

## **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

## **CONFESSIONS**

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on  
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by  
appointment.

## **EUCCHARISTIC 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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020



**They opened their treasures and offered  
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

— Matthew 2:11b

## **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**

<b>Fr. John Mayo</b>	Pastor
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**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!**

<b>Parish Office</b>	314.352.8100
Fax	314.353.6603
<b>School</b>	314.352.9474
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<b>Website</b>	straphaelarchangel.org
<b>Facebook and Twitter</b>	@SRAtoday
<b>Instagram</b>	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 JAN. 6-12, 2020**

**Monday, January 6**

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
3:30pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Girls Bball.
5:00pm - Gym	1st & 3rd Gr. Boys Ball.
6:30pm - Gym	4th Gr. Boys Bball.
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Scouts
7:00pm - Parish Office	Stewardship Meeting
7:30pm - Gym	8th Gr. Boys Bball.

**Tuesday, January 7**

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:00pm - Parish Office	Fifty Plus Club
3:30pm - Gym	5th Gr. Girls Bball.
5:00pm - Gym	Pre-K - 2nd Gr. Bball.
6:30pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Boys Bball.
6:30pm - Cafeteria	3rd Gr. Boy Scouts
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:30pm - Tobias Room	Prayerful Scripture

**Wednesday, January 8**

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilters Room	Quilters
3:30pm - Gym	1st Gr. Girls Bball.
4:30pm - Gym	5th Gr. Boys Bball.
6:00pm - Gym	6th-7th Gr. Girls. Bball.
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
6:30pm - Small Conf. Rm.	RCIA
7:00pm - Church	Adult Choir
7:00pm - Parish Office	HSA
8:30pm - Gym	Men's Basketball

**Thursday, January 9**

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - School	Preschool Dance
3:00pm - School	K-5th Gr. Dance
3:30pm - Gym	7th Gr. Boys Bball.
5:00pm - Gym	5th Gr. Boys Bball.
6:30pm - Gym	4th Gr. Girls Bball.
7:00pm - Guardian Angel Rm.	Men's Prayer Group
7:30pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Girls Bball.

**Friday, January 10**

7:00am - Church	Mass
3:30pm - Gym	7th Gr. Girls Bball.
4:15pm - Cafeteria	1st Gr. Girl Scouts
5:30pm - Raphael & Tobias Rms.	Alpha Conference

**Saturday, January 11**

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria	Step Class
9:00am - Cafeteria	Professional Dvpt.
4:30pm - Church	Mass

**Sunday, January 12**

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

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

### *Epiphany Chalk*

This Sunday, at Mass we will bless the chalk for the Feast Day of Epiphany. This blessed chalk extends a blessing to our homes. When we write the formula of the Epiphany above the main door of our homes, we are asking God's blessings.

The formula for this year is 20+C+M+B+20.

The 20 at either end represents the year we are in, 2020. The letters C, M, and B stand for two things. They first represent the traditional names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Just as these wise men journeyed many miles to visit Christ, we ask God that, as we and our family and friends pass through our doors, they may find Christ there and take Him with them as well. CMB also stands for the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

After the chalk is blessed during Mass, we invite you to take a plastic bag from its place by the doors of the church. Inside, you will find an instruction sheet and a piece of chalk. Use the chalk to write the blessing above the main door of your home on the inside door trim and say the prayer on the sheet. If your children would like the blessing written above their door, you may do that as well.

The blessing remains there throughout the year as a reminder of the Feast of the Epiphany, of having Christ in our homes, receiving Him in our guests, and taking Him with us on our journeys.

### *Eucharistic Adoration*

This week marks a great new beginning for our parish community. We offer a weekly time for Eucharistic Adoration! The blessing of being with the Lord in silence that we experience on the First Friday of each month and during the Season of Advent will extend throughout the year.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in our Adoration Chapel in the rectory on Wednesdays from 3:00-10:00pm. Our time of Adoration on the First Friday of each month from 7:30am-2:15pm will also continue to be offered in church.

In order to continue to offer this blessing to our parish, we need your help! Someone needs to be with Our Lord when He is exposed in the Monstrance. Thus, we will continue to offer signup times to be with the Lord.

Each month, we will have post a list where people can opt for times to be with the Lord. The slots are a half-hour long. We invite you to sign up for one or two slots (half-an-hour or an hour) each week or as often as you can.

I am excited to offer this opportunity to be with the Lord each week, and I pray that many people will

work some time with the Lord into their schedules on a regular basis.

### *School Open House*

With the coming of January comes the beginning of plans for the next school year. I invite you to be an ambassador for our school by talking up our open house on Sunday, January 26. It will extend from 11:00am to 3:00pm. We invite everyone to come by, especially those who will have students eligible to enter Pre-K through 8th grade. Hope to see you there!

We will also schedule times to do some detail cleaning of our school to put our best foot forward for the open house. Please join us for cleaning on Saturday, January 18 and 25, beginning at 9:00am each day.

