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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

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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What a Great "Black and Gold Dinner"!

Many thanks to the many volunteers and participants regarding the Black and Gold Dinner. It was a tremendous event that celebrated the ministry of Catholic Education at St. Raphael. Through the great generosity of our donors, there were wonderful items up for auction. The guests attending were very ready to be generous in their bidding and made for an exciting and enthusiastic evening. Thanks to all for your support and participation. Of special note was the "Fund-A-Need" to raise money for a play area as part of the parking lot renovation. The evening raised over \$45,000 just for the "Fund-A-Need." The final total for the evening will take some time to determine, but already it is clear it was a very successful event. Thanks to all!

Thanks, Msgr. Simon

At St. Raphael, on Tuesday, February 25, Msgr. Simon will celebrate the 8:00am Mass, and we will have coffee and doughnuts in the Rectory after Mass for all who wish to join us to bid him farewell.

At St. Gabriel, on Wednesday, February 26, Msgr. Simon will celebrate the 8:00am Mass and we will have coffee and doughnuts in the Rectory after Mass for all who wish to join us.

Any notes of thanks can be sent to either parish and he will receive them. His new address after March 1, 2025, will be:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Simon
Regina Cleri Residence
10 Archbishop May Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

Lent is around the corner

Ash Wednesday is on March 5, so make plans now to attend Mass and plan your Lenten intentions.

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:00am and 5:30pm at St. Raphael.

Books for your Lenten reflection will be available at church starting Saturday, March 1, as well as the "Rice Bowl," a way to participate in the good work of Catholic Relief Services who serve the needs of so many suffering from natural disasters and civic unrest. Your help is appreciated.

Also, we wish to give you a "heads up" on our Lenten projects this year. This year, our SRA Lenten project will benefit two charities: Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home in Defiance, MO, and also prison ministries in both the Pacific Correctional Center and the Residents Encounter Christ retreat program. Details will be shared elsewhere in the bulletin. Thanks for your generous support for both these efforts.

During Lent, Fr. Lawson will offer a series of talks on the Creed, Tuesdays of Lent at 6:30pm at St. Gabriel Church. This year, 2025, is the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicea, held in 325 A.D., where the basic "creed" was proposed and the origin of the Creed we recite at Sunday Masses. This summary of our beliefs helped formalize the basic teachings of the Church and laid the foundation for our evangelization efforts throughout the world.

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.



Sunday, February 23
9:00am Janet Chappell

Monday, February 24
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, February 25
8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Wednesday, February 26
9:00am Thomas E. Long

Thursday, February 27
8:00am Manie Hiette

Friday, February 28
8:00am Liddy Family

Saturday, March 1
7:00am Cramer Family
4:30pm Nancy Buechler

Sunday, March 2
9:00am Joseph and Mary Abissinia

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Let us start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, let's say a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Feb. 16, 2025 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (33)	\$ 3,897	\$ 137,277
Loose Money	\$ 1,977	\$ 72,795
School Support	\$ 160	\$ 6,383
Building Fund	\$ 30	\$ 5,940
Holy Days	\$ 0	\$ 9,126
Online Giving (53)	\$ 3,439	\$ 98,607
St. Louis Review	(\$ 70)	
Grand Total	\$ 9,573	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,503	\$ 336,414
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 340,000
Difference	<u>(\$ 497)</u>	<u>(\$ 3,586)</u>
FYE 2024		<u>(\$ 17,741)</u>

St. Vincent de Paul

Please consider our SVdP Society when you give tributes for birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions. Also, when making your memorial donations, please remember our SVdP Society. All the tributes and memorials honor your loved ones while, at the same time, relieve some of the pain and suffering of our neighbors right here in our parish boundaries. Thank you in advance for helping us with our mission to provide financial and spiritual help to our neighbors in need.

