

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

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

*In thanksgiving
for all that we are given*



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
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Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
	musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Diane Halbert	Parish Office Manager
	halbert@straphaelarchangel.org
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	janos@straphaelarchangel.org
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	hayes@straphaelarchangel.org
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	secretary@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Qi Franz	Cafeteria Manager
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OFFICE HOURS

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

CONNECT WITH US!

Parish Office	314.352.8100
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Website	straphaelarchangel.org
Facebook and Twitter	@SRAtoday
Instagram	straphaelarchangel

LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH

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. 25-DEC. 1, 2019**

Monday, November 25

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
6:00pm - Conference Room	Finance Council
7:00pm - Guardian Angel Rm.	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Scouts
7:15pm - Parish Office	Development Comm.
7:30pm - Church	So. City Men's Rcl.

Tuesday, November 26

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
6:30pm - Cafeteria	2nd Gr. Cub Scouts
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:00pm - Raphael Room	Knights of Columbus
7:30pm - Tobias Room	Prayerful Scripture

Wednesday, November 27

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room	Quilters
6:00pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
8:30pm - Gym	Men's Basketball

Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving Day

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass

Friday, November 29

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

Saturday, November 30

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria	Step Class
4:30pm - Church	Mass
5:30pm - Cafeteria	Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 1

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

Give thanks
TO THE LORD

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

Honoring Christ the King

On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time, we honor Christ the King. We honor Him who is called to be at the center of our hearts and at the center of our lives.

Most Sundays we consider ways we can honor Christ in our lives. Often times, the priest will point out opportunities for prayer or a virtue we can grow in that will honor Christ more fully.

This particular Sunday, I would like to call to mind some practices that we do not usually consider in our preaching. These practices often seek knowledge or power away from Christ and give increased influence to the Evil One over our lives. Some of these practices include:

- Using a Ouija board.
- Consulting horoscopes, even if it is just for fun or it is just something we find interesting but do not put stock in.
- Visiting astrologers, palm readers, tarot card readers, tea leaf readers, or other diviners.
- Visiting a medium, inviting a medium to our house or going to a medium gathering.
- Visiting a magic shop or buying anything supposedly magical (i.e. candles, potions).
- Visiting a healer using any kind of spiritual energy attempting to heal us.
- Reading about, seeking to develop, or visiting someone who practices astral travel or any psychic powers.
- Buying or wearing of charms.
- Playing or watching videos that show people involved in games such as Charlie Charlie or Bloody Mary.
- Undergoing hypnosis, except for medical reasons.

These practices and similar practices are dangerous for anyone to participate in. Even if people say they do not believe in the Devil, or that it is "white magic," or a good spirit, do not believe any of this! The Devil from the very beginning is the father of lies and uses these practices to gain a foothold in our lives. God has said in scripture and through the Church that these and similar practices are to be avoided, with no exceptions.

If you have participated in any of these practices, the best thing to do is to go to confession as soon as you can and fully confess what you have done, resolving not to do it again. If you have a question about what the church allows, please talk to Monsignor Stehly, Deacon Jerry, or me.

In Gratitude

Thank you to our Home and School Association and to the Matrecci Family for the Trivia Night a couple of Saturdays ago. It was a truly great evening and a lot of fun. Thank you too for your flexibility in shifting the time for this event. We look forward now to the auction on its new date on February 8!

A thank you goes out as well to our Stewardship Committee, to the Saracino Family, and to Butler's Pantry and the parishioners who work there for hosting our Gratitude Dinner last Saturday. I have heard many great things from people about this evening, and I am glad that we could provide it in gratitude for all of the good things you do each day for our parish.

Thank you too to our Alpha Committee led by Mary Reck for hosting our first evening of this great faith-formation program. We look forward to picking it up again after the first of the year!

Advent is Next Weekend!

How will you spend this time preparing for Christ's birth?

In addition to the opportunities in this edition of the bulletin, I would like to call to everyone's attention some other special ways to prepare for Advent.

You are to use the book that has been sent to your home. It follows the lectionary at Mass for each day of the Advent season and has great spiritual reflections each day.

Another is to sign up for an hour (or more) of Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration will be offered in the Guardian Angel Room of the parish office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays of Advent from 3:00-10:00pm each day. You can sign up online or there is a chart in the back of church where you can sign up as well. We need at least one person each hour to commit to being with our Lord.

Lastly, if you are more digitally inclined, sign up for the Best Advent Ever from Dynamic Catholic. Each day, you will get an email with an Advent Reflection. For more information or to sign up, please visit <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>.

Thanksgiving

On behalf of Monsignor Stehly, Deacon Jerry, and our faculty and staff, we want to wish you and your family a truly blessed celebration of Thanksgiving this year. Please remember Masses will be at 7:00am and 8:00am on Thanksgiving Day.

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



Sunday, November 24

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

Monday, November 25

7:00am Roger Kreidler
8:00am Walter Abel

Tuesday, November 26

7:00am George Kennedy
8:00am Howard and Joan Pfeifer

Wednesday, November 27

7:00am Robert Hoeynck
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving Day

7:00am Neil and Judy Svetanics
8:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann

Friday, November 29

7:00am Jennifer Harter

Saturday, November 30

7:00am Thomas Majda, Sr.
4:30pm Mary Pfeiffer

Sunday, December 1

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Benjamin Brumley

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR NOV. 25-DEC. 1, 2019

Monday, November 25

7:00am	Matthew Franz	Claire Fuhr
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Maggie Anstey

Tuesday, November 26

7:00am	Flora Borowiak	Steven Irons
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Maggie Anstey

Wednesday, November 27

7:00am	Maggie Anstey	Ryan Pinkerton
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Maggie Anstey

Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving Day

7:00am	Christian Concepcion	Ryan Pinkerton
8:00am	Claire Fuhr	Henry Cyr

Friday, November 29

7:00am	Kallista Hiatt	David Hiatt
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Saturday, November 30

7:00am	Aidan Switzer	Mateo Switzer
4:30pm	Josh Abbott	Steven Irons
	Alex Atchison	

Sunday, December 1

8:00am	Cate Guenther	Henry Cyr
	Anna-Grace Guenther	
10:00am	Ryan Pinkerton	Dalila Ramirez
	Nahima Ramirez	

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.

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 REFLECTION

"....giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." (Colossians 1:12)

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things." Instead, let us try to put God first in all things. Let us ask Him how He wants us to use our gifts.

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF Nov. 30-DEC. 1, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
George Kerry	Kevin Liddy	Heather Hays

THANKSGIVING

Mary Reck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathy Steck	Mary Steck	Joe Zulich
Pam Hager	Kevin Liddy	Dan Harbaugh
Kathe Berger	Mary Niemeyer	Amy Schisler
Gina Horas	Mary Reck	Anna Skidmore
Brian McCarthy	Barbara Cramer	

Your Contributions to God and Parish

November 17, 2019

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (74)	\$ 2,958.00	\$ 87,433.00
Loose Money	\$ 863.55	\$ 21,796.55
School Support	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,113.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00	\$ 3,498.00
Holy Days	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,969.00
Online Giving (49)	\$ 2,632.00	\$ 45,636.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Military Services	(\$ 40.00)	
Candle Money	\$ 157.45	
Hymnals	\$ 265.00	
Grand Total	\$ 6,951.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,911.00	\$ 164,195.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
Difference	(\$ 2,089.00)	(\$ 15,805.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

November 10, 2019

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (78)	\$ 5,303.00	\$ 84,475.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,672.00	\$ 20,933.00
School Support	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,113.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,493.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,949.00
Online Giving (44)	\$ 2,642.00	\$ 43,004.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Thanksgiving	(\$ 85.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 205.00)	
Military Services	(\$ 375.00)	
Campaign for Human Development	(\$ 75.00)	
World Missions	(\$ 20.00)	
Concern for the Poor	(\$ 45.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 10,702.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,897.00	\$ 157,284.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 171,000.00
Difference	\$ 897.00	(\$ 13,716.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

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.

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: _____



**SOUTH CITY MEN'S RECOLLECTION EVENING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, AT 7:30PM**



Father John will give a presentation on the topic of grief and God's plan for healing grief in our lives. There will also be time for silent adoration and confession as well.

After a period of prayer, there will be time for refreshments in the St. Raphael cafeteria.

For more information, please contact Joe Cyr at jmcyrjr@me.com or Kevin Franklin at kfranklin1130@gmail.com.

**St. Raphael the Archangel HSA presents the 4th Annual
COOKIES WITH SANTA**
December 8th 11:00am to 1:00pm
Bring your List and Visit with Santa Claus
In the cafeteria following 10:00am mass
Kids get to decorate cut-out (nut-free) cookies
and make a Merry Christmas Craft too!!
Just \$12.00 per child (\$30 max per family)
Please RSVP by Dec. 3rd.
Don't forget to bring your camera for Festive
Photo Ops
Please contact HSA@staphaelarchangel.org with questions

**Please return this section along with payment
to the School Office by December 3rd.**

Family Name _____

Children Names Attending: _____

MORE DATES TO SAVE!

Saturday, November 30
Sunday, December 8
Sunday, December 8

Advent Wreath Making
Cookies with Santa
Advent by Candlelight

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 _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

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.

School News



Congratulations to our 8th Grade Boys soccer team on winning the District Championship! Next stop the City/County Tournament!! Coaches are Dave Kellar and Matt Stawizynski.

[#SRAstrong](#) [#SRAclassof2020](#) [#SRAclassof2021](#)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28; (Thanksgiving) Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the doors of our hearts so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build His kingdom here on earth. Last month, through your gifts, the Society was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting 17 families, providing \$200 in food, \$2,600 for rent, \$2,537 for utility bills, plus vouchers for beds, furniture, household supplies, and prescription medication. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE Advent Lessons & Carols

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis
 Sunday, December 15, 2019, 3:00 pm
 Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso &
 The Archdiocesan Choirs

Free and open to the Public

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

FALL CRAFT FAIR

St. Matthias the Apostle
800 Buckley Rd.
Saturday, November 30
9:00am - 4:00pm
Handcrafted Items Baked Good
Raffles Concessions
Free Gift Wrapping
Questions? Rachel at 314.616.7914

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association will host its 19th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 1, from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the corner of Nottingham and Childress. There will be free horse-drawn carriage rides, hot drinks, cookies, and visits by Santa, Fredbird, and Louie! Everyone is invited to participate as we celebrate the holidays in St. Louis.

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**

☐ **Please Do Not Publish #**