



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 OUR LORD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE




WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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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

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

KINGDOM



“Come, you who are blessed by
my Father. Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.”

MATTHEW 25:34

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

Rv 5: 12; 1: 6

How worth is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Reading 1

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel

Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 26

9:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

Monday, November 27

8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, November 28

8:00am Dr. Eugene U. Mariani, PhD

Wednesday, November 29

8:00am Claire Bellows

Thursday, November 30

8:00am Thomas McKenna

Friday, December 1

8:00am Thomas McKenna

Saturday, December 2

7:00am Thomas McKenna

4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 3

9:00am Roseann Saracino

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
“...whatever you did for one of the least brothers of
mine, you did for me.” MATTHEW 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of our time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedules, but on others' timelines.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for November 19 was not available when the bulletin went to print.

Pictorial Church Directory

Enclosed is a flyer announcing the upcoming St. Raphael pictorial church directory. Photos will be taken on January 8, 9, and 10, 2024, in the lower level of the parish office. More details will be forthcoming.



Infant Baptism

Baptism is the first Sacrament of Christian Initiation. For a child to be baptized at St. Raphael, parents must be registered and practicing Catholics.

Parents are expected to participate in a Baptismal Preparation Class. The class is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the rectory basement of St. Gabriel the Archangel. Please call the St. Gabriel parish office at 314.353.6303 to register for the class, or contact the Raphael parish office at 314.352.8100.

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus say, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Through your prayers and gifts, we are able to help the poor with food, clothing, beds, blankets, and coats. We assist those in need to find shelter and medical assistance.

From St. Vincent de Paul Society - New!

Shop St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores online. Online sales provide further financial support to our neighbors in need. Go to: ebay.com/str/svdpstl



SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2023

Saturday, December 2

4:30pm Katelyn Feldman Lucas Feldman
 Clara Thompson

Sunday, December 3

9:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr
 Michael Garavaglia

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
Greg Heuing

9:00am
Frosty Hodes

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
Pam Hager
Brian McCarthy
Greg Heuing

9:00am
Steve Kratky
Linda Saracino
Heather Hays

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 27

8:00am Church Mass
 7:00pm Raphael Rm. St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, November 28

8:00am Church Mass
 3:15pm Cafeteria Kindergarten Daisy Troup
 7:00pm Raphael Rm. Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, November 29

7:30am Church Rosary
 8:00am Church Mass
 8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, November 30

8:00am Church Mass
 2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class
 6:00pm Gym Vendor Fair

Friday, December 1

7:30am Church Rosary
 8:00am Church Mass
 8:30am Church First Friday Adoration

Saturday, December 2

7:00am Church Mass
 4:30pm Church Mass - Basketball Team Mass

Sunday, December 3

9:00am Church Mass
 9:30am Parish Off. OCIA

Christ the King

The last Sunday in the liturgical calendar is always the celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The feast was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI who hoped to foster greater confidence in the qualities of Christ as our Lord, Savior, and Eternal King. Many nations were facing the demise of long-standing royal houses, causing many to face questions about authority and loyalty. Pope Pius XI wanted to assure the Catholics of the world that, even if civil society is buffeted by changes, Christ remains our King and leader. His kingdom endures even through death and into eternal life. The feast each year challenges us to place our first devotion with Christ who calls us to fellowship as members of His Body. The feast also is a reminder of the valiant fight of many who resisted the efforts of civil authorities to banish the Catholic Church, most notably Mexico in the 1920s, when repressive laws all but outlawed the Catholic Faith. The Cristeros movement fostered resistance to the intolerable persecution of the Church. Saint Fr. Miguel Pro is immortalized in his act of martyrdom, extending his arms in the image of the cross, praying loudly, "Viva Cristo Rey!" and being shot by the firing squad. Indeed, Long Live Christ the King!

Advent Comes

Next Sunday brings the opening of the Advent Season. What a great time for each of us to examine our faith journey and consider where Christ needs to enter our lives. A centerpiece of the season of Advent is the Sacrament of Reconciliation that offers an opportunity to celebrate the loving and forgiving presence of God and to prepare for the coming feast of Christmas. Consider joining us for Confession in the season, and renewing your commitment to Sunday Mass as a family. Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay!

