



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

PARISH CLERGY

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This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

Sunday, February 4:

Ritual Song: No. 1207

Pray Together: Page 84

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Fr. Molini's Notes

Eucharistic Adoration

For some time the idea of more opportunity for Eucharistic adoration has been rattling around in my head. While both parishes have a short time each month, a more extended period of time seems appropriate as a way to offer opportunities for prayer, reflection, and focus on the Blessed Sacrament. Parishioners at both parishes have expressed similar desires. I would like to propose a trial of extended Eucharistic Adoration. Beginning in Lent, every Tuesday following the 8:00am Mass, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament at St. Gabriel until Benediction at 9:00pm. This would allow members of both parishes to make an opportunity to spend some time before the blessed Sacrament in prayer and show a common effort of adoration in the St. Louis Hills area.

Between both parishes, hopefully there are enough people to staff the hours. Additionally, it will offer the opportunity for other groups to come and join in prayer on Tuesdays. We can try this during the Lenten season and, if successful, extend it throughout the year. I'm asking for volunteers to sign up for the hours of 9:00am until 9:00pm on Tuesdays for Eucharistic adoration.

This schedule will also allow devotions that currently exist on Tuesdays to continue, such as the Perpetual Help devotions at 6:45pm and the Divine Mercy at 9:00pm. In addition, it offers opportunities for groups to schedule time of prayer and reflection, perhaps an evening of prayer for organizations during Lent. While the majority of time should be silent, vocal prayer and reflections may be included when organized in advance. If you would like to join this effort to celebrate the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, go to this link and sign in: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAAEE23AAAFBC16-47586150-lenten>. A Flocknote will be sent out for an easier way to link to the signup.

We will also continue the "First Friday" Exposition at St. Raphael each month. There, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after the 8:00am Mass and Benediction begins at 2:00pm. All are of course welcome to join us then as well.

Lent is coming....make your plans now

Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year. You may wish to make your Valentine's Day plans for another day since Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Masses will be offered as follows:

St. Raphael: 8:00am and 7:00pm

St. Gabriel: 6:00am, 8:00am, 12:00 noon, and 6:00pm

Ashes are distributed only during Mass after the homily.

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 4

9:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann

Monday, February 5

8:00am Eugene Mariani

Tuesday, February 6

8:00am Hutton Family

Wednesday, February 7

8:00am Kimling Family

Thursday, February 8

8:00am Liddy Family

Friday, February 9

8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Saturday, February 10

7:00am Dale Sonderman

4:30pm Ray Braun, Sr.

Sunday, February 11

9:00am May English

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading, we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - preaching and healing the sick. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. Through prayer and spending time with God, we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

| Jan. 28, 2024 | This Week | Year-to-Date |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| (Envelopes Used) | | |
| Regular Env. (34) | \$ 3,810 | \$ 133,947 |
| Loose Money | \$ 1,022 | \$ 39,337 |
| School Support | \$ 115 | \$ 4,380 |
| Building Fund | \$ 0 | \$ 5,172 |
| Holy Days | \$ 0 | \$ 7,026 |
| Online Giving (50) | \$ 3,353 | \$ 101,148 |
| Tithing | (\$ 30) | |
| St. Louis Review | (\$ 140) | |
| Grand Total | \$ 8,470 | |
| Total for Parish | \$ 8,300 | \$ 294,452 |
| Amount Needed | \$ 10,000 | \$ 310,000 |
| Difference | <u>(\$ 1,700)</u> | <u>(\$ 15,548)</u> |
| FYE 2023 | | <u>\$ 5,826</u> |

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's first reading, Job tells us how a man's life is filled with restlessness and misery. The reading gives us a great example of the lives our neighbors live from day to day. Some of our neighbors in need have been so beaten down that they cannot see any peace nor happiness in the future. Through your prayers and loving donations, we are able to bring them the hope of a brighter days ahead. Jesus helps us to encourage them to push on to attaining a better life.



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY 10 AND 11, 2023

Saturday, February 10

4:30pm Jake Anstey Henry Dirnbeck
 Isa Hogrebe

Sunday, February 11

9:00am Gavin Eddingfield Anna Wright
 Adriana Kurtovic

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10 AND 11, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm **9:00am**
Denise Howard Frosty Hodes

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm **9:00am**
Kevin Liddy Amy Schisler
George Kerry Barb Cramer
Mary Steck Heather Hays

DAILY READINGS

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| Sunday | Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 |
| Monday | 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56 |
| Tuesday | 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday | 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23 |
| Thursday | 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30 |
| Friday | 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37 |
| Saturday | 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10 |
| Next Sunday | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 |

Monday, February 5

8:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Gym Basketball Practice
- 8:00pm
7:15pm Parish Off. Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, February 6

8:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Cafeteria Kindergarten Daisy Troop
4:00pm Gym Basketball Practice
- 9:00pm

Wednesday, February 7

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
4:45pm Gym Basketball Practice
- 8:30
6:00pm Cafeteria 3rd Gr. Boy Scouts
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, February 8

8:00am Church Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class
4:00pm Gym 2nd Gr. Boys Basketball
5:00pm Gym PreK - 2nd Grade BB Clinic

Friday, February 9

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
3:30pm Gym Basketball Practice
5:00pm Gym Basketball Games

Saturday, February 10

7:00am Church Mass
1:00pm Gym Basketball Games
4:30pm Church Mass - Basketball Clinic Mass

Sunday, February 11

9:00am Church Mass
1:00pm Gym Basketball Games

Income Tax Information

Please note, this year we will not send out parish-wide contribution forms. Please call or email the parish office if you would like to have yours mailed or emailed to you.



