

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by
appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with
exposition) following 7:00am Mass
concluding at 2:00pm with Benediction

Subsequent Tuesday of each month
(without exposition) 7:30am to 2:30pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

ROSARY

Tuesday at 7:00pm in Church

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make
arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six
months prior to the intended date.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 7, 2019



**I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink.**

ISAIAH 43:20

PARISH 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.”

CLERGY & STAFF

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A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: (*here name them*). Amen.

Monday, April 8

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
3:00pm - Cafeteria	7th Gr. Girl Scouts
3:15pm - Gym	Soccer
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00pm - Tobias Room	Parish Council
7:00pm - Guardian Angel	St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, April 9

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Church	Lectio Group
1:30pm - Church	Living Stations Practice
3:15pm - Church	Children's Choir
6:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
6:15pm - Church	Confessions
7:00pm - Church	Mass and Devotions

Wednesday, April 10

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00pm - Church/Gym	Confirmation & Recpt.

Thursday, April 11

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - School	Dance Class
3:15pm - Art Room	Chess Club
7:00pm - Guardian Angel	Men's Prayer Group

Friday, April 12

7:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - Church	Stations of the Cross
4:15pm - Cafeteria	1st Gr. Girl Scouts

Saturday, April 13

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria	Step Class
9:00am - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts-April Showers Collection
4:30pm - Church	Mass

Sunday, April 14

8:00am - Church	Mass-Fellshp. Sunday
10:00am - Church	Mass-Fellshp. Sunday
4:00pm - Gym	7th Gr. Girls Softball
5:00pm - Church	Last Call Confessions

Fr. John's Digital Quill for Spiritual Musings and Parish News

On the Sacrament of Confirmation

This week, we will welcome Bishop Robert Hermann, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our seventh graders.

As we see our young people receive this awesome sacrament, it is good for us to reflect on what, or better, who they will be receiving.

Throughout the Scriptures prior to Pentecost, the prophets and Jesus testify to a time when the Holy Spirit will be outpoured upon all people. This outpouring of the Spirit will enable people to testify to the power of God alive in the world. The Spirit will also flow in the lives of believers, enabling them to do mighty works and live lives empowered by God's Spirit.

At Pentecost, we see the transformative power of the Spirit. Twelve disciples who were previously fearful of leaving the upper room now boldly step out, speaking in different languages about Jesus. We see Peter and John healing a person who was lame. Saul is converted, becoming St. Paul, testifying that he no longer lives, only Christ.

Confirmation is the time we have our own personal Pentecost. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in #1303 identifies some specific blessings that flow from the Holy Spirit:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!";
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross

Hopefully, we know these effects in our lives if we have been confirmed. If not, how can we have a life that is touched by the power of the Spirit?

- Pray Scripture for a few minutes a day. If the Holy Spirit inspired these words, what better way to get to know Him than to read the words He helped to inspire.

- Ask for the Holy Spirit to come each and every day.

- Practice virtue. The gifts and fruits of the spirit build upon how we live. When we live virtue, the Spirit's gifts and fruits can take root and grow from these places inside of us.

40 Days for Life

I invite you to join me and several other parishioners who will be spending part of their afternoon prayerfully keeping vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic in the Central West End.

While Planned Parenthood will be closed that day, our prayerful witness to those in the neighborhood and visiting the Cathedral will remind them of the dignity of and the need to respect life from conception to natural death.

If you have never prayed before an abortion clinic, this is an opportunity to do so in a low-stress way. Know that our prayers will help those praying and speaking with women and families during the week when the clinic is open.

This Week of Lent at SRA

Tuesday, April 9

- Confessions 6:15-6:45pm

- Mass at 7:00pm (27.5 minutes!) followed by a talk on the Four Last Things

Friday, April 12

- Stations and Benediction at 2:00pm

- No Stations 7:00pm

I will see you in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong



A CATHOLIC SUMMER
CAMP FOR BOYS
**KENRICK
GLENNON
DAYS**
CAMP ONE (RISING 6TH & 7TH): JUNE 3-5
CAMP TWO (RISING 8TH & 9TH): JUNE 6-8
stlvocations.org/kgd

Sunday, April 7

8:00am Tony Tepe
10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, April 8

7:00am Bill Goeddel
8:00am Cory Bess

Tuesday, April 9

7:00am Glennon Curran
8:00am Carol Grady
7:00pm Special Intention

Wednesday, April 10

7:00am Helen DeVasto
8:00am Bill Goeddel

Thursday, April 11

7:00am Jennifer Harter
8:00am Thomas Aleto

Friday, April 12

7:00am Don Deachan

Saturday, April 13

7:00am David F. Lunnemann
4:30pm Mary Murphy

Sunday, April 14

8:00am Ernest E. Winkelmann
10:00am People of the Parish

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty. Please place monetary donations to SVdP in the collection basket, food and toiletries in the boxes in the vestibules, and clothing and household items in the blue bin on the parking lot. God bless you.

DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The SRA Boy Scouts are hosting a Disc Golf Tournament as a fundraiser.



Saturday, April 20
Willmore Park
Registration at 8:30am*
(*Gazebo @ the Big Pond)
Start at 9:00am
Fee is \$25.00

Fee includes soda, water, hotdogs and chips. For more information, please contact Kevin McMorrow at 314.750.4129 or Tom Finan at 314.401.6831. The more the merrier!!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

On Holy Saturday at 3:00pm, all children are invited to help decorate the front walkways of the church for Easter Sunday. We will use sidewalk chalk to decorate the walkways and steps with Easter pictures, phrases, and general spirit in preparation for the Easter Masses. Families and children of all ages are invited. Chalk will be provided; bring your Easter spirit and creativity! Please contact Mary Anne Potts with any questions at maryannepotts@gmail.com.



The school will be doing Homers for Health again on Friday, April 12. If you would like to help Mr. Bruno with this fun event, please let Susie Irons know at irons@straphaelarchangel.org.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Thursday, April 25
St. Raphael Gym

Items can be dropped off at the parish office or call Rachel Flavin at 314.496.8303 for arrangements for pick up.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR APRIL 8-14, 2019

Monday, April 8

7:00am	Rory Barnawell	Cillian Sheehan
8:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Ryan Pinkerton

Tuesday, April 9

7:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	William Hotze
8:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Ryan Pinkerton

Wednesday, April 10

7:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Brendan Cierpiot
8:00am	Christian Concepcion	Dalila Ramirez

Thursday, April 11

7:00am	Maggie Anstey	Ryan Pinkerton
8:00am	Christian Concepcion	Dalila Ramirez

Friday, April 12

7:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Cate Guenther
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Saturday, April 13

7:00am	Matthew Franz	Cillian Sheehan
4:30pm	Rory Barnawell Samantha Koziacki	Flora Borowiak

Sunday, April 14

8:00am	Addison Berta Lydia Bick	Thad Berta
10:00am	Sydney Browning Christian Concepcion	Gavin Smith

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 13-14, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Ron Goedecker	Kevin Liddy	Linda Hiette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Bob Ahrens	Lorraine Gurley	Tom Yehlen
Maureen Ahrens	Sue Lawson	Dennis Matreci
George Kerry	Amy Ruggeri	Carolyn Skidmore
Margie Auer	Rosita Koehler	Greg Divis
Matt Fuhr	Christy Connor	Karen Divis
Tony Mariani	Kerry Deacon	Ann Grabian

PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Lord, help us to invest as equally in our heavenly home as we do in our earthly home.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

March 31, 2019 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (84)	\$ 3,794.00	\$ 191,322.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 38,193.00
School Tuition Asst.	\$ 125.000	\$ 3,643.00
Building Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 4,952.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,375.00
Online Giving (40)	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 78,397.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Lifeline Coalition	(\$ 5.00)	
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00	
Concern for the Poor	(\$ 50.00)	
Catholic Relief Svc.	(\$ 410.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 45.00)	
Catholic Home Mis- sions	(\$ 25.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 7,304.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,769.00	
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 352,000.00
Difference	(\$ 2,231.00)	(\$ 34,089.00)

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Catholics across the Archdiocese are participating in the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. This year's theme is: ***I Believe***. By generously responding to the *ACA*, St. Raphael parishioners will give witness to our willingness to participate in God's plan – to share our gifts joyfully. Our support of the *ACA* enlivens a spirit of goodwill in our parishes and schools, while strengthening parish life and Catholic education. St. Raphael's *ACA* campaign will take place on the weekends of April 27-28, May 4-5, and May 11-12. Parishioners will be asked to pick up their *ACA* pledge cards (after Mass) at the church entrances on these weekends. Saying ***I Believe*** is not only a personal affirmation of faith, but also a promise to share our blessings with others. For more information, you may contact Fred Hodes 314.752.8742 or George Kerry 314.351.3510.

St. Raphael Ladies' Club Quarter Auction

Thursday, April 25

GRAB YOUR QUARTERS AND YOUR GIRLFRIENDS AND
JOIN US FOR THE LADIES' CLUB'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER!

Regular paddles - \$5 All-in paddles - \$25

Auction will be held in the school gymnasium
6000 Jamieson, St. Louis, MO 63109

DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.
AUCTION STARTS AT 7 P.M.
Auctioneer: Michael Flavin

Reserve your table in advance

\$40 includes 8 regular paddles

Send via ~~Paypal~~ (Friends & Family) to sraladiesclub@gmail.com
or mail to 6451 Westway Rd., 63109.

Open Seating Available. Beverages available for purchase.
Outside food and drink welcome.

50/50 & Raffles too!

School News

News From Around the School:

From Mrs. Hayes, Principal

The month of April brings numerous event so I only mention a few in this note. Scholastic Book Fair "Buy One Get One Free" is returning April 10 through April 14, Donut Sunday. The Science Fair exhibits will also be on display in the Music Room on April 14. Homers for Health will be April 12. You may remember we collected \$5 earlier in March for Mission Carnival and Homers for Health. All students in K-8th grade will participate in this very fun event. Finally, the 8th and 7th grade students will lead Living Stations for the parish on Monday, April 15 and entire student body on Wednesday, April 17. All are welcome to both days.

The virtue for April will be JUSTICE-being fair and giving each his due. We will be learning about St. Anthony of Padua, St. Katharine of Drexel, and St. Thomas More.

From Miss Chris (Pre-K-B)

We hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. The Bears have had another awesome month, but we really wished that time would slow down just a bit. We have learned a lot this month with our themes of volcanoes and weather for our letters V and W. Our highlights have been the various science experiments we did on both of these topics. We created exploding volcanoes out of Sprite, water and Alka Seltzer. We also enjoyed creating a snow-storm in a jar, as well as a cloud in a jar. We continue practicing our kindergarten readiness skills and will be able to knock the socks off of our new teachers next school year!

From Mrs. Schmidt (1st Grade)

In religion, we have been following our daily message from our Lenten series. Currently, we are studying the Corporal Works of Mercy. In math, we are just starting our money unit. In science, we are starting to learn about the water cycle and will be starting to plant some flowers. We just finished learning how to properly use articles when we write, and now we are learning about contractions. Happy spring to everyone and have a blessed Easter!

From Ms. Polson (3rd Grade)

We have enjoyed learning about John Muir, father of our National Park system, botanist, conservationist, geologist, writer, etc. We are adept at dividing now and can multiply 2 digits by one. We celebrated National Pi Day on March 14 by learning decimals.

From Ms. Imo (5th Grade)

The fifth graders have completed their study of the Sacraments. They worked on creating a Sacrament Book throughout the year that contains all the information they learned about each Sacrament. The book is now complete and they can look back at all they learned. During math, the students learned how to multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers. In literature, the students have been reading and analyzing various folk tales.

From Mrs. Connor and Mrs. Runiewicz on 7th Grade

Students in grade 7 have learned about some of the reforms that took place in the United States before the Civil War. This includes reforms in women's rights, political change, and improvements in education.

In addition to our Confirmation preparation, 7th grade religion has been continuing to learn about Christ's Passion, death, and resurrection. We will complete our Confirmation preparation and learn how we are called to serve others through the various gifts of the Holy Spirit received at Confirmation.

From Mrs. Carril (Art)

The middle school grades really enjoyed making and eating the edible color wheel as a conclusion to our color unit. After spring break we will dive into two-point perspective for middle school and one-point perspective for the younger students. I hope all of your students are learning and having fun in art. I have seen such a difference in each and every student as the year has progressed.



Our Confirmandi received their red bows at Mass last weekend. As you pass a home with a red bow, please take time to say a prayer for the child about to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide and protect these young people as they prepare for Confirmation.

Update on Our Lenten Project

This week, we will take the cards from their place before the altar, begin to tabulate the responses, and start to reach out to our committees and organizations with any new volunteers for the different groups around our parish. We are edified that many people have supported this year's Lenten Project and grateful for your support of it. If you have not done so yet, please turn in your Lenten Project card to the collection or bring it by the parish office.