### *Winter Events*

Even though it is after Christmas, we continue to celebrate many different events here. Surveying the calendar, we have the Men's Club Communion Breakfast, Dinner Auction, Bags Tournament, and Mouse Races, to name just a few of the many events in the next 6-8 weeks. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for more information and we hope to see you at some of these amazing events!

### *Thank You*

On behalf of Msgr. Stehly and myself, thank you for the many cards, gifts, and well wishes for Christmas and New Year's. We are so grateful to serve you each day and please know that you remain in our prayers.

### *This Week*

As we begin this first somewhat normal week, I will travel a bit and will not be around as much. I have been asked to be a spiritual director for the College Seminary and Pre-Theology Program at the White House.

On Monday and Thursday, I will be here in the morning, leaving around mid-day and returning in the late afternoon. On Tuesday and Wednesday, I will be spending time overnight with retreatants for a day of prayer for myself.

I do appreciate your understanding so I can accompany these men on their annual retreat.

*I will see you in church! -Fr. John #SRAstrong*





# Mass INTENTIONS

## **Sunday, January 5**

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

## **Monday, January 6**

7:00am Pauline Zagroba

8:00am George Kennedy

## **Tuesday, January 7**

7:00am Tom Majda

8:00am Hodes Family, SI

## **Wednesday, January 8**

7:00am Earlene Judd

8:00am John Culver

## **Thursday, January 9**

7:00am Roger Kreidler

8:00am Matilda Reidhead

## **Friday, January 10**

7:00am Ann and Leo Bereswill

## **Saturday, January 11**

7:00am Julie A. Gilmore

4:30pm Josephine Saar

## **Sunday, January 12**

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Evelina Pasetti

### **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.

# fiftyplus

## **FIFTY PLUS CLUB**

The next Fifty Plus meeting is Tuesday, January 7, 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.

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

For those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries in 2020, please mark your calendars for a Mass and reception on Saturday, February 22, 2020. If you were newly married in 2019 or if you will be married this coming year (2020) for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 60-plus years, please call the parish office at 314.352.8100 or e-mail to [parish@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:parish@straphaelarchangel.org) with your wedding date. We will place you on the invitation list.



A parishioner from St. Mary Magdalene had these yard signs made to stand for the dignity of human life. If you are interested in having one of these free signs, please contact the parish office at 352.8100 or [parish@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:parish@straphaelarchangel.org). We will contact you when it is ready for pickup from the parish office.

## **ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!**

SRA is continuing to look for all alumni. Therefore, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Jennifer Delf at [alums@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:alums@straphaelarchangel.org) or you can call the parish office at 314.352.8100.

# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVERS FOR JAN. 6-12, 2020

### Monday, January 6

7:00am	William Hotze	Brandon Young
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Maggie Anstey

### Tuesday, January 7

7:00am	Rory Barnawell	Andrew Kellar
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Maggie Anstey

### Wednesday, January 8

7:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Brendan Cierpiot
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Maggie Anstey

### Thursday, January 9

7:00am	Matthew Franz	Isabella Pfeiffer
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Maggie Anstey

### Friday, January 10

7:00am	Kallista Hiatt	David Hiatt
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### Saturday, January 11

7:00am	Liam McMorrow	Claire Fuhr
4:30pm	Steven Irons	Mateo Switzer
	Aidan Switzer	

### Sunday, January 12

8:00am	Lucas Feldman	Lydia Bick
	Cillian Sheehan	
10:00am	Avery Bradshaw	Flora Borowiak
	Ethan Bradshaw	

## MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 11-12, 2020

### LECTORS

4:30pm

8:00am

10:00am

Laura Geiser

Mary Reck

Steve Kratky

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathy Steck	Mary Steck	Tom Yehlen
Pam Hager	Mary Niemeyer	Dennis Matreci
Kathe Berger	Mary Reck	Carolyn Skidmore
Gina Horas	Barbara Cramer	Greg Divis
Brian McCarthy	Kevin Liddy	Karen Divis
		Ann Grabian

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information was not available when the bulletin went to print.

### PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

*Lord Jesus, create in us new hearts.  
Pour your spirit upon us so that we may  
do the will of the Father.*

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the Infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to imitate each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially with that one thing that means the most to us.

### REMEMBER TO SUPPORT SRA!

1. You visit [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).
2. You select St. Raphael the Archangel as the organization you will support.
3. You make your purchase as normal.
4. We receive a percentage of your purchase.
5. You feel good for helping us while making a purchase you need!

**Thank you for your continued support of our Amazon Smile account. We received a quarterly donation of \$80.50 thanks to your visiting Amazon Smile when shopping.**

# AUCTION NEWS

Don't miss the 2020 SRA Auction! Ticket sales close January 20, 2020 - get your tickets today! The date is Saturday, February 8. Doors open at 5:30pm. The event will be held in the St. Raphael Gym. How to register? Go to <https://blackandgold20.givesmart.com>. It is \$750 for a VIP table of 10 or \$600 for a table of 10. VIP tables include VIP parking, up-front seating, wine, and appetizers at your table, and ten 50/50 raffle tickets!

## FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, as the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Through your donations to the St. Raphael Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, we were able to offer, through the Christ Child, gifts to many needy families during Advent and Christmas, and to give hope to them for the New Year. Thank you!

## CATHOLIC NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. Increase your Marian devotion
2. Make more time for spiritual reading
3. Make good stewardship a lifestyle
4. Share your Catholic faith with others
5. Live a penitential life
6. Go to an extra Mass
7. Pray the Rosary
8. Pick a new Saint buddy

## WINTER OUTREACH A MINISTRY OF MERCY



Encouraged by our Catholic social teachings, *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*, our parish community is committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith Ministry of Mercy. "As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it for me." (MT 25:31-46)

As winter approaches, many homeless "brethren" will spend their days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, we are asking you to help provide meals to an overnight shelter during the coldest months. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter (1315 Ann St.) on our assigned Saturdays:

January 18, 2020

February 22, 2020

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following: 9 x 13 casserole (meat, vegetable or breakfast). Also desserts for 12 to 24 servings. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall by 1:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made for pick up. If you would like more information, would like to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or e-mail at [maryem@brick.net](mailto:maryem@brick.net). GOD'S WORK THROUGH OUR HANDS



All girls of St. Raphael the Archangel School or Parish  
in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade please join us  
with your father or special someone for a glamorous evening at the

## Father Daughter Snowflake Ball

**Date:** Saturday, January 18, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Place:** St. Raphael the Archangel School Gymnasium



*Appetizers and Desserts*

\$35.00 per family

*Photo Booth and Dancing*



*Glamorous Evening Attire*

Sponsored by the Girl Scouts of St. Raphael the Archangel School

Please return reservation form and money  
in an envelope to the school office marked  
**Snowflake Ball** by Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please make your check payable to **SRA**.

For further information, please contact  
Donna Videmschek at 314.306.2668 or  
dvidemschek@stjosephacademy.org.

*Father Daughter  
Snowflake Ball*



**Reservation Form**

**Family name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_



***ALPHA IS CONTINUING AT SRA! AND YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN!***



Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. If you're less than satisfied with the way your life is going... If you long for a more meaningful relationship with God... If you have more questions than answers... then Alpha is for you! Join us for a great meal and conversation with others as we delve into the meaning of life and faith. Our first session was fun and informative and you're not too late to come and see for yourself...what have you got to lose?

Our next session is Friday, January 10, 6:30 - 9:00pm in the lower level of the parish office. For adults of all ages, backgrounds, and religious orientation. Feel free to invite a friend to come with you! Free childcare is available. Dinner is only for adult participants; children should eat before coming or bring their own meal; juice and snack will be offered. To register, please call, text or email Mary Reck at 314.326.6996 or [mjreck@gmail.com](mailto:mjreck@gmail.com).

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

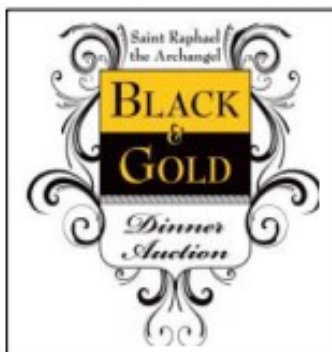




ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
**BLACK & GOLD AUCTION**  
FEBRUARY 8, 2020

New this year...SHOUT OUTS!

For just \$10, a 2in by 2in space can be purchased in our auction program book. This is a great idea to give your favorite SRA student or teacher some extra love or publicize your small business. Easy for grandparents to buy too!



To purchase, please fill out the attached form and return with payment by January 20 to the Parish Office.

THANK YOU!

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

Shout Out Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please remit form, with payment to  
SRA Parish Office, Attn: Auction Ads  
6047 Bishops Place  
St. Louis, MO 63109

-or-email form to [auction@staphaelarchangel.org](mailto:auction@staphaelarchangel.org)

Ads will not be published without payment by January 20, 2020

# Save These DATES

Friday, January 10  
Saturday, January 18  
Sunday, January 26

Friday, January 31  
Saturday, February 8

Alpha Resumes  
Snowflake Ball  
Catholic Schools Week Begins  
with Open House  
Grandparent's Day  
Black and Gold Dinner Auction

## GREAT MARRIAGES DON'T JUST HAPPEN; COUPLES MAKE THEM!



"They saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Encourage the Holy Spirit to enrich your marriage by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are February 7-9 and April 24-26 at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, Missouri.

For more information, please go to [wwme.org/schedule](http://wwme.org/schedule) or call or text 314.649.7317.

## Catholic Men and Women for Christ Conferences

For Men: February 1, 2020

For Women: March 7, 2020

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

If you have questions or to register now:

[catholicmenforchrist.org/](http://catholicmenforchrist.org/)  
[catholicwomenforchrist.org.](http://catholicwomenforchrist.org/)

## TRIVIA NIGHT OUR LADY'S INN

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home is having its Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, January 18, at Chaminade College Prep School. Cost is \$25 per person and \$200 for a table of eight. For more information, please visit [ourladsyinn.org](http://ourladsyinn.org) or call Katrina at 314.736.1544.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate item(s):

☐ New Parishioner

☐ New Phone/Email/Address

☐ Please Contact Me

☐ Please Do Not Publish #