



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY




WELCOME!


VISIT OR CONTACT US

6047 Bishops Place
Saint Louis, MO 63109

314.352.8100
straphaelarchangel.org

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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DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE HOLY FAMILY

New Year's Mass Schedule

St. Raphael: January 1 - 8:00am

St. Gabriel: January 1 - 6:00am, 8:00am

Fr. Molini's Notes

Grateful

Being in a new assignment, I marvel at how seamlessly things happen at the parishes due to the generosity of so many:

Thanks to so many staff and parishioners who helped prepare for the Christmas season.

Thanks to all who helped decorate the churches (inside and out), adding to our visual celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Thanks to all our choirs and musicians who enhanced our worship through songs and instruments.

Thanks to all the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers, maintenance workers, and sacristans whose efforts shared the love of God with us.

Thanks to the many parishioners and friends who joined us in prayer to and worship of our Newborn King.

Thanks to all for another year of grace leading us to God. May the New Year offer us greater opportunities to proclaim the generous mercy and compassion of God

New Year's Day – what about Mass?

Years ago, the American bishops decided that, due to the challenges some priests faced in providing Masses in areas that required large distances traveled, they would drop the “obligation” to attend Mass on some holy days when they fell on a Monday or Saturday. That’s the case we have this year with New Year’s Day, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. While it is still a holy day, the obligation to attend Mass is suspended. We will, however, celebrate Masses that day following our regular weekday schedule: 6:00am Mass at St. Gabriel and 8:00am Mass at both St. Raphael and St. Gabriel.

This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:	
Sunday, December 31:	Ritual Song: No. 1107 Pray Together: Page 53
Monday, January 1:	Ritual Song: No. 1109 Pray Together: Page 62



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 31

9:00am People of the Parish

Monday, January 1

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

Tuesday, January 2

8:00am Kathy Harbaugh Fitzgerald

Wednesday, January 3

8:00am Helen Buffa

Thursday, January 4

8:00am Nora McCarthy

Friday, January 5

8:00am Maria Bernadette Pisono

Saturday, January 6

7:00am Shirley Long

4:30pm Raymond Braun

Sunday, January 7

9:00am Ernest Winkelmann

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for us to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Let us go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, let us share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Let us pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Dec. 17, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (39)	\$ 3,724	\$ 107,550
Loose Money	\$ 1,322	\$ 26,465
School Support	\$ 30	\$ 3,730
Building Fund	\$ 0	\$ 4,190
Holy Days	\$ 230	\$ 2,197
Online Giving (55)	\$ 3,932	\$ 81,297
Tithing	(\$ 25)	
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40	
Kenrick Seminary	(\$ 10)	
Grand Total	\$ 9,313	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,278	\$ 228,128
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 250,000
Difference	<u>(\$ 722)</u>	<u>(\$ 21,872)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for December 24 was not available when the bulletin went to print.

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Your love and gifts help us to keep families together. When we pay the rent, we keep a roof over their heads. When we give them food vouchers, we keep their pantries and refrigerators stocked. When we give them thrift store vouchers, we provide them with beds, blankets, coats, and chairs/tables to eat their meals together. When we pay their utility bills, we keep their lights on and keep them warm. This is all accomplished through your love and kindness for these families going through rough patches in their lives. You are helping them to remain a family. Thank you and many blessings to you for the New Year.



SERVERS FOR JANUARY 6 AND 7, 2023

Saturday, January 7

4:30pm To Be Scheduled

Sunday, January 8

9:00am To Be Scheduled

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday	1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 6 AND 7, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
Laura Geiser

9:00am
Barb Cramer

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
Tony Mariani
Pam Hager
Brian McCarthy

9:00am
Dan Harbaugh
Lisa Murphy
Amy Schisler

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 1

8:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Gym Basketball Practice
- 8:00pm
7:15pm Parish Off. Stewardship

Tuesday, January 2

8:00am Church Mass
4:00pm - Gym Basketball Practice
9:00pm

Wednesday, January 3

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
4:45pm - Gym Basketball Practice
8:30pm
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, January 4

8:00am Church Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class
5:00pm Gym PreK - 2nd Gr. Basketball Clinic
5:30pm Cafeteria 4th Gr. Girl Scouts

Friday, January 5

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
9:00am Church First Friday Adoration
3:30pm Gym Basketball Practice
4:45pm Gym Basketball Games

Saturday, January 6

7:00am Church Mass
1:00pm Gym Basketball Games
4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, January 7

9:00am Church Mass
1:00pm Gym Basketball Games

SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, January 5, and should be turned in to the school office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the school office on Friday, January 12, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is shopwithscrip.com.

Parish Pictorial Directory...it's not too late to sign up, but hurry!!!

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 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...**less than 20 spots remaining!** If you have any questions, please contact our SRA parishioner, Linda Hiette, at linda-hiette@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 314-496-8303



Faith In Action: *We recognize our SRA basketball players who are living out their faith on and off the court.*

James J., Nora A., Rosie K., Clare A., Mallory J., Caroline K., Mary Ellen K., Luis N., Grace B., Lucas K., Magdalena N., Simon K., and Nolan M. kicked off the basketball and Advent seasons by serving our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity. These student-athletes spent the afternoon making cards for local nursing home residents and cleaning the church.

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.



ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT RAFFLE

- Dr. Catherine Saracino is graciously donating a complete orthodontic treatment to be raffled at the Black and Gold Auction! Tickets are **one for \$25 or five for \$100**. The winner will be drawn during the Live Auction! (Need not be present to win.)

-The auction will provide a school lunchtime pizza party to the class with the highest average of tickets sold per student, so please note the grade of the student selling each ticket.

-Cash /check can be delivered or mailed to the rectory (6047 Bishops Pl. St. Louis, MO 63109), or purchased on the auction website at <https://blackandgold24.givesmart.com/>.

Treatment Details:

*Patient must schedule initial consultation within first three months, but patient will not be required to begin treatment until he/she is ready.

Includes:

- *All diagnostic records (photos, scans, x-rays),
- *Traditional braces or Invisalign,
- *All appointments up to 24 months of treatment time,
- *One set of clear retainers after treatment.

See more at: <https://saracinoorthodontics.com/> and thank you to Dr. Catherine Saracino and the Saracino family!



Saturday, February 3, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Youth Club Raffle Winners December, 2023

1st Place \$100 Bob Ahrens

2nd Place \$50 Charlie Fabick

3rd Place \$50 Dolores Dunsford

<u>Saracino Orthodontics - Black & Gold Auction</u> <u>Orthodontic Treatment Raffle</u>		
*One for \$25 /Five for \$100		Name:
*Winner will be drawn during the live auction	Cash or check:	Phone:
*Need not be present to win	SRA Rectory - Attn: Black & Gold Auction	
*Please note grade of student selling ticket	6047 Bishops Place	Grade of student selling ticket:
*Ticket sales ending	St. Louis, MO 63109	
on 2/3/24 at 7 PM	or via auction website:	
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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.) _____

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 website at
<https://blackandgold24.givesmart.com>

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Auction committee at auction.st.raaphael@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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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 & 31
Have a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**
We will resume Life Teen nights on January 14

LOOKING AHEAD to 2024:

Service Opportunity | January 10 | Serve dinner to the homeless at Sts. Peter and Paul | Contact Sarah ASAP if interested.
Silhouette Stations of the Cross | 8th - 12th graders | February 21
LUKE 18 Retreat | for 8th graders, led by high schoolers | April 26 - 28
Steubenville Conference | 8th - 12th graders | July 12 - 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

JANUARY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
No AYM (Dec. 31st)	1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	2	3 SEEK 24 Conference!	4	5	6
7 AYM Promo Video Recording	8 The Baptism of the Lord	9	10 Service Hours at Sts. Peter & Paul	11	12	13
14 AYM Life Teen Night LUKE 18 Team Registration Opens	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 Stations of the Cross Sign-up Due!	17	18	19 Pro-Life March in Washington, DC	20
21 No AYM	22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn	23	24	25	26	27
28 Youth Mass/ Social Night Connected!	29 Stations of the Cross Practice #1	30 Steubenville Registration Opens! LUKE 18 Team Registration Due!	31	HAPPY NEW YEAR		