

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

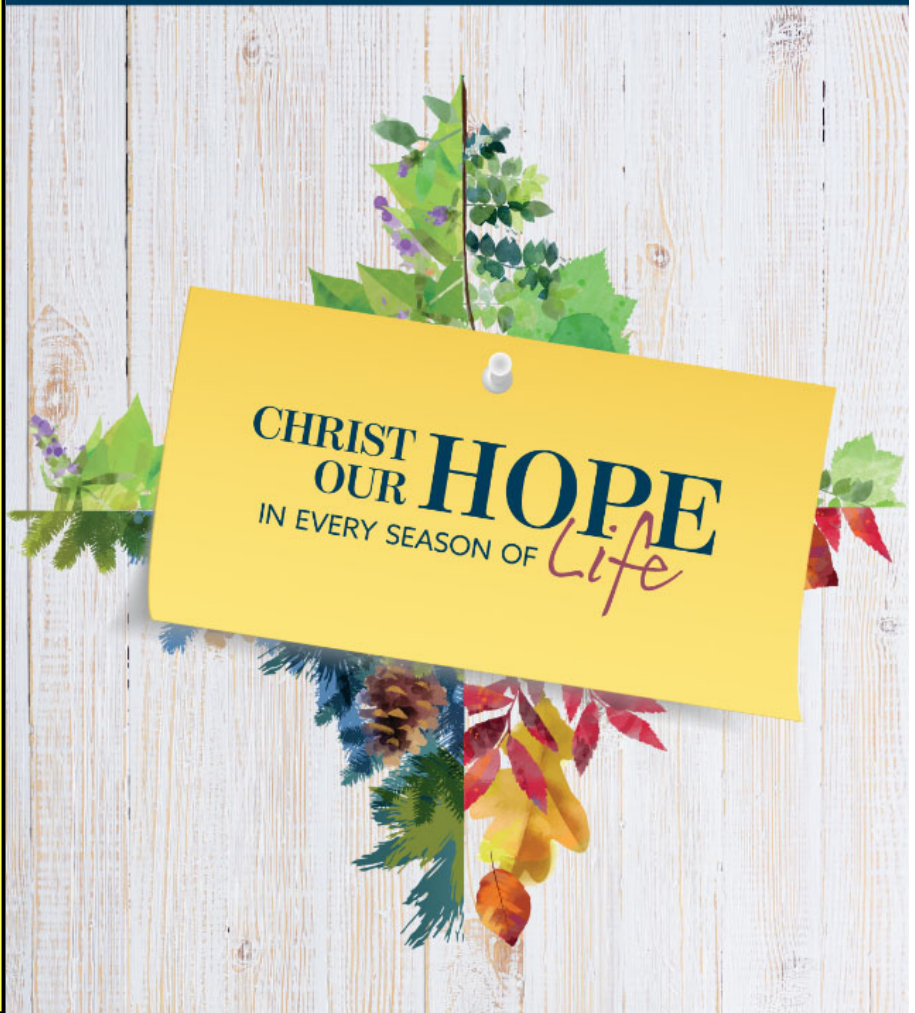
SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 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.”

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

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr. John Mayo Pastor
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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

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Instagram straphaelarchangel

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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
OCT. 14-20, 2019**

Monday, October 14

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
3:00pm - Cafeteria 8th Gr. Girl Scouts
5:00pm - Gym 8th Gr. Girls Vball.
6:30pm - Gym 4th Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00pm - Cafeteria Scouts
7:00pm - Tobias Room Parish Council
7:00pm - Raphael Room St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, October 15

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
5:30pm - Gym 7th Gr. Girls Vball.
6:30pm - Gym 3rd Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00pm - Church Rosary Recitation
7:00pm - Cafeteria Men's Club Meeting
7:30pm - Tobias Room Prayerful Scripture

Wednesday, October 16

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
9:00am - Quilter's Room Quilters
3:15pm - Gym 8th Gr. Boys Vball.
4:45pm - Gym 6th Gr. Boys Vball.
6:00pm - Cafeteria Step Class
6:30pm - Small Conf. Room RCIA
6:30pm - Classroom 1st Recon. Prts. Mtg.
7:00pm - Gym 5th Gr. Boys Vball

