



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 22ND, 2017  
THIRD 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 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm on Saturday

# STAND UP AND MARCH

## JANUARY IS PROLIFE MONTH

Father and Maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops :

Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the Culture of Death that surrounds us today be replaced with the Culture of Life.

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## CLERGY & STAFF

<b>Rev. Robert J. Reiker</b>	Pastor
<b>Deacon Roger Kreitler</b>	Permanent Deacon
<b>Deacon Gerald J. Geiser</b>	Retired Deacon
<b>Deacon Ron Holmes</b>	Director of Administration and Permanent Deacon
<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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Admn. Asst.	Ext 210
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**Prayer Tree** Please call the Parish Office

## EMAIL ADDRESSES:

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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

### **OPEN HOUSE AT ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL – NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 11am-3pm** **FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Now is the time for all good St. Raphael Parish members to reach out and invite a new family to visit our incredible St. Raphael Catholic School. The life of any school depends on enrollment. The best marketing tool is still “person-to-person” contact. Talk about the quality of our SRA School to your relatives, neighbors, co-workers, and friends – people from the St. Louis Hills area or people in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Let people know that we are a school that is: “*Small by design; but big in results!*” The standardized test scores of our SRA students have been greatly increasing in the last couple of years with our improved curriculum and faculty. From a school parent’s point of view, St. Raphael School is a place: “*Where everyone knows your name,*” where parents know all the other parents, where your child is not lost in the crowd. Our Open House is for prospective new school families, current families (to pick up registration packets), and for all St. Raphael Parish Family members. Come see what we are spending so much time, energy, and money on.



### **A NEW PLATEAU - \$900,480 PLEDGED FOR OUR “FIFTY AND BEYOND”** **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN !!!** **ONLY ONE MORE LEVEL TO GO BEFORE WE REACH OUR GOAL!** **\$1,000,000.00 !**

We still have 33 families, who are good contributing members of St. Raphael Parish, who have not yet committed to making a pledge (or not). We are counting on these families to help us reach our goal. Also, there are some fairly new families registered in the parish to whom we recently mailed pledge information; I encourage each of these families to join in and do their part to support Catholic education and the major maintenance and decoration projects needed for our 50-year-old church. Any questions or comments, please contact me at the Parish Office.

### **FRIDAY, JAN. 27<sup>TH</sup>, PRO-LIFE MARCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

First of all, let’s pray for our St. Raphael School 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, who will be traveling to Washington to participate in this Pro-Life March, pray that they have a safe trip and not experience a blizzard as they did last year.

Secondly, let’s pray that our country of the United States of America will make it illegal to abort a human being from its mother’s womb. Our nation stands for “liberty and justice for all,” but this does not mean one is at liberty to take the life of another person, including the life of an unborn child. Each of us who respects and wants to protect all human life, from conception to natural death, should speak up this week with those who claim to be pro-choice and ignore the obviously most human choice and that is to be “pro-life.”

Action Step: *Send a message this week to the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen (for many, e-mail Joe Roddy at jroddystl@gmail.com) expressing your opposition to BB 203 which seeks to make St. Louis “a sanctuary city for abortion.” This proposed ordinance threatens the religious and moral convictions of Catholics and others of good will who do not want to support abortion.*

**SERVERS FOR JAN. 23RD - 29TH**

**Monday –Tuesday**

7:00 am Eva Thompson Mia Thompson  
8:00 am Joseph Cyr Henry Cyr

**Wednesday-Thursday**

7:00 am Madelene Cierpiot Christian Concepcion  
8:00 am Liberty Kocsis Mady Shine

**Friday**

7:00 am Flora Borowiak Will Hotze

**Saturday**

7:00 am Flora Borowiak Will Hotze  
  
4:30 pm Addison Berta Thad Berta  
Kristina Videmschek

**Sunday**

8:00 am Billy Madden Sean Madden  
Abby Delf  
10:00 am Grace Goeddel Kristin Nienhaus  
Isabella Pfeiffer

**WEEKEND OF JAN. 28TH AND 29TH**

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

**PRIEST:**

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

**LECTORS:**

Janie McCarthy      Kevin Liddy      Heather Hays

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Mary Dupske
Pam Hager	Beverly Whitworth	Rosemary Phelan
Kathe Berger	Mary Niemeyer	Tom Yehlen
Nancy McCarthy	Joyce Holmes	Dennis Matreci
Gina Horas	Mary Reck	Carolyn Skidmore
Brian McCarthy	Barbara Cramer	Greg Divis
		Karen Divis

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sun., Jan. 22nd**

8:00 am George Sullens  
10:00 am People of the Parish

**Monday, Jan. 23rd**

7:00 am Margaret LaRose  
8:00 am Virginia Steck

**Tuesday, Jan. 24th**

7:00 am John Gubser  
8:00 am Pat McVey

**Wednesday, Jan 25th**

7:00 am Ernie Winkelmann  
8:00 am Henry Ruggeri

**Thursday, Jan. 26th**

7:00 am Grace Farley Maderos  
8:00 am James Gahn

**Friday, Jan. 27th**

7:00 am Julie Ventimiglia

**Saturday, Jan. 28th**

7:00 am William Dotsey  
4:30 pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, Jan. 29th**

8:00 am Marcella Daus  
10:00 am Walter P. Kempter

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JANUARY 14/15 2017**

Sunday Collection	\$5,021.00
Online Giving	\$1,272.00
<b>Weekly Total Collection</b>	<b>\$6,293.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

**WEDDING BANNS III**

There is a promise of marriage between Stephanie Grana and Kyle Petersen to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, January 28, 2017.

**“Our Sunday Visitor”**

(Weekly Catholic Newspaper at church entrance)  
If you would like to contribute to *Our Sunday Visitor*, please place the donation in the collection basket. Take me home today!

**St. Raphael the Archangel PTA**  
**Seventh Annual**  
**Marcia Matreci**  
**Memorial Trivia Night**



**WHEN**

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**  
 • 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**

**An incredibly fun PTA fundraiser -  
 reserve your table now!**

**ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING**

- \$180/table (up to 8 people)
- Includes 3 mulligans & 2 table games
- Includes soda & snacks
- Beer available for purchase or BYOB!

**RESERVATIONS**

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

**SRA Rectory**

**6047 Bishops Place**

**St. Louis, MO 63109**

**314.352.8100**



**Saint Louis**  
**LIFETEEN**

**NO LIFE TEEN THIS WEEK!** Please pray for us as we travel with other pilgrims from the Archdiocese to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life! WE will see you again on February 1st.

**EIGHTH GRADERS** - We hope and pray that you will join us for Luke 18, Feb. 17-19, 2016. It promises to be a wonderful weekend of prayer, community, and FUN! More information (and signups!) can be found at [saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18](http://saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18).

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY**

**We need your help:**

Do you know of a parishioner who is physically unable to receive regular sacraments due to an inability to physically attend Mass (on a permanent or temporary basis)? We are updating our records and would like to confirm the names of those who are bringing Holy Communion to homebound parishioners and the names of those who are being visited. Please let us know if you are currently serving in this capacity.

Please respond by calling the parish office or by calling or emailing: Mary Faith Green  
 314-832-3310 or [greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net)

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

Contact Name, Number, & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Table Members: \_\_\_\_\_

*Progressive Dinner - February 18*

Tickets are \$30.00 per person unless you are an appetizer or dinner host. Reservations can be sent to the Parish Office or School Office in care of Jenny Delf.

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

**Don't Miss the Fun!**

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

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

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

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

Make Checks Payable to SRA



# 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.

With these values, an **Appetiz-**

## Open House at St. Raphael School for Catholic Schools Week Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Everyone is invited! Our Open House is for prospective new school families, current families (to pick up registration packets), and for all St. Raphael Parish Family members. Come see what we are spending so much time, energy, and money on.



## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners,

Hard to believe but another Open House for St. Raphael School is upon us. Next Sunday, January 29th you are all invited to come over to school following the 10am Mass and see some of the wonderful things happening in our classrooms. All of our teachers will be there, there will be lots of student work to view, and we will be giving school tours to prospective new families.

This Open House is our biggest day of marketing during the school each year, and it takes the entire parish and school community to make it successful. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** These are some of the things you can do to help us show our best selves on this important day:

- Talk to **EVERYONE** you know in the parishes whose schools are closing, and personally invite all to come to our Open House next Sunday from 11am to 3pm. We **MUST** try to make sure those folks know that SRA is the best school in South City and we are here to stay.
- Talk to **ANYONE** you know who might be interested in finding a school for the family, and personally invite those people to our Open House. Talk to family, neighbors, friends, co-workers, business associates, people at the grocery store, people in the park!
- **Come to the Open House** with your family and plan to stay for a while. Visit your kids' classrooms and chat with teachers. Come down to the cafeteria to get your Registration Packet and stay for a while to enjoy some of Mrs. Ruggeri's famous chili and nachos. Pay attention to the prospective families coming down to the cafeteria and be friendly; invite them to come and sit with you, and make them feel **WELCOME!**
- Put an SRA Open House sign in your yard and/or neighborhood. We will have the signs available in the school office for you to pick up and display. We want to see them **EVERYWHERE!**
- When you see SRA postings on Facebook, please **SHARE** them - we can reach many more people that way!
- Most important, focus on the **POSITIVE!** No school is perfect including SRA, but we are **ALWAYS** striving for improvement. Think about why you send your kids to St. Raphael School and what makes it special for your family. That is the message and image we want to project!

Open House is just one component of marketing for our school, and I am pleased to tell you that there is a renewed spirit at SRA to promote our wonderful school. I would encourage us to look to another Catholic school for inspiration, one that is hands-down the master of marketing and branding, and that is the University of Notre Dame. Marketing and Branding and Notre Dame are 24/7 activities, and they are so intertwined with the culture of the school that you hardly realize that marketing is happening. It all starts there with an intense pride in the school. As a parent of a recent Notre Dame graduate, I can tell you that it is most certainly NOT a perfect place; but the pride in being part of the Notre Dame family, and the belief that there is something greater at work there than merely classes and football - are the magic that is Notre Dame. The pride and magic are evident in every building, every sign, every interaction with students and adults on campus. Welcome to Notre Dame; we're glad you're here; how can we help you today? Everyone looks and behaves their best. Visitors walk away feeling very lucky to have been at Notre Dame that day, understanding that it is indeed a special place, and they can't wait to return.

This very intentional branding is something that we can replicate at St. Raphael, on a smaller scale of course. We have much to be proud of at St. Raphael School. We are an active faith community, attending Mass 4 out of 5 days each week, with lively and engaging music at our Thursday Masses led by students. We are proud to continue the tradition of praying a decade of the Rosary each day after Mass, with the knowledge that this tradition was started as a way to pray for a fellow student and turned into a clear demonstration to students about the power of prayer. We are making academic gains in every subject area every single year as evidenced by our rising standardized test scores. We have scores of extracurricular activities for all students, and we have active, busy classrooms with high academic expectations. We are a happy, friendly school where we all know, love, and care for each other. That is the story we should be telling all the time. That is what we should be marketing and branding. And then our visitors to St. Raphael will feel very lucky to have been at SRA that day, understanding that SRA is indeed a special place, and they will feel that they can't wait to return.

Thanks in advance for your support at Open House next Sunday, and I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Peace,

Kim Vangel, Principal

Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,

What an honor it is to be the Music Director at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish! This position has brought me full circle in my career as a musician – since I am a graduate of St. Raphael Grade School, quite a few decades ago. In fact, my entire family has been active members of this faith community, when my parents, Vince and Irene Thomas became charter members of this new parish. My brother Vince Thomas (d. 2012) was in the first graduating class at St. Raphael's Grade School followed by my sisters Kathy Thomas (Haselhorst) and Barb Thomas (Kohout). Many memories abound as I drive through the community and visit the family home on Blow Street. Learning to play the organ at Mass was something introduced to me by the various School Sisters of Notre Dame that provided music for the Grade School. Memories of the Hammond Organ in the “old church” choir loft and the Wicks pipe organ in the “new” church were very formative in my life as a musician.

So – where did I go to school? Cor Jesu Academy! However, my professional training began at Fontbonne and later continued at Maryville University. I worked as a music educator at Visitation Academy and Villa Duchesne but the weekends always found me playing for liturgies at St. Gerard Majella and Our Lady of Lourdes. My husband Kerry's job took us to New Jersey then back to St. Louis, and later to Detroit, Michigan, where I was Music Director for the Cathedral. While there, I also completed a Doctorate in Sacred Music at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. With my husband's retirement, we moved to the South, where I was Director of Music for the Cathedral in Memphis, Tennessee. As life's journey has many twists and turns, my husband and I decided it was time to return “home.” I am so pleased to be a member of this faith community and to be “home” again. The trust Father Reiker has placed in me to minister with music through the liturgy to the faith community of St. Raphael the Archangel has humbled me beyond measure.



With peace and blessings,  
Dr. Nancy J. Deacon, DMA, LCSM  
Director of Music

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our Annual Anniversary Mass will be held on **Saturday, February 11th**, starting with the **4:30 pm Mass**. Each couple will receive a framed certificate for this memorable milestone. After Mass we will go to the Tobias Room for a complimentary dinner in the Rectory. If you were married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and beyond 60 years, please call the Parish Office at 314-352-8100 or Greg or Karen Divis at 314 351 4443 to make your reservations. See you there!

