



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2017  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm  
Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

### WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am  
Monday through Saturday 7:00 am

### 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

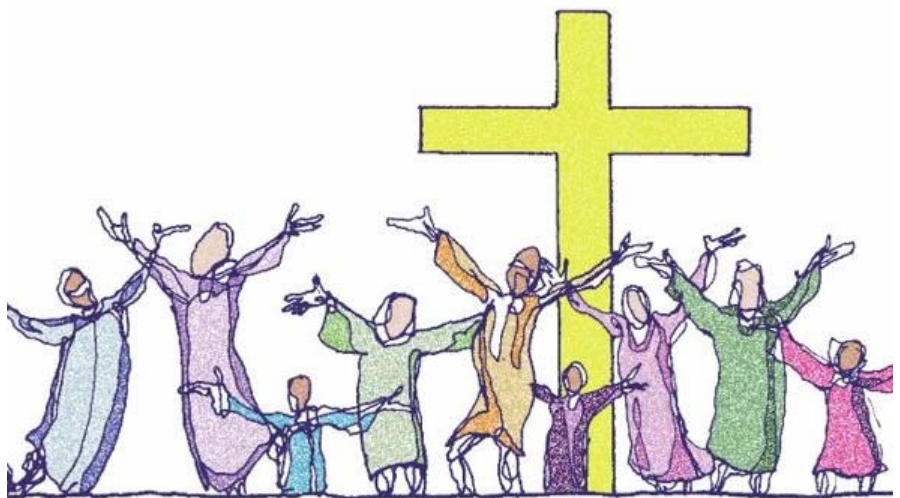
Tuesday mornings at 6:50 am

### CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm on Saturday

## Simply Live!

*True Religion for the 21st Century*



*As a strong Parish Family we need to continually renew our vision of who we are and what our purpose is. For this reason we have scheduled an SRA Parish Mission.*

**WHEN: SUNDAY MARCH 5TH - THURSDAY MARCH 9TH, 2017**  
**WHERE: ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH**  
**MAIN SERVICE: 7:00 PM EACH EVENING**

*The mission will be lead by Fr. George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.*

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## CLERGY & STAFF

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<b>Deacon Roger Kreitler</b>	Permanent Deacon
<b>Deacon Gerald J. Geiser</b>	Retired Deacon
<b>Deacon Ron Holmes</b>	Permanent Deacon and Pastoral Associate
<b>Mrs. Diane Halbert</b>	Parish Office Manager
<b>Mrs. Mickey Janos</b>	Admin. Assistant
<b>Mr. Robert Schlueter</b>	Maintenance
<b>Mr. Josh Knauer</b>	Maintenance
<b>Dr. Nancy Deacon</b>	Music Director
<b>Mrs. Kim Vangel</b>	School Principal
<b>Mrs. Linda Mechler</b>	School Secretary
<b>Mrs. Amy Ruggeri</b>	Cafeteria Manager
<b>Mr. Bill Cremers</b>	Seminarian

### PHONE NUMBERS:

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Parish and School **Twitter:** @SRAtoday

**MyParish App** - Text 'App' to 88202

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Thursday**

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Friday**

7:30 am to 1:30 pm



## 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."*



## PARISH INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION:

New members are encouraged to see the Pastor, Deacons, or to call the Parish Office to register.

### BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish Office just before or shortly after the birth of your child to make arrangements for Baptismal Instructions and arrange for a Baptismal date.

### MARRIAGE:

Those seeking marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date of the wedding to begin the Church process of marriage preparation.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

Please call the Parish Office for information on becoming Catholic.

## FR. BOB'S COLUMN

### MAKE TIME FOR CHRIST!

As Catholic Christians we are disciples of Jesus and the apostles of the Gospel. Yet our daily lives are so full that we sometimes forget "who we are and whose we are." A Parish Mission is a time of listening to God's word, remembering what Christ has done and re-energizing our true selves.

Set aside the evenings of Sunday, March 5th, through Thursday, March 9th, for "**SIMPLY LIVE! True Religion for the 21st Century**," a renewal program conducted by Father George Knab, O.M.I. Make plans to be there!

