



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




### WELCOME!

#### VISIT OR CONTACT US

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Saint Louis, MO 63109

314.352.8100  
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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm  
Fri. | 7:30am-12:00pm

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#### SCHOOL INFORMATION

6000 Jamieson Avenue  
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 | 9:00am

#### WEEKDAY MASS

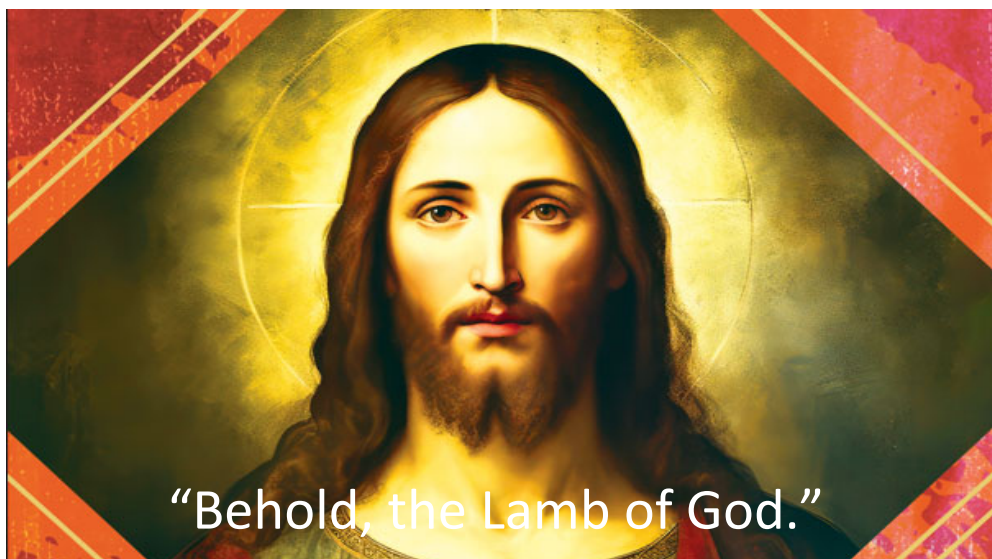
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

#### 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



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## Fr. Molini's Notes

### What's so Ordinary?

While the Church lists this Sunday and the following several weeks as "Ordinary Time," it surely feels extraordinary. We have the challenges of weather as winter makes its presence felt. Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month allows us to celebrate the valuable ministry of Catholic Education. February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation that recalls the Holy Family bringing Jesus to the temple and marking the feast by blessing candles to honor Him as the Light of Light. It is carnival season, celebrating the time before the somber season of Lent with the frivolous elements of Mardi Gras. Where is the ordinary?

The green vestments of Mass are used to focus our attention on the virtue of Hope, the ordinary disposition of a child of God. We live our lives in the hope of eternal life that ideally influences our ordinary activities and relationships. We hope to be signs of God's love to others by expressing our Faith in action. We face the common challenges of life with confidence, knowing that God has sent His Son as our Savior, calling us to union with His Divine Love. This ordinary disposition allows us to be extraordinary in our relations with others. We live in hope.

### Fr. Bernie Schloemer

Fr. Schloemer, who died on November 14, 2023, served in a number of parishes, including 4 years as a Senior Associate followed by several years in retirement at St. Gabriel. His memorial Mass will be celebrated on January 16, 2024, at 10:00am at St. Gabriel the Archangel. All are welcome to join us in prayer for the repose of his soul.

### 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.

### A Prayer for the New Year

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right. Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.



This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:  
**Sunday, January 14:** Ritual Song: No. 1198  
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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 14

9:00am Eugene Mariani

### Monday, January 15

8:00am Liddy Family

### Tuesday, January 16

8:00am Judy Hof

### Wednesday, January 17

8:00am Judy Hof

### Thursday, January 18

8:00am Kris Schneidewind

### Friday, January 19

8:00am Bill Schicker

### Saturday, January 20

7:00am Suzy Ferrenbach, SI

4:30pm Shirley Long

### Sunday, January 21

9:00am Marie C. Winkelmann

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" John 1:38*

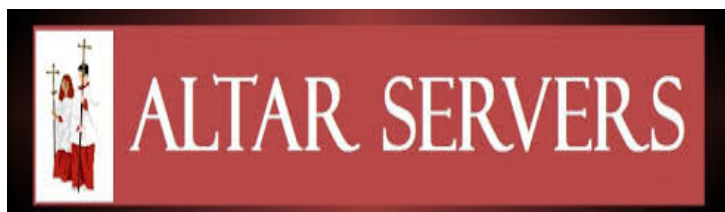
When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves and others as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Let us ask God daily how He wants us to live the lives He intended .

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Jan. 7, 2024	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (41)	\$ 5,730	\$ 124,172
Loose Money	\$ 723	\$ 32,469
School Support	\$ 30	\$ 3,955
Building Fund	\$ 242	\$ 4,937
Holy Days	\$ 23	\$ 7,026
Online Giving (57)	\$ 3,275	\$ 91,251
St. Louis Review	(\$ 155)	
First Offering	\$ 503	
Catholic Comm.	(\$ 30)	
Tithing	(\$ 20)	
Grand Total	\$ 10,731	
Total for Parish	\$ 10,526	\$ 267,107
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 280,000
Difference	\$ <u>526</u>	(\$ <u>12,893</u> )
FYE 2023		\$ <u>5,826</u>

### From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the first reading today, Our Lord is calling out to Samuel. In the same way, Our Lord is calling us to serve the poor in our parish boundaries. Through your loving prayers and sacrifices, we are able to bring God's love to the poor. When we reach out to those individuals, we help alleviate some of their pain. And, at the same time, we let them know they are not alone.



### SERVERS FOR JANUARY 20 AND 21, 2023

#### Saturday, January 20

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Henry Dirnbeck  
Clara Thompson

#### Sunday, January 21

9:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr  
Adriana Kurtovic

### LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 20 AND 21, 2023

#### LECTORS

4:30pm Ron Goedeker 9:00am Suzy Ferrenbach

#### Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm George Kerry 9:00am Krissy Sullivan  
Mary Steck John Rooney  
Elena Switzer Marilyn Unger

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, January 15

8:00am Church Mass  
8:30am Gym Knights of Columbus Free Throw  
4:30pm Gym Basketball Practice  
6:30pm Parish Off. Parish Council

#### Tuesday, January 16

8:00am Church Mass  
4:00pm Gym Basketball Practice  
- 9:00pm  
7:00pm Cafeteria Men's Club  
7:00pm School School Board

#### Wednesday, January 17

7:30am Church Rosary  
8:00am Church Mass  
4:45pm Gym Basketball Practice  
- 8:30pm  
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

#### Thursday, January 18

8:00am Church Mass  
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class  
5:00pm Gym PreK - 2nd Gr. Basketball Clinic  
7:00pm Cafeteria Ladies' Club

#### Friday, January 19

7:30am Church Rosary  
8:00am Church Mass  
3:30pm Gym Basketball Practice  
4:45pm Gym Basketball Games

#### Saturday, January 20

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

#### Sunday, January 21

9:00am Church Family Mass - Donut Sunday  
1:00pm Gym Basketball Games

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



# SRA LADIES' CLUB



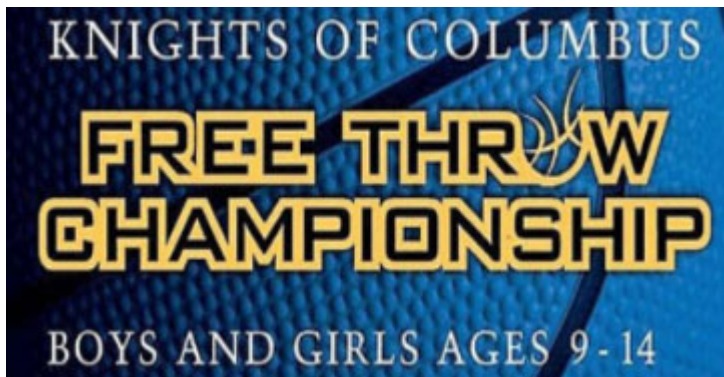
## Ladies' Wine Tasting

with Matt Maxfield, Certified Cicerone, CSW, CSS  
Thursday, January 18 at 7pm in SRA Cafeteria

**Cost: \$30 per person - bring a friend!**  
**includes light appetizers**

**Must send cash, check payable 'SRA Ladies Club' or PayPal  
@SRALadiesClub by January 10th to reserve your spot**

**Questions to Rachel.Flavin@gmail.com 314-496-8303**



The Knights of Columbus will host a Free Throw Contest on Monday, January 15, at 10:00am in the St. Raphael Gym. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/24) may register to participate. You can register on the day of the contest. Winners may advance to District, Region, and State levels. The KofC St. Raphael council has had six individuals advance to the State Level in the past, with two of them winning the State Championship. If you have any questions, contact Mike Foley 314.717.2259 or Matt Borowiak 314.518.5177.

### Infant Baptism

Baptism is the first Sacrament of Christian Initiation. For a child to be baptized at St. Raphael, parents must be registered and practicing Catholics.

Parents are expected to participate in a Baptismal Preparation Class. The class is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the rectory basement of St. Gabriel the Archangel. Please call the St. Gabriel parish office at 314.353.6303 to register for the class, or contact the Raphael parish office at 314.352.8100.

### Office Schedule

Please note: the St. Raphael Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

### Rosary

Every Wednesday and Friday at 7:30am, our community prays the Rosary together in church. Please join us.

**Faith In Action:** We recognize our SRA basketball players who are living out their faith on and off the court.



Helen Potts, SRA 7th grader, has been volunteering her time every week at our basketball clinic for Pre-K to second grade students. Helen is always very patient and positive with the kids as she leads the dribbling drills, Great work, Helen!

## Saint Raphael the Archangel



## Family Mass

*Sunday, January 21, at 9:00am*

*Join us for unity and prayer.*

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19



## 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](mailto:parish@straphaelarchangel.org) with your wedding date. We will place you on the invitation list.

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Help us raise funds by donating gently worn, used, and new shoes! Ask friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to donate too.

Collected shoes not only help support SRA's 8th grade mystery trip and graduation activities, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

### Ways to drop off shoes:

- 1) Attention Students: Let's see which class can bring in the most shoes! Bring shoes to your classroom for drop off to compete against other grades. Grade vs grade competition runs 1/8 - 2/2.
- 2) Everyone is invited to drop off some shoes and enjoy some hot cocoa after 9am Mass on Sunday, January 21, in the school parking lot.
- 3) Drop off shoes at SRA school and church entrances at Jamieson now until February 2.

Contact | [jessicaklein15@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaklein15@gmail.com) 6000 Jamieson Avenue



Please consider donating to the 2024 Black & Gold Auction, which is on Saturday, February 3, 2024. We are still very much in need of silent auction items. Below is a list of suggested items, but feel free to donate anything you would like (donation form attached). Thank you!

SRA swag

Gift certificates - restaurants, activities, etc.

City SC, Blues, Cardinals tickets & gear

Girls' & women's accessories - purses, jewelry, etc.

Memberships & passes - Zoo, Botanical Gardens, Top Golf, etc.

Power tools – drill, tool kit, etc.

Outdoor games - bags, washers, etc.

Sports memorabilia

Concert & event tickets

Wine & liquor / "booze" cooler

Blackstone, pizza oven, smoker, kitchen & cooking accessories

Apple Watch/Fitbit, Air Pods, iPad/tablet, headphones, etc.

Gas or smokeless firepit / outdoor gas heater

Athletic & fitness equipment - pickleball set, yoga equipment, bike, skates, etc.

Art supplies

Home goods – robot vacuum, wine glasses, decorations, etc.

Ring camera / video equipment

Yeti & Stanley gear - coolers, cups, etc.

Video game system / games

Kids' toys

<https://blackandgold24.givesmart.com>  
[auction.st.raphael@gmail.com](mailto:auction.st.raphael@gmail.com)





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## Black & Gold Dinner Auction

Saturday February 3, 2024

***All donations must  
be received by  
January 26, 2024***

Tickets are on sale now!



# Donation Form

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Description (Quantity, Size, Color, Restrictions, Expiration Date, Etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Value of Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Donor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please arrange for SRA to pick up item(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Item(s) to be delivered to SRA

### PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL

Saint Raphael the Archangel is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

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For online giving or to purchase tickets, visit the  
Auction website at  
<https://blackandgold24.givesmart.com>

### QUESTIONS?

Contact the Auction committee at [auction.st.raaphael@gmail.com](mailto:auction.st.raaphael@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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### FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_ TANGIBLE ITEMS TO DISPLAY

\_\_\_\_\_ GIFT CERTIFICATE(S) PROVIDED BY DONOR

\_\_\_\_\_ SRA TO CREATE CERTIFICATE(S) FOR DONATED ITEM(S)

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Thank you for your support!



**LUKE 18**  
**Retreat**  
**“Remain In Me”**  
**April 26 - 28**  
 For **8th Graders**  
 Led by **High School Teens**  
 through  
**Archangel Youth Ministry**  
 Registration to come.  
 Contact Youth Minister, Sarah Henderson with any questions.  
[hendersons@stgabrielstl.org](mailto:hendersons@stgabrielstl.org)

JANUARY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>No AYM</b> (Dec. 31st)	1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	2	3 SEEK 24 Conference!	4	5	6
7 <b>AYM</b> Promo Video Recording	8 The Baptism of the Lord	9	10 Service Hours at Sts. Peter & Paul	11	12	13
14 <b>AYM</b> <b>Life Teen</b> <b>Night</b> LUKE 18 Team Registration Opens	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 Stations of the Cross Sign-up Due!	17	18	19 Pro-Life March in Washington, DC	20
21 <b>No AYM</b>	22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn	23	24	25	26	27
28 <b>Youth Mass/ Social Night</b> <b>Connected!</b>	29 <b>Stations of the Cross Practice #1</b>	30 Steubenville Registration Opens! LUKE 18 Team Registration Due!	31	HAPPY NEW YEAR		