



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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

*“It is truly right and just...
always and everywhere
to give you thanks...”*

— Adopted from the Preface of the Roman Missal

Stewardship is an invitation to live with joy and gratitude for the blessings you have received. See how you can make a difference.
Contact your parish office today.

Stewardship Awareness Sunday – September 24, 2017

G R A T E F U L A N D G E N E R O U S

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL “STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS CAMPAIGN”

Mary, our model of stewardship, teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us.

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world.

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

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, September 18th

3:10 pm - Cafeteria	6th Gr. Girls Scouts
3:15 pm - Gym	7th Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel	History Society
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	School Board
9:00 pm - Gym	Men's Club Soccer

Tuesday, September 19th

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

Wednesday, September 20th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Gym	4th Gr. Girls Vball.
5:30 pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Girls Vball.
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Church	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	R.C.I.A.
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's Club Bball.

Thursday, September 21st

2:00 pm - Trophy Room	Dance Class-Preschool
3:00 pm - Trophy Room	Dance Class- K-6
3:15 pm - Art Room	Chess Club
3:15 pm - Cafeteria	K-1 Girl Scouts
4:00 pm - Gym	7th Gr. Girls Vball.
5:00 pm - Gym	4th Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Ladies' Club Mtg.

Friday, September 22nd

3:00 pm - Tobias Room	Marian Award Mtg.
5:00 pm - Gym	Volleyball Games

Saturday, September 23rd

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
9:00 am - Gym	Volleyball Games

Sunday, September 24th

8:30 am - Cafeteria	Junior Girl Scouts
10:00 am - Parking Lot	Scouts Car Wash
11:00 am - Gym	Volleyball Games

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

STEWARDSHIP: BEING GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

This week St. Raphael the Archangel Parish is beginning a "Stewardship Awareness Campaign," along with other parishes of the Archdiocese. This is an effort to have all of us understand more fully that Stewardship is an invitation to live with joy and gratitude for the blessings you have received.

This Sunday, our Finance Council will present the Annual Parish Stewardship Report. The following Sunday is Stewardship Awareness Sunday, followed by a weekend with a lay witness talk at each Mass. This includes our Parish Feast Day celebration on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 4:30 Mass, followed by a dinner for all members afterwards. Then we have Stewardship Covenant Sunday on October 15. So you can see that this is an important time for St. Raphael members to be present for Mass here on these Sundays (or Saturday evenings).

Twenty-five years ago, the American bishops wrote a significant pastoral letter on Stewardship for Catholics in the United States. They taught that Stewardship is an expression of our discipleship as Christians following Jesus Christ in a way of life that acknowledges that God is the source of all that we have and all that we are. This leads to gratitude and generosity out of love of God and others. We will be reflecting more on living this virtue of good stewardship as a Catholic in our real world.

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 30, Special Mass at 4:30pm

Dinner for all in the cafeteria at 5:45pm

Provided by our Men's Club and Ladies' Club

Includes "Ministries on Display"

Come one! Come all!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI DAY CELEBRATION

I would like to especially thank Jenn Delf who spearheaded this Alumni Day and made it happen. Thanks also to the students and our principal, Mrs. Julie Hayes, for greeting and giving tours of the school. And thanks to all who helped serve the refreshments. We are also grateful to the many alumni who came back to St. Raphael for this day. Come again sometime! Also, if anyone has photos to share, please email them to alumni@straphaelarchangel.org.

HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION – SADLY HERE WE ARE AGAIN!

I am leaving the Hurricane Harvey envelopes in the pews. If you are able to help the Hurricane Irma victims in Florida, please use one of those envelopes and change the name to "Irma." These offerings will be sent through Catholic Charities to Catholic agencies in Florida. Please make checks out to St. Raphael so that we can deposit it and send just one check in. Thank you from the people in Florida!

ANGEL APPEAL UPDATE - **\$44,000**

This annual parish effort to provide needed funding for our St. Raphael School is off to a great start towards the goal of \$75,000, and almost halfway to our challenge goal of \$95,000. Please respond with your Angel Appeal Pledge Card you received in the mail.

