

## 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

When the  
Son of Man  
comes,  
will he  
find faith  
on earth?

LUKE 18:8

*Twenty-Ninth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

October 20, 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  
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  
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**Mr. Robert Schlueter** Maintenance

**Mrs. Julie Hayes** School Principal  
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**Mrs. Linda Mechler** School Secretary  
secretary@straphaelarchangel.org

**Mrs. Qi Franz** Cafeteria Manager  
franz@straphaelarchangel.org

**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  
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**

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  
OCT. 21-27, 2019**

**Monday, October 21**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Church Mass  
8:45am - Church Chandelier Cleaning  
5:00pm - Gym 8th Gr. Girls Vball.  
6:30pm - Gym 4th Gr. Boys Vball.  
7:00pm - Cafeteria Scouts  
7:00pm - Tobias Room School Board

**Tuesday, October 22**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Church Mass  
3:15pm - Church DeAngelis Choir  
5:30pm - Gym 7th Gr. Girls Vball.  
6:30pm - Gym 3rd Gr. Boys Vball.  
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, October 23**

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.  
5:00pm - Cafeteria 1st Gr. Girl Scouts  
6:00pm - Cafeteria Step Class  
6:30pm - Small Conf. Room RCIA  
7:00pm - Church Adult Choir  
7:00pm - Gym 5th Gr. Boys Vball.

**Thursday, October 24**

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  
5:30pm - Gym 4th Gr. Girls Vball.  
6:30pm - Gym 5th Gr. Girls Vball.

**Friday, October 25**

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

**Saturday, October 26**

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

**Sunday, October 27**

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

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

*From Archbishop Carlson: Coming Together for Peace*

*This past week, I sent out a Flocknote on a Novena the Archbishop has invited us to pray in preparation for this prayer service for peace. Below is a bit more about the motivation to hold this prayer service and some details about it.*

This past August 9 marked the fifth anniversary of the events in Ferguson, Missouri, which have mobilized people of all faiths to pray seeking peace and justice in our city, nation, and other areas of our world facing troubling situations.

Like you and many others throughout the Archdiocese and City of St. Louis, I have been troubled by the violence taking place in our communities. There were 53 people killed in mass shootings in the U.S. in August alone and 18 children have fallen victim to gun violence across the St. Louis area over the summer months.

People of faith and all people of goodwill cannot stand idly by while such violent acts against the dignity and sanctity of human life take place in our beloved city. I was recently approached by members of the Metropolitan Clergy Coalition (MCC) and asked to convene an interfaith prayer service to pray for an end to violence.

Roman Catholics make up almost 25% of the population of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area and the MCC wants all Catholics to be involved in this prayer service in order to make it a truly unified event.

Faith leaders from over ten different denominations and their congregants will be participating at a special prayer service to be held at Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School at 3:00pm on Sunday, October 27. I want to extend a personal invitation to you and your parishioners to participate in praying for an end to all forms of violence, but in particular gun violence, in our city

*From David Baranowski : Reflections on Time in the Car*

Working in the Stewardship ministry gives me a lot of car time, going back and forth every day to the Cardinal Rigali Center but also on the trips that I make to parishes in and around St. Louis and beyond. Over the past eight years, my red 2010 Toyota Highlander has become my office and chapel.

But, I don't dread car time. In fact, I actually enjoy it. While driving I've had many wonderful conversations with family and friends about God. On our way to church and parish events, my wife Sharon and I have had many great talks about Mass, homilies, and sacraments. Sharon has attended many of the stewardship workshops that I have given in other cities, and she provides me wonderful insights and critiques while on the road. I've also had many good God conversations with friends on the way to dinner and with golfing buddies on the way to the course.

On the way back and forth to work, I also enjoy listening to Covenant Network Radio on 1080 AM, 1460 AM, and 96.7 FM. As a former Archdiocesan colleague of mine used to say, "A well-formed Catholic is a well-informed Catholic." On the morning drive there are fantastic stories on the history of St. Louis parishes (thank you Msgr. Witt), beautiful stories of conversion, excellent homilies by local priests, evangelization advice by national experts, and news from a Catholic perspective. On the drive home there is great programming on Catholic topics of interest and world events.

