

### 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

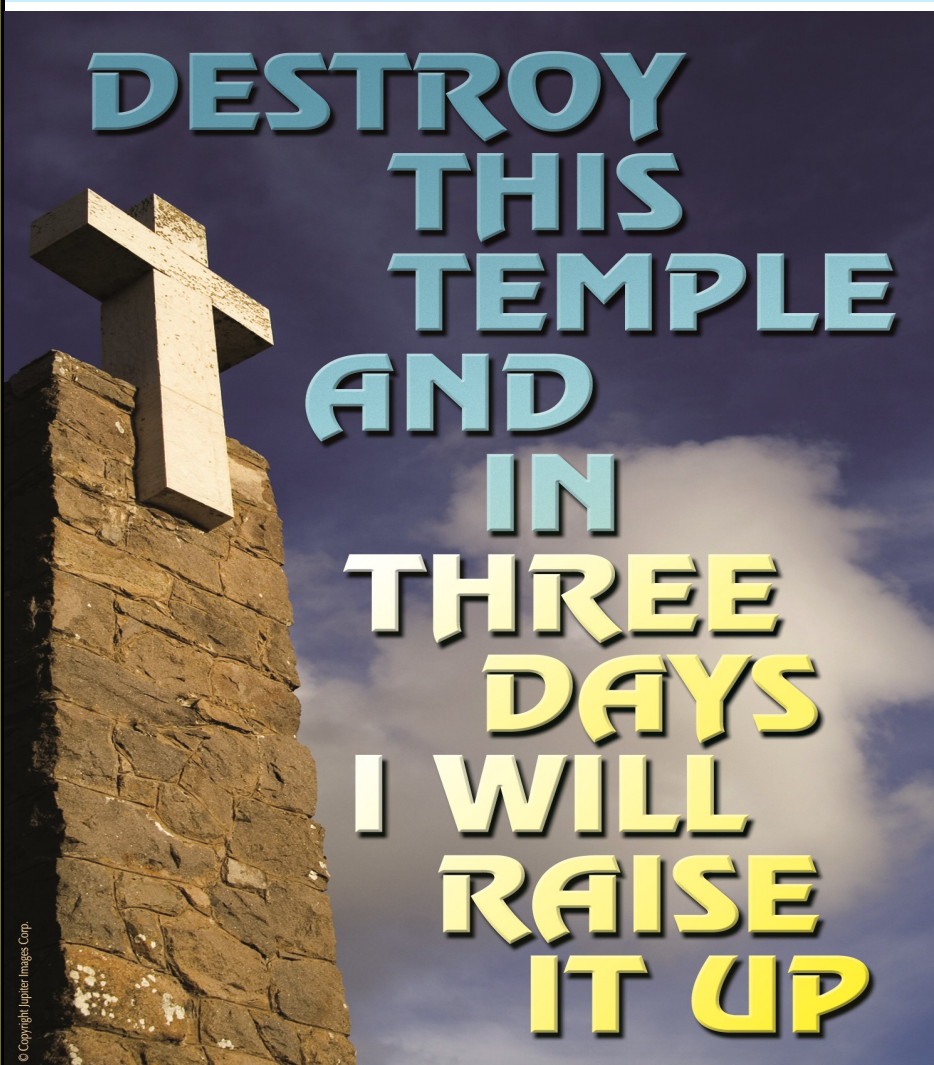
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 4, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### 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**

**CLERGY & STAFF**

<b>Rev. Robert J. Reiker</b>	Pastor
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<b>Ty Taylor</b>	Seminarian
<b>Mateo Salam</b>	Seminarian
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<b>Mrs. Amy Ruggeri</b>	Cafeteria Manager

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**Website**  
straphaelarchangel.org

**Facebook**  
Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish and School

**Twitter**  
@SRAtoday

**MyParishApp**  
Text 'App' to 88202



**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Monday, March 5th**

7:30 am - Church	Liturgy of the Hours
5:00 pm - Gym	3rd & 4th Gr. Bball. Tmt.
6:30 pm - Cafeteria	1st Gr. Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Gym	6th Gr. Girls Bball.
7:00 pm - Parish Office	Stewardship Meeting
9:00 pm - Gym	Men's Club Soccer

**Tuesday, March 6th**

1:00 pm - Pietro's	Fifty-Plus Club
1:30 pm - Tobias Room	Bible Study
5:00 pm - Gym	3rd & 4th Gr. Bball Tmt.
7:00 pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:00 pm - Church	Liturgy of the Hours

**Wednesday, March 7th**

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
5:00 pm - Gym	3rd & 4th Gr. Bball. Tmt.
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00 pm - Church	Adult Choir
7:00 pm - Church	Liturgy of the Hours
8:30 pm - Gym	Men's Club Bball.

