

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

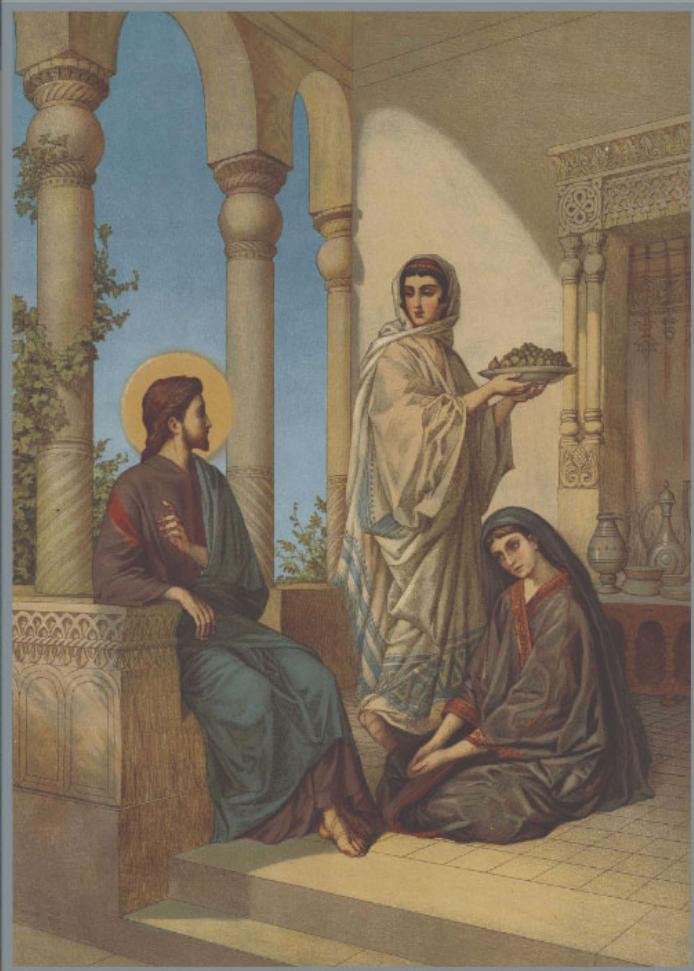
Please contact the parish office.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 21, 2019



Mary sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

LUKE 10:39

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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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 22-28, 2019**

Monday, July 22

7:00am - Church	Mass
6:00pm - Gym	Soccer
7:00pm - Guardian Angel	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Scouts
7:15pm - Parish Office	Development Comm.
7:30pm - Church	So. City Men's Recl.

Tuesday, July 23

7:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Church	Lectio Group
6:30pm - Raphael Room	Knights of Columbus
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:30pm - Tobias Room	Prayerful Scripture

Wednesday, July 24

7:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters
6:00pm - Raphael Room	Uniform Return Night

Thursday, July 25

7:00am - Church	Mass
6:30pm - Gym	6th Gr. Boys Basketball

Friday, July 26

7:00am - Church	Mass
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Saturday, July 27

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

Sunday, July 28

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Mass



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

Was Mary the first to see the risen Jesus?

St. Ignatius of Loyola, when considering the accounts of the resurrection, has an inspiration from the Holy Spirit. Even though Mary, the mother of Jesus, is not named as the first person Jesus saw after He rose from the dead, does it not make sense she would be the first to see Him alive?

Moms, when they see their children go away, even for a short time, want and need assurance that they are okay. Especially after such a traumatic event as the crucifixion, Jesus would want to assure His mother, whose heart He saw pierced by His sufferings, that He was okay. These good and natural desires are ones the Father would want Jesus to honor.

So why not recount it in scripture? Perhaps because it was so special and tender a moment that it is left for only Mary and Jesus to truly know.

This meditation, though, brings up a point that we can sometimes overlook in prayer. We are often moved to know the Father's perspective or to see Jesus teach or perform a miracle. Perhaps when our faith is weak, we can look to St. Peter's perspective or, when we want to feel loved by God, to St. John's viewpoint.

Through these different episodes in the Gospels and the early Church, Mary was there for all of it. Scripture tells us that, when these events happened to her, Mary pondered them in her heart. She was not only a primary actress in this drama and witness to many of these events...but she has also been meditating on them much longer than we have.

