



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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Saint Louis, MO 63109

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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
Fri. | 7:30am-12:00pm

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Saint Louis, MO 63109

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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



PARISH CLERGY

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This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

Sunday, February 25:

Ritual Song: No. 1120

Pray Together: Page 93

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Fr. Molini's Notes

Who likes a test?

Nobody likes being tested. Although tests are inevitable in education, we are often tested throughout life by circumstances and events that “test our mettle” and perhaps even “try our patience.” Unenviable as being tested is, coming through the time of trial leaves us more aware of our abilities and areas of needed growth. Our first reading presents Abraham being tested by God, trying Abraham’s depth of love. He had already left his homeland, followed God’s call, and settled in a new place, relying on God’s direction. Then he was called to offer in sacrifice his only son. The concept would not have been unheard of to Abraham, living in an area where immolation was a practice of local pagan religions. As Abraham was growing in his relationship with his God, we see his actions again following His command. A test, certainly in the extreme, but nonetheless a test.

We know the story ends with God not demanding the life of the child but celebrating the obedience of Abraham. Our Lenten season is an action of intentional obedience, testing our determination to deepen our relationship with God, who in the end does not spare His only Son but allows Jesus’ sacrifice to secure our salvation. What is our response to such sacrificial love?

Another element of the story is the silent walk to the mountain. While we see Abraham’s obedience in action, we do not know his thoughts. What might he have been thinking, praying about, along that journey? Perhaps part of the lesson is the “doing” of faithfulness leads to deeper love. How often have we acted as we should, only to learn from the action a deeper truth about love, faithfulness, endurance, passion? Sometimes the moments I least want to pray, but do, become my most fruitful moments with God.

Perhaps obedience to God’s will is the threshold to a deeper relationship.

Fund a Need

Again, many thanks to the parishioners who participated in the Black and Gold Dinner Auction. It was a very successful event. The “Fund-a-Need” was particularly blessed with donations, so we are moving forward with those projects. First, new stage curtains have been ordered to replace the currently well-worn (and ripped) ones. Bids are being received to replace the exterior wooden doors by the cafeteria and gym entrances.



Pictured above are our OCIA candidates and team members taken before the Rite of Enrollment at the Cathedral Basilica on the First Sunday of Lent. Please keep them in your prayers during this Lenten season.

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN

It's that time of the year again, time for the LifeLine Coalition Campaign. This effort will extend from March 4 to March 18. We rejoice in the defeat of Roe v Wade and the Missouri Legislature's ban on abortion. However, there still are women and families who need assistance to face a crisis pregnancy. Guided by the efforts of the Respect Life Apostolate, your donation to LifeLine Coalition aids those women in need. Find your envelope in the SRA March packet of envelopes. Thank you for building the Culture of Life! The SRA ProLife Committee





Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 25

9:00am Ernest Winkelmann

Monday, February 26

8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Tuesday, February 27

8:00am Mary Hiette

Wednesday, February 28

8:00am Judy Hof

Thursday, February 29

8:00am Gary Marsh

Friday, March 1

8:00am Liddy Family

Saturday, March 2

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

4:30pm Kimling Family

Sunday, March 3

9:00am Alvin Couch

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy; most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Feb. 18, 2024	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (35)	\$ 2,657	\$ 148,994
Loose Money	\$ 1,784	\$ 43,466
School Support	\$ 150	\$ 4,730
Building Fund	\$ 15	\$ 5,677
Holy Days	\$ 0	\$ 7,026
Online Giving (53)	\$ 2,991	\$ 110,295
First Offering	\$ 5	
Candle Money	\$ 298	
Eastern Europe	(\$ 170)	
Lenten Project	(\$ 1,423)	
Grand Total	\$ 9,493	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,900	\$ 324,003
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 340,000
Difference	(\$ 2,100)	<u>(\$ 15,997)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Peter offers to make three tents. Even when Peter, James, and John are terrified, they are planning to house Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. At times, we all find ourselves afraid when we think of paying the rent for those most in need. But, just as Peter did, we all pray and sacrifice to make sure that the most vulnerable have a roof over their heads.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity to SVdP. Learn more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at www.svdpstlouis.org.