This weekend's Sacred
Scripture readings:

Sunday, February 23:

Ritual Song: No. 1214

Pray Together: Page 94



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR FEB. 24 - MARCH 2, 2025

Monday, February 24

8:00am	Hannah Kratky	Emma Peters
	William Schneeberger	

Tuesday, February 25

8:00am	Elliot Ottenad	Isa Hogrebe
	Lucca LoBello	

Wednesday, February 26

8:00am	Stassi Boxdorfer	Caleb Bernadt
	Christian Bernadt	

Thursday, February 27

8:00am	Sophia Bradshaw	Xavier Cyr
	Francie Berry	

Friday, February 28

8:00am	Henry Dirnbeck	Corinne Pendry
	Mollie Dirnbeck	

Saturday, March 1

4:30pm	Mark Boeckmann	Clara Thompson
	Genevieve Montoya	

Sunday, March 2

9:00am	Linus Cyr	Xavier Cyr
	Joseph Sullivan	

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 1 - 2, 2025

LECTORS

4:30pm	9:00am
Laura Geiser	Dennis Matreci

Extraordinary Ministers

Greg Heuing	Barb Cramer
Tony Mariani	Mary Faith Green
Brian McCarthy	Heather Hays
Craig Thompson	Krissy Sullivan

Monday, February 24

8:00am	Church	Mass
3:30pm	Gym	Basketball Practices
5:00pm	Gym	4th Gr. Basketball Tournament
5:00pm	Cafeteria	Wolf Scouts
6:00pm	Cafeteria	3rd Gr. Girl Scouts
6:30pm	Fireplace Rm.	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00pm	Raphael Rm.	Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, February 25

8:00am	Church	Mass
9:00am	Parish Off.	Msgr. Simon Farewell Reception
3:30pm	Gym	Basketball Practices
5:00pm	Gym	4th Gr. Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, February 26

7:30am	Church	Rosary
8:00am	Church	Mass
5:00pm	Gym	4th Gr. Basketball Tournament
5:30pm	Cafeteria	Boy Scouts
7:30pm	Church	So. City Men's Recollection
8:30pm	Gym	Old Man Basketball

Thursday, February 27

8:00am	Church	Mass
2:00pm	Cafeteria	Dance Class
5:00pm	Gym	4th Gr. Basketball Tournament
6:30pm	Cafeteria	2nd Gr. 1st Comm. Meeting
7:00pm	Tobias Rm.	Historical Society Meeting

Friday, February 28

7:30am	Church	Rosary
8:00am	Church	Mass
3:30pm	Gym	Basketball Practices
5:00pm	Gym	4th Gr. Basketball Tournament

Saturday, March 1

7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Music Ministry Rehearsal
8:00am	Gym	4th Gr. Basketball Tournament
4:30pm	Church	Mass

Sunday, March 2

8:00am	Gym	4th Gr. Basketball Tournament
9:00am	Church	Mass - Bake Sale
1:00pm	AYM Room	Archangel Youth Ministry

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
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	Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



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 School Board.



Congratulations go out to our 8th Grade Class of 2025! The students received their high school acceptance letters last week. They are now allowed to wear their high school spiritwear on Fridays. Eighth Graders, we are proud of all the hard work that went into gaining this acceptance into your high school of choice.

We can be so proud of all of our students. We have great kids!

Charlie A.	Christian Brothers College	Hannah K.	Cor Jesu Academy
Jacob A.	St. Louis University High School	Patrick M.	St. Louis University High School
Christian B.	St. Louis University High School	Ben M.	St. Louis University High School
James B.	St. Louis University High School	Addison P.	Notre Dame High School
Ava C.	Parkway South	Helen P.	Cor Jesu Academy
Henry D.	Christian Brothers College	Javier R.	Christian Brothers College
Evan I.	St. John Vianney High School	Chase S.	Christian Brothers College
Susan I.	Cor Jesu Academy	Mac T.	St. Mary's South Side Catholic HSI
Frank K.	Christian Brothers College	Clara T.	St. Joseph's Academy

Please Join Us on March 29, 2025 for The Annual SRA

Progressive Dinner Party



A night of Food, Fun, & Fellowship for \$30 per person

(fees waived for host houses)

How Does a Progressive Dinner Work?

