

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Saturday 7:00 am

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am

No 8:00 am Mass for Summer

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS:

Check Bulletin For Mass Times

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Subsequent Tuesday of each month (without exposition) 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50 am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 3:45 pm to 4:20 pm on Saturday

ROSARY

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 24 AND 25, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



*A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND MAY THE CHRIST CHILD
BE WITH YOU ALWAYS!*

PARISH INFORMATION

Registration of New Members: Please call the Parish Office to register.

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptismal instructions and to arrange a Baptismal date.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date to begin the Church process of marriage preparation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.): Please call the Parish Office for information.

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Reiker	Pastor
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Deacon Ron Holmes	Permanent Deacon
	and Pastoral Associate
	holmes@straphaelarchangel.org
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Ty Taylor	Seminarian
Mateo Salam	Seminarian
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
	musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
	halbert@straphaelarchangel.org
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	janos@straphaelarchangel.org
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Mr. Howard Adams	Maintenance
Mrs. Julie Hayes	School Principal
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Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
	secretary@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Amy Ruggeri	Cafeteria Manager

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Facebook
Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish and School

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@SRAtoday

MyParishApp
Text 'App' to 88202

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, December 25th

8:00 am - Church	Christmas Day Mass
10:00 am - Church	Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 26th

7:00 pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, December 27th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's Club Basketball

Thursday, December 28th

3:30 pm - Gym	1st & 2nd. Gr. Girls Bball.
7:00 pm - Church	Contemporary Music

Friday, December 29th

7:00 am - Church	Mass
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Saturday, December 30th

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

Sunday, December 31st

8:00 am - Church	Mass
10:00 am - Church	Mass
4:30 pm - Church	Solemnity of Mary Mass



THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, December 25	Tuesday, December 26	Wednesday, December 27	Thursday, December 28	Friday, December 29
No School	No School	No School	No School	No School

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU!

TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS AND TO OUR VISITORS!

Along with all of our SRA Parish Staff, I would like to extend Christmas greetings and blessings to everyone at St. Raphael Parish. This is now my third Christmas at St. Raphael and I certainly feel more at home than I did two years ago when I was still unpacking my stuff at Christmas time. I love being here and serving so many good people.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

HE IS ALMOST READY TO COME - AT OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES!

No, not the jolly man in red! The Christ Child! In our Catholic Christmas liturgy, the mystery of the birth of the Incarnate Son of God is present again for all the believers who are ready to celebrate the magnificent Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. Jesus' birth happened only once in history, but happens over and over again in mystery! The mystery of Catholic worship is that Christ is present when we proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Eucharist. At the Christmas Vigil Mass, the Mass at Night (10pm) and the Christmas morning Masses, as we joyfully read and excitedly listen to the Gospel account of Jesus' birth, it is happening again with the grace of God for those who are open to the mystery of Christ's presence in our churches. Remember, Jesus said that where two or three gather in his name, there he will be! Only a few more hours; just get me to the church on time!

CHRISTMAS INVITATION TO WORSHIP WITH US:

Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:30pm, Sunday, Dec. 24th

Christmas "Midnight" Mass at 10:00pm, Sunday, Dec. 24th

Christmas Morning Mass at 8am and 10am, Monday, Dec. 25th

{Come a half hour early for Christmas music before the Masses.}



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INVITATION TO CONTINUE TO WORSHIP WITH OUR ST. RAPHAEL PARISH FAMILY:

Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday obligation) – Sat., Dec. 30, at 4:30pm, Sun. at 8am and 10am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God – Sun., Dec. 31, New Year's Eve at 4:30pm and Mon.

New Year's Day at 8am and 10am

Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord – Sat., Jan. 6th at 4:30pm and Sun., Jan. 7th at 8am and 10am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

NO 8am Mass Tues. Wed. & Thur.

7am Mass T, W, Th, F, S

TIME FOR SOME KNEE WORK!