Grandparent Crewneck Sweatshirt



Sport Grey
Gildan Adult Softstyle Crewneck
S-4XL \$30



**Sample sizes available
to view during
Grandparents Day**

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

Wedding Anniversary Mass

On Saturday, February 24, 2024, after the 4:30pm Mass, there will be a reception for couples celebrating a milestone anniversary. If you will be married this coming year, 2024, for 1 year, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50-plus years, please call the parish office at 314.352.8100 or email to parish@straphaelarchangel.org with your wedding date. We will place you on the invitation list.



***SRA Ladies' Club Galentine's
Dinner Meeting
Bartolino's Osteria
February 15, 2024***



Doors open at 6:30p, Dinner at 7p
2103 Sulphur Avenue, just off the Hill

\$25 includes Salad, Roast Beef Au Jus, Chicken Spiedini, Vegetable, Pasta, Tea/coffee/iced tea, Spumoni ice cream.

LC will cover the server tip and supplement actual cost of dinner.
Other beverages available for purchase on individual tabs.

Reservations and payment required in advance.
Make payment to SRA Ladies' Club via cash/check dropped
off to rectory or PayPal by 2/9/24.

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 that parish. Thank you.



The Knights of Columbus St. Raphael Council would like to congratulate all of those who participated in the Free Throw Competition on January 15 for their skills and sportsmanship. Elle A., Mollie D., Carly W., Max W., William S., Jake A., Simon K., and Jude P. won the Council competition and will advance to the District competition. Congratulations to all!

St. Raphael the Archangel Pastoral Care Ministry

Our parish Pastoral Care Ministry serves the elderly and sick members of our SRA community by offering a sense of belonging and a connection to the Body of Christ through the Eucharist and the people of God. We serve as a bridge to our homebound parishioners to ensure they remain an integral part of our parish family and to provide them with the ability to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick on a regular basis.

Do you know of a parishioner who is unable to receive regular sacraments due to an inability to physically attend Mass (on a permanent or temporary basis)?

Are you interested in becoming a member of this Ministry and learning more about how you can assist?

If so, please respond by calling the rectory and we will have one of our Ministers contact you.



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Cooper Bialczak, son of Kyle and Taylor Bialczak. Cooper was baptized at St. Raphael the Archangel on January 14, 2024. May God always bless the Bialczak family.

Save the Dates!



Men's Club Fish Fry
Friday, February 23
St. Raphael Cafeteria

Watch the bulletin for further details!

WINTER OUTREACH - A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings: "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable." Will you be one of God's chosen to support St. Louis Winter Outreach as a Ministry of Mercy? "As long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me." (MT 25:31-46) Now that winter is here, our homeless brethren will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them comfort, we invite you to help provide meals to an overnight shelter during the coldest months. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter (1315 Ann St.) on the following days.

**DATES: SATURDAYS (1:00pm dropoff)
FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following: 9x13 Casserole (meat, vegetable or breakfast) Dessert-12 to 24 servings (Food items may be store-bought) All dishes must be baked, frozen, wrapped, and marked with kind of dish and date. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot at 1:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to drop off or pick up ahead of time. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941.



*"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 to 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 and St. Raphael churches or use the QR code below.





ST. RAPHAEL
MEN'S CLUB

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TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

6:00 PM | SRA GYM

St. Raphael - St. Gabriel Women's ACTS Retreat - March 14-17, 2024

Several years ago I attended an ACTS Retreat with St. Gabriel parishioners. Feeling overwhelmed with family and work obligations, I kept thinking the timing just wasn't right and, therefore, I was hesitant about going. However, it turned out to be just the thing I needed. Surrounded by women who shared some of my same struggles, hopes, and joys, the time away helped me deepen my relationship with Jesus and my commitment to live my faith more fully. I hope you will consider attending the upcoming ACTS retreat.... the timing might be just what you need too. --- Mary Faith Green, SRA Parishioner (Please see advertisement for this retreat on page 8.)

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 schedule.

Every Sunday evening (6:45-8:15pm in Gabriel House) includes 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:

LUKE 18 Team Member (high schoolers) Registration is NOW OPEN! Contact Sarah for the link or visit the Youth Group page of the SGA parish website. Registration for high schoolers closed on Tuesday, January 30, but will open for 8th graders on February 14.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Silhouette Stations of the Cross | Wednesday, February 21
LUKE 18 Retreat | April 26 - 28 | for 8th graders, led by high schoolers

Steubenville Conference | July 12 - 14 | 8th - 12th graders | Registration is currently open and will close on Monday, February 5. The registration link can be found on the Youth Group page of the SGA website or use the QR code below.



STAY CONNECTED with AYM

Follow us on Instagram @archangelym
Join the SGA or SRA Flocknote Group: Youth Ministry
Contact Youth Minister: Sarah Henderson - hendersons@stgabrielstl.org

Like our Facebook Group: Archangel Youth Ministry
Visit the Youth Group page on the SGA parish website

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 No AYM | 5 Steubenville Registration Due! Stations of the Cross Practice #2 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 AYM Life Teen Night | 12 Stations of the Cross Practice #3 | 13 | 14 Ash Wednesday LUKE 18 Registration Opens for 8th Graders! | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 No AYM | 19 Presidents' Day Stations of the Cross Practice #4 | 20 Stations of the Cross Practice #5 (If Needed) | 21 Lead Stations of the Cross | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Youth Mass/Social Night | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 LUKE 18 Registration for 8th Graders DUE TODAY! | | |