

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2023 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD





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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



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn
king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its
rising and have come to
do him homage." - Mt 2:2

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JANUARY 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

READINGS FOR JANUARY 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Reading I

Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. **R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Reading II

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Dec. 25, 2022 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (36)	\$ 3,894.00	\$ 126,191.00
Loose Money	\$ 3,593.00	\$ 36,869.00
School Support	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 6,695.00
Building Fund	\$ 700.00	\$ 10,964.00
Holy Days	\$ 3,835.00	\$ 6,510.00
Online Giving (59)	\$ 3,261.00	\$ 74,303.00
Tithing	(\$ 350.00)	
Seminary	(\$ 2,073.00)	
Cardinal Glennon	(\$ 3.00)	
Altar Flowers	\$ 240.00	
 Grand Total	 \$ 19,379.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 16,953.00	\$ 263,974.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 260,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 6,953.00</u>	<u>(\$ 3,974.00)</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasures for Him is an image that we should all try to imitate each day. In gratitude for what we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially with that one thing that means the most to us.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Jan. 1, 2022 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (39)	\$ 7,954.00	\$ 134,145.00
Loose Money	\$ 966.00	\$ 37,835.00
School Support	\$ 55.00	\$ 6,750.00
Building Fund	\$ 340.00	\$ 11,304.00
Holy Days	\$ 210.00	\$ 2,720.00
Online Giving (54)	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 76,943.00
Tithing	(\$ 20.00)	
Seminary	(\$ 60.00)	
Candle Money	\$ 156.00	
St. Louis Review	(\$ 105.00)	
First Offering	\$ 577.00	
Grand Total	\$ 13,083.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 12,898.00	\$ 276,872.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 260,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 2,898.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,872.00</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR JAN. 9 - 15, 2023

Monday, January 9

8:00am Ava Christlieb Jack Delf

Tuesday, January 10

8:00am Christian Bernadt Jake Anstey

Wednesday, January 11

8:00am Claire Fuhr Lucas Fuhr

Thursday, January 12

8:00am Addison Pfeiffer Dalila Ramirez

Friday, January 13

No 8:00am Mass

Saturday, January 14

4:30pm 3 Volunteers Needed

Sunday, January 15

8:00am 3 Volunteers Needed

10:00am 3 Volunteers Needed

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 14 - 15, 2023

4:30pm
Ron Goedeker

8:00am
Amy Ruggeri

10:00am
Linda Hiette

Monday, January 9

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Gym 4th Gr. Girls Basketball
4:30pm Gym 4th Gr. Boys Basketball
5:30pm Gym 5th & 6th Gr. Boys Basketball
7:00pm Cafeteria Parish Council

Tuesday, January 10

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Cafeteria 2nd Gr. Girl Scouts
4:30pm Gym 6th & 7th Gr. Girls Basketball
5:15pm Cafeteria Kindergarten Girl Scouts
5:45pm Gym 5th Gr. Girls Basketball
6:30pm Parish Office HSA
7:30pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Basketball

Wednesday, January 11

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration
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 12

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 13

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

Saturday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 15

8:00am Church Mass
10:00am Church Mass
12:00pm Gym Basketball Games

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 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/ Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9// Mk 1:29-
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



The Spiritual Testament of Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI

When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip, who has always given me anew the light of his countenance. In retrospect, I see and understand that even the dark and arduous stretches of this path were for my salvation and that He guided me well in those very stretches.

I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today. My father's clear-sighted faith taught us brothers and sisters to believe and stood firm as a guide in the midst of all my scientific knowledge; my mother's heartfelt piety and great kindness remain a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough. My sister has served me selflessly and full of kind concern for decades; my brother has always paved the way for me with the clear-sightedness of his judgements, with his powerful determination, and with the cheerfulness of his heart; without this ever-new going ahead and going along, I would not have been able to find the right path.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness. And I would like to thank the Lord for my beautiful home in the Bavarian foothills of the Alps, in which I was able to see the splendor of the Creator Himself shining through time and again. I thank the people of my homeland for allowing me to experience the beauty of faith time and again. I pray that our country will remain a country of faith and I ask you, dear compatriots, not to let your faith be distracted. Finally, I thank God for all the beauty I was able to experience during the various stages of my journey, but especially in Rome and in Italy, which

has become my second home.

I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way.

What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science - on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research (especially the exegesis of the Holy Scriptures) - has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished, proving themselves not to be science but philosophical interpretations only apparently belonging to science - just as, moreover, it is in dialogue with the natural sciences that faith has learned to understand the limits of the scope of its affirmations and thus its own specificity. For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially Biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), the existentialist generation (Bultmann, etc.), the Marxist generation. I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life - and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

Finally, I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings. For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day.



