



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 18, 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Is 45: 8**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the Earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

**Reading 1**

**Is 7:10-14**

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lift up, you gates, lift up your arches: let the King of glory come! Lift up your hearts and sing, you people: let the King of glory come.** Who is the King of Glory? Our God, holy and strong! Who is the Lord of majesty? Our God, mighty and strong! **R. Lift up, you gates, lift up your arches: let the King of glory come! Lift up your hearts and sing, you people: let the King of glory come.** Come, O come, Emmanuel: come and dwell with us! Come, O come, you Lord of might: banish death and fear! **R. Lift up, you gates, lift up your arches: let the King of glory come! Lift up your hearts and sing, you people: let the King of glory come.** Come, O come, bright Wisdom: come and make us wise! Come, O come, you Dayspring: love, uncloseth our eyes! **R. Lift up, you gates, lift up your arches: let the King of glory come! Lift up your hearts and sing, you people: let the King of glory come.** Come, you Key of David, come: open our heavenly home! Come, Desire of nations, come: bring us into your peace! **R. Lift up, you gates, lift up your arches: let the King of glory come! Lift up your hearts and sing, you people: let the King of glory come.**

**Reading 2**

**Rom 1:1-7**

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel**

**Mt 1:18-24**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

**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, December 18

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

## Monday, December 19

7:00am Mary Mahoney  
8:00am Ben Polson

## Tuesday, December 20

7:00am Jim Goeddel  
8:00am Ella Goepner

## Wednesday, December 21

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

## Thursday, December 22

7:00am Joann Ahrens

## Friday, December 23

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

## Saturday, December 24

7:00am Brenda Santanello  
4:30pm Jim Goeddel  
10:00pm Mary Stockmann

## Sunday, December 25

8:00am Hager and Saar Families  
10:00am People of the Parish

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and to follow Him wherever He may lead. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, let us pray for the strength and courage to be models of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for December 11 was not available when the bulletin went to print.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Dec. 4, 2022 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
<b>Regular Env. (62)</b>	\$ 8,582.00	\$ 113,214.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 319.00	\$ 29,288.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 185.00	\$ 5,075.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 290.00	\$ 8,271.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 380.00	\$ 1,440.00
<b>Online Giving (52)</b>	\$ 2,246.00	\$ 64,987.00
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	\$ 533.00	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	\$ 25.00	
<b>Human Dvpt.</b>	(\$ 15.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 12,575.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 12,560.00	\$ 224,452.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 230,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>\$ 2,560.00</u>	<u>(\$ 5,548.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2022</b>		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

### From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and full of God. Our gifts to the Society help those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and to know that "God is with us." Thank you!

# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVERS FOR DEC. 19 - 25

### Monday, December 19

8:00am Matthew Franz Paddy Meier

### Tuesday, December 20

8:00am Lucas Feldman Liam Feldman

### Wednesday, December 21

No 8:00am Mass

### Thursday, December 22

No 8:00am mass

### Friday, December 23

No 8:00am Mass

### Saturday, December 24

4:30pm Ryan Schneider Lucas Fuhr

Claire Fuhr

10:00pm Brendan Cierpiot Xavier Cyr

1 Volunteer Needed

### Sunday, December 25

8:00am 3 Volunteers Needed

10:00am Aidan Flavin Cillian Sheehan

1 Volunteer Needed

## LECTORS FOR:

## DECEMBER 24

4:30pm  
George Kerry

10:00pm  
Laura Geiser

## December 25

8:00am  
Linda Hiette

10:00am  
Dennis Matreci

# UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, December 19

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Church Mass

7:00pm Parish Office School Board

### Tuesday, December 20

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Church Mass

6:00pm Parish Office Finance Council

7:00pm Cafeteria Men's Club

### Wednesday, December 21

6:30am Church Rosary

7:00am Church Mass

3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Basketball

8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

### Thursday, December 22

7:00am Church Mass

5:00pm Gym Pre-K to 2nd Gr. Basketball Clinic

6:30pm Parish Office RCIA

### Friday, December 23

7:00am Church Mass

7:25am Church Rosary

### Saturday, December 24

7:00am Church Mass

4:30pm Church Mass

10:00pm Church Mass

### Sunday, December 25

8:00am Church Mass

10:00am Church Mass

# 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





Christmas 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you, your families, and your loved ones joyful greetings at this special time of year!

This past year has been a year of consultation and unceasing prayer as we continue in this journey to make All Things New in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This strategic pastoral planning process is about revitalizing our parishes and ministries, and providing a more vibrant future for Catholic communities throughout the Archdiocese.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell T. Rozanski".

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis



### Donut Sunday

Today is Donut Sunday! Please join your fellow parishioners for a donut after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. If you attend 4:30pm Mass, please return on Sunday for a donut and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you! This Donut Sunday is hosted by the Men's Club.

### 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 x 13 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).



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## Bulletin

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

## Extra Holiday Nuts

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has extra bags of nuts for sale. Here is your chance to purchase an extra supply. They will be sold on a first-come/first-served basis.

Pecan Halves	9 Bags	\$12 Each
Pecan Pieces	13 Bags	\$11 Each
Walnuts	9 Bags	\$ 8 Each
Cashews	3 Bags	\$10 Each

Please call Patti Webers at 314.496.8836.

## Advent, 2022

### ARRR Prayer Groups

Sunday, December 18, at 6:00pm with Deacon Bob facilitating

Monday, December 19, at 2:00pm with Fr. John facilitating

Tuesday, December 20, at 9:30am with Pam Hager facilitating

### Weekly Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday

6:40-6:50am

Saturday

6:40-6:50am and 3:45-4:20pm

### Special Confession Times

"Last Call" Confessions

December 21; 6:00-8:00pm or until all confessions are heard

Eucharistic Adoration

Each Monday and Wednesday of Advent 3:00-9:00pm

### Schedule for Christmas

<i>Christmas Eve, December 24</i>	<i>Christmas Day, December 25</i>
7:00am (Last Advent Mass)	8:00am
4:30pm	
10:00pm	10:00am

*Feast of Mary, Mother of God (January 1) Regular Sunday Mass Schedule*

*Feast of the Epiphany (January 8) Regular Sunday Mass Schedule*



## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS



We extend a very special welcome to our friends and visitors who have come to pray with us during the Holy Days. Whether you are just curious or are searching for a place to worship, we are happy to have you here. We trust that our worship will be encouraging to all and hope that you find a warm, welcoming community here at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. Please call us at the parish office, 314.352.8100, for more information.

## ST. RAPHAEL ADVENT ANGEL TREE

# FINAL WEEKEND

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)





Saint Raphael the Archangel

## Black & Gold Dinner Auction

*All donations must be  
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January 31, 2023.*

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# Donation Form

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## Prayer Network

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

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### 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

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