

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

CONFESIONS

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

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by appointment.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with exposition) following 7:00am Mass concluding at 2:00pm with Benediction
Subsequent Tuesday of each month (without exposition) 7:30am to 2:30pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

ROSARY

Tuesday at 7:00pm in Church

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 14, 2019



A Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion.

~ Luke 10:33 ~

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**

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Finance Council	Joseph Cyr	314.335.7322
HSA President	Jennifer Delf	314.323.6073

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.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
JULY 15-21, 2019**

Monday, July 15

7:00am - Church	Mass
6:00pm - Gym	Soccer
7:00pm - Guardian Angel	Historical Society
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Scouts

Tuesday, July 16

7:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Church	Lectio Group
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Men's Club Meeting
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:30pm - Tobias Room	Prayerful Scripture

Wednesday, July 17

7:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters

Thursday, July 18

7:00am - Church	Mass
2:00pm - School	Dance Class
6:30pm - Off Site	Ladies' Club Dinner

Friday, July 19

7:00am - Church	Mass
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Saturday, July 20

7:00am - Church	Mass
4:30pm - Church	Mass

Sunday, July 21

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Mass
12:00pm - Gym	5th Gr. Boys Basketball



Visit catholicscomehome.org and click on "find your parish" on the right side of the page to locate a Catholic church nearest to your summer destination!

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

We welcome Fr. Jimel Varela from the Diocese of Catarman, Philippines, this weekend to preach to us on the missions in the Philippines and how we can help to be partners in the mission work there.

Finding God in all things

St. Ignatius, with his experience of God while recuperating and subsequently finding his way from being soldier to priest and founder of a religious order, had a dynamic relationship with God. This relationship extended beyond the set times of prayer he kept throughout the day.

Ignatius believed God was much more active in our lives than we may tend to think. He taught that God was present in all things we did. He was not a mere spectator or present in a mere intellectual way, but actively present and desiring to love us in that moment. By following His inspirations, we could see and experience him throughout our day, whether we are at prayer or not.

Such a teaching is valuable to us. At times, we can believe that we are alone, that God has entrusted us with His plan and that we have to somehow figure out what He wants us to do. Ignatius corrects this false belief. Yes, God wants us to complete what He has asked us to do, but is beside us the whole way to encourage and strengthen us to do it.

God's presence is not always readily apparent. Certainly, we have had moments where we know God is there, but often times He is there in a somewhat veiled way. He gives us inspirations to let us know where He is, but we can accept them or reject them or maybe even not be aware of them at all.

This is where good discernment is needed. Discernment is a spiritual practice that encourages our whole person to look more deeply at a situation and to see where God is moving, where we are moving, and where the evil one may be lurking. As a discerning person, we can never underestimate God's plan for us. He is there, even when we think there is no way He can be, hoping we see Him and come closer to Him through whatever we experience.

One way to begin to discern is through the examen, which I wrote about last week. If we can look back at our day to where God was working, we can learn how He enters our lives and we can look for these events.

God also often works through our desires. At times, we can be shy in speaking about what we want, because we do not want to be selfish. But our desires are still pushing and pulling us; we cannot deny them. So we instead need to be honest about them. What are our desires? Which seem to be holy? Which are purely selfish? Which just lead us into unhealthy places? This sorting through our desires can help reveal where God is moving.

When examining our desires, there are areas that we do not want to visit. These are our fears. When we discern, we have to challenge these areas, because they constrict where we are willing to go to discover where God might lead us. It is challenging, but naming our fears is a good first step. No matter how silly they may seem once we say them or how seriously they frighten us, once we name them they do not have the same hold over us. We can then see them in the light of truth, truth that will help us to see clearly where God is working in our lives.

Also to see God working does not mean we will know everything. Stick with what we know before delving into what might happen in a given situation.

Once we have discerned, we can check ourselves about our decision. The decision made, we can examine ourselves. Do we feel at peace about what we have decided? What still troubles us? Is it natural that we would feel this way or should we perhaps reconsider?

Being a person of discernment and trying to find God in all things is not an exact science. It is an art. At times, we will do well and at other times, we will learn what we wish we had known. Let that not be a hindrance to being a person of discernment but an assurance of God's mercy and love.