Thursday, October 17

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Church Mass
2:00pm - School Preschool Dance
3:00pm - School K-5th Gr. Dance
3:15pm - School Chess Club
5:30pm - Gym 4th Gr. Girls Vball.
6:30pm - Gym 5th Gr. Girls Vball.
7:00pm - Raphael Room Bible Study
7:00pm - Cafeteria Ladies' Club Meeting

Friday, October 18

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

Saturday, October 19

7:00am - Church Mass
8:00am - Cafeteria Step Class
9:00am - Gym Volleyball Games
4:30pm - Church Mass
6:00pm - Parking Lot Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 20

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

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

The End of Priestly Celibacy?

Last Sunday, I awoke to headlines from Rome with this question blazoned on top of news articles about the Synod on the Amazon. One of the proposals being considered as part of the synod is the allowing of older married men to minister as priests. This is to address the difficult situation in the Amazon of some communities going nearly a year without a priest due to the shortage in that region.

Celibacy is often thought of as a man saying no to marriage. Celibacy's value is not negative. It is positive. As Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI explains, "While celibacy is just the opposite: it is a definitive 'yes.' It is to let oneself be taken in the hand of God, to give oneself into the hands of the Lord, into his 'I.'"

Celibacy begins with the man in the seminary offering himself to God for service to the Church. This free offering of self in love to God moves the Lord to open a new depth of intimacy with that man on his way to Holy Orders. In this place, the seminarian/priest finds the intimacy, love, and belonging that his heart naturally desires. If he so desires, the Lord will pour these gifts into his heart in abundance to satisfy him.

This lived example in the life of the priest speaks of the riches and the depth that can be found in our relationship with the Lord. It speaks powerfully to a world that increasingly distrusts the Lord and his goodness to us. It also foreshadows what we shall partake of in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Cardinal Sarah in his book *The Day Is Now Far Spent* responds directly to those calling for the lifting of celibacy in the Amazon. People say celibacy should be lifted because the people of the Amazon cannot understand celibacy and its value. The Cardinal responds that this view is prejudiced. By starting at this point, it ends up that there are very few native priests and bishops in the Amazon. Should we not, rather, explain and uphold the value of celibacy for them and see if they will respond?

Further, such a change as proposed by the synod questions the providence of God. If God has given this gift to men he has called to follow him as priests, why do we question now that He should withhold such a gift? Or why would God say priests should be celibate everywhere but here?

The priesthood is not a job for which we can simply expand the number of qualified candidates to fill empty slots. It is a true calling to a lifestyle of following Christ totally and completely. The answer to a priestly shortage is not to change the rules to expand the pool of

candidates but rather to uphold and speak of why we need priests and the value they bring to the world as we would tell any young person discerning a worthwhile path for his life.

More Priests Locally

We are nowhere close to the issues in the Amazon in terms of the number of priests. But the number in the Archdiocese does continue to decline. Current projections show that within 7 years, each parish will be down to just one full-time, active priest. Between us and St. Gabriel, this will mean we should see the 3.5 active priests (Msgr. Stehly, Msgr. Shamleffer, Fr. Madden, and I) drop to two.

As we read about the great numbers in the seminary, we need to understand that of the over 100 men in formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, only 50 of them are studying for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This coming May, we will have two priestly ordinations. To offset pending retirements, we need to be ordaining at least 10 men per year.

Needless to say, then, the next few years will mean changes to how parishes operate in the Archdiocese. It is my contention, though, that the length such changes are necessary depends on the number of priests being ordained. If we decide this is not how we want our local Church to be served by her priests, encouraging our young men to consider the priesthood becomes an even greater priority.

What shall we do? Pray, visit the seminary, encourage the programs at the seminary to young men, and speak positively about the Church, parish life, and celibacy are all things we can and should do to begin to create a culture for vocations.

In Gratitude

I would like to join the Golf Committee in thanking all of the players, volunteers, and sponsors for this event. It was a rousing success. Not only was there much fun, but we also raised in net profits over \$19,000. These profits will go to help fund the Men's Club and its many endeavors for the youth of the parish and for our parish as a whole. Thank you very much for your support and we will see you next year!

Also, thank you to all of those who came to the Life Chain last Sunday and supported the cause of Life.

Many thanks also to the Knights of Columbus and those who supported their barbeque.



Sunday, October 13

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Carolyn Otz

Monday, October 14

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Fred Earnhardt, SI

Tuesday, October 15

7:00am Bill Goeddel
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Wednesday, October 16

7:00am Raymond H. Bulte, Jr.
8:00am Michael Cross

Thursday, October 17

7:00am Robert Hoeynck
8:00am Nancy Geiser

Friday, October 18

7:00am Robert Hoeynck

Saturday, October 19

7:00am Liz Rayborn
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, October 20

8:00am Pauline Zagroba
10:00am Marcia Matreci

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.

Hymnals for the Church

We invite you during Donut Sunday this weekend to preview the new permanent hymnals. These hymnals will take the place of the current green ones and will contain much of the material from the smaller white Pray Together. We will still get a supply of the Pray Together books for the daily Mass community, but we will condense down to one book for Sundays.

This change will not only give our church a sharper look, but will save us about \$30,000 in hymnal purchases over the next 10 years, which is the expected lifespan of these hymnals.

We also invite you to consider sponsoring a hymnal in your name or for a loved one. Please check out the table at Donut Sunday for details!

Gratitude Banquet

The Stewardship Committee is happy to announce a "Gratitude Banquet." This banquet will be a celebration of our parish and a thank you to all of our many benefactors and volunteers that help us throughout the year. This is an event open to the entire parish and is a family-friendly event.

The meal of salad, pasta, and bread will be catered by Bartolino's and the desserts by Butler's Pantry. Please save the evening of Saturday, November 16, after the 4:30pm Mass for this banquet. We will be soon taking RSVPs so that we can know the amount of food to order.

Naming and Commendation Mass

Speaking of November 16, we will have a special Mass on that date at 10:00am to remember children who died before birth. Families will be invited to come forward to name their child, to pray for their child, and to receive a certificate with their child's name on it. More details will come in the near future.

1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting

On Wednesday, October 16, we have a mandatory meeting for parents of any children receiving First Reconciliation this December.

Bible Study

Our Last Bible Study will be on Thursday at 7:00pm. All are welcome as we talk about St. Paul-Revelations!

Next Weekend is also Trunk-or-Treat!

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ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR OCT. 14-20, 2019

Monday, October 14

7:00am Nahima Ramirez Dalila Ramirez
8:00am Mateo Switzer Thad Berta

Tuesday, October 15

7:00am Anna-Grace Guenther Cate Guenther
8:00am Mateo Switzer Thad Berta

Wednesday, October 16

7:00am Rory Barnawell Andrew Kellar
8:00am Mateo Switzer Thad Berta

Thursday, October 17

7:00am Madalene Cierpiot Brendan Cierpiot
8:00am Mateo Switzer Thad Berta

Friday, October 18

7:00am Lydia Eddingfield Cillian Sheehan

Saturday, October 19

7:00am Isabella Pfeiffer Ryan Pinkerton
4:30pm Avery Bradshaw Lucas Feldman
Ethan Bradshaw

Sunday, October 20

8:00am Maggie Anstey Mateo Switzer
Aidan Switzer
10:00am Liam McMorrow Jack Delf
Jack Stein

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:18)

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take all this for granted. Do we ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Let's take time every day and thank God for all He has given us.

