



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2023 | THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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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

“LET IT BE
DONE UNTO
ME ACCORDING
TO YOUR WORD.”



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JANUARY 1, 2023 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules Heaven and Earth forever.

Reading I

Nm 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

Reading II

Gal 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

Gospel

Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus,

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, January 1

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, January 2

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

Tuesday, January 3

7:00am Helen Buffa

8:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel

Wednesday, January 4

7:00am Brenda Santanello

8:00am Tom Gilmore

Thursday, January 5

7:00am August Rivituso, Jr.

8:00am Purgatorial Society

Friday, January 6

7:00am Thomas Edward Howard

Saturday, January 6

7:00am Ken Soehngen

4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 8

8:00am Kris Schneidewind

10:00am Pade Liddy

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for December 25 was not available when the bulletin went to print.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Dec. 18, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (45)	\$ 5,072.00	\$ 122,297.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,349.00	\$ 33,276.00
School Support	\$ 140.00	\$ 5,265.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,873.00	\$ 10,264.00
Holy Days	\$ 270.00	\$ 2,675.00
Online Giving (52)	\$ 2,541.00	\$ 71,042.00
Tithing	(\$ 30.00)	
Seminary	(\$ 150.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 11,425.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 11,245.00	\$ 247,021.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 1,245.00</u>	<u>(\$ 2,999.00)</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary, may you always treasure the events in your life and reflect on them in your heart. Thank you for your generous support of our Conference this year! You have allowed us to help so many neighbors in need. Please remember us in 2023 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR JAN. 2 - 8, 2023

Monday, January 2

No 8:00am Mass

Tuesday, January 3

8:00am Sophia Bradshaw Ethan Bradshaw

Wednesday, January 4

8:00am Brendan Cierpiot Mac Teeter

Thursday, January 5

8:00am James Browning Mark Boeckmann

Friday, January 6

No 8:00am Mass

Saturday, January 7

4:30pm 3 Volunteers Needed

10:00pm 3 Volunteers Needed

Sunday, January 8

8:00am 3 Volunteers Needed

10:00am 3 Volunteers Needed

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday	1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-
Next Sunday	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7 - 8, 2023

4:30pm
George Kerry

8:00am
Barb Cramer

10:00am
Heather Hays

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 2

7:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Gym 4th Gr. Girls Basketball
4:30pm Gym 4th Gr. Boys Basketball
5:30pm Gym 5th & 6th Gr. Boys Basketball
6:30pm Parish Office Cheer Committee
7:15pm Parish Office Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, January 3

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Gym 6th & 7th Gr. Girls Basketball
5:45pm Gym 5th Gr. Girls Basketball
7:30pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Basketball

Wednesday, January 4

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration
3:15pm Cafeteria 4th Gr. Girl Scouts
5:00pm Gym 2nd. Gr. Boys Basketball
5:30pm Gym 3rd Gr. Girls Basketball
6:00pm Gym 3rd Gr. Boys Basketball
7:00pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Basketball
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, January 5

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance
5:00pm Gym Pre-K to 2nd Gr. Basketball Clinic
6:30pm Parish Office RCIA

Friday, January 6

7:00am Church Mass
7:25am Church Rosary
8:00am Church First Friday Adoration
3:15pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Basketball
5:30pm Gym Basketball Games

Saturday, January 7

7:00am Church Mass
9:00am Gym Basketball Games
4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, January 8

8:00am Church Mass - Donut Sunday
10:00am Church Mass - Donut Sunday, Family Mass
12:00pm Gym Basketball Games

FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

2022: A Year of Blessings

This weekend marks the transition between the end of a year and the beginning of a new year. Such transitions are a time for us to pause and reflect on what has come. Such reflection can help us to see how we are to proceed and to grow as a people of faith.

This year in particular, I think there is a temptation to look at the year that has been and to mark it simply by one event: the unveiling and the first phases of All Things New. To do so leads us to look back on the year and see it through the lens of how we feel about All Things New. Such a reflection then colors the year to come through a similar lens as we look to the parish announcement in May and the school process in the fall.

When we look back and look ahead in this way, we miss the subtleness of what God is doing in our community. Yes, All Things New is a big thing in our faith community, but it is not the only thing. There is much richness happening in our community that we can miss if we just stay at this level.

For example, in March we had our first Trivia Night in the gym since the beginning of the pandemic. Our community then tested our knowledge again in November with the 2022 Trivia Night. These were both fun evenings to celebrate with our community.

In May, we had our first in-person Black and Gold Dinner Auction since the pandemic. This was a moment of celebration for our community as we came together to support our school. The funds raised from this evening helped to purchase new equipment for our cafeteria and to provide a bonus for our school teachers.

Also in May, we were able to return to our tradition of celebrating First Holy Communion and Graduation at Sunday Mass with the entire community. These were joyous celebrations of faith that everyone could participate in.

In June, we held our first Block Party on Bishops Place. It was a great event where we saw the School Sisters of Notre Dame receive the proceeds of our Lenten Project. They also stayed to party with us on the parking lot. What a blessing!

In summer, we welcomed back our summer camp. It was so good to see our campus full of life as

the students participated in various activities.

In August, we gave thanks to Deacon Jerry for his many years of dedicated service to our parish. It was a blessing to see so many in our community come together to thank him for all he had done over the years. Shortly after, we welcomed Deacon Bob Leake to our community. Among these transitions, we held our first Watermelon Festival and Pickleball Tournament in Francis Park. What a great day for many in our community to come out and celebrate our school!

This fall saw the launch of a new Prayer Shawl Ministry in our community. We also prepared for Christmas through "praying like a pirate" and participating in Eucharistic Adoration and prayer groups.