Fr. John #SRAstrong



Sunday, July 14

8:00am Ralph Raskas
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, July 15

7:00am Sophie Wimber

Tuesday, July 16

7:00am Hodes Family, SI

Wednesday, July 17

7:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann

Thursday, July 18

7:00am Agnes Cross

Friday, July 19

7:00am Frank Cross

Saturday, July 20

7:00am Roland Gunsallus
4:30pm Dawn Slees

Sunday, July 21

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Carol Madalon

LADIES' CLUB JULY EVENT - DINNER AT RIVER CITY CASINO

On Thursday, July 18, our meeting is dinner at the Beerhouse in River City Casino (south end). Please plan to meet for cocktails at 6:30pm and dinner orders will be taken at approximately 7:00pm. Separate checks will be provided.

Meet for dinner and then the rest of the evening is yours!

SRA CONTEMPORARY CHOIR NEWS

The SRA Contemporary Choir (SPN @ SRA) will be singing at the Annual Outdoor Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Saturday, July 20, at 8:00pm. Prelude starts at 7:45pm.

Please join us in worship at this sacred event located at Carmelite Monastery, 9150 Clayton Road, 63124.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, when Jesus wonders "which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim," the scholar of the law answered, "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise." This week you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by making a donation to the St. Raphael conference for St. Vincent de Paul, knowing that our members will bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.

SRA RELIGIOUS LIBRARY



Thank you to the SRA Parishioners who have donated to the St. Raphael the Archangel Religious Library, located in the Highfield Avenue vestibule. While there is still space on the shelves for more books, the library is growing! We hope it will be a resource for our Parish to deepen our knowledge of faith and our love for God.

The library works by donations. Please place any books on faith that you would like to donate to the library on top of the bookcase. After they are checked in, you are free to take a book from one of the shelves. When you have finished it, please return the book to the top of the bookcase.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR JULY 15-21, 2019

Monday, July 15

7:00am David Hiatt Kallista Hiatt

Tuesday, July 16

7:00am Madalene Cierpiot Brendan Cierpiot

Wednesday, July 17

7:00am Liam McMorrow Maggie Anstey

Thursday, July 18

7:00am Flora Borowiak Claire Fuhr

Friday, July 19

7:00am Nahima Ramirez Dalila Ramirez

Saturday, July 20

7:00am Lydia Eddingfield	Brandon Young
4:30pm Alex Atchison	Matthew Franz
	Eva Thompson

Sunday, July 21

8:00am Maggie Anstey	Jack Delf
Abby Delf	
10:00am Rory Barnawell	Thad Berta
Addison Berta	

June 30, 2019 (Envelopes Used)

This Week

FY to Date

Regular Env. (77) \$ 4,110.00 \$ 245,576.00

Loose Money \$ 583.00 \$ 54,344.00

School Tuition Asst. \$ 325.00 \$ 5,412.00

Building Fund \$ 110.00 \$ 7,557.00

Holy Days \$ 0 \$ 9,207.00

Online Giving (43) \$ 1,747.00 \$ 106,412.00

Altar Flowers \$ 10.00

Tithing (\$ 70.00)

Holy Father/Peter's Pence (\$ 330.00)

Grand Total \$ 7,285.00

Total for Parish \$ 6,885.00

Amount Needed \$ 9,000.00 \$ 469,000.00

Difference (\$ 2,115.00) (\$ 39,072.00)

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

JULY 20-21, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
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Laura Geiser	Lorraine Gurley	Joan Billing
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

Your Contributions to God and Parish

July 7, 2019

(Envelopes Used)

This Week

FY to Date

Regular Env. (94) \$ 5,595.00 \$ 5,595.00

Loose Money \$ 321.00 \$ 321.00

School Tuition Asst. \$ 0 \$ 0

Building Fund \$ 125.00 \$ 125.00

Holy Days \$ 0 \$ 0

Online Giving (45) \$ 2,147.00 \$ 2,147.00

Altar Flowers \$ 10.00

Tithing (\$ 30.00)

Grand Total \$ 8,228.00

Total for Parish \$ 8,198.00

Amount Needed \$ 9,000.00 \$ 9,000.00

Difference (\$ 802.00) (\$ 802.00)

FY 2019 (\$ 39,072.00)

BRIEF PROFILE

Diocese of Catarman, Philippines



I am *Rev. Jimel D. Varela* from the Diocese of Catarman. At present, I am assigned as Rector of John Paul Seminary, Alisyao Heights, Makiwalo, Mondragon N. Samar 6417 Philippines. This year, I have been sent by my bishop to conduct the Mission Appeal on behalf of our Diocese.