Seek 2024

An incredible opportunity presents itself for those interested in fostering greater efforts at evangelization. The "Seek Conference" is open for invigorating formation and faith development. The goal is to engage the individual, allow for transformation, and further engage the community. Our parishes have acquired some tickets for the Conference (5 days) and are willing to sponsor some people from each parish. Interested? Contact Sarah Henderson for more information: hendersons@stgabrielstl.org

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." Pope John Paul II

Please join us as we adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of every month. First Friday Adoration starts after the 7:00am Mass from June to August. Adoration will conclude at 2:00pm with Benediction. Come at any time to spend quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. You may also wish to bring your own Bible and prayer book. Just as you cannot be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, love, and peace. For more information or to sign up for 30 – 60 minutes, (drop-ins are always welcome), please call Barbara Cramer at 314.797.1463.

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

ST. RAPHAEL ADVENT ANGEL GIVING TREE

Our Advent Angel Giving Tree is back this year, and we will once again sponsor Peter & Paul Community Services. In addition to their meal program, P&P offers various services to those who are un-housed, many of whom are living with mental illness, addiction, or long-term medical conditions. Our parish will provide gifts for residents of the Supportive Housing program: Garfield Place Apartments. GPA provides clients with a permanent place to stay while also providing supportive services, including a nurse, occupational therapist, and educational classes on topics such as financial literacy and healthy eating. In addition, we will provide gifts to participants in the Positive Directions programs who are living with HIV. Positive Directions helps to provide resources to keep people healthy and housed.



Please return your gifts NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, at the 9:00am Mass. DO NOT wrap your gift - but DO attach the tag to the gift so we can be sure it gets to the correct person.

We are grateful for your continued generosity, allowing us to provide needed support to this organization that is working hard to improve and change lives for the better. Thank you to all who are able to participate in this Advent Season of giving to those in need. The tree will be in church the week of Thanksgiving.

SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, December 1, 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, December 8, 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.

SEEK24 is returning to St. Louis this coming January, and St. Raphael has purchased a Parish Pack of 6 tickets for 6 individuals to attend all 5 days of programming for only \$290 each! This saves you over \$100! If you don't know what SEEK is, please use the link below to visit the website and learn more about this amazing opportunity!

<https://seek.focus.org/>

You can also watch the promo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGIVjXAWRSI&t=1s>

If you know anyone who attended SEEK23 last year, I'm sure they were not disappointed, myself included. If you don't think you'll be able to utilize the 5 Day Event Pass, there are other purchase options available that you can find on the website (link above). If you know you will utilize all or most of the 5 Day Event Pass, please contact Sarah Henderson (hendersons@stgabrielstl.org) so I can give you the information you need to register with our Parish Pack. As stated above, we only have 6 tickets at the \$290 price, so get them while you can! If there is interest, we do have the ability to purchase additional Parish Packs for a limited time. Scholarships are also available through St. Raphael.

SRA Basketball Team Mass & Service Opportunity

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

SERVICE PROJECT 1-3 PM AT MOST HOLY TRINITY

MASS 4:30 PM AT SRA

CONTACT BRIAN KLOS FOR MORE INFORMATION
314-482-8559 OR BCKLOS@GMAIL.COM



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





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.

Auction Donation Blitz and Blues Raffle!

The 2024 Black and Gold Auction is Saturday, February 3, 2024!
Please consider donating to the Auction while holiday shopping!



Donations brought to the parish office by December 21 will be entered into a drawing to win four Blues tickets donated by a friend of SRA! (mutually agreeable date.) The winner will be announced on December 27!

Check out our wish list on Facebook by searching:
“St. Raphael the Archangel Black and Gold Auction”



Donation drop-off at parish office (courtyard entrance) - (314) 352-8100:
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm & Friday 7:30 am – 12:00 pm
Please fill out the donation form and raffle ticket form for any donated items.
Forms are available in the parish office.

Questions: contact Mark Pfeiffer - auktion.st.rafael@gmail.com

Donation Blitz – Blues Raffle Ticket

(Please also submit “Donation Form”)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Item Donated: _____

Value: _____