There are many ways Mary is a mother to us. She watches over us. She cares for us. She is there at the hour of our death. But she also wants to help us get closer to her Son. What she has pondered in her heart is a way for us to apply what has happened in her life and the life of her Son to help us get closer to Him. One objection people have to going to Mary is: will not Jesus be offended by this? Not at all. Such a movement from our hearts proves God magnanimity. God knows He is God. He is honored when we worship Him and acknowledge that He is God. But He is also secure enough in being God that He incorporates others into opening up paths to Him. The angels are certainly one path and the saints another. A special and privileged channel for us to God is through Mary.

Mary will never claim us exclusively as her own. She feels blessed to have us come to her. With her love and blessing, she brings us to Jesus for Him to work in our lives as He wills. If we are needing a new perspective in prayer, look no further than Mary. She will never guide us wrong and always lead us closer to her Son and to the Father.

School Enrollment

We are less than a month from the start of school now! If you are interested in looking into SRA grade school, please call us to set up a tour. We would love to have you as part of our family this year!

Watermelon Festival

With school around the corner, our Watermelon Festival is not too far behind! Make plans to be there Saturday, August 17, after 4:30pm Mass. It is truly a great evening of fun and welcoming, so please be there!

Back to School Sunday

On August 11, we will have Backpack Sunday for our students. We invite all students, teachers, and alumni of SRA to wear their SRA gear to Mass that weekend. If you are attending a high school or college right now or are a recent alumni, we encourage you to wear the gear of your school to Mass that weekend.

RCIA

After the start of school, about a month later, our RCIA program begins. If you are thinking about entering the faith or completing your initiation into the Church, please consider our RCIA program to help make this spiritual journey.

Fr. John #SRAstrong



Sunday, July 21

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

Monday, July 22

7:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, July 23

7:00am Miriam Deachan

Wednesday, July 24

7:00am Dorothine Hulford

Thursday, July 25

7:00am Msgr. Adolph Schilly

Friday, July 26

7:00am Don Deachan

Saturday, July 27

7:00am Robert McCaron, SI
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, July 28

8:00am Roseanne Saracino
10:00am Marcia Matreci

A MINDSET OF SERVICE

There is a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting in our readings today. In Genesis, Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost a delivery service: he, God's steward, brings the word of God to the community. Finally, Luke's Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, How am I present to God and others in my life? (Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.)

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 this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless, loving service to those who are poor. This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

SAVE THE DATE!

SRA MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 29

Forest Park

1:00pm Tee Time

For more information, please contact Dan Harbaugh at 314.971.3428.



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR JULY 22-28, 2019

Monday, July 22

7:00am Claire Fuhr William Hotze

Tuesday, July 23

7:00am Cillian Sheehan Henry Cyr

Wednesday, July 24

7:00am Flora Borowiak Isabella Pfeiffer

Thursday, July 25

7:00am Claire Fuhr Gavin Smith

Friday, July 26

7:00am Madalene Cierpiot Brendan Cierpiot

Saturday, July 27

7:00am	Lucas Feldman	Ryan Pinkerton
4:30pm	Maggie Anstey	Alex Atchison
	Lydia Eddington	

Sunday, July 28

8:00am	Samantha Koziacki	Dalila Ramirez
	Nahima Ramirez	
10:00am	Isabella Pfeiffer	Cate Guenther
	Anna-Grace Guenther	

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” (Colossians 1:25)

We are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Let us pray for the courage to share our faith the next time the opportunity arises.

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

JULY 27-28, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
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George Kerry	Kevin Liddy	Mary Faith Green
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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 14, 2019 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (76)	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 8,795.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,642.00	\$ 1,963.00
School Tuition Asst.	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 23.00	\$ 148.00
Holy Days	\$ 0	\$ 0
Online Giving (42)	\$ 2,312.00	\$ 4,459.00
 Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Tithing	(\$ 26.00)	
Mission Co-Op	(\$ 2,204.00)	
Peter's Pence	(\$ 15.00)	
 Grand Total	\$ 9,452.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,207.00	
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Difference	(\$ 1,793.00)	(\$ 2,595.00)
 FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21 -- 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

QUILT RAFFLE

STILL TIME TO GET TICKETS!!!! The SRA Quilters will be raffling off a beautiful, handmade quilt in the near future. Be sure to mail your tickets to the parish office or drop in the collection basket. For more information OR IF YOU NEED TICKETS, please call the parish office at 314.352.8100.



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



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.