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 19-20, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
George Kerry	Barb Cramer	Frosty Hodes

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Bob Ahrens	Lorraine Gurley	Tom Yehlen
Maureen Ahrens	Sue Lawton	Dennis Matreci
George Kerry	Amy Ruggeri	Carolyn Skidmore
Margie Auer	Rosita Koehler	Greg Divis
Matt Fuhr	Christy Connor	Karen Divis
Tony Mariani	Kerry Deacon	Ann Grabian

Your Contributions to God and Parish

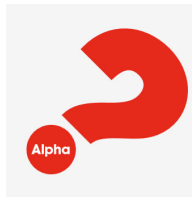
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(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (86)	\$ 6,108.00	\$ 62,687.00
Loose Money	\$ 513.00	\$ 14,396.00
School Support	\$ 170.00	\$ 1,538.00
Building Fund	\$ 210.00	\$ 2,518.00
Holy Days	\$ 115.00	\$ 1,152.00
Online Giving (49)	\$ 2,597.00	\$ 32,336.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Tithing/Concern for the Poor	(\$ 20.00)	
World Missions	(\$ 80.00)	
Permanent Diaconate	(\$ 236.00)	

Grand Total	\$ 10,059.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,723.00	\$115,373.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$126,000.00
Difference	\$ 723.00	\$ 10,627.00
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

**ALPHA IS COMING TO SRA!
AND YOU ARE INVITED!**



Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Join us for a great meal and conversation with others as we delve into the meaning of life and faith; no strings attached. Come and see for yourself...what have you got to lose?

When: Friday, November 15, 6:30-8:30pm
Where: Parish Office, Lower Level

Feel free to invite a friend to come with you!
Adults only, please. Call, text or email how many plan to attend so we can make enough food. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mary at 314.326.6996 or mjreck@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 -- 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify and give thanks to God. It is true that, when we have a grateful heart, we know that everything is a gift from God. To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered donating some of your abundance to others in need? Bring clothing and household items you no longer need to the Society's truck drive on Saturday, October 26.

LADIES' CLUB OCTOBER CHILI NIGHT

Thursday, October 17
7:00pm SRA Cafeteria

To sign up to bring something, please go to:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4EAEAC2FA0F94-october1>



**SAVE THE DATE
FIFTY PLUS CLUB**

The Fifty Plus Club Christmas Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 3, at 1:00pm at Pietro's Restaurant (3801 Watson Rd). If you wish to attend, please sign up at the November meeting on Tuesday, November 5, or call the Parish Office at 314.352.8100.

**FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
DONATION TRUCK**

The truck is scheduled to be at St. Raphael on Saturday, October 26, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. All donated items must be in saleable condition, gently used, clean, and in usable/working order. Acceptable items: furniture, medical equipment, child/baby care items, clothing, shoes, purses, household items, appliances, tools, electronics less than 10 years old and in perfect working order, books, and media in playable condition.

Unacceptable items: beds and mattresses, gas appliances, propane tanks, paint, chemicals, carpeting, auto parts, unframed mirrors, light fixtures, car seats, cribs, console stereos, tube TVs, building materials, doors, windows, weapons, and out-of-season décor.



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 19

6pm to 8pm

\$15 per family

Food and drinks available for purchase

Prizes for Best Costume and Best Decorated Car

Family Name: _____

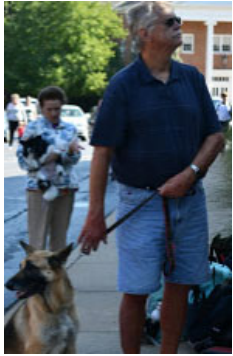
Phone #: _____

Email: _____

of children participating: _____

Submit form and payment to school office. Checks payable to SRA.

Questions, contact Brenda Thompson at 452-9613, Gen Bradshaw at 456-6357, or Stephanie Davis at 239-5199.



2019 FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI BLESSING OF THE PETS!

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR MISSOURI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #14330

The Intellectual Disabilities or "Tootsie Roll" Fund Drive is one of the most recognizable activities that the Knights of Columbus do. The funds generated from this drive will go to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Facility at Cardinal Glennon Hospital as well as other charities that support local people with special learning needs. If you are unable to make a gift after Mass today, please consider going to the link below. The Knights are covering 100% of the costs of the portal so you can be sure that 100% of your gift will go to help those in need.

Give online at <http://www.continuetogive.com/tootsieroll14330>.



CHANDELIER CLEANING

Please mark your calendars and grab your cleaning tools for our annual cleaning of the church chandeliers. We will clean on Monday, October 21, beginning at 8:45am. Refreshments will be provided. See you then!

FELLOWSHIP (DONUT) SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

After both the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses this Sunday, please join us for fellowship with your SRA Parish family and enjoy a donut (or two), coffee, juice or milk in the school cafeteria. This Fellowship (Donut) Sunday is sponsored by the SRA Stewardship Committee. Thank you.

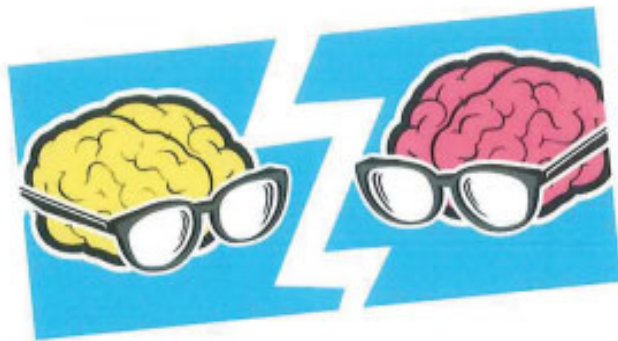
From Fr. John (continued)

Seminarian Update

Jacob Mezzacapa, a Seminarian for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, who has been with us the last few weeks, has decided to leave the seminary. We wish him well in his future endeavors and pray that the Lord will continue to bless him in his discernment of the Lord's will for his life.

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

**St. Raphael the Archangel
Home & School Association
9th Annual
Marcia Matreci
Memorial Trivia Night**



WHEN...

Saturday, November 9, 2019

- **Doors open at 6:30 PM**
- **Trivia starts at 7:00 PM**

WHERE...

St. Raphael the Archangel Gym

6000 Jamieson Avenue / St. Louis, MO 63109

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING...

- **\$180/table**

TABLES OF 8 ←

- **Includes 3 mulligans & 2 table games**
- **Includes beer, soda & snacks**

RESERVATIONS...

- **Make check payable to:
SRA - HSA**
- **MUST be paid in full at time of reservation. No exceptions.**
- **Complete bottom portion**
- **Return bottom portion with payment to:**

SRA Rectory

**6047 Bishops Place
St. Louis, MO 63109
314.352.8100**

QUESTIONS...

- **Sharon Yehlen
sharona66@aol.com**

Contact Name, Number, & Email: _____

Table Members: _____

OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH



**RESPECT LIFE
APOSTOLATE**

Each October the Church celebrates Respect Life Month, and this year's theme is *Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect all persons from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. We understand that we are created by God, valued by God, and accountable to God. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Surely, we must uphold the Culture of Life against the Culture of Death.

On October 6, this past Sunday, the LIFE CHAIN formed along Chippewa in front of Catholic Supply. About a dozen churches were represented, including Epiphany of Our Lord, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Frances de Sales, St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Pius V, St. Raphael the Archangel, Seven Holy Founders, and Trinity Christian (located at Jamieson and Chippewa). Many thanks to our SRA prayer warriors, who witnessed during the hour-long demonstration. We were able to hold our signs and pray as the traffic whizzed by, marked by the occasional beep-beep of recognition and support.

On this Sunday, October 13, the annual Respect Life Convention will convene at the St. Charles Convention Center, where hundreds of people will congregate for Mass and listen to speakers on various Life topics. The day begins with Mass, followed by browsing through exhibits of ProLife books and religious items. Then comes lunch and the keynote address by Abby Johnson, a nationally known ProLife advocate and author. In the afternoon are the workshops on various important Life topics. This is an uplifting and inspiring event.

Every day in October, may we pray that the Culture of Life will be victorious over the Culture of Death. May we hold fast to Christ our Hope, from the beginning of Life to its very end.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

MORE DATES TO SAVE!

Saturday, October 19	Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 26	St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck
Saturday, November 9	Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night
Friday, November 15	Alpha Gathering
Saturday, November 30	Advent Wreath Making
Sunday, December 8	Cookies with Santa
Sunday, December 8	Advent by Candlelight



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 #