The Diocese of Catarman is situated in the Northern Part of the island of Samar, south of the Philippines. Its total population is 500,639 but out of that we have a total Catholic population of 365,967, which is 73.10% of the whole population. The main source of livelihood for most of the people is farming and fishing, which comprises 55% of the whole populace. The illiteracy rate is 66% because of the lack of schools and the neglect of the government to educate. The leading causes of death are: 1) pneumonia, 2) heart disease, 3) hypo cardio-vascular disease, 4) pulmonary tuberculosis and 5) diarrhea. A third of the preschoolers are underweight. Major causes of malnutrition are: poverty or low income, inadequate food supply, lack of nutrition knowledge, infectious diseases, poor environmental and hygienic conditions, lack of potable water supply, lack of health facilities, poor delivery of basic health services, large family size and low food production. The staple food is rice and corn as a substitute. Our main agricultural product is coconut and abaca is secondary.

Most Reverend Emmanuel C. Trance, PhD, DD is the shepherd of the local church in Catarman. At present, we have 75 priests actively working in the Diocese and we have 45 seminarians enrolled in the different levels of seminary formation from pre-college, to college, and then theology. We have at least 900 volunteer catechists working for the evangelization and catechetical instruction on school-based programs and during summer time. The main thrust of the Diocese is the *Basic Ecclesial Community* (BEC) wherein we have volunteers that serve as personnel in our out reach programs especially to those who are called “unchurched” so that they too will be able to know God and receive a proper Christian formation.

This mission appeal is made under the auspices of the Propagation of the Faith to help with relief needs of the children and the poor, the formation of lay leaders and the clergy’s health and continuing-education-assistance programs.

ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, July 25, at 7:00pm, at Saint Catherine Laboure Parish, 9740 Sappington Road.

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people.

Don Wandless and Dodie Nelke will play well known show tunes to entertain us at this get together and then we will have refreshments and a short meeting afterward.

For more information, please call Michelle Wack at 314.540.7400 or Bill DeCoursey at 314.894.0733.



CHECK OUT THE NEW PAINT AND NEW FLOOR IN THE 4TH GRADE CLASSROOM!

Thanks to all those who helped with the painting the last several weeks.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

SRA parishioners who have Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards are reminded to fill them out. Please be generous. Return the finished card (both copies) to the parish office or place it in the weekend collection basket.

Thank you for your support!

SRA Annual Catholic Appeal Committee

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;
Mt 10:34 -- 11:1 |
| Tuesday: | Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24 |
| Wednesday: | Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27 |
| Thursday: | Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27;
Mt 11:28-30 |
| Friday: | Ex 11:10 -- 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8 |
| Saturday: | Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;
Mt 12:14-21 |
| Sunday: | Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42 |

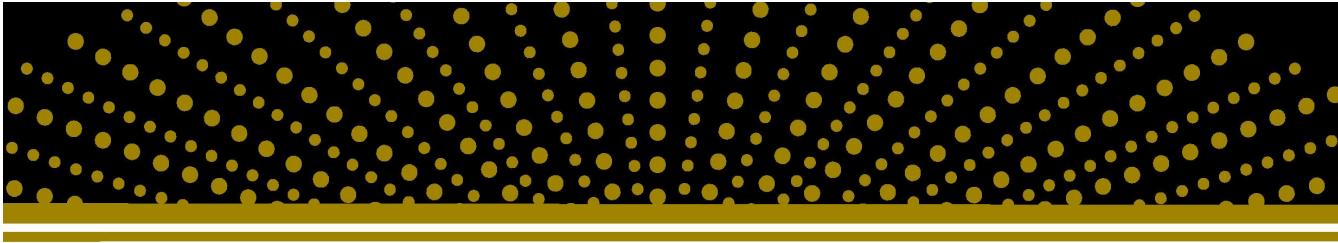
FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The SRA FRIENDS FOR LIFE Campaign will extend from Sunday, August 4, to Sunday, August 18. As you know, Friends for Life is a program sponsored by the Respect Life Apostolate that helps to support women in crisis pregnancies. In addition, Friends for Life helps to implement programs of the RLA that promote the Culture of Life. You will find your Friends for Life envelope in the August packet of envelopes. Please your Life gift in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

The SRA ProLife Committee

USE AMAZON SMILE FOR YOUR SHOPPING AND SUPPORT SRA!

Please continue to use Amazon Smile and a percentage of your Amazon purchase will go to SRA!! You must use the Amazon Smile web site: smile.amazon.com. From this site you select SRA as your recipient, log into your account, and start spending! Prime members and non-prime members can participate; everyone can help SRA earn extra money every time you buy!!



