



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 TWENTY-SECOND 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

In my distress I called upon the LORD
and cried out to my God:

From his temple God heard my voice
and my cry reached God's ears.

2 Samuel 22:7

Let us pray for
and be mindful of
all those suffering
from the
storm and flooding
along the Gulf Coast
this week

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

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, September 4th

8:00 am - Church 8:00 Mass ONLY
9:00 pm - Gym Men's Club Soccer

Tuesday, September 5th

1:00 pm - Raphael Room 50+ Club
1:30 pm - Parish Office Bible Study
3:15 pm - Church Children's Choir Prtc.
7:00 pm - Church Rosary Recitation
7:00 pm - Parish Office Stewardship Meeting
7:00 pm - 8th Gr. Classroom History Day Parent Meeting

Wednesday, September 6th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room Quilters
6:00 pm - Cafeteria Step Class
7:00 pm - Church Choir Rehearsal
8:30 pm - Gym Men's Club Bsktball.

Thursday, September 7th

2:00 pm - Trophy Room Preschool Dance Class
3:00 pm - Trophy Room Dance Class
3:15 pm - Art Room Chess Club
5:00 pm - Cafeteria 1st Grade Girl Scouts
7:00 pm - Language Lab 8th Grade Parent Mtg.
7:00 pm - Tobias Room Liturgy Committee

Friday, September 8th

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

Saturday, September 9th

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

Sunday, September 10th

8:00 am - Church Mass
10:00 am - Church Alumni Mass
11:00 am - Cafeteria Alumni Open House
11:00 am - Gym Volleyball Games

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.

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

LABOR DAY

Indeed this weekend is primarily considered significant because it is the last hurrah for summer fun. Nevertheless, Labor Day is a time for us to reflect on the labor situation in our country. Even years after the Great Recession, too many families in our country feel that their employment and financial situations are not secure. Some have jobs but the minimum wage is not enough to provide for their families. Some have temporary or part-time work; again not enough to get by on. Some have been searching for work but are still unemployed. Having a fairly secure job with decent pay is an essential element of successful family life; this should be the goal that business and government leaders work diligently to achieve for the good of our nation.

Participate in our Labor Day Mass on Monday, at 8:00am (NO 7am Mass). Come and pray in gratitude for your own employment and that of your family. Reflect spiritually on the value of work in our lives and how it joins us with the work of God, the Creator of our world. Finally, let us also pray for those who need better work situations!

FLOODING CRISIS IN TEXAS!

Archbishop Carlson is asking every St. Louis parish to have a second collection this weekend or next to help alleviate some of the suffering of those whose lives and homes have been wrecked by the disastrous and epic flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey this past week along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana. It is difficult to comprehend such massive destruction in a widespread area.

We need to turn to prayer and ask the Lord to be with those who are suffering and have lost so much. There are envelopes in church that you can use to extend your generosity to our needy brothers and sisters. Make checks out to St. Raphael and we will transfer the funds to Catholic Charities St. Louis who send it on to Catholic relief efforts in the affected areas.

ANGEL APPEAL – EXTRA SUPPORT FOR OUR ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL

Every parish family should have received a mailing from me appealing to you to make a gift or a pledge to help provide the necessary revenue for the operation of our SRA parish school. We have budgeted \$70,000 from the Angel Appeal to cover some tuition grants to a few families who could not otherwise afford to attend our Catholic school, and the difference will be used to cover the school operation. In actuality, we really need \$95,000, (\$25,000 more) since we have fewer students.

So what I am asking you for is a gift to our Angel Appeal again this year and maybe a serious increase in that gift, or a first-time gift to the Angel Appeal. Every amount, small or large, makes a difference. Please fill out your Intention Card from the mailing and return it as soon as possible, certainly by the end of this month. Thank you from me, our Angel Appeal team, our SRA Finance Council, and especially from our SRA students who will benefit from your generosity.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH, 10am MASS – SRA ALUMNI DAY

Invite your family, friends, and former SRA classmates, to our special Mass for SRA Alumni, followed by refreshments in the cafeteria and a tour of the school with students. Plan to go out to lunch with your old SRA friends. Spread the word!



FOR YOUNGSTERS WHO COMPLETED THEIR "SUMMER SUNDAY MASS PASSPORT," PLEASE SEE ME AFTER MASS TODAY FOR A PRIZE.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! – FIRST EVER ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30th, 4:30pm MASS,
AND A PARISH DINNER IN THE CAFETERIA, PREPARED BY THE MEN'S CLUB

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Diner: "Do you serve crabs here?" Waiter: "We serve anyone; sit down."

