

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 7:00am & 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday at 7:00am

Monday through Thursday at 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

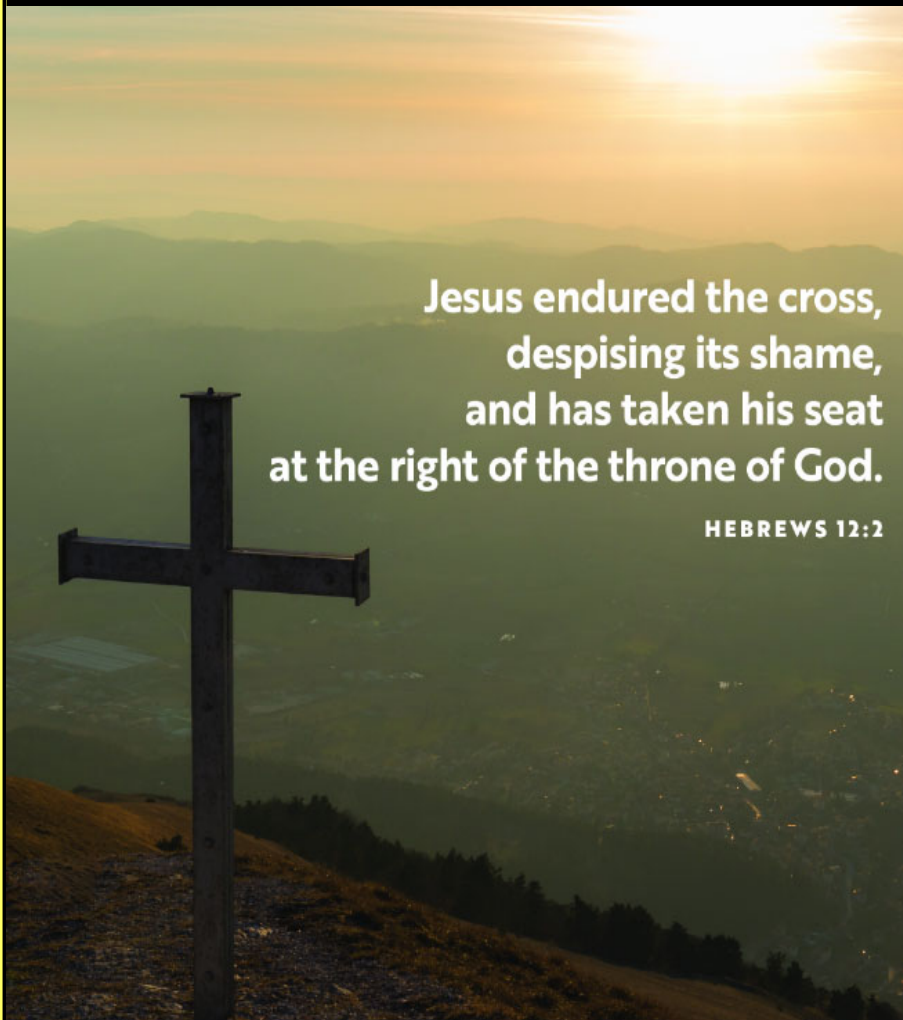
MARRIAGE

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



Jesus endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
AUGUST 18, 2019**

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**

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr. John Mayo	Pastor
	frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org
Msgr. Dennis Stehly, VG	Priest-In-Residence
	dennisstehly@archstl.org
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
	musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
	halbert@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Mickey Janos	Admin. Assistant
	janos@straphaelarchangel.org
Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mrs. Julie Hayes	School Principal
	hayes@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
	secretary@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Qi Franz	Cafeteria Manager
	franz@straphaelarchangel.org

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:00pm
Friday 7:30am-12:00pm
School Office Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:30pm

CONNECT WITH US!