God continues to be so good to our parish community. For these and all of the blessings I failed to mention, thank you, Lord! May we continue to see God's blessings this coming year as He draws us closer to Himself and to one another in prayer and community life.

Amazon Smile

Thank you to all of those who used Amazon Smile to support our school. We recently received \$207.45 in donations from Amazon. Thanks to people who visited smile.amazon.com to complete their purchases or selected our community as their charity of choice. Thank you!

New Year's Blessings

Monsignor Stehly, Deacon Jerry, Deacon Bob, our entire parish and school staffs, and I wish you and your families a truly blessed New Year rich in God's blessings.

I will see you online or in Church! - Fr. John
#SRAstrong

Feasts of Mary, Mother of God and Epiphany

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (January 1) Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Feast of the Epiphany (January 8) Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Thank You—SRA Ladies' Club Christmas Presents Delivery

Representatives from SRA's Ladies' Club delivered toys and other gifts to our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity, a few weeks ago. They met with Sr. Janice before the rain started! Sr. Janice was very appreciative for all the gifts and popcorn. She was also very impressed with the Ladies' Club wrapping capabilities. Thank you to all who made this a success.



Help Us Enter the New Year Prayer

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honor rather than destroy. Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings still to come. May we welcome your lavish love. In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, January 6, 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, January 13, 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.

Winter Outreach - A Ministry of Mercy

As winter approaches, our homeless "brethren" will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. To give them comfort, we invite you to help provide meals to an overnight shelter during the coldest months.

JANUARY 14, 2023

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following:
9 x 13 Casserole (meat, vegetable, or breakfast) Dessert - 12 to 24 servings

All dishes must be baked, frozen, wrapped, and labeled. Items may be store bought. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot at 1:00pm on each of the Saturdays listed above. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick up your food ahead of time. For more information, to share a dish and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or email maryem@brick.net.

Extra Holiday Nuts

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has extra bags of nuts for sale. Here is your chance to purchase an extra supply. They will be sold on a first-come/first-served basis.

Pecan Halves	9 Bags	\$12 Each
Pecan Pieces	13 Bags	\$11 Each
Walnuts	9 Bags	\$ 8 Each

Please call Patti Webers at 314.496.8836.

YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS DECEMBER

1st Place \$100	Tom Eppy
2nd Place \$50	Kirsten Jory
3rd Place \$50	Tom Niebling

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the incredible response to our annual Advent Angel Tree. Because of your generosity, we were able to deliver 3 carloads of gifts to Peter and Paul Community Services for distribution to their residents and transitional housing programs' participants. These gifts can change lives... and not surprisingly, St. Raphael parish stepped up again. Thank you for making Christmas a bit brighter for a lot of people.

St. Raphael SVDP Conference



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Last week, Father John blessed the first batch of prayer shawls that will be distributed to parishioners that may need comfort during illness, who are home-bound, or for anyone where comfort and prayer are needed. The intent of the prayer shawl is that recipients feel the prayers and love surrounding them during their time of need. Pictured are only a few of the ladies who are knitting or crocheting for SRA's Prayer Shawl Ministry.



The 4th grade Girl Scout Troop collected 70 pounds of crayons for recycling. Thanks to everyone who helped keep these crayons out of the landfill!



Please join us for our annual



Black and Gold Auction

and stay for live entertainment
to celebrate St. Raphael!

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Table of 10-\$750

Individual ticket-\$75

**Ticket price increases to \$100 per ticket,
\$1000 per table after January 21, 2023**

To purchase your ticket or table,
please visit our website:

<https://blackandgold23.givesmart.com>



Saint Raphael the Archangel

Black & Gold Dinner Auction

***All donations must
be received by
January 31, 2023***

Tickets are on sale now!



Donation Form

Donor _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Value of Donation _____ Donor Signature _____

_____ Please arrange for SRA to pick up items(s) _____ Item(s) to be delivered to SRA

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL

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For online giving or to purchase tickets, visit the
Auction website at
<https://blackandgold23.givesmart.com>

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Auction committee at auction.st.raaphael@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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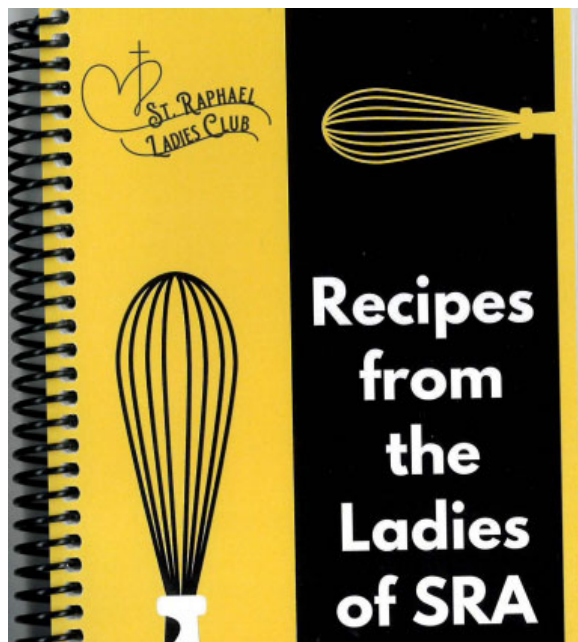
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Thank you for your support!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We extend a very special welcome to our friends and visitors who have come to pray with us during the holidays. Whether you are just curious or are searching for a place to worship, we are happy to have you here. We trust that our worship will be encouraging to all and hope that you find a warm, welcoming community here at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. Please call us at the parish office, 314.352.8100, for more information.



Cookbooks

SRA Ladies' Club has 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



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 #