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 4-10

Monday, September 4th

7:00 am	Alex Atchison	Gavin Smith
8:00 am	Avery Bradshaw	Anna Mersinger

Tuesday, September 5th

7:00 am	Addison Berta	Thad Berta
8:00 am	Anna Mersinger	Sean Madden

Wednesday, September 6th

7:00 am	Christian Concepcion	Andrew Kellar
8:00 am	Jane Dubbert	Mady Shine

Thursday, September 7th

7:00 am	Madalene Cierpiot	Isabella Pfeiffer
8:00 am	Flora Borowiak	Gillian Neal

Friday, September 8th

7:00 am	William Hotze	Lucille Schlichting
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Saturday, September 9th

7:00 am	Rory Barnawell	Gavin Smith
4:30 pm	Ellie Guenther	Cate Guenther
	Mateo Switzer	

Sunday, September 10th

8:00 am	Grace Goeddel	Gillian Neal
	Jack Stein	
10:00 am	Alex Atchison	Lydia Bick
	Anna Mersinger	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 3rd

8:00 am	Don Deachan
10:00 am	Howard Sheldon

Monday, September 4th

8:00 am	Hodes Family SI
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Tuesday, September 5th

7:00 am	Veda Jeggel SI
8:00 am	Agnes Hager

Wednesday, September 6th

7:00 am	Hutton-Jost Families
8:00 am	Don Deachan

Thursday, September 7th

7:00 am	Walter Hulford
8:00 am	May C. English

Friday, September 8th

7:00 am	Ralph Raskas
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Saturday, September 9th

7:00 am	Carmen L. Lewallen
4:30 pm	George & Josephine Saar and Conrad & Elizabeth Hager

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 9/10

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

George Kerry	Lorraine Gurley	Mary Faith Green
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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 AUGUST 26/27, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$3,691.00
Online Giving	\$1,625.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$5,316.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 8,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$72,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$62,772.00
Shortfall	\$(9,228.00)

Online Giving Portal, go to: straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving. It's quick and easy!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Monday, September 4

Tuesday, September 5

Sunday, September 10

Saturday, September 16

Saturday, September 30

Sunday, October 8

Labor Day

8:00 am Mass Only

Fifty-Plus Club Meeting

Alumni Mass

St. V. de Paul Collection Truck

SRA Parish Feast Day Mass and Dinner

Men's Club Golf Tournament

FIFTY-PLUS CLUB

The monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5 at 1:00 pm in the lower level of the Parish Office. All are invited to attend. Please bring a can good or two for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THRIFT STORE DONATION TRUCK

It's time to declutter and discard! The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store's donation truck will be on St. Raphael's parking lot on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We collect used furniture, household items and appliances, clothing, toys, tools, and more. No computers, TVs or mattresses, please. To request pick-up of large items, call the Thrift Store at 881.6000. Thanks and happy cleaning!

MARRIAGE ON TAP

Married couples are invited to an evening out, just call it a date night! Be with other couples who care about a good marriage growing better and who want to enrich themselves. Night out is Tuesday, September 19, The Pasta House Company at 8231 Delmar Blvd, University City, 63130. 6:00pm dinner: \$20 per person for buffet dinner (cash bar available); 7:00pm Father Paul Hoelsing returns to Marriage on Tap to present his talk, "Letting Your Spouse into Your Prayer Life Through Prayer." Father Hoelsing is Dean of Seminarians and Director of Human Formation at Kenrick Seminary and is a dynamic speaker. RSVP required: marriageontapstl@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page: Marriage On Tap STL

MEET FOR EXERCISE AT ST. RAPHAEL

All are welcome to join the St. Raphael exercise class beginning Wednesday, September 6. We meet two or three times per week to do some cardio, weightlifting and stretching. We work out to music, but you can work out at your own skill level by changing step height, using weights or not using weights.

We normally meet Mondays at 6:00 pm or Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, and Saturdays at 8:00 am.

The class lasts about 45 minutes.

We have plenty of weights and steps, so you only need to bring some water and a towel or yoga mat. The cost of the class is a \$30 donation to the SRA Ladies' Club.



If you send me an email, I can add you to our email list. I try to put out a schedule every month and remind everyone about the class during the week. We are a friendly bunch participating purely to exercise and enjoy each other's company while doing so. We would love for you to join us. If interested, send me a note at beppy11@gmail.com.

THE CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study- a Catholic Bible study group that leads you on a faith journey that can transform your heart and mind. Join us this year as we study the Gospel according to John and see how John reveals the glory and divinity of God's only son, Jesus. Meetings begin in early September at various locations in the St. Louis area. For the nearest location and more details, please call Kathleen DuMontier at 618.398,5122 or visit our website at www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org.

