



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### WELCOME!

#### VISIT OR CONTACT US

6047 Bishops Place  
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

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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

# OPEN



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!”  
But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to  
you, I do not know you.’”

MATTHEW 25:11-12

#### PARISH CLERGY

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#### Welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish

If you are new to our community, we  
extend to you a heartfelt welcome.  
To register, please visit our website:  
straphaelarchangel.org. Click on  
About, scroll down, and click on Join  
Our Parish, or call 314.352.8100.

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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. PS 88 (87): 3**

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Reading 1**

**Wis 6:12-16**

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**Reading 2**

**1 Thes 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

**Gospel**

**Mt 25:1-13**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, November 12

9:00am Marcia Matreci

### Monday, November 13

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

### Tuesday, November 14

8:00am Don Deachan

### Wednesday, November 15

8:00am Amy Lange, SI

### Thursday, November 16

8:00am Elsa Straub

### Friday, November 17

8:00am George Sullens

### Saturday, November 18

7:00am Daniel Joergensen

4:30pm People of the Parish

### Sunday, November 19

9:00am Bart Saracino, Sr.

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances. How is God calling us to use our gifts today? Let's not delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Nov. 5, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (45)	\$ 5,135	\$ 79,803
Loose Money	\$ 1,569	\$ 20,555
School Support	\$ 230	\$ 3,210
Building Fund	\$ 257	\$ 3,660
Holy Days	\$ 559	\$ 1,230
Online Giving (53)	\$ 3,064	\$ 60,919
New Parishioners	\$ 420	
Catholic Home Missions	(\$ 1)	
Catholic Comm.	(\$ 1)	
Mission Co-Op	(\$ 60)	
Retire Religious	(\$ 1,135)	
Grand Total	\$ 12,431	
Total for Parish	\$ 11,234	\$ 170,893
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 190,000
Difference	<u>\$ 1,234</u>	<u>(\$ 19,107)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

### From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to "stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." When our neighbors within our parish boundaries come to us for help, we ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" We always answer that question by lessening the pain and suffering of those in need.



## Saturday, November 18

## Sunday, November 19

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Heather Hays  
Dennis Matreci  
Krissy Sullivan

9:00am	Church	Family Mass - Donut Sunday
9:30am	Parish Off.	OCIA
11:30am	Gym	Volleyball Games
5:30pm	Gabe. Hs.	AYM Youth Mass & Turkey Olympics Social



## Early Bulletin Publishing Deadlines

Please note, due to the upcoming holidays and holy days, the bulletins need to go to the publisher much earlier than usual. Therefore, please send any bulletin items to the parish office as soon as possible before your event. Thank you.



Saint Raphael the Archangel

# Poinsettia sale



6" pot red poinsettia \$15

8" pot red poinsettia \$25

**Orders due 11/27/23**

**Pick up after Masses on 12/2 & 12/3 Rectory garage**

These classic holiday, live plants arrive in a festive gold wrap.  
Proceeds benefit SRA's 8th grade class. Thank you for your support!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

6 inch - \$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ (qty) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8 inch - \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ (qty) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• Cash or check accepted. Checks payable to SRA.  
Turn in form and payment to school or parish office.

• Order and pay here: <https://bit.ly/srapoinsettia>

Questions?

Email Melissa Schneider

[melissa.schneider2008@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.schneider2008@gmail.com)





# SIP & SHOP VENDOR FAIR

STOCK UP ON CHRISTMAS  
GIFTS WITH LOCAL VENDORS  
AND CRAFTERS



NOVEMBER 30: 6:00-9:00  
SRA GYM: 6000 JAMIESON  
\$5 ENTRANCE FEE INCLUDES  
YOUR CHOICE OF DRINK

\*\*Additional food & drinks will be  
available for purchase\*\*



For more information, contact [bethfissel@gmail.com](mailto:bethfissel@gmail.com)

# Grateful for Thanksgiving Blessings

Join us for unity and prayer at  
Saint Raphael's Family Mass!

Sunday, November 19

9 am Mass

Stay for  
Donut Sunday  
& Pretzel Sale  
following Mass.







