



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 26TH, 2017
EIGHTH 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

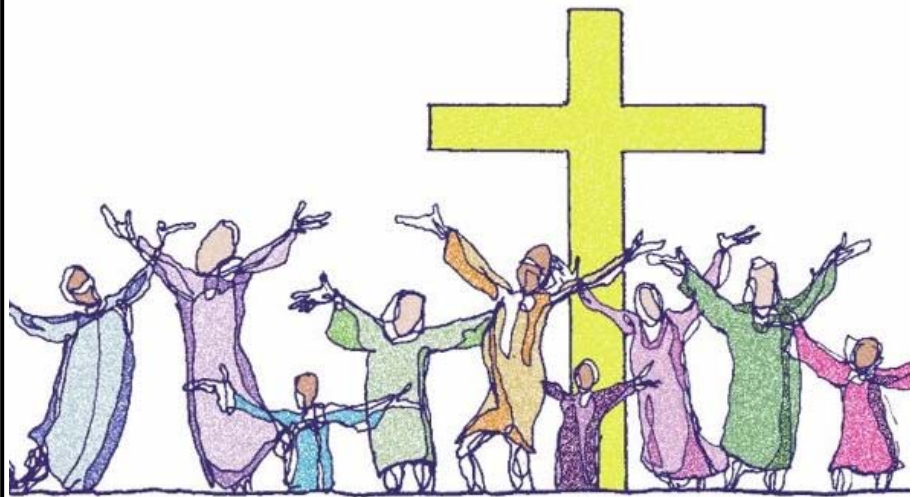
PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

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



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

Sunday	BEAUTY OF THE EARTH Honoring the Elements
Monday	BEFRIENDING OUR GRIEF Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday	HEALING OF THE NATIONS Healing of Memory Prayer and Prayer of Faith
Wednesday	ALIVE AND WELL Celebration of Mass and Guided Holy Hour
Thursday	SUNDAY AND BEYOND Benediction & Announcment of Plenary Indulgences

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

7:30 am to 1:30 pm

CLERGY & STAFF

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

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 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.

PHONE NUMBERS:

<u>Parish Office</u>	314.352.8100
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Parish Administrator	Ext 214
Bookkeeper	Ext 211
Music Director	Ext 220
Admn. Asst.	Ext 210
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Prayer Tree Please call the Parish Office

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Parish and School

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@SRAtoday

MyParish App

Text 'App' to 88202

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

ST. RAPHAEL PARISH MISSION BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND!

A renew program, entitled "Simply Live! True Religion for the 21st Century." will begin on Sunday evening, March 5th, at 7pm in church. Conducted by Father George Knab, OMI from Belleville, Illinois, it includes evening services at 7pm that last not much more than an hour. The services include preaching, prayer, song and ritual that open human hearts to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Father George will also celebrate morning Mass at 7am on Monday and Tuesday, and at 8am Mass on Wednesday and Thursday; he will give a brief informal talk afterwards in the St. Raphael Room in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. A complete schedule will be in the bulletin next Sunday. Plan to bring a friend or neighbor to the Mission.



Simply Live!

ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT THIS WEEK!

It feels warm enough lately that it feels like Spring and Easter must be getting really close. Well, not quite! But Ash Wednesday is here, March 1st. SRA will have the first Lenten Masses of the season at 7am, 8am, and 7pm, with distribution of blessed ashes during each Mass.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is officially a day of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence means refraining from eating meat. Each Friday during Lent is still a day of abstinence from meat. (Personally I feel that it fits the sacrificial spirit of Lent on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday to even refrain from a sumptuous seafood dinner.) Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means only one full meal a day with two smaller meals, and nothing between meals, except liquids. Again the idea is to make this a sacrifice offered in a spirit of penitence for our sins. No Catholic should lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation, unless there is a serious health problem.

THE SEASON OF LENT – A TIME OF PENANCE AND RENEWAL TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE GREAT FEAST DAYS CELEBRATING THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS – THE PASCHAL MYSTERY!

