

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm
Confessions also available by
appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with
exposition) following 7:00am Mass
concluding at 2:00pm with Benediction
Subsequent Tuesday of each month
(without exposition) 7:30am to 2:30pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

ROSARY

Tuesday at 7:00pm in Church

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make
arrangements.

MARRIAGE

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 30, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY



Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

CLERGY & STAFF

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A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

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

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
DEC. 31, 2018-JAN. 6, 2019**

Monday, Dec. 31-Mary, Mother of God Vigil

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

Tuesday, January 1-Mary, Mother of God

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

Wednesday, January 2

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room Quilters
3:15pm - Gym 4th Gr. Girls Bball.
4:45pm - Gym 5th Gr. Boys Bball.
6:00pm - Gym 5-6th Gr. Girls Bball.
6:00pm - Cafeteria Step Class
8:30pm - Gym Men's Club Bball.

Thursday, January 3

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
2:00pm - School Dance Class
4:30pm - Gym 3rd Gr. Girls Bball.
5:45pm - Gym PreK-2nd Gr. Bball.
7:15pm - Gym 7th Gr. Girls Bball.

Friday, January 4

7:00am - Church Mass
3:00pm - Gym 7th Gr. Girls Bball.
5:00pm - Gym CYC Bball. Games

Saturday, January 5

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria Step Class
8:00am - Gym CYC Bball. Games
4:30pm - Church Mass

Sunday, January 6

8:00am - Church Mass-Fellowship
10:00am - Church Mass-Winter Sports
and Fellowship

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

How Can My Family Become Holy?

As we approach this Feast of the Holy Family, let us take a moment to reflect on how our family can become a Holy Family. Here is a reflection from Creighton University on this topic:

It is probably fair to say that none of us feels that our family is just like the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph can at first seem to be too unreachable an ideal for our own family. Perhaps, especially at this time of the year, we are most intensely aware of the limitations of our family. Of the various families we are a part of, selfishness, stubbornness, and independence can appear to be so great that we question the integrity of our family as a family, let alone see any real holiness there. How holy can my own family be? What help can a reflection upon the Holy Family have for me today?.

The first thing to consider is to humbly acknowledge the humanity of our family - including my own humanity and that of everyone in the group. Human beings are capable of great things, but every human being is also capable of great selfishness. This kind of acknowledgement isn't an acceptance of the behavior or dynamics of my family as good, or even that all of it should be tolerated. This first step is a step away from denial. We can't cope with what we don't even admit is there. The second step is to acknowledge that each person in the family is seeing things, and responding to them, from his or her own perspective. Nobody really wakes up in the morning and says, "How can I be selfish and difficult for everyone today"? We all are choosing something that seems to us to be good - perhaps good for me and not for you - but my choice is for something I see as good. This acknowledgement isn't very inspiring, but it can be helpful if it leads us to a growing understanding of what each of us in our family is looking for.

Real understanding can lead to real compassion. Maybe someone in the family is like a barking dog, or a self-absorbed princess, or is into self-protective control by not investing in conversation or self revelation, or even simply helping around the house. The more we see what is going on the easier it will be to try to see it with compassion. What fear is at work here? Dogs bark when they are afraid. Self-absorption and passive-aggression are so often rooted in fearful self-protection. Once we can see the underlying needs or hurts that seem to be shaping our behaviors, we can more easily love those family members. Love will heal us. Love will make us stronger. Love will lead to greater gratitude. And grateful people can more easily notice the needs of others and love them.

In Gratitude from SRA

Thank you for your continued generosity of prayer, ministry participation and financial support. Throughout Advent, approximately 500 people celebrated Mass each Sunday and 200 people celebrated Mass during our weekday Masses. During Advent, we had 27 hours of Eucharistic Adoration per week. Further, 5 people prayed the Rosary each week and 5 people took Holy Communion to fellow homebound parishioners. Five men and women participated in our weekly Bible study and prayer group. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society helped 20 families throughout the month with food or rent/utility assistance. Two hundred children attend the parish grade school and pre-k program each week. During volleyball and basketball seasons, we host games on Friday evenings, all day on Saturday, and on Sunday afternoons, welcoming hundreds of visitors to our parish. Each month, our parishioners take part in one of the parish's many ministries. Additionally, our 8th graders are ready to participate in the annual Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C. Finally, approximately 320 families over the past year contributed to the weekly offertory and averaged \$7,558.50 of giving each week.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for sharing all your gifts! Your active engagement truly keeps our parish Alive in Christ!