You will be contacted in the week before with a house to go to for Appetizers

After Appetizers your host will inform you where to go for Dinner

Dessert and Fun to follow at The Braun's

Questions?

Contact Ellen Pendry at ellenpendry@gmail.com or (314) 229-9243

Reservations Required

Detach and return the below form by March 24, 2025

I Can't Wait for the Progressive Dinner Party

RSVP and Payment can be dropped off at the Rectory or School Office in care of Ellen Pendry

Make checks payable to SRA Ladies' Club

I would like to:

Host an Appetizer _____ Host a Dinner _____ Drop off a Dessert _____

Number of Attendees _____

Name of Attendees _____

Address _____

Contact Info _____

Host volunteers will be contacted with more information

SRA CLASS OF 2025

FUNDRAISER



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:00PM - 8:00PM

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**PERCENTAGE OF SALES
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2025**

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Lenten Project

This year, our SRA Lenten project will benefit two charities: Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home in Defiance, MO, and prison ministries in both the Pacific Correctional Center and the Residents Encounter Christ retreat program. Details will be provided in upcoming bulletins, but briefly:

- Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home helps those moms who may have been homeless or experienced housing insecurity and are making life-affirming decisions for their child. This maternity home is just one example where the Church continues its support for mothers in need and bears witness to the dignity of all human life. Our Lenten project will help these women and their children by providing laundry baskets and goodie bags with much needed necessities... more to follow.
- Through our support given to the Pacific Correctional Center and the Residents Encounter Christ retreat program, the incarcerated will personally encounter Jesus Christ through our Corporal Works of Mercy. Participants experience the message of Christ through participation in a simple and modest meal, discussions, talks, prayer, scripture, and liturgy. This portion of the Lenten project will be financial in nature only...more to follow as well.

As you so graciously and generously do every year, please support this year's Lenten project. Thank you.



APRIL 25-27, 2025



8TH GRADE RETREAT
LED BY AYM HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

LUKE 18

8th GRADER Registration will be open
February 10th – March 3rd.

The registration link can be found on the youth
group page of the SGA website

<https://www.stgabrielstl.org/Worship-and-Formation/Youth-Group>

or contact youth minister, Sarah Henderson
hendersons@stgabrielstl.org

[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 school teens can attend on a regular basis or drop in as it fits their schedules.

Weekly **Sunday Life Teen Nights** (6:45-8:30pm in Gabriel House) include snacks, socializing, games, talks, and discussions.

Wednesday R&R Nights (7-8:30pm in Gabriel House) are unstructured evenings for teens to hang out (recharge & reconnect). See the AYM calendar for specific dates.

[DON'T MISS OUT! - REGISTRATIONS CLOSE NEXT WEEK!](#)

Registration will close on Monday, March 3, for 8th graders to attend the Luke 18 Retreat and for 8th-12th graders to help lead Silhouette Stations of the Cross. The links can be found on the youth group page of the SGA website or by emailing youth minister, Sarah Henderson.

[LOOKING AHEAD](#)

***April 16** | [Silhouette Stations of the Cross](#) | 8th-12th graders | Registration will be February 10 through March 3.

* **April 19** | [SLHNA Annual Easter Egg Hunt](#) | 8th-12th graders and adult volunteers needed

***April 25 - 27** | [Luke 18 Retreat!](#) | for 8th graders, led by high school teens | Registration for 8th graders will be February 10 through March 3.

***July 18 - 20** | [AYM at Steubenville 2025!](#) | 8th-12th graders

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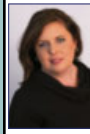
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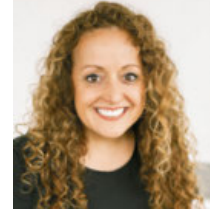


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