We should strive to make the Season of Lent like a spiritual “spring training” – going back to the basic skills of being a star player on Jesus’ team of disciples. This includes developing different forms of prayer and penance, including:

- Attending aily Mass at 7am (done by 7:30), or at least one extra Mass each week besides Sunday.
- Attending aily Mass at 8am (Mon.-Thur.) with our school children. This is especially good for school parents after you drop off your students.
- Starting a streak of 6 Sunday Masses in a row without missing even one – leading up to Easter. (Coming together as a family to one Mass is an exceptionally good idea.)
- Reading a passage from the Bible every day.
- Praying the rosary daily, especially along with your children.
- Choosing some extra forms of fasting, that is, giving up something that is good, just as a sacrifice for our sins – maybe TV, internet browsing, a favorite beverage or comfort food.
- Giving some extra time to help a neighbor or a friend.
- Making a donation to help the poor through our St. Vincent de Paul Society, our “Buy a Van” Lenten Project, your favorite charity, or a person in need.
- Visiting a nursing home or hospital.
- Coming to my weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays at 1:30pm, or our Lenten adult education program, “*Wild Goose*,” a video series on the Holy Spirit on Tuesdays at 7:30pm.
- Checking out this Eucharist Lenten program – livingtheeucharist.org/, or [daily Lenten reflections, dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/#signup](http://dailyLentenreflections.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/#signup).
- Choosing your own good Lenten activities.

SERVERS FOR FEB. 27TH - MARCH 6TH

Monday –Tuesday Feb. 27/28

7:00 am Sam Schicker Lillian Weber
 8:00 am Merritt Jugo Katelyn Massey

Wednesday-Thursday March 1/2

7:00 am Sarah Brinkmann Natalie Davis
 8:00 am Frannie Benoist Miranda Sullenger

Friday March 3

7:00 am Lydia Bick Sam Schicker

Saturday March 4

7:00 am Gillian Neal Isabella Pfeiffer

4:30 pm Samantha Koziacki Lucille Schlichting
 Miranda Sullenger

Sunday March 5

8:00 am Mady Shine Abigail Stein
 Spencer Willman

10:00 pm Flora Borowiak Andrew Borowiak
 Christian Concepcion

WEEKEND OF MARCH 4TH & 5TH

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

PRIEST:

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

LECTORS:

Helen Doyle Kristine McCloskey Denise Howard

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Joe Zulich
Jerriann Blassie	Beverly Whitworth	Dan Harbaugh
Pam Hager	Mary Niemeyer	Mary Alice Goedeker
Kathe Berger	Joyce Holmes	Amy Schisler
Nancy McCarthy	Mary Reck	Lori Ashmore - Ruppel
Gina Horas	Barbara Cramer	Matt Fuhr
Brian McCarthy		Anna Skidmore

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun., Feb. 26th

8:00 am People of the Parish
 10:00 am Agnes Hager

Monday, Feb. 27th

7:00 am Bart Saracino
 8:00 am Dorothy Kirner

Tuesday, Feb. 28th

7:00 am Joe LeGrand
 8:00 am Teresa Cotton

Wednesday, March 1st

7:00 am Margaret LaRose
 8:00 am Bernice Heede

Thursday, March 2nd

7:00 am Rose Smart
 8:00 am Barbara Pfeiffer

Friday, March 3rd

7:00 am Virginia Steck

Saturday, March 4th

7:00 am Carl Balliett
 4:30 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, March 5th

8:00 am Rose Smart
 10:00 Marilyn Remmler

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 18/19, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$4,928.01
Online Giving	\$ 927.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$5855.01
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 37.98
Fiscal Year-To-Date	\$272,270.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$280,000.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father knows all that we need, and so we need to let tomorrow take care of itself, as today has troubles enough of its own. This month, through your gifts, the society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve a hot meal to over 160 homeless brethren at Saints Peter and Paul, and assist families in our parish boundaries with food, rent and utility bills. Thank you!

VIANNEY WELCOMES 7TH GRADERS

Interested in being a Griffin and taking a shadow visit during March or April? Students will be paired up with a current Griffin, experiencing our innovative and hands-on curriculum, family spirit and the world famous lunch in the Griffins' Cafe. To sign up online, visit the Vianney page and check out the online calendar. Once you find an open date that works for you, scroll down, and click on the "Schedule a Visit" icon. There, you can fill out the online form and submit it! You'll receive a call from our admissions office to confirm your day.

If parents have questions or would like a tour from our Admissions Director, you can set that up by calling Monica Sabatino at 314-965-4853 ext. 134 or via email at msabatino@vianney.com.



OUTDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM

There will be an outdoor soccer program for boys and girls of our SRA Parish, ages 5 - 12. The program will begin in early April and be held at Lutheran South High School.

For more information, please call Marty at 314.393.1164.

"The Church is Mother, and her motherly attention is expressed with special tenderness and closeness to those who are obliged to flee their own country and exist between rootlessness and integration. This tension destroys people. Christian compassion - this 'suffering with' compassion - is expressed first of all in the commitment to obtain knowledge of the events that force people to leave their homeland, and where necessary, to give voice to those who cannot manage to make their cry of distress and oppression heard. They are all elements that dehumanize and must push every Christian and the whole community to concrete attention." Pope Francis



Save the date for a Swinging good time!



The St. Raphael Wicket Club cordially invites you

to the biennial croquet tournament

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

1:00 Post Meridian Prompt

at the home of Ben and Jennifer Delf

Hors d'oeuvres, Beverages and Dessert Provided

\$45.00 per person

Proper Attire Required

Sign up and more information to come!

Hosted by the Niebling Family and Delf Family



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. 27th	Tues., Feb. 28th	Wed., Mar. 1st	Thurs., Mar. 2nd	Friday, Mar. 3rd
Toasted Ravioli, Salad, Garlic Bread	Chicken Strips, Buttered Noodles & Carrots	Popcorn Shrimp & Salad	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes	Mozzarella Sticks

The following students were selected to participate in the Archdiocesan Elementary Instrumental Music Festival last Sunday at Bishop DuBourg High School.

With Honors:

Rachel Schaefer
Gavin Smith

Jake Kellar
Andrew Borowiak

Ursuline Academy invites 7th-grade girls to spend a day with us. We would love to have you meet our students and staff - and lunch is on us! Join us and see what is new at UA. Please call 314.984.2882 or register at ursulinesl.org/visit. 5th-, 6th-, and- 7th-graders are welcome to join us for “Be A Bear for a Day,” **Thursday, April 20, 2017**. Reserve your spot today at ursulinesl.org/beabearforaday.

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.

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.

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

Many of you have been asking for information regarding our school calendar for next school year; we are in the middle of that process and should have the basic calendar to share with you soon. The calendar development process works like this: I develop a first draft of the school calendar, taking into account all the state and Archdiocesan requirements, plus feedback and experience from prior years. I share the draft calendar with the Pastor for his initial approval. The draft calendar then goes to the School Board and the members offer advice and feedback. Then I share the draft calendar with our teachers who also offer advice and feedback. Finally I develop a final calendar that takes all of the above into account and share it with all of you! It's one of those situations where I know I cannot make everyone happy, but I do my best to meet all the school requirements and make as many people happy as possible.

Our Early Childhood Teachers (Preschool - 3rd Grade) received training last weekend on a handwriting program that SRA will be adopting called Handwriting Without Tears. This program is geared toward teachers from Preschool through 5th Grade, and it offers a systematic and effective method for teaching handwriting that has been very successful in schools across the country. The Handwriting Without Tears (HWT) program is based on both educational and occupational therapy ideas and concepts, and it offers us a way to guide our students' handwriting through all developmental stages in an appropriate way.

For example, one of the things teachers really struggle with is the way in which many students grip their pencils and other writing instruments. Our EC teachers learned that these inappropriate grips often can be traced to children using pencils, crayons, etc. that are too big for their hands at the early stages of fine motor development. In order to teach appropriate grip, HWT suggests that we only use very short pencils and pieces of crayons, thereby forcing the child to grasp the writing instrument with the thumb and first two fingers - try this at home - there's no other way to write with a stubby little pencil or piece of a crayon than with those three fingers! Does that mean that we are going to break all of our pencils and crayons? No, of course not...at least not right away!

We will continue to study the HWT program and try implementing small portions of it throughout the remainder of this school year. Our plan is to incorporate the HWT goals and standards into our St. Raphael curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year in Preschool through 3rd Grade. We believe that handwriting is still an important skill for our students to learn, even in this age of technology. Handwriting will always be used at some level, and the mastery of handwriting increases fine motor skills, requires periods of intense concentration, and teaches perseverance to our students, strengths much needed in this 21st Century.

Please keep our St. Raphael students and teachers in your prayers as we continue learning during this 3rd Quarter of school!

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principal



Upcoming Events:

March 20-24	Spring Break
April 1	Night at the Mouse Races
April 9	1st Communion Bow Sunday
April 20	Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
April 23	Confirmation Bow Sunday
April 26	Confirmation
April 30	1st Communion

St. Raphael the Archangel Online Giving

Stewardship is a way of life. It is a way of living each day in gratitude for all the blessings that God has given to us. The roots of stewardship can be found in the Bible, which tells us over and over that God is the Creator and Giver of all gifts. It is our responsibility to show our gratitude to God for these gifts, by giving back to Him the "first fruits."



Online Giving

Father Bob and our Parish Finance Committee urge everyone to sign up to use the St. Raphael Online Giving portal hosted and managed by Our Sunday Visitor, the same organization that provides our offertory envelopes. To access our Online Giving Portal, go to straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving.

About Online Giving at St. Raphael Parish:

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Reasons to sign up for Online Giving:

- Freedom from writing checks or bringing cash to church and free service
- Peace-of-mind knowing that St. Raphael is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend.
- More security than checks
- All contributions recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement
- Provision for a more steady and level stream of income for our parish



I 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! 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 department for an appointment - musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org. If you have any questions, or you would like to start rehearsals, please call the music office and speak with Nancy Deacon 314.352.8100 Ext. 220.



introducing

St. Raphael's Parish and School

2017 Lenten Project

Buy-a-Van

For Queen of Peace Center

St. Raphael's Parish and School Lenten project is to raise at least \$20,000 to "buy a van" for the Queen of Peace Center.

242 women and children are transported weekly to Queen of Peace Center from places such as Queen of Peace Center sponsored housing. Without transportation, the nearly 1,350 women and children served annually would not have access to the Center. Queen of Peace Center is making health, healing and recovery possible.

Queen of Peace Center, part of the Federation Agency of Catholic Charities since 1985, serves the metropolitan and surrounding St. Louis areas.

At each one of the church entrances, we will display our progress to raising the \$20,000 during Lent; our children at St. Raphael School are doing the same and working hard to help achieve this goal! We can only "buy a van" if we come together as a Parish family.

Thank you!

Who is Queen of Peace Center?

Queen of Peace Center is a family centered treatment program with hope, dignity and respect. Family-centered behavioral health treatment provides women with the opportunity to heal from the wounds of addiction together with their children and family.



The Center's residential and outpatient treatment sites offer affordable programs by professionals who believe that quality treatment should be accessible to everyone. Various treatment options for women, children and family include:

- Children's therapy and community support
- Therapeutic daycare services
- Pregnancy support
- Childbirth education
- Family therapy
- Parenting education

To Learn more: <http://www.gopcstl.org/>



Please donate to this worthy project...

Your donation will ensure that hundreds of women and children have access to treatment. Queen of Peace Center families come without basic needs such as housing, healthy food, safety and social support. By engaging in services at Queen of Peace Center, families are stabilized and strengthened, assisting them on the path of independence.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, Feb. 27th

3:10 - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
6:45 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	R.C.I.A.
7:00 pm - Angel Room	St. V. de Paul

Tuesday, Feb. 28th

1:30 pm - Tobias Room	Bible Study
3:15 pm - Church	Schola Rehearsal
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball
6:00 pm - Gym	Basketball
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	Knights of Columbus
7:00 pm - Church	Wkly. Rosary Recitation
7:30 pm - Church	1st Communion Meeting
7:30 pm - Raphael Room	Wild Goose Project Prst.

Wednesday, March 1st

9:00 am - Quilters Room	Quilters
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Church	Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scout Meeting

Thursday, March 2nd

2:00 pm - School	SRA Dance Classes
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament
7:00 pm - Angel Room	Men's Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	Liturgy Committee Mtg.

Friday, March 3rd

8:30 am - Church	Adoration
3:15 pm - Tobias Room	Marian Award
5:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Tournament

Saturday, March 4th

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
8:00 am - Gym	BB Tournament

Sunday, March 5th



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Lent is here! Join us this Wednesday, March 1 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School, as we enter into this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving together. See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

Naeger Scholarship Opportunity

Two scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year: one for St. John Vianney High School and one for Nerinx Hall High School. Each scholarship is for \$1,000 and is based on community service. This is open to 8th-graders through juniors in high school who will be attending either of these schools for the 2017-2018 school year and meet the criteria. For more information and to apply, please go to http://naegerins.com/scholarship_information.

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN STARTING IN MARCH

In view of the passage of Aldermanic Board Bill 203, which was vigorously opposed by Archbishop Carlson and St. Louis ProLifers, we need to re-double our ProLife efforts. One way to do that is to support the LifeLine Coalition Campaign that will begin on Sunday, March 5 and extend through Sunday, March 19. The LifeLine Coalition is a group of ProLife social service agencies that provide women with assistance for medical expenses, housing, food and clothing. They also offer educational and spiritual guidance, counseling, and adoption services. The Coalition contributes 1% of its annual budget to the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund that assists families with a temporary financial challenge. Your March packet of envelopes will contain the LifeLine Coalition envelope. Watch for it and help us build a Culture of Life. The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

RUMMAGE SALE

St. John the Baptist is having a rummage sale. on Saturday, March 4, 2017. It will be held in the cafeteria located at 5021 Adkins (at Delor, east of Bevor Mill) from 7 - 11a.m.

FISH FRY

Immaculate Conception Church in Maplewood is hosting a fish fry **every Friday** (except Good Friday).
7240 Anna Ave. 4pm - 7pm



Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

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Date: February 15, 2017

Pages Sent: 10 pages not including two pages of ads

Contact: Parish Office 314.352.8100

Special Instructions: