



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 4, 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WELCOME!

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am-3:00pm

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 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Reading 1

Is 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.** Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. **R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.** For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.** May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. **R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

Reading 2

Rom 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

Gospel

Mt 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Decmeber 4

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, December 5

7:00am Jeff Kreitler
8:00am Donna Lawler

Tuesday, December 6

7:00am Anthony Gamma
8:00am Hutton Family

Wednesday, December 7

7:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel
8:00am Harry Toczykowski
7:00pm Fred Uhle

Thursday, December 8

7:00am People of the Parish
8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

7:00am Kelley Messmer, SI
4:30pm Marcia Matreci

Sunday, December 11

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

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
Matthew 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Your time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What you do with these gifts is your gift in return. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Nov. 20, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (72)	\$ 5,608.00	\$ 101,168.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,088.00	\$ 28,365.00
School Support	\$ 355.00	\$ 4,635.00
Building Fund	\$ 180.00	\$ 7,481.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,060.00
Online Giving (60)	\$ 3,637.00	\$ 59,739.00

Retired Religious	(\$ 65.00)
Military Triennial	(\$ 15.00)
Human Dvpt.	(\$ 310.00)
Thanksgiving	(\$ 2,276.00)

Grand Total	\$ 13,534.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 10,868.00	\$ 203,921.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 210,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 868.00</u>	<u>(\$ 6,079.00)</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in us, in our families, and in those in need. Is there a family who needs assistance? Please call the parish office for a referral to our Society so that together we can help the suffering and the poor to celebrate Christmas.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVICES FOR DEC. 5 - 11

Monday, December 5

8:00am Mark Boeckmann Charlie Dirnbeck

Tuesday, December 6

8:00am Mac Teeter Clara Thompson

Wednesday, December 7

8:00am Kallista Hiatt Hannah Kratky
7:00pm Signup Genius

Thursday, December 8

8:00am Jake Anstey Matthew Franz

Friday, December 9

No 8:00am Mass

Saturday, December 10

4:30pm Ethan Bradshaw Jack Delf
Sophia Bradshaw

Sunday, December 11

8:00am Christian Bernadt Brendan Cierpiot
Lydia Eddingfield
10:00am Jake Anstey Ava Christlieb
Aidan Flavin

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12
Monday	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-
Thursday	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-
Friday	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL DECEMBER 7

7:00PM MARY RECK

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF
DECEMBER 10 - 11

4:30pm 8:00am 10:00am
Greg Heuing Mary Reck Heather Hays

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 5

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
7:15pm Parish Office Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Cafeteria 2nd Gr. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, December 7

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration
3:15pm Cafeteria 4th Gr. Girl Scouts
6:00pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Basketball
7:00pm Church Mass - Imm. Conception Vigil
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, December 8

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

Friday, December 9

7:00am Church Mass
7:25am Church Rosary
6:30pm Gym Mouse Races

Saturday, December 10

7:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Church Mass
5:30pm Church Girl Scouts Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 11

8:00am Church Mass
10:00am Church Mass
11:00am Cafeteria Faith Alive Story time

YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS NOVEMBER

1st Place \$100 Dennis O'Connor
2nd Place \$50 Emma Auer
3rd Place \$50 William Davidson

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.

DECEMBER 10, 2022

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.



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

Mercy Healing Services – 7:00 p.m.

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

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
"Awakened (to God & Justice) are our lives & souls"

Prayer Teams
will be
available to
pray
with you



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.

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalette for November 27 through April 1, is now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.



“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”

**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

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A photograph of three young women in school uniforms walking outdoors, smiling. They are wearing blue shirts and plaid skirts. One is holding a pink folder, another a water bottle.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
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6PM

Cost: donation appreciated



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 or markpfeiffer@yahoo.com



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school until Dec 16th.

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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

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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

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For online giving or to purchase tickets, visit the Auction
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QUESTIONS?

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

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