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

EUCHARISTIC 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

Jesus said,

LET US GO ON TO THE NEARBY VILLAGES THAT I MAY PREACH THERE ALSO. FOR THIS PURPOSE HAVE I COME.

Mark 1:38

H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2018

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.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, February 5th

6:30 pm - Cafeteria 7:00 pm - Gym 7:00 pm - Parish Office 9:00 pm - Gym 1st Gr. Cub Scouts 6th Gr. Girls Bball. Stewardship Meeting Men's Club Soccer

Fifty Plus Club

Rosary Recitation

Bible Study

Tuesday, February 6th

1:00 pm - Raphael Room 1:30 pm - Tobias Room 7:00 pm - Church

Wednesday, February 7th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room 6:00 pm - Cafeteria 7:00 pm - Church 8:30 pm - Gym Quilters Step Class Adult Choir

Men's Club Basketball

<u>Thursday, February 8th</u>

2:00 pm - Trophy Room 3:00 pm - Trophy Room 3:15 pm - Art Room 6:00 pm - Tobias Room 7:00 pm - Church 7:00 pm - Guardian Angel

Friday, February 9th

7:00 am - Church 3:15 pm - Gym 4:00 pm - Cafeteria

Saturday, February 10th

4:30 pm - Church

5:30 pm - Raphael Room

6:00 pm - Gym

Sunday, February 11th

8:00 am - Church 10:00 am - Church Pre-K Dance K-6 Dance Chess Club Liturgy Committee Contemporary Music Men's Prayer Group

Mass 6th Gr. Girls Bball. K Girl Scouts

Wedding Anniversary Mass Wedding Anniversary Dinner PreK, K, 1st Gr. Movie Night

Mass Mass



FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AT SRA – GREAT SUCCESS

Last Sunday we hosted a delightful Open House at our St. Raphael Catholic School, with a lot of guest families looking at our school plus current families coming to get their registration packets. There were energetic and proud students who gladly took guests on tours of the school. The teachers were all present to show off their classrooms. The SRA School Board organized and hosted the Open House, including the chili lunch.

Our S.T.R.E.A.M. (science, technology, religion, arts, math) teachers were excited to explain our new "STREAM on the MOVE" program. The curriculum focuses on the Design Process: Ask-Imagine-Plan-Create-Test-Improve. Our faculty is currently learning and implementing new STREAM lessons throughout the school.

Monday was Parent Appreciation Day; Tuesday was a Service Day for the School Family Groups. Faculty Appreciation Day was Wednesday, which included a special event, Faculty Feud, and then a student Spelling Bee. Then there was the Student Appreciation Day with many special activities for our children. And finally, Friday was Grandparent's Day – always a treat. A great word of gratitude to Mrs. Julie Hayes, our principal, who made sure all of these activities happened as planned!

All current and prospective SRA families need to make haste to return their registration forms very soon. It is imperative for every SRA School family to apply for grants from the Archdiocese this week because it is granting a lot of money to help with tuition to families like you, but much of it is "first come, first served" – when the money is gone, it's gone. Also SRA parish will NOT consider giving an SRA parish grant to anyone who has not even applied for an archdiocesan grant. Also every SRA School Family must submit the information needed for the FACTS tuition collection program we have adopted.

SOME PEWS ARE GONE!

No, we were not robbed or vandalized, but 18 of our 50-year-old pews finally got the chance to take a well-deserved trip to the pew refinishing shop in Waupaca, Wisconsin. This is the first part of the "Fifty & Beyond" campaign to be used for the redoing of our beautiful church so that it looks as good as new for the next fifty years. These pews from the two transepts should be back before Holy Week.

After talking with representatives of four companies whose business is church pews, we discovered we had three choices: new pews (very expensive); refinished/repainted pews (moderately expensive); or reconditioned (inexpensive). The SRA Finance Council realized that we could not afford new pews and that just reconditioning the pews was not worth the effort; so they wisely recommended that we refinish and repaint (the white ends). We looked at several churches, including St. Mary Magdalen, St. Monica, and St. Richard, with recently refinished pews and decided on Wood Renovators as the best contractor for the job. The contract is for \$100,443 to refinish the pews and fabricate all new wood kneelers. The pews in the nave of the church will be done in June and July when all the multiple special events in the church during April and May are finished. We are confident that you will love the good-as-new look at the end of July!