# Simply Live!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### 15 SRA MARRIED COUPLES ARE CELEBRATING SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES AT OUR SATURDAY 4:30 MASS, FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL MEAL!

As Catholics we know that marriage between a man and woman is a sacrament through which we share in a special relationship with Christ. Our St. Raphael Parish Family honors these 15 couples who are celebrating their 1st anniversary, or 25th, or 50th, or even higher anniversaries in 2017. These women and men are excellent models and mentors to others in our parish. We are grateful to them for their love and perseverance for so many years.

Special thanks to Greg and Karen Divis for again organizing this annual event, and Brian Smith for preparing such an excellent meal, as always!

P.S. Happy St. Valentine's Day to all of our SRA married couples! May God bless you and the saints pray for you!

### FIFTY & BEYOND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Check out the thermometer on the bulletin insert. We are almost to the top. We need just a few more St. Raphael parish members to make it to the top. Have you made your commitment to support Catholic education and the upkeep on our 50-year-old church? Still not too late! We need you!

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

#### INTERESTED IN BRINGING OUR LORD IN HOLY COMMUNION TO ONE OF OUR MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY?

TRAINING SESSION, Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 7:30pm in Church

We are seeking new volunteers who would like to assist our newly formed Pastoral Care Ministry as we ensure that the elderly and sick members of our St. Raphael Parish Family feel a sense of belonging and connection to the Body of Christ and our parish celebration of the Eucharist. We are also asking that all who are currently bringing Communion to someone who is homebound come and use this as a refresher course.

Prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to this important Ministry. The commitment is about 20 minutes per week with plenty of flexibility. Come and learn more. Any questions, contact Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310, or [greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net).

### SRA QUILT RAFFLE

Check your mail for raffle tickets which you can send in and possibly win a lovely pink and burgundy queen-sized quilt, all hand-embroidered and hand-quilted by ladies who meet at our SRA rectory on Wednesdays. Want to join them? They could use an extra quilter or two. Profits from the raffle will go for church supplies for our SRA parish liturgy.

**SERVERS FOR FEB. 13TH - 19TH**

**Monday –Tuesday**

7:00 am Sarah Brinkmann Christian Concepcion  
 8:00 am Liberty Kocsis Mackenzie S.-Walk

**Wednesday-Thursday**

7:00 am Thad Berta Addison Berta  
 8:00 am Gillian Neal Lucille Schlichting

**Friday**

7:00 am Lydia Bick Anna Mersinger

**Saturday**

7:00 am Lydia Bick Anna Mersinger

4:30 pm Eva Thompson Mia Thompson  
 Kristina Videmschek

**Sunday**

8:00 am Christian Concepcion Sophia DiMartino  
 Kristin Nienhaus

10:00 pm Rory Barnawell Madelene Cierpiot  
 Grace Goeddel

**WEEKEND OF FEB. 18TH-19TH**

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

**PRIEST:**

Fr. Bob Reiker              Fr. Bob Reiker              Fr. Bob Reiker

**LECTORS:**

Bob Ahrens                      Amy Ruggeri                      Family Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Helen Doyle	Lorraine Gurley	Joan Billing
Bob Ahrens	Sue Lawton	Ted Green
Maureen Ahrens	Vicki Winter	Mary Faith Green
George Kerry	Amy Ruggeri	Barbara Favre
Jane Hinkebein	Rosita Koehler	Heather Hays
Margie Auer	Tony Mariani	Fred Hodes
		Steve Kratky

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sun., Feb. 12th**

8:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Rose Smart

**Monday, Feb. 13th**

7:00 am Fritz Family  
 8:00 am Don Deachan

**Tuesday, Feb. 14th**

7:00 am Mary Anne Toohey  
 8:00 am Virginia Steck

**Wednesday, Feb. 15th**

7:00 am Ken Zysk  
 8:00 am Dennis M. Beaver & Family

**Thursday, Feb. 16th**

7:00 am Claudette Petrofsky  
 8:00 am Joe Holtzsch

**Friday, Feb. 17th**

7:00 am Erna Sinovcic

**Saturday, Feb. 18th**

7:00 am Marcia Matreci  
 4:30 pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, Feb. 19th**

