

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

OCTOBER 1, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



Come Celebrate the Feast of St. Raphael the Archangel

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**

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Reiker Pastor
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Mateo Salam Seminarian

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straphaelarchangel.org

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Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish and School

Twitter

@SRAtoday

MyParishApp

Text 'App' to 88202



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, October 2nd

3:15 pm - Gym
7:00 pm - Parish Office
9:00 pm - Gym

6th Gr. Boys Vball.
Stewardship Meeting
Men's Club Soccer

Tuesday, October 3rd

1:00 pm - Raphael Room
1:30 pm - Parish Office
3:15 pm - Gym
3:15 pm - Church
3:30 pm - Church/Tobias
5:30 pm - Gym
6:30 pm - Gym
7:00 pm - Church
7:30 pm - Tobias

Fifty-plus Club
Bible Study
3rd Gr. Boys Vball.
De Angelis Practice
Deanery Meeting/Dnr.
8th Gr. Boy Vball.
5th Gr. Girls Vball.
Rosary
Peter, Cornerstone

Wednesday, October 4th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room
3:15 pm - Gym
5:30 pm - Gym
6:00 pm - Cafeteria
7:00 pm - Church
7:00 pm - Tobias Room
8:30 pm - Gym

Quilters
4th Gr. Girls Vball.
3rd Gr. Girls Vball.
Step Class
Choir Rehearsal
R.C.I.A.
Men's Club Bball.

Thursday, October 5th

2:00 pm - Trophy Room
3:00 pm - Trophy Room
3:15 pm - Art Room
4:00 pm - Gym
5:00 pm - Gym
5:00 pm - Cafeteria
7:00 pm - Cafeteria

Preschool Dance Class
K-6 Dance Class
Chess Club
7th Gr. Girls Vball.
4th Gr. Boys Vball.
1st Gr. Girl Scouts
Ladies' Book Club

Friday, October 6th

4:00 pm - Cafeteria
5:00 pm - Gym

K. Girl Scouts
Volleyball Games

Saturday, October 7th

8:00 am - Cafeteria
9:00 am - Gym

Step Class
Volleyball Games

Sunday, October 8th

11:00 am - Gym

Volleyball Games

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS CAMPAIGN - 3 RD Week – Stewardship Witness Talk



This weekend we at St. Raphael Parish are blessed to have Mr. Tom Magee share with us his “Stewardship Witness” Talk. Tom and his wife, Jeanne, are long time SRA members who raised their children in our parish. They are a terrific example of stewardship in the parish because they both volunteer many hours of service and leadership to SRA parish activities; they faithfully pray and worship the Lord here weekly; and they are gratefully generous in supporting the parish. Many dozens of other families fit the same description and could give this witness talk also – maybe next year.

This talk is geared to invite you to reflect on your own blessings and consider if your level of giving reflects how you value your gifts from the Lord and share them as the “first fruits”. Every parish member has some gifts to offer, some role to play in the parish community. We are inviting you to share those gifts and use them the way the Lord planned for you. Maybe even try something new this year – a new ministry or a new group.

I invite you to go home today and figure what percent of your income you are giving back to God, who expects us to give back as he has given to us. In the sacred scriptures, 10% (tithing) has been set up as the guideline. The Catholic Church suggests tithing to be 5% in the Sunday offertory and 5% in your other charitable giving. Consider this year, increasing your percentage by even a half of a percentage point. There is true joy in sharing your gifts with others, especially your parish. Be a part of all that St. Raphael Parish is doing to serve God, our neighbors, and our school children.

On the weekend of Oct. 14-15th, plan to bring your filled-out “Stewardship Covenant” card, that you received in the mail to be presented to the Lord as your covenant agreement with the Lord for the coming year.

ST. RAPHAEL PARISH FEAST DAY – September 30th, at 4:30 Mass, followed by a dinner in the cafeteria, compliments of the SRA Men’s Club. (Since I am writing this prior to Saturday evening, I am going to presume that it has been a great success as you read this. Thanks to all who helped!)

WHO IS SAINT RAPHAEL?

He is one of the seven archangels that Jewish writings and early Christian writings refer to as serving God in heaven and sometimes on earth. St. Raphael is the main character in the Old Testament book of Tobit. This short book is only 10 pages long and can be read rather quickly. I do not remember reading it until a month ago and I found it fascinating in plot and character development. Besides the archangel who goes among the people disguised as one of us, the leading roles are Tobit, who is an elderly Jewish man trying to maintain his faith in a time of persecution, his son, Tobiah, who turns out to be the hero with help of Raphael, and finally the hard-luck young bride who finally finds herself a worthy husband in Tobiah. Well, you will have to read the rest to find out the details. (It is on p. 428 in my edition of the New American Bible.) Enjoy one of the exploits of our parish patron!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Christian character is not an inheritance: each individual must build it for himself.

