



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT




### WELCOME!


#### VISIT OR CONTACT US

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Saint Louis, MO 63109

314.352.8100  
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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm  
Fri. | 7:30am-12:00pm

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#### SCHOOL INFORMATION

6000 Jamieson Avenue  
Saint Louis, MO 63109

314.352.9474 | 314.351.7477 (Fax)  
Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am-3:00pm

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm  
Sunday | 9:00am

#### WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

#### CONFESSION

Monday - Friday | 7:30am  
Saturday | 3:30pm  
Other | By Appointment

#### CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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



#### PARISH CLERGY

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# Christmas Mass Schedule

**St. Raphael: December 24 - 4:30pm  
December 25 - 9:00am**

**St. Gabriel: December 24 - 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 11:00pm  
December 25 - 6:30am, 10:00am**



## Blessings and Joy to All

As we enter into this season of joyful celebration of life and hope, please be assured of our prayers and best wishes to all. As we continue to navigate all the new realities in our local faith community, let us rely upon the beautiful message of promise celebrated this season: God has come and visited His people! Jesus Christ is born to us all!

In all we do and say, may we reflect the full wonder of this message, sharing the gift of God's presence with all we meet and with whom we have formed these parish communities. Let us welcome and welcome back all who wish to be with us in prayer, fellowship, and community. May the journey of the shepherds and the Magi to that stable in Bethlehem inspire our desire to come together into the presence of Jesus.

**☪ Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

*Fr. Molini      Bishop Rivituso      Msgr. Simon      Fr. Ritter  
Deacon Dave Willis  
And the Parish and School Staffs of  
St. Gabriel the Archangel and St. Raphael the Archangel*

### **Holy Family Sunday and New Year's Day**

Our weekend Masses for December 30-31, remain the same including the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday. Since New Year's Day falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is suspended by the direction of the Bishops. Mass participation is, however, always encouraged, especially as we begin a new calendar year.

Masses on New Year's Day will be at 6:00am at St. Gabriel, and 8:00am at both St. Raphael and St. Gabriel.



# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, December 24

9:00am People of the Parish  
4:30pm Hager and Saar Families

## Monday, December 25

9:00am People of the Parish

## Tuesday, December 26

8:00am Ralph Raskas

## Wednesday, December 27

8:00am Daniel and Pade Liddy

## Thursday, December 28

8:00am Ella Goepfner

## Friday, December 29

8:00am Joseph Buffa

## Saturday, December 30

7:00am Donna Knopf  
4:30pm Tim Deachan, SI

## Sunday, December 31

9:00am People of the Parish

This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

**Sunday, December 24:** Ritual Song No. 1100

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**Christmas Eve :** Ritual Song No. 1102

Pray Together Page 38

**Christmas Day:** Ritual Song No. 1105

Pray Together Page 49

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Dec. 10, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (46)</b>	\$ 4,302	\$ 103,826
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 807	\$ 25,143
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 155	\$ 3,700
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 125	\$ 4,190
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 727	\$ 1,967
<b>Online Giving (56)</b>	\$ 3,580	\$ 77,365
<b>Christmas</b>	\$ 180	
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	\$ 50	
<b>Cardinal Glennon</b>	(\$ 3)	
<b>Kenrick Seminary</b>	(\$ 10)	
<b>Candle Money</b>	\$ 378	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 10,317	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 10,304	\$ 218,850
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 10,000	\$ 240,000
<b>Difference</b>	<u>\$ 304</u>	<u>(\$ 21,150)</u>
<b>FYE 2023</b>		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

### From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Merry Christmas and thank you. Because of your donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul last year, you provided \$15.9 million in service to those in need right here in St. Louis, and you served more than 21,000 people. All of this was done by your generosity and by the 3,300 volunteers who visited more than 80,000 families in need. Our neighbors are having a merrier Christmas because of you.

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for December 17 was not available when the bulletin went to print.



### SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 30 AND 31, 2023

#### Saturday, December 30

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Sophia Bradshaw  
Clara Thompson

#### Sunday, December 31

9:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr  
Gavin Eddingfield

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-
Thursday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/ Mt 2:13-18
Friday	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk
Next Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

### LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 30 AND 31, 2023

#### LECTORS

4:30pm  
Laura Geiser

9:00am  
Daniel Krus

#### Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm  
Greg Heuing  
Margie Auer  
Kevin Liddy

9:00am  
Gerald Unger  
Steve Kratky  
Linda Saracino

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, December 25

9:00am Church Mass

### Tuesday, December 26

8:00am Church Mass

4:00pm - Gym Basketball Practice  
9:00pm

7:00pm Raphael Rm. Knights of Columbus

### Wednesday, December 27

7:30am Church Rosary

8:00am Church Mass

4:45pm - Gym Basketball Practice  
8:30pm

7:30pm Church So. City Men's Recollection

8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

### Thursday, December 28

8:00am Church Mass

5:00pm Gym PreK - 2nd Gr. Basketball Clinic

### Friday, December 29

7:30am Church Rosary

8:00am Church Mass

3:30pm Gym Basketball Practice

4:45pm Gym Basketball Games

### Saturday, December 30

7:00am Church Mass

1:00pm Gym Basketball Games

4:30pm Church Mass

### Sunday, December 31

9:00am Church Mass

9:30am Parish Off. OCIA

1:00pm Gym Basketball Games

### Early Bulletin Publishing Deadlines

Please note: due to the upcoming holidays and holy days, the bulletins need to go to the publisher much earlier than usual. Therefore, please send any bulletin items to the parish office as soon as possible before your event. Thank you.

### Parish Pictorial Directory...sign up now!!!

It's time for a new SRA parish pictorial directory (for SRA parishioners).

Each individual or family photographed will be included in the SRA parish pictorial directory, will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and directory, and will have the option to purchase additional photo keepsakes. (There is no charge for the photo session; the only charge to you will be for additional photos you decide to purchase.)

St. Raphael has arranged for a professional photographer (through Universal Church Directories) to take your individual or family photo (pets can be included!) right here in the lower level. Appointments are now available for January 8, 9, and 10, 2024; appointment times are from 2:00pm to 8:30pm each day. You will view your proofs immediately following your appointment right here onsite; the entire process will take about 45 minutes.

You may go online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) and click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login"; then enter mo303 in the Church Code field and the Church Password is photos.

So that you can get the time that is best for you, don't wait to schedule your appointment...slots are filling up!

If you have any questions, please contact our SRA parishioner, Linda Hiette, at [lindahiette@gmail.com](mailto:lindahiette@gmail.com) or 314.852.5059. Thank you.



## SRA LADIES' CLUB



## Ladies' Wine Tasting

with Matt Maxfield, Certified Cicerone, CSW, CSS  
Thursday, January 18 at 7pm in SRA Cafeteria

Cost: \$30 per person - bring a friend!  
includes light appetizers

Must send cash, check payable 'SRA Ladies' Club' or PayPal  
@SRALadiesClub by January 10th to reserve your spot

Questions to [Rachel.Flavin@gmail.com](mailto:Rachel.Flavin@gmail.com) 314-496-8303

### Angel Appeal

If you are planning to give to the Annual Angel Appeal for 2023, please do so before December 31, 2023, in order to take advantage of the tax deduction. Thank you.

### Welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. To register, please visit our website: [straphaelarchangel.org](http://straphaelarchangel.org). Click on About, scroll down, and click on Join Our Parish, or call 314.352.8100.

### SEEK24 | January 1-5 | St. Louis, MO

A few Event Pass tickets remain within our Parish Pack for this incredible opportunity! The "Seek" conference is open for invigorating formation and faith development. The goal is to engage the individual, allow for transformation, and further engage the community. Contact Sarah Henderson as soon as possible if interested or for more information: [hendersons@stgabrielstl.org](mailto:hendersons@stgabrielstl.org)

On Wednesday night, January 3, at 7:30pm everyone from the Archdiocese of St. Louis is invited to join for FREE at the Keynote session, which will feature talks by Dr. Edward Sri and Fr. Mike Schmitz, and then have time for Adoration and confession. Registration is required. Visit [archstl.org/seek](http://archstl.org/seek) for more information and to secure your spot.

### WINTER OUTREACH - A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings:

"Option for the Poor and Vulnerable." Will you be one of God's chosen to support St. Louis Winter Outreach as a Ministry of Mercy? "As long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me." (MT 25:31-46) As winter approaches, our homeless brethren will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them comfort, we invite 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 the following days.

**DATES: SATURDAYS (1:00pm dropoff)**

**JANUARY 13, 2024**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following: 9x13 Casserole (meat, vegetable or breakfast) Dessert-12 to 24 servings (Food items may be store-bought)  
All dishes must be baked, frozen, wrapped, and marked with kind of dish and date. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot at 1:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to drop off or pick up ahead of time. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941.



Please join us for our annual

# Black & Gold Auction

and stay for live entertainment  
to celebrate St. Raphael!

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Table of 10-\$750

Individual ticket-\$75

Ticket price increases to \$100/ticket,  
\$1000/table after January 20, 2024

To purchase your ticket or table,  
please visit our website:

<https://blackandgold24.givesmart.com>

# Black & Gold Auction



Dear SRA Friends,

I am grateful to announce that the 2024 St. Raphael the Archangel Black & Gold Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024! At this time last year, we all felt some degree of anxiety about the future of our parish with “All Things New.” Even with that level of uncertainty, we still had an incredibly successful auction that spoke volumes about the spirit of our community and how #SRAstrong we are! Recently, the SRA community was blessed with news that there are no planned changes to the structure of our parish. And so, without the apprehension that accompanied last year’s auction, we are moving forward to make this year’s event even more successful!

The Auction committee and Father Molini considered the direction of the 2024 Fund-A-Need, which comprises a substantial portion of the proceeds raised by the auction, and I am excited to announce the plans for the 2024 Fund-A-Need:

- Fund-A-Need will address safety, security, and cosmetic improvements to the interior and exterior of the school.**
- Specifically, we will replace the exterior Jamieson-side gym entrance (E) doors and the exterior cafeteria entrance (C) doors with more secure ones, designed to better match the main school entrance doors.**
- Additionally, the gym will be updated to better represent our parish. Updates will include the replacement of the damaged stage curtain with one in compliance with fire safety standards, and the replacement of damaged team chairs.**
- Funds raised above and beyond these needs will be reserved for a future project to build a new recess play area and make improvements to the parking lot.**

If you are looking for ways to contribute, a recent mailing was sent to parishioners containing Donation Forms, 50/50 raffle tickets, and tickets for a new raffle - a complete orthodontics treatment generously donated by Saracino Orthodontics!

Your participation in the Black and Gold Auction will directly benefit both our current and future students and faculty. Whether by attending, donating, volunteering, sponsoring, or praying your contributions are greatly appreciated! Your support will allow SRA to continue to remain the strong community that it is. To get involved or for any auction related questions, please email:

[auction.st.raaphael@gmail.com](mailto:auction.st.raaphael@gmail.com). For tickets, please visit <https://blackandgold24.givesmart.com>.

Thank you and we will see you in February!

Mark Pfeiffer - 2024 B&G Auction Chair



Saint Raphael the Archangel

## Black & Gold Dinner Auction

Saturday February 3, 2024

***All donations must  
be received by  
January 26, 2024***

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

Saint Raphael the Archangel is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

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For online giving or to purchase tickets, visit the  
Auction website at  
<https://blackandgold24.givesmart.com>

### QUESTIONS?

Contact the Auction committee at [auction.st.raaphael@gmail.com](mailto:auction.st.raaphael@gmail.com).

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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### FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_ TANGIBLE ITEMS TO DISPLAY

\_\_\_\_\_ GIFT CERTIFICATE(S) PROVIDED BY DONOR

\_\_\_\_\_ SRA TO CREATE CERTIFICATE(S) FOR DONATED ITEM(S)

SOLICITED BY \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your support!

**Welcome to ARCHANGEL YOUTH MINISTRY (AYM)** covering the parishes of the St. Louis Hills neighborhood (St. Gabriel & St. Raphael). **AYM** is open to all high school teens. No signup necessary and teens do not need to be from the St. Louis Hills' parishes to participate. High schoolers can attend on a regular basis or drop-in as it fits their schedule. Every Sunday evening (6:45-8:15pm in Gabriel House) includes snacks, socializing, at least one game, a talk, and discussion time. Teens are encouraged to bring a friend to share in the fun.

**WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE:**

AYM Life Teen Nights

No meetings on December 24 and 31.

Have a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

We will resume Life Teen nights on January 7.

**LOOKING AHEAD to 2024:**

**Silhouette Stations of the Cross** | 8th - 12th graders | February 21

**LUKE 18 Retreat** | for 8th graders, led by high schoolers | April 26 through 28

**Steubenville Conference** | 8th - 12th graders | July 12 through 14

**STAY CONNECTED with AYM**

Follow us on Instagram @archangelym

Like our Facebook Group: Archangel Youth Ministry

Join the SGA or SRA Flocknote Group: Youth Ministry

Visit the Youth Group page on the SGA parish website

Contact Youth Minister: Sarah Henderson - hendersons@stgabrielstl.org