SAVE THE DATES

Hello SRA Parish Members! In partnership, The Auction Committee and the Matreci family would like to announce the dates for the Trivia Night and Black and Gold Auction in the coming year! With a focus on enhancing the SRA Fundraising Event calendar and both of these important events, we've decided to swap dates! Last year was an exciting year at SRA and both of these events were sellouts. We look forward to seeing everyone again this upcoming year! Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

SRA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MARCIA MATRECI MEMORIAL
TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

ANNUAL SRA
BLACK & GOLD AUCTION

Saturday, February 8th, 2020

MORE DATES TO SAVE!

Sunday, August 11
Tuesday, August 13
Saturday, August 17
Saturday, October 19
Saturday, November 9

Back-to-School Sunday
First Day of School
Watermelon Festival
Trunk or Treat
Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night



Summer can be a slow time for donations to support St. Patrick Center's emergency food pantry. Please consider donating some of the most-needed items this summer: canned meats (chicken, fish and Spam); canned fruit; canned pasta and chili; boxed dinners (Hamburger and Tuna Helper); pancake mix and syrup; and non-sugary cereal. Donations can be dropped off at St. Patrick Center's Donation Center dock at the back of our building, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. For more information, please contact Katie Joseph at 314.802.1976 or kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org.

GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and who want to share that love with others. (*Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.*)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.' " (Luke 10:37)

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love your neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know or someone who looks different from you or someone whom you don't like, all without expecting anything in return.

ARCHBISHOP CARLSON'S STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent, and treasure."

Fiat WOMEN'S GROUP



MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

with Fr. Paul Hoesing, Vice-Rector for Formation

Join us for an extended version of the monthly Fiat series, including recitation of the rosary, talks given by Fr. Paul Hoesing, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for confession, and Holy Mass. Say "yes" to spending time in prayer with Mary on this Holy Day!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

This event is free and open to the public.



Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
5200 Glennon Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

kenrick.edu/fiat



Prayerful Scripture Reading

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the lower level of the parish office to prayerfully read and reflect on the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday.

Learn to dive into the Scriptures and picture yourself in the places and events you read about. Hear what the Scriptures that were written so long ago have to say to you about your life right here and now. Take the time to meditate on what you're reading and let it form a prayer in your heart that will bring you to put your faith into action.

Bring your Bible and a prayerful spirit. Questions, please contact Sue Brandt at 314.704.5304 or sbrandtstl@gmail.com.

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Drive, 63119) on the third Thursday of each month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 18. The speaker will be Monsignor James Ramacciotti, Assistant Professor of Canon Law at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Monsignor's talk is entitled, "*Bless Me Father: The Seal of Confession.*" The Rosary will be prayed at 8:00am and Msgr. Ramacciotti will speak from 8:15am until 9:00am. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30am. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, please see: www.kenrick.edu/fiat.



ST. MATTHIAS HODAK'S FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Saturday, July 20
4:30pm - 7:00pm

Adults \$10, Children (6-12) \$5
Dine-in Includes Dessert and Drink
Carry Outs Include Dessert
St. Matthias Parish Center
800 Buckley Road
314.544.2162



ATTENTION, ALL 8TH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Please join us this Wednesday, July 17, from 7-9:00pm at Bishop DuBourg for our "What I Wish I Knew" series as we hear from Fr. Brian Fallon. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

SOUTH PATROL DIVISION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/CRIME SUMMIT

The South Patrol is hosting a crime summit on Tuesday, July 23, at Bishop DuBourg High School, located at 5850 Eichelberger. Doors open at 5:30pm and the event starts at 6:00pm. Please note, the entrance is located in the back by the cafeteria while the front entrance is under renovation.



ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE ACTS RUMMAGE SALE JULY 26 & 27 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Our Annual HUGE Rummage Sale is shaping up to be the biggest and best yet! Proceeds help the ACTS* retreats and provide scholarships.

*Adoration – Community – Theology - Service

Dropoff begins on Sunday, July 21, from 8:30am to noon, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (July 22-24) from 8 to 10 a.m. or 3 to 7 p.m. Call Peg at 314.306.0183 for details! All items not sold will be donated to the Feed My People Thrift Store.



WELCOME TO ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH FAMILY!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

- New Parishioner
- New Phone/Email/Address

- Please Contact Me
- Please Do Not Publish #