Donut Sunday

Today is Donut Sunday! Please join your fellow parishioners for a donut after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. If you attend 4:30pm Mass, please return on Sunday for a donut and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you! This Donut Sunday is hosted by Donut Friends.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 8

8:00am Kris Schneidewind
10:00am Pade Liddy

Monday, January 9

7:00am Brenda Santanello
8:00am Brian Smith

Tuesday, January 10

7:00am Carollee Oldani, SI
8:00am Joseph Buffa

Wednesday, January 11

7:00am Kris Schneidewind
8:00am Dave Hiatt, SI

Thursday, January 12

7:00am Mary Lou Schicker
8:00am Michael Mechler

Friday, January 13

7:00am Don Deachan

Saturday, January 14

7:00am Noel Casino
4:30pm Bernice Fulhorst

Sunday, January 15

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



Black & Gold Auction Drawing Winners

Monsignor Stehly pulled the winning names for the early-bird drawing for 4 Blues Tickets!



Congratulations to Michael and Rachel Flavin!

Thank you to all for the generous early-bird donations.

SRA Auction Committee

Ladies' Club January Meeting

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00pm in the cafeteria for our monthly meeting with dinner, drinks, and an optional makeup lesson from Salon Fleur de Lis. There are plenty of ways to volunteer and get involved, or just enjoy a night out with good company.

Ladies' Club Contact: ladies@straphaelarchangel.org



The poster features a large orange background with a white and blue chevron graphic pointing right. At the top left is the logo for 'TODAY TOMORROW' featuring a graduation cap and the text 'CHANGING THE FUTURE — ONE CHILD AT A TIME'. In the top right corner, contact information is written diagonally: 'For more information', 'TTEF-STL.org', '314-792-7777', and 'ttef@archstl.org'. The main title 'Scholarships Available' is in large blue font, followed by 'Applications Open January 17, 2023' in smaller blue font. Below this is a section titled 'Looking for a scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year?' with a bulleted list of eligible schools. The 'Application Deadline February 28, 2023' is prominently displayed. At the bottom left, it says 'Apply Online at TTEF-STL.ORG' next to a QR code. The bottom right corner features the logos for the 'Roman Catholic Foundation of EASTERN MISSOURI' and the 'ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS'.

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
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- All Catholic high schools

Application Deadline
February 28, 2023

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Roman Catholic Foundation
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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

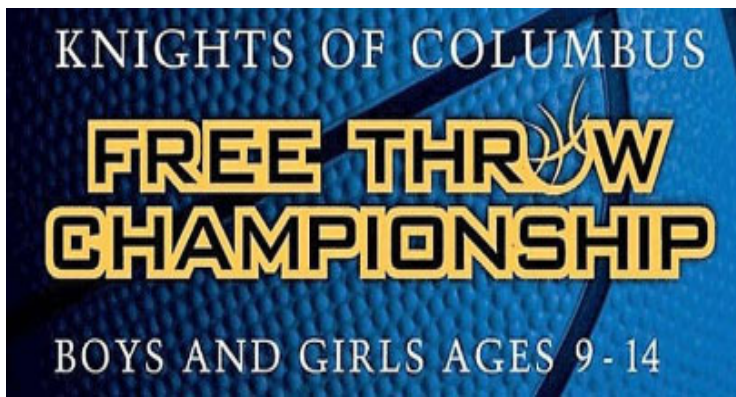
**Ticket price increases to \$100 per ticket,
\$1000 per table after January 21, 2023**

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

<https://blackandgold23.givesmart.com>



The SRA Auction Committee wishes
you a blessed New Year!!!!



The Knights of Columbus will host a Free Throw Contest on Monday, January 16, at 10:00am in the St. Raphael Gym. Boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/23) may register to participate. You can register on the day of the contest. Winners may advance to district, regional, and state levels. The St. Raphael Council has had four individuals advance to the state level in the past, with two of them winning the State Championship. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Foley at 314.717.2259 or Matt Borowiak at 314.351.0606.



Saint Raphael the Archangel

Black & Gold Dinner Auction

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

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 Auction website at
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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

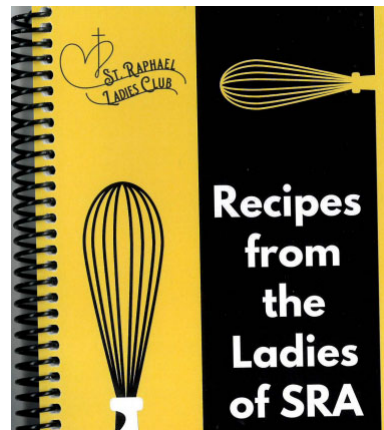
Please call Patti Webers at 314.496.8836.

Income Tax Information

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

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.



There will be a gathering for Catholic artists and art enthusiasts on Saturday, January 14, at our Lady of Lourdes parish hall in University City from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The event consists of a dozen presentations by local Catholic artists and a potluck lunch. Visit catholicartist-network.com for more information.



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 #