Parish Office	314.352.8100
Fax	314.353.6603
School	314.352.9474
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Website	straphaelarchangel.org
Facebook and Twitter	@SRAtoday
Instagram	straphaelarchangel

LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH

Parish Council	Terri Borowiak	314.351.0606
School Board	Todd Berta	314.352.8420
Finance Council	Joseph Cyr	314.335.7322
HSA President	Jennifer Delf	314.323.6073

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
AUGUST 19-25, 2019**

Monday, August 19

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
5:00pm - Gym	8th Gr. Girls Vball.
6:30pm - Gym	4th Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00pm - Tobias Room	School Board
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Scouts

Tuesday, August 20

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Church	Lectio Group
5:30pm - Gym	7th Gr. Girls Vball.
6:30pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Men's Club Meeting
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:30pm - Tobias Room	Prayerful Scripture

Wednesday, August 21

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters
3:15pm - Gym	8th Gr. Boys Vball.
4:45pm - Gym	6th Gr. Boys Vball.
6:30pm - Gym	Volleyball Referee Clinic
7:00pm - Gym	5th Gr. Boys Vball.

Thursday, August 22

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
3:15pm - School	Chess Club
5:30pm - Gym	4th Gr. Girls Vball.
6:30pm - Gym	5th Gr. Girls Vball.

Friday, August 23

7:00am - Church	Mass
6:30pm - Gym	HSA Back-to-School Night/Curriculum

Saturday, August 24

7:00am - Church	Mass
4:30pm - Church	Mass

Sunday, August 25

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - Cafeteria	Nutrition for Athletics

FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

Happy Watermelon Festival Weekend!

Stewardship Food for Thought

This excerpt is from Mr. Dave Bar. Each of us has the ability to be the catalyst for spiritual change in our families and in our parish communities.

If we want holy, joy-filled families, parishes, and communities, then you and I have to be the start - the silver bullet - for others to see and be invited to the path of holiness. Be the change you want others to be.

Here's a reflection that a friend of the e-newsletter shared with me; the author is unknown.

"When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried my own nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change my town and, as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself. I realize that long ago, if I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Our impact could have changed the nation, and I could indeed have changed the world."

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

If you are a parishioner of St. Raphael the Archangel and plan on sending your child(ren) to a PSR program for the 2019-2020 school year, I ask that you meet with me by October 15 of this year. This meeting is so we can touch base on where your child is in faith formation and how the parish can serve your family. I believe this meeting is so essential that any parish portion of program fees to your chosen PSR Program will be withheld until this meeting takes place.

Parents are the first educators of their children, and I in no way want to infringe on this parental obligation. I simply want to be sure that all of our young people are learning the faith and all of our families feel welcomed and involved in the life of the parish.

Legion of Mary

This week, I received a letter introducing the Legion of Mary and asking if St. Raphael the Archangel was interested in participating in this worldwide lay apostolate of the Church. I replied that if we could find a group of individuals interested in the Legion we would pursue it.

What is the Legion of Mary, you might ask? Here is information about it from the New York Senatus:

The sanctification of its own members is achieved through prayer and work. Each weekly meeting offers to the Legionaries the recitation of the Rosary, spiritual reading, a short talk by the Spiritual Director, a discussion of Catholic doctrine and devotion, and an evaluation of the work program. At the meeting each member is assigned two hours of apostolic work, to be performed during the week and reported on at the following meeting.

If you are interested in learning more or in starting a Legion of Mary here at St. Raphael, please contact me.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all of those who helped with the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. As of the last report, we had exceeded our goal and raised \$3,000 more than last year. Additionally, we had more people participate in this year's appeal than last. We sincerely thank you for your commitment to helping our Archdiocese reach out to those most in need.

A special thanks in particular goes to our ACA committee of Fred Hodes, George Kerry, Ed Reck, and Mary Steck. We also want to thank all of the Advance workers as well: Bob Ahrens, Kathe Berger, Don Berns, Matt Borowiak, Ray Braun, Greg Divis, Amy Goeddel, Ted Green, Heather Hays, Rick Horas, Sen Nolan, and Mary Shrewsbury. Finally, we want to thank anyone else who helped make this year's appeal a success! May God reward you!

RCIA

We have had one person inquire about becoming Catholic. Is God calling you to deepen your faith journey this year? Classes will begin on Wednesdays in about a month. Please contact me if you are interested in more information.

Details about the extended time of Adoration on September 6 and on the discussion of Bishop Baron's Letter will be in next week's column.

I will see you at the festival! And in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong



Sunday, August 18

8:00am Jeff Kreitler
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, August 19

7:00am Walter Hulford
8:00am Pauline Zagroba

Tuesday, August 20

7:00am Bill Goeddel
8:00am Jacquelin Mongiovi

Wednesday, August 21

7:00am Ralph Raskas
8:00am John Ternak

Thursday, August 22

7:00am The Cramer Family
8:00am Bob Hoeynck

Friday, August 23

7:00am Raymond H. Bulte, Jr.

Saturday, August 24

7:00am Kara Cummings
4:30pm Leo & Ann Bereswill

Sunday, August 25

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Marcia Matreci

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The SRA FRIENDS FOR LIFE Campaign ends this Sunday, August 18. As you know, Friends for Life aids women in crisis pregnancies and supports the programs of the Respect Life Apostolate. If you still wish to contribute, it is not too late. Find your envelope in the August packet of envelopes and place your gift in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Thank you!

Think of the gift of Life the Lord has given us. Here is the Lord speaking in *Isaiah 49*: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name." This is our worth, the value of each human being. Praise be to the Lord of Heaven and earth!

SCRIP
before
you shop

Support the SRA Home and School Association by purchasing scrip gift cards!! By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. Orders will be placed monthly during the school year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the parish or school office. **First order deadline is Friday, September 6 and you can pick up the cards the following Friday, September 13!**

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!" Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with God's love.

**SAVE THE DATE!
SRA MEN'S CLUB
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, September 29
Forest Park
1:00pm Tee Time

For more information, please contact Dan Harbaugh at 314.971.3428.

**SAVE THE DATE!
ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

A donation truck will be at SRA on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please watch for details regarding what can and cannot be accepted.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR AUGUST 19-25, 2019

Monday, August 19

7:00am Anna-Grace Guenther Cate Guenther

Tuesday, August 20

7:00am Maggie Anstey Rory Barnawell

Wednesday, August 21

7:00am David Hiatt Kallista Hiatt

Thursday, August 22

7:00am Madalene Cierpiot Brendan Cierpiot

Friday, August 23

7:00am Lydia Eddingfield Isabella Pfeiffer

Saturday, August 24

7:00am Andrew Kellar Claire Fuhr
4:30pm Rory Barnawell Jio Raymo
Joey Raymo

Sunday, August 25

8:00am Charlie Dirnbeck Lucas Feldman
Cillian Sheehan
10:00am Gavin Smith Cate Guenther
Anna-Grace Guenther

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 24-25, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm

8:00am

10:00am

Bob Ahrens

Lorraine Gurley

Denise Howard

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

Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 11,
2019

This Week

FY to Date

Regular Env. (91)

\$ 4,350.00

\$ 26,656.00

Loose Money

\$ 2,039.00

\$ 6,616.00

School Support

\$ 40.00

\$ 486.00

Building Fund

\$ 243.00

\$ 1,036.00

Holy Days

\$ 80.00

\$ 131.00

Online Giving (45)

\$ 2,922.00

\$ 14,112.00

Altar Flowers

\$ 95.00

Tithing

(\$ 45.00)

ProLife

(\$ 155.00)

Latin American
Apostolate

(\$ 130.00)

Grand Total

\$ 10,099.00

Total for Parish

\$ 9,769.00

Amount Needed

\$ 9,000.00

\$ 54,000.00

Difference

\$ 769.00

(\$ 4,680.00)

FYE 2019

(\$ 39,072.00)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

SRA STEP CLASS

SRA step/strength training begins on Wednesday, September 4. Join us for 40-45 minutes of step conditioning, strength training and stretching. We meet twice a week, Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in the cafeteria. The annual cost is a \$30 donation to SRA Ladies' Club. Bring a towel, a yoga mat, and a water bottle to class. Our upcoming schedule is Wednesday, 9/4 at 6:05pm, Saturday, 9/7 at 8:00am, Wednesday, 9/11 at 6:05pm and Saturday, 9/14 at 8:00am. If you would like to join, please email Denise Howard at beppy11@gmail.com to be put on the weekly reminder list.

DEANGELIS CHOIR

The DeAngelis Choir rehearsals will be on alternating Tuesdays with the choir singing one Mass a month, usually at 4:30pm on Saturday. The choir will also sing at the school liturgies on Thursday mornings. All school age children in grades 3 and up are invited to participate. There is no audition, but there is a commitment to attend rehearsals and the scheduled liturgies, as well as to support the singing at the weekly school liturgies. The commitment to participate in the DeAngelis Choir is FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. Singers are expected to attend all rehearsals and liturgies and have excellent behavior. There is no fee for this program. All are welcome to come and praise God in joyful song! For more information, please contact Nancy Deacon at 314.352.8100.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sunday:	Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

WEDDING BANNES III

There is a promise of marriage between Rachel Hansen and Matthew Schoelch to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, August 24, 2019.



ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir is gearing up to begin this fall. Rehearsals are on alternating Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm. The Adult Choir usually sings at the 10:00am Mass alternating with the ensemble. Your voices are needed! Consider joining us this season as we laugh, learn, sing and pray. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 4 - 7:00pm in church.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Nancy Deacon 314.283.5951 or musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org.

SRA Rummage Sale

Come one, come all to the 1st Annual SRA Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 28, from 8:30am - 12:30pm on the SRA parking lot. Start collecting and pricing items around the house you aren't



using, and consider renting a parking spot or two to sell your treasures! All rental fees and food purchase proceeds will go to SRA school, but profits from items sold will go to the sellers. Cost for one parking spot is \$20, \$10 each additional spot. Tables, chairs, change for customers, etc., must be provided by the seller. Please contact Elena Switzer at edsqrd@gmail.com to reserve your spot by September 15!

As part of our promise to protect and pledge to heal, the Archdiocese of St. Louis invites adult survivors of child sexual abuse to participate in a support group program to begin Wednesday, September 4. Sponsored by the Archdiocese, this expanded ministry will be offered at the Watson Road location of Saint Louis Counseling in Crestwood and is available to adult survivors at no cost. The closed groups will meet for six consecutive Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Adult survivors of child sexual abuse may inquire by calling 314.544.3800.

SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVOR GROUPS

FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE



This ministry will be offered **at no cost** to the participant. The closed groups will meet at the Crestwood location of **Saint Louis Counseling** on Wednesday evenings beginning **September 4**.



Adult survivors of child sexual abuse who have previously participated in individual therapy may inquire at **314-544-3800**.

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If you would like to make a donation of school supplies, you can drop them off at the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00am to Noon.

School News

SRA school is looking for an Aftercare Director for our Club Tobias Program. The director oversees the day-to-day operation of the Club Tobias program including, but not limited to, maintaining current registration forms, collection of fees, supervision of Club Tobias staff, communicating with parents, and supervision of students in the program. Experience with working with children is required and leadership experience is preferred.

Our Club Tobias program is also looking for a Lead Teacher who will work with the director in all of the areas listed above. A successful candidate for this position should have some experience working with children and should desire to grow in leadership abilities.

We are also in need of an aide who will assist the director and lead teacher in supervising the students and helping with activities.

The hours for the Club Tobias program are Monday through Friday from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Compensation based on previous experience. Please submit your resume to Mrs. Julie Hayes at hayes@straphaelarchangel.org or call 314.352.9474.

SAVE THE DATES

Hello SRA Parish Members! In partnership, The Auction Committee and the Matreci family would like to announce the dates for the Trivia Night and Black and Gold Auction in the coming year! With a focus on enhancing the SRA Fundraising Event calendar and both of these important events, we've decided to swap dates! Last year was an exciting year at SRA and both of these events were sellouts. We look forward to seeing everyone again this upcoming year! Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

SRA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MARCIA MATRECI MEMORIAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

ANNUAL SRA BLACK & GOLD AUCTION

Saturday, February 8th, 2020

MORE DATES TO SAVE!