8:00 am John Crowley  
 10:00 am Ralph & Agnes Hager

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 4/5, 2017**

Sunday Collection	\$8,204.00
Online Giving	\$1,427.00
<b>Weekly Offertory Collection</b>	<b>\$9,631.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
Tuition Assistance	\$ 50.00
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$206,370.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal</b>	<b>\$264,000.00</b>

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

“Often, however, such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesial communities, prior to any knowledge of the migrants’ lives or their stories of persecution and destitution. In such, suspicion and prejudice conflict with the biblical commandment of welcoming with respect and solidarity the stranger in need.” *Pope Francis*

**International Students - Bishop DuBourg High School**

Are there any families in your parish who host, or are looking to host, a student?  
 Contact Ryan Sykora      Dir. of Admissions      314.832.3030

# St. Raphael Ladies Club Vendor Fair



**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

6000 Jamieson, St. Louis, MO 63109

The fair will be held in the Gymnasium

*Thursday, February 16, 2017*

*7-9 p.m.*



#SRASTRONG

## *Grow Your Community, Shop Local*

Please join the Ladies' Club on **Thursday, February 16 from 7-9pm** in the **GYM** for our first SRA Ladies' Club Vendor Fair. We have 45+ local vendors and home-based businesses offering a variety of products or services, including: handcrafted gifts; home accessories; custom costume and fashion jewelry; personal care items; gift baskets; fashion accessories; vintage clothing; outerwear; unique one-of-a kind gifts; and more. Please bring a friend (or several) for this fun evening of shopping local to support SRA and your local community.

Free to attend. **Food and beverages will be available for purchase.** Stop by the Ladies' Club table for a chance to win a VIP package to the Quarter Auction!



# SCHOOL OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*Formed in Faith, Prepared for Life*

**FAITH** – St. Raphael the Archangel School guides its students as they form their knowledge of the Catholic faith and their love for Jesus Christ, in an environment that promotes compassionate hearts through habits of personal prayer, reflection, and community service.

**CHARACTER** – Our school and parish community endeavor to develop each student’s character by modeling and practicing the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. We nurture our students’ perseverance, sense of gratitude, leadership, and ability to make informed moral choices.

**ACADEMICS** – We utilize a rigorous, measurable academic program that develops critical thinking skills, promotes imagination, celebrates individual gifts and talents, and fosters a life-long love of learning.

## Small Design, BIG Results

### THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, Feb. 13th	Tues., Feb. 14th	Wed., Feb. 15th	Thurs., Feb. 16th	Friday, Feb. 17th
Meatball Monday	Pepperoni Pizza	Mac ‘n Cheese & Popcorn Chicken	Hamburger & Tator Tots	No School

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The process for the 2017-2018 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2017. If you are interested in touring our school or would like to request a packet of information and the registration form you will need to complete, please call the school office at [314.352.9474](tel:314.352.9474). Registration packets may also be mailed if requested.

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Raphael School offers a Preschool Program for 3-5-year-olds. We provide a safe and nurturing environment in which children can learn, grow, and play together. Full time and part time options are available. Our Preschool fills up very quickly.



St. Raphael School Principal and several teachers at the Marcia Matreci Trivia Night last weekend. Their motto, “We don’t teach kids to memorize trivia; we teach kids to think!”

Bible Study continues on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. No need to sign up, just come. Everyone is welcome!



## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

School Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is officially OPEN! Registration packets for all current SRA School Families have been sent home, so please check the depths of your kids' backpacks if you haven't seen yours yet. All Registration Forms are also available on our school website for you to print and complete: [straphaelarchangel.org](http://straphaelarchangel.org).

Please remember to apply for financial assistance through the Archdiocese of Saint Louis ([ttef@aarchstl.org](mailto:ttef@aarchstl.org)); these scholarships are open to families with higher income levels this year so you may be surprised! These scholarships are provided through money that YOU have donated to the parish in the past, so please take advantage if you qualify.

