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FEBRUARY 18, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT




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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



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This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

Sunday, February 18:

Ritual Song: No. 1117

Pray Together: Page 91

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Fr. Molini's Notes

First Sunday of Lent

The readings today call us to renewal, particularly as we enter the fullness of the Lenten season. After the destruction and anxiety of the flood, we see Noah and his family leaving the ark into a new world, given with a renewed covenant from God. Purified by their experience, they enter forth into a new life. In our Baptismal liturgy, during the blessing of the water, we recall the cleansing effects of the flood. Praying over the water, we say, "The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of Baptism that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness."

In our Gospel, Jesus enters into His ministry having spent time in the desert, galvanizing His understanding of His Father's will, to proclaim God's Kingdom.

By our Baptism, we all are joined to the ministry of Jesus Christ, to proclaim God's Kingdom through our words and actions, evangelizing by our lives. This Lenten season is often seen as a period of greater reflection and consideration of this ministry. Using the pillars of the season, Prayer, Penance, and Almsgiving, how do we strengthen our commitment to the Gospel mandate to "...go out to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them everything I have commanded you..."?

Consider, if at any point in the day, have we spoken about God's action in our lives? Have we spoken to a prayer answered, a grace received, even the gratitude for being given another day? Evangelization can be the simple act of sharing how God has touched us today, in our lives, or by the witness of another. Our call to discipleship is manifested in small ways each day as we recognize God's presence, and see the opportunity for new expressions of gratitude and ministry.

To further address our call to discipleship, Archbishop Rozanski has shared his thoughts with us in a small book available at the doors of the church. Please take one and use it as a reflection for the season.

Holy Week

It's never too early to plan our participation in the events of Holy Week. Here is the schedule for each parish.

Holy Thursday (March 28) Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Raphael – 7:00pm with the church remaining open for prayer until 10:00pm

St. Gabriel – 7:00pm with the church remaining open for prayer until 11:00pm

Good Friday (March 29) The Passion of Our Lord

St. Raphael – 7:00pm

St. Gabriel – 3:00pm

Holy Saturday (March 30) The Easter Vigil

Only one celebration of the Vigil at St. Gabriel – 8:00pm

(After speaking to the musicians at both parishes and the team working with those preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, it was decided one celebration would help emphasize the significance of the Vigil in the life of the Church.)

Lent also brings a variety of opportunities for prayer and fellowship.

Parishioners of both parishes are invited to join in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Gabriel on all Tuesdays of Lent after the 8:00am Mass until 9:00pm, when we will conclude with Benediction.

Stations of the Cross are held Wednesdays at St. Gabriel at 7:00pm, beginning February 28. (I was unaware of this practice and scheduled the Bishop DuBourg Ring Mass for February 21.)

Stations of the Cross are held on Fridays of Lent at St. Raphael at 12 noon.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 18

9:00am Jeanie Huelsmann

Monday, February 19

8:00am Jost Family

Tuesday, February 20

8:00am Ralph Raskas

Wednesday, February 21

8:00am Thomas McKenna

Thursday, February 22

8:00am Oscar and Elsa Straub

Friday, February 23

8:00am Nancy Buechler

Saturday, February 24

7:00am Liddy Family

4:30pm Judy Hof

Sunday, February 25

9:00am Ernest Winkelmann

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God...." Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching God's message. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Feb. 11, 2024	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (47)	\$ 6,325	\$ 146,337
Loose Money	\$ 881	\$ 41,682
School Support	\$ 155	\$ 4,580
Building Fund	\$ 155	\$ 5,662
Holy Days	\$ 0	\$ 7,026
Online Giving (54)	\$ 3,930	\$ 107,304
St. Louis Review	(\$ 70)	
First Offering	\$ 35	
ProLife	(\$ 1)	
East. Europe	(\$ 90)	
Peter's Pence	(\$ 1)	
Lenten Project	(\$ 5)	
Grand Total	\$ 11,648	
Total for Parish	\$ 11,481	\$ 316,103
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 330,000
Difference	<u>\$ 1,481</u>	<u>(\$ 13,897)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan. Just as we, too, are tempted by Satan, so are our neighbors in need. They are at a vulnerable stage in their lives. Satan likes to take advantage of their misfortunes when they are beaten down. Our prayers and sacrifices go a long way to help our neighbors ward off Satan's temptations.

SVdP is here to help. We provide clothes, shelters, utilities, food, and more for people in need. Our personal one-on-one approach gives people the help they need for today and gives them the opportunity to see a better tomorrow.



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY 24 AND 25, 2023

Saturday, February 24

4:30pm Sophia Bradshaw Lucas Feldman
Katelyn Feldman

Sunday, February 25

9:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr
Gavin Eddingfield

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24 AND 25, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
Laura Geiser

9:00am
Steve Kratky

Extraordinary Ministers

Pam Hager
Brian McCarthy
Greg Heuing

Heather Hays
Linda Saracino
Steve Kratky

Monday, February 19

8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm Gym Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, February 20

8:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Cafeteria Kindergarten Daisy Scouts
4:30pm Cafeteria 1st Gr. Girl Scouts
5:00pm Gym Basketball Tournament
7:00pm Cafeteria Men's Club
7:00pm School School Board

Wednesday, February 21

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm Gym Basketball Tournament
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, February 22

8:00am Church Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class
5:00pm Gym Basketball Tournament

Friday, February 23

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
12:00pm Church Stations of the Cross
4:00pm Cafeteria Fish Fry
5:00pm Gym Basketball Tournament

Saturday, February 24

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Gym Basketball Tournament
4:30pm Church Mass - Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, February 25

8:00am Gym Basketball Tournament
9:00am Church Mass
5:30pm Gabriel Hs. AYM Mass and Social

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Men's Club Fish Fry

Friday, February 23

4:00 - 7:00pm

SRA Cafeteria



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TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | SRA GYM
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM | BAGS FLY 6:00PM

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NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT VIEWING

EMAIL TO REGISTER & QUESTIONS TO:

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Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday, March 31, after the 9:00am Mass. The children will meet outside of church and be escorted to the grass area in front of school.

The Easter Bunny will be there, too!!! Hope to see you!

Donations

SRA is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt again this year. The committee is asking for the following donations:

Small prizes: chalk, bubbles, stickers, pencils
Large prizes: Play-Doh, kites, coloring books, crayons

Items can be dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you.

New and Expectant Parent Network (N.E.X.T.)

The SRA New and Expectant Parent Network (N.E.X.T.) exists to support parents who are expecting or have recently given birth to or lost a child. The Network is always willing to accept new members and referrals or requests for our support. This includes meal delivery for about four to six weeks, prayers, and any baby supplies needed for the family. We are also in contact with our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity, to offer the same support to members in need at this parish. Thank you.



Donut Sunday

Today is Donut Sunday! Please join your fellow parishioners for a donut after the 9:00am Mass. 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 Girl Scouts.

We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope you know that we are here for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join where you can meet other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. Please join us at Mass, and we hope you will consider joining us in future church activities. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Matthew and Sana Kiblinger
Mark Feters
Joseph Martin
Rachel Jeep

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.

Office Schedule

Please note, the St. Raphael Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

Event Sponsorship

Event sponsorship includes your logo projected on our "Sponsor Big Screen", printed acknowledgement on tournament brackets and will be viewed by 64 teams and more than 500 individual participants.

The Logan Warnecke Memorial 3rd & 4th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament, Saturday, February 17th - Sunday, March 10th 2024



The Basketball Tournament is an annual event, hosted by the St. Raphael Men's Club and Athletic Association. The tournament benefits the students of St. Raphael the Archangel school. The tournament is named in memory of one of our alums, Logan Warnecke, class of 2012. Logan was a constant figure as a referee at the tournament, often driving in from MIZZOU to ref for the weekend. His smile was infectious. He was never too busy to shoot around with the scorekeepers & always took time to explain a call to the young tournament players.

We invite you to #LoganUp by sponsoring this event.

THANK YOU!

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SRA Lenten Project 2024

St. Raphael is coming together again to serve others as a part of our Lenten season. We will be assisting two different organizations this year.

St. Augustine Wellston Center - operates a food pantry and thrift store for the needy in North St. Louis. We will assemble 100 Easter baskets for families. Please take a donation tag for bubbles and sidewalk chalk from the baskets near the altar. Other items will be collected at school by the students. Please return bubbles and chalk to church before Sunday, March 10 (look for the bins). On Sunday, March 17, after Mass, all are welcome to join us for the Easter basket assembly and donuts in the cafeteria.

Missionaries of Charity - the order, founded by Mother Teresa, operates a shelter and soup kitchen in the Jeff-Vander-Lou neighborhood. We will collect monetary donations (please make note of the donation on the collection envelopes found in the pews or by online giving). Prayer shawls already made will also be donated.

Please consider joining our community in either or both of these initiatives this year as a part of your Lenten journey! If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Chitwood at 660.888.2951.

Infant Baptism

Baptism is the first Sacrament of Christian Initiation. For a child to be baptized at St. Raphael, parents must be registered and practicing Catholics.

Parents are expected to participate in a Baptismal Preparation Class. The class is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the rectory basement of St. Gabriel the Archangel. Please call the St. Gabriel parish office at 314.353.6303 to register for the class, or contact the Raphael parish office at 314.352.8100.

OCIA

Please join us this Sunday, February 18, at the 10:00am Mass at St. Gabriel, as we gather to welcome and pray for our OCIA Candidates from St. Raphael and St. Gabriel, and celebrate their Rite of Election. The Candidates will then go to the Cathedral that afternoon, to conclude the Rite of Election with Archbishop Rozanski and Candidates from other parishes throughout the Archdiocese.



*"Create a clean heart
in me, O God"*
Psalm 51:12

Archangel Women's ACTS Retreat LaSalle Retreat Center March 14 - 17, 2024

Registration is now being accepted for the March 14 - 17, 2024 ACTS weekend retreat for women. This retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality and prayer life, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and build lasting friendships within our parish communities. Women from St. Gabriel and St. Raphael present the retreat with spiritual direction from our priests. We invite all the women of our community to join us for a special weekend of spiritual growth and renewal.

If you need further information regarding the retreat, please contact:

Lynette Olwig, Director 314.591.1784
Stephanie Genovese, Co-Director 314.593.0341
Joni Mullen, Spiritual Companion 314.537.5356
Fr. Molini, Pastor 314.353.6303

More information can also be found on the registration forms that are available in the back of St. Gabriel or St. Raphael churches or use the QR code below.



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 schedules.

Sunday evenings (6:45-8:15pm in Gabriel House) include 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:

Sunday, February 18 - AYM Life Teen Night!

Sunday, February 25 - Youth Mass at 5:30pm followed by a Social Night!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Silhouette Stations of the Cross | **Moved to March 27 at 8:00pm**

LUKE 18 Retreat | April 26 - 28 | for 8th graders, led by high schoolers | Registration for 8th graders is now open through February 29, or until max capacity is reached. Use the QR code below to register.



Steubenville Conference | July 12 - 14 | 8th - 12th graders | The first round of registration has come to an end, but another opportunity to register will be available soon.



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FEBRUARY 2024



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				1	2	3
4 No AYM	5 Steubenville Registration Due!	6	7	8	9	10
11 No AYM	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday LUKE 18 Registration Opens for 8th Graders!	15	16	17
18 AYM Life Teen Night	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24
25 Youth Mass/ Social Night	26	27	28	29 LUKE 18 Registration for 8th Graders DUE TODAY!	Stations of the Cross Sign Up DUE TODAY! (March 1st)	

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