

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 7:00am and 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday at 7:00am

Monday through Thursday at 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

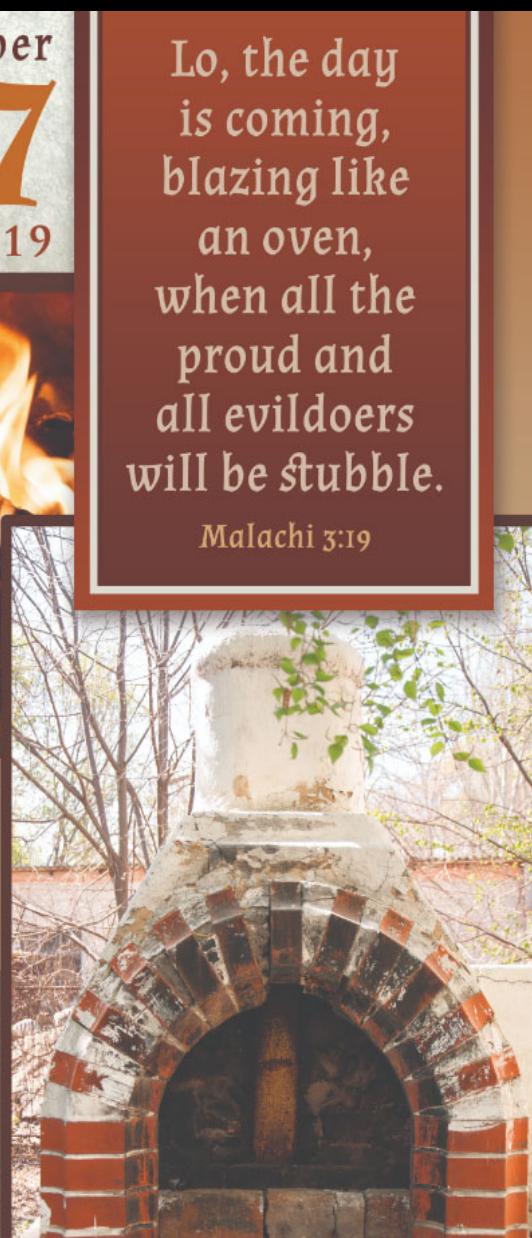
CATHOLIC CHURCH

November

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2019



THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



Lo, the day
is coming,
blazing like
an oven,
when all the
proud and
all evildoers
will be stubble.

Malachi 3:19

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**

CLERGY & STAFF

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Fr. John Mayo | Pastor frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Msgr. Dennis Stehly, VG | Priest-In-Residence dennisstehly@archstl.org |
| Deacon Gerald J. Geiser | Retired Deacon |
| Dr. Nancy Deacon | Music Director musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Mrs. Diane Halbert | Parish Office Manager halbert@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Mrs. Mickey Janos | Admin. Assistant janos@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Mr. Robert Schlueter | Maintenance |
| Mrs. Julie Hayes | School Principal hayes@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Mrs. Linda Mechler | School Secretary secretary@straphaelarchangel.org |
| Mrs. Qi Franz | Cafeteria Manager franz@straphaelarchangel.org |

OFFICE HOURS

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|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Parish Office | Monday-Thursday | 7:30am-4:00pm |
| | Friday | 7:30am-12:00pm |
| School Office | Monday-Friday | 7:30am-3:30pm |

CONNECT WITH US!

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|-----------------------------|--|
| Parish Office | 314.352.8100 |
| Fax | 314.353.6603 |
| School | 314.352.9474 |
| Fax | 314.351.7477 |
| Website | straphaelarchangel.org |
| Facebook and Twitter | @SRAtoday |
| Instagram | straphaelarchangel |

LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH

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|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Parish Council | Dan Meshoto | 314.452.1017 |
| School Board | Todd Berta | 314.352.8420 |
| Finance Council | Joseph Cyr | 314.335.7322 |
| HSA President | Jennifer Delf | 314.323.6073 |

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
Nov. 18-24, 2019**

Monday, November 18

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| 7:00am - Church | Mass |
| 8:00am - Church | Mass |
| 7:00pm - Raphael Room | Historical Society |
| 7:00pm - Tobias Room | School Board |
| 7:00pm - Cafeteria | Scouts |

Tuesday, November 19

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| 7:00am - Church | Mass |
| 8:00am - Church | Mass |
| 3:15pm - Church | DeAngelis Choir |
| 7:00pm - Church | Rosary Recitation |
| 7:00pm - Cafeteria | Men's Club Meeting |
| 7:30pm - Tobias Room | Prayerful Scripture |

Wednesday, November 20

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| 7:00am - Church | Mass |
| 8:00am - Church | Mass |
| 9:00am - Quilter's Room | Quilters |
| 11:30am - Tobias Room | Principals' Meeting |
| 6:00pm - Cafeteria | Step Class |
| 6:30pm - Small Conf. Room | RCIA |
| 7:00pm - Church | Adult Choir |
| 8:30pm - Gym | Men's Basketball |

Thursday, November 21

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| 7:00am - Church | Mass |
| 8:00am - Church | Mass |
| 2:00pm - School | Preschool Dance |
| 3:00pm - School | K-5th Gr. Dance |
| 3:00pm - Cafeteria | 5th Gr. Cub Scouts |
| 3:15pm - School | Chess Club |
| 7:00pm - Cafeteria | Ladies' Club Meeting |

Friday, November 22

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| 7:00am - Church | Mass |
| 5:00pm - Gym | Volleyball Games |

Saturday, November 23

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| 7:00am - Church | Mass |
| 8:00am - Cafeteria | Step Class |
| 9:00am - Gym | Volleyball Games |
| 4:30pm - Church | Mass |

Sunday, November 24

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| 8:00am - Church | Mass |
| 10:00am - Church | Mass |
| 12:00pm - Gym | Volleyball Games |

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

Recently, I received this essay by Frannie Benoist from the Annual Catholic Appeal office. Frannie is a parishioner and a graduate of St. Raphael the Archangel Grade School. She is now a Junior at Ursuline Academy. Frannie took third place in the annual Archdiocesan-wide high school competition for an essay about the Annual Catholic Appeal. Below is her essay in its entirety. Congratulations, Frannie!

As a disciple of Jesus we are called to be stewards of God's creation. We are called to not only appreciate his creation and works, but to preserve them, take action to improve them and keep them alive in our lives. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers the opportunity to live out the stewardship we are called to do. The Annual Catholic Appeal strives to continue the service of Catholic education in our future generations' lives as well as uplifting the dignity of the human person. With the Annual Catholic Appeal and our agreement to being a disciple of Jesus, there is no excuse to not aid the foundation of life.

St. Louis is powerful in many ways, specifically the great number of Catholic supporters in the area. We as citizens are so powerful. We are the ones who can impose change in the world. With the power we possess, it is important to come together as a city and support one of our biggest passions. Every hand and heart contributes to a greater cause. Everyone is appreciated and wanted in the journey to support the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Stewardship is not necessarily a choice once committed to the discipleship of Jesus. We made a commitment and promised as disciples that we would participate in, contribute to, and aid Jesus and his mission. Stewardship is extremely important in my life and I live by the motto, "Actions speak louder than words." I can say what I believe and try to convince people of my beliefs but it is not until I put my words into action that I can expect people to follow. Living out my beliefs to me is the ideal goal of stewardship. It is very easy to say you are Catholic, but a lot more difficult to physically live out the life of a Catholic.

As a teenager it is challenging to donate money to the Annual Catholic Appeal, but I am capable of giving my time and serving hand. I often go to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and serve meals to the less fortunate. By doing this, I am offering a sense of dignity and nourishment to the human person. Although it is not money, there is a lot more to contribute than

money. Money is just a value, but there is no value put on the humbleness and appreciation received after helping those in need.

My grade school in particular took pride in the success that came from the Annual Catholic Appeal. At St. Raphael we hosted competitions, activities and other fun events all in support of the ACA. The fun and creativity added to the events allowed everyone to get involved and not only feel required to donate, but they wanted to donate. The spirit of generosity and stewardship was alive and thriving in St. Raphael. My 8th grade year we set a very high goal of \$500,000. It may seem like a stretch, but the goal was achieved and proved just how much our community supports the future of Catholic education. It was heartwarming to know the amount of support people had and, although, they were maybe not the ones still in school, but cared so much about the future and wanted the Catholic spirit to live on.

After spending the past eleven years in Catholic school, I could not imagine it any other way. I love the atmosphere and community between one another and it is something that I cherish and hold close to my heart. I am forever grateful for those who have showed support and continue to offer support to Catholic education. The only way it is possible to flourish is by the support of others. In the world we live in today, I believe the community and spirit of Catholic schools is needed more than ever, and the last thing needed is for their support to die out. In contrast, I believe that it should grow to an even greater level. As a student I will continue to make an effort to do my part in the community by assisting those in need and not only preaching my faith, but living it out. I hope that my actions will be acknowledged by others and they too will want to join in on the journey to living out our stewardship.

SRA SCHOOL

FORMED IN FAITH

PREPARED FOR LIFE



Sunday, November 17

8:00am Don Deachan
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, November 18

7:00am Evelyn Cuba
8:00am Nancy Geiser

Tuesday, November 19

7:00am Bart Saracino
8:00am Elizabeth Hager

Wednesday, November 20

7:00am Robert Hoeynck
8:00am Cory Bess

Thursday, November 21

7:00am Anne Kempster
8:00am Liz Rayborn

Friday, November 22

7:00am Connie Earls

Saturday, November 23

7:00am Kara Cummings
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 24

8:00am Don Deachan
10:00am Kara Cummings

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of
the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-
31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,
15; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-
15; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr
29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk
20:27-40
- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

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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 nextministry@straphaelarchangel.org.

MORE DATES TO SAVE!

- Saturday, November 30 Advent Wreath Making
Sunday, December 8 Cookies with Santa
Sunday, December 8 Advent by Candlelight

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR NOV. 18-24, 2019

Monday, November 18

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| 7:00am | Rory Barnawell | Gavin Smith |
| 8:00am | Lydia Eddingfield | Claire Fuhr |

Tuesday, November 19

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| 7:00am | Madalene Cierpiot | Brendan Cierpiot |
| 8:00am | Lydia Eddingfield | Claire Fuhr |

Wednesday, November 20

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| 7:00am | Liam McMorrow | Isabella Pfeiffer |
| 8:00am | Lydia Eddingfield | Claire Fuhr |

Thursday, November 21

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| 7:00am | Lydia Eddingfield | Andrew Kellar |
| 8:00am | Lydia Eddingfield | Claire Fuhr |

Friday, November 22

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| 7:00am | William Hotze | Henry Cyr |
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Saturday, November 23

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| 7:00am | Nahima Ramirez | Dalila Ramirez |
| 4:30pm | Thad Berta | Gavin Smith |
| | Christian Concepcion | |

Sunday, November 24

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| 8:00am | Charlie Dirmbeck | Isabella Pfeiffer |
| | Lydia Eddingfield | |
| 10:00am | Jack Delf | Abby Delf |
| | Addison Berta | |

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."
(2 Thessalonians 3:9)

Most people who live a grateful and generous life-style don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice because of the joy and peace that result. Afterwards, they desire the same joy and peace in their own lives. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with the Catholic faith.

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

Nov. 23-24, 2019

LECTORS

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| 4:30pm | 8:00am | 10:00am |
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| Laura Geiser | Amy Ruggeri | Mary Faith Green |
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EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

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

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Due to the Veteran's Day holiday and the inclement weather, the weekly offertory information will be listed in the next bulletin.

LADIES' CLUB

Mark your calendars. The November Ladies' Club meeting will be Thursday, November 21, at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. All are welcome. Dinner and drinks will be provided.

This year we are helping members of our sister parish, Holy Trinity. There are some gift ideas on SignUpGenius at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0b4aacad2aaaf49-christmas/46323424>. Also, there is a major need for Aldi and Target gift cards for groceries and household items. Therefore, we will also collect cash to purchase these gift cards. Donations should be brought to the Ladies' Club meeting on Thursday, November 21, or arrangements for pickup can be made by contacting Mary Anne Potts at 314.482.1907.

Advent by Candlelight will be on Sunday, December 8. Reservation form can be found in this bulletin or you may e-mail the Ladies' Club at ladies@straphaelarchangel.org if you would like to host a table.

Advent Wreath Making

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Please join us as we prepare for the Christmas season.

Enjoy a warm bowl of chili provided by SRA & please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Then make your own fresh pine Advent wreath to be your light throughout the season.



Date: Saturday, November 30, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Place: SRA School Cafeteria



Please RSVP for this wonderful FREE event to the SRA Rectory at 314.352.8100 or drop your reservation form in the collection basket at church by Friday, November 22.

For further information or to help with this event please contact
Mary Guenther at 314.803.7300 or maryguenther3@gmail.com or
Lisa Mitchell at 314.393.0235 or lisa.mitchell.stl@gmail.com.

Advent Wreath Making

Reservation Form

Family name: _____

Phone number: _____

Number attending: _____

Dish to share: _____





HELP SUPPORT

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL 8TH GRADE CLASS

WHERE 6607 Chippewa Street, St. Louis, MO 63109

WHEN Mon, Nov 25th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will be up on Thanksgiving Day with gift suggestions. Please take an "angel" or two to help the less fortunate. This year our St. Vincent de Paul Society is working with Peter & Paul Community Services. They offer various programs to provide supportive services to those who are homeless, especially those who are living with mental illness or HIV/AIDS. Please remove a tag or two and return the gift(s) no later than 11:00am on Sunday, December 15. The tag should be attached to the unwrapped gift and placed under the Advent Giving Tree. Thanks to all who participate in this Holy Season of giving to those in need.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND - SRA PRAYER NETWORK



At each of this weekend's Masses, we will hear from a representative of SRA's Prayer Network regarding the importance of the committee, along with the value of sharing our time and talent. If you are interested in exploring SRA's committees, they can be found in the Parish Directory. Thank you.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 6:00PM - ST. RAPHAEL GYM

Advent by Candlelight is an invitation for women to step away from hectic Christmas activities and focus on the inner preparation, which is the purpose of the Advent season. In that way, we ready our hearts and homes to receive the gift of the infant Jesus.

The evening opens with the hostess greeting her guests and general visiting among all those present. Then it continues with a short prayer service, followed by sharing of light hors d'oeuvres or dessert provided by each hostess for her particular table, and concludes with a guest speaker who never fails to inspire us.

We are very excited this year to have Kathie Hammell as our speaker. Kathie has worked in some aspect of youth ministry in St. Louis for 20 years and is a theology instructor and campus minister at Chaminade. Her hope is to build a Courageous Catholic Culture.



Please consider being a table hostess and treating your friends, relatives or neighbors to this special event. The duties of a table hostess include reserving a table, inviting up to 7 more guests (8 people per table), decorating your table and providing table settings and light appetizers / desserts for your guests. More detailed information will be given to each hostess.

We encourage hostesses to keep their food very simple to support our desire to offer a less stressful, more peaceful, and enjoyable evening among friends.

This is a FREE event, but we will take up a collection for our parish if you would like to contribute that evening.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT RESERVATION

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

____ I would like to be a Table Hostess. I want to invite others to sit with me. The people listed below will automatically be registered to be seated at my table. (Hostess information will be sent to you.)

Hostess _____

Guest _____

____ I would like to register as an individual and would like to be placed at any table where there is room.

If possible please seat me with _____

Please return reservation form to Rachel Flavin, 5940 Highfield Rd., 63109, or e-mail your reservation to ladies@straphaelarchangel.org. Questions? Call Rachel, 314.496.8303.



**VETERAN'S
DAY**



FRESHLY SHELLLED AZALEA BRAND NUTS

Benefits the SRA St. Vincent de Paul Society

Nuts are unconditionally guaranteed fresh. Shelled nutmeats have a shelf life of three months. Freezing is recommended for longer storage. We expect delivery by Thanksgiving. You will be notified when nuts are available for pickup in the parish office. If you have questions, please e-mail Patti Webers at pwebers@sbcglobal.net.

Please include payment with order and checks should be made out to St. Raphael. Payment and order forms should be dropped off at the parish office or put in the collection basket. Order deadline is November 18!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

| Qty. | Item | Price Each | Total Cost |
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| 1 | lb. Mammoth Size Pecan Halves | \$12.00 | |
| 1 | lb. Pecan Pieces | \$11.00 | |
| 1 | lb. English Walnuts | \$8.00 | |
| 1 | lb. Gourmet Mix (pecans, cashews, brazil, hazel & almonds) | \$10.00 | |
| 1 | lb. Toasted, Salted Cashews | \$10.00 | |
| 12 oz. | Deluxe Praline Pecans | \$9.00 | |

Total Amount of Order (Enclosed): _____

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you to all parishioners and friends for the success of the quilt raffle which provided \$1,080 for the pre-school playground.

Congratulations to the winner of the raffle, Betty Hummert, who has grandchildren in SRA school. We know she will enjoy the quilt.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The Gospel predicts the end of times, yet our challenge is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?" Let us respond by donating to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

BLACK AND GOLD AUCTION NEWS!

Hello, SRA Family! Before we dive into Auction talk, we'd like to take a moment to CONGRATULATE everyone who was involved with Trivia Night, making it a huge success and lots of fun! Apparently I need to brush up on my Space knowledge!

Now on to AUCTION NEWS!

The Black and Gold Auction is Saturday, February 8, 2020! It will be a night to remember so don't miss it! Stay tuned for Ticket information! We'll have VIP tables available again, delicious food by Bartolino's, and wonderful items for bidding.

We will kick off the 2020 Auction with a **Donation Blitz and Blues Raffle!** Take advantage of those Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and probably all of November SALES! While you're out Christmas shopping, grab an item to donate to the Auction! Bring your donation(s) to the Parish Office between **Monday, December 2, and Thursday, December 12**, and each \$25 (value) donation will receive 1 raffle ticket for 4 tickets to a BLUES game this season! Lower bowl seats! More information to come, including donation-idea lists. We will draw the winner on Friday, December 13, and announce via Facebook and Flocknote. Winner will be contacted directly by phone or email.

Stay informed on all things Black and Gold Auction by visiting our *NEW* Facebook page,
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Raphael-the-Archangel-Black-and-Gold-Auction>

Thank you!
Black and Gold Auction Committee



WELCOME TO THE ST. RAPHAEL 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

Please Contact Me

New Phone/Email/Address

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