



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT




WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Saint Louis, MO 63109
314.352.9474 | 314.351.7477 (Fax)
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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FEBRUARY 26, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 18 (17): 19-20

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Reading 1

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. **R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.** For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight." **R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.** A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.** Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Reading 2

Rom 5:12-19

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned— for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Gospel

Mt 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 26

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

Monday, February 27

7:00am Marie Hiette
8:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel

Tuesday, February 28

7:00am Tom and Jackie Rolf
8:00am Brenda Santanello
7:00pm Special Intention

Wednesday, March 1

7:00am Kris Schneidewind
8:00am Eric Peter Bierrie

Thursday, March 2

7:00am William Siebert
8:00am Rose Travers

Friday, March 3

7:00am Alvin Couch

Saturday, March 4

7:00am Tom O'Shea
10:00am For the Sick
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, March 5

8:00am Tom Lake
10:00am Ken Soehngen

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and to develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is the time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before the Lord.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Feb. 19, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (45)	\$ 2,677.00	\$ 165,435.00
Loose Money	\$ 726.00	\$ 50,067.00
School Support	\$ 280.00	\$ 8,200.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,944.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,770.00
Online Giving (60)	\$ 3,524.00	\$ 95,581.00
Lenten Project	(\$ 125.00)	
Eastern European Church	(\$ 23.00)	

Grand Total	\$ 7,355.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,207.00	\$ 345,141.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 340,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 2,793.00)</u>	<u>\$ 5,141.00</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the parish office bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Are there families you know who need assistance? Please have them call the parish office for referral to our Society so that together we can help the suffering and the poor.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR FEB. 27 - MAR. 5, 2023

Monday, February 27

8:00am Lydia Eddingfield Matthew Franz

Tuesday, February 28

8:00am Ryan Schneider Mac Teeter

Wednesday, March 1

8:00am Lucas Feldman Liam Feldman

Thursday, March 2

8:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr

Friday, March 3

No 8:00am Mass

Saturday, March 4

4:30pm Jake Anstey Ava Christlieb
Cillian Sheehan

Sunday, March 5

8:00am Adriana Kurtovic Addison Pfeiffer
Dalila Ramirez
10:00am Henry Dirnbeck Charlie Dirnbeck
Aidan Switzer

DAILY READINGS

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
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	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-
Friday	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 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 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 4 - 5, 2023

4:30pm
Greg Heuing

8:00am
Suzy Ferrenbach

10:00am
Girl Scouts

Monday, February 27

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:00pm Cafeteria 2nd Gr. Girl Scouts
2:00pm Church Prayer Group
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm Cafeteria 2nd Gr. Girl Scouts
3:15pm Gym 4th Gr. Girls Basketball
5:30pm Gym Basketball Tournament
7:00pm Parish Office St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, February 28

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
9:30am Church Prayer Group
5:30pm Gym Basketball Tournament
6:15pm Church Confessions
7:00pm Parish Office Knights of Columbus
7:00pm Church Mass
7:30pm Church Rosary with Reflections

Wednesday, March 1

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration
5:30pm Gym Basketball Tournament

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
7:30am Church Adult Stations of the Cross
12:30pm Church Primary Stations of the Cross
2:00pm Church Upper Grades States of the Cross
3:00pm Cafeteria Fish Fry
5:30pm Gym Basketball Tournament

Saturday, March 4

7:00am Church Mass
9:00am Gym Basketball Games
10:00am Church Mass for Anointing the Sick
4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, March 5

8:00am Church Mass
10:00am Church Mass - Girl Scout Sunday
12:00pm Gym Basketball Games
7:00pm Church Prayer Group

All are welcome!



*Is the Lord calling you to attend a retreat?
Will you listen?*

Consider joining the women of St. Gabriel
on an ACTS Retreat:
March 30-April 2, 2023

Contact Joan Burnes @ (314) 650-6459
or joan.burnes@yahoo.com

Or find the registration form on the parish
website: www.stgabrielstl.org
(under the Worship & Formation tab)

2nd Annual Ben Polson Memorial Hockey Game

STLFD vs. STLPD
Friday, March 31
Face Off: 7:30pm
Affton Ice Rink
10300 Gravois

Proceeds Benefit Backstoppers

Tickets available from players at the
front door. Come out and support a
great cause and see some good
hockey!



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:

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.