SERVERS FOR Oct. 2-8

Monday, October 2nd

7:00 am	Joey Raymo	Mateo Switzer
8:00 am	Rory Barnawell	Andrew Kellar

Tuesday, October 3rd

7:00 am	Madalene Cierpiot	Henry Cyr
8:00 am	Alex Atchison	Gillian Neal

Wednesday, October 4th

7:00 am	Flora Borowiak	William Hotze
8:00 am	Lucille Schlichting	Grace Goeddel

Thursday, October 5th

7:00 am	William Madden	Sean Madden
8:00 am	Anna Mersinger	Mady Shine

Friday, October 6th

7:00 am	Cate Guenther	Ellie Guenther
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Saturday, October 7th

7:00 am	Lydia Bick	Jack Stein
4:30 pm	Alex Atchison Samantha Koziacki	Jane Dubbert

Sunday, October 8th

8:00 am	Flora Borowiak Madalene Cierpiot	Andrew Kellar
10:00 am	Henry Cyr William Madden	Sean Madden

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 1st

8:00 am	People of the Parish
10:00 am	Don Deachan

Monday, October 2nd

7:00 am	Leo Pinski
8:00 am	Erna Sinovcic

Tuesday, October 3rd

7:00 am	Gilbert Cyr
8:00 am	Don Deachan

Wednesday, October 4th

7:00 am	Rieger Family
8:00 am	Vincenza Maniaci

Thursday, October 5th

7:00 am	Ernest Henderson
8:00 am	George Maledy

Friday, October 6th

7:00 am	Virginia Steck
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Saturday, October 7th

7:00 am	Ralph Raskas
4:30 pm	Rosemary Wiktorshi

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPT. 23/24, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,648
Online Giving	\$ 1,617
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 8,265
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 8,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$104,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$ 93,242
Shortfall	\$ 10,776

ONLINE GIVING

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

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 7/8

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

Kathy Steck	Mary Reck	Frosty Hodes
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Bob Ahrens	Lorraine Gurley	Mary Dupske
Maureen Ahrens	Sue Lawton	Rosemary Phelan
George Kerry	Amy Ruggeri	Tom Yehlen
Margie Auer	Rosita Koehler	Dennis Matreci
	Tony Mariani	Carolyn Skidmore
		Greg Divis
		Karen Divis

UPCOMING EVENTS

AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 8
 Sunday, October 15
 Saturday, October 21
 Sunday, November 5
 Friday, November 10
 Saturday, November 11

Men's Club Golf Tournament
 Family Mass and Fellowship Sunday
 Trunk-or-Treat
 Anniversary Mass & Breakfast
 Black & Gold Dinner Auction Preview Night
 Black & Gold Dinner Auction



BLACK & GOLD DINNER AUCTION

Count Down...6 Weeks

Black & Gold Dinner Auction
 Saturday, November 11

Preview Night
 Hosted by the SRA Ladies' Club
 Friday, November 10, 6-9 pm

Invitations are in the mail. Tickets may be purchased online at www.straphaelarchangel.org.

Volunteers and donation are welcome!

For information, please email
auction@straphaelarchangel.org.

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words." As you put your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the collection basket, know that you are putting your faith into action.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The SRA Historical Society sent its annual newsletter to almost forty parishes in the country named for St. Raphael. The newsletter is intended to spark interest in devotion to our patron, St. Raphael the Archangel, and to provide items of interest about the various St. Raphael parishes. Copies of the newsletter are available at the church entrances.



Congratulation to our newest member of the church, **Henry Francis Potts**, son of Mary Anne and Chad Potts. Baby Henry was baptized on September 24, 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS, PEYTON FOLLIS

Congratulations to **Peyton Follis**, SRA Class of 2014, for recently being inducted into St. Mary's High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

LIFE CHAIN ON THE HORIZON

As you know, October is Respect Life Month, and what can be more crucial than the call to uphold the Culture of Life? On Sunday, October 1, the annual LIFE CHAIN will form along Chippewa from Jamieson, extending to the east, on both sides of the street - but NOT in front of Ted Drewes. The time is 2 to 3 pm. If you wish to join the chain, arrive at the Catholic Supply store parking lot and get a sign from the marked van parked on the lot. Take up your place along the street and give witness to Life in a quiet, prayerful presence. Stand or sit - whatever is more comfortable for you.

