

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Saturday 7:00 am

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am

No 8:00 am Mass for Summer

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 7:00 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 3:45 pm to 4:20 pm on Saturday

ROSARY

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

PARISH INFORMATION

Registration of New Members: Please call the Parish Office to register.

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptismal instructions and to arrange a Baptismal date.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date to begin the Church process of marriage preparation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.): Please call the Parish Office for information.

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, March 12th

7:30 am - Church
3:10 pm - Cafeteria
7:00 pm - Tobias Room
7:00 pm - Cafeteria
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel
9:00 pm - Gym

Liturgy of the Hours
6th Gr. Girl Scouts
Parish Council
Cub Scout Meeting
St. Vincent de Paul
Men's Club Soccer

Tuesday, March 13th

1:30 pm - Tobias Room
7:00 pm - Church
7:00 pm - Church
7:30 pm - Church

Bible Study
Rosary Recitation
Liturgy of the Hours
Ushers' Meeting

Wednesday, March 14th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room
6:00 pm - Cafeteria
7:00 pm - Church
7:00 pm - Church
8:30 pm - Gym

Quilters
Step Class
Adult Choir
Liturgy of the Hours
Men's Club Bball.

Thursday, March 15th

8:45 am - Church
2:00 pm - Trophy Room
3:00 pm - Trophy Room
5:30 pm - Biggie's
6:00 pm - Church
7:00 pm - Church

Confessions
Pre-K Dance
K-6 Dance
Ladies' Club Dinner
Confessions
Contemporary Choir

Friday, March 16th

7:00 am - Church
7:30 am - Church
2:00 pm - Church
2:30 pm - Church
7:00 pm - Church

Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Stations of the Cross
Benediction
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 17th

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

Mass
Mass

Sunday, March 18th

8:00 am - Church

10:00 am - Church

Mass - Fellowship
Sunday
Family Mass -
Fellowship Sunday

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

LENT – FROM ASHES TO EASTER – WE ARE HALF WAY THERE!

How are your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving coming along? Are you at least half way to where you want to be? Would the Lord notice a marked improvement in your Catholic faith life? It is still not too late to prepare to renew your commitment to the Lord at Easter.

Opportunities to consider: pray as a family, practice silence, read something spiritual, meditate on a Gospel reading, fast from fast food, count your blessings, come to an extra daily Mass each week, plan to go to confession during Holy Week, pick up a Rice Bowl, or help the poor in some generous way.

Pope Francis teaches us, "*Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Eucharist's victory over death. ... Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion!*"

SRA LENTEN PROJECT – “A ROOF ON IGLESIA SAN RAFAEL”

Did you notice the good number of red roof “tiles” on our little San Rafael Church in the sanctuary? In the first full week, you contributed over \$5,000 toward our goal of \$15,000 to help San Rafael Parish in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, get a new roof on its church. It was destroyed by the monstrous hurricane in November, along with all the furnishings inside the church.

You are encouraged to “buy” one red roof tile for \$100 or a “square” for \$400, or just contribute \$25 or whatever you can give. The special envelopes are in the pews; take one home and bring it back next week. The members of our “sister parish” of San Rafael will appreciate your help in fixing up their church so they can again worship the Lord with the Eucharist in their church.

50TH JUBILEE

OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR SRA CHURCH – SATURDAY, APRIL 2TH

There will be a special Jubilee Mass at 4:30pm with Archbishop Robert Carlson to commemorate the dedication by Cardinal Carberry of our wonderful church on this exact date in 1968. Does anybody remember that day? If you do, let me know about it!

This week the formal invitations went out to all SRA parish families for the Jubilee Banquet at 6:00pm at Kemoll's Banquet Center at the top of the Met Building, with its spectacular view of St. Louis, the Arch, and, hopefully, a beautiful sunset. There are 250 dinner tickets, so it is first-come-first served. To make sure you have a ticket, it would be wise to return the RSVP and your payment as soon as possible. The price of \$60 gets you a scrumptious Kemoll's dinner and an open bar. This is exactly our cost; this is not a fundraiser, but rather a time to celebrate in style as the St. Raphael Parish Family. (If you contribute something extra, we will use those funds for someone who cannot afford the dinner.)

REMINDER: Ushers' Meeting is Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30pm in Church for all ushers who graciously help out at weekend Eucharists. Anyone who is interested in becoming an usher is welcome to attend.

I AM ST. RAPHAEL PARISH!!!!

Dear Lord:

*St. Raphael Parish is composed of people like me.
I help make St. Raphael what it is,
and what it can be.
It will be friendly, if I am.
It will be holy, if I am.
It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will do great work, if I work.
Its pews will be filled,
if I come and help fill them.
It will reach out to others to worship, if I invite
and bring them.
It will do generous ministry,
if I am a generous giver.
It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
if I am loyal to it and love all its members.
It will be a parish of compassion, charity, and
mercy, if I am filled with these virtues.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task of being
all the things I want my parish to be!
For I am St. Raphael Parish!
Amen!*

SERVERS FOR MAR. 12/18, 2018

Monday, March 12th

7:00am Sean Madden William Madden
8:00am Samantha Koziacki Avery Bradshaw

Tuesday, March 13th

7:00am Addison Berta Thad Berta
8:00am Alex Atchison Mady Shine

Wednesday, March 14th

7:00am Isabella Pfeiffer Mateo Switzer
8:00am Rory Barnawell Grace Goeddel

Thursday, March 15th

7:00am Flora Borowiak Mateo Switzer
8:00am Anna Mersinger Jack Stein

Friday, March 16th

7:00am Cate Guenther Ellie Guenther

Saturday, March 17th

7:00am Andrew Kellar Gavin Smith
4:30pm Mia Thompson Eva Thompson
Lucille Schlichting

Sunday, March 18th

8:00am Lydia Bick Isabella Pfeiffer
Christian Concepcion
10:00am Rory Barnawell Grace Goeddel
Mady Shine

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH 3/4, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,674
Online Giving	\$ 1,337
Weekly Total Collection	\$ 8,011
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 9,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$296,000
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$253,654
Shortfall	\$ 43,346

ONLINE GIVING

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 11th

8:00 am Mary Goeke
10:00 am Mary Ellen Miceli

Monday, March 12th

7:00 am Bernice Reymer
8:00 am Neil Svetanics

Tuesday, March 13th

7:00 am Ruthann Alberti
8:00 am Don Deachan

Wednesday, March 14th

7:00 am Roger Kreitler
8:00 am Gerry Winkler

Thursday, March 15th

7:00 am Thomas Stenger
8:00 am Edwin Bromschwig

Friday, March 16th

7:00 am Gerard Slay

Saturday, March 17th

7:00 am John Wieder
4:30 pm People of the Parish

WEEKEND OF MARCH 17/18, 2018

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

LECTORS:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

George Kerry Kevin Liddy Linda Hiette

Kathy Steck Carol Hughes Joe Zulich

Pam Hager Kevin Liddy Dan Harbaugh

Kathe Berger Mary Niemeyer Amy Schisler

Nancy McCarthy Joyce Holmes Anna Skidmore

Gina Horas Mary Reck

Brian McCarthy Barbara Cramer



Lenten Calendar 2018 St. Raphael the Archangel

Weekday Masses 7am Mon - Sat and 8am Mon - Fri
 Sunday Vigil (Saturday) 4:30 pm
 Sunday Mass 8am and 10am

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mar 12 7:30 am Lenten Morning Prayer*	Mar 13 1:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer*	Mar 14 7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer*	Mar 15 6:00 to 6:30 pm Confessions	Mar 16  7:30 am to 2:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 2:00 & 7:00 pm Stations 2:30 pm Benediction

* Prayer booklets will be provided

Please consider the SRA Lenten Opportunity, 40acts - Signup at <https://40acts.org/uk>

HISTORY DAY

Eleven sixth grade students and one eighth grade student participated in the National History Day at UMSL on Saturday, February 24. These are the students and their exhibits:

Junior Group Exhibit
First Place

Conflict and Compromise:
The Annexation of Hawaii
Flora Borowiak, Madelene Cierpiot,
Lucy Schlichting

Junior Group Exhibit
Second Place

Working on the Panama Canal
Rory Barnawell, Abby Delf, Cate Guenther

Junior Group Exhibit
D-Day: the Secret War

Thad Berta, Andrew Kellar, John Winkelmann

Junior Group Exhibit
Dred Scott: Fight for Freedom

Tom Finan, Jacob Sawyer, Aiden Stawizynski

The first and second place students will advance to the state competition in Columbia, Missouri in April. All of these students worked very hard on their exhibits and we should all be proud of them.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE RICE BOWL

We encounter Safiata...The dry and dusty climate of Burkina Faso means farming can be difficult and it means Safiata and her family often face hunger.

The many months each year without rain made feeding her 9 children and 16 grandchildren a real challenge. That is why CRS provides farmers like Safiata with more land to grow crops - like onions - that thrive in dry climates. And thanks to a CRS-sponsored irrigation system, she knows she will have access to water to help grow her crops. "The vegetables help solve the problems my family faces," Safiata says.



For additional information, go to crsricebowl.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Lent is a good time to decide to deepen your faith and your relationship with your spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends offers you new tools to improve your communication, and open a whole new world of closeness. Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 23-25 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, Illinois or April 20-22 in St. Peters, Missouri. If you would like to apply or get more information, please go to stl-wwme or call 314.649.7317.

Kindergarten Registration

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The process for the 2018-2019 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2018. If you are interested in touring our school or would like to request a packet of information and the registration form, please call the School Office at 314.352.9474. Registration packets may also be mailed if requested.



*St. Raphael Ladies Club
Quarter Auction* **Thursday
April 19**

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
6000 Jamieson, St. Louis, MO 63109
Auction will be held in the school gymnasium

**DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.
AUCTION STARTS AT 7 P.M.**

Auctioneer: Michael Flavin

GRAB YOUR QUARTERS AND YOUR GIRLFRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR THE LADIES CLUB'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER!
Register online for VIP & Reserved Table at www.ticketor.com/sraladiesclub
Regular paddles - \$5 All-in paddles - \$25
Open seating beyond 1st 3 rows. Concessions available for purchase.
Outside food and beverage welcome.
50/50 & Raffles too!

ST. RAPHAEL LADIES' CLUB QUARTER AUCTION

Grab your quarters and your girlfriends and join us for the Ladies' Club's largest fundraiser! Reserve Online at www.ticketor.com/sraladiesclub.
VIP Table (\$60) - Includes 8 regular paddles, priority seating, plus extra goodies, limit of 8.
Reserved Table (\$40) - Includes 8 regular paddles, second priority seating, limit of 10. Pay-At-The-Door Regular Paddles (\$5).

Introducing the All-In Paddle (\$25) - No need to bring your quarters; just raise your paddle for every interested item. Reserved & VIP Table paddles can be upgraded on auction night for \$20. Remaining tables will be open seating. Concessions available for purchase. Outside food and drink welcome. 50/50 & raffle baskets too!

Pre-K At SRA

We offer a Kindergarten readiness curriculum for children 3 to 5 years of age. We have 2 classrooms that each have 1 full-time lead teacher and 1 full-time assistant. We also have a part-time floater between the 2 classes. We offer a place for children to LAUGH, LOVE and LEARN in a loving environment that allows them to explore, experiment and create! We offer very flexible options of full or half days, as well as aftercare available until 6 pm. We are now accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Ms. Chris at feder-spiel@straphaelarchangel.org to schedule a tour or receive more information.

"MY MINISTRY SUNDAY" WEEKEND...MARCH 17 AND 18

God blesses us with varying gifts of talent. In return, He asks us to share those talents within our community. On a monthly basis, the SRA Stewardship Committee selects a Parish organization to feature at the weekend masses. Representatives of that organization will share how the giving of their time and talent enriches their own lives.