Sunday, September 15
Saturday, September 28
Sunday, September 29
Saturday, October 19
Saturday, October 26
Saturday, November 9

Alumni Sunday
Rummage Sale
Men's Club Annual Golf Tournament
Trunk or Treat
St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck
Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night

QUILT RAFFLE

STILL TIME TO GET TICKETS!!!! The SRA Quilters will raffle a beautiful, handmade quilt on Sunday, September 8. Be sure to mail your tickets to the parish office or drop in the collection basket. For more information OR IF YOU NEED TICKETS, please call the parish office at 314.352.8100.



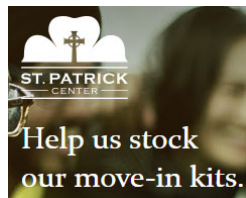
SRA Development Committee

As part of the town hall meetings in January, one point of our school viability plan is to build and enhance fundraising. The SRA Development Committee was formed to address this point of the plan, and the members have been working hard to develop their first calendar of events for the coming year. Below is an announcement from them, as well as details on the first event.

The Development Committee has finalized the 2019-2020 school-year event schedule! As a reminder, our goal is to raise \$10K this year to directly support SRA School. Big THANKS to the SRA community members who attended our workshops in June; your ideas were awesome and should easily get us to our goal! The five events will be: a Golf Cart (or car TBD) Raffle (led by Brian Kleekamp), a Rummage Sale (led by Elena Switzer), a Friday Fun Night (led by Megan Kean), a Blues Fundraiser (led by Kelli Morrell) and a Micro-Brewery Tour. We are now looking for your assistance to either help lead or support these events with the event heads. If you'd like to lead the Micro-Brewery tour or work on any of these events with the event head, please contact the Development Committee by August 23, developmentgroup@straphaelarchangel.org OR any of the committee members – Laura Dougherty, Jen Delf, Casey Kleekamp, Katie Meier, Chris Murphy, Father John.



St. Patrick Center, a Housing First Agency, seeks your help with stocking the agency's move-in kits for our clients who are ready to move into permanent housing. The following new items are requested: comforter sets, bath towels, washcloths, pots/pans, shower curtains and hooks, mops, hangers, laundry baskets, etc. Parishioners may drop off donated items Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm at St. Patrick Center's donation center dock at the back of the building. Thank you!



ATTENTION, SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed, and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, August 22, at 7:00pm, at St. Catherine Laboure Parish, 9740 Sappington Road.

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people.

At this meeting we will have cake and ice cream to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. Also, Karen Zelle, a volunteer for the Department of Conservation, will give us a presentation on birds. A short general meeting will follow. For more information, please call Michelle Wack at 314.540.7400 or Bill DeCoursey at 314.894.0733.

NEW AND EXPECTANT PARENTS 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, please contact Elena Switzer at 314.920.7851 or edsqrd@yahoo.com.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, September 13, 6:00-11:00pm
Saturday, September 14, Noon-11:00pm

Rides - Music - Games - Dinners - Raffles

6596 Smiley Avenue
Information - 314.781.1199

MARRIAGE ON TAP - ST. LOUIS

Married couples are invited to a fun date night! Be with other couples who care about a good marriage growing better, and want to enrich themselves. The event is Tuesday, September 17, at the Pasta House Company (Party Room), 8213 Delmar Blvd, University City, 63130 (just East of I-170). Dinner is at 6:00pm and is \$25 per person (includes tax and tip) for buffet dinner; 7:00pm is a dynamic talk: Living Our Faith as a Family by Vince and Marianne Burkemper. Vince and Marianne have been married for 33 years, have three grown children, and are parishioners at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manchester. RSVP required before September 13 at marriageontapstl@gmail.com.



WELCOME TO THE ST. RAPHAEL 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

☐ Please Do Not Publish #