



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 7, 2024 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD




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

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

Epiphany: A Manifestation of God's Love

The annual celebration of Epiphany reminds us, with the visit of the Magi (visitors from afar), of God's promise of salvation for all nations. This "showing" of Christ to those presumed to be non-Jews offers us a hope of redemption for all who seek God's presence among humanity. As the Magi visited the place where the Holy Family lived at the time, so all Christian homes become beacons of hope and places of faith and love.

One custom has families marking their homes with chalk, praying for God's blessing upon them for the year. The current year emphasizes the initials meaning *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Christ, bless this house); they also recall the Magi's traditional names, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Written in chalk above the main door on the exterior of the home, the phrase should read: **20 + C + M + B + 24.**

The feast of Epiphany always reminds me of the devotion to the Infant of Prague. I see him as the fourth king whom the other kings come to honor. The devotion of the Infant of Prague dates to the 1500s, gaining greater prominence in the mid-1600s. The original statue was a gift to the Carmelite church in Prague. Later desecrated during wars, the broken statue was recovered and again placed in the church with the promise, "The more you honor me, the more I will bless you." Miraculous events began to be associated with the image and its devotion spread throughout the world, especially in Czech communities. We have the image in our churches as a reminder of the love of the Christ Child for us all.

Perhaps a little "over the top" for our more practical times, the image of the cloaked and crowned Christ Child evokes a different era. I offer it, however, for your reflection. How beautiful a consideration that, even as a child, Jesus came to our aid. Will I honor His majesty in all stages of His life? Will I recognize that the age of a person does not reduce his/her dignity? In this time when human life is cheapened by abortion, terrorism, violence, and impurity, how valuable a lesson to honor human life and its association with the divine brought us through the Incarnation of Jesus. Jesus is my Savior...in a crib, wearing a crown, or on a cross. Do I give Him my respect in simplicity, in grandeur, in suffering? Do I recognize the image of Christ in all persons I meet, honoring their dignity in my interactions with them?

In His public ministry, Jesus elevates our appreciation of simplicity when reminding the disciples, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3-4) Acknowledging His dignity, let us honor His life among us, let us receive the blessings of our King.



This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:
Sunday, January 7: Ritual Song: No. 1110
Pray Together: Page 65

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

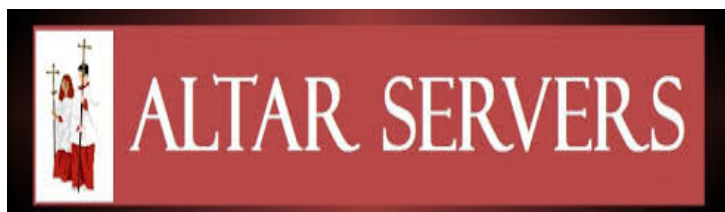
As we start out the New Year, our personal one-on-one approach gives the people in our parish boundaries the help they need today. Our prayers and donations bring comfort and peace to these neighbors in need, and they bring them a way to see a brighter future for the year ahead.

"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Dec. 24, 2023 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date	Dec. 31, 2023 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (40)	\$ 3,955	\$ 111,505	Regular Env. (31)	\$ 6,937	\$ 118,442
Loose Money	\$ 2,352	\$ 28,817	Loose Money	\$ 2,929	\$ 31,746
School Support	\$ 80	\$ 3,810	School Support	\$ 115	\$ 3,925
Building Fund	\$ 500	\$ 4,690	Building Fund	\$ 5	\$ 4,695
Holy Days	\$ 4,696	\$ 6,893	Holy Days	\$ 110	\$ 7,003
Online Giving (54)	\$ 3,314	\$ 84,611	Online Giving (50)	\$ 3,365	\$ 87,976
Tithing	(\$ 203)		First Offering	\$ 35	
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25		Christmas Flowers	\$ 10	
Seminary	(\$ 1,765)		Seminary	(\$ 103)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 25)		East. Europe	(\$ 33)	
Altar Flowers	\$ 25				
Grand Total	\$ 16,940		Grand Total	\$ 13,642	
Total for Parish	\$ 14,947	\$ 243,075	Total for Parish	\$ 13,506	\$ 256,581
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 260,000	Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 270,000
Difference	<u>\$ 4,947</u>	<u>(\$ 16,925)</u>	Difference	<u>\$ 3,506</u>	<u>(\$ 13,419)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>	FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR JANUARY 13 AND 14, 2023

Saturday, January 13

4:30pm Sophia Bradshaw Katelyn Feldman
Lucas Feldman

Sunday, January 14

9:00am Gavin Eddingfield Henry Dirnbeck
Adriana Kurtovic

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7- 8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24- 25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18- 19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4- 5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next 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

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 13 AND 14, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
George Kerry

9:00am
Amy Ruggeri

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
Greg Heuing
Margie Auer
Kevin Liddy

9:00am
Barb Cramer
Heather Hays
Dennis Matreci

Monday, January 8

8:00am Church	Mass
2:00pm Raphael Rm.	Photos - Parish Directory
- 8:30pm	
4:30pm Gym	Basketball Practice
- 8:00pm	
6:30pm Parish Off.	Cheer Committee
7:00pm Parish Off.	Parish Council
7:00pm Cafeteria	8th Gr. Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

8:00am Church	Mass
2:00pm Raphael Rm.	Photos - Parish Directory
- 8:30pm	
3:15pm Cafeteria	Girl Scout Meeting
4:00pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
9:00pm	
6:30pm School	HSA

Wednesday, January 10

7:30am Church	Rosary
8:00am Church	Mass
2:00pm Raphael Rm.	Photos - Parish Directory
- 8:30pm	
3:15pm Cafeteria	5th Gr. Girl Scouts
4:45pm - Gym	Basketball Practice
8:30pm	
8:30pm Gym	Men's Basketball

Thursday, January 11

8:00am Church	Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria	Dance Class
2:00pm Raphael Rm.	Photos - Parish Directory
- 10:00pm	
5:00pm Gym	PreK - 2nd Gr. Basketball Clinic

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 14

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

Parish Pictorial Directory...it's not too late to sign up, but hurry!!!