At the weekend Masses of March 17 and 18, representatives of the SRA Ladies' Club will be featured. This is part of the ongoing "My Ministry Sunday" initiative of the Stewardship Committee. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 18	Family Mass and Fellowship Sunday
Friday, April 6	Mouse Races
Wednesday, April 11	Confirmation
Thursday, April 19	Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Saturday, April 21	Trunk Sale
Saturday, April 28	50th Anniversary Dinner
Sunday, April 29	First Communion

LADIES' CLUB DINNER OUT!

Join SRA Ladies' Club next Thursday, March 15, at Biggie's (3332 Watson)! Cocktails at 5:30, dinner orders at 6:30. No meeting in the cafeteria.

We will be accepting donations for the Quarter Auction. Beth will bring a van, so please bring your physical items. We will also be accepting monetary donations to purchase raffle items.

LADIES' CLUB QUARTER AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are currently being accepted for the Quarter Auction scheduled for Thursday, April 19. We will gladly accept tickets, experiences, gift items, gift cards, wine, jewelry, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the home of Beth Fissel, 6451 Westway, or call Sue Leindecker, 314.308.6968 for pickup.

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

A bequest to St. Raphael can be a living memorial to the nobility of your life. A bequest is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed.

Our legal title is:
ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
6047 Bishops Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63109

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN

In 1986, Archbishop John L. May formed the Life-Line Coalition to raise awareness that pregnancy assistance services are available to those in need, to generate new revenue for caregivers, and to expand services to pregnant women. The recipients of the LifeLine funds are: Our Lady's Inn, Birthright, Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, and the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund. Today, these agencies help more than 10,000 local women and children each year.

Our SRA LifeLine Coalition Campaign will extend from Sunday, March 4, to Sunday, March 18. You will find the LifeLine Coalition envelope in your packet of envelopes for the month of March. We thank you, in advance, for contributing to this necessary effort. May God bless you for building the Culture of Life!

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

PROLIFE ACTION ALERT

Aldermanic Board Bill 34, the Buffer Zone, would establish an 8-foot Buffer Zone on each side of the driveway into Planned Parenthood. This would effectively prevent ProLifers from passing out literature or having a conversation with the moms entering PP. The Bill did not come up for a vote on March 2, as expected. Please contact your alderman, Tom Oldenburg (Ward 16) at oldenburgt@stlouis-mo.gov or Larry Arnowitz (Ward 12) at arnowitzl@stlouis-mo.gov to express your disapproval.

Due to bulletin publication constraints, it is impossible to know if the Bill came up during the week from March 5 to March 11. Please judge accordingly.

Thank you for helping to build the Culture of Life!

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

A ROOF FOR IGLESIA SAN RAFAEL...SRA LENTEN PROJECT



Either right now, or the next time you are in church, look up at the ceiling that covers our beautiful altar, pews and us, and say “thank you” to God for its protection. Now imagine being at Iglesia San Rafael in Puerto Rico and seeing nothing but the shambles of a roof torn apart, providing no protection at all.

Please help us raise \$15,000 to send to Father Jorge at the San Rafael parish in Puerto Rico.

Thank you for your generosity to this Lenten project.

SRA Parish Council

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today’s Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in Him. We show our great love for God by doing good works, reaching out to others and acting in justice and charity. Through our almsgiving we are performing a good work, far greater than we think. Know that our nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box.

DONATIONS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs housewares donations, such as, cookware, pots, pans, and small appliances. Your donations help support our neighbors in need. Donations can be dropped off in the collection bin located on our school parking lot or at any of the eight St. Louis-area St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores. Find your nearest thrift store location at svdpstlous.org.

THANK YOU FROM WINTER OUTREACH

“Give of your hands to Serve and your hearts to Love.”
Mother Teresa

Once again, thanks to all who did just this by providing delicious food and warm clothing for our homeless brothers and sisters during these past winter months. The Americorps staff and shelter guests are so grateful to all who participated in this Ministry of Mercy. To each of you they say, “God bless you.” Please continue to pray for the homeless and those who are working with them to improve their lives.