Please come and join other ProLifers from the local churches - both Catholic and Protestant - as we make a statement about the importance of all Life.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee



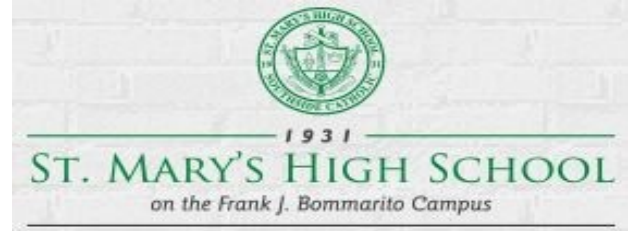
SLUH Card Party

St. Louis University High School Mothers' Club hosts their annual Card Party on Sunday, October 15, from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at SLUH.

All are invited to enjoy an afternoon of cards (or just conversation), crafts, white elephant, raffle, attendance prizes, bakery items, and lunch. Join a table or put together your own. Free parking, admission is \$9.00 per person. Reservations, visit <http://www.sluh.org/parents/mothers-club>.

MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate 50 years of the Missouri Catholic Conference at its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City. This free event is sponsored by Missouri bishops and everyone is invited. The event includes an address by Papal Apostolic Nuncio of the U.S., Archbishop Christophe Pierre. Workshops with a focus on Catholic education, prolife and social justice will be offered. Free hot lunch is provided and the day will end with Mass. Please pre-register for the event by going to mocatholic.org or by calling 1.800.456.1679. For additional information, contact 314.792.7555 or stlrespectlife.org.



St. Mary's High School has established **five** new scholarships for incoming freshmen based on the five Characteristics of Marianist Education. Multiple scholarships will be awarded for the first four.

- **Embodied in Faith Scholarship:** For students actively involved in a youth group.
- **Empowered by Excellence Scholarship:** For students scoring in the 90% or above on standardized testing.
- **Family Spirit Scholarship:** For students who are the sons or grandsons of alumni of St. Mary's High School.
- **Service Justice and Peace Scholarship:** For students who are actively involved in community service at a charitable or community organization outside of school.
- **Adaptation and Change Scholarship:** For one young man who has gone through a traumatic or life-changing event within the last two years.

We have also added another four scholarships emphasizing STREAM. Only one scholarship will be awarded for each.

- **STEM Scholarship:** For one student who scores in the 90% or above in Math and Science Standardized testing.
- **St. Mary's Music Scholarship:** For one student who plays a musical instrument and is an active participant in either his school band or an outside music group.
- **St. Mary's Fine Arts Scholarship:** For one student who is artistically talented and/or involved in theatre.
- **Boy Scout Scholarship:** For one student who is active in Boy Scouts.

These scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and are renewable all four years under certain conditions. All families are welcome to apply for additional tuition assistance if needed. All scholarship applications can be found on our website at <http://www.stmaryshs.com/scholarships.aspx> under the admissions tab. You may also contact the admissions director at 314-481-8400 ext. 110 or at admissions@stmaryshs.com to obtain applications

St. Raphael "Fall Classic Golf Tournament"

Tournament Date: Sunday, October 8, 2017
Lunch at Noon
1:00 PM Tee Time
Forest Park Golf Course
4 Person Scramble



Registration Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Sponsor | \$1,000 | 2 Teams
Signage at Event
Special Recognition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor | \$ 500 | 1 Team
Signage at Event
Special Recognition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team | \$ 300 | 4 Golfers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hole Sponsor | \$ 100 | Signage at Event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Player | \$ 75 | |

Price includes green fees, food and beverages all day and awards

- Item Donation Please describe items donated:

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Player 1 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 2 _____

Player 4 _____

Please make check payable to St. Raphael Men's Club
Mail to Lester Knopp at 5956 Highfield, St. Louis, MO 63109
(Deadline is October 2nd. Payment ensures your spot.)

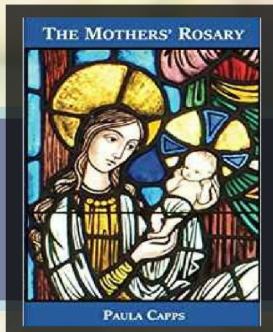
Questions, please call Dan Harbaugh at 971-3428

*All monies raised will be used to support the athletic programs,
school activities and needs and other parish efforts.*

Women's Mornings of Recollection

Join us for Mass, a light breakfast,
a talk, & a book signing from
local author **Paula Capps**

*The Mother's
Rosary*



**Saturday,
October 21**

Mass at 9 AM
Talk at 10:30 AM



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**St. Joan of Arc Fall Festival
Holy Name Society 2nd Annual Fall Festival**

Sunday October 15th 1:00 pm
doors open at 11:30 am

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork, Snacks, Dessert, Coffee, Soda, Bottled Water

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

15 ROUNDS of BINGO!

\$100.00 prize every round, \$200.00 on the 7th and 15th round
Admission \$20.00 for 15 rounds of bingo with 9 bingo cards per sheet.
Extra books can be purchased for \$5.00 with 9 cards on every sheet.

