

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by
appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

THIRD
SUNDAY OF
Easter

Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
“Simon, son of John,
do you love me
more than these?”

John 21:15

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MAY 5, 2019

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.”

CLERGY & STAFF

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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
MAY 6-12, 2019**

Monday, May 6

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
3:00pm - Raphael Room	7th Gr. Girl Scouts
3:15pm - Gym	Soccer
6:00pm - Parish Office	Maintenance Comm.
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00pm - Parish Office	Stewardship Meeting
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Scouts

Tuesday, May 7

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:00pm - Parish Office	Fifty Plus Club
1:30pm - Church	Lectio Group
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:00pm - Tobias Room	Women of Faith

Wednesday, May 8

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters
3:15pm - Gym	Basketball
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:00pm - Parish Office	HSA
8:30pm - Gym	Men's Club Basketball

Thursday, May 9

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass - May Crowning
2:00pm - School	Dance
3:15pm - Art Room	Chess Club
7:00pm - Guardian Angel	Men's Prayer Group

Friday, May 10

7:00am - Church	Mass
4:15pm - Cafeteria	1st Gr. Girl Scouts
5:00pm - Parish Grounds	Picnic

Saturday, May 11

7:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Parish Grounds	Mass
11:00am - Parish Grounds	Picnic
4:30pm - Church	Mass

Sunday, May 12

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Mass
4:00pm - Gym	7th Gr. Girls Softball

Fr. John's Digital Quill for Spiritual Musings and Parish News

1st Holy Communion Q&A...With Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI

In 2015, Pope Benedict XVI held a question-and-answer with young people who had just made their First Communion. Here are a few of the questions and some of the Holy Father's answers that day.

Dear Pope, what are your memories of your First Communion day?

So on that day, I was really filled with great joy, because Jesus came to me and I realized that a new stage in my life was beginning. I was 9 years old, and it was henceforth important to stay faithful to that encounter, to that Communion. I promised the Lord as best I could: "I always want to stay with you," and I prayed to him, "but above all, stay with me." So I went on living my life like that; thanks be to God, the Lord has always taken me by the hand and guided me, even in difficult situations. Thus, that day of my First Communion was the beginning of a journey made together. I hope that for all of you too, the First Communion you have received in this Year of the Eucharist will be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus, the beginning of a journey together, because in walking with Jesus we do well and life becomes good.

In preparing me for my First Communion day, my catechist told me that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. But how? I can't see him!

...Therefore, we do not see the very deepest things, those that really sustain life and the world, but we can see and feel their effects. This is also true for electricity; we do not see the electric current but we see the light.

So it is with the Risen Lord: we do not see him with our eyes but we see that wherever Jesus is, people change, they improve. A greater capacity for peace and for reconciliation is created. Therefore, we do not see the Lord himself but we see the effects of the Lord: so we can understand that Jesus is present. And as I said, it is precisely the invisible things that are the most profound, the most important. So let us go to meet this invisible but powerful Lord who helps us to live well.

Dear Pope, can you explain to us what Jesus meant when he said to the people who were following him: "I am the bread of life"?

And therefore, if Jesus says, "I am the bread of life," it means that Jesus himself is the nourishment we need for our souls, for our inner selves, because the soul also needs food. And technical things do not suffice, although they are so important. We really need God's friendship, which helps us to make the right decisions. We need to mature as human beings. In other words: Jesus nourishes us so that we can truly become mature people and our lives become good.

Blessings to our 2nd Graders as they make their First Holy Communion this Sunday!

Guest Column...from Mr. David Baranowski, Director of Stewardship, Archdiocese of St. Louis

When I was working in the business world, my job required constant planning for things that were always six months to one year away. Most of the time I was thinking about the future. Unfortunately, this spilled into my personal life, always looking down the road, making plans, not really living in the here and now. I think this happens to a lot of us. I suppose this is what leads to much of our unhappiness. We get "locked in" to the future and, when those things don't turn out as we planned, we are disappointed or frustrated. We are always looking for the next thing to make us happy. We think that God isn't listening to our prayers. As I think about it now, my life was out of balance – too much time in the future and not enough time in the present. Too dependent on my own self-reliance and not enough trust in God and His plan for me. God still wants us to plan, but He wants us to spend more time living day-to-day. Living in His presence, checking in with Him throughout our daily activities. Living in our current circumstances, not waiting until we make ourselves "better" or when "I'm ready." As a matter of fact, we ask this of God every day when we pray the "Our Father" – "...give us this day our daily bread..." (this means more than just food).

