



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 | SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### WELCOME!

#### VISIT OR CONTACT US

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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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FEBRUARY 19, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Entrance Antiphon

**Ps 13 (12): 6**

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### Reading 1

**Lv 19:1-2, 17-18**

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy. You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

#### **R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

#### **R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

#### **R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

#### **R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

#### **R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### Reading 2

**1 Cor 3:16-23**

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: God catches the wise in their own ruses, and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

### Gospel

**Mt 5:38-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

### 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, February 19

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Ken Soehngen

## Monday, February 20

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

## Tuesday, February 21

7:00am Joyce Antrainer

8:00am Pam Huss

## Wednesday, February 22

7:00am Oscar and Elsa Straub

8:00am Kris Schneidewind

7:00pm James Goeddel

## Thursday, February 23

7:00am Patricia Ann Messmer

8:00am Nancy Buechler

## Friday, February 24

7:00am Paul Beckerle, SI

## Saturday, February 25

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

4:30pm Patricia Messmer

## Sunday, February 26

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44*

Love your enemies; easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, our hearts respond and we turn our attention away from "us" and toward God and others. Prayer changes our hearts and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "our enemies." When we pray for others, even our enemies, their hearts may soften as well.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Feb. 12, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (44)</b>	\$ 3,417.00	\$ 162,758.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 924.00	\$ 49,341.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,920.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 125.00	\$ 11,944.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,770.00
<b>Online Giving (52)</b>	\$ 2,707.00	\$ 95,581.00

**St. Louis Review** (\$ 35.00)

**Tithing** (\$ 45.00)

<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 7,303.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 7,223.00	\$ 337,934.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 330,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 2,777.00)</u>	<u>\$ 7,934.00</u>
<b>FYE 2022</b>		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

## From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." Last month, through gifts, our Society was able to assist 12 families, providing \$150 in food, \$977 for utility bills, and \$1,800 toward rent. We also provided a bed and helped with a car repair. Thank you!

# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVERS FOR FEB. 20 - 26, 2023

### Monday, February 20

No 8:00am. Mass

### Tuesday, February 21

8:00am Mark Boeckmann Hannah Kratky

### Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

8:00am Paddy Meier Clara Thompson

### Thursday, February 23

8:00am Kallista Hiatt Frank Koziacki

### Friday, February 24

No 8:00am Mass

### Saturday, February 25

4:30pm Ethan Bradshaw Sophia Bradshaw  
Brendan Cierpiot

### Sunday, February 26

8:00am Jack Delf Claire Fuhr  
Lucas Fuhr  
10:00am Christian Bernadt Aidan Flavin  
James Browning

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday	Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-
Friday	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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## LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 25 - 26, 2023

4:30pm  
Matt Fuhr

8:00am  
Amy Ruggeri

10:00am  
Kevin Liddy

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, February 20

7:00am Church Mass  
9:00am Gym 2nd Gr. Boys Basketball  
3:15pm Gym 4th Gr. Girls Basketball  
5:30pm Gym Basketball Tournament

### Tuesday, February 21

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
5:30pm Gym Basketball Tournament  
6:00pm Parish Office Finance Council  
7:00pm Cafeteria Men's Club  
7:00pm Teachers' Lounge School Board

### Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

6:30am Church Rosary  
7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration  
5:30pm Gym Basketball Tournament  
7:00pm Church Mass  
7:30pm Church So. City Men's Recollection

### Thursday, February 23

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance  
5:30pm Gym Basketball Tournament  
6:30pm Parish Office RCIA

### Friday, February 24

7:00am Church Mass  
7:25am Church Rosary  
12:30pm Church Primary Stations of the Cross  
2:00pm Church Upper Grades States of the Cross  
5:30pm Gym Basketball Tournament

### Saturday, February 25

7:00am Church Mass  
9:00am Gym Basketball Games  
4:30pm Church Mass - Anniversary Dinner

### Sunday, February 26

8:00am Church Mass  
10:00am Church Mass  
12:00pm Gym Basketball Games



## Our Lenten Journey 2023 From Fr. John

“See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the wilderness I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.” - Is. 43:19

Lent is a time when the Lord desires to do something new in our lives. While this fact is true every Lent, this Lent it is especially so. This is the Lent that precedes the All Things New announcements and the changes coming to our local Church of St. Louis. These coming changes will call us all to different changes and challenges that we have not faced before as a people of faith. Our God, though, remains faithful to us. I believe He is ready and willing to pour a deluge of graces over the soil of our Archdiocese. Will these graces be ready to be received by willing hearts, though, or will our hearts remain closed so that our own agenda and plans remain safe? Will fear and doubt keep us from opening in trust to Our Loving and Merciful Father?

May we resolve now, together as a people of faith, to enter this Holy Season with a personal, parish-wide, and Archdiocesan-wide desire to live the Season of Lent.