R.C.I.A. – STILL NOT TOO LATE TO START THE PROCESS OF BECOMING CATHOLIC!

Our second session will be this Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Office lower level. Call me if you are interested in coming or have questions.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to let them alone to do it.

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 18-24

Monday, September 18th

7:00 am Flora Borowiak Madalene Cierpiot
8:00 am Alex Atchison Mady Shine

Tuesday, September 19th

7:00 am William Madden Sean Madden
8:00 am Abby Delf Christian Concepcion

Wednesday, September 20th

7:00 am Rory Barnawell Gavin Smith
8:00 am Henry Cyr Isabella Pfeiffer

Thursday, September 21st

7:00 am Lucille Schlichting Andrew Kellar
8:00 am Flora Borowiak Avery Bradshaw

Friday, September 22nd

7:00 am William Madden Sean Madden

Saturday, September 23rd

7:00 am Alex Atchison Jane Dubbert
Sean Madden
4:30 pm Jack Stein Spencer Willmann
Riley Willmann

Sunday, September 24th

8:00 am William Hotze Joey Raymo
Mateo Switzer
10:00 am Lydia Bick Abby Delf
Madalene Cierpiot

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17th

8:00 am Tina Bommarito
10:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, September 18th

7:00 am Tony Niemeyer
8:00 am Nancy Whelan

Tuesday, September 19th

7:00 am Tina Bommarito
8:00 am Fred Earnhardt, SI

Wednesday, September 20th

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann
8:00 am Agnes Hager

Thursday, September 21st

7:00 am Michael Sheridan
8:00 am Tina Bommarito

Friday, September 22nd

7:00 am Evelyn Pusateri

Saturday, September 23rd

7:00 am Donald Deachan
4:30 pm Tina Bommarito

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 23/24

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

LECTORS:

Ron Goedeker Joyce Holmes Heather Hays

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

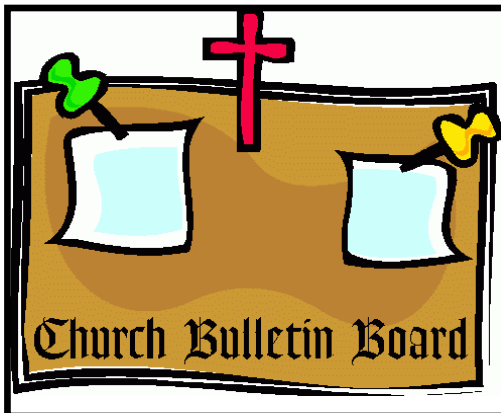
Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Joe Zulich
Pam Hager	Beverly Whitworth	Dan Harbaugh
Kathe Berger	Mary Niemeyer	Mary Alice Goedeker
Nancy McCarthy	Joyce Holmes	Amy Schisler
Gina Horas	Mary Reck	Lori Ashmore Ruppel
Brian McCarthy	Barbara Cramer	Matt Fuhr
		Anna Skidmore

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPT. 9/10, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,867
Online Giving	\$ 2,517
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 8,384
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 8,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$88,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$77,478
Shortfall	\$(10,522)

ONLINE GIVING

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



Tuesday, September 19	Men's Club Meeting
Thursday, September 21	Ladies' Club Meeting
Sunday, September 24	Scouts Car Wash
Saturday, September 30	SRA Parish Feast Day Mass and Dinner
Sunday, October 8	Men's Club Golf Tournament
Sunday, October 15	Family Mass and Fellowship Sunday
Saturday, October 21	Trunk-or-Treat
Friday, November 10	Dinner Auction Preview Night
Saturday, November 11	Black & Gold Dinner Auction

CARDINALS NIGHT WITH SRA LADIES' CLUB

Join the Ladies' Club this Thursday evening, September 21 at 7:00 pm to cheer on your St. Louis Cardinals and enjoy some ballpark favorites. Membership Drive is under way so bring a new face (including your own) and be entered to win a pair of Cardinals tickets. Dinner and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

WHAT IS FLOCKNOTE?