Eucharistic Adoration

Please do not forget that we will not have adoration on New Year's Day, but we will resume our time with Jesus from 3:00pm-Midnight on Wednesday, January 2, and Thursday, January 3. This week will conclude our Advent Adoration...if you have not had a chance to stop by the chapel, I encourage you to do so this week!

End of the Year Contributions

If you have an end-of-the-year contribution, we ask that you bring it to the parish office no later than noon on December 30. This will give our parish staff sufficient time to deposit and record it for tax purposes. Thanks! *On behalf of Msgr. Stehly, Deacon Geiser, and our entire staff here at St. Raphael the Archangel, we wish you and your families many blessings in the New Year of 2019!*

Please do not forget to begin this year honoring Mary and asking for the Lord's blessing at Mass.

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

Schedule of Services: Holy Days and Holidays

Weekend of December 29-30 (Feast of the Holy Family) Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 31 4:30pm Tuesday, January 1, 2019 8:00 and 10:00am

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the Holy Family of God which makes us brothers and sisters. At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brother and sisters" who are poor by assisting families with food, toiletries, gifts, and payments for utility and rent bills. Thank you.



Sunday, December 30

8:00am Pauline Zagroba
10:00am Vincenza & Vito Maniaci

Monday, December 31

7:00am Don Deachan
4:30pm Rosemary Judd

Tuesday, January 1

8:00am Michael J. Konroy
10:00am Jason Cuneo

Wednesday, January 2

7:00am Bill Goedel
8:00am Grace Vitale

Thursday, January 3

7:00am Helen Reezes
8:00am Mary Alice Colbert

Friday, January 4

7:00am Jeff Kreitler

Saturday, January 5

7:00am Dorothy Narayanan, SI
4:30pm Rose Marie Belli



THANK YOU!

Thanks to our generous parishioners, those assisted by Peter & Paul Community Services will enjoy a blessed Christmas. Thanks for donating to the Angel Tree.



SERVERS FOR DEC. 31, 2018 - JAN. 6, 2019

Monday, December 31-Mary, Mother of God Vigil

7:00am Flora Borowiak Mateo Switzer
4:30pm Mia Thompson Eva Thompson

Tuesday, January 1-Mary, Mother of God

8:00am Jack Stein Need 1 Server
10:00am Mateo Switzer Need 1 Server

Wednesday, January 2

7:00am Anna-Grace Guenther Cate Guenther
8:00am Thad Berta Addison Berta

Thursday, January 3

7:00am Sydney Browning Cillian Sheehan
8:00am School Selection

Friday, January 4

7:00am Madalene Cierpiot Isabella Pfeiffer

Saturday, January 5

7:00am Avery Bradshaw Jack Stein
4:30pm Rory Barnawell Lydia Bick
Flora Borowiak

Sunday, January 6

8:00am Alex Atchison Andrew Kellar
Mateo Switzer
10:00am Nahima Ramirez Josh Abbott
Samantha Koziacki

HOLIDAY MASSES LECTORS

December 31, Mary, Mother of God Vigil

4:30pm Kevin Liddy

January 1, Mary, Mother of God

8:00am Linda Hiette 10:00am Dennis Matreci

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 5-6, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm 8:00am 10:00am
Ron Goedecker Mary Reck Denise Howard

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathy Steck Carol Hughes Tom Yehlen
Pam Hager Kevin Liddy Dennis Matreci
Kathe Berger Mary Niemeyer Carolyn Skidmore
Gina Horas Mary Reck Greg Divis
Brian McCarthy Barbara Cramer Karen Divis
Ann Grabian

Due to the early publishing dates for the bulletin, the Weekly Offertories for the next few weeks will be off the normal schedule.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

December 16, 2018

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env (90)	\$ 3,732.00	\$ 116,759
Loose Money	\$ 895.00	\$ 21,782
School Tuition Assistance	\$ 0	\$ 2,163.00
Building Fund	\$ 110.00	\$ 2,273.00
Holy Days	\$ 130.00	\$ 2,237.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,235.00	\$ 46,998.00
Christmas Flowers	(\$ 80.00)	
Seminary	(\$ 175.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 7,357.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,102.00	\$191,589.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$226,000.00
Difference	(\$ 1,898.00)	(\$ 34,411.00)

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

There will NO Fifty Plus Club meeting in January since the normal meeting day falls on New Year’s Day. Happy New Year everyone!