De Angelis - SRA Children's Choir

TUESDAYS

BEGINNING AUGUST 29, 2017

TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 CHURCH



A parish children's choir is being formed! Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays with the choir singing one Saturday a month at the 4:30 pm Mass. All school age children are invited to attend in grades 3 and up. There is no audition, but there is a commitment needed to attend rehearsals and the scheduled liturgies. The beginning calendar is located on the website.

All are welcome to come and praise God in joyful song!

Please contact Dr. Nancy Deacon to register:

musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org

314-352-8100 x220



WEDDING BANNERS II

There is a promise of marriage between Katie Lowe and Tim Nielsen to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, September 16, 2017.



ADULT CHOIR

The SRA Adult Choir will begin its Fall Season on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm in church. All are welcome to be a part of the choir for our 50th Jubilee Celebrations this coming year. If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Nancy Deacon at 314.352.8100, x220 or musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org.

POPE FRANCIS

Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself, and go to those who do not attend Mass or those who have quit or are indifferent.

- Pope Francis

Covenant Network

For inspiration and encouragement in your spiritual life, listen to AM 1080 WRYT, Catholic radio. Live programs include Called to Communion, the Journey Home, the Daily Mass, the Holy Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call 314.752.7000.

SAVE THE DATE! ST. RAPHAEL'S MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, October 8th
Forest Park 1:00 pm

Watch for more details in future bulletins. To join the committee or for sponsorship information, please call Dan Harbaugh at 971.3428.

LUNCHEON FOR LIFE

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home is hosting its annual Luncheon for Life – Thursday, September 21, 11:00 am, at Wine Country Gardens in Defiance. The luncheon features one-of-a-kind silent auction items, a unique boutique and specialty jewelry designed by residents of Our Lady's Inn Pay It Forward Program. Tickets are \$45, (after September 15, tickets are \$55.) For information, visit ourladysinn.org or call 314.736.1544. Our Lady's Inn is an emergency shelter serving pregnant women and their children.

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the reasons
behind our
catholic
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SOLID**

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CONTEMPORARY APOLOGETICS

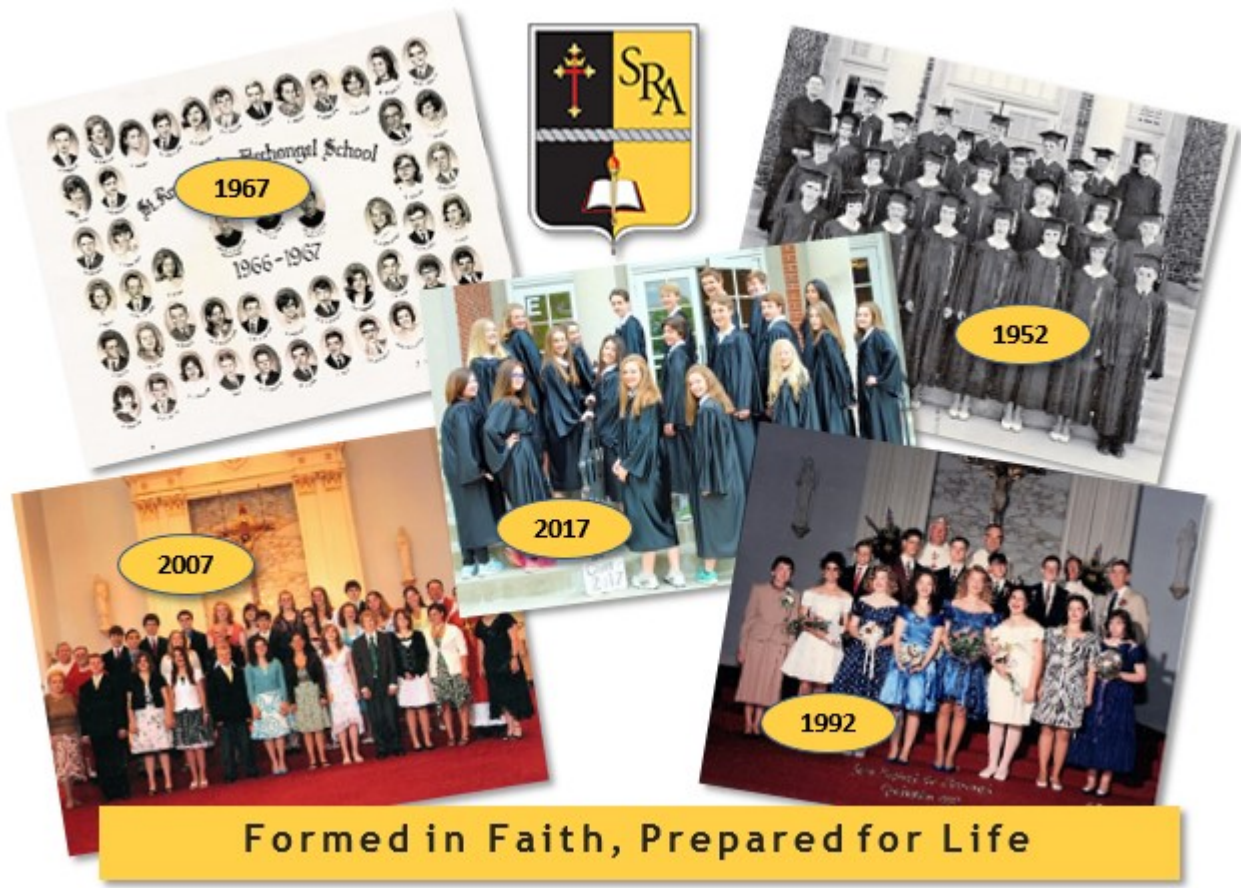
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FATHER AUGUSTINE WETTA, O.S.B.

• ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
• EVERY 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
• FROM SEPT 14 - APRIL 12 | 7PM - 8PM
• PRIORITY HIGH SCHOOL | ROOM #111

CLASSES ARE FREE. NO RESERVATION REQUIRED

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?



Join Us for a Special
Alumni Mass
 Sunday, September 10, 2017
 10:00 am Mass



Saint Raphael the Archangel
 6047 Bishops Place
 St. Louis, MO 63109

After Mass, meet with your fellow alumni and parishioners for refreshments in the cafeteria, followed by tours of our school. Tour our school and see for yourself how St. Raphael is growing!

Interested in planning your St. Raphael reunion?
 We can help! Please give us a call at 314-352-8100!

Upcoming Events:
 9/30 - Church Anniversary and Dinner
 11/11 - Black and Gold Auction

For more information about any of our events,
 please visit our website at www.straphaelarchangel.org or
 email us at alums@straphaelarchangel.org



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.



EPIPHANY - GSA FALL FESTIVAL

Come meet old friends and make some new ones. Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 6596 Smiley (at Ivanhoe). Festival days and times are:

Friday, September 15, 6:00 to 11:00 pm
 Saturday, September 16, Parade at 11:00 am
 Festival from noon to 11:00 pm

Rides-Music-Games-Dinners
 \$\$\$ 10,000 Raffle \$\$\$

For more information, call 314.781.1199.



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



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, September 6 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg for Mass and a social. This is a great opportunity to connect with our Lord and each other.

FALL RETREAT!

We are excited and grateful to be taking any interested 9-12th graders on a fall retreat, October 20-22. More information and sign-ups can be found at saintlouislifetten.org/fall-retreat.

See saintlouislifetten.org for more information.



HIBERNIAN "IRISH COUNTRY FAIR"

The Fair will be held, Sunday, September 10 at St. James Church, 6401 Wade at Tamm. Fair runs from noon until 7:00 pm. There will be Irish music/dance, food, Irish market, booths, games, etc. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking. **A portion of the proceeds from this year's event will be donated to the effort to keep St. James School open and to other local charities.**

2017 K of C PATRIOT DAY RUN

On, Sunday, September 10, St. Patrick Assembly Knights of Columbus will be hosting its 7th Annual fundraising run to memorialize those who perished in the attacks on September 11, 2001. The race will be held at CarShield Field in O'Fallon. For more information or to register, go to kofcpatriotdayrun.com.



ROSATI-KAIN HIGH SCHOOL

SHADOW VISITS AND FAMILY TOURS AT ROSATI-KAIN HIGH SCHOOL

All 8th-grade girls and a parent must schedule a family meeting prior to shadowing in the Fall. This is a casual meeting with Laura Schulte, Director of Enrollment Management, to have a personal tour of the campus and fill out our student questionnaire. By meeting each family personally, we are able to provide a unique shadow experience for your daughter. We discuss the application process and answer any questions you might have about Rosati-Kain. This also eliminates any interview after applications are submitted. For more information or to schedule your tour, please contact Laura Schulte at lschulte@rosati-kain.org or call 314.533.8513, Ext. 2215. If you are a 7th-grade family, visit our website for information about Kougar for a Day in the spring.



ST. PATRICK CENTER 5K

Walk or run, and honor veterans at St. Patrick Center's Veterans Day 5K on Saturday morning, November 11 (Veterans Day) in downtown St. Louis. Register at www.stpatrickcenter.org/vet5k and help end veteran homelessness. This family-friendly event will be held in conjunction with the St. Louis Regional Veterans Day Observance Ceremony and Parade. For more information, contact Maggie Kloppenberg at mkloppenberg@stpatrickcenter.org or 314.802.5418.