Flocknote is an email and text messaging tool created for churches, ministries, teams and other community organizations. It helps us communicate essential information to parishioners. Flocknotes are sent out weekly or as needed to the parish and school community. Signing up for Flocknotes takes only a minute or two. Once you sign up you will automatically receive messages sent to the entire parish. Additionally, as part of the sign-up process, you can select any special groups you'd like to receive messages from, such as Eucharistic Ministers, Alumni, St. Raphael school news, and many more. To sign up, go to www.straphaelarchangel.org/sign-flocknote.



On Thursday, September 8, the SRA First Grade Class placed a bouquet they put together for Mary's special day at her statue. They also said a decade of the rosary and sang happy birthday.



BLACK & GOLD DINNER AUCTION

Count Down...8 Weeks

Please save the date: Saturday, November 11

If you would like to volunteer, we could use your creativity, just e-mail the committee at auction@straphaelarchangel.org. There will be a Preview Night on Friday, November 10.



SHARE THE JOURNEY

Pope Francis is being joined by bishops across the U.S. and around the world in launching a global campaign to support our brothers and sisters who have fled their homes seeking a decent and safe life for their families.

This historic campaign, Share the Journey, will respond to some of the most desperate of God's children and your leadership and inspiration is needed. Mark your calendar now and visit the website for more information and updates:

loveyourneighbor.us.

September 27: The official launch in Rome by Pope Francis
 October 7-13: Week of Prayer and Action across the U.S.

Through prayers and acts of compassion and support, you can help shape conversations and actions to answer the Gospel call to love our neighbors.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you,

*Catholics Confront Global Poverty Team
 The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
 and Catholic Relief Services*



WEDDING BANNS III

There is a promise of marriage between Tara Holladay and Timothy Laur to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, September 23 2017.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Hosts 8th Annual "Friends of the Poor" Walk

St. Gabriel's and St. Raphael's Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) will co-sponsor this event to help those living in poverty in our neighborhoods. On Saturday, September 30, we will begin gathering at 8:30 am on the church steps of St. Gabriel, we will pray together, then will start off on the fun walk at 9:00 am. Our 2-mile walk will take us to St. Raphael and through some of the neighborhoods of both our parishes, before returning to St. Gabriel's for light refreshments. The cost for participating is a voluntary amount, and all proceeds and donations from the event will directly benefit the people in our area served by SVdP; no administrative fees are associated with the event. Anyone interested in participating or making a pledge can visit www.fopwalk.org and indicate the parish conference you wish to assist. You may also sign up on-site the day of the walk. For questions, contact Lynette Olwig (St. Gabriel) at 314.591.1784 or Mary Reck (St. Raphael) at 314.353.8697. Won't you walk with us to serve the poor?

LIFE CHAIN ON THE HORIZON

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

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.*


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.



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
BICENTENNIAL MASS
 A LANDMARK CELEBRATION UNDER THE GATEWAY ARCH

Saturday, September 23, 2017


Saint Louis University will launch 14 months of bicentennial celebrations with a special Mass, entertainment, food, family activities and fireworks under the Gateway Arch. Join with the whole St. Louis community on celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in our area.

Mass begins at 5:30, with entertainment and fireworks to follow.

For updated details of the event, visit slu.edu/bicentennial.

To register for this free event, go to alumni.slu.edu/bicentennial.

This truly will be a Landmark Celebration for St. Louis.




Do you have moments of clarity and faith where you know without a doubt that Jesus is the way and the answer to everything in your life - but then, when a challenge comes along, your fears get the better of you and you turn your back on him? Take heart, because look what God has accomplished through Peter even when he acted the same way. Join fellow parishioners this fall to learn through Sacred Scripture and Church Tradition how God used Peter's strengths to build His church and how Peter persevered in spite of his weaknesses.

In a video series by Dr. Tim Gray, we will go on a journey into the life of one of history's most compelling characters, bringing together biblical stories, historical knowledge, solid Church teaching, and Dr. Gray's personal insights.

Join us on Tuesday evenings this fall beginning September 26 from 7:30 to 9pm in the lower level of the rectory.