**Thursday, March 8th**

2:00 pm - Trophy Room	Pre-K Dance
3:00 pm - Trophy Room	K-6 Dance
3:15 pm - Art Room	Chess Club
5:00 pm - Gym	3rd & 4th Gr. Bball. Tmt.
6:00 pm - Church	Confessions
6:00 pm - Tobias Room	Liturgy Committee
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Book Club
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel	Men's Prayer Group

**Friday, March 9th**

7:00 am - Church	Mass
7:30 am - Church	Eucharistic Adoration
2:00 pm - Church	Stations of the Cross
2:30 pm - Church	Benediction
3:15 pm - Gym	6th Gr. Girls Bball.
5:00 pm - Gym	3rd & 4th Gr. Bball. Tmt.
7:00 pm - Church	Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 10th**

7:00 am - Church	Mass
8:00 am - Gym	3rd & 4th Gr. Bball. Tmt.
9:00 am - Raphael Room	CPR Class
4:30 pm - Church	Mass

**Sunday, March 11th**

8:00 am - Church	Mass
8:00 am - Gym	3rd & 4th Gr. Bball. Tmt.
10:00 am - Church	Mass
11:00 am - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts Easter Basket Assembly

## FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

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

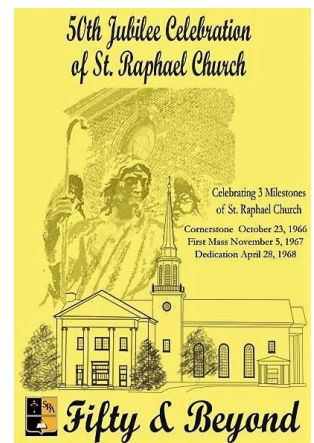


I hope you noticed the model of Iglesia San Rafael in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, in the corner of our sanctuary. Because of serious damage from Hurricane Maria, its roof is in need of some new shingles/tiles. Our SRA parish goal is to raise \$10,000-\$15,000 for the desperately needed roof project so the people can start renovating the interior, which is now unusable for worship due to all the rain damage.

We picked this parish to help because we have the same patron saint, St. Raphael the Archangel. If every SRA member gives between \$25-\$100, we can certainly reach that goal. Please remember that almsgiving is one of the traditional Lenten practices for all of us. So plan to buy one or more roof tiles. The envelopes for this Lenten Project are in the pews of church; take one home and make a generous gift to put “A Roof on San Rafael.”

### 50TH JUBILEE OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH Saturday, April 28th

Formal invitations are going out now. Archbishop Robert Carlson will be our guest celebrant at the special 4:30pm Jubilee Mass, followed by the 6:00pm Jubilee Dinner at Kemoll's Restaurant at the top of the Metropolitan Building downtown. Don't miss this historic gala event for our St. Raphael Parish. The full dinner and open bar will be \$60 per person. The RSVP card is with the invitation.



### R.C.I.A. – THE FIRST SCRUTINY

What is a “scrutiny”? During the season of Lent, the Church provides three small rituals, starting on the Third Sunday of Lent, for catechumens and candidates (the elect) in the R.C.I.A. process. As a parish family of baptized believers, we join together in prayer for our prospective members of the Catholic Church. The Scrutinies uncover and heal what is weak in the candidates, and they strengthen what is strong and good in them. We pray that they may ponder God's Word in their hearts and humbly confess that they are sinful. The Holy Spirit is called upon to help them overcome their human weaknesses and put their trust in Christ. On this Sunday and the next two Sundays of Lent, we, the members of SRA, pray that our four candidates in the R.C.I.A. will be ready to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil in a month.

*Pictured left to right: Emily Young, Matt Mullins,*



*Melissa Schneider (Candidate), Rick Schneider (Candidate), Auxiliary Bishop Rivituso, Chris Adams (Candidate), and Keith Klein. (Lauren Palazollo, Candidate, not pictured)*



## SERVERS FOR MAR. 5/11, 2018

### Monday, March 5th

7:00 am	Flora Borowiak	William Hotze
8:00 am	Sean Madden	William Madden

### Tuesday, March 6th

7:00 am	Andrew Kellar	Joey Raymo
8:00 am	Samantha Koziacki	Jack Stein

### Wednesday, March 7th

7:00 am	Alex Atchison	Gillian Neal
8:00 am	Gavin Smith	Mateo Switzer

### Thursday, March 8th

7:00 am	Rory Barnawell	Grace Goeddel
8:00 am	Andrew Kellar	Mady Shine

### Friday, March 9th

7:00 am	Cate Guenther	Ellie Guenther
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### Saturday, March 10th

7:00 am	Lucille Schlichting	Flora Borowiak
4:30 pm	Alex Atchison	Mady Shine
	Gavin Smith	