Friday, March 3

St. Raphael Cafeteria
4:00 - 7:00pm

Fried and Baked Fish
Fried Shrimp

Dine In - Carry Out
Cash or Card

Soda, Beer, Wine Available for Purchase



SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, March 3, 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 10, 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.

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.

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.



We would like to welcome the following new member 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. We hope you will consider joining us in future activities at our church. Please join us at Mass either online or in person at church. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Tom Paino

Permanent Diaconate Information Nights

On Mondays, March 13 and March 20, Permanent Diaconate Information Nights will be held at 6:30pm at the Cardinal Rigali Center. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate will hold informational meetings for men who are interested in exploring the possibility of a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. Interested men are invited to attend one of the sessions. Wives of interested men are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot, please contact 314.792.7433.

LifeLine Coalition Campaign

It's that time of the year again, time to support the LifeLine Coalition Campaign. The campaign will extend from March 6 to March 20, and you will find your envelope in the March packet of envelopes. This campaign supports Birthright of Hillsboro, St. Charles, St. Louis, Wentzville, and Tri-County; Good Shepherd Children & Family Services; Haven of Grace; Mary Queen of Angels; Our Lady's Inn; Pregnancy Help Center of South County; and Washington Pregnancy Assistance Center. Even though Roe vs Wade has been overturned, your support is still very important. Please help women in need and their families as they choose life for their children. Please help to build the Culture of Life by donating to the LifeLine Coalition. Thank you for your generosity!
The SRA ProLife Committee



RESPECT LIFE
APOSTOLATE



A truck will be set up for donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Saturday, June 17, from 9:00am to 1:00pm on the school parking lot. A list of acceptable donations will be forthcoming in future bulletin announcements.

Summer Camp News

SRA Summer Camp

SRA SUMMER CAMP 2023 IS BACK AND WE NEED HELPERS! We are looking for high school and college students interested in summer camp work, or needing service hours, or both. We provide a flexible schedule and a great experience working with kids! We also need adults with early child care or classroom experience to help us run the summer program.

PLEASE CONTACT MICHELE SWANEY WHO WILL BE THE NEW CAMP DIRECTOR THIS YEAR AT swaney@saintraphaelarchangel.org or by phone at 314.797.3358. Michele has worked with Molly Indelicato for the past three years and this will be her 3rd year at summer camp.

We are looking forward to a FUN and ADVENTURE - PACKED summer with the kids!

Summer Camp Highlights!

June 5	Fun and Games
June 12	Outdoor Adventure
June 19	VBS and World Travelers
June 26	Under the Sea
July 5	FIFA Fun
July 10	Little Picassos
July 17	To Infinity and Beyond

Sign Language Ministry

We will no longer have a sign language interpreter at 8:00am Mass every Sunday. If you have a special Mass or event that you would like to be interpreted, please contact Fr. John.

Parish Rosary Program Intention

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



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.

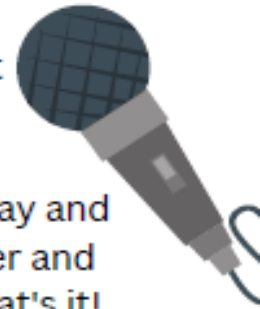
Visit archstl.org/evangelization

SRA will be the host parish for the Archdiocese's workshop entitled Evangelization 101 on April 15, 2023, which 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. 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. Thank you.

SRA Ladies' Club Quarter Auction



April 14, 6:00pm in SRA Gym
Doors open at 5:30pm for 6:00pm start



What is a quarter auction?

Glad you asked. There are 50+ prizes on display and if you are interested in one, you pay a quarter and hold up your paddle for that item's raffle. That's it!

But wait, there's more: you can buy an "All In" paddle for \$25 and be in every single raffle!

Quarter Auction Tables of 8 can be reserved in advance for \$160 that include reserved seating and 8 "All In" paddles (\$200 value). Email ladies@straphaelarchangel.org to reserve.

BYOB and food (like a trivia night!)

There will also be basket raffles and 50/50!
(It's a blast, really...)



We are accepting donations of new items: tickets, gift cards, and more for prizes! Prizes can be dropped off at the parish office to Mickey Janos- Quarter Auction Chair



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 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 or visit www.whretreat.org to find additional dates.

DEADLINE



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



For more information
TTEF-STL.org
314-792-7777
ttef@archstl.org




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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.**

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

Saturday, March 18, 2023
Confidential, prayerful setting in St. Louis
Contact hopehealing@archstl.org
or 314.406.0815




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.

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



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 #