We aren't designed to be apart from God. We are made in His image and likeness. We are made to be in constant contact with the Holy Trinity throughout our day. A joy-filled life without God is unsustainable. We all know there are no guarantees that tomorrow will come, but do we actually believe and live our lives as if every day is a gift?

This has led me to the gift of the Present Moment. In the present moment I...

- Enjoy more of the "small" wonders of life, many things that I used to take for granted.
- Maybe do nothing at all, just "be" in the presence of God, family and friends.
- Actively listen to God and others, putting their needs ahead of mine.
- See Jesus in the current moment, in the faces of others and in my interactions with others.
- Know that God loves me in my current condition.
- Am more open and flexible to God's plan for me.

When I make time for God each day, things that used to be important to me no longer are. Things that need to get done, get done. God seems to bend time and helps me accomplish more. When I invite the Holy Spirit into my life, He shows up!



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 5

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, May 6

7:00am Ernie Winkelmann

8:00am Daniel Joseph Liddy

Tuesday, May 7

7:00am Don Deachan

8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Wednesday, May 8

7:00am Bill Goeddel

8:00am William Davis

Thursday, May 9

7:00am Jennifer Harter

8:00am Daniel Ellebracht

Friday, May 10

7:00am Melba William

Saturday, May 11

7:00am Mary Carroll, SI

4:30pm Mary Murphy

Sunday, May 12

8:00am Judy Svetanics

10:00am People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Fr. John (Continued)

Fifty and Beyond Report

\$1,002,720 in Gifts & Pledges

Impact to Date:

Parish Share Distributions*: \$290,696 received

Beyond Sunday Scholarships: \$42,250 in scholarships awarded to 12 students in our parish

Beyond Sunday Grants: \$30,450 granted to our school and \$22,420 in collaboration with other schools and programs

*Distributions are made quarterly and are based on pledge payments received for the given quarter.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Our volunteers will be available after Mass with your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards. We encourage you, if you have not done so already, to stop today and fill out and sign your pledge card. After next week, our volunteers will begin to make phone calls to those who do not stop for their card. Please save our volunteers from making a call by stopping this weekend and completing your ACA pledge card.

SRA Picnic is Next Week!

Make sure your calendar is clear next weekend to enjoy our annual picnic. All of the old favorite events from past years will be there, as well as some new offerings. We hope to see you to celebrate with our fine community.

If you have not already, we encourage you as well to sign up to help work at the picnic. The Signup Genius was sent again this week; please take a slot or two and not only enjoy the picnic, but also help to make it a success!

SRA Neighborhood Golf

The weekend after the picnic, on Saturday, May 18, we will have the St. Raphael Neighborhood Golf Tournament. It begins at 12:30pm with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. Different houses in the neighborhood will be hosting holes and golf challenges, concluding with a BBQ dinner at the Bertas' home. Please contact them if you are interested in participating.

I will see you in Church! -Fr. John #SRAstrong

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim, "It is the Lord!" Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their lives" by joining the Society? If so, please call 314.352.8100 for more information, or join us at our meeting.

SERVERS FOR MAY 6-12, 2019

Monday, May 6

7:00am	Nahima Ramirez	Dalila Ramirez
8:00am	Liam McMorrow	Brendan Cierpiot

Tuesday, May 7

7:00am	Flora Borowiak	William Hotze
8:00am	Liam McMorrow	Brendan Cierpiot

Wednesday, May 8

7:00am	Isabella Pfeiffer	Gavin Smith
8:00am	Justin Wingron	Jack Delf

Thursday, May 9

7:00am	Addison Berta	Thad Berta
8:00am	Justin Wingron	Jack Delf

Friday, May 10

7:00am	Justin Wingron	Henry Cyr
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Saturday, May 11

7:00am	Aidan Switzer	Mateo Switzer
4:30pm	Charlie Dirnbeck	Steven Irons
	Cillian Sheehan	

Sunday, May 12

8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Andrew Kellar
	Madalene Cierpiot	
10:00am	Avery Bradshaw	Ethan Bradshaw
	Christian Concepcion	

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’” (John 21:17)

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling us to use our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 11-12, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
George Kerry	Lorraine Gurley	Steve Kratky

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Joan Billing
Pam Hager	Kevin Liddy	Ted Green
Kathe Berger	Mary Niemeyer	Mary Faith Green
Gina Horas	Mary Reck	Heather Hays
Brian McCarthy	Barbara Cramer	Fred Hodes
		Steve Kratky
		Barbara Favre

Your Contributions to God and Parish

April 28, 2019 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (80)	\$ 3,121.00	\$ 208,504.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,079.00	\$ 43,980.00
School Tuition Asst.	\$ 157.00	\$ 4,252.00
Building Fund	\$ 405.00	\$ 5,767.00
Holy Days	\$ 400.00	\$ 8,747.00
Online Giving (42)	\$ 1,982.00	\$ 87,606.00
Tithing	(\$ 156.00)	
Good Friday-Holy Land	(\$ 20.00)	
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Rice Bowl	(\$ 110.00)	
Retired Priests	(\$ 145.00)	
 Grand Total	 \$ 7,585.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,154.00	
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 388,000.00
Difference	(\$ 1,846.00)	(\$ 32,035.00)

EAT. RIDE.
St. Raphael Parish Picnic
REPEAT.
2019

JOIN US!!!

FOOD - MUSIC – RIDES – GAMES

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH 5 - 10 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH 11 AM – 9 PM

KECIA DAVIS/NATHANIEL METCALFE FRIDAY 7 – 10 PM

MORNING OUTDOOR MASS SATURDAY 10 AM

PRIZE BINGO SATURDAY 12 – 4 PM *NEW*

HODAK'S CHICKEN DINNERS SATURDAY 4 -7 PM

THE GTB BAND SATURDAY 6 – 9 PM

50/50 DRAWING SATURDAY 9 PM

Ride Bracelets will be sold May 4th & 5th following Mass.

May 6th – 9th in the Parish Office from 7:30 – 8:00 AM.

Pre-Sale One-Day \$35/Two-Day \$55

(Purchase after May 9th – One-Day \$40/Two-Day \$60)

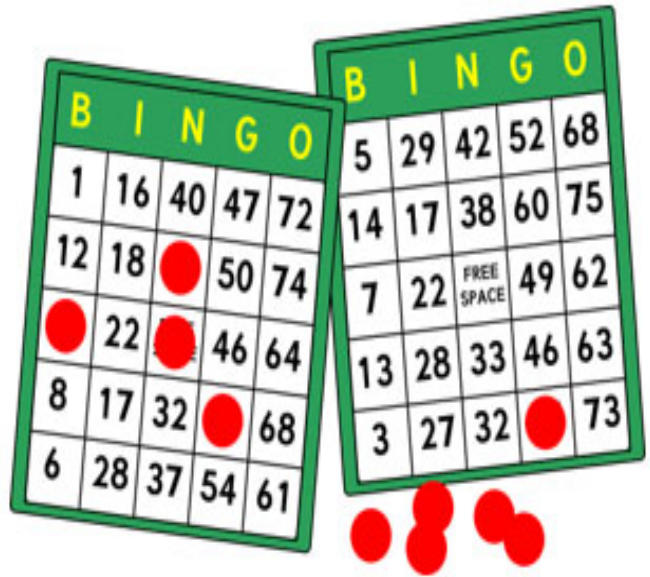
- RETURN 50/50 CHANCES TO PARISH OFFICE OR MAIN BOOTH ON PICNIC DAYS • ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR: PLANTS FOR THE PLANT BOOTH, 12 PACKS OF COKE PRODUCTS AND CAKES FOR THE DINNER – FRIDAY BEFORE 5PM

BINGO IS BACK!

Sponsored by SRA St. Vincent DePaul Conference

Come play at our Parish Picnic:
Saturday – May 11th
12-4pm
School Gym

\$0.50/game – All ages
welcome. Lots of fun prizes!



CLASS OF 2025 BOW SUNDAY



2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Catholics across the Archdiocese are participating in the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. This year's theme is: ***I Believe***. By generously responding to the *ACA*, St. Raphael parishioners will give witness to our willingness to participate in God's plan – to share our gifts joyfully. Our support of the *ACA* enlivens a spirit of goodwill in our parishes and schools, while strengthening parish life and Catholic education. St. Raphael's *ACA* campaign will take place on the weekends of May 4-5 and May 11-12. Parishioners should pick up their *ACA* pledge cards (after Mass) at the Jamieson church entrance on these weekends. Saying ***I Believe*** is not only a personal affirmation of faith, but also a promise to share our blessings with others. For more information, you may contact Fred Hodes 314.752.8742 or George Kerry 314.351.3510.

LADIES' CLUB TACO & GAME NIGHT

Thursday, May 16
7:00pm, SRA Cafeteria

Beer and wine provided. To help stock the taco bar, please go to signupgenius.com/go/4090b4eaeac2fa0f94-taco. Have a favorite game? Bring it! Also collecting kids-meals' toys for use at the Watermelon Festival.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SRA NEIGHBORHOOD GOLF 2019



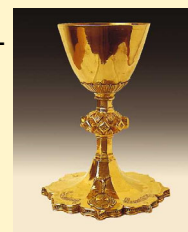
Enjoy a day of unique golf experiences at homes in St. Louis Hills on Saturday, May 18. You will be placed in foursomes, where you will participate in golf challenges outdoors at each home, followed by a reception at the home of Todd and Cara Berta. Tickets are \$35 each. To register or if you need more information, please contact Cara Berta at 314.581.0777 or cara.bertha@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

If you have a relative or friend who perished (killed or missing in action) in any war or conflict, you are invited to attend a short, special ceremony and Mass at 9:00am on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 to honor those fallen heroes. If you would like to remember someone, please submit name(s) to Mary Anne Braun at 314.832.8699 or maryanne-braun@gmail.com. "We must never forget."

THE VOCATION CHALICE

Please consider taking the Vocation Chalice into your home for a week. During that week, the host family will be asked to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life. To learn more about the program, contact a member of the St. Raphael Serra Committee: Barb Cramer, George Kerry, Bob Ahrens, or Bart Saracino. To sign up for a week, please call Maureen Ahrens at 314.353.8444 or email at reahrens40@att.net.



fiftyplus

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The next Fifty Plus Club meeting is Tuesday, May 7, in the Parish Office at 1:00pm. Remember to bring some canned goods for St. Vincent de Paul. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS AVAILABLE

Mother's Day cards will be available from April 28 through May 12, courtesy of Hillsboro Birthright. These cards will be located at the main entrance of church. Feel free to take as many as you will use and pass them on to a wonderful woman in your life.



Mother's Day Shower for Our Lady's Inn

You are cordially invited to help shower the residents at Our Lady's Inn with simple gifts to help care for their children.

These brave mothers have chosen life, not abortion, for their children.

Please consider gifting:

• Diapers of all sizes	• Kleenex
• Cereal or juices	• Toilet paper
• Paper Towels	• Personal care items
• Shampoo or body wash	• Check to Our Lady's Inn
• Baby products	

Gifts will be collected from **Saturday, May 11 until 10 am Mass on Mother's Day, May 12, 2019**. Please place your gifts in the decorated playpens in the front and parking lot vestibules.

If you would like to drop off your gifts at a different date and time, please contact Teri Neal @ 952.6435 or ttneal005@gmail.com.

Your gifts will be delivered to the Inn immediately after Mass on Mother's Day.

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



SUMMER CAMP

Come join the fun at S.R.A. summer camp! Enjoy all our theme weeks or pick your favorite. Join our young and energetic camp counselors for Water Wednesdays, Field trip Fridays, Cooking, sports and much more. MAKE IT A SUMMER TO REMEMBER!!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

June 3rd – 7th WILD WEST
June 10th – 14th SURVIVOR WEEK
June 17th – 21st PIRATES COVE
June 24th – 28th V.B.S.
July 1st – 5th REACH FOR THE STARS
(closed 4th&5th, half price)
July 8th – 12th SHARK TANK WEEK
July 15th - 19th ART THROUGH THE AGES
July 22nd- 26th MAD SCIENTIST

FOR CHILDREN FROM 3 YRS
TO 5TH GRADE

FULL DAY: 7:30 - 3:00
HALF DAY: 7:30 - 11:30

QUESTIONS? CALL MOLLY INDELICATO AT 314-606-5264 OR
EMAIL INDELICATO@STRAPHAELARCHANGEL.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.STRAPHAELARCHANGEL.ORG



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: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/Email/Address

Please Contact Me

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