

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship
"Grateful and Generous"



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**

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Text 'App' to 88202



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, September 25th

3:10 pm - Cafeteria	6th Gr. Girl Scouts
3:15 pm - Gym	6th Gr. Boys Vball.
6:00 pm - Parish Office	Finance Council
6:30 pm - Guardian Angel	Cheer Committee
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, September 26th

1:30 pm - Parish Office	Bible Study
3:15 pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Boys Vball.
3:30 pm - Church/Tobias	Deanery Meeting/Dnr.
5:30 pm - Gym	8th Gr. Boy Vball.
6:30 pm - Gym	5th Gr. Girls Vball.
7:00 pm - Church	Rosary
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	Knights of Columbus
7:30 pm - Tobias	Peter, Cornerstone

Wednesday, September 27th

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 28th

2:00 pm - Trophy Room	Preschool Dance Class
3:00 pm - Trophy Room	K-6 Dance Class
3:15 pm - Art Room	Chess Club
4:00 pm - Gym	7th Gr. Girls Vball.
5:00 pm - Gym	4th Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00 pm - Church	Cont. Music Group

Friday, September 29th

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

Saturday, September 30th

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
5:45 pm - Cafeteria	Feast Day Dinner

Sunday, October 1st

11:00 am - Gym	Volleyball Games
7:30 pm - Gym	Berns Basketball Game

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

“GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS”! STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS SUNDAY 2017

Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear the Lord say these words to each of us at the moment of our judgement: “You have been a grateful and generous steward of the gifts I have given you”! For the next several weeks St. Raphael, through our Stewardship Awareness Campaign, will try to make sure that we hear this message someday.



Christian Stewardship is an invitation to live with joy and gratitude for the blessings we have received.

Twenty-five years ago, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops sent to all the parishes in our country a Pastoral Letter, “Stewardship: A Disciple's Response,” to help American Catholics fully appreciate how Stewardship can and should impact our lives. They stressed that mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus no matter the cost to themselves – what spiritual writers today call “intentional discipleship.”

To summarize a long document, the bishops teach us that as good stewards in the Church we use our gifts to serve our community of Faith – our parish. As parish members we must accept responsibility for our parishes and contribute generously – obviously not only treasure, but also our valuable time and talent. Christian stewards are grateful and generous out of love as well as duty.

STEWARDSHIP COVENANT CARD – IN THE MAIL!

This past week all SRA parish families received the Stewardship Awareness packet. Please take some time to look over the materials and pray about your personal response as a disciple to the gifts God has given you. Listen and consider thoughtfully what is said about Stewardship in my homily this weekend, and then the lay witness talk at all the Masses next weekend. The next step is to look over your Stewardship Covenant card (tri-fold with all the parish ministries), fill it out, and prepare to bring it to Sunday Mass on the weekend of October 15th for Stewardship Covenant Sunday.

THIS COMING SATURDAY – 1ST ANNUAL *ST. RAPHAEL FEAST DAY* CELEBRATION 4:30pm MASS FOLLOWED BY A GREAT DINNER, COMPLIMENTS OF THE MEN'S CLUB AND DESSERT, COMPLIMENTS OF THE LADIES' CLUB

This Mass will include special readings, special prayers and special music, all to honor our parish patron, St. Raphael the Archangel. Also, you will receive a special souvenir. It will be special! Do come!

UNREST IN OUR BELOVED CITY – WHAT CAN WE DO?

Most of us watched a lot of TV news last weekend. No doubt there were many mixed feelings churning inside of us – some sympathy perhaps for the peaceful protesters seeking justice for all, and then irritating disgust at the unprovoked, violent words and actions, and then the wanton vandalism.

So what can we do? Among many things that would be helpful, I would suggest that we examine our own attitudes towards people in our St. Louis community who are African-American. All of us, if we are truly honest with ourselves, would have to admit to at least a tinge of racism in our evaluation of people of color. An oversimplified description of racism is that a member of the majority group in a population has a negative attitude toward the minority group in the population. “Mea culpa! Mea culpa! Mea maxima culpa!” My fault! I am guilty!

The moral judgement against racism is grounded in fundamental scriptural beliefs: equal dignity of all people, created in God's image, and Christ's redemption of all people. “The Catechism of the Catholic Church” makes this very plain: “The equality of men and women rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it. Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design.”

Now that is something each of us needs to be brutally honest with our Lord about, and repent, if need be. Lord, help each of us to grow spiritually in this time of unrest!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Plan your work - work your plan.