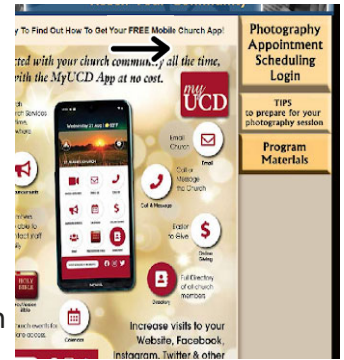
It's time for a new SRA parish pictorial directory (for SRA parishioners).

Each individual or family photographed will be included in the SRA parish pictorial directory, will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and directory, and will have the option to purchase additional photo keepsakes. (There is no charge for the photo session; the only charge to you will be for additional photos you decide to purchase.)

St. Raphael has arranged for a professional photographer (through Universal Church Directories) to take your individual or family photo (pets can be included!) right here in the lower level. Appointments are now available for January 8, 9, and 10, 2024; appointment times are from 2:00pm to 8:30pm each day. You will view your proofs immediately following your appointment right here onsite; the entire process will take about 45 minutes.

You may go online at www.ucdir.com and click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login"; then enter mo303 in the Church Code field and the Church Password is photos.

So that you can get the time that is best for you, don't wait to schedule your appointment...**less than 20 spots remaining!** If you have any questions, please contact our SRA parishioner, Linda Hiette, at linda-hiette@gmail.com or 314.852.5059. Thank you.



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

Britne Amick
Nicholas and Sarah Schaper

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

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season! Thank you so much for your support. We can't thank you enough for organizing the donations for the SPA Advent giving tree. It brightens our clients holiday more than you know! Thank you again and Merry Christmas. Gratefully, Kinelle



We are so grateful to members of [Holy Infant Catholic Church](#) and [Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish and School](#) for donating gifts for clients at three of our programs. Just look at all these gifts!

It's more than something to unwrap, they are letting our clients know that they are seen and thought of this holiday season. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and is helping make the holiday season special for our clients!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 7

9:00am Ernest Winkelmann

Monday, January 8

8:00am Pade Liddy

Tuesday, January 9

8:00am Thomas McKenna

Wednesday, January 10

8:00am Bill and Judy Hof, SI

Thursday, January 11

8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Friday, January 12

8:00am Don Dechan

Saturday, January 13

7:00am Mary Lou Schicker

4:30pm Ray Braun, Sr.

Sunday, January 14

9:00am Eugene Mariani

WINTER OUTREACH - A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Drivers are needed to deliver the meals to Ameri-corps Shelter (1315 Ann St.) on the following days.

DATES: SATURDAYS (1:00pm dropoff)

JANUARY 13, 2024 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.

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, 55 or 60-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.

SHOE DRIVE!

November 27-February 2



Help raise funds for the class of 2024, and, more importantly, support those in need by donating your gently used and new shoes.

Shoes will be collected at the front entrance of school and the main (Jamieson) entrance of church beginning November 27.

Be sure to ask friends, family, and co-workers to donate, too!

Please contact Jessica Klein with questions:
jessicaklein15@gmail.com



ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT RAFFLE

- Dr. Catherine Saracino is graciously donating a complete orthodontic treatment to be raffled at the Black and Gold Auction! Tickets are **one for \$25 or five for \$100**. The winner will be drawn during the Live Auction! (Need not be present to win.)

-The auction will provide a school lunchtime pizza party to the class with the highest average of tickets sold per student, so please note the grade of the student selling each ticket.

-Cash /check can be delivered or mailed to the rectory (6047 Bishops Pl. St. Louis, MO 63109), or purchased on the auction website at <https://blackandgold24.givesmart.com/>.

Treatment Details:

*Patient must schedule initial consultation within first three months, but patient will not be required to begin treatment until he/she is ready.

Includes:

- *All diagnostic records (photos, scans, x-rays),
- *Traditional braces or Invisalign,
- *All appointments up to 24 months of treatment time,
- *One set of clear retainers after treatment.

See more at: <https://saracinoorthodontics.com/> and thank you to Dr. Catherine Saracino and the Saracino family!



Saturday, February 3, 2024 – 6:00 PM

<u>Saracino Orthodontics - Black & Gold Auction</u> <u>Orthodontic Treatment Raffle</u>		
*One for \$25 /Five for \$100		Name: _____
*Winner will be drawn during the live auction	Cash or check:	Phone: _____
*Need not be present to win	SRA Rectory - Attn: Black & Gold Auction	
*Please note grade of student selling ticket	6047 Bishops Place	Grade of student selling ticket: _____
*Ticket sales ending	St. Louis, MO 63109	
on 2/3/24 at 7 PM	or via auction website:	
	blackandgold24.givesmart.com	

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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

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