Ms. Polson's third graders each chose a saint to read about. They researched and wrote a report, drew a picture of the saint, and presented some facts to their fellow students in School Family groups on Friday, October 28.

## Lace Up!

Lace up for the 5th Annual Parents vs. Kids Thanksgiving Soccer Game

Who: All ages, all adults, all kids

Where: Busch School Field

When: Thursday, November 23

Meet: 8:00am at the Ruggeri House (5822 Holly Hills Ave.)

Game: 9:00am - Noon



Hot chocolate, adult beverages, and light breakfast items will be provided.

**Archangel Youth Ministry (AYM)**  
Formerly known as SGYG

**NOVEMBER 19**

**TURKEY OLYMPICS SOCIAL**

**ALL High Schoolers are invited!**

**YOUTH MASS @ 5:30PM**  
**SOCIAL @ 6:45PM**

**DINNER | SNACKS | TREATS**  
**TURKEY INSPIRED GAMES**  
**PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM**

**Questions?**  
Contact Youth Minister, Sarah Henderson  
hendersons@stgabrielstl.org





# ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

## HELD BY ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL LADIES' CLUB

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH: 5:00PM - ST. RAPHAEL GYM

### RSVP BY NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Advent by Candlelight is an invitation for women to step away from hectic Christmas activities and instead focus on the inner preparation which is the purpose of the Advent season in readying our hearts and homes to receive the gift of the infant Jesus.



The evening opens with hostesses greeting their guests and general visiting among all those present. Then it continues with a short prayer service, followed by sharing of light hors d'oeuvres or dessert provided by each hostess for her particular table, and concludes with a guest speaker who never fails to inspire us.

We are very excited to have Virginia Herbers as our guest speaker this year. Virginia is a teacher, author and spiritual director who grew up on Lansdowne Avenue, a St. Gabriel parishioner. She received her Bachelors degree in Mathematics and her Master's degree in Theological Studies, and has ministered most of her life as an educator. She has taught students from Kindergarten through university level in Missouri, New York, Connecticut, and Taiwan, and currently works at Saint Louis University as Director of Mission Formation for faculty and staff. Virginia has offered spiritual direction and retreat facilitation for several years, directing the Queen of Apostles Spiritual Life Center in St. Louis and currently serving on the preaching teams of several St. Louis retreat centers. Her third book, entitled Gifts from Friends We Never Wanted, is due to come out next year. In addition to her work in spirituality, she also serves on the board of The Covering House, a local residential therapeutic home dedicated to the recovery and restoration of child victims of sexual abuse.

Please consider being a table hostess & treating your friends, relatives or neighbors to this special event. The duties of a table hostess include reserving a table, inviting guests (8 people per table), decorating your table and providing table settings and light appetizers /desserts for your guests. More detailed information will be given to each hostess.

We are encouraging hostesses to keep their food very simple in trying to keep with our desire to offer a less stressful, more peaceful and enjoyable evening among friends.

This is a FREE event, but we will take up a collection for our parish if you would like to contribute that evening.

### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT RESERVATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a Table Hostess. I want to invite others to sit with me. The people listed below will automatically be registered to be seated at my table. (Hostess information will be sent to you.)

Hostess

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to register as an individual and would like to be placed at any table where there is room.

If possible please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return reservation form to Stacy LoBello, 5922 Highfield Rd, 63109 or email reservation to ladies@straphaelarchangel.org. Questions? Call or text: Stacy LoBello 314-518-3069.**

# ARCHANGEL YOUTH MINISTRY (AYM)



# NOVEMBER 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3	4
5 AYM Life Teen Night <small>Special Talk given by, Fr. Ritter!</small>	6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
National Vocations Week!   Nov. 5th - 11th						
12 AYM Life Teen Night	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Youth Mass/ Social Night! <small>Turkey Olympics!</small>	20	21	22	23 <i>HAPPY Thanks Giving</i>	24	25
26 AYM Life Teen Night	27	28	29	30		

## 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) As winter approaches, 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)**

**DECEMBER 9, 2023**

**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.