish, so if you're curious about her, just ask him.

About Donna Cori Gibson

Donna was once a professional singer / songwriter for years in New York's secular market, but now she only creates music for God. She travels throughout the country and internationally, sharing the Catholic Faith in message and song. Her amazing, beautiful and powerful voice is sure to captivate you and draw you into prayer and praise.



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October 8, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of Christ be yours at this time and always!

Annually, the next-to-last Sunday of October marks the Church's Eucharistic celebration for the Missions, **World Mission Sunday**.

In his message for this year's celebration on October 21, Pope Francis explains that "life is a mission." "Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: 'I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world' (*Evangelii Gaudium* 273)," he writes. Focusing on young people, he notes: "In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God."

I invite all the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to see World Mission Sunday as a special moment to live out the mission we share as God's children, the mission to bring the Gospel to the whole world. I encourage you to be a "voice for mission" through your prayers and through the help that you are able to give in support of the priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders who work tirelessly, day in and day out, proclaiming the Gospel, building the Church, and serving the poor in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe.

The prayers and material aid generously given to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday, the Pope explains, continue to support the "preaching of the Gospel to every nation," thus "contributing to the human and cultural growth of all those who thirst for knowledge of the truth."

"Mission revitalizes faith," Pope Francis reminds us, quoting Saint Pope John Paul II in *Redemptoris Missio* (#2). May your commitment to the Lord's mission renew your faith and be a blessing in your life. And may you know of my personal gratitude for your generous response on this unique day for the entire Church, and throughout the year, as you are able.

Asking God's blessing upon you and your families, and grateful for your support of the mission of the Church, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

OCTOBER: PROLIFE MONTH

LIFE CHAIN linked us all together last Sunday, October 7, Catholics and Protestants from the nearby churches, supporting the Culture of Life. Thanks to the MANY St. Raphaelites who attended, holding onto their ProLife signs on a very blustery day. Fr. John stood with us as we witnessed to the importance of Life, God's greatest gift.

May the Lord bless us all as we continue to observe ProLife month.

**JOIN US IN THE JUSTFAITH EXPERIENCE.
BE THE CHANGE**

CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

JustFaith is a small-group program that invites participants into a process of learning and discovering how to live more simply and compassionately. JustFaith will help you explore today's issues as you open your heart and mind to the Spirit of God in our midst, and how you can make a difference. We are offering the JustFaith program Tuesdays at 6:30pm, beginning October 16.



If you would like more information or would like to register, please contact Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941 or Barbara.j.favre@sbcglobal.net.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
VILLA RIDGE, MO**

57th Annual Sausage Festival
Sunday, October 28
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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.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We extend a very special welcome to our friends and visitors who have come to pray with us today. Whether you are just having a look or are searching for a place to worship, we are happy to have you here. We trust that our worship will be encouraging to all and hope that you find a warm, welcoming community here at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. Please call us at the Parish Office, 314.352.8100, if we can be of help to you or if you would like to become a member of our parish.



ATTENTION, ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Please join us this Wednesday, October 17 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we finish our "Search" series. See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.