I will be forced to take a little break after the first of the year. On January 2, I will be having knee replacement surgery and will be out of commission for a few weeks. After a couple of days in the hospital, I will be back here to the SRA rectory to recuperate and have in-home therapy. I heard that they work you till it hurts – that's what Deacon Jerry says. I am starting to be extra nice to Monsignor Stehly lately, so that he will help take care of me during this time.

Indeed, he will be doing all the weekend Masses until I can get up to the altar in a few weeks. For week day Masses, Monsignor will be alternating days to celebrate the 7am and 8am Masses. Deacon Ron will be doing Communion Services on the other days at 7am and 8am.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *Many candles can be kindled from one candle, without diminishing it.*

SERVERS FOR DEC. 25/31, 2017

Monday, December 25th

8:00 am	Grace Goeddel	Need 2 Extra
10:00 am	Avery Bradshaw	Mateo Switzer
	Christian Concepcion	

Tuesday, December 26th

7:00 am	Rory Barnawell	Lydia Bick
8:00 am	<u>No 8:00 am Mass</u>	

Wednesday, December 27th

7:00 am	Joey Raymo	Mateo Switzer
8:00 am	<u>No 8:00 am Mass</u>	

Thursday, December 28th

7:00 am	Flora Borowiak	Gavin Smith
8:00 am	<u>No 8:00 am Mass</u>	

Friday, December 29th

7:00 am	Christian Concepcion	Isabella Pfeiffer
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Saturday, December 30th

7:00 am	Lucille Schlichting	Rory Barnawell
4:30 pm	Anna Mersinger	Eva Thompson
	Mia Thompson	

Sunday, December 31st

8:00 am	William Madden	Sean Madden
	Gavin Smith	
10:00 am	Avery Bradshaw	Joey Raymo
	Mateo Switzer	
4:30 pm	Jack Stein	Need 3 Extra

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 24th

8:00 am Byrne & Bottini Families
 10:00 am People of the Parish
 4:30 pm Jane Horas
 10:00 pm Stipo Prajz

Monday, December 25th

8:00 am Larry D. Frie
 10:00 am Deacon Roger Kreitler

Tuesday, December 26th

7:00 am Tina Bommarito
No 8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, December 27th

7:00 am Nancy Whelan
No 8:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 28th

7:00 am Deacon Roger Kreitler
No 8:00 am Mass

Friday, December 29th

7:00 am Frank Schlueter

Saturday, December 30th

7:00 am Frank Schlueter
 4:30 pm Ruthann Alberti

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 30/31

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

Mary Reck	Amy Ruggeri	Steve Kratky
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Bob Ahrens	Lorraine Gurley	Joe Zulich
Maureen Ahrens	Sue Lawton	Dan Harbaugh
George Kerry	Amy Ruggeri	Amy Schisler
Margie Auer	Rosita Koehler	Anna Skidmore
Matt Fuhr	Christy Connor	
Tony Mariani		

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEC. 16/17, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,630
Online Giving	\$ 1,235
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 6,865
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000
 Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	 \$207,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$180,493
Shortfall	\$ 26,507



Sunday, January 14	Men's Club Communion Bfst.
Sunday, January 21	Cornhole Tournament
Sunday, January 28	Begin Catholic Schools
Friday, February 2	Grandparent's Day
Saturday, February 3	Marcia Matreci Trivia Night

ANGEL TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated to SRA's Annual Angel Tree. As usual, the response was overwhelming and generous. Gifts were delivered last Sunday, December 17, to Peter & Paul Community Services. The staff was extremely grateful for these gifts that will help the clients transition to independent living.



MEN'S CLUB COMMUNION BREAKFAST

SRA's Men's Club is hosting a "**Communion Breakfast**" for its members on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Members and their families are invited to attend Mass at 10:00am followed by a catered breakfast buffet in the cafeteria. Please RSVP with your name and number of guests to brianmccarthy@peaknet.net before January 7.

