

From Fr. John

Deacon Bob

I ask that you take time to read a note from Deacon Bob on the other side of this insert. He has accepted a position for work that will take him away from our parish for about one year.

While he is physically away from the parish, I know that he remains spiritually united to us in prayer. I would ask that you keep him and his wife Lisa in your prayers as they journey through this year as a family. We also pray that, after his work is done in Omaha, the Archdiocese will enable him to return to our parish community.

This Week in our Parish

Our prayer groups will meet this week! On Monday, we will meet at 2:00pm. Tuesday's prayer group will meet on Tuesday at 9:30am.

Our Men's Club will meet on Tuesday at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Additionally, our Ladies' Club will meet at 7:00pm on Thursday in the cafeteria.

Corpus Christi

On June 11, the Church will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast day celebrates the great gift of the Holy Eucharist and calls us to a greater veneration of this awesome mystery.

Last year, we were privileged to welcome St. Gabriel the Archangel to our 10:00am Mass and then process to St. Gabriel for Benediction with the Eucharist. This year, we will continue this tradition, but reverse the order.

We invite all parishioners at St. Raphael and St. Gabriel to attend the 9:00am Mass at St. Gabriel on June 11. Following the Mass, we will process through Francis Park to St. Raphael where we will have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Following Benediction, we will have a time for donuts, coffee, and fellowship in our cafeteria.

To make this event possible, **there will be no 10:00am Mass here on June 11**. We invite you to attend the 9:00am Mass at St. Gabriel for this special celebration or to attend another Mass at St. Raphael or another parish.

Thank you for understanding and participation in this special celebration.

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus returns to St Gabriel this summer during the week of June 26-30. The day program is

for school-aged children entering grades 1 - 6, from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the school. There is also an evening program for those entering grades 7 - 12 at 7:30pm in the Gabriel House.

For those who are unfamiliar with Totus Tuus, it is led by missionaries and seminarians from across Missouri and includes Confessions, Mass, and Adoration as well as learning about the Catholic faith!

This is also a volunteer opportunity for high school students who are in need of service hours.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Faith Kremer at vfaithkremer@gmail.com or 314.712,4433.

Server Picnic

Our annual server picnic will be on June 16. I sent out an invitation to our servers this week. If you have served as an altar server anytime between June 2022-June 2023 and would like to attend, we hope you will join us! Please contact me for further information.

Thank You

I would like to thank our three host families who hosted our NET Retreat Leaders last weekend. The retreats were truly a blessed time for our 7th and 8th graders. Thank you for your generosity!

Also, thank you to our landscapers who are making the property look so beautiful. Your quiet efforts are noticed and greatly appreciated by us all!

Parish Rosary Program Intention

Let us pray that our 8th graders be blessed in this last week of grade school, throughout their graduation festivities, and as they transition to high school.

I will see you online or in church! -Fr. John
#SRAstrong

P.S. Happy Mother's Day!

From Deacon Bob

Dear SRA Faith Family,

Lisa and I retired and moved to St. Louis to be near family, but I continued to work part-time as an inspector of construction sites for electric utilities. My last assignment, which ended last December, was in northern Missouri which allowed me to be home on the weekends. I have recently accepted an assignment in Omaha, Nebraska. This one will not allow me to be home much on the weekends. So, I am asking the Archdiocese for a leave of absence for about one year. I am also asking to be able to remain and serve at SRA when I do get home. As All Things New is still in process, my assignment as a deacon within the Archdiocese, while currently at SRA, is still in process as well.

I am finding it difficult to express my honor and privilege to have been able to serve at SRA. The kindness, openness, and opportunity that you have given Lisa and me has been incredible and truly an immense blessing. Lisa and I will continue to be parishioners; just you won't see much of me for a while.

I ask for your prayers to serve faithfully wherever I am, and I will keep you in my prayers as well.

Peace,

Deacon Bob

