



St. Raphael The Archangel Catholic Church

2018-2019 Parish Directory



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Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish

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(314) 352-8100

Dear Parishioners of St. Raphael the Archangel,

"I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand and serve before the Glory of the Lord" (Tobit 12:15).

Our parish's patron, St. Raphael, speaks these words to Tobit and Tobiah at the end of the Book of Tobit. Not only do they identify who Raphael is, but they help us as a parish to know our identity as well.

Like Raphael, we stand before God weekly in Mass. We ask pardon for our sins, praise Him for His blessings, thank Him for His goodness, and express our desire to continue to serve Him for another week. This parish directory is an expression of that willingness out of gratitude to serve the Lord. Here are listed the various ministries and organizations we can get involved in so that we may serve the Lord and the parish.

Raphael is also part of a choir, or group, called the Archangels. God never calls us individually to serve Him. He always calls us as part of a people. This helps to make the work more manageable and enjoyable as we get to know those around us involved in ministry. The parish directory helps us to know the names, addresses, and numbers of those God has called to be part of His people known as St. Raphael the Archangel parish.

We apologize to anyone whose name may have been inadvertently omitted, misspelled, or whose information is incorrectly printed. If you find this for your information, please contact the parish office at (314) 352-8100, so that we may update our records.

We ask, in a particular way, that names and addresses printed here not be used for any public purposes, such as for advertising or campaigning.

May God bless our parish and each of our families now and always.

In the Sacred Heart,

Fr. John Mayo

Pastor

Phone Numbers

Parish Office	314-352-8100
Fr. John Mayo, Pastor	Ext 215
Msgr. Dennis Stehly, Resident	Ext 219
Deacon Ron Holmes, Pastoral Associate	Ext 214
Deacon Gerry Geiser, Retired	314-352-8100
Office Manager - Diane Halbert	Ext 211
Administrative Assistant - Mickey Janos.....	Ext 210
Maintenance - Bob Schlueter & Howard Adams	314-352-8100
Music Director - Dr. Nancy Deacon.....	Ext 220
Fax	314-353-6603
School Office	314-352-9474
Julie Hayes - Principal	Ext 101
Linda Mechler - Administrative Assistant	Ext 100
Cafeteria	Ext 106
Fax	314-351-7477

Email Addresses

Fr. John Mayo	frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org
Msgr. Dennis Stehly	dennisstehly@archstl.org
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Dr. Nancy Deacon	musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Diane Halbert	halbert@straphaelarchangel.org
Ms. Mickey Janos	janos@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Julie Hayes	hayes@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Linda Mechler	secretary@straphaelarchangel.org

Mass Schedule

Weekends:	Saturday at 4:30 pm Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Weekdays:	Monday through Saturday 7:00 am Monday through Thursday 8:00 am (During School Year)
Holy Days and Holidays:	Check Bulletin for Mass Times
Parish Office Hours	
Monday thru Thursday	7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday	7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Confessions	15 minutes before morning Mass on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and 3:45 pm to 4:20 pm Saturday
Eucharistic Adoration	First Friday of each month (with exposition) following 8:00 am Mass concluding at 2:00 pm with Benediction
Prayer Network	Tuesdays (without exposition) 7:00 am to 2:30 pm
Perpetual Help Devotions	Tuesday mornings at 6:50 am

Sacrament Information

New Parishioner Registration

New members are encouraged to contact the Pastor, Deacon, or call the Parish Office to register.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office just before or shortly after the birth of your child to make arrangements for Baptismal instructions and a Baptismal date.

Marriage

Those seeking marriage must contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date of the wedding to begin the Church process of marriage preparation.

RCIA: Program for Becoming Catholic

For information regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, please call The Parish Office for class information.