### Sunday, March 11th

8:00 am	Lydia Bick	Anna Mersinger
	Christian Concepcion	
10:00 am	Isabella Pfeiffer	Joey Raymo
	Mateo Switzer	

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB. 24/25, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,750
Online Giving	\$ 1,900
<b>Weekly Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,650</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
 <b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal</b>	 <b>\$287,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual</b>	<b>\$245,643</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 41,357</b>



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 4th

8:00 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am Jane Horas

### Monday, March 5th

7:00 am Neil Svetanics  
8:00 am Brian Pasque

### Tuesday, March 6th

7:00 am Charles Stege, Sr.  
8:00 am Yvonne Logan

### Wednesday, March 7th

7:00 am Thomas Mueller  
8:00 am Dorothy Heagney

### Thursday, March 8th

7:00 am Marianne Wehrle  
8:00 am Margaret Sweeney

### Friday, March 9th

7:00 am Darren Deachan, SI

### Saturday, March 10th

7:00 am Betty Larson  
4:30 pm People of the Parish

## WEEKEND OF MARCH 10/11, 2018

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

**LECTORS:**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Laura Geiser	Lorraine Gurley	Heather Hays
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
<b>Mar 5</b> 7:30 am Lenten Morning Prayer*	<b>Mar 6</b> 1:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer*	<b>Mar 7</b> 7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer*	<b>Mar 8</b> 6:00 to 6:30 pm Confessions	<b>Mar 9</b> 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](https://40acts.org/uk) - Signup at <https://40acts.org/uk>

### CPR CLASS AT ST. RAPHAEL

We have only a few spots remaining for this training.



St. Raphael's Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class is scheduled for Saturday, March 10 from 9am until noon, in the Parish Office's Lower Level. CPR, when performed within moments of a cardiac arrest, may double or triple a person's chance of survival. Most likely, we would be attempting to save the life of someone we love...spouse, parent or friend.

The class is open to SRA parishioners, age 12 and up. The class includes adult and pediatric CPR, along with Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training. The cost is \$35/person and must be paid the morning of training to James Arnold. If interested or have questions, please call the SRA Parish Office by Wednesday, March 7 at 314.352.8100. Thank you.

### THANK YOU!

The Boy Scouts of Troop 500 would like to thank everyone who joined us for breakfast on Sunday. We raised over \$600, which far surpassed our goal and we greatly appreciate the support. We will use those funds to purchase new camping equipment for our growing Troop and look forward to showing it off in the Spring.

### FIFTY-PLUS CLUB MEETING

The next Fifty-Plus Club meeting will be a luncheon at Pietro's Restaurant, 3801 Watson, on Tuesday, March 6, at 1:00pm. Please join us!

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE RICE BOWL

We encounter Majd...eight-year old Majd thought his family was going on a picnic. When ISIS attacked the home in northern Iraq, the family fled for good. The family found an apartment with other displaced families. The children enrolled in a CRS-sponsored school where the routine provides hope, stability and a sense of belonging. The mother received training from CRS and became a teacher at the school. Now they have hope for the future.

### 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](http://stl-wwme.org) or call 314.649.7317.

# Kindergarten Registration Information



## 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.

## 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](mailto:feder-spiel@straphaelarchangel.org) to schedule a tour or receive more information.



## 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](http://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!

## LADIES' CLUB DINNER OUT!

Join the Ladies' Club for a destination meeting at Biggie's Restaurant (3332 Watson) on Thursday, March 15. Cocktails at 5:30pm and dinner orders will be taken at 6:30pm. All ladies welcome!

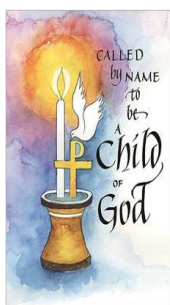
## LADIES' CLUB QUARTER AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

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 Leiendecker, 314.308.6968 for pickup.

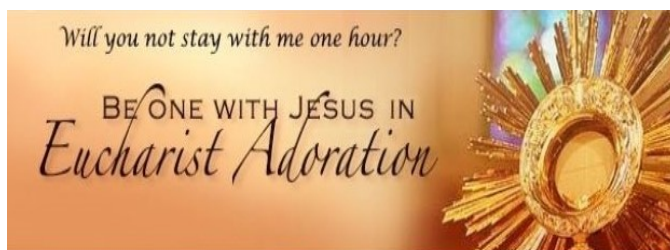


# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, March 10	CPR Class
Sunday, March 18	Fellowship Sunday
Friday, April 6	Mouse Races
Thursday, April 19	Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Saturday, April 21	Trunk Sale
Saturday, April 28	50th Anniversary Dinner



Congratulations to our newest member of the church, Sasha Winters, daughter of Derek and Meredith (SRA 2000) Winters. Sasha was baptized at St. Raphael on Saturday, February 17, 2018. May God continue to bless Sasha and her family.



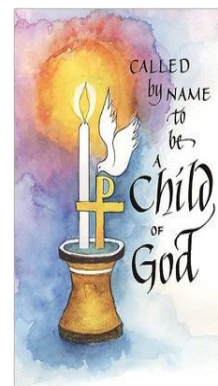
Lent is a time of reflection and preparation...

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*



Congratulations to our newest member of the church, Theodore Simokaitis, son of Joseph and Julie Simokaitis. Theodore was baptized at St. Raphael on Sunday, February 25, 2018. The Simokaitis family has recently moved into the neighborhood and say they are excited about being part of the St. Raphael family. May God continue to bless Theodore and his family.

THEOLOGY FOR LIFE—SPRING 2018

## WHO KILLED JESUS? A STUDY OF THE PASSION NARRATIVE IN MARK'S GOSPEL



Presented by Father Seán Charles Martin

On Palm Sunday in 2018, the story of Christ's Passion will be proclaimed from the Gospel of Mark. In this series, Fr. Martin will guide us through an in-depth study of those specific passages in the Gospel. This will be an excellent Lenten preparation as we journey toward the commemoration of Christ's death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

**TUESDAYS FROM 6:30-8:30 P.M.**  
**March 6, 13, 20, and 27**

**Aquinas**  
 INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

23 S. Spring Ave. | St. Louis, MO 63108  
 314.256.8800 | www.ai.edu

Cost: \$20 per session or \$75 for all 4 sessions. Attend as many as you wish. Contact 314.256.8804 or events@ai.edu for more information or to register.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

2018 CONFERENCE MARCH 10, 2018

Begins 9:00am Ends 4:00pm - Mass  
 Archbishop Carlson Celebrating  
 Touhill Performing Arts Center

Register: [catholicwomenforchrist.org](http://catholicwomenforchrist.org)  
 Touhill Ticket Office: 314.516.4949

## ST. RAPHAEL LENTEN PROJECT...BUILD A CHURCH ROOF!

Iglesia (Church) San Rafael Arcangel in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, needs our help! It's been four long months since Hurricane Maria destroyed the roof covering this beautiful church that shares our patron saint, St. Raphael. Our Lenten project this year is to raise \$15,000 to help our sister parish in Puerto Rico put a roof back over the church.

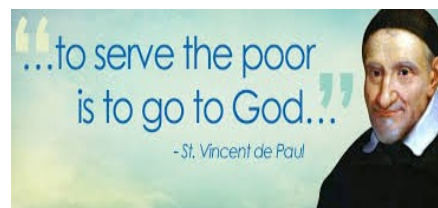
You will see a replica of Iglesia San Rafael Arcangel in our church with its roof missing. As we raise funds, red tiles on the roof will be added. Envelopes for this Lenten project are provided in our church pews; and for every \$100 raised, a roof tile will be added to the replica. We need 150 roof tiles.

Please help, please be generous, and please support this Lenten Project.



## FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us"? Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, via the Parish Office at 314.352.8100, so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and the poor.



## PROLIFE ACTION ALERT

Aldermanic Board Bill 34, the Buffer Zone, was passed out of committee and now goes to the Board for a vote. The first reading was scheduled for Friday, February 16. The Bill 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 final vote could come as soon as Friday, March 2. Insiders say that the vote will be close. Please contact your alderman - for our ward, it is Thomas Oldenburg. Remind him that you are his constituent and that you oppose BB 34, the Buffer Zone. Contact him more than once a week to indicate your opposition. It is best to make a brief statement.

If you have time, contact other city aldermen to indicate your opposition to BB 34. Thank you for helping to build the Culture of Life. The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

## LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN

In 1986, Archbishop John L. May formed the LifeLine 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



**NEW AND EXPECTANT  
PARENTS NETWORK**

As a ProLife parish community, some parishioners are looking into ways to support new and expectant parents at St. Raphael as they prepare for the birth of their child and beyond. If you are interested in helping with this outreach by preparing a meal, making a phone call or making a home visit after the birth, please contact Elena Switzer at 314.920.7851 or edsqrd@yahoo.com.



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](mailto: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 7 from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg for Mass and small group time. Please see [saintlouislifeteen.org](http://saintlouislifeteen.org) for more information.



Queen of All Saints  
6603 Christopher Dr.  
4 - 7pm

St. Gabriel the Archangel  
4 - 7pm  
6303 Nottingham

# 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.

## ST. PATRICK'S CENTER TRIVIA



Friday, March 9

Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark  
Table of 8 for \$500

Includes parking, food, beer, wine

Maggie Kloppenberg  
314.802.5418

[mkloppenberg@stpatrikcenter.org](mailto:mkloppenberg@stpatrikcenter.org)

### 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, Sara John, at 314.721.2977 or [sara@ifcla.net](mailto:sara@ifcla.net).