Car time has also led me to more prayer time, just driving in silence, no radio on, having a conversation with God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Mary or other saints and angels. Car time has also led me to pray for other people, especially my family and friends. It has led me to pray for people I don't know, like the guy jogging in the morning or the mom with a carload of kids headed to school.

*Impact Report: 50 and Beyond Campaign*

Since the inception of the 50 and Beyond Campaign, the parish has received to date \$352,224 to

### MORE DATES TO SAVE!

Saturday, October 26  
Saturday, November 9  
Friday, November 15  
Saturday, November 30  
Sunday, December 8  
Sunday, December 8

St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck  
Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night  
Alpha Gathering  
Advent Wreath Making  
Cookies with Santa  
Advent by Candlelight



**Sunday, October 20**

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

**Monday, October 21**

7:00am James Flavin  
8:00am Michael Dangos

**Tuesday, October 22**

7:00am Lucille Karr  
8:00am Laura McCarthy

**Wednesday, October 23**

7:00am Joe Cross, SI  
8:00am Armand Gottardi

**Thursday, October 24**

7:00am Ada Cross, SI  
8:00am Walter Janos

**Friday, October 25**

7:00am Christian Winkelmann

**Saturday, October 26**

7:00am Msgr. Sean Flanagan  
4:30pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 27**

8:00am Michael Berta  
10:00am Benjamin Brumley

**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.

be spent on the projects of the campaign. Twelve students in our grade school currently receive scholarships from the Beyond Sunday Campaign, totaling \$42,250 worth of scholarships. Beyond Sunday has also granted our school \$30,450 and another \$22,420 to be spent in collaboration with other schools and programs.

These monies and the help they provide would not be possible without your continuing support of the 50 and Beyond campaign. Please continue to pay on your pledge to the campaign!

*Amazon Smile Update*

Thank you for continuing to visit smile. Amazon.com for your Amazon purchases. We received \$64.66 in donations from Amazon this quarter.

This is a quick and easy way to make money for our parish and school if you are not using it already! Simply visit smile.amazon.com each time you make a purchase on Amazon and make sure SRA is your selected charity. Amazon makes a donation and it costs you nothing.

*Hymnals*

Thank you for the strong support we have received for the new hymnals that will be in the church beginning on December 1. We are grateful you are as enthused about the project as we are. Please remember to turn in your donation envelopes to the collection basket or to the parish office by November 15.

*40 Days for Life*

On Sunday, November 3, from noon to 3:00pm, our parish is sponsoring time in front of Planned Parenthood to walk the sidewalk prayerfully and to witness for the cause of life. A Flocknote with a signup genius went out this week. If you forget to signup, please come down anytime to witness to the beautiful dignity of human life.

*Gratitude Banquet*

Farther on in the bulletin, we have an announcement for our gratitude banquet for our parish. This is an open event to all members of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish and is a family-friendly event. Please get your RSVP in today and join us for this great evening on November 16!

*Parish Council Update*

Thank you to Terri Borowiak and Pam Hager for their service to our parish as part of our Parish Council these past three years. May the Lord reward you for your service.

Dan Cierpiot, one of our alternates, has agreed to come on the council at this time.

Additionally, we are happy to announce our new officers for Parish Council:

President: Dan Meshoto  
Vice President: Brian McCarthy  
Secretary: Linda Hiette

See you at Trunk-or-Treat! You will never guess who I am in my costume ;-)

And, of course, we will see you in Church!  
Fr. John #SRAstrong

# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVERS FOR OCT. 21-27, 2019

### Monday, October 21

7:00am	Kallista Hiatt	David Hiatt
8:00am	Nahima Ramirez	Addison Berta

### Tuesday, October 22

7:00am	Steven Irons	Claire Fuhr
8:00am	Nahima Ramirez	Addison Berta

### Wednesday, October 23

7:00am	Christian Concepcion	Isabella Pfeiffer
8:00am	Nahima Ramirez	Addison Berta

### Thursday, October 24

7:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	Cillian Sheehan
8:00am	Nahima Ramirez	Addison Berta

### Friday, October 25

7:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Cate Guenther
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### Saturday, October 26

7:00am	Christian Concepcion	Flora Borowiak
4:30pm	Rory Barnawell	Lydia Bick
	Matthew Franz	

### Sunday, October 27

8:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Josh Abbott
	Brendan Cierpiot	
10:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	Abby Delf
	Christian Concepcion	

## MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 26-27, 2019

### LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Ron Goedeker	Amy Ruggeri	Denise Howard

### 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

### October 13, 2019

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
<b>Regular Env. (73)</b>	\$ 3,741.00	\$ 66,428.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 1,241.00	\$ 15,637.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,558.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 195.00	\$ 2,713.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 31.00	\$ 1,183.00
<b>Online Giving (43)</b>	\$ 2,305.00	\$ 34,641.00
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	\$ 10.00	
<b>Tithing/Concern for the Poor</b>	(\$ 25.00)	
<b>Hymnals</b>	\$ 40.00	

<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 7,608.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 7,583.00	\$ 122,956.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	(\$ 1,417.00)	(\$ 12,044.00)
<b>FYE 2019</b>		(\$ 39,072.00)

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." (2 Timothy 4:2)*

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND  
SRA CHEER COMMITTEE**



At each of this weekend's Masses, we will hear from a representative of the SRA Cheer Committee regarding the importance of sharing our time and talent.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with SRA committees, there are many to choose from. Please see the parish directory for opportunities, or contact one of the Stewardship Committee members for further details. Stewardship Committee members are Maureen Ahrens, Rob Dirnbeck, Maggie Fuhr, Pam Hager, George Kerry, and Erin Pinkerton. Phone numbers can also be found in the parish directory. Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**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!

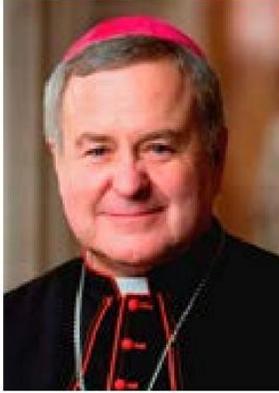
**FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY  
DONATION TRUCK**

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.

**FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples to pray always without becoming weary. Indeed our prayer must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world, and especially for the suffering poor. This week, please say a daily, special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, October 20th marks a very special World Mission Sunday, our annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration of our shared call to mission. It takes place during an Extraordinary Missionary Month, called for by Pope Francis in honor of the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, which emphasized the missionary call to proclaim the Gospel.

During this month of October, Pope Francis invites us – all baptized Christians – to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through prayer, meditation on the Word of God, and pilgrimage. We move beyond the typical “heroic vision” of missionaries and reinforce the transforming relationship between faith and the world to which we are all called. Pope Francis reminds us that we are each “Baptized and Sent”, we are all the “Church of Christ on Mission in the World.”

I invite all in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to take this opportunity to revitalize our ardor, passion, and zeal for the faith with loving missionary hearts. We can respond to our missionary call through charity, giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Our gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

We can also respond to this call through mirroring the loving witness exemplified by great missionaries, like Blessed Stanley Rother. He is a model for missionary witness to our faith and the Gospel, as he was martyred for his passionate defense of the dignity of every human being in the face of violence.

As I thank you for your continuous commitment to mission, I share my personal gratitude for your generous response on this day, and throughout the Extraordinary Missionary Month, as you are able. Let us join our hearts in the prayer of our Holy Father for this special moment for the Missions: “May the love for the Church’s Mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for His people, ‘grow ever stronger!’”

Invoking every blessing upon you, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis

#### WHY EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH?

Pope Francis announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*. “Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World” is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Mission Month. Awakening the awareness of the *missio ad gentes*, and reinvigorating the sense of responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm, are themes that combine the pastoral concern of Pope Benedict XV in his Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, published 100 years ago, with the missionary vitality expressed by Pope Francis in his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. “Missionary action is the paradigm of every work of the Church.” (EG 15)

From the Pontifical Missionary Societies and the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.





## Gratitude Dinner

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank our fellow Parishioners for their gifts of time and talent.

Please accept the Parish gift of dinner, drinks, and dessert on Saturday, November 16.

Where: SRA Gym

When: After 4:30pm Mass. Food will be served from 6:00-7:30pm

Who's invited? All Parishioners, including children.

Please RSVP by November 13, 2019

Email: [parish@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:parish@straphaelarchangel.org) or call 314.352.8100

OR tear off the bottom portion of this invitation and drop it into the collection basket at Mass.

We hope to see you all there. Thank you for making #SRASTRONG.

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

### WINTER OUTREACH A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic social teachings, *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*, our parish community is committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith Ministry of Mercy. "As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it for me." (MT 25:31-46)

As winter approaches, many homeless "brethren" will spend their days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, we are asking you to help provide meals to an overnight shelter during the coldest months. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter (1315 Ann St.) on our assigned Saturdays:

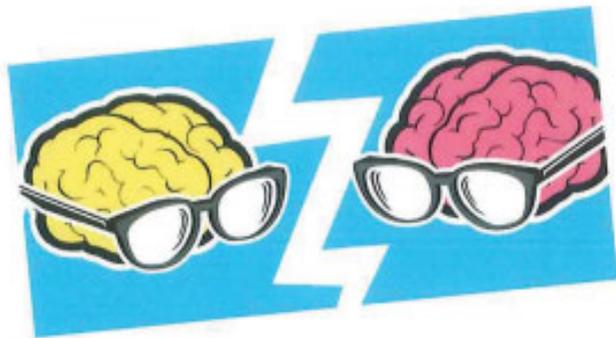
November 16, 2019  
December 14, 2019

January 18, 2020  
February 22, 2020



Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following: 9 x 13 casserole (meat, vegetable or breakfast). Also desserts for 12 to 24 servings. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall by 1:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made for pick up. If you would like more information, would like to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or email at [maryem@brick.net](mailto:maryem@brick.net). GOD'S WORK THROUGH OUR HANDS

**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

On Sunday, October 13, the Respect Life Apostolate presented its annual convention at the St. Charles Convention Center. In excess of 800 people attended the event, beginning with Mass at 9:30 am, celebrated by Bishop Mark Rivituso.

At 11:30, the convention-goers enjoyed lunch in the huge banquet hall. A high point of the morning was the keynote speaker, Abby Johnson, nationally known author and ProLife advocate. In a presentation peppered with occasional humorous moments, Abby described her life before her “epiphany” and after.

For eight years, Abby had worked at Planned Parenthood, approving of the “services” offered by that organization. One day, when asked by a doctor to assist in an actual abortion, her life changed forever. This doctor employed an ultrasound throughout the procedure, an approach unknown to Abby. As the suction tube approached the baby in utero (13 weeks along) and touched it, the baby jumped. Taken aback, after reflecting on that event, Abby left the employ of Planned Parenthood. Moving forward, Abby has become a powerful voice, upholding the Culture of Life.

By combining Mass, keynote speaker, and afternoon workshops on Life topics, the convention was - and always is - an edifying and life-affirming event.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

**ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED,  
WIDOWED OR REMARRIED**

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed, and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m., at Saint Catherine Laboure, 9740 Sappington Rd. SCDC offers social activities and a support group. Our entertainment at this meeting will be Living History by Barbara L. Kay. Chili, soup, and a short general meeting will follow the entertainment. For more information, please call Michelle Wack at 314.540.7400 or Bill DeCoursey at 314.894.0733.

**FUNDRAISER**

Please join the South City Deanery PSR fundraiser at Raising Cane's in Hampton Village (4320 Hampton) on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. Please mention the PSR Fundraiser at the register and we will receive 15% of the sale. We appreciate your support.



**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 #**