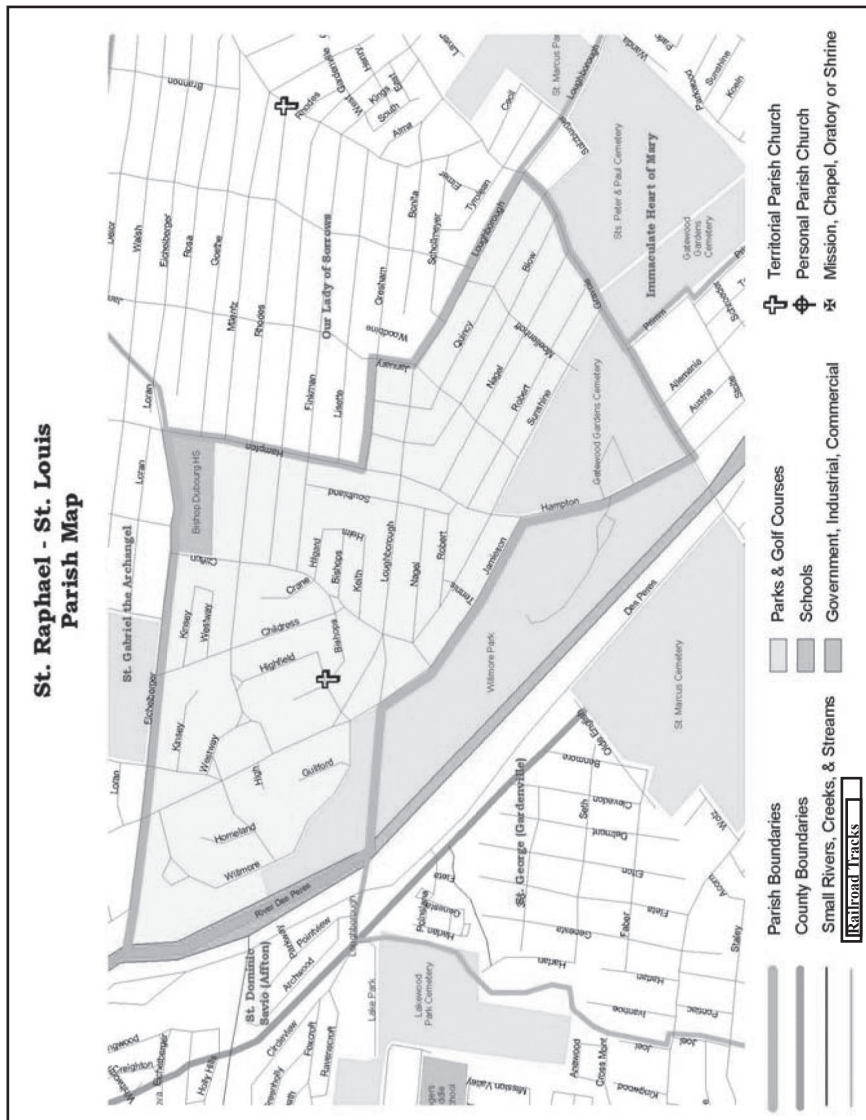
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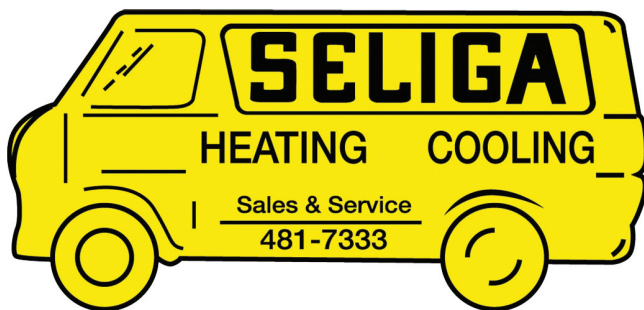
Please Contact Fr. John

Saint Raphael the Archangel 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.”

Parish Boundaries





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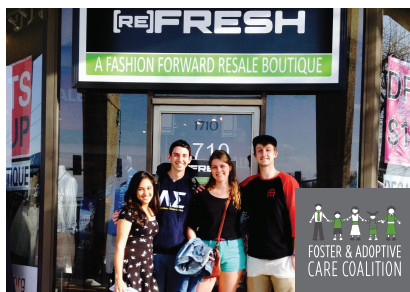
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Parish Communications

Parish Bulletin

All articles for the bulletin are due to the Parish Office by noon on the Monday prior to the following weekend's bulletin, unless otherwise stated. Please send all bulletin notices along with your name and phone number to parish@straphaelarchangel.org.

