



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 11, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### WELCOME!

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

#### WEEK DAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am  
Mon. - Thur. | 8:00am

#### CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before  
7:00am Mass  
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm  
Other | By Appointment

#### CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:00pm  
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm  
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



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DECEMBER 11, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Phil 4: 4-5**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Reading 1**

**Is 35:1-6a, 10**

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10**

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

**Reading 2**

**Jas 5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Gospel**

**Mt 11:2-11**

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

**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.



# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, Decmeber 11

8:00am Bernice Fulhorst  
10:00am People of the Parish

## Monday, December 12

7:00am Don Deachan  
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

## Tuesday, December 13

7:00am Elsa Straub, SI  
8:00am Ben Polson

## Wednesday, December 14

7:00am Jeff Gelencir  
8:00am Jost Family

## Thursday, December 15

7:00am Joe Grana  
8:00am Kimling Family

## Friday, December 16

7:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel

## Saturday, December 17

7:00am Anita Toczyłowski  
4:30pm Anita Toczyłowski

## Sunday, December 18

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."  
James 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. Because of prayer, we are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we choose on our own.

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for December 4 was not available when the bulletin went to print.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Nov. 27, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (36)</b>	\$ 3,464.00	\$ 104,632.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 604.00	\$ 28,969.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 255.00	\$ 4,890.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 500.00	\$ 7,981.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,060.00
<b>Online Giving (55)</b>	\$ 3,002.00	\$ 62,741.00
<b>Human Dvpt.</b>	(\$ 100.00)	
<b>Candle Money</b>	\$ 146.00	
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 30.00)	

<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 8,101.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 7,971.00	\$ 211,892.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 2,029.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 8,108.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2022</b>		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

## From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt, and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. Since Christmas is a time of live and gift-giving, let us please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVICES FOR DEC. 12 - 18

### Monday, December 12

8:00am Lucas Feldman Liam Feldman

### Tuesday, December 13

8:00am James Browning Ryan Schneider

### Wednesday, December 14

8:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr

### Thursday, December 15

8:00am Claire Fuhr Lucas Fuhr

### Friday, December 16

No 8:00am Mass

### Saturday, December 17

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Addison Pfeiffer  
Clara Thompson

### Sunday, December 18

8:00am Henry Dirnbeck Charlie Dirnbeck  
Frank Koziacki

10:00am Dalila Ramirez Helen Potts  
Jude Potts

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/ Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30
Friday	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
Saturday	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1- 17
Next Sunday	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1- 7/Mt 1:18-24

## LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 17 - 18

4:30pm 8:00am 10:00am  
Laura Geiser Amy Ruggeri Heather Hays

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, December 12

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
7:00pm Cafeteria Parish Council

### Tuesday, December 13

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
8:30am Church School Confessions  
5:15pm Cafeteria Kindergarten Girl Scouts  
6:30pm Parish Office HSA

### Wednesday, December 14

6:30am Church Rosary  
7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Basketball  
7:00pm Cafeteria Ladies' Club  
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

### Thursday, December 15

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class  
6:30pm Parish Office RCIA  
6:30pm Gym Christmas Pageant

### Friday, December 16

7:00am Church Mass  
7:25am Church Rosary  
3:15pm Cafeteria 4th Gr. Girl Scouts

### Saturday, December 17

7:00am Church Mass  
4:30pm Church Mass

### Sunday, December 18

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



## Winter Outreach - A Ministry of Mercy

As winter approaches, our homeless "brethren" will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. To give them comfort, we invite you to help provide meals to an overnight shelter during the coldest months.

JANUARY 14, 2023

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following:

9 x13 Casserole (meat, vegetable or breakfast)      Dessert - 12 to 24 servings

All dishes must be baked, frozen, wrapped, and labeled. Items may be store bought. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot at 1:00pm on each of the Saturdays listed above. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick up your food ahead of time. For more information, to share a dish and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or email [maryem@brick.net](mailto:maryem@brick.net).



Priests  
will be  
available for  
Reconciliation  
and to  
administer  
the Anointing  
of the Sick

### Mercy Healing Services – 7:00 p.m.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>November 29, 2022</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Cathedral Basilica (Spanish Mass)</b>
<b>PRESIDING:</b>	<b>Archbishop Rozanski</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>December 6, 2022</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Cathedral Basilica (English Mass)</b>
<b>PRESIDING:</b>	<b>Bishop Rivituso</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>December 13, 2022</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Cathedral Basilica (English Mass)</b>
<b>PRESIDING:</b>	<b>Msgr. Stehly</b>

The Eucharistic Revival of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be offering Mercy Healing Services at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis the first three Tuesdays of Advent. The service includes scripture, reflection, adoration, reconciliation, prayer teams and benediction and will begin at 7:00pm and end around 8:30pm. Priests from the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be available for Reconciliation and for those who are seriously ill, the Anointing of the Sick will be available.

Advent is a beautiful Season to receive His Mercy and Love.



Archdiocese of St. Louis  
Catholic Renewal Center



CATHOLIC RENEWAL CENTER  
"Remember the Gifts & Graces of our Holy Faith"

Prayer Teams  
will be  
available to  
pray  
with you



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## Bulletin

Due to the upcoming Holy Days and holidays, the bulletin needs to go the publisher earlier than normal. Therefore, for the next few weeks, please submit any bulletin items as early as possible.



### **"Faith Alive" for Young Children at SRA**

The angel said to the shepherds, "...Today your Savior was born in David's town. He is Christ, the Lord." Luke 1:10-11

Welcome to December's "Faith Alive" early-childhood program focusing on:  
**"Christmas: Jesus' Birthday"**

**Today - Sunday, December 11, after the 10:00am Mass in the school cafeteria**

Children between two-and-a-half and five years of age, along with their parents and siblings, are invited to attend a 30-minute lesson. The "Faith Alive" program supports parents by teaching basic Catholic concepts to their young children through developmentally appropriate stories, songs, prayers, and play.

Questions? Mary Reck 314.326.6996 or Mary Steck 314.229.0910

On December 12, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Protectress of the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn.



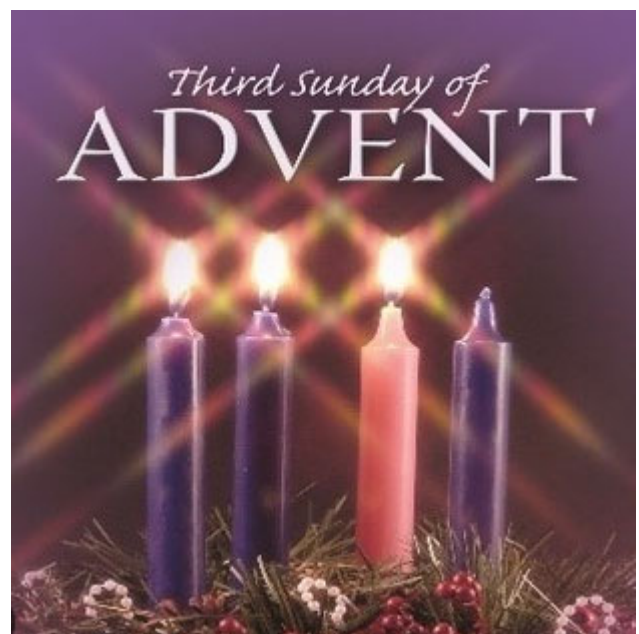
In 1531, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego on a hill called Tepeyac, northwest of Mexico City. When Our Lady requested that a church be built there, the bishop asked for a sign. Mary sent Juan Diego to gather nearby roses, still growing and healthy in December!

As Diego opened his cloak for the bishop, the roses fell out, revealing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. That cloak, or tilma, made from cactus cloth, should have disintegrated in 20 years; but it shows no sign of decay 491 years later. Reports of other miracles abound.

Reportedly, Our Lady spoke these words to Juan Diego, now St. Juan Diego. "Let not your heart be disturbed. Are you not under my protection? Are you not happily within my fold? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

These words, full of compassion and comfort, are intended for us, too. Thank you, Mary. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee





01

## GIFT EXCHANGE

- Bring one of your "Favorite Things" with a \$20 value, optional\*

02

## ELECTION

- Meeting will include election of Ladies' Club President and Treasurer

03

## DINNER/DRINKS

- Joey B's salad and appetizers
- Drinks will be provided

04

## DESSERT

- Bring your favorite holiday appetizer or dessert to share, optional\*



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate item(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Contact Me

\_\_\_\_\_ New E-mail/Address/Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Do Not Publish Phone #



## ST. RAPHAEL ADVENT ANGEL TREE

Our Advent Angel Tree is back this year and we will once again sponsor Peter & Paul Community Services. In addition to their meal program, P&P offers various services to those who are un-housed, many of whom are living with mental illness, addiction, or long-term medical conditions. Our parish will provide gifts for residents of their Supportive Housing program: Garfield Place Apartments. GPA provides clients with a permanent place to stay while also providing supportive services, including a nurse, occupational therapist, and educational classes on topics such as financial literacy and healthy eating. In addition, we will provide gifts to participants in their Positive Directions programs, which provide resources to keep people healthy and housed.



Please return your gifts **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, (10:00am)**. **DO NOT** wrap your gift - but **DO** attach the tag to the gift so we can be sure it gets to the correct person.

We are grateful for your continued generosity, allowing us to provide needed support to this organization that is working hard to improve and change lives for the better. Thank you to all who are able to participate in this Advent Season of giving to those in need.

## Auction Donation Blitz and Blues Raffle!



**The SRA Black and Gold Auction will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2023! Please consider donating to the Auction while holiday shopping. Donations received in the rectory before Christmas day will be entered into a drawing to win four Blues tickets (mutually agreed upon date) donated by friends of SRA! The winner will be announced on 12/28!**

Check out our Auction page and wish list on Facebook by searching **"St. Raphael the Archangel Black and Gold Auction"**



Donation drop-off at rectory - (314) 352-8100:  
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm & Friday 7:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Please fill out the donation form and raffle ticket form for any donated items  
Forms are available in the rectory

Questions: Contact Mark Pfeiffer [auction.st.raphael@gmail.com](mailto:auction.st.raphael@gmail.com) or [markpfeiffer@yahoo.com](mailto:markpfeiffer@yahoo.com)





## Help the 4th grade Girl Scouts Troop 1612

Bring in your used  
or unwanted crayons.  
Collection boxes are throughout  
school until Dec 16th.

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**MORE THAN  
500,000 POUNDS  
OF CRAYONS  
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THE U.S. ALONE!**



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**HELP US GO  
GREEN IN ALL  
THE COLORS!**



Saint Raphael the Archangel

## Black & Gold Dinner Auction

*All donations must be  
received by  
January 31, 2023.*

Tickets are on sale now!



# Donation Form

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Description (Quantity, Size, Color, Restrictions, Expiration Date, Etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Value of Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Donor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please arrange for SRA to pick up item(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Item(s) to be delivered to SRA

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL.**

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For online giving or to purchase tickets, visit the Auction  
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<https://blackandgold23.givesmart.com>

QUESTIONS?

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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