### Choir News

Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? You qualify if you sing in the shower, sing “Happy Birthday” or even “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”! The Adult Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in church.

All are welcome. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Deacon, Music Director, at 314.352.8100 or [musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org).

## LIVING OUR FAITH

This year the St. Louis Review's theme is "Living Our Faith." **The St. Louis Review** is your resource for local, national, and international faith news. If you are not a parish subscriber, please contact the parish office or simply leave a contribution in the basket with your request to receive the St. Louis Review.

Parish subscribers receive the St. Louis Review because of their parish contributions. Any additional amount will support those who are not able to afford their faith resource. Thank you for your many contributions of time, talent, and treasure to our faith community.

**\*Note: Your envelope for the annual subscription is in your January Packet. Thanks!**



### ProLife

A disturbing difficulty has confronted the ProLife community in St. Louis. Aldermanic Board Bill 203 would add reproductive health decisions, including abortion, as protected classes, with no exemption for churches or religious organizations. Archbishop Robert Carlson has declared: "There is no room for compromise on such a matter. This is a matter of fundamental religious and moral beliefs." ( See the January 16-22 edition of the REVIEW for more details.)

Since our alderperson, Donna Baringer, has resigned, we should contact Joe Roddy, Alderperson of Ward 17, and chairperson of the committee to which the bill was referred. Ask him to vote against the bill. His email is: [jroddystl@gmail.com](mailto:jroddystl@gmail.com) Together, let us pray for a defeat of this bill and let us stand for Life against the Culture of Death.

St. Raphael ProLife Committee

January 25-29 ProLife Trip  
January 29- Catholic Schools  
February 3 Week  
February 3 Grandparents' Day  
February 4 Trivia Night  
February 11 Snowflake Ball  
February 11 Wedding Anniversary  
Mass & Dinner  
February 16 Ladies' Club Vendor Fair  
February 18 Progressive Dinner  
March 5-9 Parish Mission

### PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Come and pick up your Parish Directories! For those who got their pictures taken, come pick up your directory at the Highfield exit of the Church.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Monday, Jan. 23rd

3:10 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts
3:15 pm - School	STEAM Club K-3
3:45 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
5:30 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts
6:00 pm - Tobias Room	Finance Council
6:45 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scout Meeting
7:00 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	RCIA
7:00 pm - Parish Office	St. Vincent de Paul

### Tuesday, Jan. 24th

1:30 pm - Tobias Room	Bible Study
3:15 pm - School	STEAM Club 4-8
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
7:00 pm - Raphael Room	Knights of Columbus
7:30 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice

### Wednesday, Jan. 25h

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, Jan. 26th

2:00 pm - School	SRA Dance Classes
5:30 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
7:00 pm - Church	Confirmation Meeting
7:30 pm - Gym	Basketball Practice

### Friday, Jan. 27h

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

### Saturday, Jan. 28th

8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
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### Sunday, Jan. 22nd

11:00 am - School	Open House-Catholic Schools Week
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## 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  
Coffee  
Paper Towels  
Sweetened Kool-Aid  
Financial Donations (checks payable to SRA and marked for Sts. Peter & Paul)

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

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL RECAP

We would like to thank you for your on-going donations and support to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Raphael. Your generosity continues to allow us to help our neighbors in need.

We want to share a recap of how your 2016 donations were used:

Calls/Requests for Assistance	= 190
Thrift Store Vouchers	= \$1,275
Electric & Gas Utility Assistance	= \$12,650
Rent Assistance	= \$3,688
Food vouchers	= \$2,075
Assistance to Other SVdP Conferences	= \$900

In addition, we provided neighbors with fans and beds through the SVdP District Program, car payments, gas cards, store gift cards, free-prescription program enrollment, phone expenses, diapers, paper goods and tons of donated food. We helped neighbors with job searches, with community resource information and supported them with friendship and prayer. We collected a truck load of furniture, clothing and household items for the Thrift Store and served meals to 340 people at Sts. Peter and Paul. None of this was possible without you. We humbly ask for your continued support, so, together, we can live out our Catholic social teaching to serve the most vulnerable and the most needy.

Thank you for supporting St. Raphael's St Vincent De Paul Conference

## Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

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Date: January 18, 2017

Pages Sent: 10 pages not including two pages of ads

Contact: Parish Office 314-352-8100

Special Instructions: