

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 8TH, 2017 Epiphany of Our Lord

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

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 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 4:00 pm to 4:25 pm on Saturday



PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

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CLERGY & STAFF

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

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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 INITATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Please call the Parish Office for information on becoming Catholic.

FR. BOB'S COLUMN

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Today we celebrate Epiphany, a feast whose name is Greek for "manifestation" or "revelation." Just what is revealed? First we think of the manifestation of the baby Jesus, the Christ, to the wise men from the East. This idea helps us focus on the reality that God's plan of salvation includes not only the Jewish people, but also all the Gentile nations of the world, represented by these non-Jewish, mysterious figures from afar. Just as the shepherds represented the Jewish people, the "Magi" offering homage and gifts to the infant "king" in Bethlehem stand in for all of



us and all other parts of the human family, all of whom God created and desired to save through his Son, the Christ.

This Feast of Epiphany calls us once again to embrace a global worldview. This is always a challenge, since we tend to think much more narrowly, staying concerned with our own family, neighborhood, city, or country. Yet God's love extends to all people and all creation, and we are called to embrace God's view and God's universal love for all – no matter their homeland, their culture, their language, or their ethnic group. God loves them all and God's Son, Jesus, came to save them all!

TWO ST. RAPHAEL PARISH STAFF CHANGES:

1. CHOIR DIRECTOR/MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Frank Jorns has chosen to leave the music ministry position that he has held for the last 17 years. We are very grateful to Frank for his dedicated and faithful service to our parish at all the weekend Masses and most funerals and weddings. Frank was an excellent musician and always easy and cooperative to work with in planning parish liturgy and music. Frank's last Masses will be 4:30pm and 8am next weekend. Thanks, Frank, and may the Lord be with you always!

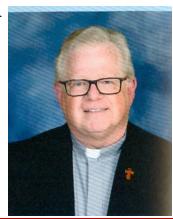
Mrs. Nancy Deacon will be our new music director. Nancy is a graduate of St. Raphael School. She has a doctoral degree in liturgical music ministry. Most recently, Nancy was the music director at the Catholic Cathedral in Memphis, Tennessee, until she and her husband moved back home to St. Louis. We are delighted to have someone of her caliber serving our SRA Parish Family in our liturgical ministry.

- 2. THE PARISH OFFICE AT SRA
- 3. First of all, <u>Mrs. Diane Halbert</u>, who has been full-time, will be scaling back to three days a week Monday-Wednesday, in order to have more time with her now-retired husband. She will continue to primarily do parish office support and bookkeeper work.

Secondly, <u>Mrs. Mickey Janos</u> will be increasing from two days a week to three (Tuesday-Thursday), including now working on the weekly bulletin, and continuing with parish schedules, sacramental records, and posting contributions.

Mr. Philip Wolk will be leaving the SRA staff after ten months. Thank you, Philip, and God's blessings.

<u>Deacon Ron Holmes</u> is being added as a full-time staff person in the SRA Parish Office. Deacon Ron was just ordained a permanent deacon for our parish last June. Like the first seven deacons in the Acts of the Apostles chosen to assist the apostles in their ministry, Deacon Ron will be assisting me greatly in my role as pastor of St. Raphael Parish. His responsibilities will include being in the Parish Office Monday through Friday, working on parish finances, overseeing maintenance of the parish facilities (church and school), coordinating parish electronic communications, and performing various liturgical ministries as needed.



SERVERS FOR JAN. 9TH- JAN. 15TH Monday – Tuesday 7:00 am Andrew Kellar Jacob Kellar Thad Berta 8:00 am Addison Berta Wednesday-Thursday 7:00 am Lydia Bick Jane Dubbert 8:00 am Sarah Brinkmann Samantha Koziacki Friday 7:00 am Kristin Nienhaus Miranda Sullenger **Saturday** 7:00 am Kristin Nienhaus Miranda Sullenger 4:30 pm Katie Delf Abby Delf Rory Barnawell Sunday Spencer Willmann 8:00 am Avery Bradshaw Gillian Neal Lillian Weber 10:00 am Anna Mersinger

WEEKEND OF JAN. 14TH AND JAN. 15TH 4:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am PRIEST:

Mackenzie Sampson-Walk

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

LECTORS:

Laura Geiser Kristine McCloskey Family Mass

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Kathy Steck Carol Hughes Mary Dupske Pam Hager Beverly Whitworth Rosemary Phelan Mary Niemeyer Tom Yehlen Kathe Berger 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. 8th The Epiphany of Our Lord

8:00 am People of the Parish 10:00 am Tina Bommarito

Monday, Jan. 9th

7:00 am Sr. Suzanne Holford, O.P. 8:00 am Noel Diaz

Tuesday, Jan. 10th

7:00 am Grace Farley Maderos 8:00 am Stuart Popp

Wednesday, Jan 11th

7:00 am Kevin Buchanan 8:00 am Roger Kreitler (SI)

Thursday, Jan. 12th

7:00 am Donald Deachan 8:00 am Brian Pruellage

Friday, Jan. 13th

7:00 am Mary Lou Schicker

Saturday, Jan. 14th

7:00 am Paul Boschert 4:30 pm Pam Hager

Sunday. Jan. 15th

8:00 am Nicole LeBlanc (SI) 10:00 am People of the Parish

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEC. 24TH-25TH

Sunday Collection\$11,164.00Online Giving\$1,282.00Weekly Total Collection\$12,446.00Weekly Budget Goal\$8000.00

Tuition Assistance \$ 128.00

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEC. 31ST- JAN. 1ST

Sunday Collection\$ 7841.75Online Giving\$ 532.00Weekly Total Collection\$ 8373.75Weekly Budget Goal\$ 8000.00

Tuition Assistance: \$ 90.00

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



HIGHSCHOOLERS! HIGHSCHOOLERS!

ATTENTION ALL HIGHSCHOOLERS! Join us this Wednesday, January 11th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we kick off our next series on vocations and the call to holiness! Please see www.saintlouislifeteen.org

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS! Save the date for Luke 18! It will be held Feb. 17-19th, 2017 - see www.saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18 for more details.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Parish/School Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun-filled night starting with Appetizers, followed by Dinner and then Desserts. More details in future bulletins.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Epiphany of Our Lord

"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 follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share <u>all</u> of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

Table Name: Gontact Name , Number, & Email: Table Members:

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

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

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

St. Raphael the Archangel Pastoral Care Ministry

"Serving the elderly, sick and homebound of our parish."

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



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, and through the guidance of our patron, St. Raphael the Archangel, our students are *Formed in Faith, Prepared for Life*.

This Week in the Cafeteria

Monday, Jan. 9th	Tuesday, Jan. 10th	Wed., Jan. 11th	Thurs., Jan. 12th	Friday, Jan. 13th
Toasted Ravioli, Salad, Garlic Bread	Taco Tuesday	Hot Italian Sub	Pepperoni Pizza	Pancakes

WINTER OUTREACH: A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings: "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable,", our Parish Communities are committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith-filled Ministry of Mercy. Pope Francis encourages us to continue to show mercy in our daily lives: "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" who will need warmth and food, we are asking for help in providing meals during the coldest months. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter 1315 Ann Street on our assigned evenings. Anyone is also welcome to serve/visit with shelter guests on the following evenings.

Dates Friday Saturday Sunday January 13 14 15 February 10 11 12

Please will you provide one of the following?

- 9x13 Hot Casserole (any kind)
- Dessert: Sweets or Fruit (12-24 servings)

Together we can make a bountiful meal, one dish at a time. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall entrance by 5:15pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick it up from your home. If you would like more information about this ministry, would like to share at least one dish this winter and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen at 374-1712 or email maryem@brick.net.

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear St. Raphael School Families and Parishioners, Happy New Year! We are back in the swing of things at school and looking forward to our second half of the school year. I hope that 2017 brings you many blessings.

Our next big event at St. Raphael School is actually a full week of events: Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic Education, from January 29 - February 4, 2017. Here at St. Raphael we begin with our annual Open House on Sunday, January 29th following the 10am Mass. Our school building is open from 11am to 3pm, and we welcome current families as well as prospective families to come and tour the school. Registration begins on this day for all students, Preschool through 8th Grade. Remember that ALL STUDENTS MUST BE REREGISTERED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR; register early and don't risk being left out!

NOW is the time for you to talk with your neighbors, families, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances about the incredible Catholic education being offered at St. Raphael the Archangel School. YOU are our best marketing! Please encourage them to come to our Open House on Sunday, January 29th and see for themselves. All Are Welcome!

Catholic Schools Week is filled with numerous activities planned by our very own Student Council and Service Club, and we will keep you posted with those details as plans are solidified. However one VERY IMPORTANT day during Catholic Schools Week is *GRANDPARENTS DAY*. We celebrate our grandparents and grand-friends on Friday, February 4th, so please mark your calendars now and pass along that date to your student's grandparents and grand-friends. The day will begin with 8am Mass and then an hour or two of special activities in school. Students typically leave school early with their guests, and everyone is dismissed at Noon. Watch for more information to come home soon!

Stay warm out there and please keep our students and teachers in your prayers.

Peace, Kim Vangel Principal

ALUMNI TRIVIA

VIANNEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Saturday, January 21, 2017

St. John Vianney High School 1311 South Kirkwood Rd. Kirkwood, MO 63122

Doors Open at 6 pm; Trivia begins at 7pm sharp!

COST: \$200/table in advance (before Jan 7th), \$250/table after Jan. 7. There are 10 people per table maximum. Beer, soda, and water are included. Bring your own food and snacks!

SPONSOR A ROUND for \$100 (See Sponsorship Form on next page)

Bring cash and/or credit card for raffles, silent auction and games!!!

FOR RESERVATIONS OR QUESTIONS, call John Bader at (314) 605-3588 or send him an e-mail at johnpbader@gmail.com, or you can call Dominick Traina at (314) 965-4853 x166, or send him an e-mail at dtraina@vianney.com

Register and pay online at vianney.com/alumni_trivia.html

or mail the bottom of this form and your check payable to: "Vianney Alumni Association" c/o Alumni Trivia Night, ATTN: Dominick Traina, 1311 S. Kirkwood Rd,St. Louis, MO 63122

Please RSVP by Jan 7th

ALUMNI TRIVIA NIGHT | JANUARY 21, 2017

Table Captain Name_____Telephone#___

Email



JOHN JOSEPH HANICHAK BAPTISM

Congratulations to *John Joseph Hanichak*, who was baptized Sunday, December 27th. The parents are Jeremy & Carrie Hanichak. Also, he is the grandson of Sen and Anne Nolan.

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DONATION CONTRAC	T

1) Donate Item(s) for Silent Auction:

Item Description ______ Qty_____ Other Notes

3 Ways to Contribute:

2) Be a Round Sponsor \$100

- a. Company name and logo highlighted on projector. Opportunity to share other promotional material on each table as well as give a short 30-second intro about your company at the event.
- b. Company name is included on the Event Sponsorship Flyer

3) Volunteer at the event

a. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the event, including: judges, registration, set-up, clean-up, table runners, bartenders, 50/50 ticket sales, etc.

A receipt of any donation will be sent to you after the event for your records.

Sponsor Telephone#

Company_____Email_

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our Annual Anniversary Mass will be held on **Saturday, February 11th,** starting with the **4:30 PM Mass.** Each couple will received 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!

INDOOR SOCCER

There will be an indoor soccer program for boys and girls of the parish ages 5-14. The program will be conducted at Soccerdome in Webster Groves and will begin in early February. For more information, please call Marty at 314-393-1164.

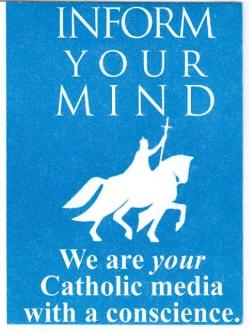
LIVING OUR FAITH

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.



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

YOU DID IT FOR ME

Young children in parts of Guatemala are prone to frequent sickness caused by poor diets and a lack of nutritious food. When young children are malnourished their physical and mental development is stunted. With the help of Catholic Relief Services, 10,500 families are learning ways to increase the quality of nutritious food they serve to grow healthy and happy children.

Learn more at: crs.org/you-did-it-for-me

CUB SCOUTS

"Cub Scout Pack 500 is selling St Louis Cardinal Calendars after all Masses this weekend. Calendars are \$15 and include a complete Cardinal schedule as well as coupons and other offers. Proceeds benefit Pack 500 activities. For further details, contact Cub master Tom Finan (finantj@slu.edu).





THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, Jan. 9th

7:00 am - Church Mass 8:00 am - Church Mass

3:45 pm- Gym Girls Basketball Practice

6:45 pm - Cafeteria Cub Scout Mtg.

7:00 pm- Raphael Room RCIA

7:00 pm- Guardian Angel Historical Society Mtg.

7:00 pm- Conference Room SVDP Mtg.

7:00 pm- Tobias Room Parish Council Mtg.

Tuesday, Jan. 10th

7:00 am - Church
8:00 am - Church
1:30 pm - Tobias Room
3:15 pm - Gym
5:00 pm - Cafeteria
7:00 pm - Church

Mass
Bible Study
Basketball Practice
Daisy Scout Troop
Weekly Rosary Recitation

Wednesday, Jan. 11th

7:00 am - Church Mass 8:00 am - Church Mass 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
7:00 pm - Church Choir Practice

7:00 pm - Tobias Room RCIA

Thursday, Jan. 12th

7:00 am - Church Mass 8:00 am - Church Mass

2:00 pm - School SRA Dance Classes
5:30 pm - Gym Basketball Practice
7:00 pm- Tobias Room Liturgy Committee Mtg.
7:00 pm- Raphael Room Men's Prayer Group

Friday, Jan. 13th

7:00 am - Church Mass

3:15 pm - Gym Basketball Practice

Saturday, Jan. 14th

7:00 am - Church Mass 8:00 am- Cafeteria Step Class 4:30 pm - Church Mass

Sunday, Jan. 15th

8:00 am - Church Mass/Donut Sunday 10:00 am - Church Family Mass/Donut Sunday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;

Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-

28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;

Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk

1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;

Jn 1:29-34

MARY SMITH CONDITION

Dear friends.

I wanted to write a note to let you know where I have been for the last six weeks. On November 9th I had to have emergency surgery on my back for a ruptured disc. Before the surgery I had to have many tests including a heart cath to make sure everything was safe to proceed with the back surgery. Unfortunately I failed the cath test and I have to have bypass surgery. The doctors could not do the heart surgery before the back surgery because I could not stand or walk from the disc rupturing. It was very risky but I made it through the back surgery and now they have scheduled the heart surgery for January 3. I have missed being with all of you at the 4:30 liturgy and I hope to return after my recovery. Fr. Bob has been very kind to me over all of this. You have been part of my extended family for 26 years and I have loved every minute being with you. I ask for your prayers for my upcoming heart surgery.

Your friend,

Mary Smith, 4:30 Cantor

"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!

Information Page

St Raphael the Archangel

817900

Date: January 4, 2017

Pages Sent: 10 pages not including two pages of ads

Contact: Parish Office 314-352-8100

Special Instructions: