

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 7:00am and 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday at 7:00am

Monday through Thursday at 8:00am

CONFESIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by

appointment.

EUCARISTIC 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

THE PRESENTATION OF

THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020



Behold, this child is destined for
the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted.

LUKE 2:34

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."

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr. John Mayo	Pastor
	frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org
Msgr. Dennis Stehly, VG	Priest-In-Residence
	dennisstehly@archstl.org
Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
	musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
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Mrs. Mickey Janos	Admin. Assistant
	janos@straphaelarchangel.org
Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mrs. Julie Hayes	School Principal
	hayes@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary
	secretary@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Qi Franz	Cafeteria Manager
	franz@straphaelarchangel.org

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office	Monday-Thursday	7:30am-4:00pm
	Friday	7:30am-12:00pm
School Office	Monday-Friday	7:30am-3:30pm

CONNECT WITH US!

Parish Office	314.352.8100
Fax	314.353.6603
School	314.352.9474
Fax	314.351.7477
Website	straphaelarchangel.org
Facebook and Twitter	@SRAtoday
Instagram	straphaelarchangel

LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH

Parish Council	Dan Meshoto	314.452.1017
School Board	Todd Berta	314.352.8420
Finance Council	Joseph Cyr	314.335.7322
HSA President	Emily Young	314.323.9336

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

FEB. 3-9, 2020

Monday, February 3

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
7:00pm - Parish Office	Stewardship Meeting
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Scouts

Tuesday, February 4

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:00pm - Parish Office	Fifty Plus Club
7:00pm - Church	Rosary
7:30pm - Small Conf. Room	Prayerful Scripture

Wednesday, February 5

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
6:30pm - Library	1st Comm. Parents Mtg.
6:30pm - Small Conf. Room	RCIA
7:00pm - Church	Adult Choir

Thursday, February 6

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - School	Preschool Dance
3:00pm - School	K-5th Gr. Dance

Friday, February 7

7:00am - Church	Mass
5:30pm - Tobias & Raphael Rms.	Alpha Conference

Saturday, February 8

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria	Step Class
4:30pm - Church	Mass
5:30pm - Gym	Black & Gold Dinner/ Auction

Sunday, February 9

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Mass
1:00pm - Cafeteria	Chess Team



FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The next Fifty Plus meeting is Tuesday, February 4, at 1:00pm in the parish office. Bring a friend! Also, bring some canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome.

FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

We welcome Bishop Robert Hermann, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. He will be here to celebrate the 10:00am Mass and speak at the Men's Communion Breakfast after Mass. Welcome, Bishop Hermann!

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This Sunday, we take a break from Ordinary Time and turn back to the celebration of Christmas. February 2 falls forty days after Christmas. This is the day we celebrate Jesus' presentation in the temple. This celebration calls to mind two Jewish traditions.

The first is Mary's purification. The *Book of Leviticus* instructs a Jewish family that, forty days after the birth of a son, the members are to appear before the Lord to sacrifice a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons to the Lord. These are offered ritually to purify the mother after childbirth so she can again worship the Lord.

Such a ceremony was even part of the Church until recent times. Before the Second Vatican Council, there was in wide use a ceremony called the Blessing of a Woman after Childbirth. This was more popularly known as the "churching of women." Taking its inspiration from this feast day, the blessing focused more on the mother giving thanks to God for the gift of her child.

The other aspect of this feast recognizes that the firstborn son is consecrated to God by the fact of his birth. Just as the Jewish people brought the first fruits to the temple to be offered to the Lord, so they had to bring their firstborn sons to the Lord as well. As they belonged to God, they had to be given to the Lord in service or to be redeemed from the Lord by paying the priest five shekels.

Interestingly, St. Luke never says that St. Joseph paid the five shekels to redeem Jesus. Some think that it did happen and was so mundane that Luke just never recorded it. Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI, though, agrees with another theory that Joseph and Mary decided not to pay the money, but to consecrate Jesus from His birth to God. Such a choice amounts to a yes by Jesus' parents to God's plan for Him. How beautiful and how provident!

SRA Black and Gold Dinner Auction

It is hard to believe that our auction is next Saturday evening! We will need help this week to get everything ready and the final details attended to so that the auction is as great as it can be. Please see later in the bulletin for more information on how you can help.

Tax Statements

Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive a contribution statement for the 2019 tax year. We will happily prepare one and mail it to you.

Open House

We want to thank everyone who visited our school last week. We heard so many positive comments about the building and the happenings in our school; they were truly edifying to hear.

There were 27 prospective new families that toured our building. Thank you for visiting and please let us know if we can answer any questions as you make this important choice for your children.

I also want to thank the many volunteers who helped get our school looking so great for the open house. It looked fantastic!

A special thanks to the members of our marketing committee for all of their hard work on creating new materials to market our school, and also designing and setting up the new enrollment signs on Jamieson Avenue. You helped us to put forward a sharp, modern look. Thank you!

Thank you as well to the many parent volunteers and students who led tours of the school, to the teachers who gave of their time to be available, and to Qi Franz and crew for making chili and snacks for everyone.

SRA School Now Enrolling

We are now enrolling families, both new and current, for next school year. We encourage you to enroll before a month from today (February 2) to receive \$100 off your first child's registration fee.

If you missed the open house but would like a tour or information on our school, please contact our school at 314.352.9474.

I Will See You in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong



Sunday, February 2

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Logan Warnecke

Monday, February 3

7:00am Martin Schutte
8:00am Ted Porter

Tuesday, February 4

7:00am Mary Lou and Bill Schicker
8:00am Mary Abeln

Wednesday, February 5

7:00am Alex Daus
8:00am Donald Schisler, Sr.

Thursday, February 6

7:00am Sr. Carine Dirkes
8:00am James Woodcock

Friday, February 7

7:00am Georgia Nickalaison

Saturday, February 8

7:00am Robert Hoeynck
4:30pm Aurelia M. Mayer

Sunday, February 9

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Marcia Matreci

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6 |
| Thursday: | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13 |
| Friday: | Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29 |
| Saturday: | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34 |
| Sunday: | Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16 |

SAVE THE DATE! DONATIONS NEEDED!

Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Thursday, April 16
St. Raphael Gym

We are currently accepting donations for new items such as handbags, jewelry, home décor, yard décor, bath and body products, and much, much more! Also, wine, gift cards, event tickets, theme baskets, etc. are greatly appreciated! Items can be dropped off at the parish office or call Rachel Flavin at 314.496.8303 for arrangements for pick up.

SCRIP CARDS

Support the SRA Home and School Association by purchasing SCRIP gift cards!! By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, February 7. You can pick up the cards at school on the following Friday, February 14. Orders will be placed monthly during the school year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the parish or school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is shopwithscrip.com.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR FEB. 3-9, 2020

Monday, February 3

7:00am	Flora Borowiak	Ryan Pinkerton
8:00am	Cate Guenther	Eva Thompson

Tuesday, February 4

7:00am	Nahima Ramirez	Dalila Ramirez
8:00am	Cate Guenther	Eva Thompson

Wednesday, February 5

7:00am	Henry Cyr	Claire Fuhr
8:00am	Cate Guenther	Eva Thompson

Thursday, February 6

7:00am	Addison Berta	Thad Berta
8:00am	Cate Guenther	Eva Thompson

Friday, February 7

7:00am	Isabella Pfeiffer	Cillian Sheehan
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Saturday, February 8

7:00am	Christian Concepcion	Lydia Eddingfield
4:30pm	Steven Irons	Gavin Smith
	Liam McMorrow	

Sunday, February 9

8:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	Lydia Bick
	Matthew Franz	
10:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Maggie Anstey
	Madalene Cierpiot	

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...” (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something you just do when you attend Sunday Mass or attend a parish function? It’s easy to be Catholic then; it’s harder to be Catholic when you are out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEB. 8-9, 2020 LECTORS

Matt Fuhr	Mary Reck	Linda Hiette
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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	Heather Hays
Matt Fuhr	Christy Connor	Fred Hodes
Tony Mariani	Kerry Deacon	Steve Kratky

Your Contributions to God and Parish

January 26, 2020

(Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (72)	\$ 3,627.00	\$ 133,104.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,099.00	\$ 41,261.00
School Support	\$ 285.00	\$ 4,073.00
Building Fund	\$ 440.00	\$ 5,891.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,161.00
Online Giving (44)	\$ 2,178.00	\$ 69,034.00
St. Louis Review	(\$ 245.00)	
First Offering	\$ 55.00	
Grand Total	\$ 7,929.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,684.00	\$ 265,321.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 288,000.00
Difference	(\$ 1,316.00)	(\$ 22,679.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel, we hear Simeon say to Mary, "...your own soul shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." Your generosity enables the Society to bring hope to parents whose hearts are burdened with worries and concerns. Thank you and God bless you.

AUCTION SETUP PARTY!

Auction Setup Party in the SRA Gym on Tuesday, February 4, at 6:00pm. Open house, so come when you can. Preview auction items! Light appetizers and refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Evite! <http://evite.me/j9tBUqwer5>.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

STARTING JANUARY 27, 2020

Looking for a scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG for elementary and high school scholarships.

Deadline is February 28th, 2020.



314-792-7777
ttef@archstl.org

UNIFIED ONLINE APPLICATION (FREE)



TODAY & TOMORROW
CHANGING THE FUTURE — ONE CHILD AT A TIME



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Office of Catholic Education and Formation



Roman Catholic Foundation
of
EASTERN MISSOURI
Plan with heart. Invest for good.

ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

BLACK & GOLD AUCTION

FEBRUARY 8, 2020

It's Auction Week!

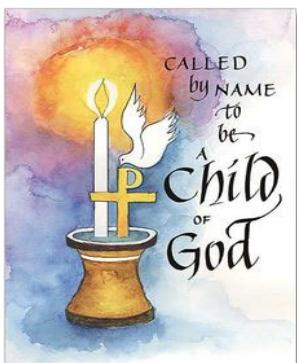
Here are some things to help get you prepared!

- Silent Auction Item bidding will go live on our site before the auction <https://e.givesmart.com/s/elq99n/e/f2H/> (Announcement will go out on our Facebook Page)
- LIKE our Black & Gold Facebook page to stay up to date on all things auction! [@straphaelblackandgoldauction](https://www.facebook.com/straphaelblackandgoldauction)
- Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 4, to attend our auction “Set-Up” Party in the gym
- Email the auction committee if you are able to volunteer this week or at the auction auction@straphaelarchangel.org

Thank you to some of our awesome SRA Parish Business Owners for your Support of the 2020 Black & Gold Auction!



Questions? Email auction@straphaelarchangel.org

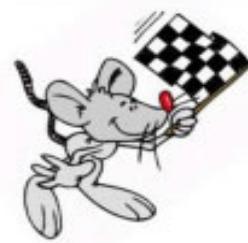
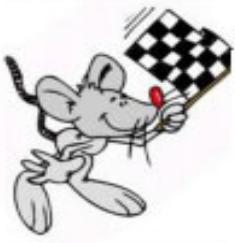


Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Grace Muckensturm, daughter of Jason and Kate Muckensturm. Grace was baptized on January 19, 2020. May God always bless the Muckensturm family.



A Night at the Mouse Races

benefiting our 8th grade class



When:

Saturday, March 28th 2020

Doors open at 6:30pm

Races start at 7:00pm

Where:

St. Raphael the Archangel Gym

6000 Jamieson Ave/ St. Louis, MO 63109

All Inclusive Pricing:

\$150.00 per table (limit 10 per table)

Beer/ Soda/ Snacks Included

Reservations:

Make Checks Payable to SRA

Return Registration Form with payment to

SRA Rectory

6047 Bishops Place

St. Louis, MO 63109

314-352-8100

Questions:

Jen Delf - jenniferLdelf@gmail.com or 314-323-6073

Mouse Race Reservation -

Contact Name, Number & Email _____

Table Members _____

Save These
DATES

Sunday, February 2

Saturday, February 8

Thursday, February 20

Saturday, February 22

Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 28

Men's Club Communion Breakfast

Black and Gold Dinner Auction

Ladies' Club Vendor Fair

Wedding Anniversary Mass & Reception

Fish Fry

Mouse Races



LADIES' CLUB VENDOR FAIR

Thursday, February 20

6:00 - 9:00pm

St. Raphael Gym

Free and Open to the Public

Come shop and support local vendors. There will be a little bit of everything from apparel, jewelry, home and yard décor, skin care and makeup, crafts and more! Beverages for sale. To name just a few vendors:

Tastefully Simple
Handmade by Huffy Chic
Lyleigh Design - do TERRA
Taylor Hiette's Visual Art
Norwex
Tupperware
Stranded with Kate

Pampered Chef
Bee Naturally You
Club Z! In-home Tutoring
Lilla Rose
Franceth Handmade
Mary Kay
Color Street

Opulenza Designs
Snackcessary
Essential Bodywear
Thirty-One Gifts
Paparazzi Accessories
Juice Plus+

SRA 8TH GRADE MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP WASHINGTON, DC, JANUARY, 2020





Help local families move from homelessness to housing with needed cleaning supplies. St. Patrick Center is seeking donations of the following items for clients moving into apartments and homes: mops, buckets, brooms, all-purpose cleaner, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, paper towels and toilet paper. For more information, contact Katie Joseph at kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org or 314.802.1976.



Join us for the Catholic Women for Christ Conference on March 7, 2020, at the Touhill Performing Arts Center! Enjoy speakers, Reconciliation, Adoration, merchant and ministry vendors, Vigil Mass, healing prayer, relics, and more!

Register now at catholicwomenforchrist.org. Questions? Check the Catholic Women for Christ web site at catholicwomenforchrist.org or call the Touhill box office at 314.516.4949.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH POKER TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Poker Tournament on Saturday, February 15. Cost is \$25 with gift cards for the winners. Interested? Please contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com or evenbrite.com/e/kofc-poker-tournament-tickets-82227381311.

WELCOME TO THE ST. RAPHAEL 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: _____

Phone: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/Email/Address

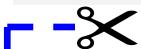
SCHOOL NEWS

Recently, the St. Louis Review published an article on grants from the Roman Catholic Foundation. We have received a grant from the Roman Catholic Foundation to support our STREAM efforts. Here is one of the programs we have been able to introduce through this grant.

From Mr. Spurgeon STREAM Coordinator

Hello, all. It is crazy to think we are in 2020 now. I hope that everyone had an exceptional break as we have had a great start to the new year in science. Coming into 2020, we added brand new science "Tech-Books" to our classroom in which students have updated digital textbooks that allow them to read, learn, grow, and be assessed all within their digital "Tech-Books." Grades 4-8 have all been using them frequently in class.

Grade 4 - Fourth grade started off the new year looking at force and motion. We had an interactive lab in which we tested variables on a computer simulation in their Tech-Book on how various floor surfaces and force applications alter the amount of force needed to move an object. Going forward they will look at the changing directions of objects and what role forces play in that.



WELCOME TO THE ST. RAPHAEL PARISH FAMILY!

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

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