

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

No 8:00am Mass for Summer

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



*I am the living bread
that came down
from heaven;
whoever eats
this bread will
live forever.*

John 6:51

AUGUST
12 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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."

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

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, August 13
7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
6:30pm - Church Usher Captains' Mtg.
7:00pm - Tobias Room Parish Council
7:00pm - Guardian Angel St. V. de Paul

Tuesday, August 14
7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
6:30pm - Church Rosary
7:00pm - Parish Office K. of Columbus Mtg.
7:00pm - Church Vigil Mass

Wednesday, August 15
7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
9:00am - Quilters' Room Quilters
11:00am - Church Mass
5:30pm - Gym Volleyball Practice

Thursday, August 16
7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
5:30pm - Gym Volleyball Practice
7:00pm - Cafeteria Ladies' Club Meeting

Friday, August 17
7:00am - Church Mass

Saturday, August 18
7:00am - Church Mass
4:30pm - Church Mass
5:30pm - School Grounds Watermelon Festival

Sunday, August 19
8:00am - Church Mass
10:00am - Church Mass

 **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 Please Contact Me

New Phone/Email/Address Please Do Not Publish #

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

Resuming 8:00am Mass

Tomorrow (Monday) marks the first day that 8:00am Mass will be offered here at St. Raphael in addition to the 7:00am Mass. As in the past, the 8:00am Mass will be celebrated Sunday-Thursday and the 7:00am Mass will be celebrated Monday-Saturday. We will greet our school children to pray at this Mass for the first time on Thursday.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

Speaking of Mass, this week is one of the few remaining Holy Days of Obligation: the Feast of the Assumption. This is the day we remember Mary was taken up to Heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary as a reminder of the value and dignity of human life. As we gather to celebrate Mary and the great things God has done for her, may we also pray for a growth in the culture of life throughout the world. Mass times are Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00pm and Wednesday, August 15 at 7:00am, 8:00am, and 11:00am with our school children.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

So if you read this announcement last week, you might have been scratching your head about why there were no speakers. I realized I printed the wrong week about half way through 4:30pm Mass last weekend, which was a bit too late to change the bulletin. But I assure you that this weekend, you will hear some of our young people speak after Communion about their desire to restart the Children's Liturgy of the Word here at St. Raphael. This ministry would be offered during the 10:00am Mass from roughly September until May to 3-year olds through 1st grade. They will be invited up to the Sanctuary after the opening prayer to receive a blessing then proceed to the parish office basement to receive the Liturgy of the Word at an age-appropriate level led by teens and adults. They will then come back to church at the offertory and participate in the Mass with the rest of us. This will be a great addition to our parish and I am looking forward to it!

Blessing of Students/Faculty/Backpacks

This weekend, we will bless all students, as well as any teachers or school staff as they begin a new year. Also at the 10:00am Mass, we invite our students to bring up their backpacks to be blessed as we begin the

new school year.

Watermelon Festival-August 18-Also Known as Next Weekend. We will see you there!

Bible Study

While he was here at St. Raphael, Fr. Bob had a day-time Bible study on Tuesday afternoons for anyone in the parish. The main topic of the Bible study covered the readings for the upcoming Sunday. I would like to see if there is anyone interested in resuming these meetings. My style will be admittedly different from his and I would like to keep the meetings to an hour. If you are interested, I would like to invite you to an organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at 1:30pm in the parish office. I hope to see you there!

Class on Prayer

One gift that I like to share with the parish is my time and energy in teaching classes from time to time. The Lord has put it on my heart to teach a class on prayer. I have taught this class before and people really were able to grow in their prayer life. Due to the nature of the class, I would like to have no more than 30 people in the class. It will be held on four Wednesdays, beginning on Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00pm in the Raphael Room in the parish office and will conclude each evening by 8:30. The only requirement is that the participants agree to pray 1 hour during the week. However they can fit that hour in is fine with me. **If you are interested, there is a sign-up list in the vestibule on the Highfield side of church.** If you cannot get in, please know that there will be more opportunities upcoming.

Young Adult Ministry

As we look to reaching out to our teens to help them grow in their own faith life, I also know from my walks in the parish that we have a great community of young adults. This is a group that the Catholic Church struggles to connect with, from after high school or college until their children reach school age. If there are people interested in organizing a program in this direction, I would be interested in hearing from you as well.

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From the Hip Hip and Hooray Department

Thank you to our great Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) committee for another great campaign. We made our goal as well as our challenge goal. Your gifts will truly benefit our Archdiocese. Know of the gratitude of many for your generous, spiritual sacrifices. Also, please congratulate and thank: Fred Hodes, George Kerry, Don Cramer, Ed Reck Bob Ahrens, Kathe Berger, Don Berns, David Brandt, Ray Braun, Greg Divis, Paul Drennan, Amy Goeddel, Heather Hays, Jim Hettenhaus, Rick Horas, Sen Nolan, Mary Shrewsbury, and Mary Steck, and so many others who helped us make our goal.

Upcoming Events

August 13- First Day of 7&8:00am Masses (8:00am Mass will be Sunday-Thursday, 7:00am Mass will be Monday-Saturday)
August 15- First Day of School; Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)
August 16-Ladies' Club 7:00pm
August 18-Watermelon Festival
August 20- First Day of School for Pre-K
August 21- Bible Study Organizational Meeting 1:30pm in the Rectory
August 22- Class on Prayer with Fr. John Begins 7:00pm in the Rectory
August 24- Back-to-School Night
I will see you in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us!

INFORMATION UPDATE

Have you recently...

- Moved?
- Gotten a new e-mail?
- Dropped your land line?
- Gotten a new cell phone number?
- Had a change in your household?

If so, please do not forget to call the parish office so that we may keep our records up to date. May God reward you!



**INTERESTED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEEPENING YOUR FAITH?
NOT SURE WHERE TO START?
JOIN US IN THE JUSTFAITH EXPERIENCE.**

JustFaith is a process for Catholics looking to deepen their commitment to care for vulnerable people and our planet. Through prayer, study, dialogue, and immersion experiences, participants form community as they explore critical realities and the implications in their lives and their faith. The classes are based on the 7 principles of Catholic social justice

laid out by the Council of Catholic Bishops; it is a transformational journey that explores how we better care for the poorest among us. The 24-week class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 9:00 beginning Tuesday, October 9.

To learn more, contact co-facilitators, Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941 or barbara.j.favre@sbcglobal.net, Jim Konrad at 640.5763 or jim_k@mackeymitchell.com, or Cris Fischer at 507.269.6268 or crisfischer@icloud.com. For more information, you can also go to the JustFaith website at justfaith.org. In addition, there will be an informational session on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm in the Guardian Angel Room in the lower level of the Parish Office.

SERVERS FOR AUGUST 13-19, 2018

Monday, August 13

7:00am Rory Barnawell Isabella Pfeiffer
8:00am Alex Atchison Jack Stein

Tuesday, August 14

7:00am Flora Borowiak Cillian Sheehan
8:00am Henry Cyr Abby Delf
7:00pm Christian Concepcion Gavin Smith

Wednesday, August 15

7:00am Andrew Kellar Mateo Switzer
8:00am Sydney Browning Alex Atchison
11:00am SRA School Students

Thursday, August 16

7:00am Anna-Grace Guenther Cate Guenther
8:00am Samantha Koziacki Avery Bradshaw

Friday, August 17

7:00am Nahima Ramirez William Hotze

Saturday, August 18

7:00am Christian Concepcion Andrew Kellar
4:30pm Alex Atchison Gavin Smith
Liam McMorrow

Sunday, August 19

8:00am Isabella Pfeiffer Cate Guenther
Anna-Grace Guenther
10:00am Sydney Browning Joey Raymo
Jack Stein

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 18-19, 2018

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

LECTORS:

Ron Goedeker Lorraine Gurley Mary Faith Green

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Bob Ahrens Lorraine Gurley Joan Billing
Maureen Ahrens Sue Lawton Ted Green
George Kerry Amy Ruggeri Mary Faith Green
Margie Auer Rosita Koehler Barbara Favre
Matt Fuhr Christy Connor Heather Hays
Tony Mariani Kerry Deacon Fred Hodes
Steve Kratky

Online giving is fast, easy and convenient. Go to: straphaelarchangel.org/online-giving. It's quick and simple to sign up!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 12

8:00am Ernest Winkelmann
10:00am Barbara Tepe

Monday, August 13

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Lee Bruner

Tuesday, August 14

7:00am Barbara Tepe
8:00am Ernie Winkelmann
7:00pm People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 15

7:00am Bill Goeddel
8:00am Lee & Ann Bereswill
11:00am SRA Students, Faculty, and Staff

Thursday, August 16

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Michael Moore

Friday, August 17

7:00am Vito Cognata

Saturday, August 18

7:00am Jost Family
4:30pm People of the Parish

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 4-5, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$10,014
Online Giving	\$ 1,672
Weekly Total Collection	\$11,686
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000

Thank you for your generosity in helping us reach our weekly goal! - Fr. John

Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$54,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$47,032
Shortfall	\$ 6,968

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist, His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The SRA FRIENDS FOR LIFE Campaign is scheduled to run from August 5 to August 19. Your contribution to FRIENDS FOR LIFE helps to save the lives of the unborn, to protect the vulnerable, the weak, and the elderly, to educate young people about the virtue of chastity, to heal those who suffer as a result of an abortion, and to provide assistance for women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. You will find your FRIENDS FOR LIFE envelope in the August packet of envelopes. Please place your donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

Thank you for supporting the Culture of Life!

The SRA Pro Life Committee

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) CLASS FORMING

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, the St. Raphael RCIA class for 2018-19 will be forming in September. The program is designed to answer questions and provide information to people who are exploring the possibility of joining the Church. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from September through early May. A detailed calendar will be available at the first meeting on Wednesday, September 26. For more information, contact Fr. John at 314.352.8100 or Dennis Matreci at 314.681.3002.



WEDDING BANNERS I

There is a promise of marriage between Gwen Goedecker and Garrett Conroy to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, September 1, 2018.



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In this Gospel, the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, sympathetic with the weak, and confident in the power of God. During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society to bring respite and hope to them.

The St. Raphael conference for St. Vincent de Paul desires donations of common household supplies: toilet paper, facial tissue, laundry and dish soap, food-storage bags, bar soap, shampoo, and conditioner. They will be taken on home visits to neighbors in need. Items may be placed in the bins in the church foyers. We thank you for these and the food items you donate each month.

Save
THE
Date

SRA MEN'S CLUB
ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT
Sunday, October 7
1:00pm Tee Time
Forest Park



For more information,
please call Dan Harbaugh at
314.971.3428.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!

Black and Gold Dinner Auction
Saturday, November 3

Preview Night
Friday, November 2

More information to come!

School News

We want to welcome back all of our students and faculty this week as we ask God to bless them at the beginning of this new academic year. We are still waiting for our new LED lights; they are currently on back order. We look forward to getting them all in soon to have a truly “bright” year!

AFTERCARE HELP NEEDED

The aftercare program at school is looking for people who love to be with children and can bring safety and love to our program. This is a perfect job for high school students who would like to make some money and still keep up with their studies. The hours are 3:00pm to 6:00pm Monday - Friday. If you think you are interested, please contact Molly Indelicato at 314.606.5264.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for the Home and School Association’s Back-to-School & Curriculum Night on Friday, August 24 at 6:30pm in the gym. Book your babysitter and join other SRA parents for an enlightening evening. Light refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in becoming a room parent for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact HSA Head Room Parent, Carrie McMorrow, at carriem0180@gmail.com or 314.750.4130. If interested in volunteering for school events, please contact HSA Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie Kamp, at stephaniekamp22@hotmail.com.

As we return to school this week, please consider helping to support our school with these easy, no-expense programs. They take a few minutes but they pay huge dividends to us.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Help the SRA HSA raise money for the school by shopping at Schnucks!! Every time you shop at Schnucks scan your Schnucks SCRIP card and SRA’s HSA will earn 1%-3%!! Pick up your card in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne Potts at maryan-netpotts@gmail.com, 314.482.1907, with any questions.

BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL

Don’t forget to save your box tops! The school earns 10¢ for each box top. We earned \$782 last school year; thank you! Place all box tops in the marked boxes in the back of church.



- Visit smile.amazon.com
- Search for St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church
- Each time you shop Amazon through smile.amazon.com, we will receive a percentage of the purchase!

St. Raphael House Flag & Garden Flag

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Garden-size Flag 12” x 18” \$18
House-Size Flag 28” x 40” \$18
Metal Garden Flag Stand \$10

Please make checks payable to SRA HSA with this form. Please place in collection basket. Flags will be delivered to your home or arrangements can be made for pickup.



Excerpts from “*Please Don’t Ask Me to Sing In The Choir!*” by Thomas L. Are

Not Sure I Belong

“and when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today’.” So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” Luke 19:5-7

A month after joining the choir, I still feel I do not belong.

Three rehearsals and two services hardly qualify me as a veteran but I should be comfortable by now. The other choir members have welcomed me and several in the congregation have expressed appreciation for my singing. I always get along with people and look forward to a closer fellowship with this group. Yet I am troubled. The problem is me.

Our pastor made a statement from the pulpit that surprised me. “I am convinced that most of you sitting in pews are feeling two things. First, you are saying to yourselves, ‘If these church members really knew me, they wouldn’t like me.’ Second, most of you feel, ‘I’m the only one here who feels this way’.” He continued to talk about the unworthiness most of us feel. Suddenly I realized why I feel so uneasy.

The image disturbs me. People have a way of saying, “He’s a big church member, even sings in the choir.”

Well, I’m no saint. I believe in God and want to serve Him, but if they are looking for a sample of Christ-likeness, they’ll have to look beyond me. In fact, according to our pastor, they’ll have to look beyond the whole church. We’re not here because we’re worthy but because we’re grateful. God accepts us as we are. So I belong here. My unworthiness qualifies me for a group that expresses thanksgiving to the God who welcomes us.

In my search to belong, I feel like Zacchaeus, called out of self-consciousness into God’s community and service. If you sing in a choir, I bet you do, too.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for accepting us when we feel so unacceptable, and thank you for giving us one another.

In Christ, Amen.

Prayerfully consider joining the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in the church. The choir ministers at the 10:00am bimonthly Mass from September through Corpus Christi. Please contact Nancy Deacon at 314.352.8100, Ext. 220 or musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org for more information.

JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB

The Women’s Faith Sharing group will read and discuss a book by St. Louis author, Colleen Carroll Campbell, entitled *My Sisters the Saints, A Spiritual Memoir*. This is a poignant and powerful spiritual memoir about how the lives of the saints changed the life of a modern woman. In *My Sisters the Saints*, the author blends her personal narrative of spiritual seeking, trials, stumbles, and breakthroughs with the stories of six women saints who profoundly changed her life: Teresa of Avila; Therese of Lisieux, Faustina of Poland, Edith Stein of Germany, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Mary of Nazareth. Drawing upon the rich writings and examples of these extraordinary women, the author reveals Christianity’s liberating power for women and the relevance of the saints to the lives of contemporary Christians. We will begin gathering on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30pm and meet for 6 weeks in the lower level of the Parish Office. Grab a copy of the book and join us! Everyone is welcome! No registration is required, but please let us know so that we will have a large enough space. For more information, please contact Sue Brandt at sbrandtstl@gmail.com or 314.704.5304.

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH OFFICE

St. Raphael the Archangel is currently looking for a receptionist for the parish office on Thursday afternoons and on Fridays. Job duties include, but not limited to: greeting visitors, answering the phone, providing general information about the parish, and performing general office duties as assigned. The successful candidate will have great interpersonal skills, be proactive in thinking, and be able to maintain confidentiality. A high school education or equivalent is required for this position. Working knowledge of Windows 10, Microsoft Office, and Google products is a huge plus. Compensation will be based on qualifications and previous experience. If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity, please submit your resumé to Fr. John by Wednesday, August 15.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

All are invited to come to the Holy Hour for Vocations! This is for everyone: those who are discerning a vocation, and those who would like to pray for vocations. Our next Holy Hour for Vocations will be Friday, August 17 at 7:30pm at the Main Church of Ascension Parish, 230 Santa Maria Dr., Chesterfield, MO. Transitional Deacon George Staley will preach the homily. Confessions will also be available. A social will follow the Holy Hour in the multi-purpose room attached to the school. For information, please contact Fr. Michael Lampe at 636.532.3304.



Summer Social Justice Cinema

Sponsored by
 Gethsemane Lutheran
 Hope United Church of Christ
 St. Mark's Episcopal
 St. Raphael the Archangel



Tuesday, August 21, 7:00pm

A movie about immigrants and refugees
 Shown at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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New York Times best-selling author of "Left to Tell"

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 September 14-15, 2018
 Fri: 5-9pm Sat: 9am-12:30pm

Deacon Dan Skillman
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 Rectory: 314-351-1600
 skillmand@olsorrows.org

2018 Project Rachel Weekend Retreat

PROJECT RACHEL, a program of the Respect Life Apostolate, will sponsor a weekend retreat from August 17 to August 19. PROJECT RACHEL helps to counsel and support those who suffer due to the scourge of abortion. The program is open to all faiths and backgrounds and confidentiality is a top priority.

For information, contact Marisol at 314.792.7451 or ihnpfaff@swbell.net.

SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

St. Gabriel parishioner, Carol McKenna, is contacting several parishes in the neighborhood to let them know that she is available to help seniors with household chores such as laundry, cleaning, meal-making, shopping or just company. If you know of any senior who is in need of help around the house, please call Carol at 314.821.3232. She also offers cleaning services to anyone in need.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to come to the most beautiful building in Saint Louis and volunteer one morning or afternoon a week? There are various things for you to do. Give a few hours a week to work in the Gift Shop, or the Museum, or give tours. The times available are Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 1:00pm or 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Prayerfully consider giving some time.

For more information, please contact Sister Pat Donnelly at 314.373.8241



Reminder: Handyman Ministry

Our handyman and SRA parishioner, Mr. Don Anderson, 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 Parish Office 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.

Questions? Contact Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net or call the Parish Office at 314.352.8100.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, August 15, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we close out our summer series. You are always welcome for prayer and community. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We extend a very special welcome to our friends and visitors who have come to pray with us today. Whether you are just having a look or are searching for a place to worship, we are happy to have you here. We trust that our worship will be encouraging to all and hope that you find a warm, welcoming community here at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. Please call us at the Parish Office, 314.352.8100, if we can be of help to you or if you would like to become a member of our parish.

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.