Father Daughter Snowflake Ball Corsage and Boutonniere package

Price: \$18.00 for 1 corsage and 1 boutonniere

- Wrist Corsages
- White or cream roses, winter colors, whites, silvers
- No specific order requests
- Each additional corsage: \$12.00



Pick-Up:

- Friday, January 11, from 3:00-3:30 pm
- SRA cafeteria

Please submit orders by Jan. 4th

Send payment and form below, in envelope, to SRA school office.

- **Checks made payable to: Russell Florist**

Attn: Anteneya Eddingfield (4th and Kdg. mom)

Questions, please call: 314.210.9845

With each package purchased, \$3.00 will be donated to SRA Girl Scout Troops.

Thank You Russell Florist!

Russell Florist

5001 Gravois Ave St. Louis, Mo 63116

314-351-4676

Family Name: _____ **Contact Number:** _____

Boutonnieres ordered: _____ **Corsages ordered:** _____

Payment Type: Check _____ Cash _____ **Amount enclosed:** _____



Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God (Holy
Day of Obligation)

Sunday, January 6

Fellowship Sunday

Saturday, January 12

Snowflake Ball

Saturday, February 2

Trivia Night

Saturday, February 9

Wedding Anniversary Mass
and Dinner



All girls of St. Raphael the Archangel School or Parish
in kindergarten through 8th grade



please join us with your father or special someone for a glamorous evening at the

Father Daughter Snowflake Ball

on Saturday, the twelfth of January
two thousand nineteen

at half past six o'clock in the evening until half past eight o'clock in the evening
St. Raphael the Archangel School Gymnasium



Appetizers and Desserts

\$35.00 per family

Photo Booth and Dancing



Glamorous Evening Attire

Sponsored by the Girl Scouts of St. Raphael the Archangel School

Please return reservation form and money in an envelope to the school office marked **Father Daughter Snowflake Ball** by Friday, January 4th.
Please make check payable to **SRA**.

For further information, please contact
Donna Videmschek at 314.306.2668 or
dvidemschek@stjosephacademy.org.

Father Daughter
Snowflake Ball
Reservation Form

Family Name: _____
Number Attending: _____

SAVE THE DATE - WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

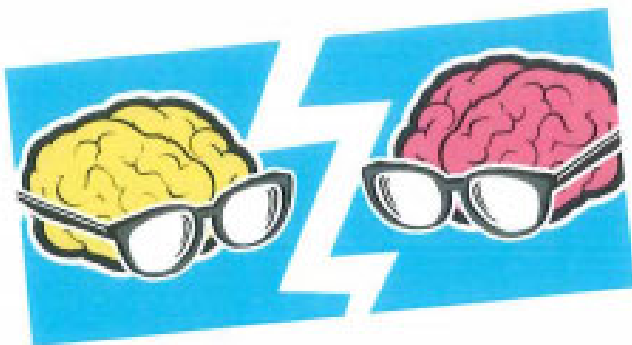
Saturday, February 9, 2019 after the 4:30pm Mass, there will be a reception for couples who are celebrating a milestone anniversary. If you will be married this coming year (2019) for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60-plus years, please call the parish office at 314.352.8100 or email us at parish@straphaelarchangel.org with your wedding date. We will place you on our list for an invitation. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

REMINDER!

As we wind down 2018, this is a friendly reminder to update your personal information. It is important to keep this information updated as we often send out important notices and emails, such as Flocknotes, etc.

Please let the parish office know of any changes you may have had to home telephone numbers, cell numbers, email addresses, home addresses, etc. Thank you.

**St. Raphael the Archangel
Home & School Association
9th Annual
Marcia Matreci
Memorial Trivia Night**



WHEN...

Saturday, February 2, 2019

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

WHERE...

**St. Raphael the Archangel Gym
6000 Jamieson Avenue / St. Louis, MO 63109**

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING...

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

RESERVATIONS...