EASTER EGG HUNT

Volunteers are needed to work at this year's Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt is Easter Sunday, April 1, after the 10:00am Mass. We also need donations of candy, small toys, stuffed animals, etc. Duties include filling and hiding the eggs and assisting during the hunt. To volunteer, please contact Jen Delf at 314.353.5548.



Join us for
MOUSE RACES

to support the SRA 8th Grade
Graduation Celebration

Friday April 6, 2018

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Races begin at 7:00 pm

St. Raphael the Archangel Gymnasium
6000 Jamieson Ave
St. Louis, MO 63109

Raffles Plinko Chuck-a-Luck

Tickets \$20 per person

Ultimate Nacho Bar featuring Beef and Pulled Pork, Beer & Soda Included!

QUESTIONS: RSVP@STRAPHAELARCHANGEL.ORG OR 314-941-7100 / 314-607-0422

Individual Registration \$20

Table of 8 Registration \$160

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Complete and return with payment (checks payable to SRA Mouse Races):

**SRA - MOUSE RACES
6000 Jamieson Ave
St. Louis, MO 63109**



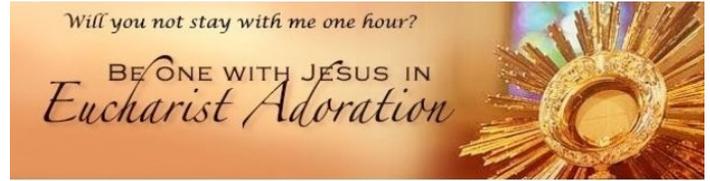
Saint Louis LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, March 14 from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg as we finish our series and join together in prayer and community. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

COME AND SUPPORT ST. LOUIS LIFE TEEN!

We will be hosting a fundraiser at St. Louis Bread Co. on Chippewa on Monday, March 26 from 4-8pm. Go to saintlouislifeteen.org to get your electronic flyer or code for online orders.



Will you not stay with me one hour?

BE ONE WITH JESUS IN *Eucharist Adoration*

Lent is a time of reflection and preparation...

When was the last time you spent an hour or more in quiet reflection of our Lord?

Every Friday in Lent our parish community has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in the church from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. You are invited to come for an hour or longer or as little as you like. This is a great opportunity during the week to spend some quiet time with the Lord. Adoration will conclude with Stations of the Cross at 2 pm followed by Solemn Benediction. Please bring your family and friends.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

"Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself Who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special hour with Him each week." - St. John Paul II

ST. LOUIS INTER-FAITH COMMITTEE

The St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America (IFCLA) is a 501(c) non-profit organization in Missouri that is committed to standing in solidarity with the people of Latin America. The group provides training for accompanying migrants to routine check-ins at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) offices. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has sponsored several migrant accompaniment training sessions and continues to support this effort.

Across the country, there have been cases of migrants being detained after going for a routine check-in at the ICE offices. Family members are literally disappearing without being allowed to inform their friends or relatives, creating panic among their loved ones, destroying families and devastating our communities. In some cities, a successful tool to protect against this threat to due process and violation of our shared values has been to accompany individuals to these check-ins. By volunteering to accompany migrants, we are able to show solidarity and perhaps help to ease the anxiety of interacting with the legal system, reducing the likelihood of detention with our presence, and keeping relatives and/or lawyers informed in case the individual is detained. This is a huge help to efforts to end detention and deportation. Teams have been active in St. Louis since July 2017 as part of a state-wide initiative to ensure that no one has to go to a check-in alone.

IFCLA will be offering accompaniment training during the evening of March 20, place yet to be determined. If you have any questions, need any additional information, or wish to register for this training, please contact IFCLA's Program Coordinator, Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941.

Diaper Drive

Weekends of March 17-18 through Easter

Drop off at the rectory or the church vestibules.

Sponsored by the **Permanent Deacons** of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the **Respect Life Office**.

Diapers collected will be delivered to those in need in our area. Please be generous.