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the hearts of those living in poverty, bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas. Thank you.

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

SRA now has an easy, convenient way for you to donate clothing or household goods to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store! Just drop off items in this collection bin on the northeast corner of the St. Raphael parking lot. We thank you for helping neighbors!



FIFTY-PLUS CLUB

The first meeting of the New Year will be Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Raphael Room of the Parish Office. Please let's start the new year off by helping the less fortunate with a donation of canned goods. We will make a monthly appeal for canned goods. Thank you for your assistance with this worthy cause. See you on January 2!

SPIRITUAL AND LITURGICAL OPPORTUNITIES TO FULLY CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

4th Sunday of Advent

- + Saturday, December 23rd, 4:30pm Mass
- + Sunday, December 24th, 8:00am and 10:00am Masses

Christmas Masses

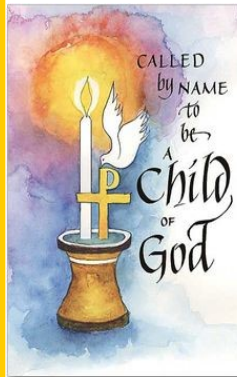
- + Sunday, December 24th, 4:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Christmas Eve) and 10:00pm Christmas "Midnight Mass"
- + Monday, December 25th, 8:00am and 10:00am Christmas Day Masses

New Year's Weekend

- + Saturday, December 30th, 4:30pm Mass - Feast of the Holy Family
- + Sunday, December 31st, 8:00am and 10:00am Masses – Feast of the Holy Family
- + Sunday, December 31st, 4:30pm – Holy Day Vigil Mass – Solemnity of Mary
- + Monday, January 1st, 8:00am and 10:00am – Holy Day Masses – Solemnity of Mary



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ST. RAPHAEL'S 3RD GRADE BOYS -
CHAMPIONS IN OUR LADY
OF THE PILLAR'S
CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT!**



Congratulations to our newest member of the church, Taylor Rose Trokey, daughter of Matt and Mary Jo Trokey. Taylor was baptized on December 17, 2017.

May God always bless the Trokey family.



Recurring gifts help bring consistency to the weekly offertory. Go to: staphaelarchangel.org/online-giving. It's quick and easy!

WINTER OUTREACH: A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by the example of Pope Francis, who lives out our Catholic social teachings of ***“Option for the Poor and Vulnerable,”*** southside parishes continue to be committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith-filled Ministry of Mercy.

“As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me.” (MT 25:31-46)

While St. Louis is making great strides to provide resources for the homeless, many still spend their days and nights on the streets. Winter is particularly hard for them. In an effort to reach out to our “brethren” needing warmth and food, **we are asking for help to provide meals** during the coldest months.

Drivers are also needed to deliver meals to Americorps Shelter, 1315 Ann St., on our assigned evenings. Anyone is welcome to serve/visit with shelter guests on these evenings:

	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
January	11	12	13
February	8	9	10

Will you please provide one of the following:

- 9 x 13 Hot Casserole (any kind)
- Dessert for 24

Together we can make a bountiful meal.

Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall entrance at 6:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick it up from your home.

If you would like more information about this ministry, like to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941.



Francis

51st WORLD DAY OF PEACE JANUARY 1, 2018

“We must also turn this contemplative gaze to the cities where we live, ‘a gaze of faith which sees God dwelling in their houses, in their streets and squares . . .’ When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. . . . A contemplative gaze should also guide the discernment of those responsible for the public good, and encourage them to pursue policies of welcome, ‘within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good’— bearing in mind, that is, the needs of all members of the human family and the welfare of each.” - Pope



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ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Christmas 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

Each year, the people of our archdiocese have been asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The men of our seminary, who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him, are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It is these men who will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2000 years ago to future generations here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

I ask you, once again, to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas Day collection, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of our seminary.

Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert J. Carlson".

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



**&
NFC/AFC Playoff Party**

Cash Prizes – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

When: Sunday, January 21, 2018
Registration Noon – 1pm
Bags Fly at 1pm

Where: St. Raphael Gym
6000 Jamieson Ave
St. Louis, MO 63109

Cost: \$30/person (Includes Cornhole Tournament, Food and Drink)
\$20/person (Food and Drink only)
Individual or Team Registration Accepted
Must be 14 years or older to participate

Contacts: Mike Ruggeri 314-406-0663
Todd Berta 314-657-7023
Dave Kellar 314-504-0887

Multiple TV's, Football Squares & More

Registration

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Raphael Men's Club
Mail to Dave Kellar, 6038 Guilford Place, St. Louis, MO 63109

Registration limited to first 32 teams, payment secures tournament entry
Funds raised will support St. Raphael athletic programs, school activities and other parish needs

**St. Raphael the Archangel PTA
Eighth Annual
Marcia Matreci
Memorial Trivia Night**



WHEN...

Saturday, February 3, 2018

- **Doors open at 6:30 PM**
- **Trivia starts at 7:00 PM**

WHERE...

**SRA Gym
6000 Jamieson Ave / St. Louis, MO 63109**

***An incredibly fun PTA fundraiser -
reserve your table now!***

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING...

- **\$180/table
(up to 8 people)**
- **Includes 3 mulligans &
2 table games**
- **Includes soda & snacks**

RESERVATIONS...

- **Make checks payable to:
SRA PTA**
- **Complete bottom portion**
- **Return bottom portion
with payment to:**

**SRA Rectory
6047 Bishops Place
St. Louis, MO 63109
314.352.8100**

Contact Name, Number, & Email: _____

Table Members: _____



WED-FRI, DECEMBER 27th—29th
 FLOYD HACKER GYMNASIUM @ BISHOP DUBOURG

BOYS 5TH—7TH GRADE
 9:00—10:30AM

GIRLS 5TH—7TH GRADE
 10:30AM—12:00PM

\$30/player (includes camp t-shirt)

Campers will have the opportunity to train with
 Cavalier coaching staff and players!

*Camp will max out at 20 players per slot. Register today to reserve your spot!

REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.CAMPCAVALIER.ORG



**ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS
 AND HIGH SCHOOLERS**

Please join us this Wednesday, December 27 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg for our **UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY!** See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

ATTENTION, EIGHTH GRADERS

Save the date for LUKE 18
 February 16-18, 2018
 More information available at
saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18

**OUR LADY'S INN
 ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

CHAMINADE PREP
 DOORS OPEN 6:00PM - TRIVIA 7:00PM
 \$25 PER PERSON OR
 \$200 FOR TABLE OF TEN
 Katrina: 314.736.1544
ourladysinn.org

**19TH ANNUAL ST. LOUIS
 MARIAN CONFERENCE**

Conference is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018 at the Renaissance Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge. Confirmed speakers are: Bishop Robert Hermann; Fr. Charles Becker; John Carpenter; Fr. Joseph L. Coffey; Fr. Vincent Lampert, Exorcist; Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., E.W.T.N.; Fr. Tom Sullivan; Fr. Robert J. Brockland, C.M.; and Wayne Weible. For additional information, please call 314.401.1707 or visit stlmarianconference.net. Everyone welcome!

**55 AND OVER?
 WANT TO HAVE FUN?**

Join the St. Dominic Savio VIP Club. The Club meets at 12:30 pm on the 4th Sunday of every month in St. Dominic Savio's school cafeteria. For more information or to make reservations, please call 314.351.4088 or 314.504.6206.

ROSARY RECITATION

Recitation of the Rosary will help you get to know Mary better, which in turn gets you to know Jesus better. SRA invites any and all to pray the Rosary each week on Tuesday evenings, at 7:00pm in the Church. *May Mary hold your hands and help you along the great and sublime paths.*