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

SRA Rectory

6047 Bishops Place

St. Louis, MO 63109

314.352.8100

QUESTIONS...

- **Sharon Yehlen
sharona66@aol.com**

Contact Name, Number, & Email: _____

Table Members: _____

EXPLORING MIGRATION: A FAITH JOURNEY

St. Margaret of Scotland Living Justice Ministry is offering a faith-filled program. What does our faith journey and the Gospel call us to as we experience what is going on with our sisters and brothers in our country regarding refugees, human trafficking and immigration? These are complex issues that are re-shaping the cultural, economic, and political landscape of our world and yet we are called to respond in faith with dignity and love.

This eight-session, faith-filled program provides you with a chance to explore immigration, refugees and human trafficking and to discover more about our Catholic teachings, our values, our God, and the millions of people who are on the move in every part of the world.

The program begins with prayer and has time to share, to discuss the readings from the two books in the program, view and discuss videos, talk with special guests and ultimately discern what this means for me as I live my faith-life. Each session lasts a little over 2 hours each beginning Thursday January 24 and continuing for a total of eight consecutive sessions.

The program is from January 24, 2019 to March 14 at St. Margaret of Scotland School (3964 Castleman). Registration is required. You can register on [WeShare](#) on the St. Margaret of Scotland webpage: <http://www.stmargaretstl.org/>. The group is limited to 15 people. Registration is on-line and the fee is \$15. We will use two paperbacks. You will receive more information upon registering. If you have any questions or if you would like to participate but require financial assistance to do so, please contact Astrid Homan at 636.399.0366; astrid@frontier.net.

WEDDING BANNERS III

There is a promise of marriage between Grace Bueckendorf and Joseph Wright to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, January 5, 2019.



MARCH FOR LIFE 2019

Missouri Life Caravan is now accepting registrations for a bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC, Thursday-Saturday, January 17-19, 2019. Join thousands of others for this huge pro-life gathering. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). You will depart from locations in the St. Louis area. No hotel is provided. Cost is \$125 if received by December 21. Cost after that is \$220. Registration deadline is January 2, 2019. For registration and bus information, please call 314.434.4900 or email mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. Web site is easternregionmrl.org.

- Search for a Catholic app for your phone and use during idle time vs. checking emails
- Learn more about your patron saint
- Attend an extra Mass during the week
- Go to confession more often
- Read the Bible
- Volunteer in your parish, e.g., lector, become a Eucharistic Minister, join the choir, etc.
- Pray the rosary or attend the weekly rosary recitation on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in Church
- Listen to St. Louis' Catholic Radio Station, AM 1080, WRYT
- Read a book about the Catholic faith
- Spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament





Saint Louis LIFETEEN

Attention, all high schoolers! Please join us this Wednesday, January 2, from 7-9 at Bishop Du-Bourg, for our Ugly Sweater Christmas Party! We cannot wait to continue to celebrate the Christmas season with you. For more information, see saintlouislifeteen.org.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. LOUIS MARIAN CONFERENCE

Event will be held at the Renaissance Hotel January 11-13, 2019. Confirmed speakers are Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Dr. Gregory Thompson, Peggy Schneier, Fr. Vincent Lampert, Mary Loy McCall, Fr. Tom Sullivan, Bishop Robert Hermann, and Fr. Charles Becker. For additional information, please call 314.401.1707 or visit the web site at stmarianconference.net.

You're Invited!

Please join us for the Sixth Annual Christmas Concert,
**Sounds of the Season:
An Afternoon of Song and Prayer**

**Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 2:00 pm
at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
5801 Pernod, 63139.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

CHRIST IS COME

Emmanuel is with us. Christ is come. No one has seen God, but Jesus makes God known to us. Christ still comes speaking light into our darkness and our fears, Life into our grief and dying, even losses of the daily kind. Christ comes to make a home among us and to connect us, once again, with each other. In His name we become children of God and receive grace upon grace. When we abide in Jesus and He in us, wherever we live, we are at home within the heart of God. Then we sing: "O taste and see that Life is good, and God is very good indeed." Thank you, Lord God, for the gift of Life. Bless and keep all of us in the St. Raphael Community.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee



WELCOME TO ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH FAMILY!

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/Email/Address

Please Contact Me

Please Do Not Publish #