SERVERS FOR SEPT. 25-OCT. 1

Monday, September 25th

7:00 am Rory Barnawell Gillian Neal
8:00 am Samantha Koziacki Gavin Smith

Tuesday, September 26th

7:00 am William Madden Sean Madden
8:00 am Christian Concepcion Mady Shine

Wednesday, September 27th

7:00 am Alex Atchison Grace Goeddel
8:00 am Isabella Pfeiffer Lucille Schlichting

Thursday, September 28th

7:00 am Flora Borowiak Andrew Kellar
No 8:00 am Mass

Friday, September 29th

7:00 am Addison Berta Thad Berta
8:00 am Cate Guenther Ellie Guenther

Saturday, September 30th

7:00 am Jane Dubbert Jack Stein
4:30 pm Avery Bradshaw Abby Delf
Gavin Smith

Sunday, October 1st

8:00 am Riley Willmann Sean Madden
Spencer Willmann
10:00 am Lydia Bick Mady Shine
Samantha Koziacki

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 24th

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

Monday, September 25th

7:00 am Tina Bommarito
8:00 am Hodes Family SI

Tuesday, September 26th

7:00 am Leo Pinski
8:00 am Indyke Family

Wednesday, September 27th

7:00 am Mary Smiley
8:00 am Dan Nichols

Thursday, September 28th

7:00 am Richard Cross
No 8:00 am Mass

Friday, September 29th

7:00 am Neil Svetanics
8:00 am Mildred Finn

Saturday, September 30th

7:00 am Tina Bommarito
4:30 pm Nancy Whelan

WEEKEND OF SEPT. 30/OCT. 1

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

LECTORS:

Joyce Holmes Kevin Liddy Linda Hiette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Kathy Steck	Lorraine Gurley	Mary Dupske
Pam Hager	Sue Lawton	Rosemary Phelan
Kathe Berger	Amy Ruggeri	Tom Yehlen
Nancy McCarthy	Rosita Koehler	Dennis Matreci
Gina Horas	Tony Mariani	Carolyn Skidmore
Brian McCarthy		Greg Divis
		Karen Divis

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPT. 16/17, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,869
Online Giving	\$ 1,612
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 7,481
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 8,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$96,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$84,959
Shortfall	\$(11,041)

ONLINE GIVING

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



Saturday, September 30
 Sunday, October 8
 Sunday, October 15
 Saturday, October 21
 Friday, November 10
 Saturday, November 11

SRA Parish Feast Day Mass and Dinner
 Men's Club Golf Tournament
 Family Mass and Fellowship Sunday
 Trunk-or-Treat
 Black & Gold Dinner Auction Preview Night
 Black & Gold Dinner Auction



BLACK & GOLD DINNER AUCTION

Count Down...7 Weeks

Black & Gold Dinner Auction
 Saturday, November 11

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

Invitations will be in the mail soon. Volunteers and donation are welcome! For information, please email auCTION@straphaelarchangel.org.

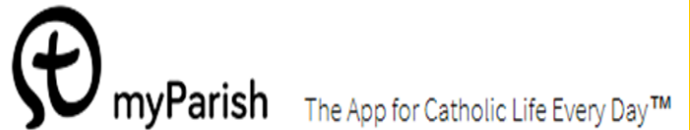


FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Many thanks to all who donated items for the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store during our collection drive. Neighbors helping neighbors is what it's all about!

CONGRATULATIONS, NOEL NOTHEIS

Congratulations to Noel Notheis, SRA Class of 2015, for recently being inducted into St. Mary's High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.



St. Raphael the Archangel Parish has its own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This app allows us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It is a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and confession reminders, our bulletins and more.

To download the app, please visit myparishapp.com or text the word "App" to 88202.



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*

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.

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

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

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 _____

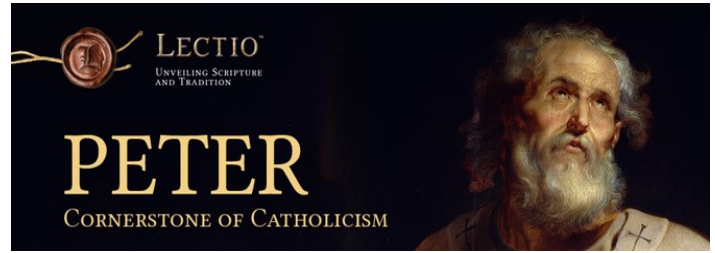
Please make check payable to St. Raphael Men's Club
Mail to Lester Knopp at 5956 Highfield, St. Louis, MO 63109
(Deadline is October 2nd. Payment ensures your spot.)

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.*

From ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish. This month, through your gifts, the Society was able to “bring good news to the poor,” by assisting many families by providing food, and assisting with utility and rent bills. Thank you.



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.

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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, pro life 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 strespectlife.org.



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

Please don't forget to mark your calendar and join us on September 30, at 5:45 pm in the school cafeteria for the Feast Day family meal and Ministries on Display. All parishioners will be treated to a great meal of breaded chicken with wine-mushroom sauce, pasta, Italian sausage and peppers, salad, dessert and beverages (beer, wine, tea, coffee and soda). Child care will also be offered for school-aged children in the school gym (PK+), with hot dogs and chips being served. All festivities are free of charge and run from 5:45 until 7:30 pm. No RSVP required.

Thank you, St. Raphael Stewardship Committee.



**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.



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, September 27 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we continue on 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.

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

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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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.

TRIVIA NIGHT CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Saturday, September 30
St. James the Greater, 1360 Tamm

Beer, Soda & Snacks Provided
\$200 per table of 8 or \$25 per person

Information: info@cjmslouis.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.

