

## 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

CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 5, 2018

EIGHTEENTH 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."*



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

### *News on Cremation*

Sorry that I need to begin my column this week on such a topic. There was an important announcement from the Archdiocese last week that I would like to make sure is announced and understood. Since shortly after the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church has allowed Catholics, upon their death, to be cremated. This change was due to a newer understanding of cremation. Previously, the Catholic Church had not allowed it, because a group who renewed the practice did it to deny the resurrection of the body. The Church understands people choose this option for many reasons other than this one, so now allows it.

Apparently now, there is a new option for cremation called alkaline hydrolysis. Due to my desire to keep this column rated "G," I will not go into details as to the process. The important news that Catholics need to know, though, is that at least for now, the Church is not approving this method of cremation as suitable for Catholics.

Cremation is still something Catholics may choose, but they may not choose this process of alkaline hydrolysis. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Msgr. Stehly or me.

### *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

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 to 3-year-olds through 1st Grade during the 10:00am Mass from roughly September until May. They will be invited up to the Sanctuary after the opening prayer to receive a blessing then proceed to the rec-tory 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!

### *Backpack Sunday-August 12*

On the weekend of August 12, we will be blessing our students going back to school at all Masses and backpacks at 10:00am Mass. We do invite everyone to get into good school spirit though! That

weekend, we invite you to wear your best SRA gear to Mass or that of your alma mater. It is always interesting to learn where someone went to school and make some new (or renew old) connections. We hope that you will join in the school spirit!

### *Watermelon Festival-August 18*

Keep this date marked on your calendars for a great time!

### *Homebound Ministry*

I recently met with Mary Faith Green about our homebound ministry. I want to thank her and all the communion ministers who selflessly visit the homebound or help to bring people to church. Your selfless dedication to others truly puts Christ's love into action for us all.

We want to encourage all who need this ministry of bringing the Eucharist to them to contact Mary Faith or the parish office.

People sometimes tell me they feel bad that they are taking me away from something important. Bringing people to Jesus, though, is why I became a priest! There is nothing more important to me than that. Please never feel bad to ask for Jesus to come to you at home.

If you are bringing Holy Communion to someone, please let us know if we do not know already. We do not want to take over your ministry; we just want to have the most complete list so we know who is active in this ministry.

### *Hospital Visits*

A friendly reminder to contact the parish office if you or someone you know is in the hospital. Due to HIPPA laws, hospitals can no longer call to let us know if you are in the hospital. I am always more than happy to visit.

### *Bible Study*

While he was here at St. Raphael, Fr. Bob had a daytime Bible study on Tuesday afternoons for anyone in the parish. The main topic of the Bible study was the readings for the upcoming Sunday. (Continued on next page)

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 each participant agrees 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.

#### *Youth Ministry*

Recently, I was approached about the youth ministry situation here at St. Raphael. I know that in the past the parish has directed young people to the St. Louis Lifeteen at DuBourg. I would like to hear if anyone does attend or any comments or concerns

parishioners have about youth ministry here in the parish or in the area. I do appreciate any input along these lines people can offer.

#### *Young Adult Ministry*

As we look to reaching out to our teens to help them grow in their own faith life, I know from my walks in the parish that we also have a great community of young adults as well. 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.

#### *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 14-7:00pm Vigil Mass; Feast of the Assumption
- August 15- First Day of School; Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)
- August 18-Watermelon Festival
- August 20- First Day of School for Pre-K
- August 21- Bible Study Organizational Meeting 1:30pm in the Parish Office
- August 22- Class on Prayer with Fr. John begins 7:00pm in the Raphael Room
- August 24- Back-to-School Night

I will see you in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong  
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us!



The kids had a great time with Minecraft Week. We saw the new museum at the Arch for our field trip. I thought it was very nice and the kids enjoyed the interactive experience the museum offered. It was a beautiful week so they enjoyed building forts and playing Capture the Flag all week long. In the room they made Perler Minecraft characters and everything that had to do with Minecraft. P.S. I thought the construction on the forts was amazing!!



**SERVERS FOR AUGUST 6-12, 2018**

**Monday, August 6**

7:00am Andrew Kellar Isabella Pfeiffer

**Tuesday, August 7**

7:00am Christian Concepcion Flora Borowiak

**Wednesday, August 8**

7:00am William Hotze Justin Wingron

**Thursday, August 9**

7:00am Henry Cyr Gavin Smith

**Friday, August 10**

7:00am Sydney Browning Cillian Sheehan

**Saturday, August 11**

7:00am Liam McMorrow Alex Atchison

4:30pm Avery Bradshaw Joey Raymo  
Samantha Koziacki

**Sunday, August 12**

8:00am Josh Abbott Thad Berta  
Addison Berta



**Sunday, August 5**

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am David Braun

**Monday, August 6**

7:00am Marie Winkelmann

**Tuesday, August 7**

7:00am Bill Goeddel

**Wednesday, August 8**

7:00am Trokey Family

**Thursday, August 9**

7:00am Vito Cognata

**Friday, August 10**

7:00am Bill Goeddel

**Saturday, August 11**

7:00am Ann Simms, SI  
4:30pm People of the Parish

**WEEKEND OF AUGUST 11-12, 2018**

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

**LECTORS:**

George Kerry              Joyce Holmes              Joan Billing

**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

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**Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Masses:**

**Tuesday 8-14**

**7:00pm**

**Wednesday 8-15**

**7:00am**

**8:00am**

**11:00am**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY 28-29, 2018**

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,948
Online Giving	\$ 2,862
<b>Weekly Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 6,810</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual</b>	<b>\$35,346</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 9,654</b>

## FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The next Fifty Plus meeting is Tuesday, August 7 at 1:00pm in the Parish Office Raphael Room. **Bring a friend** and some canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome.

## 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

## SRA SPN\* CHOIR

It was a gorgeous evening and a lovely Novena Mass celebrated by Fr. Timothy Elliott from St. Gianna in Wentzville, on July 21. SPN did a beautiful job praising God and honoring Our Lady of Mount Carmel. (\*St. Philip Neri)



## FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The Gospel tells us “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” By “listening” we are able to *live* the Gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help. Through your gift to the Society, you enable the members of the Society to become a “listening heart” to the hungry, the homeless, and the struggling poor.

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.

## IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Grace Vitale, mother of Sam Vitale.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

# School News

## 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.

## FROM THE SCHOOL

We are in preparations for another great year at SRA School! The floors, thanks to Mr. Bob and his crew, look great. Thank you for all of your hard work!

This week, we had a final walk through for the new cameras. These will help to secure our building and give us greater coverage in the area around our school. We are also anticipating the installation of our new LED lighting.

The iPads are in and we will be exploring the best way to get these online and to our students.

It is also good to see all of the innovative ideas our teachers are bringing to their classrooms and their energy for the new year. We are truly blessed!

Please keep us in prayer as we make final preparations for the year.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:stephaniekamp22@hotmail.com).

## ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, August 8, from 7-9pm at DuBourg. We will continue our summer of encounter through prayer and community and enjoy some donuts! Please see [saintlouislifeteen.org](http://saintlouislifeteen.org) for more information.

## Pre-K At SRA

We offer a Kindergarten readiness curriculum for children 3 to 5 years of age. We have 2 classrooms that each have 1 full-time lead teacher and 1 full-time assistant. We also have a part-time aide between the 2 classes. We offer a place for children to LAUGH, LOVE and LEARN in a loving environment that allows them to explore, experiment and create! We offer very flexible options of full or half days, as well as aftercare available until 6 pm. We are now accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Ms. Chris at [federspeil@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:federspeil@straphaelarchangel.org) to schedule a tour or receive more information.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 12

Wednesday, August 15

Saturday, August 18

Friday, August 24

Sunday, October 7

Back-to-School Sunday

First Day of School

Watermelon Festival

Back-to-School and

Curriculum Night

Men's Club Annual

Golf Tournament

Excerpts from *"Please Don't Ask Me to Sing In The Choir!"* by Thomas L. Are

## Too Tired To Stay Home

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:29

It happens to me so often that I have come to expect it. I come home from work tired, go to rehearsal tired, and come home from choir refreshed.

On some days, work seems long. Fighting the homebound traffic leaves me dragging into the house determined to kick up my feet and stay there. Then Ellen says, "Don't get too comfortable; remember you have choir practice tonight." Every bone in my body cries, "Oh no, not tonight."

Thirty minutes later, I'm sharing greetings with friends. We sing through half a dozen anthems. My body pulses to rhythms and vibrates with sound. My heart responds to the texts we sing. In two hours, I'm a new man. My tired body has been refreshed. It happens every time!

Sometimes I think the recreation of singing provides enough diversion from life's routines to affect the body like a vacation. Jesus said, "Take my yoke...and you will find rest." I believe in today's world the yoke of Christ is the work of the church. Serving Him brings with it God's promise of rest. Does that mean that the choir is a therapy group? Yes, I think it is, not because choir members are trained therapists but because we are a people serving God together. When we carry the Lord's yoke, He becomes our counselor.

Sometimes when it's time for choir, I'm just too tired to stay home.

Prayer: *Lord, help us to burn ourselves out for you, that we may know peace. Rest us in your service.*

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 314.352.8100, Ext. 220 or [musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto: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*. 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](mailto: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.

Congratulations to the newest member of the church, **Arthur Chitwood**, son of Jordan and Katie Chitwood. Arthur was baptized on July 29, 2018. May God always bless the Chitwood family.



### 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.

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

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## 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](mailto:ihnpfaff@swbell.net).



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July 28, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, an important agency dedicated to the mission of the church and our call to evangelization is our own Latin America Apostolate. Since 1956, we have sent over 45 archdiocesan priests to serve the people of Bolivia, one of the poorest countries in South America. This year, we offer praise and thanks to our Lord, as Fr. Patrick Hayden and Fr. James Michler both celebrate 25 years of missionary service to the apostolate. Their perseverance and endurance in an archdiocese where there is only one priest for every twenty-thousand Catholics is an outstanding testimony to their faith and to the support and encouragement they receive through the faithful of our local archdiocese.

As Pope Francis reminds us, “*the drive to go forth and give, to go out from ourselves, to keep pressing forward in our sowing of the good seed, remains ever present*”, and so our mission continues (EG 21). He goes on to say that, “*new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization*” (EG 120). While we are all called to be missionary disciples to our friends, family, and neighbors, we are also called to evangelize to all the ends of the earth. Although many of us do not serve in the mission field, we can and should support those who are evangelizing to the marginalized and forming missionary disciples in global communities, including our priests in La Paz, Bolivia.

Without the prayers and sacrifices of the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our Latin America Apostolate could not offer formation, catechesis, social services, and pastoral care to the parish community of Maria Reina. Ask God how He is calling you to participate in this mission financially. Please pray for our Latin America Apostolate, missionaries, and all involved with this ministry. The annual collection for our Latin America Apostolate will take place in all parishes during the weekend of August 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

Asking God’s blessings on you and your families, and grateful for your support of our Latin America Apostolate, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis

### 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.