

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You cannot
serve both God
and mammon.

Luke 16:13

SEPTEMBER
22 2019

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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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Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director
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	hayes@straphaelarchangel.org
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	secretary@straphaelarchangel.org
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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
Fax	314.353.6603
School	314.352.9474
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Website	straphaelarchangel.org
Facebook and Twitter	@SRAtoday
Instagram	straphaelarchangel

LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH

Parish Council	Terri Borowiak	314.351.0606
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 SEPT. 23-29, 2019

Monday, September 23

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
5:00pm - Gym	8th Gr. Girls Vball.
6:00pm - Parish Office	Finance Council
6:30pm - Gym	4th Gr. Boys Vball.
7:00pm - Cafeteria	Scouts
7:00pm - Guardian Angel Rm.	St. Vincent de Paul
7:15pm - Parish Office	Development Comm.
7:30pm - Church	So. City Men's Rcl.

Tuesday, September 24

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Church	Lectio Group
3:15pm - Church	DeAngelis Choir
5:30pm - Gym	7th Gr. Girls Vball.
6:30pm - Gym	3rd Gr. Boys Vball.
6:30pm - Raphael Room	Knights of Columbus
7:00pm - Church	Rosary Recitation
7:30pm - Tobias Room	Prayerful Scripture

Wednesday, September 25

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 - Parish Conf. Room	RCIA
6:45pm - Cafeteria	HSA Parent Meeting
7:00pm - Gym	5th Gr. Boys Vball

Thursday, September 26

7:00am - Church	Mass
8:00am - Church	Mass
1:30pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scout Pizza Pickup
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

Friday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

8:00am - Church	Mass
10:00am - Church	Mass
12:00pm - Gym	Volleyball Games
12:00pm - Forest Park	Golf Tournament

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

Stewardship: Models of Prayer, Participation, and Generosity by David Baranowski

In St. Louis we refer to the gifts of time, talent, and treasure as prayer, participation, and generosity. Too many times when we hear "time, talent, and treasure" we "harden our hearts" instead of opening them. But, many times when we hear the words "prayer, participation, and generosity," we are more receptive to hear the stewardship message and internalize the concept in our hearts.

Prayer - our time spent with God - is the foundation of our personal and parish stewardship. Privately, this is best done in silence when we can listen for God's response. Collectively, this is best done in joyful celebration of Holy Mass. We should ask God daily how He wants us to use our gifts. We should open our hearts in gratitude for all that we have been given so that our hearts may overflow in generosity. "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks..." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Participation - using our gifts in charitable works and parish ministry - is how we respond to God's call. Each of us has been given unique gifts and we are called to nurture and develop them, not to bury them. We are called to embrace our role in God's plan and to work together in a complementary way as one Body of Christ. "The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few." (Matthew 9:37)

Generosity - using our financial resources in a way that draws us closer to God - allows us to return our gifts with increase. For many of us, God and money run neck and neck as the top priority in our lives. Being generous with our money keeps us from putting other gods before God; it keeps God first in everything! Although many Catholics are generous, some are not generous in proportion to what we have been given. "No one can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (Matthew 6:24)

We are very fortunate in St. Louis that our archdiocesan patron saints are excellent models of the gifts of prayer, participation, and generosity.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne is known as "the woman who always prays." St. Rose said, "Do not look back at the past, nor forward to the future. Claim only the present, for it holds God's will."

St. Vincent de Paul is well known for his charitable works as nearly every parish has a St. Vincent de Paul Society. St. Vincent said, "Let us do our duty well; let us go straight to God; let us work to become very humble, very patient, very mortified, and very charitable."

St. Louis, King of France, is well known for his generosity to assist those in need. St. Louis said, "Have a pitiful heart for the poor, and all those whom you believe to be in misery of heart or body, and, according to your ability, comfort and aid them with alms."

Stewardship is simply recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. It is living a grateful and generous lifestyle where we try to become more Christ-centered and less self-centered. The whole point is to strengthen our relationship with God and with each other and, ultimately, to help each other get to heaven.

Report to the Community

Thank you for the positive reaction to our annual report last weekend. We have made much progress but still need everyone's help to be #SRAstrong.

RCIA

If you missed our first RCIA session, there is still time to join! We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the parish office. If you are interested in being Baptized, received into the Catholic Church, or completing your Sacraments of Initiation, we hope that you will join us for our RCIA experience this year.

Bible Study

We will begin THIS THURSDAY, September 26, a new Bible Study here at SRA. The first four weeks of the study will give a general introduction to the Bible and outline salvation history. We will meet from 7:00pm to 8:15pm on September 26, October 3, October 10, and October 17. All of these are Thursdays. We will meet in the Raphael Room in the Parish Office.

If you are thinking of attending, I ask that you call or e-mail just to make sure we have enough chairs for everyone.

Rummage Sale to Support SRA School

Next weekend, we will have a rummage sale at SRA. This event will draw people to our parking lot to buy treasures. For \$20, you can have a parking spot to sell some of your treasures as well. Spots are going fast! For more information, please check page 6.



Sunday, September 22

8:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann

10:00am Pauline Zagroba

Monday, September 23

7:00am Don Deachan

8:00am Mark Preiss

Tuesday, September 24

7:00am Jennifer Harter

8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Wednesday, September 25

7:00am Liz Rayborn

8:00am Carmela "Millie" Lucariello

Thursday, September 26

7:00am Raymond H. Bulte, Jr.

8:00am Victor Moelloer

Friday, September 27

7:00am Robert Hoeynck

Saturday, September 28

7:00am Richard Cross, SI

4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, September 29

8:00am Ralph Raskas

10:00am Jeff Kreitler

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.

Do not forget about the SRA Golf Tournament on September 29!

Art in the Park

On Sunday, September 29, our school will sponsor a booth at Art in the Park. We are looking for volunteers to help run the booth for the people who will visit. Please visit the Signup Genius link on Flocknote for more details.

Blessing of Pets

On Friday, October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have our blessing of pets at 2:50pm. All pets and owners are welcome!

SRA Fall Sports Mass

Thanks to a friendly reminder from our Parish Council, we will have our Fall Sports Mass on Sunday, October 13, at 10:00am Mass. Our student athletes and coaches are invited to attend Mass that day in their uniforms, and there will be a special blessing for them at that Mass.

Parish Council Update

Recently, following the nomination process, these parishioners have agreed to serve on the SRA Parish Council: Barb Cramer, Linda Hiette, Dan Cierpiot, and Brian McCarthy. They are joining the other Parish Council team members: Terri Borowiak, Pam Hager, Mary Niemeyer, and Dan Meshoto.

Last weekend, the Parish Council and I met to plan out priorities for the coming year. Through discernment, this year we will see a new greeters ministry at Mass, a safety plan for the church assembled, and a network to help the Council work with other parish organizations. I am deeply grateful to the Parish Council for its leadership and energy.

Looking to Get Involved? The Development Committee Needs You!

We are currently looking for an individual or small group of individuals to plan an SRA trip to a winery. The Development Committee will assist you in planning and executing the event. Contact us at developmentgroup@straphaelarchangel.org for more information!

In Gratitude for Alumni Sunday

Thanks to Qi Franz and Marti Finan for their help with the food. Thanks to the alums and current students for participating as greeters, readers, gift bearers and tour guides. Finally, thank you to alums, Emily Powers Young 1994, Heather Dunsford Wegman 1998, and Jennifer Lueken Delf 1991 for their work on the ceremony and reception.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVICES FOR SEP. 23-29, 2019

Monday, September 23

7:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Brendan Cierpiot
8:00am	Abigail Delf	Henry Cyr

Tuesday, September 24

7:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	Maggie Anstey
8:00am	Abigail Delf	Henry Cyr

Wednesday, September 25

7:00am	Addison Berta	Thad Berta
8:00am	Abigail Delf	Henry Cyr

Thursday, September 26

7:00am	Isabella Pfeiffer	Ryan Pinkerton
8:00am	Abigail Delf	Henry Cyr

Friday, September 27

7:00am	Kallista Hiatt	David Hiatt
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Saturday, September 28

7:00am	Liam McMorrow	Steven Irons
4:30pm	Jack Delf	Abigail Delf
	Cillian Sheehan	

Sunday, September 29

8:00am	Madalene Cierpiot	Henry Cyr
	Brendan Cierpiot	
10:00am	Lydia Bick	Jack Stein
	Samantha Koziacki	

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (Luke 16:13)

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charities is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from slavery to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

MINISTERS/LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEP. 28-29, 2019

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Matt Fuhr	Lorraine Gurley	Mary Faith Green

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

September 15, 2019

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (67)	\$ 3,559.00	\$ 47,893.00
Loose Money	\$ 2,245.00	\$ 11,875.00
School Support	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,093.00
Building Fund	\$ 115.00	\$ 1,793.00
Holy Days	\$ 1.00	\$ 987.00
Online Giving (42)	\$ 2,077.00	\$ 25,302.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Tithing/Concern for the Poor	(\$ 25.00)	
Thanksgiving	(\$ 5.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 1.00)	
Disaster Relief	(\$ 134.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 8,192.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,027.00	\$ 89,414.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 99,000.00
Difference	(\$ 973.00)	(\$ 9,586.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

SRA Rummage Sale

Come one, come all to the SRA Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 28, from 8:30am - 12:30pm on the SRA parking lot. Start collecting and pricing items around the house you aren't using, and consider renting a parking spot or two to sell your treasures! All rental fees and food purchase proceeds will go to SRA school, but profits from items sold will go to the sellers. Cost for one parking spot is \$20, \$10 each additional spot. Tables, chairs, change for customers, etc., must be provided by the seller. Please contact Elena Switzer at edsqrd@gmail.com for information.



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ST. RAPHAEL "FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT"

Sunday, September 29

Lunch at Noon

1:00pm Tee Time

Forest Park Golf Course

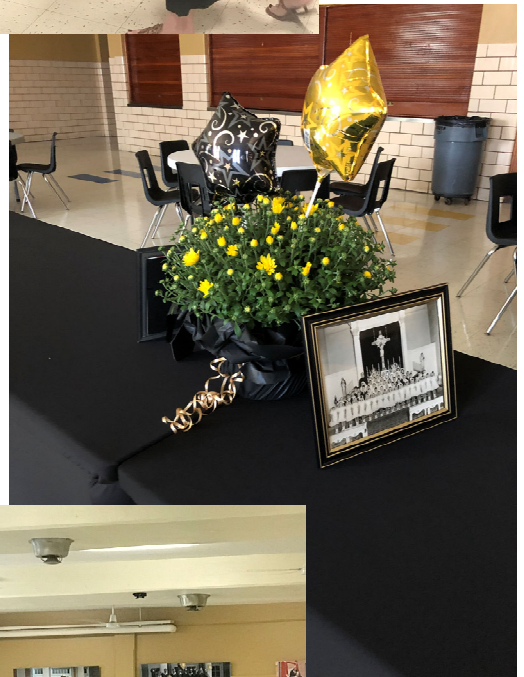
4 Person Scramble

There is still time to sign up for this event. For information or to register, please contact Dan Harbaugh at 314.971.3428. All monies raised will be used to support athletic programs, school activities and needs, and other parish efforts.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

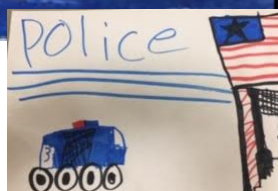
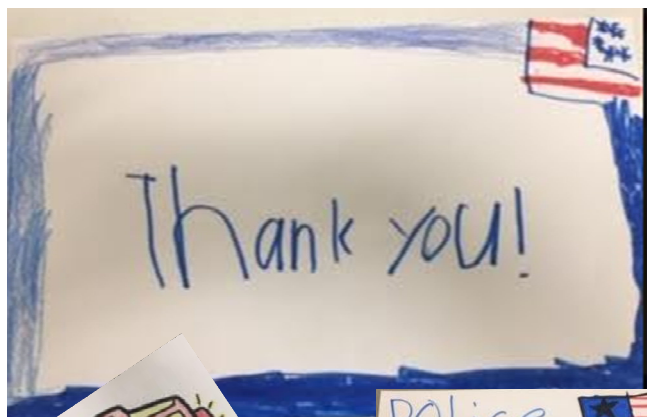
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Alumni Day 2019



School News

BLUE MASS



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

☐ New Phone/Email/Address

☐ Please Contact Me

☐ Please Do Not Publish #

OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. These activities can help us in this effort.

October 1: The Respect Life banner is in place in the sanctuary to remind us to pray for life.

October 6: We celebrate Respect Life Sunday.

October 6: The Life Chain forms at Catholic Supply as we witness publicly to the value of every human life.

October 13: The annual Respect Life Convention convenes at the St. Charles Convention Center, where hundreds of people congregate to celebrate Mass and listen to speakers on various Life topics.

October 19: The Precious Infants Mass at the Cathedral Basilica celebrates Life and precedes the Rosary procession to Planned Parenthood.

Every Day in October: Say a prayer that the Culture of Life will defeat the Culture of Death.

May we hold fast to Christ our Hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

The SA ProLife Committee

MORE DATES TO SAVE!

Saturday, September 28	Rummage Sale
Sunday, September 29	Men's Club Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, October 4	Blessing of Pets
Saturday, October 19	Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 26	St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck
Saturday, November 9	Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night
Sunday, December 8	Cookies with Santa
Sunday, December 8	Advent by Candlelight

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. Because of your donations, the members of the Society continue their work and mission in our parish. For example, one family we visited is expecting its fifth child, with complications that caused the mother to be home from work. The father's salary alone is not enough to cover expenses, which include schooling for three of the other children. The family is so appreciative of our help with rent, utilities, food, and a thrift store voucher for children's clothing.

SAVE THE DATE! ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

A donation truck will be at SRA on Saturday, October 26, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please watch for details regarding what can and cannot be accepted.



St. Raphael "Fall Classic Golf Tournament"

Tournament Date: Sunday, September 29, 2019

Lunch at Noon

1:00 PM Tee Time

Forest Park Golf Course

4 Person Scramble

Registration Form

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|--|---------|--|
| ☐ Platinum Sponsor | \$1,000 | 2 Teams
Signage at Event
Special Recognition |
| ☐ Gold Sponsor | \$ 500 | 1 Team
Signage at Event
Special Recognition |
| ☐ Team | \$ 300 | 4 Golfers |
| ☐ Hole Sponsor | \$ 100 | Signage at Event |
| ☐ Individual Player | \$ 75 | |

Price includes green fees, food and beverages all day and awards

☐ Item Donation Please describe items donated:

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Player 1 _____ Player 3 _____

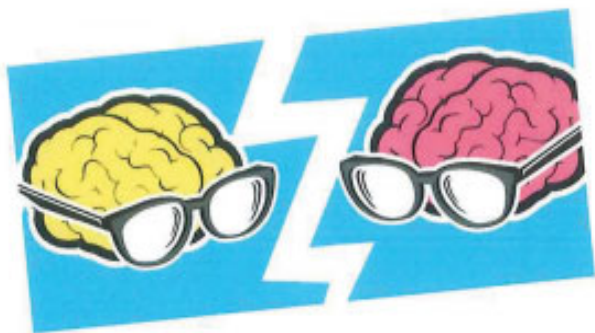
Player 2 _____ Player 4 _____

Please make check payable to St. Raphael Men's Club
Mail to Lester Knopp at 5956 Highfield, St. Louis, MO 63109
(Deadline is September 23rd. Payment ensures your spot.)

Questions, please call Dan Harbaugh at 971-3428

*All monies raised will be used to support the athletic programs,
school activities and needs and other parish efforts.*

**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: _____