All the kiddos had a great time at the Science Center and a fun week learning about sharks. We made sharks and oceans and other sea animals, but it wouldn't have been complete without singing "Baby Shark" fifty times!



summer camp



School News

Hello SRA Families,

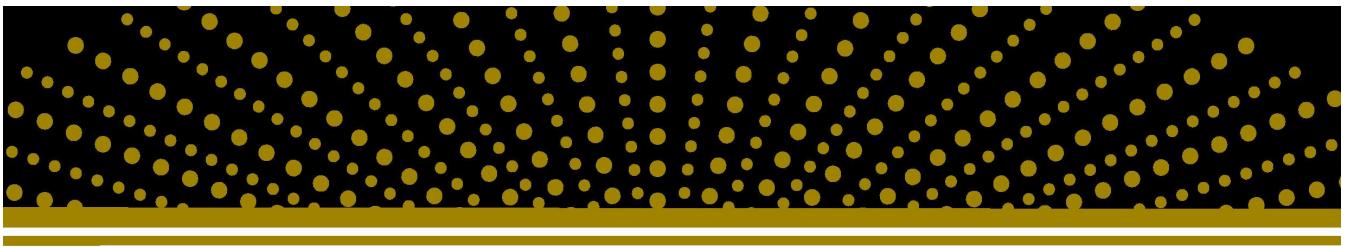
I hope your summer fun is continuing!

Please join me in welcoming our new Second Grade Teacher - Caitlin Higgins!

Caitlin will begin her teaching career here at St. Raphael. She graduated from Westminster College with a Bachelor of Arts in Curriculum Studies and Missouri Baptist University with a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education and a Master in the Art of Teaching, Early Childhood and Elementary Education.

Caitlin is a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi and served as a second-grade instructional aide as she completed her Master's degree. She is excited to be a part of the St. Raphael School community! Please keep Caitlin in your prayers as she prepares for the new school year.

Blessings,



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
Sunday, September 29
Saturday, October 19
Saturday, November 9

Back-to-School Sunday
First Day of School
Watermelon Festival
Men's Club Annual Golf Tournament
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.



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July 9, 2019

To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

We must all be deeply saddened by the devastation our brothers and sisters living along flooded rivers in our community are realizing, now that the near all-time historic high waters are receding. After an initial assessment, several hundred households mostly in St. Charles and Lincoln Counties have been affected with major damage or a complete loss. I ask the Lord to carry those who are suffering and who have lost so much.

To help provide immediate and long-term aid to those impacted by this most recent natural disaster, I am asking our nearly 200 parishes in 11 counties to participate in a second collection at all Masses this weekend or the weekend after (July 13-14 or July 20-21). Funds raised will go directly to relief efforts provided by Catholic Charities of St. Louis and Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service.

Donations can also be made directly to Catholic Charities of St. Louis via mail at P.O. Box 952393, St. Louis, MO 63195-2393 (please note *Disaster Relief Fund*) or online at www.cestl.org/donate (select Disaster Relief Fund in the giving menu). Donations can be made directly to Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service via mail at 4116 McClay Road St. Charles, MO 63304 (please note *Flood Recovery*) or online at <https://donorbox.org/jacares-donation> (select Flood Recovery in the giving menu).

I will be offering Mass for those who have been impacted in this natural disaster. I ask you to please join your prayers to mine for our neighbors who must now rebuild their lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

Please note, our envelopes will be in the pews the weekend of July 20 and 21. The collection will take place the weekend of July 27 and 28.

**PASTORAL RESPONSES TO ADOLESCENT
DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
9:00AM - NOON**

This workshop is intended for church pastors, youth ministers, chaplains, and directors of religion education to help prepare them to respond to youth in their fellowship who might be experiencing depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. Presenter: Gary U. Behrman, PhD, MSW, M.Div., LCSW is an Assistant Adjunct Professor at Saint Louis University (SLU) Schools of Allied Health, Public Health, and Medicine. Please visit www.mercycenterstl.org for more information.

SPECIAL CHOIR CONCERT

The Notre Dame Elementary School Choir from Kyoto, Japan, under the direction of Toru Terashita, will present a short concert at 6:45pm on Saturday, July 27, at Holy Infant Church, 627 Dennison Drive, Ballwin, 63021.

There are 18 girls in the choir, grades 4-8. They will sing in Latin, Japanese, and English, including the Ave Maria and some Japanese folk songs. They have been touring Notre Dame houses in Milwaukee, Chicago, Minnesota, and St. Louis. Their accompanist is Hirohiko Hohokabe. Please mark your calendars and join us for this unique concert!

 **Saint Louis LIFETEEN**

ATTENTION, ALL 8TH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Please join us this Wednesday, July 24, from 7-9:00pm at Bishop DuBourg as we continue our "What I Wish I Knew" summer series. 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 8:00 to 10:00am or 3:00 to 7:00pm. 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

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