We live the Lenten Season personally through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (from <https://nolacatholic.org/prayer-fasting-and-almsgiving>):

- **Prayer:** Prayer is conversation with God. It is essential for fasting and almsgiving because prayer gives us the strength to fast.
- **Fasting & Abstinence:** Fasting and abstinence are old traditions in Judeo-Christian history and early Lenten practice. Found in the Scriptures, they offer a way of growing closer to God. Pope Francis reminds us, “Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else...”
- **Almsgiving:** Almsgiving (giving) is a response to God, one that we can come to through prayer and fasting. It is a way to live out our gratitude for all that God has given us, reflecting the realization that we are the Body of Christ, responsible for each other.

As a parish, we will focus on the Holy Rosary. Everyone is encouraged to pray at least one decade of the Rosary per day, reflecting on a particular one of the mysteries of the Rosary.

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### ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:16-17)*

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

**Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2023), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 7, 2023)** are days of **abstinence** (refraining from meat) for all Catholics **from age 14 onwards**. On these two days, **fast**, as well as **abstinence**, is also obligatory for those **from the ages of 18-59**. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

**Feast of Saint Patrick (March 17, 2023)** falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Feasts of the Church are meant to be a day of celebration and rejoicing, so on this Friday, March 17, 2023, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are dispensed from abstaining from meat should they choose to celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick.

## Faith Alive! In the Home

This Sunday, February 19, immediately following the 10:00am Mass, parents and children are invited to a 30-minute engaging and interactive Bible Storytime in the school cafeteria. Our story this month is "Jesus Calms the Storm" and our program is especially suited for children ages 2-6 years old. See how you can further foster faith in your home through Bible stories, crafts, and songs

For questions, please contact Mary Reck 314.326.6996.



### SAVE THE DATE!

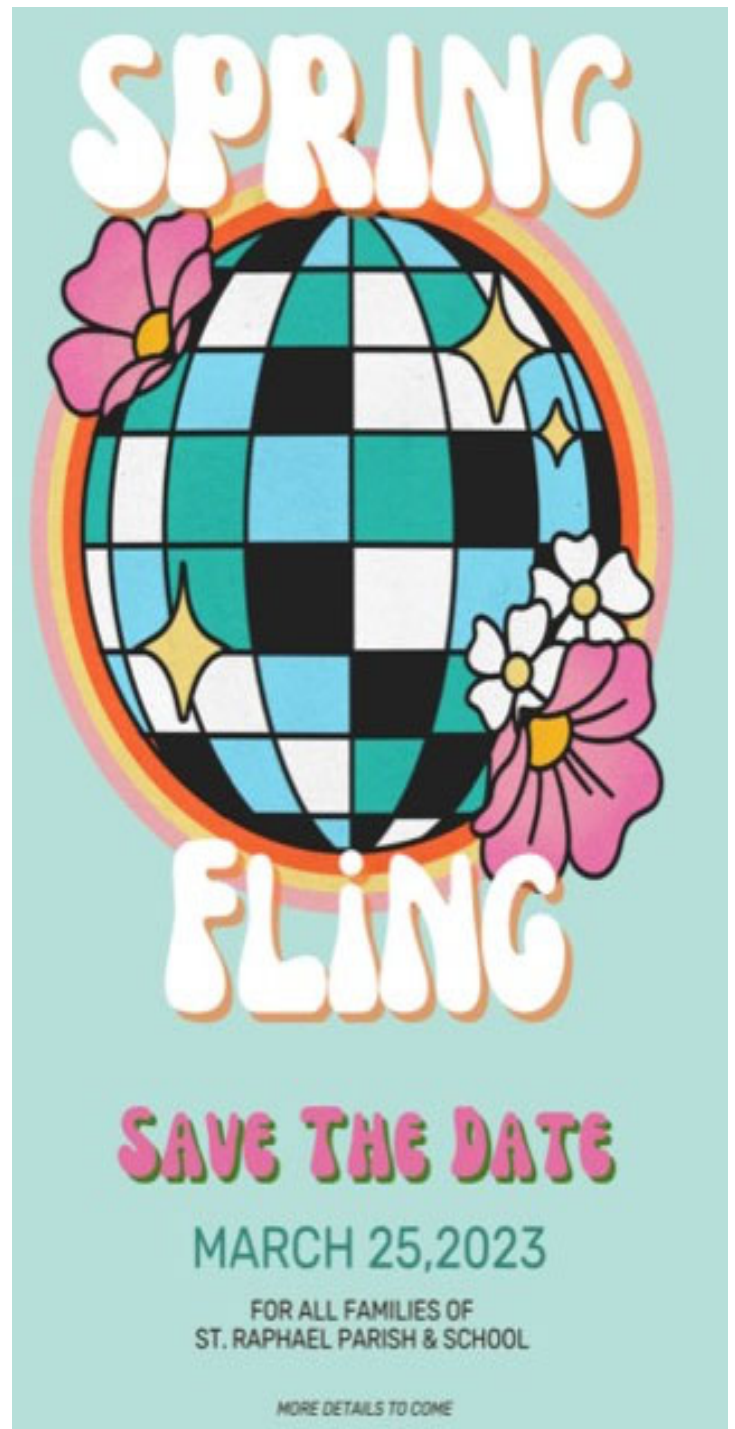
**St. Raphael Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, March 3. Watch the bulletin for details.**

## Cookbooks

SRA Ladies' Club has a supply of cookbooks available for sale. These will make great gifts for the coming year...Easter, Mother's Day, etc. They are \$15 each. You can purchase them via the parish office or contact Stacy LoBello at [stacy.lobello@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.lobello@gmail.com).

## 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.



## Summer Camp News

Hello, everyone! My name is Michele Swaney, and I will be the Summer Camp Director. I have worked with Miss Molly for the past three years, and this will be my third year at Summer Camp. We are also looking for additional helpers and would love to talk if you are interested in summer work.




I am looking forward to a fun and adventure-packed summer with your kids!

You can reach me at [swaney@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:swaney@straphaelarchangel.org) or 314.797.3358.

### SRA Summer Camp


The SRA Summer Camp is coming together, but we need helpers! We are looking for high school and college students interested in summer camp work or earning service hours or both. We provide a flexible schedule and a great experience working with kids. We also need adults with early childcare or classroom experience to help run the program.

Please contact Michele Swaney at [swaney@Straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:swaney@Straphaelarchangel.org) or 314.797.3358.



### Day of Hope & Healing

*For Women, Men and Couples*



**Rachel's  
Vineyard  
Ministries**

Men, women and couples wounded by abortion are invited to attend the **Rachel's Vineyard Day of Hope & Healing, Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The \$20 cost covers breakfast, lunch, and all materials. All information and inquiries are kept confidential.

During the day retreat, offered through the Archdiocese of St. Louis Abortion Healing Ministry, a trained, compassionate team will lead participants along their healing journey through Holy Mass, fellowship, Scripture, and prayer.

**"There is hope for your future."**  
— God (Jeremiah 31:17)




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**Saturday, March 18, 2023**  
Confidential, prayerful setting in St. Louis  
Contact [hopehealing@archstl.org](mailto:hopehealing@archstl.org)  
or 314.406.0815

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**Praise for Rachel's Vineyard**

"I pray that all who participate in Rachel's Vineyard with the longing to be free and to be healed by Jesus, may find Him, the source of true joy, peace and love."  
~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta





**And truly each ONE of you has done something.**

Because of you, we have witnessed the multiplication of "loaves and fishes" right before our eyes. One casserole turned into 60+, one can of coffee became 20, one piece of warm clothing filled a car.

The Americorps Shelter, staff and guests, are extremely grateful for your continual support of this Ministry of Mercy. May God's blessings fill your heart.





# Evangelization 101 WORKSHOP

**PLANNING AREA 4**

**15 APRIL 2023**

**9:00A.M. - 12:00P.M.**

**St. Raphael the Archangel**

*A free morning workshop covering the  
fundamentals of evangelization.*

*Due to limited space, registration is required.*

Visit [archstl.org/evangelization](https://archstl.org/evangelization)

SRA will be the host parish for the Archdiocese's workshop entitled Evangelization 101 on April 15, 2023, that will be held in our school cafeteria from 9:00am to noon. If you are interested in attending, please register with the Archdiocese at [archstl.org/evangelization](https://archstl.org/evangelization). Parishes in the All Things New planning area #4 will be invited to this workshop as well, so please don't wait to register as only 150 seats are available. This workshop will cover the beginning fundamentals of evangelization. This is a free workshop offered to all who want to increase their comfort level of sharing their faith. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Hager at [hager@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:hager@straphaelarchangel.org).





Fundraiser for

## SRA Class of 2023

20% of event sales will be donated

All funds will support St. Raphael the Archangel class of 2023 graduation activities.



### When

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

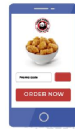
**Time: 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM**

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All men of the parish are invited to attend a retreat at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center off Christopher Road in St. Louis County. This will be a silent, guided retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. All meals and private lodging are provided. Our retreat begins the evening of Thursday, April 27, and concludes Sunday, April 30. There is no set fee to attend a retreat at White House. White House operates on a free will offering basis, asking those in attendance to simply give what they feel they can at the conclusion of the retreat. To register, call Brian Klos at 314.482.8559 or email [BCKlos@gmail.com](mailto:BCKlos@gmail.com) or visit [www.whretreat.org](http://www.whretreat.org) to find additional dates.



**TODAY TOMORROW**  
CHANGING THE FUTURE — ONE CHILD AT A TIME

## Scholarships Available

Applications Open  
**January 17, 2023**

**Looking for a scholarship for the  
2023-2024 school year?**

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools

**Application Deadline  
February 28, 2023**

Apply Online at [TTEF-STL.ORG](http://TTEF-STL.ORG)



For more information  
[TTEF-STL.org](http://TTEF-STL.org)  
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## CLASS OF 2023 BAKE SALE

**Saturday Feb 18**  
following 4:30 Mass &  
**Sunday Feb 19**  
following 8 & 10 am Mass

**Free Will Offering  
for Baked Goods**



### 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 #**