Everyone is welcome. Please complete the information below and drop into the collection basket so we will know how many study guides to order. Why not give it a try to see if you enjoy the video structure of the study. There will be a fee for the guide, but please don't let the fee be a hindrance for your participation.

Contact Sue Brandt, susan_brandt@att.net or call 314-704-5304 with questions.

Name

Phone

Email

From ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The challenge in today's Gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God. Is there a neighbor or friend who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message at the Parish Office for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help.

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.



**CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST DAY OF
OUR PATRON
ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
AND MINISTRIES ON DISPLAY**

Please help us celebrate the feast of St. Raphael the Archangel. And what better way to do this than to gather as a parish family over a delicious meal.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 30 immediately after the 4:30 pm Mass, to join us in the school cafeteria for a meal courtesy of the Men's and Ladies' clubs. You will also have the opportunity to check out some of our Parish committees in "Ministries on Display." All parishioners are invited. Further details will be provided in upcoming church bulletins and Flocknotes. No need to RSVP; just come to the cafeteria after Mass or around 5:30 pm on September 30. The event will last until 7:30 pm.

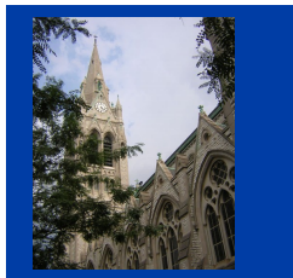
Thank you, St. Raphael Stewardship Committee

A Distinctive Vision?

Catholic Higher Education
50 Years after Land O'Lakes

20-22 September 2017

Saint Louis University
St Louis, Missouri USA



Saint Louis University and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities announce an interdisciplinary symposium on Catholic higher education fifty years after the Land O'Lakes statement on the nature of the Catholic university - a watershed moment in contemporary American Catholic history. In July 1967, a group of Catholic educators, administrators, and board members gathered in Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin to "study the nature and role of the contemporary Catholic university" in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. While certainly influential, the statement has not gone uncontested. Some consider it a revolutionary roadmap for Catholic education in the modern world; others have declared a half-century of devastation. Still others designate it a mixed legacy.

Highlights

- Selected paper presentations from faculty, staff, administrators, and graduate students
- Keynote speakers interpreting from a variety of perspectives
- Joint reflection on the last 50 years of Catholic higher education and future trajectories:

Dr Fred Pestello
President, Saint Louis University

Rev John I Jenkins, CSC
President, University of Notre Dame

Wednesday September 20 at 7:00 pm
Anheuser-Busch Auditorium
John Cook School of Business

- Closing remarks and insights for the future:

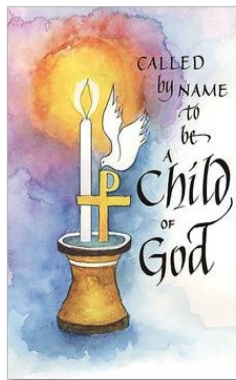
Dr C Reynold Verret
President, Xavier University of Louisiana

Friday September 22 at 12:15 pm
Sanctuary, Il Monastero



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to our recently baptized parishioner, Emma Sitzes. Emma is the child of parishioners William and Jennifer Sitzes. She was baptized in Christ on Sunday, September 10, 2017.



Registration and Information

For schedule, lodging, and registration information, please visit the symposium website:

<https://goo.gl/D5qKs3>

Questions? Email gbrion1@slu.edu





Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

**ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS
AND HIGH SCHOOLERS**

Please join us this Wednesday, September 20 from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg (use Clifton Ave. entrance), as we continue with our *Chaos* series. There will be time for prayer, games and snacks.

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.



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.



ATTENTION EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS

We would like to invite all 8th-grade girls to spend a day in our "First Friends" program. Each girl will spend a day with a current Villa student as her host. Each prospective girl will attend Morning Assembly, spend time in the classrooms, enjoy lunch, have a campus tour, and depart with a special gift. Our hope is to personalize this as much as possible so when you call to schedule the day, please tell us about your child so that we can tailor this experience to her. Contact the Admissions Office at 314.810.3566 to schedule her day. We would also love to see you at the Archdiocesan High School Nights. To learn more about Villa Duchesne, visit our website at www.vdoh.org

**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.



