



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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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

FAITHFUL



“Well done, my good and
faithful servant.”

MATTHEW 25:21

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

Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Reading 1

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Reading 2

1 Thes 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Gospel

Mt 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 19

9:00am Bart Saracino, Sr.

Monday, November 20

8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, November 21

8:00am Jude York

Wednesday, November 22

8:00am Harry Toczyłowski

Thursday, November 23

8:00am Kara Cummings

Friday, November 24

8:00am John York

Saturday, November 25

7:00am Rose Mary Maroon

4:30pm Kelly Lane

Sunday, November 26

9:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has bestowed on us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Nov. 12, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (37)	\$ 3,108	\$ 82,911
Loose Money	\$ 1,290	\$ 21,845
School Support	\$ 150	\$ 3,360
Building Fund	\$ 130	\$ 3,790
Holy Days	\$ 0	\$ 1,230
Online Giving (53)	\$ 3,215	\$ 64,134
Tithing	(\$ 20)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 60)	
Grand Total	\$ 7,973	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,893	\$ 178,786
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 200,000
Difference	<u>(\$ 2,107)</u>	<u>(\$ 21,214)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us to share our talents. For those of us who have been blessed with good health and good finances, Jesus is asking us to share our time and some of our gifts with those who have little to nothing. We will be rewarded, and, in the end, we will have the Kingdom of Heaven as our greatest reward.



SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 25 AND 26, 2023

Saturday, November 25

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Sophia Bradshaw
Julia Panka

Sunday, November 26

9:00am Ava Christlieb Adriana Kurtovic
Gavin Eddingfield

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

LECTOR - THANKSGIVING DAY

8:00AM

GEORGE KERRY

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 25 AND 26, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Ron Goedeker
9:00am Heather Hays

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm Elena Switzer John Rooney
Christy Connor Marilyn Unger
Tony Mariani Gerald Unger

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 20

8:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Cafeteria 3rd Gr. Girl Scouts
4:00pm Gym Volleyball
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball
7:00pm School School Board

Tuesday, November 21

8:00am Church Mass
7:00pm Cafeteria Men's Club

Wednesday, November 22

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
7:30pm Church So. City Men's Recollection
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

8:00am Church Mass

Friday, November 24

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass

Saturday, November 25

7:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, November 26

9:00am Church Mass
9:30am Parish Off. OCIA
6:45pm Gabe. Hs. AYM Life Teen Night

Fr. Molini's Notes

Thanks for your understanding

The pilgrimage was a wonderful trip, and I'm still enjoying the blessings of the journey. There were 32 pilgrims, and, while it rained on us almost every day, the opportunity to visit the shrines of our Blessed Mother and other saints overwhelmed the challenges with the weather. Thank you for your understanding while I made this trip with members of my former parish...and six members of my family who joined us.

And now.....

Although the departure of Fr. Madden occurred on October 1, I didn't really deal with its implications at the time. Not wanting to start something only to halt while I was out of town, I thought waiting until I returned home from this trip was reasonable. While we are still able to maintain our current Mass schedule (with special thanks to Msgr. Simon, Fr. Ritter, and Bishop Rivituso), other aspects of parish life may have to adjust to the reality of only one priest assigned to both parishes. While we have two Parish Councils, schools, school boards, Finance Committees, Athletic Associations, Men's groups, Women's groups, parish offices, etc., there is still only one of me.

Initially, I'll be speaking with both Parish Councils for advice on priorities in each parish that need particular attention. In addition, I've asked both groups to consider expanding their membership to allow for greater representation of parishioners to help broaden the conversation. Finally, I have been discussing with the school Principals how I can be more present to the school communities on a regular basis. Much of this is about the coordination of schedules. It also means that both parishes will have to rely on greater lay-leadership for programs and organizations. As an example, the catechists associated with the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), who work with those interested in joining the Catholic Church, have coordinated the program in a way that allows me to have regular participation without relying on me to lead the sessions. Thanks to them for their initiative and foresight.

It may also be the time to ask if there could be greater cooperation between parishes to foster better stewardship of our resources. Yes, both parishes are independent. Is this also an opportunity for greater cooperation to build up the Catholic community in this part of the city? Can our parishes work more closely together to heighten our impact on the area and foster greater discipleship?

All questions to consider as we move forward. As always, your thoughts and suggestions are appreciated.

Thanksgiving Day Masses

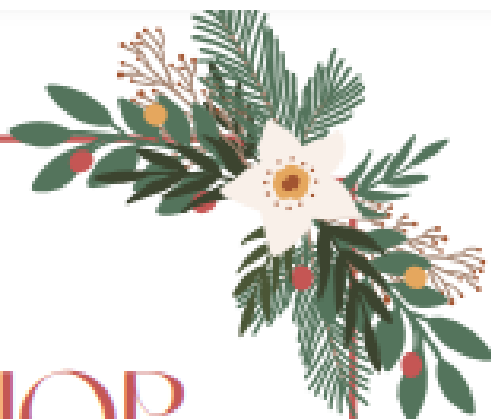
Please join us on Thanksgiving to begin the day by offering thanks to the Source of all we have, our Heavenly Father. Mass will be offered at 8:00am at St. Raphael Church, and Mass will be offered at 9:00am at St. Gabriel Church. A collection to assist the poor will be taken up at both Masses.

Thanksgiving Holidays

Please note: the parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. May God bless you and your families.

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.



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



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Kathryn McCrillis. Kathryn is the daughter of John and Mary McCrillis. Kathryn was baptized at St. Raphael the Archangel on November 4, 2023. May God always bless the McCrillis family.

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.





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



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.



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.

Mass of Remembrance for SRA Parishioners or Family Members

This weekend, we remember the SRA parishioners who died or family members who were buried from our church since All Souls Day in 2022. Each of the families will receive a special candle that has been burning in church as a remembrance of these loved ones. May these departed souls rest eternally in God's peace, and please keep them and their family members in your prayers.

Thomas Howard
Harry Irwin
Brenda Santanello
Anthony Ternak
Sandra Thurmond
Kenneth Soehngen
Patricia Messmer
Teresa Auer
Karen Divis
Norman Kellar
Stephen Holdenried, Sr.

Peter Bierrie
Katie Regan
Patricia Whelan
David Hiatt
William "Willie" Hinkebein
Mary Margaret Watkins
Paul Beckerle
Joan Billing
Jude Pauli
Chief Thomas Long
Mark Niebling

Dr. Mark Schiffman
Rose Mary Maroon
Doris Woods
Anthony Severino
Josephine Konsewicz
Helen Callanan
Raymond F. Braun
Barbara Albers
Craig Braun
Joseph Abs
Shirley Long

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.