Blotters will be on sale.
2 rounds of 50/50 raffles
Gift Basket Raffle

Free cake and coffee will be served!

**To reserve a table contact
Cathy Mertens at 314-353-3893**



“How to Forgive Anyone for Anything”

The Daughters of St. Paul will host local author and speaker, Rick Hermann on Tues. Oct. 17, 7 pm at Pauline Books and Media, 9804 Watson Rd. in Crestwood. Join us to hear Rick, a seasoned journalist, speak on the life changing power of forgiveness and see how forgiveness can be a path to life, laughter and love. For information, call: 314-965-3512. Admission is free.



CATHOLIC
YOUTH COUNCIL
SPORTS

On Wednesday, October 25, 2017 the Catholic Youth Apostolate-CYC Sports Department will host our 61st Annual Awards Dinner. CYC parish volunteers will be recognized for their outstanding service and

dedication. Please make plans to attend this year's event which will be held at the Clayton Plaza Hotel, and help us honor some of the great parish volunteers that have given so much time and effort to the CYC program!

Please consider purchasing tickets and/or an ad to show support for our dedicated CYC volunteers who put in numerous hours keeping the parish sports programs going strong.

For more details, banquet ticket and ad forms. You can also visit <http://www.cycstl.net/events/cyc-sports-banquet> for more information.

Sincerely,
CYC Sports Dept.



**A Parade of Costumes
Prizes for the Best Costume and
Decorated Car
(Please avoid violent themes)**

Bring your own chairs, flashlights and treats to pass out to the ghouls and ghosts.

Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

Please make checks payable to St. Raphael.

Submit payment along with completed form to the school office.

All proceeds benefit the 8th grade pro-life trip and graduation celebrations!

Family Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Email Address: _____ #of children participating: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Smith @ 314.941.7100.

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.

SUNDAY READINGS-BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. The Bible does not need any new chapters or verses. It is complete.

Reminder: Handyman Ministry

Our handyman and SRA parishioner, Mr. Don Anderson, can perform minor repairs, diagnose issues that may require a professional, and provide a second opinion. Labor is provided free of charge. If you have a minor home maintenance need that you can't fix, call the Parish Office and we'll see if we can help.

If you have maintenance skills, would like to be added to our "Handyman" list and donate your time to help a parishioner, let us know; we'd love to hear from you.

Questions? Contact Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net or call the Parish Office at 314.352.8100.



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

This Sunday, October 1 marks THREE years of Saint Louis Life Teen! We are so grateful for the prayers and support of the pastors and parish communities. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we strive to lead teens closer to Christ. St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us!

Join us this Wednesday, October 5th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Ave. entrance) for Mass and soft pretzels/small groups after. See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

FALL RETREAT!

We are excited and grateful to be taking any interested 9-12th graders on a fall retreat, **October 20-22.**

See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS

St. Mary's High School is now scheduling shadows for 8th graders and 7th graders are welcome to shadow starting in January. The program is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information, please call 314.481.8400 or email admissions@stmaryshs.com.



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ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
on the Frank J. Bommarito Campus

FALL TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Trivia night to fund Honduras GYN medical mission trip. Held at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish Center, 4900 Ringer Rd. St. Doors open at 6:00 pm, trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes beer, wine, and soda. (No outside alcohol). Price also includes over & under game, dead or alive game and survivor, silent auction and 50/50. Bring your own snacks. For reservations, contact Dr. Richard and Katie Brennan at 314.892.3021 or brennanx6@gmail.com. More information at GoFundMe page at gf.me/u/bwscrq.

BILLBOARD FOR LIFE BENEFIT DINNER

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life will hold its annual benefit dinner on Sunday, October 8 at Orland Gardens in south St. Louis County. Evening begins with Mass at 4:30 pm, celebrated by Bishop Robert Hermann. Dinner will follow, featuring speaker Fr. James Mason, president-rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Zip Rzeppa will be master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$85 per person. For reservations or more information, please call 314.487.2066 or 314.920.1212. To make a donation, checks can be made payable to Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life, P. O. Box 22024, St. Louis, MO 63126.

FALL FETE

Sunday, October 8
Cure of Ars Catholic Church
670 S. Laclede Station Road
11:30 am to 5:00 pm



**Concessions, Chicken Dinners,
Bingo, Raffles, Country Store**

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.