Then, with everyone keeping up-to-date with paying on their "Fifty & Beyond" campaign pledges, we will move ahead with painting the interior church walls and new carpet.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT SRA – Next Saturday, 4:30pm, followed by Dinner!

This is your last chance to sign up for our traditional SRA opportunity to congratulate and celebrate with some of our SRA married couples who have special anniversaries this year. (See page 5 of today's bulletin)!

LENT IS COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU!

This year Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th. Not a good day to have chocolates and a fine dinner. So plan ahead, sweethearts, and perhaps celebrate on the Mardi Gras weekend before Ash Wednesday.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Children are a great comfort in your old age - and they help you reach it faster, too.

SERVERS FOR FEB. 5-11, 2018

Monday, February 5th

7:00 amAlex AtchisonWilliam Hotze8:00 amLydia BickAndrew Kellar

<u>Tuesday, February 6th</u>

7:00 amChristian Concepcion Lucille Schlichting8:00 amGrace GoeddelMateo Switzer

Wednesday, February 7th

7:00 amAddison Berta8:00 amRory Barnawell

Thursday, February 8th 7:00 am Isabella Pfe

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Friday, February 9th

7:00 am Alex Atchison

Joey Raymo

Thad Berta

Lydia Bick Ellie Guenther

Gavin Smith

Saturday, February 10th

7:00 amChristian ConcepcionLucille Schlichting4:30 pmFlora BorowiakHenry CyrAnna Mersinger

<u>Sunday, February 11th</u>

8:00 am	Cate Guenther	Ellie Guenther
	Gillian Neal	
10:00 am	Rory Barnawell	Sean Madden
	William Madden	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 4th 8:00 am People of the Parish 10:00 am Denise Bumb

Monday, February 5th 7:00 am Gordon Gregory 8:00 am Darren Deachan

Tuesday, February 6th 7:00 am Theresa Savio 8:00 am John Gambero

Wednesday, February 7th 7:00 am Salvatore Bianco 8:00 am James Russell

Thursday, February 8th 7:00 am Alyce Blome 8:00 am Joyce Hennelly

Friday, February 9th 7:00 am Evelyn Hartke

Saturday, February 10th 7:00 am Jack Sorkin 4:30 pm People of the Parish

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JAN. 27/28, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,287
Online Giving	\$ 1,680
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 6,967
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$251,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$216,672
Shortfall	\$ 34,328

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10/11, 20184:30 pm8:00 am10:00 amLECTORS:EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:Joyce HolmesLorraine GurleyDenise Howard

Bob Ahrens	Lorraine Gurley	Joan Billing
Maureen Ahrens	Sue Lawton	Ted Green
George Kerry	Amy Ruggeri	Mary Faith Green
Margie Auer	Rosita Koehler	Barbara Favre
Matt Fuhr	Christy Connor	Heather Hays
Tony Mariani	Kerry Deacon	Fred Hodes
		Steve Kratky

-GIVE ONLINE-

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Sunday, February 4 Saturday, February 10

Saturday, February 10

Thursday, February 15

Sunday, February 25

K of C Free Throw Contest Wedding Anniversary Mass and Dinner Pre-K, K, 1st Gr. Movie Night Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday Ladies' Club Vendor Fair Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Saturday, February 10 after the 4:30pm Mass, there will be a reception for couples who are celebrating a milestone anniversary. If you were newly married in 2017 or if you will be married this year for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60-plus years, please call the Parish Office at 314.352.8100 or e-mail to parish@straphaelarchangel.org with your wedding date. We will place you on the invitation list.

CONGRATULATIONS, WILLIAM HANNIBAL

Congratulations to St. Raphael the Archangel School alum, William Hannibal, SRA Class of 2016, for being named St. Mary's Sophomore Dragon of the Month for January. He received this accolade for his good works, both in and out of school.



In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he go out to preach and to heal. Please pray for the poor and the suffering, knowing that you are

bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! DEACON DIAPER DRIVE

During the weekends of March 17-18 through Easter, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our 3rd annual diocesan-wide ProLife service project to assist families in need. Last year we collected over 185,000 diapers and we would like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing infant, toddler or adult incontinence products on your shopping list and bring them to the Parish Office or drop them off in the church vestibules. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community. For more information, speak to Deacon Ron or give the office a call. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible.





THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Monday, February 5th	Tuesday, February 6th	Wednesday, February 7th	Thursday, February 8th	Friday, February 9th
Nachos Supreme	Mostaccioli & Garlic Bread	Chicken Sandwich & Corn on the Cob	Hamburger & Tater Tots	Cheese Pizza
Fifth Sunday in Ordina	urv Time	5		February 4, 2018

ST. RAPHAEL TO SERVE DINNERS AT STS. PETER & PAUL

Peter and Paul Community Services offers an evening meal 20 days out of each month to people of the Soulard area who may be on limited or fixed incomes. These meals are sponsored by local churches and organizations who are willing to fund, cook and serve those in need. <u>On February 15th</u>, St. Raphael's SVdP Conference 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 Coffee Paper Towels Cans of Sweetened Kool-Aid Financial Donations (Checks Payable to SRA marked for Sts. Peter & Paul)

To help prepare and/or serve or contribute, please contact Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or email at greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net.

GOOD NEWS FOR SENIORS AND CHARITABLE GIVING

Good news to taxpayers over the age of 70-1/2. Congress has voted to make permanent the exclusion from taxable income for IRA distributions that are given directly to charities like St. Raphael. One of the key benefits of the direct charitable contribution is that the distribution counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and that amount is NOT taxable income for 2018. Consult with your financial advisor or for general questions; contact

> Deacon Ron Holmes 314.352.8100 holmes@straphaelarchangel.org

These distributions can be used once a year for your annual support of SRA. There are some general restrictions as well as those imposed by your IRA provider, but this can reduce your taxable income for 2018 and beyond.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will host a Free Throw Contest on <u>Sunday, February 4th at 11:30 am</u> in the St. Raphael Gym. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/18) may register to participate. Winners may advance to Region and State levels. The St. Raphael council has had two individuals advance to the State Level in the past, with Jessie Davis winning the State Championship. If you have any questions, contact Bob Ahrens at 314.353.8444 or Matt Borowiak 314.351.0606.



ST. RAPHAEL PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY-COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

The main purpose of our St. Raphael Pastoral Care Ministry is to ensure that the elderly and sick members of our parish have a connection to the Body of Christ. We accomplish this by bringing the Eucharist to our homebound on a regular basis, allowing them to remain an integral part of our parish family.

We need your help. Do you know of a parishioner who is unable to receive regular sacraments due to an inability to physically attend Mass (on a permanent or temporary basis)? We could use more Eucharistic Ministers. Are you interested in becoming a member of this Ministry and learning more about how you can assist?

Please respond by calling the Parish Office or by calling or emailing: Mary Faith Green at greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net or 314.832.3310.

Please pray for all members of our parish community.

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>	
February	8	9	

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.

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The next Fifty Plus meeting is Tuesday, February 6 at 1:00pm in the Parish Office Raphael Room. Please bring canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All parishioners and their friends are always welcome!



Every clip counts

Saturday

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SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE Sunday, February 25, 2018 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Come and learn about life as a seminarian via a guided tour of the classrooms, living spaces, library and chapels. Meet your future priests and pray in the Chapel of St. Joseph. Visit kenrick.edu/open-house for more information. Located at 5200 Glennon Dr., 63119.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for <u>February 25</u> after the 10am Mass. Tickets will be on sale after Masses starting today and again on February 11 for \$6 (\$3 for seniors and children under 5). Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the breakfast. Join the SRA Boy Scouts for some great pancakes and sausage, and Tom Finan's famous One Pot Mountain Man Breakfast!



SRA LENTEN OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF 40 DAYS, 40 REFLECTIONS, 40 CHALLENGES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Some generous parishioners have offered to host weekly *40Acts* small-group gatherings in their homes and all are welcome to join them. Right now we will have one group on Tuesday evenings and one group on Wednesday evenings. A morning group may also be available, but we may need someone to help out with that for the first two weeks.

If additional parishioners are willing to open their homes, you are welcome to join us. Maybe a group of school moms would want to gather, or a group of dads, or different parish ministries might want to get together with their members, or even whole families can participate in the challenges and then get together to talk about them.

And, for those of you who just don't have the availability to gather each week at the same time, our parishioner, Rachel Flavin, has created a Facebook group that anyone can join to share your experiences that way. It is open to both those who are meeting weekly, as well as participating on their own (but not really on their own now). Please feel free to check this group out! Go to Facebook.com/groups/ sra40acts.



To find out more about *40Acts* for Lent and to sign up for the daily emails, go to https://40acts.org.uk/ If you would like to join a group or have any questions, please contact Sue Brandt at 314.704.5304 or susan_brandt@att.net.

PROLIFE REFLECTION

As we bid farewell to the ProLife month of January and put away the ProLife banner, we may ask: What is the value of a human being? Perhaps God should answer that question. Here, in *Isaiah 43*, is the response of the Lord. "But now, thus says the Lord, ... Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel. ... Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you..."

This is our worth; this is our value. Glory be to the Lord, our God.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

ST. RAPHAEL'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW - BY THE NUMBERS

We want to extend our sincere appreciation for the support you continue to provide us. Your generous donations have allowed us to give needed assistance to our neighbors.

Here is what we accomplished in 2017:

- 150 Calls to the Parish Office for assistance
- 65 In-person visits
- \$18,952 Provided for utility payments
- \$6,680 Provided for rent assistance
- \$973 Issued for Thrift Store Vouchers
- \$2,125 Provided for food vouchers
- \$853 Provided for specialty gift cards
- \$500 Provided for Disaster Relief Assistance
- \$700 Provided for donations to other SVdP Conferences who reached out for help

In addition, we:

- Delivered toiletries, diapers and paper goods during our home visits
- Assisted with applications for prescription assistance programs
- Provided resources for job opportunities, food pantries and other community programs
- Served 300 people during a meal at Sts. Peter and Paul
- Delivered food collected in our monthly food drives to neighboring food pantries
- Offered prayers and companionship to all who reached out for help

A special word of appreciation to the Ladies' Club and the Men's Club for their ongoing financial support as well.

We ask for your continued support - financially and through prayer - and thank you for allowing us the honor to help those in need.



SUNDAY READINGS-BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held on <u>Tuesday afternoons at</u> <u>1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Of-</u> <u>fice</u>. Studying the Bible provides us with a firm foundation in God's truth and helps us respond to questions that others may have. "This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good." Pope Francis



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

Please join us this Wednesday, February 7, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg as we celebrate Mass. See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

ATTENTION, EIGHTH GRADERS

We are excited to announce that Luke 18 will be held February 16-18 at Bishop DuBourg High School. Signups for Luke 18 are now live - please see saintlouislifeteen.org/luke 18 for more information.

BIRTHRIGHT CARD PARTY

FRIENDS OF BIRTHRIGHT from St. Clement and St. Gerard Majella Parishes will hold their annual card party and luncheon on Wednesday, March 14, from 10:30am to 2:30pm at St. Gerard Majella Parish Center, 2005 Dougherty Ferry Rd. All proceeds will benefit Birthright. Come play your favorite card or dice game: Bridge, Gin Rummy, Canasta, Bunko and more! Or just come for lunch! The cost per person is \$30.00. Make your reservation by sending your name and those playing with you, along with your check made out to "Birthright," to: Jane Johans, 12335 Ironstone, 63131. ***Please inform us in advance if you need a gluten free lunch. RAFFLE TICKETS will be sold after all the Masses at St. Clement and St. Gerard on March 4 and 11. ***If you cannot attend but wish to make a donation to Birthright, please send a check to the above address. Thank You!

KING'S HOUSE RETREAT

WOMEN'S RETREAT **FRIDAY-SUNDAY** MARCH 2-4, 2018 \$175 info@kingsretreatcenter.org

IRS DEDUCTION

Any family who attended Preschool, Club Tobias, and/or Summer Camp in 2017, and would like a copy of your invoice and payments, please send your request to halbert@straphaelarchangel.org. In your email, please include your current address and a daytime phone number. If you have any questions, you may reach me (Diane) at 314.352.8100, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.



MOVIE SERIES



All Movies Begin at 6:30pm

February 15	Amazing Grace
March 1	Concussion
March 15	Pay It Forward
March 22	Holy Winding Sheet

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55 AND OVER? WANT TO HAVE FUN?

@ PBMSTL

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.