Flocknote

This is an e-mail communication for our parish and school. Flocknote enables you to have control of how and when you want to receive updates and allows you to connect with other organizations in the parish and school. Please take a moment to register your account at: <http://www.flocknote.com/srastl>. Once your account is created, you can then subscribe to any group that you wish to receive emails from (Men's Club, School, etc.).

Website

Parish: <http://www.straphaelarchangel.org>

School: <http://school.straphaelarchangel.org>

Social Media

Parishioners can now follow St. Raphael Parish and School on Twitter and "Like" it on Facebook.

- Twitter: @SRAToday
- Facebook: Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish and School.
- We also have the **myParishApp** which can be downloaded to your telephone. Some of its features are parish news, Mass times, daily readings, and daily prayers. To download the app, please visit myparishapp.com or text the word "App" to 88202.

Liturgy

“We Worship Our God”

Let us worship our God



Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee of the parish works to enhance the liturgy. The committee strives to ensure that tradition is preserved, and contemporary ideas are incorporated into our liturgies throughout the year. The committee is comprised of member representation from the various ministries that serve the Liturgy. One member of the committee is designated as the liaison to the Parish Council. Meetings are held once a month in the Parish Office.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Deacon Ron Holmes at holmes@straphaelarchangel.org

Eucharistic Ministers

These ministers assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at all parish Masses. Ministers work in teams on a rotating schedule of every two or three months. In addition, some ministers take Holy Communion to the homebound.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Lectors

One lector is needed at each Mass to read both readings. Lectors are scheduled on a rotating basis. High school students, as well as any adult parishioner, can volunteer to be a lector.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Heather Hays - 314-458-7365 or hhays@rssclaw.com

Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality

Ushers' duties consist of greeting and seating parishioners entering church, making sure Offertory gifts are in place, ensuring gift bearers are available, taking up the collections, controlling Communion lines, having the Sunday Bulletin available for those leaving church and bidding them a good day. Additionally, the ushers will handle any emergency.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Tom Goeddel at tomgoeddel@hotmail.com

Mass Servers

Any boy or girl of the parish, in grades 4 through 8, is eligible to serve at weekday and weekend Masses as well as weddings, funerals and other special liturgies. Servers are scheduled on a rotating basis. Training is provided during the school day.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Music Ministry

Being a member of music ministry involves enhancing the song of the assembly at weekend liturgies as well as the other feasts and celebrations during the Liturgical Year. Interested members may choose to participate in the various groups with their voice or instrument. The Adult Choir, Ensemble Musicians, Resurrection Choir and Children's Choir are the main musical groups. Cantors serve a special role as psalmist for our liturgies.

For information contact: Dr. Nancy Deacon, Music Director - 314-352-8100 ext. 220 or musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org

Funeral Honor Guard

The Funeral Honor Guard is a group of parishioners who have assisted at funerals for more than 20 years. Holding lit candles, they meet and escort the casket into church. As Mass is ending, they recess behind the casket to the back of church. This is a wonderful sign of respect at the farewell for one of their parish family members.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Altar Society

Individuals periodically launder altar cloths and server robes. Server robes need to be laundered about three times per year, usually before Christmas, Holy Week and before school starts. Purificators need to be laundered weekly.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

SRA Pastoral Care Ministry

St. Raphael the Archangel Pastoral Care members minister to the elderly, sick and homebound members of our parish community with dignity and respect, offering compassionate care and encouraging a sense of belonging and connection to the Body of Christ through the Eucharist and the people of God. We serve as a bridge to our homebound parishioners to ensure they remain an integral part of our parish family and to provide them with the ability to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick, on a regular basis.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Mary Faith Green - 314-832-3310 or Greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net



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The Parish Council consists of six parishioners and is an advisory board to the Pastor. Providing insight and vision, the members of the Parish Council assist the achievement of Parish goals. Any issue that impacts the spiritual, financial, and social life of the parish may be addressed. Occasionally, leadership of various operating committees are called to provide the Parish Council with updates to their specific area of responsibility; i.e., Liturgy Committee, Finance Council, Home and School Association, St. Vincent de Paul Society and committees for the Black & Gold Auction and Parish Picnic.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Terri Borowiak - 314-351-0606

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Joseph Cyr - 314-335-7322

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Ladies' Club

This active group of women of the parish meets the third Thursday of each month, year-round, at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. All women of the parish are invited to attend and enjoy the social and spiritual activities planned by the various circles.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Rachel Flavin - 314-496-8303

Men's Club

The St. Raphael Men's Club promotes fellowship within the parish. The men support many of our parish and school activities. They also hold several fundraisers each year that raise money to help support the Athletics program, Tuition Assistance program, Boy Scout programs, History Day, and the needs of the parish. The men meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. A short meeting is followed by dinner each month.

For information contact: Brian Vollmer - 314-229-4467

Fifty-Plus Club

This is an enthusiastic group of men and women 50 and older who meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the lower level of the Parish Office for a game of bingo and fun. Many planned activities including trips and parties are sponsored by this group.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Mary Schaeffer - 314-481-0902

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. The men meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office.

For information contact: Bob Ahrens - 314-353-8444

Quilters

This group meets in the Parish Office lower level each Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass. Coffee is furnished. Quilting is done for a fee and many quilts are completed each year. Wednesdays are a good time for prayer, quilting and fun. All interested are invited.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Boy Scouts of America

St. Raphael has an excellent Boy Scout program covering four levels of scouting. A boy may join at any level. The levels are: Tiger Cubs - 1st grade; Cub Scouts - 2nd and 3rd grade; Webelos - 4th and 5th grade; Boy Scouts - 6th grade to 18 years of age. Saint Raphael Pack 500 and Troop 500 meet once a month on Monday evenings, with the Dens and Patrols meeting at other agreed upon times.

For information contact: Tom Finan - 314-401-6831

Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri

St. Raphael has an excellent Girl Scout program covering four levels of scouting. A girl may join at any level. The levels are: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadets. Registration is held in the fall of each year. The various levels have their own meeting times and places. Many all-troop activities are planned throughout the year as well as several all-troop service projects.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

SRA Historical Society

This group researches and collects information about St. Raphael Parish, past and present. The information is retained in archives. Each year newsletters are sent to all St. Raphael Parishes across the country to share information with them. Each year all St. Raphael Alumni are invited back for a special Alumni Mass and donut reception following in the school cafeteria. Please bring along any pictures from your grade school days to share with your fellow alums. If your graduating class is interested in planning your reunion, please call the Parish Office for additional information.

For information contact: Fred Hodes - 314-752-8742 or the Parish Office at 314-352-8100

Cheer Committee

This committee greets parishioners with birthday cards on their eightieth birthday and yearly thereafter. Follow up calls are made about a week later.

For information contact: Kathe Berger - 314-481-8074 or the Parish Office at 314-352-8100

Saturday Morning Breakfast Club

This group meets every Saturday morning after 7:00 am Mass at the St. Louis Bread Co. on Watson Road. All are welcome!

For information contact: Barb Cramer - 314-406-8699

Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club

This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, after 7:00 am Mass at Chris' Pancake House on Watson Road. Separate checks are provided and all are most welcome to attend.

For information contact: Peggy Goeddel - 314-351-0084

Auction Committee

The Annual Black & Gold Dinner Auction is the largest fundraiser for the St. Raphael School. This event is usually held on the first or second Saturday in November of each year. Volunteers are asked to help in all areas of the dinner and auction.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Beautification of Church Grounds

A volunteer group of parishioners meet yearly, in the spring, to decide on a project for the year to enhance the appearance of parish grounds. The parishioners, along with our maintenance staff, tend to the upkeep of these projects. Volunteers are always welcome to help.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Patty Coppinger - 314-359-3167 or patc1127@sbcglobal.net



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Step Aerobics

For just \$30 per person join other parishioners for step aerobics twice a week in the school. The class is usually Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and Saturday mornings at 8:00 am.

For information contact: Denise Howard - beppy11@gmail.com

Men's Club Softball - The Men's Softball League begins in April of each year and lasts throughout the summer. Games are played at 6:30 pm on Fridays at various fields around the south city area.

For information contact: Chris Toney - 314-223-2427 or toney_c@sbcglobal.net

Men's Basketball - The men of the parish gather together each week for a friendly pick-up game of basketball. This group meets in the school gym every Wednesday evening at 8:30 pm during the school year. All are welcome!

For information contact: Dave Kellar - 314-504-0887 or davidakellar@gmail.com

Men's Club Soccer Team - The St. Raphael's Mens club soccer team competes in fall and spring leagues. Games are played on Sundays with game times varying from 9:30am starts to 8pm starts. Depending on the league, games are either played at Lindenwood Park or at Soccer Park (WorldWide Technology Soccer Park in Fenton).

For more information contact: Matt Stawizynski – 314-740-4764 or mstaw42@yahoo.com

Church Maintenance Committee

Our Maintenance Committee is comprised of a group of parishioners and school parents interested in actively helping maintain the physical aspects of our parish such as minor repairs.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Handyman Ministry

Our mission is to assist St. Raphael parishioners who need help with small maintenance jobs around their homes that they are unable to complete on their own, such as:

- Changing hard-to-reach light bulbs, installing/replacing smoke detectors
- Replacement of air filters
- Fixing leaking faucets or running toilets
- Minor door or window repairs

Our handyman 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 rectory 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.

For information contact: Call or email Mary Faith Green at 314-832-3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net or call the Parish Office - 314-352-8100.

Parish Events

“We Celebrate”



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Wedding Anniversary Mass

In February at one of the 4:30 pm Masses, there is a celebration for those couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and over wedding anniversaries. After Mass, the anniversary couples enjoy a complimentary dinner in the lower level of the Parish Office. Reservations are required.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Fellowship Sunday

One Sunday of each month we come together with donuts and coffee in the school cafeteria after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. Those who attend the Saturday evening 4:30 pm Mass are encouraged to come back and join their fellow parishioners for great conversation and fellowship. Each month, between September and June one of the parish organizations hosts this event. Fellowship Sunday usually corresponds with the Family Mass during the school year.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Parish Picnic Committee

This committee works to make the Parish Picnic not only a fundraiser but a time of fun and enjoyment for the entire parish. It gathers groups of volunteers to man booths, serve food, set-up, clean-up, provide publicity, sell ride tickets and passes, and perform several other activities that make the picnic a success.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Watermelon Festival

The Watermelon Festival is our annual 1-mile fun walk with entertainment and BBQ on the parking lot. Volunteers are needed to assist with organizing both the walk and the festival. This is held each year on the Saturday following the start of school.

For information contact: The Home and School Association or the School Office at 314-352-9474

Parish Feast Day Celebration

The feast of St. Raphael the Archangel (September 29th) will be celebrated on the weekend nearest to the feast – this year, Saturday, September 29th, 4:30 pm Mass and a dinner following.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Faith Development

“We Grow in Faith”



Growing in faith
to love and serve

RCIA: Program to Become Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) supports individuals wishing to learn more about or join the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA volunteers should be open and welcoming and willing to share their personal faith with others. This on-going program coordinates the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults through the Church Liturgical Year.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Dennis Matreci - 314-681-3002

Adult Religious Education Program and Evangelization Committee

The Religious Education Department of the St. Louis Archdiocese Catholic Education Office selects programs to be used by the parishes of the Archdiocese. These programs are presented for our parishioners throughout the year. Advance information and registration is published in the bulletin prior to all programs.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Sue Brandt at 314-704-5304

Baptism Preparation for Parents

As the parish joyfully welcomes each new member into the St. Raphael Parish Community, it is important to plan for this Sacrament of new life. Please contact the Parish Office just before or shortly after the birth of your child to make arrangements for Baptismal instructions and a Baptismal date.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Eucharistic Adoration

The parish has Eucharistic Adoration in Church every first Friday of the month, after 8:00 am Mass to 2:00 pm. It is followed by Benediction and Stations of the Cross during Lent. Everyone is welcome to come for individual prayer during any part of the day.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Lifeteen Youth Ministry

St. Louis Lifeteen is a program implemented for a cluster of parishes in South St. Louis and South St. Louis County. The group meets every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at DuBourg High School. We are really looking forward to growing in faith, fun, and fellowship with each other.

For information contact: Lauren Scharmer - 314-288-8873

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Luke 18 Retreat

The Luke 18 Retreat is a weekend long retreat for the 8th grade teens. The retreat combines skits, games, talks, and prayer to help them begin to apply ownership to the faith that their parents have given them. The retreat is given under the direction of Lifeteen, and numerous college and high school aged students to help your teens witness their faith through talks, skits, games, and prayer.

For information contact: Lauren Scharmer - 314-288-8873

Marriage Preparation

In preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony, please contact the Pastor for an appointment at least six months in advance of the wedding. For a list of wedding guidelines, please visit our website at www.strapahelarchangel.org.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Men's Prayer Group

This group of men in the parish gather together to read and discuss scripture, pray, and share their faith. This group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the Parish Office.

For information contact: Greg Divis - 314-351-4443

Women's Faith Sharing Group

The Women's Faith Sharing ministry is offered to all women of our parish, spiritually forming, and educating us in the ways of our faith through studying scripture, prayer, the rosary, service, inspirational reading and gathering together to support and encourage one another. As women, God asks us to give of ourselves in many different capacities and the Women's Faith Sharing Group is a great way to re-energize and re-focus our lives.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Sue Brandt - 314-704-5304 or susan_brandt@att.net

Prayer Network

A prayer network is a way for people to gain assistance in prayer for any serious and pressing problem. It is also a way for any person to act on God's command to love one another (John 13:34-35). Many people cannot engage directly in ministry, but we can all pray. Volunteers pray daily in private for the sick and for special needs of the parish. There are no scheduled meetings. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the number below or the Parish Office.

For information contact: Mary Belosi - 314-352-8729 or the Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Serra Club

Serra Clubs are known worldwide for their efforts to foster and affirm Catholic vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life. Serrans value not only their work, but also the sense of community they receive from knowing that they are not alone in their dedication to the men and women who have dedicated their life in ministry and service to our Church. Serra clubs are very instrumental and dedicated to the formation and support of Parish Vocation Committees.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or George Kerry - 314-351-3510

School Opportunities

“We Teach Our Children”



St. Raphael the Archangel Grade School

St. Raphael the Archangel School is an institution in St. Louis Hills, and is known for its strong Catholic presence in the community. Here, our students attend Mass together every day; our pastor has a daily presence in the school and in the lives of our students; our teachers help our students to understand the importance of their Catholic faith in all that they learn, see, and do. The Faculty and Staff are committed to life-long learning, updating curriculum, and incorporating educational best practices every year. St. Raphael is a place where teachers offer individual help to students after school because it's the right thing to do. It's a place where teachers work alongside parents at parish events. It's a place where faculty and staff celebrate the joys and sorrows of life together with each other and with all our students.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

St. Raphael Preschool

St. Raphael offers a quality preschool program for 3-5-year olds. Parents can choose between part-time or full-time. There is also aftercare that is available.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

Club Tobias Aftercare

Club Tobias is the aftercare program for school. The hours are from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Monday-Friday and from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm on most early dismissal days of school. Many fun activities are planned throughout the year and homework help is available every day.

For information contact: Molly Indelicato - 314-606-5264

Summer Camp

St. Raphael Summer Camp is available for children grades Pre-K - 5. The camp runs through the end of July, starting with the first week of summer vacation. Each themed week is full of exciting games, crafts and adventures!

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

Parish School of Religion

For grade school students who are in our parish and do not go to a Catholic school, we provide an opportunity for religious education and sacramental preparation. There is a South City Parish School of Religion that SRA helps support; the children meet at St. John the Baptist parish. Parents who do not have their grade school age children in a Catholic school are responsible for making sure they receive the full religious catechetical program that the PSR provides. Any family that is home-schooling needs to contact the pastor before the beginning of each school year.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474 or the Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Home and School Association (HSA)

HSA Mission Statement - The primary purpose of the Home and School Association is to raise capital through volunteer efforts of school families, parishioners, and faculty and to safeguard and use those funds for the maximum benefit of the children attending St. Raphael the Archangel School. A secondary purpose of the HSA is to grow a sense of community among the families, parishioners, and faculty at SRA. This is achieved by promoting communication between home and school, supporting the faith development in the school, and providing information to aid in education and development of SRA students.

For information contact: Jennifer Delf at 314-323-6073 or jenniferldelf@gmail.com or the School Office - 314-352-9474 or visit the HSA section of the school website.

School Board

The purpose of the Board is to advise the Pastor in making policy for the parish school and to foster a harmonious relationship among the priests, teachers, school administrators, students, parents, and other parishioners. The School Board meets the third Monday of each month, at 7:00 pm, except in July.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474 or Mike Young - 314-323-9336

Protecting God's Children

Anyone who works with or volunteers with children at St. Raphael Archangel parish must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis also known as Protecting God's Children.

Compliance includes attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop, completing a Worker Registration Form to obtain a background check, and reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Mary Steck 314-229-0910

Athletic Association

The Athletic Association provides programs in the South-Central District of the Catholic Youth Council to promote the educational and recreational aspects of each sport. St. Raphael Parish offers soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, golf, lacrosse and track for different age levels of the parish youth.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

Other School Opportunities

Student Council (STUCO)

Student Council is an organization conducted by students and supervised by adults. The purpose of the student council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the student council is the voice of the student body. They help share student ideas, interests, and concerns with the school wide community. Student Council members also serve as Ambassadors for the school, helping to give school tours to prospective families, and representing St. Raphael School at various events.

For information contact: Jennifer Runiewicz at runiewicz@straphaelarchangel.org or the School Office at 314-352-9474

Chess Club

Our Chess Club is a program for all ages and levels. During eight classes of the program, the students will receive instruction in all aspects of the game: openings, middlegame, and endgame; tactics, and strategy. During the course of the program, the students will be able to test their newly acquired skills against each other. Finally, after the program, the students will participate in the tournament (where they will compete against players of similar level), with the award ceremony taking place during the last class.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

National History Day

National History Day is a history competition with contests on the regional, state, and national levels. A different theme is chosen each year. Students in grades 6-8 must choose a topic that relates to the theme. They can express the information that they learn about their topic by putting together an exhibit, a performance, a documentary, a website, or by writing a paper. All categories can be done by an individual or (with the exception of the paper) as a group of up to five students. Students are strongly encouraged to use primary sources as part of their research.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

Dance Class

St. Raphael the Archangel offers students an opportunity to take dance classes on site after school. Registration for classes begins in August of each year. Classes include: tap, ballet, jazz, hip-hop and pom.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

School Library

Volunteers are needed to help in the school library once a week on Thursday mornings. Volunteers assist the school children with selecting a book, checking out books and reading to the children.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

Karate at St. Raphael

St. Raphael the Archangel offers students in Pre-School through 5th-Grade an opportunity to take karate on-site after school. Registration for karate begins in August of each year. Karate helps children learn to focus discipline, confidence, and respect.

For information contact: The School Office - 314-352-9474

Social Outreach

“We Serve Those Who Need Us”



Communion Calls/Ministry to the Homebound

Parishioners who are sick or disabled but wish to receive Communion are encouraged to call the Parish Office to arrange for the Holy Eucharist to be brought to them at home.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

Grief Committee

When an immediate family member of a parishioner passes away, this committee sends out grief booklets to the family member four times throughout that first year.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100

ProLife Committee

This committee works in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate to inform our parishioners about ProLife issues and to ask for their prayer and monetary support of the local agencies that promote the Culture of Life.

For information contact: Frosty Hodes - 314-752-8742 or fhodes@msn.com

Share Your Gifts

The second weekend of each month we reach out to those in need by bringing canned goods and other non-perishable items to church to be distributed to food pantries throughout the city by the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Mary Faith Green - 314-352-8100 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net

St. Vincent De Paul Conference

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul is a Catholic lay organization, leading women, and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering within our parish boundaries. In addition to responding to requests for assistance, we sponsor a monthly food drive to benefit local food pantries. We are supported financially by donations from our parish members. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

For information contact: The Parish Office - 314-352-8100 or Gina Horas, President at 314-387-3091 or Ginahoras@yahoo.com

N.E.X.T. - New and Expectant Mothers Network

As a ProLife parish community, some parishioners are looking into ways to support new and expectant parents at St. Raphael as they prepare for the birth of their child and beyond. If you are interested in helping with this outreach by preparing a meal, making a phone call, or making a home visit after the birth, we would like to hear from you.

For information contact: Elena Switzer - 314-920-7851 or edsqrd@yahoo.com