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR MARCH 2 AND 3, 2023

Saturday, March 2

4:30pm To Be Scheduled

Sunday, March 3

9:00am To Be Scheduled

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 2 AND 3, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
George Kerry

9:00am
Girl Scouts

Extraordinary Ministers

Margie Auer
Kevin Liddy
George Kerry

Rosita Koehler
Linda Saracino
Dan Harbaugh

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 <i>Scrutiny</i> : Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 26

8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm Gym Basketball Tournament
7:00pm Raphael Rm. Knights of Columbus
7:00pm Firepl. Rm. St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, February 29

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

Friday, March 1

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
9:00am Church First Friday Adoration
12:00pm Church Stations of the Cross
5:00pm Gym Basketball Tournament

Saturday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 3

8:00am Gym Basketball Tournament
9:00am Church Mass - Girl Scout Sunday



ST. RAPHAEL
MEN'S CLUB

CORNHOLE

TOURNAMENT

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

\$60 PER TEAM • INCLUDES BEER

50/50 RAFFLE • AGES 21+

NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT VIEWING

EMAIL TO REGISTER & QUESTIONS TO:

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MAKE PAYMENT TO:

PayPal @[sramensclub](https://www.paypal.com/payto/sramensclub)

6000 JAMIESON AVE



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

Individually-wrapped candy

Items can be dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." Pope John Paul II

Please join us as we adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of every month. First Friday Adoration starts after the 8:00am Mass. Adoration will conclude at 2:00pm with Benediction. Come at any time to spend quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. You may also wish to bring your own Bible and prayer book. Just as you cannot be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, love, and peace. For more information or to sign up for 30 – 60 minutes, (drop-ins are always welcome), please call Barbara Cramer at 314.797.1463.



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Josephine Janson, daughter of Nicholas and Laura Janson. Josephine was baptized at St. Raphael the Archangel on February 11, 2024. May God always bless the Janson family.

40 Days for Life

It's that time of year again when we stand up and show our support for the unborn. Please join us on Thursday, March 7, at Planned Parenthood on Forest Park Avenue from 8:00am to 5:00pm to witness for LIFE! Please call, 618.444.9437, or email, meh0905@att.net, Mary Ellen Hoffman, if interested. In advance, thank you for your support and participation.



SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, March 1, 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, March 8, 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.

DECLINE TO SIGN!

Pro-abortion supporters are attempting to put forth a ballot measure that would add an amendment to the Missouri Constitution that would legalize abortion throughout all stages of pregnancy. The ballot measure advocates for a right to dangerous late-term abortions paid for with taxpayer money and without parental consent for minors and without regard for the health of Missouri women. Starting this month through May 5, signature gatherers are in the process of collecting approximately 172,000 valid signatures in six out of eight congressional districts. **DECLINE TO SIGN** any such petition because no pro-life groups in Missouri are collecting signatures to support this effort.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

SRA Ladies' Club



Quarter Auction

Friday, April 19

Doors Open 6:00pm | Program Begins 6:30pm



What is it?

70+ prizes are on display
Hold your paddle up to bid
on item(s) of your choice.
If your number is called,
you win the item!



Extraordinary Baskets & Raffles



Purchase raffle tickets
for high valued items.
50/50 raffle

Paddle Options



"All In" paddle \$30
Bid as often as you'd like.
-or-
Entry/pay to play paddle \$10
Pay a quarter to bid each time.

Tables

Reserve a table of 8 for \$80
Includes 8 entry paddles
Can upgrade to "All In" paddle
for \$20 (the night of or in advance)
-or-
Walk in night of event

Bring your own food and drinks!

To reserve a table email:
ladies@straphaelarchangel.org

Payments

Use PayPal to
pay for table
@sraladiesclub



Ladies' Club Quarter Auction Donation Suggestions

Gift Certificates
Event Tickets
Purses/Jewelry
Beauty/Haircare Products
Self-Care Items
Organization Tools/Items
Memberships/Passes
Outdoor Games
...more suggestions to come...



**SRA 8th Grade Fundraiser
Butter Braid Pastries, Cookie Dough and Pizzas**



To order visit: bit.ly/sra2024 or scan QR code
Either select a specific 8th grader or
the general 8th grade class at the
bottom to support.



Paper forms are also available at church.



**Orders Due: Monday, 3/11
Pick Up/Delivery: Thursday, 3/21**

Thank you for your support!

Questions? Laura Dougherty
ljeep524@yahoo.com



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 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.



FEBRUARY 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				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 Valentine's Day	16	17
18 AYM Life Teen Night	19 President's 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)	