We received wonderful news over the past weekend that ALL of our 8th-Grade students were accepted into their 1st-choice Catholic High Schools. We are so proud of them and we congratulate our 8th-Graders for all of their hard work leading to this achievement! This is where the SRA Class of 2017 is headed.

### Vianney

Gabe Anderson  
Jake Kellar  
Michael Menendez

### Bishop DuBourg

Liberty Kocsis

### Affton High School

Kailee Nerviani

### SLUH

Andrew Borowiak

### Cor Jesu

Natalie Davis  
Alyssa Schaefer

### Notre Dame

Sophia DiMartino  
Anna Ojile

### Ursuline Academy

Frannie Benoist  
Katie Delf  
Victoria Naeger

### St. Louis Priory

Joe Cyr

### Nerinx Hall

Sarah Brinkmann  
Abby Stein

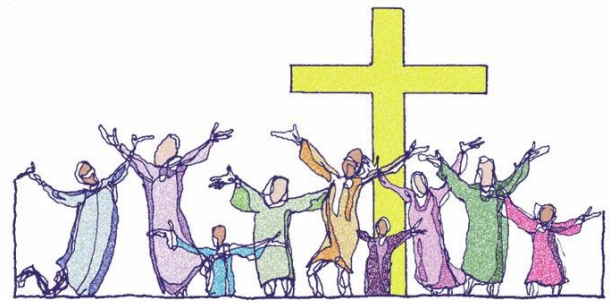
### Rosati-Kain

Merritt Jugo  
Mackenzie Sampson-Walk

**CONGRATULATIONS, SRA CLASS OF 2017!**

## UPCOMING Events

- February 16 Ladies' Club Vendor  
Fair  
February 18 Progressive Dinner  
March 5-9 Parish Mission  
March 20-24 Spring Break



SIMPLY LIVE! True Religion for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

St. Raphael, a parish family growing together in Christ

**Parish Mission  
March 5-9, 2017**

### The Wild Goose Project

An Adult Faith Formation Series to Welcome the Holy Spirit To Work in Your Life

Everyone is welcome. We will meet on Tuesday evenings for a video presentation, prayer and sharing, at 7:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Office. Gatherings will last no more than one hour and no workbook is required, so no cost to participate. The first three sessions will be held on **February 14, 21, 28** and then we will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month until we go through the complete series.

Here is some information about the series created by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. "The Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholics into a life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit desires to be present to us in a manner that brings light out of darkness, freedom out of bondage, order out of chaos and life out of death.

The Wild Goose Series is fourteen independent segments dealing with different experiences of the Holy Spirit. For the most part, each segment stands on its own so you do not have to watch the DVDs in any particular order. However, the first three segments give a foundation to the others, so it is best to start with these. If you would like to join us, please contact Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304 or [susan\\_brandt@att.net](mailto:susan_brandt@att.net) so we know how many to set up for. Why not take a leap of faith and see what adventures the Holy Spirit may have in store for you? [www.thewildgooseisloose.com](http://www.thewildgooseisloose.com)

### A PRAYER TO ST. VALENTINE

Dear Saint and Glorious Martyr,

Teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other in God. Love is patient and kind. It doesn't envy or boast and it's never proud. Love is not rude or selfish. It doesn't get angry easily or keep track of wrongs. Love doesn't delight in bad things but rejoices in the truth. Love always protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres. Love never fails. Amen.



### QUILT RAFFLE

Watch your mail box for a chance to win the quilt pictured above, which was hand-quilted by St. Raphael's quilters. Profits will be used for church supplies that are needed for Parish liturgies.  
*St. Raphael's Quilters*



Please join us February 18<sup>th</sup>  
for the annual  
SRA Parish and School

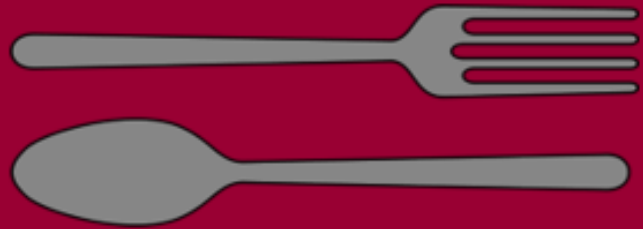
*Progressive Dinner*

Appetizers....Dinner....Dessert....Music

Dessert will be held at the home |  
of Ray and Mary Anne Braun

Tickets are \$30.00 per person  
unless you are an appetizer or dinner host.  
Reservations can be sent to the  
rectory or school office  
care of Jenny Delf.