- The SRA Stewardship Committee

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual SRA Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 21, after the 10:00am Mass. We need donations of candy and prizes, e.g., coloring books, small stuffed animals, bubbles, puzzles, etc. We do not need any plastic eggs.

SUMMER CAMP

Monday, June 3 -Friday, August 2
Field Trips, Water Days, Park Visits,
Crafts, and Recreation

For more information, please call
Miss Molly at 314.352.9474.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Knights of Columbus Saint Raphael Council #14330 would like to congratulate all of those who participated in the Free Throw Competition for their skill and sportsmanship. Sophia Molina, Addie Berta, Sam Koziacki, Lanie Davis, Lilly Weber, Nolan Moellering, Ladon Walker and Andrew Kellar advanced as far as the St. Louis Regionals. On March 10, Lilly Weber competed in the Missouri State competition where she won the state title in her age group. Congratulations to all!

ROSARY RECITATION

Throughout the season of Lent, we will be praying the Rosary at 6:00pm in church. We are asking all members, if possible, to stay afterwards for private prayer, confession, and Mass at 7:00, followed by a short presentation and practice of a traditional Catholic devotion.



JOIN US!!!
 FOOD - MUSIC - RIDES - GAMES
 FRIDAY, MAY 10, 5 - 10 PM
 SATURDAY, MAY 11, 11 AM - 9 PM

KECIA DAVIS/NATHANIEL METCALFE, FRIDAY, 7 - 10PM
 MORNING OUTDOOR MASS, SATURDAY, 10 AM
 PRIZE BINGO, SATURDAY, 12 - 4 PM *NEW*
 HODAK'S CHICKEN DINNERS, SATURDAY, 4 - 7 PM
 THE GTB BAND, SATURDAY, 6 - 9 PM
 50/50 DRAWING, SATURDAY, 9 PM

- RETURN 50/50 CHANCES TO PARISH OFFICE OR MAIN BOOTH ON PICNIC DAYS
- ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR: PLANTS FOR THE PLANT BOOTH, 12 PACKS OF COKE PRODUCTS AND CAKES FOR THE DINNER - FRIDAY BEFORE 5PM

Picnic T-Shirt Orders

\$10 each, *add \$3

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	AXXL*	AXXXL*	AXXXXL*	TTL
Grey													
White													

Date Due: Tuesday, April 16 to School or Parish Office.

Join your fellow parishioners to help make our picnic a success by signing up for one or more slots to work at the picnic. To sign up, please visit SignUpGenius at signupgenius.com/go/8050849ada82ca20-2019.

ST. LOUIS HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association is accepting applications for the 2019 SLHNA Student Award for scholarship, leadership and service in school, church and community. Three, one-time scholarships in the amount of \$600 will be awarded.

The application deadline is Friday, April 26, 2019, and requires submission of a 3rd quarter/ 2nd trimester report card. The applicant must be an eighth grade student, the daughter/son/legal dependent of a St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association member living within the boundaries of St. Louis Hills. The applicant's family must have a current history of membership in SLHNA, including 2019.

The scholarship award is for the freshman year of high school only; it is non-renewable. For more information and an application, go to <http://stlhills.com>, membership/benefits category.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c -62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 -- 23:56 [23:1 -49]

BIRTHRIGHT CARD PARTY

Friends of Birthright from St. Clement and St. Gerard Majella will hold their annual card party and luncheon on Wednesday, April 10, from 10:30am to 2:30pm at St. Clement Parish Center, 1508 Bopp Road. Cost per person is \$30.00, includes lunch. To make a reservation, please mail your check, made out to "Birthright," to Jane Johans, 12335 Ironstone Dr., 63131.

PLANT SALE!



Ascension Lutheran Church is having its Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, April 27, from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Exciting new products are offered this year such as pouches, bowls, and planters, along with traditional hanging baskets. To see photos and to download an order form, please go to ascensionstl.com/plants. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at gbomber@swbell.net or 314.752.9473.



Attention, all high schoolers! Please join us this Wednesday, April 10, 2019 as we finish our "Sacrifice" Lenten series. Please see saintlouis-lifeteen.org for more information.



WELCOME TO ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH FAMILY!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/Email/Address

Please Contact Me

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