Don't Miss the Fun!



Saturday, February 18th at 6:30 pm. Various homes to be announced.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to Host: Appetizer \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to provide a dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to SRA

**SERVING DINNER AT STS. PETER & PAUL**

Peter and Paul Community Services offers an evening meal 20 days out of each month to people who may be on limited or fixed incomes. On **February 16**, parishioners of St. Raphael will provide the meal. We are excited about this opportunity to reach out to those in need. If you are interested in helping us, we could use the following items:

Meal Preparers and Servers  
Sweetened Kool-Aid

Coffee  
Financial Donations

Paper Towels

(checks payable to SRA and marked for Sts. Peter & Paul)

If you would like to contribute and/or are interested in preparing and serving the meal, please contact Mary Faith at 832.3310 or [greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net).

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Monday, Feb. 13th

3:15 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts
3:45 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
6:45 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scout Meeting
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	Parish Council
7:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
7:00 pm - Angel Room	RCIA
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	St. V. de Paul

### Tuesday, Feb. 14th

1:30 pm - Tobias Room	Bible Study
3:15 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
6:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
7:00 pm - Church	Wkly. Rosary Recitation
7:30 pm - Raphael Room	Wild Goose Project Prst.
7:30 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice

### Wednesday, Feb. 15th

9:00 am- Quilters Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Church	SRA Schola Rehearsal
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
6:00 pm- Cafeteria	Step Class
6:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
7:00 pm - Church	Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scout Meeting

### Thursday, Feb. 16th

2:00 pm - School	SRA Dance Classes
6:00 pm - Gym	Vendor Fair

### Friday, Feb. 17th

3:15 pm - Tobias Room	Marian Award
3:15 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
5:00 pm - Gym	League Play

### Saturday, Feb. 18th

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
8:00 am - Gym	BB Tournament
6:30 pm - Various Homes	Progressive Dinner

### Sunday, Feb. 19th

8:00 am - Gym	BB Tournament
8:00 am - 11:00 am Café	Donut Sunday



### ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Please join us this **Wednesday, Feb. 15** from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we finish our series on vocations and look at the Universal Call to Holiness.

See [www.saintlouislifeteen.org](http://www.saintlouislifeteen.org) for more information.

**SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS NEEDED!** We are in need of generous area parishioners to help with our Luke 18 retreat scholarship fund. Please email [lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org](mailto:lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org) if you are able to help! And please pray for us!



### *2 hear music in the air!*

Have you thought about.....

giving the choir a try? In preparation for the season of Lent and the following

Eastertide, have you considered singing in the choir?

Members are always welcome, at any time of the year, but with preparations beginning for Lent and Easter, now is the perfect time to try out the choir. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in church. After a brief time you will see what a wonderful group of people the choir is! We rehearse, laugh, support one another and, of course, pray during our weekly rehearsals. We would love to have you join us! This is a perfect ministry for you to journey with during Lent.

There are also several opportunities for cantor positions.

These are by audition only, requiring a vocal evaluation with the Music Director. Please contact the Music Director for an appointment - [musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org). If you have any questions, or you would like to start rehearsals, please call Nancy Deacon at 314.352.8100 Ext. 220.

### 2017 CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men for Christ Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, February 18th**. This year's speakers include John Leyendecker, Fr. Art Cavitt, Jon Leonetti, and Damon Owens, along with emcee Zip Rzeppa. The conference will be held at The Touhill Performing Arts Center, located on the UMSL campus.

For more information and to register, please visit the Catholic Men for Christ website [catholicmen-forchrist.org](http://catholicmen-forchrist.org) or call The Touhill ticket office directly at 314.516.4949.

## Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

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Contact: Parish Office 314-352-8100

Special Instructions: